

Fluoridation study may have been fraudulent

BECKY GILLETTE

Secure Arkansas, a statewide group that opposes mandatory water fluoridation, alleges that a 2002 study used by Dr. Lynn Mouden, who was director of the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) Office of Oral Health, to support statewide mandatory water fluoridation was never actually conducted.

Jeannie Burlsworth, executive director of Secure Arkansas, said Mouden used the studies to push through a legislative mandate in 2011 requiring all water districts with more than 5,000 customers to fluoridate the water. Mouden wrote in the report that two studies were conducted in Morrilton and Perry County that “vividly showcase the efficacy of water fluoridation. In January of 2002, elementary school students in Perryville, Casa and Ann Watson schools received dental screenings at the request of the Perry County Hometown Health Coalition. In October of 2002, all kindergarten students from the City of Morrilton also received a dental screening at the request of the school. Comparing the data from fluoridated Morrilton to the data on the same age students in Perry County showed twice the decay rate for non-fluoridated Perry County children.”

Repeated attempts by the *Independent* to reach Mouden for comment were unsuccessful, and the Public Affairs Specialist for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid, Region 6, Bob Moos responded that although Mouden is currently chief dental officer for CMS, they “decline to comment at this time.”

Burlsworth said they contacted school officials in Morrilton and Perry counties about the studies and could find no school officials who remembered the dental surveys. On Dec. 18, affidavits from six of those school officials stating that no children’s teeth were examined and no studies were conducted were turned over to Gov. Asa Hutchinson’s office for investigation.

“Mandatory water fluoridation was all based on a fraudulent study, and this study was used to push for mandatory public water fluoridation not just in Arkansas, but across the country,” Burlsworth said. “So, therefore, any action and any fluoride

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Claus-trophobic?
As a final farewell humiliation, the *Indie* decided to put CD White’s picture on the front page as punishment for attempting to escape into retirement. But really, she’s having a great time at her last *Indie* Christmas party on staff. It was great to see so many of our readers. Merry Christmas!

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This Week’s INDEPENDENT Thinkers

A religion or race or gender doesn’t make one a good or bad person. Being good or bad is a choice made by individuals – we can be frightened and manipulative of life or we can happily fulfill its purpose by appreciating and improving its quality.

In 2015, millions of people left their homes and started walking, riding bikes or boats, fleeing the good lives they had. It’s what happens when armed zealots lean on their interpretation of religion or politics at the expense of others.



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This winter season when the sun is low and the dark is long, if enough people believe all that’s real is what’s in their hearts, perhaps we can upgrade our planet with talent, energy, intelligence, humanity and forgiveness.

Good holidays, everyone.

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May your days be merry...

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mandates in any state should be invalidated. This fraud should be investigated immediately by the U.S. Surgeon General. There should be a moratorium on the fluoride mandate in Arkansas until the investigation is concluded.”

State Health Officer Nate Smith, M.D., director of the ADH, denied the allegations.

“I don’t know how much Secure Arkansas stuff you have read, but a lot of it is made up out of thin air,” Smith said. “This is one of those things. It is ludicrous to contend that this is a study that never happened. There is actually no basis or reason for that. But, even apart from that, the premise they are working from is erroneous. No decisions were made based on an unpublished Arkansas study.”

Smith said research across the world has verified that water fluoridation reduces cavities in children. He said Secure Arkansas misrepresents scientific literature, doesn’t understand scientific methodology, and makes inflammatory comments that could be considered libelous and are harmful to the reputation of the ADH.

“They say so many things that have no basis in reality that I don’t feel I can trust anything they say,” Smith said. “They have said things I know are absolutely false. There is no conspiracy here. There is no smoking gun. There is just a lot of pulling stuff out of the air.”

Burlsworth contends that if the study had been done, school officials would have remembered children being screened and permission slips being sent out to parents. According to the affidavits from school

officials, that wasn’t done.

Burlsworth also said as a reward for getting the fluoridate mandate passed in Arkansas in 2011, Mouden was promoted to being the chief dental officer of the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

“Now that we have proof that this study was fraudulent, we question whether this individual is the right person to be in such an important, powerful national position,” Burlsworth said.

Secure Arkansas opposes mandatory fluoridation because of studies that have shown that fluoride is a neurotoxin that can cause reduced IQ in children, as well Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder. There are also some scientific reports linking fluoridation to thyroid problems in adults.

“Now that we see that the basis for fluoridation was false, how can we continue to accept these other risks of fluoridation?” Burlsworth asks.

Eureka Springs residents have opposed fluoridation for more than 30 years, and voters have turned down fluoridation twice. But because of the state mandate, Carroll Boone Water District started fluoridating this past summer.

Local opponents said they aren’t just concerned about the fluoride, but all the other toxic contaminants in fluoridation chemicals. An article in the *International Journal of Occupational and Environmental Health* said the contaminant levels of lead, arsenic, barium and aluminum in fluoride additives could vary widely from batch to batch. The study concluded, “Such contaminant content creates a regulatory blind spot that jeopardizes any safe use of fluoride additives.”



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CAPC

Where do the leads lead?

NICKY BOYETTE

On Dec. 16 a group of nearly 30 gathered for the City Advertising and Promotion Commission workshop to discuss group sales strategy and how the CAPC, lodging and attractions' industries can work together better.

CAPC Executive Director Mike Maloney told the group the primary focus of the CAPC is to bring visitors to Eureka Springs. Part of the strategy is for Sales Director Karen Pryor to attend trade shows "to sell our unique destination. Karen has touched thousands of hands."

"But can we do it better?" he asked. "We're always looking to improve." He said the CAPC's goal would be to pass along leads to lodging properties "at lightspeed."

Maloney identified a strong potential for new business as the small meetings' market. He said there is a plethora of meetings along the I-49 corridor and in Springfield and Joplin, but cited a survey that revealed most people living in Washington and Benton Counties have never been to Eureka Springs. "If you're mining for diamonds, look in your own backyard."

Jack Moyer, general manager of the Crescent and Basin Park Hotels, commented he liked the new direction Maloney described, but was disappointed in the number of qualified leads the CAPC had delivered his office last year. He maintained it is unclear who is supposed to do what at the CAPC regarding group travel, adding that the lead system is so broken, the Chamber of Commerce had to step in.

"Who is executing the group sales strategy? Your team did not deliver," Moyer declared. He said he expects the CAPC to be a qualified lead generator.

Maloney said he instituted a Key Performance Indicator system during the year to keep track of how effective they are. "Today we are here because we see problems also, and we're here to correct them. Our goal is to be dynamic in our conversations. We value your criticism and we learn from it."

Kent Butler, marketing and public relations director for the Great Passion Play and a Chamber board member, said the Chamber system works well for

him, and he was ready for the Chamber to work with the CAPC. He mentioned lodgings' and attractions' staff should also evaluate their part in the process.

Maloney responded he wanted to work with Butler to put the system into place by the end of the year.

Randy Wolfenbarger, manager of the Inn of the Ozarks, pointed out there are new convention and meeting facilities popping up all over the state.

"The selling point is Eureka Springs," Maloney commented.

Charles Ragsdell, chair of the CAPC, mentioned they are also focusing on midweek travelers. Moyer responded, "Then you as a commission must demand that of your staff," and added the CAPC does not have enough staff to do all the things it should be doing. "I have a sales team of six," Moyer said. "You have one."

Ragsdell told Moyer all the CAPC

wanted to know was if a lead actually came to town. "We want to know if our leads are worth our effort."

Moyer responded that if the CAPC sends him a monthly list of leads, his staff will check off leads that worked out.

Joe Gunnels, group tour operator, noted the group tour conversation has many levels, and bringing visitors here is one thing, accommodating them is another. Eureka Springs is difficult for bus drivers, for example. He observed the conversation at the meeting had been productive, and he would share his information with the CAPC. He speculated lodging properties might not think to share information with the CAPC, but they would if there were a routine and process in place.

He said Pryor's job is to sell Eureka Springs, not book rooms. "Maybe Karen needs help," he said.

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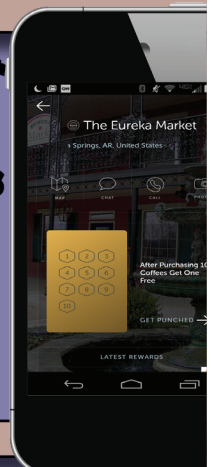
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Footwork first for eastern ambulance district

NICKY BOYETTE

At Monday evening's meeting, the Carroll County Quorum Court once again postponed a decision regarding an ordinance establishing an ambulance district for the eastern part of the county. The court had approved the second reading of the ordinance in October by a 10-1 vote, only Justice of the Peace Marty Johnson voting No.

JPs tabled a vote on the third reading of the ordinance in November, and on Monday they found even more research was needed before they were willing to vote.

JP John Reeve, sponsor of the ordinance, maintained the proposed ordinance would solve problems before they occur regarding providing ambulance service to all parts of the eastern county, and JP Jack Deaton said he was not sure the county had all the answers yet, especially regarding how to fund the district.

Deputy prosecutor Devon Goodman informed the court laws regarding setting up an ambulance district state citizens must have a vote if a tax is proposed to fund the district. She said, however, state law does

not clarify whether a vote of the public is necessary if a tax were not part of the ordinance, which is a possibility.

JP Lamont Richie stated it seemed they were discussing setting up an advisory board unless it was supported by a funding mechanism, and without a revenue stream it would be "an exercise in futility."

To the contrary, JP Don McNeely commented, "I thought we were getting the advisory board going." His view was the volunteer board would be the research team for the court in setting up the district.

As opinions recirculated, Richie observed, "No one has testified to the need. Month after month. We're creating a solution, but there has been no testimony we have a problem."

