

This week’s Independent thinkers



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Women are female humans who dream, create, gather, cook, give birth, make something out of nothing, comfort strangers, and for the most part do it for love, not money. Abigail Adams, Molly Pitcher, Sacajawea, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Rachel Carson, Annie Oakley, Dorothy Day, Daisy Bates, Rosa Parks, Sally Ride – those are just the ones we counted on our own two hands. Then there’s Oprah, Madonna and Michelle Obama. And our personal favorite, Hillary Clinton.

Women throughout written history have had a rough go of it, but managed to outwit adversaries with reason, intelligence, perseverance, boycotts and non-violent civil disobedience.

It’s looking like it’s time to do it again. Thank you, ladies (and the one man) who made a public declaration in Basin Park yesterday that intolerance and icky statements by a man who neither gives nor deserves respect will not be supported.

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**Retailers have such moving windows –**  
Shops along Spring Street had their displays come alive from 3 – 6 p.m. on Saturday for Downtown Living Windows. People walking were delightfully surprised to see the live displays in the shops that found extra delight in holiday festivities.

Pictured above are (l.-r.) Tavi Ellis, Raven Mowery, Angela Tenan, Leslie Raw and Lilah Steiger.

Left are Tracy Johnson and Gina Rose Gallina.

PHOTO BY JEREMIAH ALVARADO

Department heads give financial status update

NICKY BOYETTE

Eureka Springs City Council gathered early Monday for a 90-minute fact-finding workshop as they take apart and reassemble the 2017 city budget. Mayor Butch Berry invited Police Chief Thomas Achord, Fire Chief Nick Samac and Transit Director Ken Smith to speak for themselves about their budgets.

Achord said in response to the spending freeze imposed last spring, his department policy has been “fix it we must, put it off if we can.” However, Achord noted, “Some of our older vehicles are starting to nickel and dime us.”

He said last year he bought a used two-year old patrol car with 55,000 miles on it for \$15,800 through a program conducted by the Missouri Highway Patrol. All of MHP’s vehicles are put out of service at 50,000-60,000 miles and put up for sale to government entities. Achord has been satisfied with the purchase and plans to replace his two oldest cars in 2017 with vehicles from

the same program.

Smith reported Transit recently learned it had been awarded a grant for bike racks and a trolley. He also mentioned Transit would not ask the city to cover the matching amount of \$48,300. Smith said Transit would cover it.

Smith also said it is getting harder to buy a trolley because there are hardly any trolley makers left. In fact, he has received only one bid so far for his next trolley. Berry pointed out that the Eureka Springs Transit Department is the only one in the state that is self-supporting, as all others get support from city or county governments. Smith said the revenue from the tram business makes the difference. He added that 40-50 local residents buy monthly passes.

Samac tried to explain his \$80,000 2017 budget request for ten self-contained breathing apparatuses (SCBAs) when he got ten new ones earlier in 2016. He

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## NOTICE

The *Independent* will be closed from Dec. 22 to Jan. 2, just so you know. Time to celebrate, relax, and be glad we live here. That shouldn't take more than 10 days, right?

## Universal Worship Service New Year's Eve

The Sufi Center of the Ozarks will host its annual New Year's Eve Universal Worship Service on Dec. 31 at 6 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 17 Elk St. This will be the 18<sup>th</sup> year for this service, which honors all the world's spiritual traditions

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said the units were purchased in 2003 with grant funds, and have a life span of about 15 years. Samac said four of his 37 units are out service, and remaining ones expire in less than three years.

He explained there are regulations regarding how many SCBAs are required per pumper truck and water tanker, and the arithmetic says his department needs to have 34 operational units to comply.

Samac mentioned he applied for a grant for five units from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and one for 30 units from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Alderman David Mitchell asserted it would make sense for council to keep the \$80,000 in the budget for SCBAs, but hope the grants come through. He also informed

aldermen he was developing a "quality proposal" for keeping the ambulance service contract with the Western Carroll County Ambulance District.

Samac reminded council to plan for future replacement of his ambulance fleet, and suggested setting up a depreciation fund and putting in \$100,000 every year as a way to plan for it. Alderman Terry McClung agreed the city needed to include this kind of long-term planning in the budget. Berry said he was not confident the city could afford it. He suggested putting \$40,000 in the budget for at least three of the SCBAs, and put the depreciation fund in later if the midyear budget allowed.

Berry said his office would set up a date and time for another budget workshop.

# INDEPENDENTNews

## Women gather to protest election results

BECKY GILLETTE

Numerous women, and one man, gathered at Basin Park Monday at noon at an event called "Women and Allies Strike Out in Protest."

Members of the group held signs that said "Moms Against Misogyny," "Keep Your Paws Off My Privates and My Paycheck" and "Let's take it back — our country." They were responding to concerns about attacks on women's right as a result of the election of a president who has shown little respect for women and said women who have abortions should be punished.

Penny Sullivan said the event was part of a nationwide protest that included a ban on buying anything for 24 hours. "Women have huge buying power," she said. "We

are here to protest electing a misogynistic president with no respect for women. I'm here for my granddaughter, Marla Rose. I thought by the time I was a grandparent, this disrespect of women would be over. But it isn't."

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important for our  
daughters and  
granddaughters to  
know they have an  
equal place  
in the world."*

— Cheryl Hoyt

"This is an important time to stand up for what we believe in," ESDN Executive Director Jacqueline Wolven said. "It's our job."

Harry Meyer said he has a 19-year-old daughter, and is concerned about how she will be treated in an era

where a candidate was elected despite boasting on video tape of grabbing women in personal anatomical areas and kissing them without consent. Donald Trump threatened to sue the women who came forward after reporting unwanted

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## Promoters pitch CAPC for venue expansion, financing

NICKY BOYETTE

John Walker of Deadhead Productions introduced himself to the City Advertising and Promotion Commission at its Dec. 7 workshop. Walker promotes music events, and told commissioners he wants to find out, “how to bring the town closer together with my events.”

He said he started putting on small scale music events, “and then there were five hundred people in my yard,” so he knew it was time for a bigger event. Walker said he has put on 15 festivals in different locations in the past five years, and has three planned next year at his site known as The Farm just northwest of Eureka Springs.

Walker said he is developing his space into more than just a music venue. He already has an 18-hole disk golf course and plans to expand it and host tournaments. There are weddings and camping at The Farm, and he said he encourages patrons to check out other activities in the area such as ziplining, canoeing and visiting Eureka Springs.

“My people do visit Eureka Springs,” Walker said, and indicated he was interested in “tie-ins and cross-promotion.”

Commissioners Damon Henke and Susan Harman both said they rented rooms to guests who came to town for one of Walker’s events. Henke even suggested Walker’s site and the Bluegrass Festival could benefit each other or the CAPC could schedule acts for the Folk Festival in October in conjunction with Walker’s Hillberry Festival.

Walker, who also produces acts at George’s Majestic Lounge in Fayetteville, said he knows agents and would have no issues working with the CAPC to bring acts to town. The group tossed around a dozen ways to connect for mutual benefit.

Commissioner James DeVito encouraged Walker to submit a marketing support request for one of his events, and Henke suggested they hold a workshop with Walker in January. Everyone agreed, and Henke added, “This has been a good start today.”

DeVito remarked, “All I know is I can’t keep my cooks in the kitchen

during your festivals.”

### App chat

Chip Ford again appeared to see if there were a way to work with the CAPC as he develops a Eureka Springs app. Ford is asking for \$20,000 for which the CAPC would have a presence on the app and access to the database. Ford said he plans for the app to be “the ultimate resource of information” with not only locations of everything and a current events’ calendar, but also history about Eureka Springs.

He said the launch date might be moved back to mid-March.

Executive Director Mike Maloney, who attended the meeting by phone, cited the fluctuation – from \$90,000 to \$120,000 down to \$20,000 – in what Ford has asked for, and stated, “My confidence has eroded substantially.”

Henke suggested they could take it on in-house. “Doesn’t feel like the project for us,” he said.

Harman had a different take. She said \$20,000 was a realistic cost for what Ford was offering, and asked, “If we brought it in-house, who does it? And do we need to hire someone to do it?” For her the bottom line was that the CAPC needs a product like Ford is creating, but Henke said he was not confident Ford would be able to accomplish what he intends.

Maloney figured to bring the project in-house he would need an additional staff at a cost of at least \$40,000. But for him, the important point was the Eureka Springs app has had fewer than 1000 downloads. “So what do we see as the future of it going forward?” Maloney wanted to see Ford’s app in action.

Commissioner Terry McClung

followed up on Maloney’s point, “So we’ll know if it’s any good before any money goes out.”

Henke asked Ford why he would involve the CAPC if he intended to launch the app regardless, and Ford replied, “I just wanted you to benefit from it... it’s another resource for you.” He also mentioned more tourists would learn about it if the CAPC partners with him on promotion.

Harman stated, “I’m not saying we have to go with Chip, but I want an easier way to tell my guests what there is to do.”

Maloney agreed Ford’s app could be a good value, “and for \$20,000, I would be for it, but I would like to see it fly first.” Commissioner James DeVito agreed there would be no decision without a demonstration, and Ford said he would return with an update in January or February.

### Dancing and dance lessons in Basin Park

Emma Ulibarri of Melonlight Productions proposed adding Dancing in the Park as a regular event on the fourth Saturday of every month from April through October. She would have a deejay set up for the music and offer dance lessons. She requested \$1500 each time for one performance per month for seven months.

Henke observed the dancing would be more programming, which citizens ask for, and it would be easily sharable on social media. He said it would be up to Maloney to negotiate arrangements. Commissioners agreed to have a decision for Ulibarri in January.



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## CAPC considers picking up city utilities tab at Aud

NICKY BOYETTE

Commissioner James DeVito pointed out at last Wednesday's workshop that the CAPC is part of city government, and it could help out the fiscally strapped city budget by agreeing to pay the city's portion of utilities at the Auditorium, which he said was around \$50,000 annually. He pointed out that because of Executive Director Mike Maloney's effective marketing, the CAPC is the only city department with reserves, and contended it would appropriate to pick up the utility bill for "a while."

