

Notes from the Judge

May 13, 2013

The Marion County Solid Waste Committee met on April 30 to discuss payment methods for the newly established ordinance regulating the transfer station. Todd Norris, transfer station manager, told the committee that fees can be paid by cash or check and that he is working on a plan to add credit and debit. Several people have requested the convenience of using a card to pay for the service with the understanding that an additional fee would be added for the use of a card.

The Marion County Fairgrounds has undergone several changes in preparation for the truck pull and future events scheduled for this year. The concrete bleachers were torn down as the seating was dangerous for visitors; therefore seating will be limited until new bleachers can be purchased or built. Bring your own lawn chairs to be sure that seating will be available. Cleaning and painting of the cook shack and restrooms, adding gravel to the roads, and repaired the perimeter fencing are a few repairs that were made to prepare the grounds for upcoming events. Other improvements in the future will include painting fences in the rodeo area to name a few.

The ninth Volunteer Spay and Neuter Clinic, with the help of dedicated, hard-working volunteers, successfully spayed/neutered 140 cats and dogs. Since the effort began in May 2010, a thousand animals have been spayed/neutered, effectively improving the health of the animals in our county. Thank you to the veterinarian, her staff, and the many volunteers that provided this service. The next clinic will be July 16-19.

Monthly Disclosure Reports from the Arkansas Lottery Commission for the month of March 2013 revealed that total retail sales for Marion County was \$212,521.50. This included sales for Arkansas 50/50, Cash 3, Cash 4, Decades of Dollars, Fast Play, Instant Settlements, Mega Millions, Natural State Jackpot, and Mega Millions.

Citations were issued to two individuals for dumping trash along MC 7069. This should serve as a warning to the community that illegal dumping will not be allowed. If you notice individuals dumping trash, please call the Marion County Transfer Station at 870-449-5501, Sheriff's Office at 870-449-4236, or Gary Meador with ADEQ at 870-424-3322.

The county fair will be held Sept. 3-7. We are in the process of compiling the fair catalog; if you wish to buy an ad or volunteer, please call the Judge's Office at 870-449-6231.

The Northwest Arkansas Resource Conservation and Development Council, Inc. (NW AR RC&D) met in Harrison May 6 for its quarterly meeting. The board heard a report from Jan Skopecek, Executive Director, for Rebuilding Together of Northwest Arkansas. This group has helped complete serious home repairs for homeowners who were low income and disabled or elderly in the Northwest Arkansas area.

The Truck Pull was a huge success with many positive comments about the improvements at the fairgrounds. The next Truck Pull will be June 29, so make your plans now to attend.

