

The Creative Writer

White County Creative Writers

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John Price had a book release with Paperback Press

John McPherson had a poem published in the Fall 2025 edition of The Lyric.

Kim Pearson had a devotional published with Hope Books, Successful in His Eyes.

We have 32 contests for the 2026 WCCW Conference, with a potential deadline to enter of April 24, 2026.

Our Christmas party will be held at 6 P.M. at the Carmichael Center on December 15. See map on Page 2. Bring a story or poem for the read-around, anonymously written. Stories should be between 500-700 words (2.5 pages double-spaced). People have already begun signing up to bring food potluck style.

Anthony Wood will be stepping down as group president for the new year, with Rhonda Roberts taking his place. Naomi Sechrest will be assistant to Dot Hatfield as contest chair for the coming year and will take her place afterward. There were no other changes to group offices for the coming year.

Barry Brown gave an excellent talk on finding inspiration even when uninspired and encouraged everyone to find new ways to look at and approach writing prompts and potential story ideas.

-- Lisa Lindsey

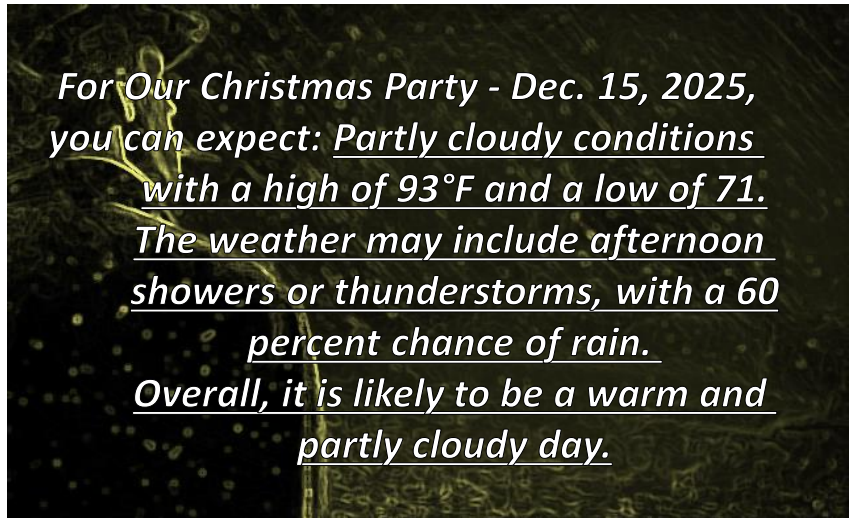
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is a monthly newsletter for the White County Creative Writers of Searcy, Ark.

If you have news stories or photos to share, send them to prowriter001@yahoo.com.

Deadline for reader submission is seven days prior to each month's meeting. WCCW reserves the right to edit all submissions.

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January 2026 Meeting  **Jan 26, 2026**
First Community Bank
800 E Beebe Capps
in Searcy, Ark.



The celebration will be held at the [Carmichael Community Center](#). The address is 801 S. Elm Street in Searcy. (Note: for this month only, we're meeting on the third Monday, not the fourth.) **Also note: it begins at 6 p.m.**

If you would like to come, here are three reminders.

1. Bring a dish. There's no cost for the meal. It's pot luck. You can bring anything you want: a casserole, a salad, a side, a desert, or even a bag of chips or a bottle of soda. There will be plenty of food, so bring what is convenient for you to bring.

2. Bring something for the read around. Our Christmas read arrounds are unique — kind of a Secret Santa style. Just bring something you have written (700 words / 2.5 pages max). Don't sign your name to it. Instead, print it and roll it up and tie with a ribbon or rubber band. We'll put all the readings in a basket and all participants will read one at random — and the group will try to guess who wrote it. We do this every year and it's always great fun.

3. Let us know you're coming. It's not absolutely necessary to register, since it's pot-luck. But it will help to have a basic idea of who will be there. Send an email or use the [contact form](#) to let us know you plan to come.