Maloney replied that he and Finance Director Rick Bright would study the budget and see where they might find that amount of money. He said he understood the point DeVito was making about the dire financial situation the city faces, and lamented that citizens did not understand the intent of what the one percent tax would have done for the city. "It's a crime it failed," he said.

However, he said he would have an answer for the commission at next week's meeting.

Commissioner Damon Henke pointed out the commission has wanted to get rid of its financial obligation to support the Auditorium, and now DeVito is suggesting they take on more.

"It's a huge goodwill gesture," Sales Director Karen Pryor pointed out.

Bright mentioned that if the soon-to-be-hired Events Coordinator brings more activity to the Auditorium, it would mean more utility usage. The city has only so much budgeted for the Aud, so the CAPC would have to pick up the extra utility bills anyway. He said he would provide a spreadsheet on his findings at the Dec. 14 meeting.

Commissioners also agreed to have a budget workshop before the Dec. 14

meeting. Commissioner Terry McClung said, "We should put James's request on the table. It's not a permanent agreement, so it's worth looking at."

The group continued its ongoing conversation of what to do with festivals. Move them to a new date? Drop them? They agreed on the importance of events in town, but DeVito declared they should not "belabor staff to put on an event no one attends."

Commissioner Susan Harman asked Bright for a breakdown on what they spent \$15,000 on to put on the Folk Festival, for example, and Bright said he would provide that information.

Discussion regarding the future of the festivals will continue at the budget workshop.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, Dec. 14, at 6 p.m., preceded by a budget workshop at 4:30 p.m.

## Vehicle left running stolen

BECKY GILLETTE

A 1995 Oldsmobile Aurora that had been left running while the driver went inside a home for 15 minutes was stolen at about 9:13 a.m. on Dec. 11 from where it was parked at the intersection of Elk and White Sts. It was recovered Dec. 12 at about 11:36 a.m. when an abandoned vehicle was reported by the Crescent Hotel on a dirt road below the hotel.

At one point the victim and police tried to locate the stolen car by using an application to find her iPhone, which was in the vehicle, but the phone had been

turned off.

After a police investigation, the vehicle was returned to its owner.

The theft was similar to several auto thefts reported in November that police called "crimes of opportunity" because keys were left in the car. A vehicle stolen from outside of Chelsea's was recovered, and an arrest made in the case. No one has been arrested in two thefts earlier in November, one in an owner's driveway on Jackson Street, the other stolen from White Street.

ESPD also reported there was one vehicle stolen in October.

## Historians signing books Dec. 16

June Westphal and Kate Cooper will be at the Eureka Springs Historical Museum on Friday, Dec. 16 from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. signing copies of their books. Books include *A Fame Not Easily Forgotten*; *Eureka Springs: A Postcard History*; *50 Memory Moments*; *Eureka Springs: City of Healing Waters* and *Eureka Springs: A Pictorial History*.

## Christmas Eve Service

The Holiday Island Community Church, 188 Stateline Road will hold a Christmas Eve Candle Light Service beginning at 4 p.m. All are invited.



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# Council in a haze over smoking in parks

NICKY BOYETTE

At its Monday evening meeting, Eureka Springs City Council tried to clear the air regarding a proposed ordinance that would prohibit smoking in city parks. Alderman James DeVito said the original intent was to prohibit smoking in all city parks, but the ordinance prepared by Parks Director Justin Huss excluded Lake Leatherwood City Park.

DeVito pointed out the risk that lit cigars and cigarettes present to a wooded environment. He declared banning smoking in all city parks might have a positive impact on the rental of spaces at LLCP, and said he was okay with vaporizers because of the recent passage of the medical marijuana law that allows dosages with vaporizers.

Alderman Kristi Kendrick agreed with DeVito that an ordinance should

include LLCP.

Alderman Mickey Schneider said the obvious question was how to police smoking at LLCP. She said it would be a violation of personal rights to prohibit smoking at there. Her advice was, "If you don't like the smoke, move away from the smoker."

Bill Featherstone, chair of the Parks Commission who was asked for his opinion, said he was in favor of selecting spaces to be non-smoking, such as the cabins.

DeVito insisted that allowing smoking in LLCP just because of the fear it might lose revenue would amount to catering to a small percentage of the populace.

Schneider responded, "Logic is a wonderful thing. If you don't want to be by a smoker, don't stand by one." She looked toward DeVito and stated, "You don't have the right to target a small group of people," and continued to mutter at whatever DeVito said despite remonstrances from Mayor Butch Berry.

Berry reminded the group there was an ordinance prepared by Parks to consider, and DeVito moved to put it on the next agenda.

Aldermen, including Schneider, were in agreement.

## Cemetery budget

Alderman Bob Thomas had disseminated a spreadsheet that demonstrated the proposed budget for the cemetery was leaving the commission in a hole of more than \$2,700. He was asking for was \$4,500 more this year in the budget. Alderman David Mitchell was first to approve of support for Thomas's request. Then alderman Terry McClung moved to return the budgeted amount for the cemetery back to \$32,828, and council approved his motion.

## Other items

- Council approved the third reading of Ordinance 2250 reclaiming unopened alleyways in Dairy Hollow, and Ordinance 2249, which regulates food trucks inside city limits.

- Aldermen acknowledged his ten years of service as alderman as DeVito attended his final meeting.

Next meeting will be Monday, Jan. 9, 2017 at 6 p.m.

# HDC – one chimney stays, one goes

NICKY BOYETTE

As part of his continued renovation of 33 Ridgeway, Chris Fischer had applied to the Historic District Commission to remove two chimneys that stood 11 ft. above the roof of the house. He told commissioners at the Dec. 7 meeting the primary chimney had originally served the living room, and was not engaged with the framing of the house. The secondary chimney, however, presented more of a problem because of where it was situated, plus a previous worker had failed to attach flashing adequately and rainwater runoff found its way beneath the roof. The carpenter had recommended removing it altogether.

Fischer said after he submitted his application he learned the primary chimney could be repaired, although he wanted to shorten it a bit if commissioners would allow.

Commissioner Melissa Greene stated she preferred Fischer keep the primary chimney at its present height and repair it but she was okay with his removing the other chimney. Commissioners agreed with her suggestion.

## Pillar widening

John Van Woy had two projects for 12 Lookout Circle on the agenda. He wanted to rearrange two limestone pillars on either side of the driveway to allow for a 15-foot entrance instead of the existing width of 9.5 ft. which he claimed was a hazard for sideview mirrors. He said a photo existed showing the pillars farther apart at some point in the past, but he did not have the photo with him at the meeting.

Commissioner Virgil Fowler pointed out the guidelines are clear that original structures should be maintained, and Greene suggested the discussion be tabled until the next meeting so Van Woy could

produce the photo.

Van Woy's other application was to take down a carriage house and rebuild it in another location on the property. He intended to construct a three-level structure with a basement, main level and an apartment space in an upper story. He said the move would ease parking constraints on the property and generally improve use of the space.

Greene stated Van Woy did not have a demolition permit for his project, and should present the application to the Planning Commission first and then return to HDC.

Jeff Collins, a nearby neighbor, told commissioners the situation in his vicinity "is a disaster." He said the area is used for overflow parking from the Crescent Hotel, and "obnoxious guests block my driveway access and there is noise from the large parties there. He said he has no privacy because of a constant stream of vehicles in and out of 12 Lookout. He said he would be against any construction on the property until the buildings are brought up to Code and the parking and noise issues are addressed.

In other business, commissioners approved these two applications:

- 19 Norris – replace window; extend deck
- 120 N. Main – add stairway to side porch

Regarding the vote on 120 N. Main, commissioner Susie Allen recused herself because she was the applicant and Fowler recused himself because he would be tenant of the property.

Commissioners approved these items on the Consent Agenda:

- 120 S. Main – re-wrap existing billboard
- 120 S. Main – two new signs
- 13 N. Main – new sign

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## Evidence mounts of rigged election

BECKY GILLETTE

Election recounts requested by Green Party presidential candidate Jill Stein have been blocked in Pennsylvania and Michigan, and Trump has been declared winner in the recount in Wisconsin. At the same time, evidence continues to mount that election interference, voter suppression and election fraud gave Donald Trump a winning majority of Electoral College votes with narrow wins in key battleground states despite losing the popular vote by 2.7 million, said local election integrity activist Forrest Jacobi.

"No other president has ever been elected while losing by 2.7 million votes," Jacobi said. "Trump is a minority president not supported by the majority of the American public. Bernie Sanders' positions were all supported by a majority of the American public. Donald Trump's were not. The false equivalency was that Bernie Sanders was the same as Donald Trump — they were both whackadoodles — but Bernie was supported by public opinion and Trump was not."

Jacobi said evidence has clearly

demonstrated that it is relatively easy to hack voting machines or vote counting scanners. When the results of voting vary beyond the margin of error from exit polls, Jacobi said it usually points to election fraud.

"Out of five battleground states, the reported election results only aligned with the exit polls in one state, and that state went to the Democrats," Jacobi said. "All the others that were supposed to go to Hillary based on the exit polls went to Trump by one percent. Those were Florida, Virginia, Michigan, Wisconsin and Pennsylvania. The four states with Republican governors all went against the exit polls and gave Trump a victory by one percent. The difference between the election results and the exit polls were all outside the margin of error."

Even if there had been a recount in Michigan, Jacobi said it might not have uncovered suspected election fraud. He considers it beyond belief that it was just an accident that 87 optical scan readers in Detroit, Mich., "broke" Election Day — a fact that is getting little attention in the national media.

"How can you get an accurate recount if the vote counting machines were broken?" he asks. "This is in an area that traditionally would be a huge Hillary stronghold. Additionally, there were 80,000 paper ballots in Michigan that had no presidential candidate selected. Many people only go to vote for president. Can you imagine 80,000 people showing up to vote for president and didn't vote for president? And the margin for Trump was only about 10,000 votes. Clearly something is wrong here."

Jacobi also pointed to a recent report by Bill Palmer of the *Palmer Report*, that said, "The mere fact that 59 percent of the vote counting machines in Michigan's biggest city all broke on the same day is standing out as a stunning development. It calls into question why officials failed to publicly disclose this information until they needed it for their convoluted argument against recounting the majority of Detroit's votes. With Detroit being 82 percent African-American and thus demographically likely to have heavily favored Hillary Clinton, it directly calls into question whether Donald Trump won Michigan."

