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Arts 'Round the Square fills downtown Paris Saturday

Shannon Carroll (left) and her daughter Sophie Carroll take a close look at one of the items for sale at a booth owned by The Two Wrights, Janice and Jenna, during Saturday's

Arts 'Round the Square event in downtown Paris. The court square area was teeming with people as the annual event focused on local and area artists attracted one of its largest

crowds ever. The Paris-Henry County Arts Council event featured 10 hours of artists' booths, food trucks and live music. For more photos, see Page 7.

Hospital continues talks on surgery center work

BY KEN WALKER
POST-INTELLIGENCER

Henry County Medical Center is looking at a price tag of about \$5.5 million for an upcoming surgery center project. The medical center's board of trustees directed CEO John Tucker Thursday night to negotiate with the Mobeys, who own the center that closed last October, to move forward with the renovation of the center and push it toward re-opening. The last day the surgery center was open was Oct. 1 of last

year. Hospital officials agree that there's quite a bottleneck now in terms of getting patients scheduled for surgeries at the hospital itself, and that having a surgery center again is necessary. Tucker said construction costs would be about \$3.168 million on the surgery center, with another \$1.78 million in capital equipment costs and about \$500,000 in auxiliary costs. "It would be set up to be more efficient and we, and the patients, would be able to

get through the process more quickly," Tucker said. Board member Troy Buttrey pointed out that even if HCMC said "let's go" immediately on the project, "it'll still be a year before it's built." Part of Tucker's talks on the center will involve lease negotiations. The board urged him to speak with the surgeons in the community to see how much "buy-in" there is on their part — that is, how sold are those surgeons on their desire to use a new surgery center. Earlier in Thursday's meet-

ing, surgeon Stephen Phillips gave the board an update on the daVinci Robotic equipment that is used on some surgeries at HCMC. The medical center recently upgraded part of its daVinci equipment, going to an Xi model. Dr. Phillips said the trend in robotic surgery now is that almost any hernia that is in the front of a person's body can be done with the daVinci, which has two separate cameras for the surgeon to use. Phillips said surgeries like appendecto-

mies and gall bladder operations can still be done well laproscopically. The nearest other hospitals that have daVinci robotic surgeries available are in Paducah, Jackson, Clarksville and Dickson. In other items during the meeting: Tucker said the medical center's recruiting efforts have led to an upcoming interview with a pediatrician who is interested in locating in Paris. The board approved nearly \$65,000 in capital equipment

requests, including money for a radiant warmer/incubator and a panda warmer for the obstetrics department, as well as some X-ray equipment for the Kelley Clinic. Kim Bentley, who has served as interim chief nursing officer since Dec. 1 of last year, attended her final board meeting. She is leaving her position and will be replaced on an interim basis by Michelle Seaton, who has been the nursing director on the third floor of the hospital.

Miles to sing Oct. 8 at KPAC

Singer Eddie Miles will be performing his salute to music legends at 7 p.m. Oct. 8 at the Krider Performing Arts Center in Paris. Veteran artist Miles will present material made popular by everyone from Hank Williams to Elvis Presley. For many years, Miles performed some of America's most loved music extensively at the Memories Theatre in Pigeon Forge. He also owned and performed at The Eddie Miles Theatre in Myrtle Beach, S.C. Miles' performance will

open with songs by country legends like Williams, Johnny Cash, Conway Twitty and George Jones. The second act will bring back the classic hits of Elvis. All seats for the show are reserved and cost \$27.

Tickets are available in advance at KriderPAC.com. For more information or help with ticket purchases, email kriderpac@gmail.com or call 731-644-2517. Tickets also will be available at the door.



FROM KRIDER PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Singer Eddie Miles will bring his Salute to Music Legends show to Paris on Oct. 8. Miles will be performing classics from artists like Hank Williams and Elvis Presley during the show at 7 p.m. that day at the Krider Performing Arts Center. Miles is known for his numerous performances in Pigeon Forge.



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Right up their alley

In front, Joice Knott, 8, of Paris fires her bowling ball toward the pins during Saturday morning's bowling camp hosted by The Levi Miles Foundation at The Bowling Alley in Paris. In back, waiting for her ball to return, is Eliza Hornbrook, 8, of Paris. The

girls were among about 50 children who attended the camp, according to Shayna Miles, president of the foundation, which provides support and resources to children with disabilities and rare diseases. The camp had a 1-to-1 volunteer-to-child ratio.

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