
Benton County Dems' World



David Bernstein, Editor

Upcoming Events

Mon., June 24

11:00 – 12:00 Lunch / Social Time

12:00 – 1:00 Meeting

Golden Corral Rogers

BC Dems Luncheon – (4th Monday)

Sat., July 13

1:00 to 3:00

Java Dudes in Bella Vista

Bella Vista Dems – (2nd Saturday)

Mon., July 8

6:00 PM

Mimi's Cafe

Democratic Party of Benton Co – (2nd Monday).

Tues., July 16

1:30 PM

Western Sizzlin'

NWA Senior Democrats' Luncheon – (3rd Tuesday)

Mon., August 26

11:00 – 12:00 Lunch / Social Time

12:00 – 1:00 Meeting

Golden Corral Rogers

BC Dems' Luncheon

This Month's Speaker

Professor Rob Wells

Univ of Arkansas

School of Journalism and Strategic Media

Professor Rob Wells and his students will discuss their research on how student loan debt has affected people's lifestyles and career choices after graduation.

Rob Wells is an assistant professor at the School of Journalism and Strategic Media at the University of Arkansas. He teaches data journalism, journalism theory, business reporting, and basic news reporting and is Graduate Coordinator for the journalism school's Master of Arts program. His research interests involve examining the history of business journalism and its problems, such as business journalism's inability to serve the general public effectively. He is the author of a forthcoming book, *The Enforcers: How Little-Known Trade Reporters Exposed the Keating Five and Advanced Business Journalism*, due out in November on the University of Illinois Press. This book examines the problems with business journalism and describes ways it can improve based on a case study of a small business newspaper's reporting during the savings and loan crisis.

In 2016, he earned a doctorate in Journalism Studies at the University of Maryland Philip Merrill College of Journalism. His dissertation won the Ray Hiebert History of Journalism Endowed Award, University of Maryland, Philip Merrill College of Journalism in 2017. An earlier version of this research was awarded Top Paper Competition, History Division, Student Category at the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communications in 2015. In 2013, he earned a Master of Arts in Liberal Studies at St. John's College in Annapolis; he holds a Bachelor of Arts in Government from California State University, Sacramento.

From 2010-2016, Wells was an adjunct lecturer at the Philip Merrill College of Journalism at the University of Maryland in College Park. He taught basic and intermediate reporting and business journalism courses. Wells was a 2012 Reynolds Visiting Business Journalism Professor at the University of South Carolina in Columbia. He has conducted training sessions for the Investigative Reporters and Editors Inc., Dow Jones



News Fund, Society of American Business Editors and Writers, Association of Area Business Publishers, and the Reynolds Center for Business Journalism.

Prior to his academic career, Wells was Deputy Bureau Chief of The Wall Street Journal/Dow Jones Newswires in Washington, D.C.; he has also reported for Bloomberg News, The Associated Press, and newspapers in California. He and his wife, Deborah C. St. Coeur, play music, ride bikes and listen to a vast collection of jazz, blues, and soul records. Wells is the host of the Jazz Scoop, a jazz program on KUAJ, 91.3 in Fayetteville.

Liar, Liar, Pants on Fire

**In 869 days, President Trump has made
10,796 false or misleading claims.**

**That's an average of 12.4 per day!
We thought you'd like to know.**

source: Washington Post Fact Checker (June 10, 2019)

The President's Memo



You may have noticed that since the Republicans gained control of both chambers of our legislature, the citizens have been unhappy about the lack of progress on some progressive issues. Therefore we, the people, have brought initiatives to the public which included allowing medical marijuana, raising the state minimum wage, and broadening the ethics requirements governing our elected officials. These have all passed and some of our legislators are not pleased.

Republican De Ann Vaught has therefore proposed a constitutional amendment that would make it harder for non-legislators to bring issues to be voted upon by referendum. The changes that this amendment would make are:

1. Raise the required minimum signature numbers to 45 counties instead of the current 15.
2. Eliminate the extra 30 days allowed to collect additional signatures if the minimum is less the total required number but over 75 percent of it.
3. Require the paperwork to be submitted to the Secretary of State by January 15, rather than four months previous to the election as it is now.

4. Require a vote of three-fifths of each house to vote to put it on the ballot rather than the 50 percent plus one needed now.

You can see that each of these changes would make the process incrementally more difficult, which is, of course, the Republican legislators' goal. They voted overwhelmingly for this "Arkansas Initiative Process and Legislative Referral Requirements Amendment" while the Democrats overwhelmingly voted against it.

A YES vote in November would mean that one supports these changes and a NO vote would mean that one wants the process to remain as is.



General Meeting Minutes



BENTON COUNTY DEMS
May 20, 2019, General Meeting
Golden Corral, Rogers, AR

President Eunice VanTuyl called the meeting to order at 12:05. Pledge of allegiance was recited by members.

President Eunice welcomed guests, new attendees, and first-time visitors.

Vice President Julia Bailey introduced guest speaker, Angela Marshall Hofmann, Founder and President of World Strategies. She spoke on navigating the Global Trade War. A question and answer period followed. Next month's speaker will be Professor Rob Wells from the University of Arkansas and he will talk about his research on loan debts.

The minutes and treasurer's reports for the April meetings were approved unanimously.

Announcements from the Democratic Party of Benton County was presented by Julia Bailey. She reported they just completed a movie fundraiser and will be selling tickets to the Naturals Baseball game on July 27th. They also have a fundraiser planned for June 14th at the Havana Tropical Grill on Second Street in Rogers. They are currently working on voter registration training and communications.

Bill Beck announced the movie fundraiser for the Benton County Dems will be Downton Abbey and is tentatively scheduled for Sept. 21.

The nominating committee for 2019 is Suzanne Jessup and Marge & Dave Boyer. They will be looking for members willing to serve as officers or standing committee members for 2020.

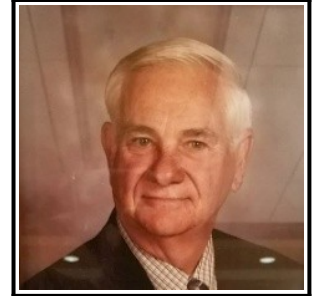
The next meeting will be held June 24 at Golden Corral.

Eunice reminded everyone that blue bowl donations go to our treasurer for distributions among candidates, and tips for the server may be left on the table

Submitted by Temp. Secretary: Betty Cauldwell
Diana Kolman, Secretary

Treasurer's Summary

May 2019



by David Cauldwell, Treasurer

Beginning Balance:	\$5,591.22		
INCOME:		EXPENSES:	
Blue Bowls	\$93.00	Supplies	\$8.37
Dues:	\$30.00	Bean Dinner - Facebook Ad	\$49.98
Bean Dinner - Auction	\$100.00	Bean Dinner - Food & Labor	\$306.25
Bean Dinner - Tickets	\$30.00	Regular Meeting - FB Ad	\$10.00
Total Income:	\$253.00	Total Expenses:	\$374.60
Ending Balance:	\$5,469.62		

2019 Benton County Dems Officers & Committee Chairs

Position	Name
President	Eunice Van Tuyl
Vice-President	Julia K. Bailey
Treasurer	David Cauldwell
Recording Secretary	Diana Kolman
Past President	Richard Bland
Membership Chair	Gaye Bland
Social Media Chair	Joel Ewing
Newsletter Chair	David Bernstein
Publicity Chair	Jerri Cooper
Corresponding Secretary	Linda Lavis
Reservations Chair	Betty Cauldwell