Palmer also has presented evidence disputing Trump's win in Florida.

"Of the numerous reasons why most observers on both sides expected Hillary Clinton to win the 2016 election heading into Election Day, perhaps the most glaring was the fact that she had seemingly already

won the state of Florida based on early-voting alone," Palmer said. "It's why it came as such a shock when Donald Trump somehow pulled off the upset in the state by one percent of the vote, a difference which would have swung the entire election. But in yet another piece of evidence that the voting tallies may have been rigged, a closer examination of the early-voting numbers suggests that Trump's victory in Florida wasn't just unlikely — it was mathematically insurmountable."

Palmer, who covered the recent election cycle for the *Daily News Bin*, said that Trump's impossible win in Florida was just one of numerous mathematical unlikelihoods around the nation that he has documented thus far.

There are also problems with voter suppression, which Jacobi said is on the rise since the limiting of the 1965 Voting Right Act by the U.S. Supreme Court. Voting precincts have been closed in minority areas making people travel farther if they want to vote, waiting to vote is often much longer in minority areas than white areas, strict voter identification laws have been passed targeting minority voters, and early voting has been restricted.

"Voting has been curtailed because many of the poor people who vote can't get off work to vote on Election Day," Jacobi said. "When you can't vote early or it is restricted, you don't vote because can't get off work and wait in line hours to vote. When there are fewer people voting now than in elections before, you know there is something wrong with the system."

Then there is Russian interference in the election process with the CIA reporting the Russians hacked both the Democratic National Committee and Republican National Committee, but only released information damaging to the Democrats.

"Apparently, there is intelligence from the CIA that alleges that the Russians were playing favorites in the election," Jacobi said. "Sen. John McCain has called for an investigation. It is okay for us to have a lousy election system, but we can't allow the Russians to interfere in our lousy system."

Trump's selection of Rex Tillerson, the chief executive of ExxonMobil, for Secretary of State has led to concerns voiced by McCain and Sen. Lindsey Graham, two leading Republican hawks in the Senate, because of Tillerson's business ties to Russia and relationship with Russian President Vladimir Putin.



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## The prickly truth about blackberries

NICKY BOYETTE

Mid-December is the perfect time to take care of tasks you should have done a month ago when it was 20 degrees warmer – such as pruning blackberry canes in the garden... assuming you took on the challenge of managing a blackberry arbor. Blackberries unchecked will take over a hillside, so why try to manage them in a garden space? Perhaps the canes were already growing, and their crowns lined up into the shape of a tuning fork, and the garden was created around them.

Blackberries are native to Arkansas and have adapted to all parts of the state. In fact, blackberries are native to every continent except Australia and Antarctica. There was a variety recently developed for Siberia, and thousands of hectares of land are devoted to it, which would be a lot of Siberian pruning.

The University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture is known the world over for developing blackberry cultivars, both

thorny and thornless. Their varieties are named for Native American groups. Oregon leads the United States in blackberry production and Mexico leads the world in blackberry exports. Blackberries seem to thrive best in moist moderate climates like the Pacific Northwest, New Zealand, England and the Mediterranean region.

Earth-based and Wiccan belief systems claim that blackberry leaves can help remove evil spirits from the home and send them back where they came from. Another legend, according to the Witchipedia website, maintains if blackberries were planted near a home, a vampire couldn't enter because he would obsessively count the berries and forget what he came there for.

For centuries, all blackberry varieties grew the same way. New canes, called primocanes, established themselves for a year. The second year, the canes become floricanes because they flower and bear

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## We're looking good

Editor,

I haven't written for a while because I didn't have anything good to say. I couldn't be clever or positive due to our latest turn of events with our country's choices for leaders and president.

However, I have finally found something to brag about. Our town's decorations for the holidays are really lovely this year. And we own all of them. We didn't rent them for thousands of dollars, and they are tasteful, as well.

Basin Park looks grand. It's never been so attractive. Especially at night.

Thank you, so very much for all the special volunteers, the young people, the club members, and families. All we old people are so grateful, since we can remember when we were able to help during these projects.

Our town is the greatest for our citizens and our visitors. We are very fortunate to live here, with all our good friends and families. Every day is a treat for us to come downtown to visit our beautiful Ozark village in the mountains.

Happy Holidays and many festive times plus sweet memories to all.

**Enid B. Swartz**

## Event a success

Dear community,

On behalf of People Helping People, I extend a heartfelt thank you to Jacqueline Wolven, Dee Bright and the Downtown Network Board for another wonderful Cocktails for a Cause. Their vision and commitment to making

each event unique and fun creates a gathering that enables organizations to continue their charitable work.

We are grateful to Bobbie Foster and her staff (complete with an elf!) for hosting our event at Mud Street Café. It was a great space to reconnect with friends, peruse a silent auction, enjoy fabulous hors d'oeuvres and to remind ourselves of the importance of supporting each other and our community.

Please consider attending these events that validate a small community's success in helping one another. Know that a small act can make a big difference.

**The People Helping People team**  
**Kathy McCormick**

## Spend energy on justice

Editor,

Since "He Who Shall Remain Nameless" was anointed by the Electoral College, our household can no longer listen to the news except for an occasional peek at Rachel Maddow on MSNBC. So, we are especially grateful to *The Independent* for a truth-filled look at the news.

My stomach hurts every time I hear about one of HWSRN's cabinet appointments. HWSRN is such a narcissistic, psychologically-challenged rich fascist that I grieve for our country. He, his appointees, his slick family and the lackey Republicans are determined to destroy all the progress made with the Obamas and the Democrats. The poor shall suffer.

A friend of mine said, "Just wait

'til those folks who voted for [him] find out [he] is not going to do anything for them, then..." I replied, "I don't think they will even notice."

Eugene Robinson of *The Washington Post* said HWSRN's voters do not care about [his] racism, misogyny, fascistic policies, etc. They just like [him]; [his] bombastic speeches, [his] anger, [his] hollering, [his] name-calling.

A Christian acquaintance told me not to hate [him]. Hate is bad, she said.

I recall Black Panther George Jackson who was murdered by guards in prison. He talked about "perfect love and perfect hate," writing, "I can never delude myself into thinking that I love my enemies. You simply cannot reason with people like them [the fascists], they have too much to lose by being reasonable... we are bonded to the fascist society by chains that have strangled our intellects, scrambled our wits and sent us stumbling backwards into a wild, disorganized retreat from reality... we don't want a piece of that pie. It's rotten, putrid, repulsive to all the senses."

A popular slogan of the Vietnamese during the war against them, "Turn hatred into energy." I hope Eurekans energize and go to Little Rock on Jan. 20 to march on the 21st at the *Women's March for Arkansas* at the Capitol, 10 a.m. The march is open to all.

We can carpool and let our energy for justice be known. We can take signs & banners and wear our t-shirts! And picnic along the highway. Democracy needs us.

**T. Laughlin**



## WEEK'S Top Tweets

**@mrstomservo:** Sorry I got confused & grabbed your fist bump like a doorknob.

**@anniemuMary:** Instead of saying a package is Family Size, it'd be more

helpful if it listed a time frame, like 3 hours worth of potato chips.

**@reverend\_scott:** Cop: "Know why I stopped you?" (Man in restaurant eating fried chicken): "Huh?" Cop: "You're using a knife and fork. Step away from the chicken."

**@benicus\_rex:** The barber asked me "do you have any kids" & I said "I do not, no" and he got very quiet, realize now he prob thinks I said "I do not know."

**@goldengateblonde:** Seriously, if you hacked Trump's

Twitter account and wanted to make him look bad, what would you even say?

**@smooheed:** A friend described me as a 'no maintenance' type. I have no idea whether to be happy or offended.

**@skinnersteve:** The living can't communicate with the dead, that's just séance fiction.

**@AmishWitt:** My friend keeps saying, "Cheer up man it could be worse, you could be stuck underground in a hole full of water." I know he means well.

**@parkerlawyer:** Opposing counsel licks his thumb every time he turns a page in his file and basically I didn't even know this rage inside me existed.

**@EdenEats:** Your vet receptionist knows everyone's password.



## Now what?

With the election of Donald Trump as president, the United States officially entered the Age of Simulation.

In keeping with its historical role as “a different kind of town,” this could be a clue that when the rest of the country turns phony, it’s time for Eureka Springs to get real.

In the nation at large, as in the Arkansas counties surrounding Eureka, real leaders and real government vanished overnight. Unlike the popular notion that big changes occur slowly over time, real change usually comes in the blink of an eye. One night you go to sleep in the Soviet Union and the next day you wake up in Russia. One night you go to bed confident that Hillary will be in the White House and the Republican Party has finally committed suicide but when you wake up, Trump is president and the Democratic party has disintegrated. Then what?

Maybe you’re like Ron Dirge on Facebook. “The republicans [sic] deserve what they’re going to get, but I don’t.” By extension, it might be argued that Eureka doesn’t deserve to be treated like the rest of Arkansas because it’s not like the rest of Arkansas. It’s not even like the rest of Carroll County. How we’re going to make out is going to be largely a matter of how we treat ourselves.

In a recent column, Bill Moyers quotes *New York Times* columnist David Brooks. Turning his back on conventional political analysis, Brooks adopts a more spiritual perspective, stressing “values of mutual respect, a bolder sense of civic engagement, an emphasis on community and neighborhood, and overall a belief in trickle-up decency rather than trickle-down economics.”

Moyers continues, “For those of us now languishing in despair, this may be a prescription for rejuvenation. We have lost the country, but by refocusing, we may have gained our own little patch of the world.” It is time to consider “the effect that policy, strategy and governance have not only on our physical and economic well-being but also on our spiritual well-being.” In other words, we need to have a long-overdue conversation about our values because they determine what kind of town we are and, in many ways, what

kind of lives we live.

For the past half century, Eureka has been run under a value system which allows a *de facto* Business Party to manipulate it for personal profit while excluding the needs and aspirations of many of the city’s oldest and youngest residents. So has the United States and you see how that has worked out.