Deaton insisted the advisory group could do some footwork without the court passing the ordinance. JP Roger Hall suggested in the meantime they wait until Goodman gets advice from the Attorney General regarding a vote.

Goodman said she could get the information before the Christmas break. Vote to

table the discussion was 7-3, Reeve, McNeely and JP Joe Mills voting No.

2016 budget approved

Richie stated the proposed 2016 county budget included a three percent merit increase pool and a five percent increase for all elected officials. He said the raise for elected officials would bring Carroll County up to about middle of the pack for similar Arkansas counties.

Vote to approve the budget ordinance was unanimous.

Payscale ordinance

Richie informed JPs the court in 2008 approved a three-year schedule for minimum and maximum pay for county jobs as required by state law. Auditors told County Clerk Jamie Correia nothing had been done since, so Richie prepared a document to bring the county up-to-

date and into compliance. He proposed the Personnel Committee could develop an ordinance based on his work and auditors should be apprised that progress is afoot.

Other items

The court approved the following two resolutions:

- Resolution confirming the appointments of Larkin Thompson and Robert Howle to serve as commissioners for the Inspiration Point Rural Fire Protection District for three year terms.

- Resolution approving the appointment of Craig Froman to represent the Berryville Public Library on the Carroll County Library Board to finish a term which ends December 2016.

Next meeting will be Monday, Jan. 18, at 5 p.m.

Cocktails for a Cause kicking off!

The fourth year of Cocktails for a Cause is getting a reboot and a new date starting in January with a Kick Off event at Rogue's Manor on Thursday, Jan. 7 from 5 – 7 p.m. The 11 nonprofits that have been chosen by Main Street Eureka Springs and ESDN will be there and you will have the opportunity to draw for their month during the event. In addition they will get to vote for that evening's share of the donation. If you are not part of the eleven come anyway and vote for your organization. An outlier can win just by getting the most votes.

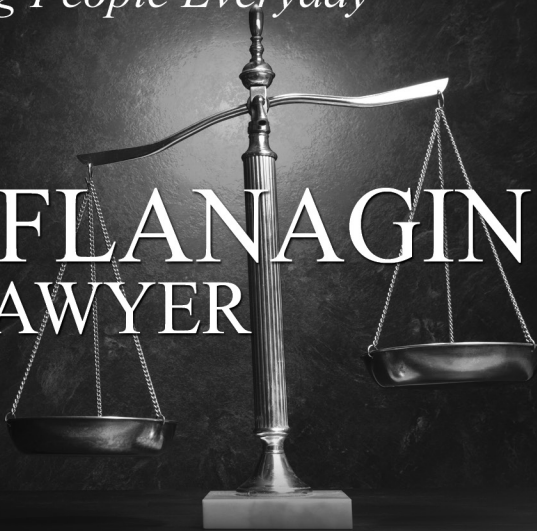
The nonprofits will be announced as they accept their nomination on the Facebook event. Come out to support your favorite nonprofit with a \$10 donation at the door and a sip of your favorite cocktail. You can find the event at www.facebook.com/EurekaSpringsDowntownNetwork.

Ham it up Jan. 9

The Little Switzerland Amateur Radio Club will meet on Saturday Jan. 9 at 4 p.m. at the Physicians building at Mercy Hospital in Berryville, 211 Carter St.

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Parks wraps up the year

NICKY BOYETTE

The Parks Commission has been grappling with developing a use policy to protect the city's parks, Basin Park in particular, because commissioners contended too much staff time is spent cleaning up after special events and putting things back where they were. At its Dec. 15 meeting, commissioners decided instead of adding a new policy regarding rental of parks, the goal could be accomplished by adding five items to the two special events permit applications.

Event planners or promoters would now agree on the application to:

- comply with applicable laws, rules and regulations of the city and Parks
- pay a processing fee of \$25
- hold the city and the commission free from liability from injury or damage during an event
- return the park to its pre-event condition, including position of benches.

Also, the permit is not transferable.

Permanent director

Chair Bill Featherstone announced 26 people from 14 states so far had applied for the director position, and most of them are very qualified. He will continue to advertise, and urged commissioners to develop its vetting process soon.

He had announced at the November meeting interim director Donna Woods said she would continue until the end of January.

Trail Extension

Woods announced the Arkansas Highway & Transportation Department has agreed to pay by year's end the remainder of a grant for extending the trail at Harmon Park. She said the project resulted in a 1740-ft. accessible trail that is "easy, beautiful, quiet, and right here in town."

Woods said when she assumed the director position in mid-June, the project was near the completion date, but over budget and not nearly completed. She got an extension to the end of November, and lauded staff for extra diligence to accomplish the task, acknowledging help from Jimmy Jones of Heavy Constructors, Arlie Weems, DeWayne Worley of Worley's Rental, Tim Beckendorf and staff at AHTD.

Woods announced she just learned AHTD had granted \$63,724 for an asphalt path from Harmon Park to Clear Spring School.

Budget

Woods said tax receipts for November continued the trend for the year by exceeding budget, and totals for 2015 exceed any year since 2000.

Complaint about maps

Rachel Brix told commissioners she has requested

more than once for a year-and-a-half that Parks correct materials and maps indicating a part of the urban trail system runs through her property. She maintained the maps could easily mislead hikers into trespassing onto private property. She claimed in spite of her requests, new materials regarding trails continue to indicate a trail crossing through her property. She insisted this was not a simple oversight and could have been corrected when new materials were printed.

Next workshop will be Tuesday, Jan. 5, at 6 p.m., at Harmon Park. Next regular meeting will be Tuesday, Jan. 19, at 6 p.m.

Mardi Gras Kings kickoff party

Boom Boom Mardi Gras will resonate at the Krewe of Krazo Kings Day kick-off Rally at the Rowdy Beaver Tavern on Saturday, Jan. 9 at 5 p.m. Details on four masquerade balls, the Night Light and Sound Parade, the Day Parade and Mardi Gras Day will be announced. The public is invited and members of the Royal Court and the King and Queen for 2016 will be formally introduced, followed by a gala party. For more information go to www.eurekaspringsmardigras.net.



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GSHS dogs need shelter for food

BECKY GILLETTE

The doggies at the Good Shepherd Humane Society need help. They had to give up the storage facility for dry dog food near Beaver Lake on Hwy. 187 because rats were getting to the food first. Pallets containing tons of canned wet dog food have been unloaded outside the shelter off US 62, where cans are exposed to freezing and bursting. Plus, dogs don't do well on a diet of only canned food.

"It is not good on their stomach at all," said Shelter manager Lisa Castillo. "And right now we just don't have enough storage room inside the shelter for the dry dog food. We are really looking to get an old semi-trailer or PODS storage container to put out here on the property to store dry dog food instead of having to travel to go get the dog food. In a week, we go through a lot of dry dog, 400 pounds. Right now we have sixty-five dogs. And they eat twice a day. It is a lot of food."

It has taken time and resources to drive out to the Beaver Lake storage facility to

pick up dog food. "We have good staff here, but our staff is here," Castillo said. "It is hard for us to go anywhere else. It is just a lot more work, a lot more involved."

The Christmas wish list for the shelter is some type of storage building, PODs or even a semi-trailer that could be used to store the food.

Right now the shelter is out of dry food that has been donated.

"We are waiting for a grant to get more dry food," Castillo said. "We are having to buy it which cuts into our budget really bad."

On the bright side, adoptions are going well at the no-kill shelter that now accepts unwanted dogs and cats from Berryville, as well as those from the Eureka Springs area. They find homes for five or six dogs per week, and also some cats.

"We get some animals adopted out to homes, but then we get more back in," Castillo said. "We never stay really low. We have a lot of awesome cats right now, too."

To help, call (479) 253-9188 or send an email to goodshepherd10@yahoo.com.



Cans can't stay – GSHS shelter's parking lot was piled high with cans of dog food that have nowhere to go. This is a fraction of what was unloaded by employees after a semi couldn't deliver the load down the facility's narrow drive. A storage place is desperately needed so the dogs can have the dry food they depend on delivered as well. The cans must also find a home before freezing weather. *PHOTO BY CD WHITE*

EMT classes starting soon

The Eureka Springs Fire & EMS will host an Emergency Medical Technician class beginning in mid-January and running through April. Classes will be held each Monday and Thursday evening with additional hours required in the emergency room, on the ambulance and for auto extrication training.

You must have a high school diploma or GED, be 18 years of age, an American Heart Association Healthcare Provider CPR card valid through July 2016, no criminal convictions which prohibit college attendance or state certification/licensure,

completion of TEAS college exam or college transcript showing previous attendance and a TB skin test to join the class.

Class cost is \$500 per person and must be paid in advance. Graduates will be eligible to test for Arkansas & National Registry EMT certifications. Students sponsored by a recognized emergency response agency in western Carroll County may attend free. Application packets are available at fire station #1. Classes will be held in the same location. For more information contact Christian FitzPatrick at (479) 253-9616 or email esfireadmin@eurekaspringsfire.org.

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Track ready to run before year's end

NICKY BOYETTE

Interim Supt. Bryan Pruitt told the Eureka Springs School Board Dec. 15 that renovation of the track behind the schools is complete and will be open to the public before the end of the year. The project included replacing eight light poles and completely refurbishing the track from base to new surface.

"You'd be hard-pressed to find a school our size with one this nice," he said.

The new track will host the district

meet in spring, and Pruitt speculated other districts would want to use it as well. He also mentioned he has a copy of the offer for the old high school property signed by the Community Center Foundation, and will sign it and send it to the attorney.

Principals' reports

Randy Stainer, who teaches social studies at the middle school, told the board that principal Cindy Holt has encouraged him to employ project-based learning in which students research, read and write

online, as this strategy models what adults do in their jobs. He said he just graded more than 30 projects "and didn't touch a piece of paper."

