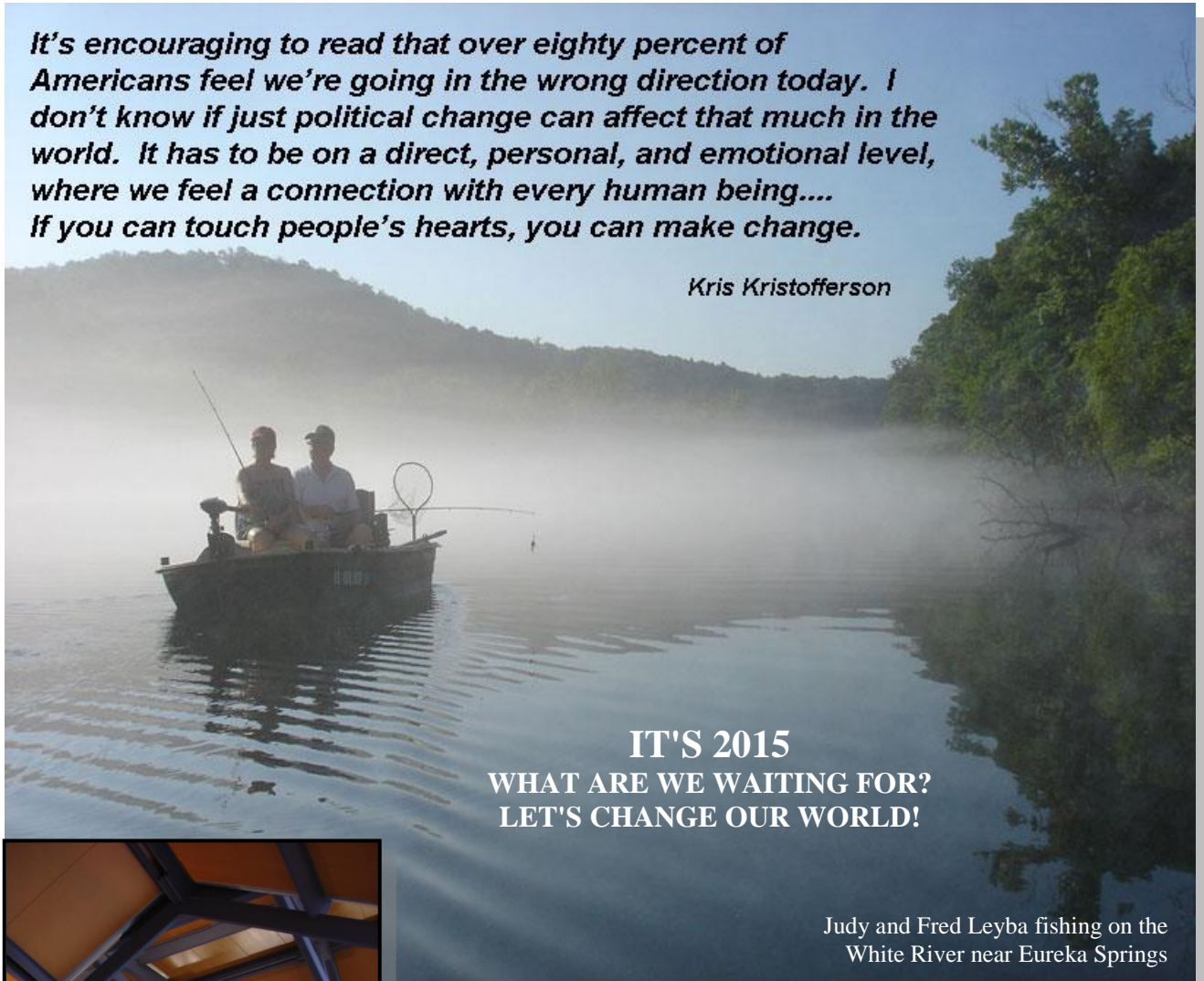


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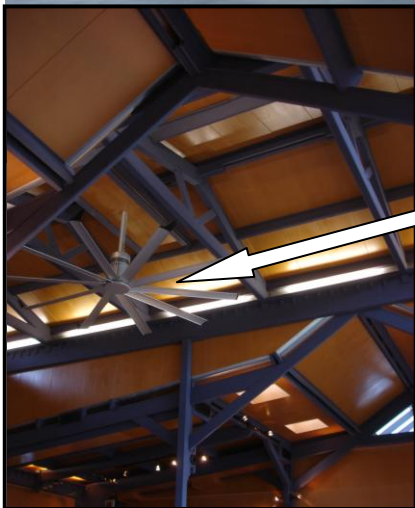
***It's encouraging to read that over eighty percent of Americans feel we're going in the wrong direction today. I don't know if just political change can affect that much in the world. It has to be on a direct, personal, and emotional level, where we feel a connection with every human being.... If you can touch people's hearts, you can make change.***

*Kris Kristofferson*



**IT'S 2015  
WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR?  
LET'S CHANGE OUR WORLD!**

Judy and Fred Leyba fishing on the White River near Eureka Springs



MobbyMac Carriage House ceiling detail

**T**HE BIG ASS FAN in the MobbyMac Carriage House has been popular ever since it was installed a few years ago. Manufactured by The Big Ass Fan Company of Lexington, KY, the eight feet in diameter fan was chosen over multiple smaller ceiling fans because of the greater efficiency achieved with a large volume, low velocity fan. It's interesting to observe the reaction of visitors when they realize that the 1,000 square feet main room at the MobbyMac Carriage House can be very comfortable on a hot summer day with just the slow, easy motion of one Big Ass Fan! For more information, visit their website at:

<http://www.bigassfans.com>.

## **BIG HOMES CAN COMPLICATE RETIREMENT**

*Wall Street Journal*, November 22, 2014

**Charles Farrell**, chief executive of Denver's Northstar Investment Advisors

*"Once you've paid for your house, how much will it continue to cost you? This is a crucial issue for anyone looking ahead to retirement. The more expensive your home, the more of a drain it'll likely be in terms of property taxes, maintenance, homeowners insurance and more. It's hard to get a grip on maintenance and occasional improvements, in part because homeowners may go a few years without any major expenses, but then fork over hefty sums for a new roof, fresh paint, or a kitchen remodeling. These projects, which are often necessary just to maintain a property's