I’m not sure it ever was, but Eureka is not now “a tourist town.” That’s the big lie. It’s a town. A hometown, with kids and families, dreams and nightmares. Every year, people move here who don’t want to have anything to do with tourism. That’s why we have four banks in a city of fewer than 2,000 people. Some Eurekaans are retired, some are financially comfortable, some commute to work in the vibrant “corridor” of Northwest Arkansas, some are on fixed income and some are

just poor in ways that hillbillies have known for generations.

Where are their after-school programs? Where is the simple community center where senior citizens can gather and visit? Where are the repairs to the city’s physical infrastructure which have been delayed in favor of money spent to attract more tourists? Where are the alternative businesses that would allow the city’s children to earn a living without being forced to move away or stay and support a family while flipping burgers or slinging drinks?

“Values of mutual respect, a bolder sense of civic engagement, an emphasis on community and neighborhood, and overall a belief in trickle-up decency rather than trickle-down economics.” Worth considering.

Vernon Tucker



## The Pursuit Of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

If there is a single dividing point among Americans it is how they view ideas about equality and fairness. On the surface, equality and fairness can appear to have equivalent meanings and intentions; in practice and application, they are radically different and often infuriating.

Equality can be measured and monitored with some exactness and, theoretically, is absent emotion and subjectivity. The act of measuring and monitoring requires attention to details, to brute facts – are 1 and 1 the same, or not? – and to the outcomes resulting from acting. As examples, prizefighters are divided into weight categories, and most toll roads charge fees based on the number of wheels on vehicles.

Ideas and conclusions about fairness are filled with complexity and emotion and are often personal rather than abstract. I know two local men who are judged equally disabled (100%) by the Social Security Administration, yet each believes the other is malingering and not deserving of disability payments. Both expect the new administration to reform the system and throw the other guy off the rolls. There is nothing abstract about how they feel; each seems to know “fraud and abuse” when they see it, and they see it in the other guy.

Summarily, a standard of equality has made it possible for these disabled gents to survive; their ideas about fairness allows them to condemn other survivors – and a recent election legitimized the profound cognitive dissonance that characterizes their fact-free and mean-spirited lives. The irony is they both enthusiastically endorsed and elected an administration that may give each of them what the other hopes for.

On the macro-level, it boils down to this: residents of southern and rural states, like Arkansas, feel beaten down and unfairly treated by political liberals living bi-coastal and urban lives, yet are utterly dependent on subsidies from these blue state taxpayers to afford even the most basic of services. If Libtards and political Progressives actually took them up on their “small government” and “pay as you go” rhetoric, and substituted fairness for equality, half the people living below the Mason Dixon Line would be eating Southern Heritage for breakfast, lunch, and dinner.



## 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.nwaws.org)
- **A Cup of Love Ministries offering free soup** – A Cup of Love Ministries provides soup lunches at Flint Street Fellowship on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 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 Tonvglen, 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.
- **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](mailto: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) 981-1686. • **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](http://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.
- **St. James’ Community Suppers** – Held Sunday from 5 – 6:30 p.m. Meals provided by local restaurants and are free to all. St. James’ Episcopal Church is located at 86 Prospect Avenue on the historic loop and meals are served in the undercroft.
- **Support Group** – for those with **Parkinson’s** and their caregivers, first Wednesday of each month, ECHO Community Room at 10 a.m. For questions email Sally at [sarahg@arkansas.net](mailto:sarahg@arkansas.net) or call (479) 9810-1587. Next meeting Dec. 7.

## Christmas Day services being held

The Holiday Island Community Church, 188 Stateline Drive will be holding Christmas Day services at 9:30 a.m. time on Sunday, Dec. 25. All are welcome

## Eating up Christmas

A community Christmas Dinner will be held at the ECHO dining room on Christmas Day from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. sponsored by Flint Street Fellowship. There is no charge for the dinner and all are welcome. For anyone needing a ride or to volunteer call (479) 253-4945. ECHO is located at the corner of E. Van Buren and Rockhouse Road.

## Meditation with sound at Metafizzies

Rebekah Clark will lead the Eureka Springs Metaphysical Society meeting in a session of Divine Singing and Sound Meditation on Monday, Dec. 19. No vocal experience is necessary. Chants and mantras from multiple traditions will be used. The gathering will begin at 7 p.m. at the Heart of Many Ways, 68 Mountain Street. All are welcome.

## INDEPENDENT ConstablesOnPatrol

### DECEMBER 6

12:31 a.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for driving left of center and second offense- DWI.

6:42 p.m. – Suspicious circumstances in a neighborhood prompted extra patrols by the constable.

### DECEMBER 7

11:07 a.m. – Resident reported graffiti on the incinerator of the old Perkins Mill.

1:03 p.m. – Careful observer noticed a couple suspiciously hanging around near a church. One of them resembled a suspect seen in a video stealing money from the collection box. They left the scene in a vehicle with no license plate. Constables did make contact with them.

9:14 p.m. – Constable checked on a parking issue on a street near downtown.

### DECEMBER 8

1:05 a.m. – Hotel staff told ESPD an inebriated guest claimed someone pulled a fire alarm. Constables spoke with him but did not encounter any suspects.

2:13 a.m. – Innkeeper asked for a constable because a guest had not checked out yet and her son had called to request a welfare check. Also, there had been a loud disturbance coming from her room the previous night.

The constable spoke to the guest who admitted she received injuries but did not want medical treatment, and the male had already left the scene.

9:25 p.m. – Individual turned herself in on a CCSO warrant.

11:19 p.m. – Commercial burglary alarm rang out, and the responding constable did not find any reason for it.

### DECEMBER 9

9:15 a.m. – Constables went to a residence near downtown and arrested an individual on an outstanding warrant.

11:09 a.m. – Constable pursued a juvenile-related investigation at the high school.

12:54 p.m. – There was a one-vehicle accident on US 62. No injuries.

### DECEMBER 10

2:42 p.m. – On a street just east of downtown, a resident reported a possibly rabid raccoon. Constable took care of the animal.

### DECEMBER 11

1:56 a.m. – Innkeeper reported a fight outside one of the rooms. Constables converged on the scene. The individuals involved claimed the incident had been verbal only, and they all agreed to go quietly to their rooms and stay there.

3:46 a.m. – Employee accidentally activated the alarm at a business.

7:39 a.m. – Passerby noticed a broken window on the backside of the old high school. Constable and keyholder responded.

11:09 a.m. – Individual went to the station to report a minor accident he had been involved in.

6:13 p.m. – Constable arrested a person for disorderly conduct.

9:13 p.m. – Resident in a neighborhood above downtown claimed her car had been stolen.

### DECEMBER 12

12:36 a.m. – Person at a bar downtown said a male took her wallet and cell phone and would not return them. Constables spoke with both parties and filed a report.



# Where do we go from here?

BECKY GILLETTE

Sharon Spurlin of Berryville recently gave a presentation to the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in Eureka Springs, “Where do we go from here?” She gathered information from a number of different sources, primarily George Lakoff’s *Do Not Think of an Elephant: Know Your Values and Frame the Debate* to explain what has made Republicans so successful that they now have a majority in the House and the Senate.

“It is not an accident that conservatives are winning where they have successfully framed the issues,” Spurlin said. “They’ve got a forty- to fifty-year head start, and more than two billion dollars in ‘think tank’ investments. And they are still thinking ahead. Democrats are not.

“Progressives feel so assaulted by conservatives that progressives can only think about immediate defense. Democratic office holders are constantly under attack. Every day they have to respond to conservative initiatives. This leads to politics that are reactive, not proactive. It is not just public officials, but the same thing happens to advocacy groups around the country like Planned Parenthood. They are under attack all the time, and they are trying to defend themselves against the next attack. They do not have time or money to think long-term.”

A big issue is the amount of money the wealthy right wing gives in large block grants and endowments. At some colleges, the salary of professors is paid for by large think tanks that advocate fewer environmental regulations, opposition to minimum wage and unions, and lower tax rates for wealthy corporations and individuals.

“The right wing think tanks get large block grants and endowments, millions at a time,” she said. “To counter this, we need to provide funding for progressive think tanks to hire intellectuals to build human capital for the future.”

On the left, the highest value is helping individuals who need help. So, if you are running a foundation, what makes you a good person? You help as many people as you can.

“As the public budgets get cut, there are more people who need help,” Spurlin said. “So you spread the money around to the grassroots organizations and therefore you do not have any money left for development. And so you perpetuate a system that helps the right. And the result is that the right is privatizing the left. More budget cuts mean you have to get your money from the private sector for what government should be supporting. Suddenly, there is not enough money for anything like social programs or environmental programs.”

Lakoff has the following recommendations for what can be done about this:

- Talk about issues from progressive values, not theirs.
- Think strategically. The right is very good at this.
- Fight tort reform, which is a top priority for Republicans, because in one stroke you prohibit all potential lawsuits that are the basis of future

environmental legislation and regulation. Lawyers who make significant investments in such cases will no longer make enough to support the risk, and corporations will be free to ignore the public good. That is what tort reform is about. In addition, if you look at where Democrats get much of their money in the individual states, it is significantly from the lawyers who win tort cases.

- Republicans have used linguists for years. Frank Luntz has been very active as a linguistic consultant to the GOP making the verbiage of Republican politics more palatable. He changed the name of inheritance tax to death tax, and even the news media and Democrats use it. This is a tiny example of the huge impact he has made. He makes a living knowing what words mean to certain categories of people and how to spin to win.

- Open more think tanks to flesh out the progressive policies and help us our point. Use think tanks to train, educate, and sway the public.

- Put teams on the ground in rural areas to find people to lead the people in organizations, media, education, etc., to support a liberal/progressive agenda.

- What about fake news? What do we do to expose that a lot of the “news” on the Internet is false?

Who are the richest people in the world who believe in a liberal agenda? How do we come up with the money to balance the messages of those with the money?

Ten things Lakoff suggests a progressive can do:

1. Notice what conservatives have done right and

where progressives have missed the boat. For example, don’t let the right wing get away with claiming the liberals control the media when the opposite is true.

2. Don’t think of an elephant. If you keep their language and their framing and just argue against it, you lose and reinforce their frame.