Shannon Haney, art teacher for the elementary school, gave a slide presentation of work by her students created out of construction paper, represented by sunflowers influenced by Van Gogh, and elaborate quilts and mosaics. Third graders made skeletons. Students also created three-dimensional snowflakes using white strips

of paper and decorated the school with them.

Speaking for the high school was Adam Louderback, teacher for yearbook, EAST lab, film and baseball. He focused on the service done by students preparing Thanksgiving baskets and collecting coats for those who need them. He also recognized Pruitt for improved morale at the high school this year. "It's good to have his support," Louderback stated.

Next meeting will be Thursday, Jan. 21, at 5:30 p.m.



Timely Donation – The First United Methodist Church of Eureka Springs donated \$235 to the Purple Flower Domestic Violence Resource and Support Center serving Carroll County. From left are UMC Pastor Blake Lasater with Barb Mourglia and Linda Maiella from the Purple Flower Project.

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HICC Christmas Eve Service

The Holiday Island Community Church invites you to join for a Christmas Eve Service at 5 p.m. The guest Minister will be Pastor Judy Turner. Holiday Island Community Church is located at 188 Stateline Drive. If you have any questions call (479) 253-8200.

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Pruitt is needed at schools

Editor,

My name is Leslie Cross and I have three children in the Eureka Springs School system. I consider myself an involved parent, so when I heard that our interim superintendent, Mr. Pruitt, was being considered for the permanent superintendent position, I felt the need to voice my thoughts and opinion.

Not since Mr. Carr have we had a superintendent that actually cares about the students. Mr. Pruitt makes a presence both in and out of the schools. He visits classrooms, he greets kids, parents and teachers at the door almost every morning. He attempts to get to know these students and staff, and he truly cares about the kids and their learning.

Mr. Pruitt attends school events, basketball games, and has become active in our community. His short stint as an interim superintendent has stood out far and above our last, and this is the type of leader we need in our school. I hope you will consider Mr. Pruitt for this full time position. Our school system needs him.

Leslie Cross

Supe's on!

Editor,

In the 14 years I have taught in this [school] system, I have observed the management of five people. From the viewpoint of this teacher, this school year has been the first in some time where the actions and attitude of the superintendent successfully communicated care and concern for both children and staff. This school year has begun healing the rift that developed over the last several years.

Is a change made in the hope of finding an elusive "better" candidate worth the risk of fracturing the gains made in the last year? Is change indicated when stability is needed? What, in concrete and measurable terms, do you hope to add to the position that is worth the risk of loss?

I will add one disclaimer, I am not privy to the financial dealings of the board and the superintendent's role in those.

I suggest that for the good of the district, you convert Mr. Pruitt's status from interim to permanent.

Randolph P. Stainer

Stopping war stops terror

Editor,

One truly positive result of the recent climate change convention in Paris is the awareness that the burning of carbon based fuels must be reduced. We must more quickly change to clean energy use.

As a result of this, and other reasons, Middle Eastern oil and gas supplies will become much less valuable in the near future. With the downgrading of the value of this area for multinational oil and gas interests, the need for massive military intervention to protect these interests will decrease. So, there is no need to continue to meddle militarily in the affairs of this part of the world. Let the Middle East solve its own problems.

The simplest, quickest and overall most constructive action would be complete withdrawal of all US and NATO military influence from this area. This would abruptly stop terrorist attacks on US and European countries by ultra-conservative religious extremists. Nothing radicalizes quicker than seeing one's land and people being attacked by foreign troops with drones in the sky and death and destruction. Also, think how this demilitarization would help to relieve the European (and US) refugee problems.

The US maintains 700 military installations around the world, many of these strongly opposed by local populations. Contraction of our military footprint will not only lower global antagonisms, but release huge amounts of money now paid to arms dealers, mercenaries and private military contractors. These billions could then be used to attack the many problems we have here at home.

An extremely powerful nuclear state like the US will never be physically attacked by a foreign country. Cyber space is the new vulnerability. We must stop spending our blood and treasure on the protection of multinational corporations who have no regard for the world's people or natural resources. Only Bernie Sanders will act to create a new positive foreign policy.

"Enough is enough." Think Positively with Bernie.

Rand Cullen

Kindnesses appreciated

Editor,

A Cup of Love Ministry, feeding the hungry, thanks the people of Carroll County for their donations and prayers and support. A special thanks to the volunteers.

Merry Christmas and God bless!

Chuck and Pattie Jarrett



WEEK'S TopTweets

@goldengateblond: I'd like to thank whomever told my mom that WTF means "wow that's fantastic." Her texts are so much more fun now.

@davidlucas: Find that special person who'll watch you stare at your phone for the rest of your life.

@Just_PYKA: A man across the store just waved & said, "Well aren't YOU a cutie pie?" Can't believe he was flirting with me in front of my baby like that.

@swiftenhaal: Roman numerals. What are they good IV?

@cjwerleman: According to Fox News, the Celtics lost because Obama did nothing to stop Kobe.

@moose_chocolate: I am the designated driver of five 40-ish women attending a wine tasting. Your thoughts and prayers are appreciated during this difficult time.

@AbbyHasIssues: You say "bed." I say "horizontal worry pod of nocturnal overanalysis." Let's not get caught up in semantics.

@ladymisskate: Doormats are a gateway rug.

@sixthformpoet: Nothing embarrasses psychics more than throwing them a surprise birthday party.

@Xipherrevolver: No, I don't have bad handwriting. I have my own font.

@longwall26: You'll never be as lazy as whoever named the fireplace.

INDEPENDENT Editorial

Happy Birthday, Jesus!

The sign propped on the side of the highway was hand printed in simple black marker on neon green poster board. “Happy Birthday, Jesus!” it said, while we drove on and wondered whom the sign was actually there for.

Did the writer imagine Our Lord looking down from heaven or whizzing along US 62 in some heavenly conveyance, seeing the greeting and thinking, “Aww, that was sweet, thanks, guys.” Or was the sign there to teach or remind the rest of us what Christmas is really about? Keeping the Christ in Christmas, as it were. Or at least the Jesus. There is a bit of nuance, you know.

As we drove along wondering what to think, the image came to mind of Snoopy with that sign in his yard, dancing in pure delight alongside his doghouse.

Childlike. That was it. Simple joy.

We decided it wasn’t church politics or preaching, just “Happy Birthday, Jesus.” Forget that in 90-some days we’ll celebrate his bloody crucifixion and death – but for now, let the angels sing. Let Snoopy dance.

They say Christmas is for kids. The lights, the tree, the presents – all the shiny awe and wonder. It’s also a time when children learn about giving and receiving. Most kids know Christmas is Baby Jesus’s birthday, but perhaps not that He was the gift. These days it’s more about Santa Claus and his gifts.

“Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not,” Jesus said. At least the King James version said he said that, which eventually caused a bit of consternation to those who spoke modern English and didn’t know “suffer” meant “allow,” and not that you should beat your kids down the road to salvation.

(And keep in mind the King James is a *version*, not a translation, which puts paid to the claim one preacher made that, “the King James is the Bible Jesus preached out of and it’s good enough for me.” For heaven’s sake, it wasn’t even the first Bible printed in English.)

Simple faith needn’t be ignorant faith, but it does require a childlike approach. Kids believe, they trust and they’ll joyfully fling themselves into waiting arms because they love that person and know they’ll catch them.

Believe it or not, grownups can get there too – in spite of the bullying politicians, corporate liars, fear mongers and planetary destruction surrounding us. Find something that gives you joy and live there, we thought, – then do it unto others. Yeah, maybe too simple. We have too many big problems to deal with on a global level to believe and trust in anything. We’re adults, after all, not children.

Such were our mental machinations as we rolled toward Berryville.

And yet ...

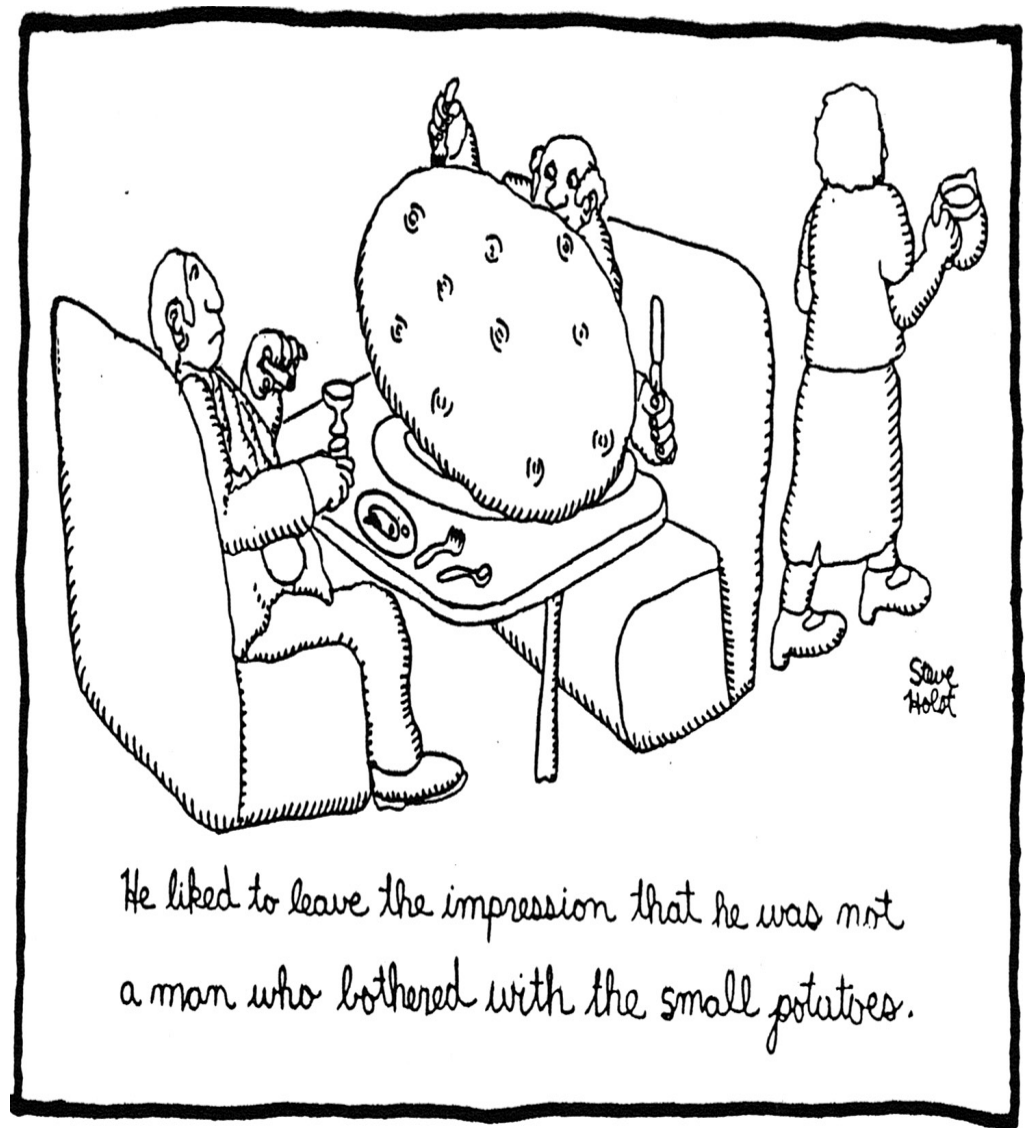
There was that sign.