value, are easy to dismiss as one-time expenses - and yet they seem to roll around with fair frequency. If you're going to buy or build a \$800,000 house, the real cost over 25 - 30 years of your retirement could be close to \$2 million. You have to ask yourself whether you can afford it. It's a tough one to fight against, because people still have this perception that a home is a good investment. But most of the time, it's a money pit."*

A problem also occurs when large homes consume land and resources. We need a balance between using land for housing and yet leave room for recreation, agriculture, community, and open spaces. For this and many other reason, the managers at Rockspire encourage all who wish to build at Rockspire to consider building a home that meets and doesn't exceed basic needs. It's all part of creating a more sustainable home environment.



*Top photos - Lost Canyon Cave; George Myers, Pam & Mike Johnson outside Lost Canyon Cave  
Bottom photo - Interior of Osage Restaurant at the Top of the Rock*

**T**OP OF THE ROCK at Big Cedar Lodge is just 45 minutes from Rockspire and is a must see destination for your next visit to the area.

In late November, Pam and Mike Johnson, and Deborah and George Myers spent the afternoon and evening visiting the newly re-opened Top of the Rock. After burning to the ground several years back, Bass Pro Shop founder, Johnny Morris vowed to rebuild the popular destination better than ever. Top of the Rock is the newest in the Big Cedar Lodge family of outdoor destinations. At the highest elevation in Taney County, Missouri, Top of the Rock began as a bluff overlooking the Ozark Mountains and the legendary Table Rock Lake.

It now encompasses the world-class Top of the Rock Golf Course, the Lost Canyon Cave and Nature Trail, Ancient Ozarks Natural History Museum, End of the Trail All-American Wine Cellar, three dining options including Arnie's Barn Restaurant and Pro Shop, and the spectacular Chapel of the Ozarks and Civil War Era Cabin. For more information, visit their website at: <http://www.topoftherock.com>.