3. The truth alone will not set you free. Just speaking truth to power does not work. You need to frame the truths effectively from your perspective.

4. Speak from our own moral perspective at all times. Progressive policies follow from progressive values. Get clear on your values and use the language of value instead of the language of policy wonks.

5. Understand where the conservatives are coming from. Get their strict father morality and its consequences clear. Know what you are arguing against. Be able to explain why they believe what they believe.

6. Think strategically across issue areas. Look at large moral goals, not in terms of programs for their own sake.

7. Think about the consequences of proposals.

8. Remember that voters vote their identity and their values, which need not coincide with their self-interest.

9. Unite and cooperate.

10. Be proactive, not reactive. Play offense, not defense. Practice reframing, every day on every issue. Don’t just say what you believe. Use your frames, not their frames. Use them because they fit the values you believe in.

**Happy 65<sup>th</sup>!** At their Thursday, Dec. 8 meeting, the Eureka Springs Chapter (Abendschone) of the Daughters of the American Revolution celebrated their 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary at the downtown Cornerstone Bank with John Cross as featured speaker. John’s grandmother, May Obenshain Fuller, was a founding member (along with other family members), and his mother, Ruth Fuller Cross, was a member for 75 years. The chapter was named after Reinhold Abendschone, the Revolutionary War ancestor of the Cross/Fuller family. Shown is a framed photo of May Obenshain Fuller, with (left to right) Stella Bucknam (whose grandmother was also a founding member and the first Regent), John Cross, and current Chapter Regent Judy Germani.





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

*I lost my wife of 25 years just before Thanksgiving. I think my son and daughter, both in their early 20s, and I only survived Thanksgiving because we were still in that dazed state of disbelief. Reality's set in now and Christmas, my wife's all-time favorite holiday is weeks away. How am I supposed to handle this?*

With Santas on every corner, the exploding sparkle and oozing merriment can feel more mocking than comforting for those newly and deeply grieving.

While it's reasonable to feel disconnected given the current festivities, maintaining connection with close family and friends is top priority this Christmas. Alone time to grieve is equally important. It's a tricky balance.

Above all, *listen to yourself and trust yourself*. Be honest and clear with others about what you want and do not want. Plan ahead. Even better, have a plan A and B.

With your wife's death occurring right in the middle

of this holiday season, sticking with your traditional Christmas plan might be best. If that's plan A, plan B could be a pajama day with the kids and a marathon of your family's favorite indulgences—movies, foods, spirits and such. When grieving, feelings are unpredictable and in constant flux. Plan on it. So plan on changing your mind.

After a death material things can seem meaningless. Skip the gifts or change it up. Splurge on a gift for yourself. Take a cherished Christmas ornament to adorn your wife's gravesite as a gift to her. Pick a few of your wife's favorite belongings and gift them to those closest to her so the things she valued can continue to be appreciated.

While your wife has died, your love for her lives on. Make this Christmas a celebration of your love and her life. Create a new tradition in her memory and a space where you can honor her memory. Display cherished pictures of her there from Christmases past or light a

candle in her honor.

Make a memory box so you and your children can deposit notes there about treasured memories throughout the upcoming year. Next Christmas read the notes together in honor of her and the love you've all shared.

On the other hand, if facing this Christmas is downright unbearable then just skip it. Really. Take a break. There's another one right around the corner. *Plan on it.*

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## 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 Six (cont.)

Ida made good use, too, of the horse and buggy. Here are some gleanings from her letters: July 22, I took May Rippetoe out riding; at 3:30 I took Mrs. Cary to the Lake, back at 5:30; then took May Field to the Lake, back at 7:00. July 27: We ate dinner at Rippetoes yesterday. I took Mrs. Rippetoe out riding all morning and Gertie from 2 to 5; Then I brought Ma back to Mrs. Cary's.

On July 25 she went to church with Mrs. Cary; there she saw Ida Risley, an old schoolmate, who was musician at the church. At the Basin Band Concert she met Lillie

Gray, "who used to play ball with us on the ridge." She saw and talked with Earl Newport. She also talked with Tom Bishop (in his wheeled chair). We were very well acquainted with him.

Ida remembers the time she spent there in 1898 as a very pleasant time. Later, when she and Mr. Wilhelm were married they spent several summer vacations there. I often went with them and Ettie went with us one summer. I think in 1907. Our greatest pleasure then was horseback riding. We rode to many places we had never seen when we lived there: Pivot Rock; the Natural Bridge, which is



near it; the Oil Spring; we visited Pond Mountain which Ida and Mr. Wilhelm had not seen before, and Sanitarium Lake which I had seen first when I came to the Alumni meeting in 1896, when Mrs. Sprangler had taken me out there in her buggy. Ida and her husband took a tallyho ride one summer when I did not go.

### Chapter Seven: Then and Now

Some pioneer families still have some present day interests in Eureka Springs. There is the Carroll family. John Carroll was the first Mayor of the town. In 1895 he was appointed United States Marshal of the Western District of Arkansas. His oldest son married Lee Tucker, a sister of T. Omar Tucker, who for a short time taught school at the old Lamar. The oldest daughter in 1890 had a millinery store on the north end of the old Footbridge; there were a number of shops there.

The Carroll home was on Spring Street north of Wadsworth's old store. This house overlooked the Footbridge and the gulch that the bridge crossed. I knew Albert (Abby) and Nellie who went to school at the Lamar.

Frank Carroll was a clerk at the Post Office. Mrs. Frank Carroll (Lee) at the present time lives with her children in Kansas City. She spends some weeks every

summer in Eureka Springs.

Amon J. Fortner attended the Cromer School when I did. But I was a big girl, ready to study the Third Reader, and he was in the chart class, but he remembers Miss Nelson's Numeral Frame. His family left Eureka Springs in 1887 and moved to Aurora, Missouri. Amon lived there until 1907. He was married and his wife was very frail and could not stand the Ozark climate. They went to California and settled in Pomona, where Amon established the "Little Ozarks" Fruit and Flower Farm. He sells real Ozark grapes, citrus and deciduous fruits in season; daffodils, jonquils, hyacinths, snowflakes and star flowers, bulbs and blossoms.

His wife's health was completely restored. They are the parents of seven children; four of them and seventeen grandchildren live in Pomona.

He frequently has an article printed in Lucille Morris

Upton's column, The Waste Basket, in the *Daily News*, Springfield, Missouri.

While we were living in Eureka Springs the Seidels, I think, kept a carriage and pair of horses. At any rate they often drove them. In my diary I once wrote, "Just as I got to White Street on my way home from school Mr. and Mrs. Seidel came by in their carriage. They invited me to ride with them. I didn't get home until five o'clock, but Ma wasn't worried... she thought I had gone by Ettie's."

I knew Mrs. Gottlich was a sister to the Seidel brothers, but I did not know until Ruth Seidel Jackson wrote me that she was Herman's twin. Ruth told me many interesting items. When her mother, Dorothy Wolff, came to America, she rode on the same ship with Gen. Grant's daughter. When they docked at New York, all the flags were at half mast, for General Grant had just died.



# Wood Creations by John highlight local beauty

BECKY GILLETTE

The Eureka Springs Farmers' Market primarily has vendors who provide locally grown fruits and vegetables. One vendor, John Blankenship, produces handcrafted wood items – cutting boards and utensils – crafted from locally grown wood.

Blankenship uses a smorgasbord of native woods for his products that are particularly popular as Christmas gifts because they are artistic and functional.

He uses red and white oak, walnut, cherry, silver and sugar maple, sassafras, Osage orange (when he can find it), hickory, pecan, white ash and beech. "Most of your beech comes out of Newton County," Blankenship said. "Most of the other wood comes out of Clifty where Wayne Capps has a sawmill."

The woods have to be dried before used to qualify as Wood Creations by John. He said air-dried takes longer, but is better than kiln-dried for cutting boards. "The kiln pulls out more moisture but, over time, the moisture goes back into the wood," he said.

He sells wooden spatulas for \$6, and one unique offering is a utensil that can be used to open and close an oven rack. Anyone who has been burned using a hot pad to move an oven rack can appreciate this tool.

His most popular items are the cutting boards made from different wood laminated together and sealed with FDA food safe glue. The boards run from



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8"x 8" up to 15"x 20", with a cost of \$20 – \$65. They never wear out. But if a customer gets too many knife marks in one and would like it resurfaced, he will happily sand it down for a small fee.

"That way they don't have to buy a new board," Blankenship said. "Customers like that. And I like to stay

one or two steps ahead of competitors at all times."

Blankenship was a high performance auto mechanic for 30 years. He turned to woodworking after his joints could not take the punishment of automotive work any more.

Blankenship lives in Springdale, but

comes to Eureka Springs because it is a good outlet for his work. He does the Eureka Springs Farmers' Market Tuesday and Thursdays during the warm season, and Thursdays for the winter. He sells one day a week in Siloam Springs.

He makes and sells nightstands, headboards, furniture and segmented vases.

"It takes three days to make a segmented vase," Blankenship said. "The designs are just unbelievable. It is time consuming and everything has to match to come out when you finish."

The Eureka Springs Farmers' Market, known for being selective, only allows vendors who do quality organic local food or food products, handmade soaps and herbal medicines. Blankenship, who is proud to have recently been elected to the board of directors for the market, said he would like to see other things incorporated into the market to increase the diversity.

"I'm all about what is good for the market," he said. "The more different things we have at the market, the better it is for the market. But we have limited space."

He has mixed emotions about the potential to move the market to the new Eureka Springs Highlander Community Center. "It would be like starting over again to getting people used to us being there," he said. "But I understand moving to the inside. I'm all for that. It gets really cold outside at times."

## INDEPENDENTArt

### Art to complement the Grinch's big heart

Carnegie Public Library is currently hosting a Dr. Seuss "Grinch" themed ceramic art collection with pieces created by Eureka Springs High School Art classes. Brightly colored trees, stockings, and ornament rattles will be in the main library throughout the month of December. Contact (479) 253-8754 or [info@eurekalibrary.org](mailto:info@eurekalibrary.org) for more information.