And, right there on the highway, we felt a sudden sense of Snoopy joy. There are good hearts in the world. People who love and give and smile through adversity because they have childlike faith ... and reasons to rejoice.

As we arrived at our appointment and turned the car off, we sat and pondered the immense and magnificent act of relinquishing our imperfect wisdom and personal power to One greater than our own.

Indeed, we thought, let the creator of that childlike birthday poster rejoice – for theirs *is* the kingdom of heaven.

~ CD WHITE



He liked to leave the impression that he was not
a man who bothered with the small potatoes.

The Pursuit Of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

My wife and I bought a new car as a Christmas gift to each other for the next 10 years, or 200,000 miles, whichever comes first. The most shocking thing about the car is that it cost twice as much as I remember new cars costing. The most annoying thing about it is a dashboard gizmo that plays every song ever recorded.

During an unguarded moment when we were dating, I confessed to Susan that I liked The Association, in particular their song *Cherish*. It was a big hit sometime during the Taft administration – or when I was in junior high school. Secretly appalled, she considered ending our up to then burgeoning relationship, but considered the alternatives – I was, after all, an employed heterosexual – and decided to soldier on. We married and I never listened to The Association again.

Until now. Now, she plays the new car’s dashboard like a piano, and dredges up every sappy 1970’s soft pop artist or group she can find, like The Fifth Dimension or The Buckinghams. Then she merrily shouts, “They sound just like The Association, don’t they!” I (defenseless with both hands on the steering wheel) am in passive-aggressive hell. Salt to the wound, she plays *Along Came Mary* about once an hour, and grins like Jack Nicholson in *The Shining*.

Moral judgments about music, like politics, can be withering. I once told my friend Don Lehnhoff, who played trumpet for Mitch Ryder and the Detroit Wheels, that I enjoyed the Beach Boys. He looked at me as though I’d cut a high wide one from the front pew at mass, and I’m not sure our friendship ever fully recovered.

We should all get a free musical pass at Christmas. I hope you have *A Holly Jolly Christmas*. At the very least, *Please Daddy (Don’t Get Drunk this Christmas)*, and may every little boy’s dying mother get *Christmas Shoes* to look her best when she meets Jesus. May your heads be filled with *The Christmas Song* (either Alvin and the Chipmunks or David Hasselhoff’s version will do), and your hearts with *The Little Drummer Boy*.

Pah-rhump-a-pum-pum.

A little help from our friends:

- **Community Suppers at St. James:** St. James' Episcopal Church, 28 Prospect, will hold Sunday community suppers, from 5 – 6 p.m., through March 20. Supper will be provided by local restaurants. The suppers are free and all are welcome.
- **Carroll County Domestic Violence Hotline:** 1-844-247-3223 (844-24PEACE) is available 24/7. The Purple Flower Domestic Violence Resource and Support Center of Carroll County is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. on North Springfield St. in Berryville. (479) 981-1676.
- **24-hour NWA Crisis Line for Women** – NWA Women's Shelter serving Carroll County – "Empowering families to live free of violence." (800) 775-9011 www.nwaws.org
- **Cup of Love free soup lunches** – Cup of Love provides soup lunches at Flint Street Fellowship Mondays and Wednesdays from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. and at First Baptist (Penn) Church on Fridays, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. (479) 363-4529
- **Flint Street Fellowship food pantry, lunch, free clothing** – Pantry open 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. Free lunch Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Free clothes/shoes closet, books and household items. (479) 253-9491 or 253-4945. Leave donations in barrel at entrance if facility is closed.
- **Wildflowers one-dollar, furniture barn/thrift store** US 62E across from Hill County Hardware. One-dollar store in the yellow building every Friday from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Thrift store, furniture bank in big blue barn behind the chapel open Wednesdays – Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Donation drop offs Thursday – Saturday between 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Healing and delivery outreach in chapel Saturdays at 7:30 p.m.
- **Shamatha and Tonglen meditations Monday** – A meditation group will meet every Monday at 6:30 p.m. to focus on Shamatha, learning how to focus to achieve peace of mind, and Tonglen, a practice of love and compassion on all beings. The meetings will alternate these two practices so that one is the focus on each Monday with coffee and tea afterward. Call Alece at (479) 244-6842 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.
- **Coffee Break Al-Anon Family Group Women** – Tuesdays, 9:45 a.m., Faith Christian Family Church, Hwy. 23S, (479) 363- 9495.
- **No high school diploma?** Free GED classes in the Carnegie Library Annex every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 9 a.m. - noon with study and tutoring for the GED test. Open to ages 18 and up. GED classes also in Berryville at Carroll County Center. Some open to ages 16 and 17 per educational requirements. For info: Nancy Wood (479) 981-0482, Carnegie Library (479) 253-8754, Carroll County Center (870) 423-4455). Offered by North Arkansas College with Carnegie Library support.
- **Grief Share**, a Bible-based, 13-week program for those who have lost a loved one, is held Sundays from 2 – 4 p.m. at Faith Bible Church, Suite C, 3 Parkcliff Drive, Holiday Island. Share in an informal, confidential setting with others experiencing similar circumstances. Call (479) 253-8925 or email lardellen@gmail.com. Meetings at Coffee Pot Club:
- **Alateen** – Sundays, 10:15 – 11:15 a.m. Email alateen1st@gmx.com or phone (479) 981-9977 • **Overeaters Anonymous** – Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. Barbara (479) 244-0371 • **Narcotics Anonymous** – Fridays, 5:30 p.m. (903) 278-5568 • **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. All other meetings: See www.nwarkaa.org

INDEPENDENTNews

CCA finally catching a tailwind

NICKY BOYETTE

The big news from the Dec. 18 Carroll County Airport (CCA) Commission meeting was, after a challenging year, things are running smoothly. Michael Pfeifer has been manager for four months, hangar rental has picked up, and routine maintenance has become routine.

Pfeifer recently installed a high-end Davis Weather Station, a wireless, solar-powered device which every 2.5 seconds updates temperature, humidity, barometric pressure, wind speed and direction, dew point and rainfall and puts the data online so incoming pilots can have access to local weather data. Even area radio stations can access the information that would give CCA a mention on the airwaves.

Commissioner Sandy Martin said commissioners had made progress with debt reduction and devising a format for financial reports that satisfy the Quorum Court and county clerk. Also, volunteer bookkeeper Lanna Fletcher has gone back through records and balanced the checking accounts.

Pfeifer terminated the \$5000 annual weed abatement contract and will handle the task himself. He hosts a fly-in, drive-in breakfast on the third Saturday morning of each month, and said flight instructor Harvey Cleveland has about 25 regular or occasional students. In addition, Martin is looking for a way to upgrade the furniture in the lobby.

"This place is turning into a real airport," Pfeifer commented.

INDEPENDENTConstablesOnPatrol

DECEMBER 14

3:30 p.m. – Merchant downtown reported a cell phone had been taken from her store. Constable spoke with those involved. The cell phone was later discovered in the store.

5:09 p.m. – Resident in a neighborhood above downtown claimed two wandering dogs were trying to enter his home. Animal Control searched for but did not encounter the vagrant canines.

DECEMBER 15

2:27 p.m. – Caller told ESPD he had just seen the vehicle involved with a theft from his property.

2:48 p.m. – Staff at a business reported their trash can has been missing for two weeks.

DECEMBER 16

9:56 a.m. – Principal at the high school asked for constable assistance with a situation between students.

DECEMBER 17

1:01 a.m. – EMS asked ESPD for help handling a patient's dogs. Before a constable arrived, a neighbor had already taken the dogs away.

2:30 a.m. – Alarm sang out at a motel, but responding constable found the building secure.

11:33 a.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for driving on a suspended license, possession of drug paraphernalia and on an ESPD warrant.

1:39 p.m. – Animal Control went to the scene where wandering dogs had been, but they were already gone.

11:27 p.m. – Constable retrieved from Benton County jail an individual who had been arrested on an ESPD warrant for failure to pay and disorderly conduct.

DECEMBER 18

9:43 a.m. – Another individual was picked up from Washington County after being detained on an ESPD warrant for failure to appear on traffic citations.

12:27 p.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for driving on a suspended driver's license and an expired vehicle license.

