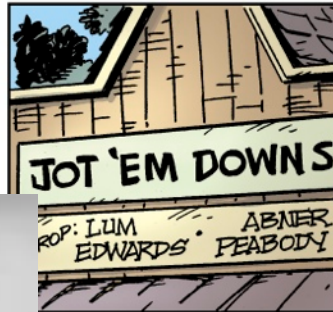




# OLT to participate in Lum & Abner Days June 4 - 6



*By Lum & Abner cartoonist, Donnie Pitchford. He will be here Saturday*



## Play Selection

### Committee Meets

May 26 some OLT members met to set the season for 2016. 2015 will finish out with "The Foreigner" and the Jolt Christmas show. Those present were Lamar Austin, LaDonna Van Wolf, Joe Van Wolf, Shirley Nunes-Thornton, Beth McMillen, and Rudi Timmerman. The consensus was that we need recognizable shows with larger casts in order to draw the crowds needed to maintain the theatre. The committee also decided to publish a list of possible shows so that the membership could comment and or vote. The following shows were proposed:

- GodSpell**
- Oklahoma**
- Annie (if available)**
- Death by Chocolate**
- Social Security**
- Church Basement Ladies**
- Belles**
- On Golden Pond**
- Sherlock Holmes**
- Our Town**
- Silas Marner**

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Lum and Abner days will soon be here. The Ouachita Little Theatre has teamed up with the A&P commission and the National Lum & Abner Society to provide both the entertainment and the flavor of the days when Lum & Abner were national radio heroes. To that end OLT invites the community to the theatre for several fun filled activities. **Thursday** night at 7:30 pm there will be a reenactment of an old time radio show followed by a Lum & Abner movie the fellows released in the 50's provided by Donnie Pitchford, the Lum & Abner Cartoonist. Our own radio celebrities will be Bill Hays as Lum, Scotty Jenkins as Abner. Niles, Ben, Sister Simpson, Squire, Bushnell, Elsie, and the announcer will be played by Sharon Hose, Jerry Barker, Shirley Nunes-Thornton, Darryl Smith, Curt Teasdale, Judy Weir, and Linda Johnson. We are asking for a \$2 donation for the evening show.

On **Friday** The OLT version of Lum & Abner will perform radio skits on the stage in the part at 11:00am and 3:00 pm.

On **Saturday** starting at 12:30 will be a meet and greet for Mena's guest from the Lum & Abner Society at the theater. The public will have a chance to meet **John Rose, cartoonist for "Snuffy Smith", Mike Curtis, writer for "Dick Tracy" and Donnie Pitchford, Lum & Abner Cartoonist.** Starting at 1:00 pm these celebrities will present a show of their own with cartooning demonstrations, radio skits and a multi media sharing of Lum & Abner memorabilia. This will be a free show and everyone is invited.



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING TUESDAY, MAY 19 AT THE THEATRE

1. Minutes from the past membership meeting were read by Larry Kropp. It was noted that Wayne Johnson and Robby Burt were not listed as committee members from the minutes from last year and the amended notes were approved.

2. Report on projects at the theatre by Rudi Timmerman including the back porch, storage building, fire escape ladder, cleanup, and painting.

3. Financial report presented by Marilyn Brown. Rudi Timmerman made comments concerning the amount of funds that are currently available for the budget are lower than last year.

4. Ideas by members include: (1) Trying to find new customers in the community (2) More publicity needed for shows (3) More promotions and free tickets needed in order to get people to the theatre (4) Radio Thrifty Thursday as a way to advertise.

Plays to consider for the future include: (1) Death by Chocolate (2)Man of Lamancha (3)Godspell (4)Annie (5)Christmas Carol (6) Christmas Bell Series (7) Church Basement Ladies (8)Guys and Dolls (9)Oklahoma.



(1)Shirley Nunes-Thornton (2) Judy Thompson (3) Justin Fenwick (4)Bill Hayes (5)LaDonna Van Wolf (6)Nick Worth.

Ballots were passed out and counted by the Nominating Committee (Robby Burt, Lamar Austin, Chris Benner) and the results are as follows:

- Rudi Timmerman President
- Brad Storey, Vice President (newly elected)
- Secretary, Judy Kropp
- Treasurer, Marilyn Brown
- Judy Thompson (newly elected)
- LaDonna Van Wolf (newly elected)
- Shirley Nunes-Thornton (newly elected)
- Bill Hayes (newly elected)

6. Meeting adjourned

Jolts and MGA presented a fun filled evening with a show they called, "Mena's got Talent" The Money that was raised is for the Relay for Life. Twelve entertaining acts were presented ranging from singing to dancing to comedy. The winners were 3d Jennifer Ogger, 2nd Flora Smith, and 1st Katelin Haines. Kudos to Nick Worth and his group for doing the leg work on this show.



**JOLTS to present CHARLOTTE'S WEB**



The cast has been rehearsing. It has been a real challenge with a cast of 30 youngsters. The directors are thankful for the great help from the parents. The show is being directed by JOLT member Katie O'Rear and assisted by adult sponsor Jessica Kropp and will be presented June 19-21 and 26-28

The Old Lyric Players (OLP) presented a fun filled show Saturday, May 9 at 7:30 and Sunday, May 10 at 2:30. OLP perform readers theater with Janelle Baldwin at the helm. We were entertained with "Tape", "After the Ball", "Eleanor's Passing" and 2 other short sketches.



The group had the bad luck of having terrible weather, but they entertained those who braved the storms.