### Scripts being sought

Five & Dime Drama Collective is soliciting scripts for a Spring 2017 theatrical production. Script categories include: 10-minute plays; one act plays (20-30 min.); or full-length plays (60-90 min.). Scripts must be original work, never produced and by a local Eureka Springs area author. For submission information and guidelines email [FiveAndDimeDrama@gmail.com](mailto:FiveAndDimeDrama@gmail.com).



## Darkness Always Precedes the Light

This is our last week before Winter Solstice. Mercury retrogrades (Monday, Dec. 19) through Christmas and into 2017. That means four safe days for holiday shopping (before the 19th). This is our last week of Advent, a spiritual, religious and astronomical cycle. When the Sun reaches the Tropic of Capricorn (solstice), winter begins (December 21<sup>st</sup>). We are in our darkest days of the year. Before the new light.

We sense inner and outer preparations... for the change of seasons, for solstice, a holy child. Advent,

*adventus*, “something’s about to happen, something’s arriving.” There is expectancy, a hushed time of waiting. The Hebrews await the Messiah. Christians the Second Coming, esotericists the Reappearance of Christ, Buddhists the Boddhisattva, Hindus the coming Avatar and Islam the Imam Mahdi. All of Earth’s kingdoms await the new light. Always darkness precedes the Light.

Two thousand years ago a holy child was born into our world (at the intersection of east and west). He came

in an age of great darkness (ignorance). His birth created a new law. And a new light shone in that dark world. Something beyond the Laws of the Old Testament (10 Commandments). What was anchored in the Earth was the **Light of Love**. He said to us, “*Love one another.*” With every annual rebirth of the new light in the world at Winter Solstice, the veils between the visible & invisible worlds become more transparent. **Wednesday, Dec. 21 at 2:44 a.m., west coast time, Sun enters Capricorn. The new light dawns.**

**ARIES:** Careful and conscious communication, especially with elders, wise ones, teachers, supervisors, colleagues and those you work with, is most important. There could be misunderstandings and misgivings. Have the intention to “*hold your mind steady in the light*” of Right Relations so that all your thoughts radiate love yet also authority. This allows for true leadership. At times you may need to be strict. Do it with compassion.

**TAURUS:** All of humanity is called to be a “*thinker.*” Thinker begins with curiosity, then gathering information. Usually we believe what other people tell us. We believe what they believe. In our world ignorance is more acceptable than knowledgeable thinking. This must change for humanity. Taurus is called to have an illumined mind that illuminates the minds of others. Offering the light of knowledge. Throughout all your lifetimes, this is your purpose.

**GEMINI:** For deeper self-identification it would be good for you to study the lives of ancient philosophers. Many, as Thinkers, Philosophers and Knowers, began schools and academies with lifetimes as great teachers. Geminis are teachers and writers. What are you studying at present? Learn also about investments, preparing your assets should something unexpected occur (illness, death, economic loss). This is Gemini intelligence at work. Read Catherine Austin Fitts.

**CANCER:** Past loves and relationships (and perhaps monetary concerns) may show up in one or more ways, especially in your thinking and in your heart. You will revisit previous issues, especially misunderstandings and misinterpretations with those present in your life. With all communication, examine the intentions behind words, assess the meanings, and do not over-react or there will be sadness, illusion and separation. You may need to make several financial decisions soon.

**LEO:** Tend carefully to your health at this time; be sure to exercise (gently) as part of a daily routine. Allow yourself the thought that mistakes are made more easily now. Therefore, check and re-check all work, writing, thoughts and actions. With co-workers realize criticism separates while cooperation unifies. You are a natural leader. Others

look to you as a model of either good or bad (manners). Wear the colors violet and rose.

**VIRGO:** Has something bothered you in the past months? Something about your relationship or lover or children or even your sense of creativity? Whatever it is will re-emerge in your daily life for healing. You will ponder upon the field of love. It is most important to be exacting and truthful. Truth occurs when we love enough. Love mobilizes us to do what we must. What is that “must” for you? Remember to “love more.”

**LIBRA:** It’s important to communicate more with family members. Or to at least consider this communication so that during the holy days your heart will be able and willing. Care in communication needs to be taken with family and all domestic matters, including real estate. You might consider transforming your home(s) so that they reflect more beauty. Accomplish all things, including communication, with non-judgment and ahimsa (doing no harm). These will protect you in later lives.

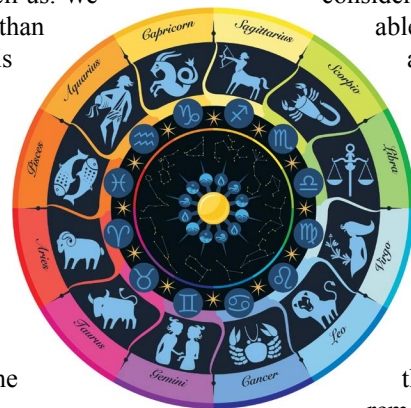
**SCORPIO:** Often you feel the ancient fires (ancient battles) coursing through your body allowing regeneration to take place. You hide yourself away sometimes. You know many would not understand. So often you live in the shadow of a thought-form of protection. It takes a long time for you to trust. However, during this time you will need to contact and connect with others. If you remember “*Contact releases Love*” you will be released (and protected).

**SAGITTARIUS:** Previous financial issues may appear. Don’t feel threatened. You will not drown in financial perplexity. Instead think re-budgeting instead of continuing to purchase. The only real use of money at this time is for educating others and for tithing to those in need. And for beauty. Think on all the charities that you believe in. For gifts this year, tithe to those charities, in other people’s names. This provides you with real wealth.

**CAPRICORN:** It’s best to remain balanced between the garden and being out in the world. Sometimes hiding behind a large tree in the courtyard while a party’s going on. In the past you have been misunderstood. Through no fault of your own. Sometimes people think you are different or emotionally distant. You really aren’t. You’re a spiritual onlooker, a silent Watcher and Listener. This is a grace-filled place to be. A place of beauty. A mentor for others.

**AQUARIUS:** A completely new world-view begins to emerge in your understanding of life and the world. Your knowledge is being expanded which nurtures future plans. There has been uncertainty the past several years. However, this has strengthened you, allowed courage to come forth. Intuition becomes your guide and will remain with you at all times. This is a golden realm, a golden thread. You are protected.

**PISCES:** Ideas, goals, hopes and visions, groups and friends from the past may show up either in person, in classes, in dreams, letters, emails or phone calls. It’s therefore important to review your hopes and wishes for the future. They may no longer exist. So many dreams, beliefs, visions and hopes have come and gone. However, a new light dawns, along with a new sense of detachment. This eases you. For now, tend carefully to all phases of health. Drink Golden Milk each night.



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sexual advances from him.

Meyer said part of the solution is to revive the Democratic Party in Carroll County and the rest of the state.

For Cheryl Hoyt, her reason for participating was very simple. "It is so important for our daughters and granddaughters to know they have an equal place in the world."

Sheila McFadden came out in part to feel solidarity with others who have the same concerns. "This was to validate my feelings that there are more of us than them," McFadden said. "We just have to prove it."

At present count, Hillary Clinton received 2.7 million more votes than

Trump, but Trump is presumed the victor because of winning five battleground states by a margin of about one percent. With the winner in each state taking all that state's electoral votes, it left the loser of the popular vote the winner of the election.

McFadden said the CIA's conclusions that Russians interfered in the elections in Trump's favor ought to be "the straw that broke the camel's back. And now we have Twitter mercenaries. A lot of Trump supporters are very angry and volatile. They are hostile to anyone opposed to Trump's rule, and I have concerns about the potential for bloodshed. I'm afraid these Twitter mercenaries armed with misinformation will become literally

armed and start shooting anyone who disagrees with them."

Another participant in the rally voiced concerns about the rift in the social fabric exposed by the election. "I fear civil war in our country," Tess Kanuck said. "I fear for everybody's safety. I'm afraid of an 'us versus them' mentality leading to war. From time immemorial, it was a Machiavellian maneuver to split people, to divide and conquer."

She cautioned against making blanket judgments and blaming poor white people in rural areas who are credited with a lot of the votes for Trump. "It's easy to demean working class people who voted for Trump, but they are us," she said. "They are

suffering from job losses and a poor economy. But the very people voting for him are the ones most likely to get the shaft as Trump has already reneged on key campaign platform promises. There will be no wall with Mexico. There will be no Wall Street fix. There will be no mass deportation because rich people need cheap labor. Those are the promises he has broken before even taking office."

Kanuck said she wasn't sure about how much the election could have been manipulated by Russian influence, but said the outcome of polarization and discord was one that would be welcomed by any enemy of the U.S.

"Unfortunately, this election has turned us into a polarized mess," she said.



## Josh Hoyer's colossal soul rumbles Chelsea's Friday, UK Blues Challenge winner Kaz Hawkins at Brews Sunday

Josh Hoyer is a piano player with a voice full of grit who belts potent R & B floor burners, and has a big band to silken the sound. He returns to Chelsea's Saturday. Kaz Hawkins is

currently on her Shake the States Tour, and brings spitfire blues to Brews on Sunday. She's a UK Blues Challenge Winner and is playing one of her limited dates here!

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

**CATHOUSE LOUNGE** – *Joe Giles and the Homewreckers*, Rock, *Dirty Pajama Party*, 8 – 11 p.m.

**EUREKA LIVE!** – *Green Screen Karaoke*, 9 p.m.

**GRAND TAVERNE** – *Jerry Yester*, Singer/Songwriter, 6:30 p.m.

**LEGENDS SALOON** – *Another Turn*, Rock, 9 p.m.

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

**BREWS** – *Prine Juice*, John Prine Covers by Melissa Carper, 6 – 9 p.m.

**CATHOUSE LOUNGE** – *George Brothers*, Rock, 8 – 11 p.m.

**CHELSEA'S** – *Baub Eis Band*, 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.

**ROWDY BEAVER** – *2 Dog 2 Karaoke*, 7 p.m.

**ROWDY BEAVER DEN** – *Chris Kendrick*, Rock, 8 p.m.

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

**AUDITORIUM** – *Home for the Holidays Concert*, Various Artists, 7 p.m.

**BREWS** – *Jessamyn Orchard*, Americana, 6 – 9 p.m.

**CATHOUSE LOUNGE** – *Rozenbridge*, Rock, 8 – 11 p.m.

**CHELSEA'S** – *Josh Hoyer and Soul*

*Colossal*, R and B, 9 p.m.