10:59 p.m. – There was a complaint of screaming and running around at an address above downtown, but a constable went there, and did not hear any screaming or see anything unusual.

DECEMBER 19

12:04 a.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for DWI#2, driving on a suspended license, implied consent and speeding.

5:31 a.m. – Yet another traffic stop resulting in the arrest of the driver for driving on a suspended license, speeding, no liability insurance and two warrants from CCSO.

11:21 a.m. – Employer told ESPD one of her staff had used her vehicle but had not returned it. Constables watched for it around town, and later the vehicle was returned.

12:18 p.m. – Constable provided traffic assistance.

10:40 p.m. – Constables and EMS responded to an unresponsive female at a business downtown. She was transported to ESH.

11:06 p.m. – Constable initiated a traffic stop and arrested the driver for DWI, driving on a suspended license and driving left of center.

DECEMBER 20

12:51 p.m. – Staff at a business reported a customer was a victim of a hit and run accident. Constable determined there was not enough damage for a report but alerted other constables to watch for the adverse vehicle.

3:55 p.m. – Constable assisted an individual with her banking transaction.

4:25 p.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for DWI#2, speeding, open container, second offense for no insurance, no seat belt, disorderly conduct, driving left of center, refusing the chemical test, refusal to submit to arrest, no driver's license.

DECEMBER 21

12:14 a.m. – Motion alarm was triggered at a business, and constables scoured the area but found nothing amiss.

Reward offered in dog massacre case

In Defense of Animals, the international animal protection organization that operates Hope Animal Sanctuary in Grenada, Miss., has announced a \$2,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who massacred 57 dogs and injured others in Searcy County, Ark. The crime took place off of Hwy. 254 in the Chimes-Trace Ridge Area south of Marshall, where the dogs, which had reportedly been fed poisoned hot dogs and shot, were found.

Foresters who entered the remote wooded area on Dec. 17 discovered the remains. Some dogs survived the slaughter and are being cared for by the Searcy County Humane Society, which is assisting with the case.

The sheriff and state investigators have recovered some evidence from the massive crime scene, and are still processing it. Investigators, including some from the Arkansas State Police, are unsure if the dogs were from Searcy County

or another location. Authorities have no suspects or leads so far but here has been speculation that the dogs may have been from a shelter that went out of business and couldn't care for the dogs or someone who collected and hoarded animals and could no longer feed them.

"This was a merciless attack on trusting and loving dogs. Someone knows who did this. We urge people with any information that could be linked to come forward," Doll Stanley, In Defense of Animals' Justice for Animals coalition director, said.

Anyone with information related to this crime may contact In Defense of Animals anonymously at (415) 448-0048 or Sheriff Joey Pruitt at the Searcy County Sheriff's Office (870) 448-2340. For more information, visit www.idausa.org

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

Early Days at Eureka Springs Arkansas 1880-1892, a memoir of Nellie Alice Mills whose family moved here in two covered wagons from Oswego, Kansas, was written in 1949, relying on memory. In her second book, *Other Days at Eureka Springs*, written in 1950, she went through old records she had kept. The family home was built on the west side of Leatherwood, "about a hundred yards beyond the mouth of Magnetic Hollow, opposite Cold Spring, which supplied us, and all our neighbors, with water."

Part One – Pioneering, cont.

That mountain which begins at Magnetic Hollow and is separated from East Mountain by Mill Hollow was the one whose lower slopes at its north end furnished delightful playgrounds for many children. There were not many houses above the row along Main Street; many of the few that had been built there were deserted and fallen into decay. There was no one to forbid our roaming about. The mountain – I think of it as Marbletop – has the usual long, easy longitudinal slope and the steep lateral slopes. There is a relatively flat area before the last steep, high peak rises. I have been told that the top of that peak is of greater altitude than any nearby mountaintop. At that time the peak was heavily wooded. We children never climbed it, it was too far from home. That flat stretch is partly covered by rough flat-topped rocks seamed by fissures that go down to the ground level. Many of these cracks are so narrow that we could step across and were not so deep as to make us afraid of falling. That rock is dark red, but it is too coarse for marble, though the mountain is called Marbletop. We could easily climb up on the blocks in many places. At one place where the boulders were high and some feet apart, someone had, by the simple expedient of laying a roof across, built a stable for a cow. We have

seen the cow tethered in her crude but comfortable shelter; we could trace the tortuous path by which she was led in and out.

There are many curious rock formations on the side of Marbletop. Have the rains and frosts of more than sixty years, or the dynamite and pickaxes of man, obliterated any of those natural wonders since the children of north Mud Street explored this unfenced are, and built our playhouses above the Cold Spring, in easy calling distance from our homes?

Part Two – Some Occurrences of those early days

It must have been the first year we were in Eureka Springs that my father got us children up and out of bed to see the comet. It was Halley's Comet. We could see it quite plainly as it appeared to be off to the northeast of us not high above what we called North Mountain, the mountain that rises above Magnetic Hollow on the north. The comet, as I remember, trailed upward and diagonally toward the west. I am very glad I saw it then, for when I "had come to riper years," Halley's Comet was scheduled to appear again. But where we were, the clouds were so

dense we got no trace of it. We had been instructed in newspapers to look for it in the west. What was called in the papers a Tramp Comet did appear in the west a few days before Halley's was due.

North Mountain is steep and rocky: when I was older, I have climbed it many times up to where a bench of level ground was utilized to build a house. There was a shed to the south and a spring to the north of the house. Behind that house the mountain rises steeply, and was densely wooded. Before I had ever been up the hillside a man named Billy Broad lived there. Mr. Broad often passed our house on his way to and from town. He must have been comparatively young, was always well dressed and well groomed.

It was when we were quite small that we had a thrilling experience. One morning we were waked by scratching at the south door. We always had a dog, but Fido – it must have been Fido – did not bark for admittance. We children went to investigate, and there were two little bears. They were as glad to see us as we were to welcome them. We played with them all day. Of course adults would not have been so gentle if they had never been handled by human beings. We expected to keep those little bears. What a disappointment when Billy Broad came that evening and took his bears away with him.



The first Christmas tree I remember, and which was put up in that store building across from Henson's blacksmith shop, furnished me with a doll I have never forgotten. Minnie still has the one she got, but I overlooked mine, to my regret, when we moved away from the farm at Crestline, Kansas. At that Christmas tree entertainment there must have been a Santa Claus. I have been told that, lacking sleigh bells, he clanged some irons and frightened the youngest children. I do remember one thing on the program. Four young men lined up in front; perhaps they sang. But one of them had a cat in his arms and said he would play on the catarrh. It was a very crude joked, but my sense of humor had not been born. When we got home that night, I did not rest until somebody explained to me it was a play on words, the similarity of sound between catarrh and guitar.

Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge closing days

Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge will be closed on Christmas Day and resume regular hours on Dec. 26. They will open at 10 a.m. on New Year's Day.

Final dates for Snow Village and Train display

The Snow Village and Train display at Gaskins Switch Village will be open at 2051 Hwy. 63 East for their final dates of Dec. 21 – 23 from 5 – 7 p.m.

This exhibit consists of over 300 buildings in a wintery setting, together with three Lionel O scale trains, a Lionel O scale trolley, and many accessories.

Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for children 5 – 12 and children under 5 free. This exhibit is a fundraiser for the Eureka Springs Historical Museum.

I can see spring around the corner – Clear Spring School celebrated the end of the fall term Thursday, Dec. 17 with an outdoor potluck and performances from all age groups with students, faculty, families and friends in attendance.

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Auditorium committee sees a taxing issue

NICKY BOYETTE

Eleven citizens, five who represented the city, gathered for the first meeting to reincarnate the Auditorium Committee. Moderator Charles Ragsdell, chair of the City Advertising and Promotion Commission, moderated. He said the group wanted “input from all directions” because the CAPC has concerns regarding long-term maintenance and management of the facility and sees the need for consistent direction and revenue.

He stated a previous auditorium committee studied a variety of options for management and maintenance, and the recommendation was to reinstate the Auditorium Commission and fund operations of the facility with a quarter-cent sales tax subject to a five-year sunset. Ragsdell said the city failed to take action on the

recommendation.

Mike Maloney, executive director of the CAPC, said the CAPC manages the lease for the city, and “We have the keys.” He said he is creating the position of Events Manager to manage the Auditorium and run festivals and events. Maloney pointed out, however, “The tipping point is how much more the CAPC can put into the auditorium and still be viable.”

Alderman James DeVito noted ten percent of the CAPC budget goes to the Aud. “We could use that money otherwise,” he commented, “and the auditorium could be funded by other means.” He contended the goal should be to set up the commission again and it could pursue funding.

Former Mayor Beau Satori stated a tax to support

the auditorium “is not an option.” He said an alternative would be to redirect a certain percentage of the CAPC tax toward maintaining the building.

Mayor Butch Berry disagreed and suggested considering a one percent sales tax with a portion going to support operations at the Aud.

DeVito said locals might support the tax if they knew part of it secured upkeep and operation of the historic facility. Plus, visitors to town would provide most of the tax revenue. He added he is seeing a renaissance in Eureka Springs with the new community center project and a revitalized Auditorium being important components.

Satori strongly advocated using part of the CAPC tax to fund the Aud and leave management to a CAPC

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Metal roof approved by HDC

NICKY BOYETTE

The application for a metal roof for 19 Kimberling came before the Historic District Commission again, but this time the product was a true standing seam metal roof in a light stone color. Becky Gillette's previous application had been for a lap panel steel roof, a less expensive choice though not acceptable for residential zones according to the guidelines, and she was turned down.

Chair Dee Bright read three letters regarding Gillette's new application. Her closest neighbor stated he had no issues with her choice. The other two urged the commission to revise the guidelines to allow lap panel steel roofs in residential zones.

