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Galbraith announces candidacy for governor

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Nicholas County native Gatewood Galbraith says he has a plan to "cure Kentucky's economic woes" and he will be steadily pressuring legislators to enact his plan until the next governor's race.

That's when he says he hopes to be elected as the governor of the state as an Independent candidate.

Galbraith's plan, which will come as no surprise to anyone who has followed his straight-shooting political career, is to enact legislation to legalize medicinal marijuana and market industrial hemp for a variety of industrial uses, including fuel.

"We need to return to hemp as a cash crop and we need to do that now," Galbraith said during a brief interview with MC Newspapers May 1. "We can produce 20 barrels of petroleum from one acre of hemp. You don't need flat land to grow the hemp and you don't need fertilizer or pesticides. We have the means to produce enough fuel in the fields of our state to put ethanol to shame."

Galbraith is also convinced that the proper taxation and licensing of medicinal marijuana would boost the state's economy and would cut the cost of health care for many people across the state and nation who use prescription drugs to battle chronic pain, depression and anxiety.

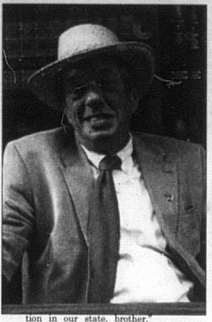
Galbraith said if medicinal marijuana becomes legal in the state then doctors could prescribe it and it would create another cash crop for Kentucky farmers while saving insurance companies and patients millions of dollars in drug costs.

"Marijuana is not addictive and it will not kill you like many pharmaceutical drugs," Galbraith said.

Galbraith said he has been pushing for positive economic change for years, but he said legislators have forgotten about their constituents and are only concerned with lining their own pockets.

Gov. Steve Beshear's administration is predicting Kentucky's state budget shortfall next year may eclipse one billion dollars, according to reports published last week.

"We have eclectic dysfunction in our state, brother," Galbraith said with a sly grin. "But we have a golden opportunity to solve the state's economic woes."



Charismatic attorney Gatewood Galbraith, a native of Nicholas County, has announced that he will be running as an Independent candidate for governor of Kentucky during the next election. Galbraith advocates for legalizing industrial hemp and medicinal marijuana says he has a plan to solve the state's economic woes.

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tunity and I believe it is time to rise to the occasion."

Galbraith says during his campaign for governor he will distribute 100,000 copies of his book "The Last Free Man In America: Meets The Synthetic Subversion."

Although Galbraith has been an exciting political candidate for Governor in the past (he actually carried Nicholas County in the last gubernatorial Democratic primary) he has spent very little money. He said that will be much different during the next election.

Galbraith spoke about his mission for the future of Kentucky's medicinal marijuana and industrial hemp. That mission can also be found on Galbraith's website: www.mm4k.org.

"The mission of Kentuckyans for Medical Marijuana is to organize and lobby for an immediate change in Kentucky's marijuana laws to allow the use of marijuana for all the ailments for which it is therapeutic."

"16 other states and countless medical societies and groups recognize marijuana's many medical benefits and have passed laws and regulations to legitimize its use but Kentucky continues to categorize marijuana as a Schedule One Narcotic with no medical benefits and a high potential for abuse."

"That is pure fiction and an absurd basis from which to try to enact reasonable laws addressing affordable health care and efficient law enforcement. We believe this has come about because our lawmakers and policy experts are uninformed regarding marijuana as a medicine. They are kept in the dark by certain interests who are making money off the current madness. Well, it is up to us to lead them into the sunlight of knowledge and insight, which will result in allowing marijuana as a medicine in Kentucky. And that is what we intend to do."

"The injured worker, the car accident victim and all those people trying to cope with chronic pain in an insane world where you are criminalized for associating with a safe natural medicine that is saving your life. This must change and you and your friends are agents for that change."

"Alert everyone you know about our efforts. Send them to this site. Use our forums and post your thoughts on our message boards. Let us organize through our veteran's halls and organizations, the American Legion, the VFW, the Veterans and other hospitals and support groups like the Multiple Sclerosis and Arthritis Societies. Get your church involved along with your local sheriffs and newspaper editors. Many people from many walks of life want this change to take place. Help us find them and let's organize to lobby the legislature."

Galbraith said he is in favor of "mom and pop" type farm operations being able to make money from growing industrial hemp and medicinal marijuana.



Photo by Melissa Mitchell

Prom Royalty
The 2009 Prom Queen and King are Jessica Gilkerson and Scott Clark.

Caring Hearts event honors memory of young man, assists special need families

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Members of the Caring Hearts organization will be having a day-long event May 16 to assist the families of ten children with special needs and one of the annual event highlights, the horse ride, will be dedicated to the memory of William Robert W.R. Hughes.

The Isaac and Friends 5th Annual Family Fund Day and Trail Ride will be held Saturday May 16 at 1348 Cassidy Creek Road. The trail ride will take place on the Clay Wildlife Farm.

Registration for the horse-riding event begins at 8 a.m., and should be completed by 10 a.m.

There were over 180 riders during last year's event and group organizers believe there may even be more this year.

"It's going to be a great event," said one of the organizers, Becky Glass. "We'll have music all day long by Sounds Unlimited and we will also have an antique car and tractor show and a petting zoo."

Caring Hearts officers say a pig roast will also be held and four pigs have been donated for the event.

Event organizers expressed deep thanks for all of the help members of the Nicholas County Fire Department have provided to them in the past and they

knew the late WR Hughes was looking forward to becoming a volunteer firefighter like his father and grandfather. Caring Hearts members decided to dedicate the ride to the memory of WR Hughes.

"This really means a lot to our family," Matt Hughes, father of WR said. "We support Caring Hearts."

Caring Hearts is sponsoring ten children with special needs this year and have been assisting local families with special needs for the past four years.

Isaac's grandfather is current Caring Hearts officer Ricky Willoughby.

According to Willoughby, the group is finalizing the process of obtaining a 501(c)3 status, with the help of attorney Dawn Litcher. That special designated tax status may help the group access certain state and federal grants in the future.

Anyone wishing to learn more about the worthy organization or the festive event on May 16 is encouraged to call Willoughby at 749-7667, Becky Glass at 473-2394 or Tim Brady at 473-1872.

Your help is needed and all you have to have is a caring heart. In the event of rain the event will be held May 30.



Photo by Joshua E. Harper

Planting New Life
On Tuesday, May 5, 2009, at Nicholas County High School, family, friends and faculty, gathered for the planting of a tree to honor the memory of Brittany Ruble. Ruble perished in a tragic automobile accident in Dec. 2008. She was a senior at NCHS.

SCHOOL PROJECT
Nicholas County Schools will be holding a ground breaking ceremony for the new gymnasium and classroom project Monday, May 18th at 6:00 p.m.

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