**EUREKA LIVE!** – *DJ & Dancing*, 9 p.m.

**GRAND TAVERNE** – *Jerry Yester*, Singer/Songwriter, 6:30 p.m.

**LEGENDS SALOON** – *Jeff Horton Band*, Rock, 9 p.m.

**LE STICK** – *Pete Maiella*, Singer/Songwriter, 7 p.m.

**ROWDY BEAVER** – *Chris Kendrick*, Rock, 7 p.m.

**ROWDY BEAVER DEN** – *Candy Lee Duo*, Rock, 12 – 4 p.m., *Richard Burnett Duo*, Americana

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

**BREWS** – *Kaz Hawkins*, Blues, 2 – 5 p.m., *Trivia Night*, 6 p.m.

**EUREKA LIVE!** – *Green Screen Karaoke*, 7 p.m.

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 19

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

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20

**CATHOUSE LOUNGE** – *Los Roscoes*, Blues, 6 p.m.

**CHELSEA'S** – *Open Mic*, 9 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21

**BREWS** – *Under 21 Open Mic*, 6 p.m.



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**H**onest behavior makes life easy, the best way to build meaningful relationships. It is easy to be kind with people we like, but true character is about being kind to all people, with extra care for those in dire need. Telling the truth, doing your share, and respecting others all the time, not just when you are feeling good, is very hard. Companies that say *they do the right thing*, rarely do.

Lately, honesty is hard to find, replaced by weird logic. Here are some examples, showing the consequences of dishonest behavior.

### Pay the Court Clerk

The 1921 statute used by Diamond to rape our land, says, “*All pipeline companies operating in this state are given the right of eminent domain.*” Using pipeline logic, a 1920’s two-inch gasoline line used to bring 200 barrels per day to Arkansas, is similar to a 2017 transmission oil line traversing Arkansas to export 200,000 barrels per day of shale crude oil. If you ask an attorney, the reply would be, “If it is in the books, it is the law of the land and there is nothing you can do.” I wonder what else is in the books? Weird logic?

*The long term benefit of the people of Arkansas*, the only valid reason to take private property, is missing from the pipeline approval process. Diamond is a no-gain, all-pain project for Arkansans, a nightmare for senior landowners threatened by Diamond land acquisition

agents. How would you feel if your 86-year-old grandma were taken to court by Diamond to have her home condemned?

What is a pipeline company? Would someone like me have the right to take 100-ft. easements, for *Pearl Pipelines, LLC*, with only a website? As long as I stay away from wetlands and rivers, I could get it done in a few months.

The last sentence in the APSC Order No. 4, giving Diamond perpetual rights, says “*DP is ordered to pay the costs of the court reporter at this Hearing as required by Ark. Code Ann. § 23-3-510, and discussed above in this Order.*” Weird logic, no protection for Arkansas as long as the court reporter gets paid.

### Energy Independence?

We buy bananas from Central America and we never run out. Why would we frack our land to export low-quality, high-cost shale oil at a loss? Millions of gallons of wastewater taken out of the water cycle, Chromium-6 in tap water, earthquakes, greenhouse emissions and increasing the speed of extinction are the true cost of fracking and pipelines.

### The high risks of

#### Master Limited Partnerships (MLPs)

The Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL) has exposed cowardly attacks of Energy Transfer Partners (ETP) and

their mercenaries, and the flaws of MLPs.

To export fracking crude oil, a vast network of pipelines is needed. The cost of building a pipeline is around \$2.5 million per mile with all expenses paid on the front end. The tax code gives MLPs special incentives for greedy investors.

Pipeline revenues are a function of the number of barrels per day and the toll per barrel. DAPL has contracts with nine shippers at \$8 per barrel, negotiated when crude was selling for more than \$100 per barrel. These contracts expire on January 1, 2017. ETP shareholders are doomed.

### There is no such thing as a free lunch

Pipeline projects are sold as easy money. Buying MLPs is easy; selling them is not. The hoax allowing distributions to be tax free, comes back and bites investors in the end. If you own ETP, call your accountant. You are not going to like what she will say.

### Let’s be honest – for a minute

Mother Nature knows best: fossil fuels belong deep in the ground. There is a glut of fossil fuels, no place to store them, and nowhere to go. You can’t eat money and you can’t drink oil. Black snakes and frackers threaten our survival. Trump is the problem, not the solution.

“The Sun is shining and the wind is blowing.” **MNI WICONI.**

*Dr. Luis Contreras*



**ESSA honors volunteers** – The Writers’ Colony at Dairy Hollow was busy on Dec. 7 for the Eureka Springs School of the Arts Volunteer Appreciation Holiday Party. Peggy Kjellaard thanked volunteers for their contributions for the betterment of ESSA over wine and food. **PHOTO BY JAY VRECENAK**

**Chow down with the Chamber** – The Greater Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce held a holiday open house on Wednesday, Dec. 7. Staff welcomed members and guests to partake of goodies from Cravings. (L.-r.) Jessica Wheelless, Mark Westmoreland, Robin Lumly, Tammy Thurow, and Holly White.

**PHOTO BY JAY VRECENAK**



## Board a locomotive to the past

The Snow Village and Train Exhibit continues this Friday, Dec. 16 from 5 – 7 p.m. and runs every day thereafter until Christmas Eve at the Gaskins Switch Village on Highway 62 East. This privately owned Snow Village and Train Exhibit is comprised of over 600 buildings, accessory pieces, trees and three Lionel 0 scale trains and a Lionel 0 Scale trolley.

Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2 for children ages 5 – 12. For further information go to [www.eurekaspringshistoricalmuseum.org](http://www.eurekaspringshistoricalmuseum.org), email [director@eurekaspringshistoricalmuseum.org](mailto:director@eurekaspringshistoricalmuseum.org) or call (479) 253-9417.

## Moving meditations at Unitarian Universalist Church

Dances of Universal Peace will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 17 Elk St. at 7 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 16. The Dances are simple and joyful moving meditations that involve the singing of sacred phrases with accompanying

movements from the world's many spiritual traditions. Participation is free of charge. Contact Rebecca Babbs (479) 253-8303 or email [babbsrebecca@gmail.com](mailto:babbsrebecca@gmail.com) for more information.

## Poetluck this Thursday

Eureka Springs writer Kelli Jae Baeli will be the featured reader at Poetluck on Thursday, Dec. 15 at the Writers' Colony at Dairy Hollow. She will be reading from *Keepers*, the first book in her new *Harbor Witches* series. Local writers and musicians are invited to read from or perform their work for up to five minutes.

Poetluck starts with a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m.

## DEPARTURES



### Gerald John Pettigrew May 26, 1948 – Dec. 7, 2016

Gerald John Pettigrew, 68, passed away on Dec. 7, 2016 at his home in Rogers surrounded by family. He was born in Berryville on May 26, 1948 to the late Hylton and Rose (Martinez) Pettigrew.

He was the husband of 44 years to Kathy (Fancher) Pettigrew.

Jerry was at home in the outdoors. He had a passion for hunting and fishing, especially with his sons. He was the ultimate sports dad and always volunteered to coach the boys'

teams. He also enjoyed acting as a Scout Master of Troop 52. You never saw Jerry without one of his beloved dogs. Above all he was an adoring husband, loving father and passionate grandfather.

He is survived by his wife; sons, Ryan Pettigrew and wife, Meredith, of Prairie Grove, Ark., and Devin Pettigrew of Boulder, Colo.; brother George Pettigrew of Tennessee; sister, Debbie Smallwood of Eureka Springs; two grandchildren, Harlan and Gerritt Pettigrew;

many nieces and nephews; and his extended family, the Fanchers.

Visitation was Monday, Dec. 12 at Rollins Funeral Home, Rogers. Memorial service was Tuesday, Dec. 13 at First Christian Church, Rogers.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association, [www.diabetes.org](http://www.diabetes.org) or the Fayetteville Animal Services, 1640 S. Armstrong Ave., Fayetteville, AR 72701

### Helen Marie (Stoppel) Moses Nov. 21, 1922 – Dec. 2, 2016



Helen Marie (Stoppel) Moses, 94, of Berryville, Ark., formerly of Eureka Springs, Ark., departed this life Friday, Dec. 2, 2016. She was born November 21, 1922 in Lawrence, Kan., the daughter of Herman and Mary (Hilgenberg) Stoppel.

Her family moved to Gaskins Switch, near Eureka Springs, in 1927, and she had always remained connected to the area. Helen moved to California prior to WWII and found a job as a "Rosie the Riveter" factory girl making airplane parts for the war effort. She returned to Eureka Springs in 1960, where she worked in the hotel

industry and was part of the staff that helped re-open the Crescent Hotel in 1973. She was a talented local artist working as a seamstress, doll-maker, and avid quilt maker. She also enjoyed gardening, ceramics, drawing, and painting. She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

She is survived by one sister Gertrude "Trudy" Merrill of Mount Shasta, Calif.; daughter, Ramona Capps and her spouse, Julie, of Underwood, N. Dak.; granddaughter Coti Capps and her spouse, Trayce, and their son, Trenton, of El Paso, Texas; several relatives including many

nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of friends and loved ones.

Helen was preceded in death by her parents Herman & Mary Stoppel; two brothers, Manfred Lawrence Stoppel and Herman Alfred "Bud" Stoppel; and one sister Lola Sue (Stoppel) Walwick.

The family plans to travel to Eureka Springs and have a private memorial service in the spring. Arrangements are under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [nelsonfuneral.com](http://nelsonfuneral.com). © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2016

### Lonnie R. Fanning Jan. 12, 1945 – Dec. 10, 2016

Lonnie R. Fanning of Berryville, Ark., was born January 12, 1945 in Eureka Springs, Ark., son of Jack Lawson and Maggie May (Aday) Fanning. He departed this life Saturday, Dec. 10, 2016 at age 71.

Lonnie was a member of a member of the Freewill Baptist Church in Rogers, Ark. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping and loved helping others.