Commissioner Steve Holifield stated it seemed to him the letters imply HDC never allows metal roofs, which he said was not true. Commissioner Doug Breitling commented, "We have approved metal roofs that meet the guidelines. We're not against metal roofs."

The commission will convene for a workshop on the topic of metal roofs Jan. 20, at 4 p.m.

Commissioners approved the other application on the agenda, which was to remove an unstable cinder block chimney atop an addition to the Crescent Hotel.

These items on the Consent Agenda were approved:

- 15 Magnolia – new paint colors
- 26 Ridgeway – new trim color

There were six Administrative Approvals, which are applications for repair or for work involving no changes in materials or color but also includes applications for changes in roofing color.

- 75 Prospect – repair south side chimney
- 209 Spring – re-roof
- 10 Cross – re-roof
- 5 Linwood – re-roof
- 61 S Main – re-roof
- 51 Alamo – repaint

Next meeting will be Wednesday, Jan. 6, at 6 p.m.

ECHO the spirit of Christmas

A community Christmas dinner will be held at the ECHO dining room on Christmas Day from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. The dinner is sponsored by Flint Street Fellowship. All are welcome and there is no charge. ECHO is located at Hwy. 62 and Rockhouse Road. Call (479) 253-4945 for questions or if you would like to volunteer to help.

Dec. 28 Metafizzies meeting

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

Prayer gatherings for change on the Earth

Join your intention, invocations and prayers with others to help the Earth and its people call forth the changes needed in Earth's present crises. Gather on the first and third Thursdays of the month, from 11 a.m. – noon, and make a New Year's resolution to call forth more hope, wisdom and love for our planet. Go downstairs on the left side of the Christian Science Building at Heart of Many Ways, 68 Mountain St. For more information call Amrit at (479) 253 – 3165.



Calendar girls – Judy Kelley, from left, Terri Herman, Carolyn Nichols and Marilyn Harter at the Holiday Island Cornerstone Bank branch celebrated the release of the 2016 calendar Dec. 16 with homemade cookies, hot spiced cider and a smiling staff! Calendars are available at all locations, but like the cookies, when they're gone, they're gone.

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Fare well! – A retirement reception was hosted at the Holiday Island Country Club for Fire Chief Jack Deaton and his wife, Connie, on Dec. 17. HIFD family and friends came out to celebrate the Deatons' commitment to the community.

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Dog saves owner for Christmas

Gayla Tabunut of Eureka Springs won't be home for Christmas this year, but she will be celebrating – thanks to her dog, Rosie.

About 5:15 Sunday morning Gayla was rudely awakened when Rosie began barking insistently and repeatedly nudging her. She came alert to find her home full of smoke with fire coming up the stairs from the basement.

Tabanut escaped the house with minor burns and was reunited with Rosie outside as passersby called 911 and stayed with her until help arrived at the home on Hwy. 23, about two miles south of town.

Arriving crews found the large log home fully involved in fire. At the time of the call, half of the on-duty Eureka Springs Fire & EMS staff were on another emergency, so assistance was requested from Clifty, Inspiration Point and Holiday Island.

Overhaul of the fire lasted more than seven hours, and a backhoe was used to remove parts of the collapsed structure in order to reach hot spots.

Tabunut was treated and released on scene. Cause of the fire is under investigation.



Thanks to Rosie – Gayla Tabunut was happy to be reunited with little Rosie after the dog barked and nudged her until she woke up to discover the house was on fire. Gayla escaped with minor burns.

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Polar-ized – The Polar Express, based on the popular Christmas movie, rolled through the Carnegie Library on Dec. 13 to the delight of area children getting excited about the upcoming holidays. The program included the Polar Express story and lots of fun.

Photo submitted

TED Talks at the Carnegie

Poet Robert Browning, architect Mies van der Rohe and Uniz users all know and espouse the wisdom of, “Less is more.” Join on Monday, Dec. 28 at 7 p.m. in the library Annex to watch and discuss TED talks. Featured will be Susan Cain’s, *The Power of Introverts* and Graham Hill’s, *Less stuff, More Happiness*. For more information contact the library at (479) 253-8754 or info@eurekcalibrary.org.

NOTICE

Here’s a Christmas present to all of you – the *Eureka Springs Independent* office will be closed from Dec. 24 – Jan. 4.

Ads, press releases, announcements, news, sports, weather and yard sales will all have to wait until we get back to our chairs on Monday, Jan. 4. Our New Year’s Resolution is to be better, faster, accurater, funnier and more sensitive, but it will take a full week of rest to gear up for that. Thanks. We love you.

A Christmas Poem by Thomas Merton & The Gift of Each Sign

During this year's Christmas time as wars increase and so many are in poverty, without homes (refugees without nations), let us read the words of Thomas Merton. They help us remember who we are, why we are here and that we are truly are to be our "brother and sister's keepers." We remember the story of "no room at the inn" for the holy birth. And so the parents of the holy child had to find a stable (cave) so Mary could give birth. "Into this world... in which

there is absolutely no room for him at all, Christ has come uninvited. But because he cannot be at home in it, because he is out of place in it, and yet he must be in it, his place is with those for whom there is no room... with those who do not belong, who are rejected by power because they are regarded as weak, those who are discredited, who are denied the status of persons, tortured, exterminated. With those for whom there is no room, Christ is present. — THOMAS MERTON

In our lives there are many who are marginalized. They have no home. Jesus (the holy child), born in a stable, emerged from the marginalized. He thus recognized the forgotten, the ignored, the outcast of the world. Let us pray this Christmas season that we recognize those around us "near the edge." Let us offer them hope, realizing "Peace on Earth" for some means a place to sleep, have nourishing food, safety, freedom and being accepted. We pray for those who have been

forgotten. Let us realize, in this season of giving, that we are to be the gifts given to each other. Let us remember. **Gifts of the Signs:** Following are the signs written with the thought that each sign offers many gifts. Let us understand everyone's gifts, seeing each other through the lens of astrology. Recognition is most important. Recognition and understanding bring peace to our world. **Peace on Earth, Goodwill & Understanding to All this Christmas season. love, Risa**

ARIES: Aries initiates new ideas, is the forerunner of all new events. Aries needs encouragement to be patient, punctual and steadfast. Eventually they learn. Eventually they move from instinct to illumination to intuition, releasing all that is undisciplined. They learn how to serve, a principle of liberation, which saves and uplifts the world. They learn to love or their mission fails. So they love more.

TAURUS: The sign of illumination, their minds are like searchlights, directing for everyone the lighted Path ahead. They can be focused researchers. To accomplish this, they fit themselves for service through exercise, sunlight, raw milk, organic protein, and a balance of work, leisure, comfort and a life without undue discipline. They reach into the source of light projecting light outward into the darkness. They teach us the Art of Living.

GEMINI: They stimulate and vivify all life (kingdoms) they contact, acting as a transmitter of knowledge, dispersing information, letting in the radiance of essential reality. They seek to find their destined service, to act as a bridge between everything and everyone. They are the Antakarana (Rainbow bridge), lifting all kingdoms into heaven, bringing heaven down to Earth.

CANCER: They, like Capricorn, are their own advisors. Cancers are very intelligent, instinctual and later intuitional. They need quietude, repose, tidiness and routine. Often their crabwalk circles these virtues. They seek to accomplish their tasks of developing equanimity and joy. Cancer can be fascinated with habits long after they are no longer useful. Cancers grow roses and honeysuckle.

LEO: When not assuming power over others, the lion can be playful, masterly and self-assured. They eventually realize fair play and sportsmanship are more valuable than competitive winning. Leos have a strong heart and are generous. The Sun shines directly into their hearts. They can often over-reach beyond safety, thinking themselves immortal. They are and they aren't. Only with love.

VIRGO: These are the organizers and studiers of the zodiac, learning everything

before embarking upon a game, a plan or endeavor. They leave no stone unturned and this provides them with acute perception and an intelligence that harbors great depths of consciousness (unseen). Sometimes they are shy. Sometimes they are afraid of their intelligence. They turn away from dazzling.

LIBRA: Librans are nicely balanced, understand beauty, have a keen precision always adjusting to circumstances. Sometimes they shouldn't. They weigh each move, sometimes are so impartial they cannot compete. This is good in the future Sharing Society. Librans will help create with the New Group of World Servers. Libra is an extraordinary ally with splendid judgment, always focused on collaboration. Everyone wins.

SCORPIO: The most courageous, the most battle-worn and weary (along with Pisces), the most hard hitting, the most tenacious and persistent (like their shadow, Taurus), the most powerful (internally), the most defended (sometimes), the most feared (by those who don't understand astrology), the most excessive, the most experienced in knowing the underbelly of society, the ones who most wear black and purple. They understand shadows.

SAGITTARIUS: These secret foodies, also musicians, are game players. They don't like defeat. They play long and hard. Ideals and goals form their long-term value system. They're very sensitive, can lose in games to those who concentrate on repetitious humdrum actions. Sagittarius is the opposite of uninspired, opposite of humdrum. Sag is restless, seeks freedom, is the magnificent archer on the white horse (car), galloping (driving) over the plains. Oops, he's gone.

CAPRICORN: They work hard at everything. They're dignified, prudent and very serious, until their dry sense of humor erupts. Then everyone's startled that Cap has veered away from their solemn demeanor and constant tasks at hand. They are traditionalists and cannot overcome criticism or ridicule, which no one can overcome, actually. Their natural somberness needs to be met with light-hearted confidence. They are unicorns.

AQUARIUS: Many are graceful and artistic, a bit detached and from the future. Aquarians are often misunderstood. As they stand within the future, they're considered dreamers. They're visionaries. No one sees the future as they do. They must not be hemmed in. Their hearing and eyesight are extraordinary, sighting objects no one else sees. They do not humiliate. They are praiseworthy.

PISCES: They win by retreating, never forcing the river, the pace, the play. In a Piscean lifetime there's an attempt to perfect an ideal, a spiritual ambition and to gain loving regard. To achieve the ideal they concentrate their mind, emotions and body. Their senses predominate. That is their protection. They see potential. They are vessels of compassion. Protect them.



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NWA Master Naturalist accepting enrollees

The NWA Master Naturalists are accepting enrollees for the 2016 annual training program that takes place on twelve Saturdays from Feb. 6 – March 21. Forty hours of training are required to graduate on May 21. The first class will be held at Northwest Arkansas Community College, 1 College Drive in Bentonville, with remaining classes being held at various locations. More than 90 hours of expert instruction and field studies will be offered.

Training includes techniques for observation and identification of trees, plants, insects, rock formations, weather patterns and

the night sky.

Arkansas Master Naturalists may choose to perform at least 40 hours of volunteer service and complete 8 hours of advanced training annually to become and remain certified.

Go to wordpress.ArkansasMasterNaturalists.org for more information and to obtain an application for enrollment. A fee of \$135, which covers materials and instruction, must accompany the completed application. Class size is limited, spaces reserved on first come, first served basis. For questions email nwamnContact@mn4arkansas.org.

Clean out your garage and your closets

The Best Western Inn of the Ozarks will be hosting the second annual Eureka Springs Historical Museum's Garage Sale in the Convention Center on Saturday, Jan. 23 from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Admission is \$3 per person.

If you're in need of cleaning your garage and emptying your closets, there are 8' x 10' booths for \$30 and tables are also available for an additional \$5 per table on a limited basis. Set up will be Friday, Jan. 22 from 5 – 8 p.m. and Saturday, Jan. 23 from 7 – 9 a.m.

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Map showing restaurant locations along Highway 62 East, including landmarks like Spring St., White St., Center St., Basin Park, and N. Main St. The map is a stylized representation of the town's layout with numbered circles indicating the location of each restaurant.

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Christmas means giving and our local musicians are turning up the amplifiers to spread the good warm cheer to all! Jimmy Wayne Garrett has been playing guitar for more than 10 years and brings downhome soul to his choice cuts Saturday at the Cathouse. Hailing from Carbondale, Illinois, Chucky Waggs bears his heartfelt song crafts and eclectic covers to Chelsea's on Saturday. Both shows are worthy places to dance in your new hat and boots and hug your neighbors, new and old-alike!

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24

EUREKA LIVE! – *Green Screen Karaoke*, 9 p.m.
GRAND TAVERNE – *Jerry Yester*, Grand Piano Dinner Music, 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25 CHRISTMAS DAY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26
CATHOUSE LOUNGE – *Jimmy Wayne Garrett*, Singer/Songwriter, 8 p.m.
CHELSEA'S – *Chucky Waggs and Company of Raggs*, Americana, 9 p.m.
EUREKA LIVE! – *DJ & Dancing*, 9 p.m.
GRAND TAVERNE – *Jerry Yester*,

Grand Piano Dinner Music, 6:30- 9:30 p.m.

LEGENDS SALOON – *DJ and Karaoke with Stan*, 9 p.m.
ROWDY BEAVER – *Johai Kafa*, Folk, 7 p.m.
ROWDY BEAVER DEN – *John Harwood*, Singer/Songwriter, 12 – 4 p.m., *Karaoke with DJ Goose*, 8 p.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27

BREWS – *Cards Against Humanity/ Board Games*

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28

CHELSEA'S – *Sprungbilly*, Bluegrass, 8 p.m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29

CATHOUSE LOUNGE – *Los Roscoes*, Americana, 7 p.m.
CHELSEA'S – *Open Mic*

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30

CHELSEA'S – *Iron Swine*, Folk, 9 p.m.



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Black-eyed peas



People often ask me if they can grow something here in the Ozarks that was the same plant or group of plants they could grow wherever it was that they came from, be it New England, the Mid-Atlantic states, Florida or California. In almost every instance one of the major limiting factors between the Ozarks and wherever you came from, is that back there they had soil. Here in the Ozarks, that dirt underfoot is a poor excuse for soil.

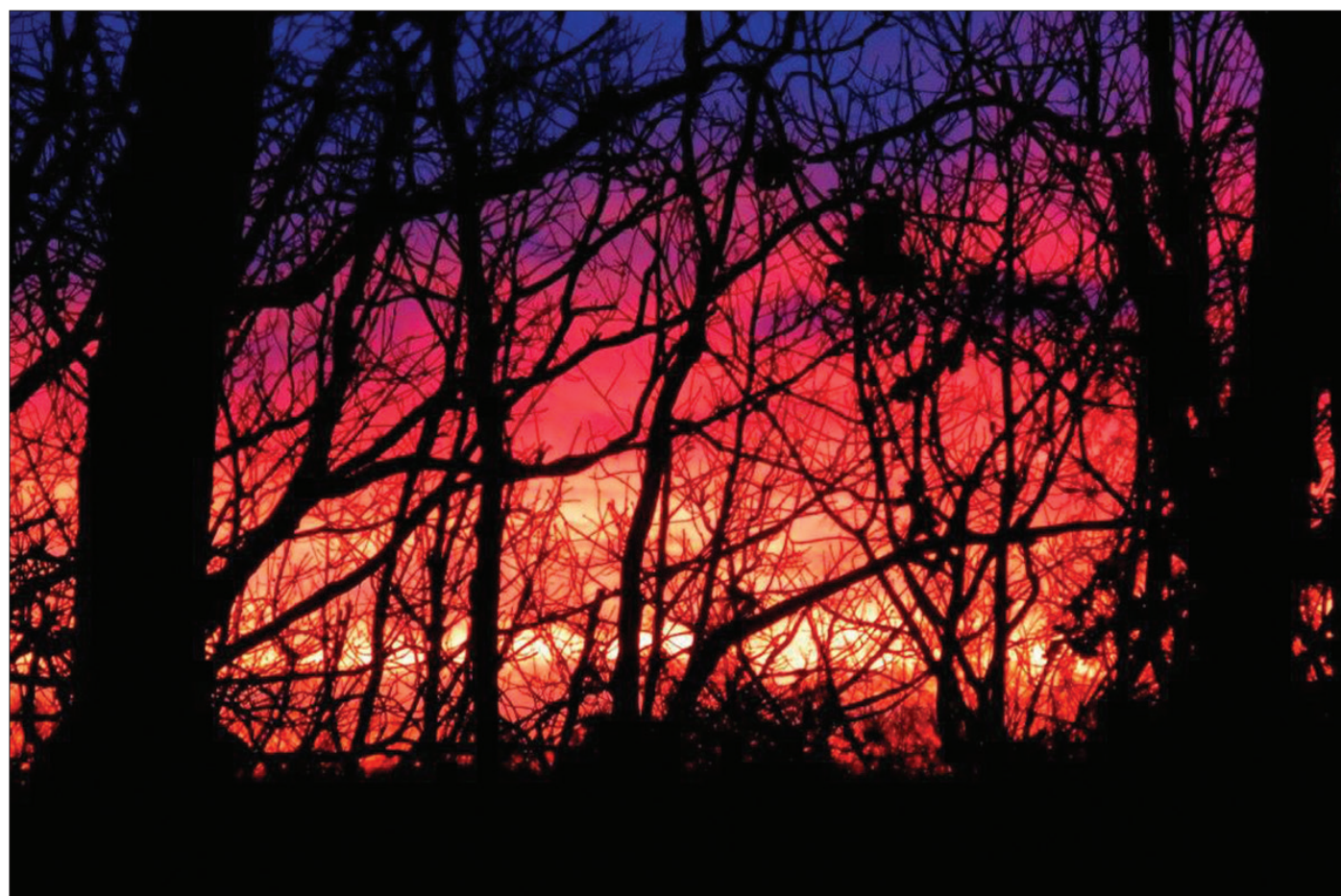
We live in a tough landscape despite our abundance of water and somewhat intact forests. The hot, dry summers and marginally productive soils challenge survival skills especially in times of food insecurity. Among the agricultural plants that provided a food source when all else fails are beans collectively known as cowpeas or field peas (*Vigna unguiculata*), which includes acre peas, blackeyed peas, cream peas, crowder peas, southern peas, table peas and whippoorwills, among others. In the South, these are grown by home gardeners and seed collectors, replaced by soybeans in mega-agriculture as a small dry bean with high protein content that grows on marginal land.

All of these small, dry peas or beans come from *Vigna unguiculata*, which is believed to originate in dry lands in Africa, and was grown in Arabia and Asia Minor before the Christian era, though others argue for an origin in northwestern India, present-day Pakistan and adjacent Persia (Iran). It was known in China by at least the 14th

century. It arrived in Jamaica somewhere between 1672 and 1687, and one might speculate that captive African slaves managed to smuggle the seeds with them. It was known in Florida by 1775. George Washington acquired seeds and grew it at Mount Vernon around 1797.

George Washington Carver (whose birthplace is a National Monument in Diamond, Mo., south of Joplin) promoted the planting and development of black-eyed peas, now associated with Southern cuisine and soul food.

The tradition of eating black-eyed peas for good luck to celebrate the New Year is synonymous with American Southern tradition. Coming from Maine originally, I never heard of it until moving to Arkansas. However, it is not a tradition that originated in the American South, but stems from a tradition to celebrate Rosh Hashana, the Jewish New Year as recorded in the Babylonian Talmud (from about the year 500). Black-eyed peas swell when cooked, symbolizing prosperity. On New Year's Day, remember to eat black-eyed peas before you buy a lottery ticket.



Red sky in the morning – sailors take warning. Red sky at night, sailor's delight. But the old rhyme didn't pan out to be true, as Dec. 20 brought no storms after this flaming sunrise was captured at Holiday Island.