On March 20, 1993 he was united in marriage with Loretta J. (Parker) Fanning, who survives him of their home. He is also survived

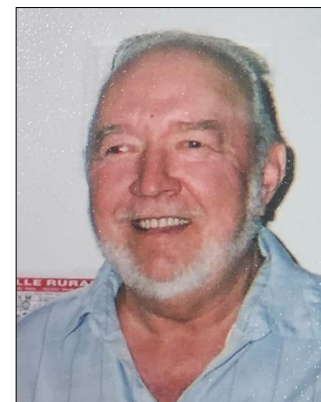
by brother, Homer Lloyd Fanning of Pea Ridge, Ark.; brother, Tommy Fanning, and wife, Gayla, of Eureka Springs, Ark.; sister, Betty M. Fanning of Berryville, Ark.; sister, Mary Jane Crews and husband, Gary, of Eureka Springs, Ark.; several nieces, nephews, many other relatives and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Jack Lawson and Maggie May (Aday) Fanning and one sister-in-law.

Visitation will be 5 – 7 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 15, 2016 at the Charles M. Nelson Memorial

Chapel, Berryville, Ark. Funeral service will be at 1 p.m., Friday, Dec. 16, 2016 at Charles M. Nelson Memorial Chapel with Brother Jerry Spurlock officiating. Interment will follow the service at the Berryville Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service, Inc.

Memorial donations appreciated by the Earlene Howard Hospice Home, 901 Jones Road, Springdale, AR 72762. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [nelsonfuneral.com](http://nelsonfuneral.com). © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2016





DROPPING**A Line** by Robert Johnson



Well he did it. Dave Moon got his limit for the stripers last Tuesday evening. I thank Mary Pat, she’s the editor for this report that I’m supposed to have it to her by noon Monday. I’ve been late a few times getting it in, but Tuesday I about pushed the limit with one trip all week and I’m scribbling down notes for the report, driving to Rogers to get in the water by noon. Trying to get in the water before calling in column over the phone.

As a guide once you hit the water, you’re on fish time. It was a mess but Dave and me met at Prairie Creek, Mary Pat calls as we’re getting in the boat, I can’t answer, got to fire up this outboard, can’t talk with the motor running or boat moving through the wind.

We ran out between the islands at Hwy. 12 bridge. Can’t get report in now till I get bait in the water. We dropped four shad 7–9 in. long and two shiners 4 in. long. All baits with just 1/2 oz. weights, 18 – 20 ft. deep. All baits in and I can finally see if I can call in last week’s report. If a rod don’t go down it might work. Had to get down low behind center console because cell phones don’t like the wind. We got ‘er done with no rods going down. Thank you, Mary Pat.

We drug bait both shorelines between the islands but what was there was gone now, not much bait or fish. We had pretty good northwest winds that been blowing

most the day from the islands into Prairie Creek. We came in and what wasn’t there when we came out was there now.

Big balls of bait everywhere with fish going through them 18 – 24 ft. deep. Four shad, two shiners. Didn’t take long and they went to bending. We got his limit of three stripers and had at least six baits that had chunks of meat missing. We caught his last fish as the sun was setting. Not one shiner got hit. They wanted big shad and we gave it to ‘em.

We did not weigh but the two bigger fish were 34 and 35 inches long. Any fish almost three feet long is a big fish in my book. Water temp was 54° and I don’t know for sure what it’s running here at Holiday Island but a buddy hollered at me that the bigger walleye are getting pretty active, they like the cooler water, too.

Catching bass on spinner baits, jigs and top water. You can catch big trout this time of year close to Beaver. The Houseman Access trolling crankbaits like #4 flicker shad.

We’re still running our special of 1 person, 1/2 price. You can even bring along a couple kids under 16. Think deer season is about over. Fishing season is still going. We’re also selling gift certificates for Christmas gifts with a 10% discount which lets you or them choose their day in 2017. Thank You, Mary Pat.

Robert Johnson. fishofexcellence.com, (479) 253-2258

INDEPENDENT**Crossword**

by Mike Boian with extensive help from his wife, Ann      Solution on page 23

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- ACROSS**

1. Tombstone inscription

4. Dynamic prefix

8. Above

12. Garden implement

13. Commoner

14. Reminder

15. Face more defiantly

17. Correct text

18. Precipitation

19. Open wide

21. Sandbar

23. Trig function

24. Way to sit in the saddle

25. Lacking the middle point

29. Israeli automatic weapon

30. Performs first

31. Harem room

32. Corrupt, immoral

34. Some animal fat

35. Tiny skin opening

36. Grand stories

37. East African hunting
- trip

Luxuriant

Army’s small group

Representative

Hyperbolic function

Snack

Command to turn a horse to the right

Sot (var.)

Pith helmet

Travel data
- DOWN**

1. Letter between pi and sigma

2. Certificate of debt

3. Related to gasoline

4. “\_\_\_ Love,” Pat Boone hit

5. Vigor, zest

6. Race an engine

7. Follows orders

8. Breakfast choice

9. Hindu sacred scripture

10. Give off
11. Habitual procedure

16. Hebrew fertility deity

20. Lodges

21. Framing component

22. Polluted air

23. First part of Act 1

25. Medicine that acts as a laxative

26. Lettuce, spinach, kale

27. Concept

28. 4<sup>th</sup> longest running Broadway show

30. Scent

33. Ennui

34. Smarty pants talk

36. Raw fish

37. Ancient mid-western Iranian city

38. Indigo plant

39. Tattletale

40. Mild speech impediment

43. Cow call

44. Soak in water

45. Affirmative voice vote

Reflection on the season

Rabbi Rob Lennick returns to Eureka Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 17 Elk Street on Dec. 18 to inspire, educate, and share his wisdom with *From Darkness to Light – Reflections on Solstice, Christmas and Hanukkah*. Join at 11 a.m. for a program followed by refreshments. Childcare is provided and there is extra parking at Ermilio’s Restaurant, 26 White Street.



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## PERSONALS

*Dear parents,*  
Haven't gotten a response concerning casserole for the birthday. Perhaps you'll get it for Christmas and birthday because a casserole just keeps on giving.

**LOCAL ARTIST CINDY ROGERS NEEDS HELP NOW!** Her son, Nicko Aleshire, was in a motorcycle accident in Miami, Florida, Sunday night and his left foot was amputated. He is in ICU. She needs to get to Miami ASAP. If you know of a place she could stay in Miami or have some money to help her get there, it would be of great help. (479) 981-1947, 76 Mountain, Apt.4, Eureka Springs AR 72632.

## PERSONALS

**HKP** – Kinda had a similar WC experience. Our leaking toilet required half a million trips under the house. Once there we discovered someone thought it would be funny to make a maze out of the plumbing, a leak in the shower drain, several leaks in the toilet line and a rusted blower motor on the heating unit. Repair, repair, replace times a million, remove, clean up, replace, pray, glue, pray some more. Part of the problem was somebody never bolted down the toilet on the initial install! We're lucky we never tipped over.

## HELP WANTED

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fruit. All varieties bore fruit the second year.

However, in 2004 the University of Arkansas growers introduced the first commercial primocane-bearing blackberry cultivars, which meant the canes bore fruit the first year. In 2014, the University of Arkansas introduced the first thornless primocane-bearing blackberry variety named Prime-Ark Freedom. Most gardeners will have the traditional varieties that bear the second year, so this pruning yarn is about those varieties.

### Prickly

Pruning blackberries is an art, so everyone might do it differently. Some sources suggest an autumn clean-up pruning followed by tip-pruning in spring. Gurney's Seeds says a good time to prune canes would be late winter because the old, spent floricanes are easy to distinguish from the primocanes. Besides the trailing blackberry varieties most gardeners have, there are erect and semi-erect varieties that require pruning on a different schedule, but the same principles apply.

Nevertheless, the first thing to do when it is time to prune blackberry canes is to put on armor. Then, on the balmy 40° December morning, look for brown, dried-up, dead floricanes and

cut them off at the bottom. Getting to the bottom of the cane requires delicate gymnastic maneuvers to avoid the prickly primocanes all around. Thorns on dangling primocanes are meant to grab and poke, so that is what they do. Even an adept pruning master carefully tai chi-ing under and among thorny primocanes might get snagged first on the cap near the left ear which causes a reflex which causes snags on the shoulder and sleeve and pricks on the right glove and left leg.

Other than the rustling of leaves in the woods, the only sounds in the garden are the little yelps of joy as the gardener extricates body parts from prickly entanglement with another hour of pruning left to do. Asparagus is easier.

When it is time to prune the primocanes, look at the ground and see where the canes emerge. Canes will produce better if they are only minimally entangled, so pick the three or four strongest canes within a 12-inch cluster. Prune away any others. Guide the canes into a space of their own on the trellis or fence. This involves loosely tying them to the trellis, and you cannot tie garden twine with gloves on, so you must pull your gloves off at the very time you are handling the canes, which is why you need the gloves. Pruning blackberries is one irony after another.

Once the canes have their own space, trim them back to three or four feet. Laterals off of the main cane should also be pruned back but leave at least five or six buds for each. All pruning should be adapted to the gardener's space, style and imagination. Leaving a long lateral along the bottom where there are fewer branches might mean more berries, or it might get lost down there when the burst of growth overwhelms the early summer garden.

In the spring, once growth begins, trim the tips off the laterals to encourage more branching because berries grow on the branches. During the summer, new primocane laterals will run rampant onto pathways, so there is always maintenance.

In fact, the blackberry arbor will become the standout representative of summer garden chaos. Once the summer garden explosion begins in June, the gardener realizes the blackberry trellis that looked useful and artsy last winter is gone and will not be seen again until time for baseball playoffs. And until that time, there, in the middle of the garden, is a jungly blackberry bramble in the shape of a tuning fork teeming with wonderful berries for a couple months.

Harvesting blackberries is also accompanied by little yelps of joy.

- 83½ Spring – new sign

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

Chair Dee Bright presented these Administrative Approvals, which are applications for repair or work involving no changes in materials or color but which include changes in roofing color:

- 10 Singleton – re-roof
- 17 Bridge St. – repair, replace, repaint rotten siding
- 30 Steel – re-roof, new color
- 114 Wall – re-roof

Next meeting will be Wednesday, Dec. 21, at 6 p.m.

### CROSSWORDSolution

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