PHOTO BY JAY VRECEK

New Year's Eve worship service

There will be a Universal Worship service presented by the Sufi Center of the Ozarks at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 17 Elk St., on New Year's Eve at 6 p.m. The Universal Worship honors all of the world's religious traditions. Participation is free of charge. For more information contact Rebecca Babbs at (479) 253-8303 or babbsrebecca@gmail.com.

eEureka named the eCity of Arkansas

Google announced that Eureka Springs has been named the 2015 eCity of Arkansas. The eCity Awards recognize the strongest online business community in each state. These cities' businesses are embracing the web to find new customers, connect with existing clients and fuel local economies.

For more information on the eCity initiative visit www.google.com/ecities.

DEPARTURES

Robert “Bob” Gene Hattenhauer Oct. 22, 1924 – Dec. 14, 2015

Robert “Bob” Gene Hattenhauer of Berryville, Ark., was the oldest of twins, born in Kansas City, Kan., on October 22, 1924 to the late Rubin and Vivian Hattenhauer. He was 91 years old when he went home to join his Lord on Monday, December 14, 2015. He spent the last few months at Brighton Ridge Nursing and Rehab in Eureka Springs, Arkansas.

Most of his life was spent in Northwest Arkansas where he returned to the home place in Berryville after the Navy. He married Walsie Davis in Berryville on June 29, 1970. They lived on Pension Mountain before making their home on Bunch Street in Berryville in 1979.

A Christian who loved his Lord and read his Bible daily, he loved to sing hymns; he recently told family



“the Lord called Walsie home when she kept telling him to stop singing.” He really couldn’t carry a tune, but loved to sing praises to the Lord.

Bob was a great storyteller as anyone who knew him can attest. He loved fishing and would go as often as he and John White could get away. He served his country in the CCC and the United States Navy. He was also a part of the Berryville Volunteer Fire Department in his younger years.

He is survived by numerous nieces (Barb and husband, Bill, of Texas) and nephews and friends John White and Marcia Rivera, who will greatly miss him.

He was the last of the siblings, having been preceded in death by his wife Walsie Davis Hattenhauer in 2003; his twin, Rolland, in 1980; sister, Doris Mueller in

2006; and brothers, Marvin in 1952, Billy George in 2003, and Rayburn in 1982.

His family personally thanks John White for always being such a good friend, visiting and taking care of Bob’s needs; and Marcia Rivera for being such a good friend to the end. Both of these folks are greatly loved and appreciated for visiting him and keeping the family in the know when they could not be in Berryville and he could no longer hear on the phone.

Graveside memorial service will be held at a later date. Interment will be in the Pension Mountain Cemetery under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service. The family requests that memorial donations be made in lieu of flowers to Barbara Frederick, c/o Nelson Funeral Service, Inc., P.O. Box 311, Berryville, Arkansas 72616. Online condolences may be sent to the family at nelsonfuneral.com. © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2015

Alfred Charlie Logan, Jr., Oct. 1, 1947 – Dec. 20, 2015

Alfred Charlie Logan, Jr., of Hindsville, Ark., was born Oct. 1, 1947 in Harrison, Ark., a son of Alfred Charlie Logan, Sr., and Elsie Lorraine (Essex) Logan. He departed this life Sunday, Dec. 20, 2015 in his home in Hindsville with family by his side, at age 68.

Jr. worked as an auto mechanic.

He is survived by three sons, John Logan and wife, Kristi, Donald Wayne Logan, and Eric Logan all of Hindsville,

Ark.; three daughters, Lisa and husband, Kenneth Wolfinbarger, of Eureka Springs, Ark., Jennifer Harrison of Berryville, Ark., and Amanda and husband, Kevin Young, of Eureka Springs; 10 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; and a host of other family, friends and loved ones.

On Sept. 11, 1965, Jr. was united in marriage with Barbara (Turnbough) Logan who preceded him in death. He

was also preceded by his parents, one daughter and one sister.

Graveside service was Dec. 23, 2015 at the Pension Mountain Cemetery with Pastor Alan Brown officiating. Interment will follow the service in the Pension

Mountain Cemetery under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service. Online condolences may be sent to the family at nelsonfuneral.com. © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2015

Tom Morningstar Hovland

Tom Morningstar Hovland passed away last month in Madison County. He is survived by his two children, David (Blue) and Sunterina (Suni).



Truckin’ with a smile – Lisa and Frank Rebiejo catered awesome holiday eats for our awesome holiday guests right from their awesome red food truck in the *Independent* driveway and then drove away with the trash! What a concept – why didn’t we think of this before?

PHOTO BY JAY VRECENAK



Merry Christmas!

Well, we have nice days and cold days, both good for catching fish. Water temps are still running in the low 50s, which warm and cold water fish both like.

Picture is of some nice trout in Roaring River State Park that is open for catch and release fly fishing only from Nov. 13 to Feb. 8, Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m., (417) 847-2430.

Here closer to home, Lake Leatherwood is open year ‘round with no boat rental during winter, but free fishing and boat launch (idle speed only) and cleared trails for shoreline fishing for bass, crappie, perch and catfish. I hear some good crappie at 12 ft. deep are here, check at 253-7921.

Stripers are still being caught feeding shallow even up here near us in the creek

arms, but most fish and bait are between Prairie Creek and Monte Ne out of Rogers in the river north of the mudline, on top water baits, live shad and brood shiners.

Here at Holiday Island, walleye and trout are being caught trolling and working jigs close to the bottom from all the way to Houseman, upriver. Crappie and bass are holding in the deeper water tight to sunken brush, standing timber, and off the bluffs on jigs and minnows, also close to 12 ft. deep. The bass and bait like to move off the flats with the warming sun on nice days and can be caught with top water baits and crankbaits, like a wiggle wart.

Hope this helps you get some fish in the skillet. I have a striper trip between now and next report, so will have an on water report for you next week and hopefully a pic of more big fish. Till then, enjoy some ham and turkey.

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1. Little white lie

4. Put away for the future

8. Swedish rock group from the ‘70s

12. Expert fighter pilot

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15. Seeds planted to provide forage

17. Pants holder

18. Those on the other side of a conflict

19. Spanish airline

21. Large, long-tailed parrot with brilliant plumage

23. Dressed (in)

24. Outdated oath

25. Coastal region of any landmass bordering an ocean

29. Traditional Arabian bazaar (var.)

30. Depiction

31. Negative vote in Scotland or Northern England

32. Pericarp; fruit wall

34. Reddish-brown jaguarundi

35. Not there

36. Slang for edible tuber

37. Reassign roles in a play or movie

40. One of the famous three B’s in classical music

41. Disagreeable scent

42. Hardy breed of Scottish dairy cattle

46. Specified period in elected office

47. Flying by the _____ of one’s pants

48. Partner of neither

49. King of Siam’s nanny

50. Person famed for wisdom

51. Instruction to turn a horse to the left
- DOWN

1. “They came from _____ and near”

2. Cold, aloof

3. Male pinup

4. Metal fastener with tapered shank and helical thread

5. Expresses sorrow, regret or grief

6. Vessel or duct

7. Store green fodder in an airtight condition

8. Ratio of light reflected

9. South African of Dutch origin

10. Large island in Indonesia

11. Pilaster-like

16. Provoke to get action

20. George Herman Ruth

21. Dining hall in the military

22. Fit of fever or shivering

23. Stop

25. Wiseacre

26. “I’d do _____ for you.”

27. Exclusive, hard to find

28. Precious and significant

30. Some frozen desserts

33. Doctrine of the Buddha

34. Every one of two or more

36. Perceive the flavor

37. Ecclesiastical tribunal in Rome

38. Idyllic garden

39. Toe malady

40. Boast

43. Affirmative reply or vote

44. Fish eggs

45. Poetic “before”



Christmas is something we all go through together – and have for the past four years. The annual *Independent* Christmas party gave us a chance to catch up with all the people we hadn't seen for 10 minutes, tuck each other's labels, pour a cup o'punch, sing along to "Grandma Got Run Over By a Reindeer," act like we knew it was December, and have the mandatory From Our House to Yours picture made. L. to r. are Becky Gillette, Perlinda Owens, Nicky Boyette, CD White, Mary Pat Boian, Jeremiah Alvarado and Chip Ford.

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Camo – The always-colorful photographer and designer Nora Patterson Viola is almost camouflaged against Caribé's colorful interior. Wonder who she's shooting?

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Slow cooked fast food – at left, Carol S. Ryan shows off her BBQ pork slider and a quesadilla, two items on the Dec. 18 Indie party menu, while a lively crowd orders up at the window. Hot food, and no warming trays to mess with inside. Oh, yeah. We loved it.

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committee. He observed other cities in Arkansas have the promotion department of the city manage their auditoriums. He said the CAPC was trying to shed its responsibilities.
DeVito countered cities like Little Rock and Rogers have a much stronger and more diverse tax base than Eureka Springs, so "you can't take away from the CAPC budget." He observed the city has done better every year since Maloney and staff implemented an up-to-date and

aggressive marketing strategy.
Ragsdell concurred. "I'd rather see the CAPC spend on promotion, not maintenance," he said.
Promoter Jeff Danos suggested there be a new music night in the gem [lower level] on a regular basis to establish an audience and use the space. He said he gets calls about groups passing through on a Thursday. He also suggested showing second-run movies regularly.
Raymond Ulibarri of Melonlight Dance reflected on

his experience performing and producing a show at the Auditorium, and said his group is planning another event
Berry reminded the group one of the goals is for the facility to be self-sufficient. DeVito added, "The profit is people spending around town." He noted with the paucity of nighttime entertainment in town, if something were going on at the Auditorium, there would be little competition.
Berry said his office would set up another meeting for January.

We're banking on you, our loyal customers.

Best wishes for a healthy & happy 2016!



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