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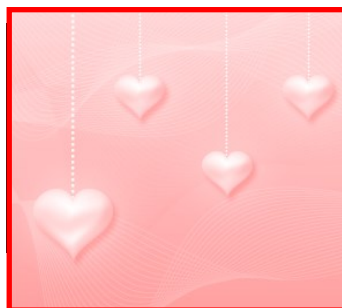
Unfailing Love By Sandra Mills

Can you feel the love? Isn't that one of the most coveted things in this world? Everyone wishes for someone to love who will love them back. It is innate within us to yearn for it.

Many have been the Valentine's Days that I spent in a foul mood when I was a single person. I didn't have my someone yet and hated being forced to endure the day on which so many would celebrate the romance in their lives.

Ah, but, one day the Lord helped me to understand

that I indeed did have a special someone to love...in fact, I had several special someone's to love!!



Celebrating love

I had a precious mother, and an awesome daddy! A wonderful sister and her

little family...friends-real ones....a very close-knit church family...and best of all: Jesus. There was love every where for me to celebrate- and I did celebrate it!

That was the end of my hating Valentine's day. If you're in that same boat, take heart! Just look around a little and you'll see how blessed you are.

For those who do have romance to celebrate, just simply love with your heart....that gift will never fail to please!

Words of Wisdom:

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4 Love suffers long and is kind; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up;

5 does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil:

6 does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in truth;  
7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

8 Love never fails...  
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1 Corinthians 13:4-8



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Submitted by: Stephanie Boothe

Blowing Their Own Horns...

...and drums! That's what four SHS band students did when they were selected for Honor Band in January.

Two hundred fifty students from Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas had the opportunity to participate in the Four States Honor Band in January.

They practiced together and gave a concert at Texarkana's Texas High School.

Selected students from Smackover included:

- ◇ Haley Clayton
- ◇ Rae Ann Lowery
- ◇ Alex Golden
- ◇ Riley Duke

Haley Clayton has been chosen for three years running.

Congratulations to these accomplished musicians!

(from Buckaroo Blog)

SES Welcomes New Member

Smackover Elementary School principal, Holly Strickland, recently got a new assistant. Jennifer Malin joined our school system as the Elementary Administrative Assistant in January.

Mrs. Malin lives in the Mt. Holly community with her husband and five children.

I stopped by recently to visit (By: Sandra Mills)

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your unclaimed
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Focus on Our Future: At the Hop!



*Elementary school
AR readers
met their goals
and got to celebrate
at the Sock Hop*



Smackover Elementary School has an Accelerated Reading program, called AR for short. Each participating student has a goal for each nine weeks.

The students who met their goals for the second nine weeks of the first semester were rewarded with being able to attend the Crazy Sock Hop in January.

The following students met their AR goals:

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|---------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| ◇ Presley Ainsworth | ◇ Will Wilcox | ◇ Maddox Gottberg |
| ◇ Boone Dearman | ◇ Breanne Boyce | ◇ Ariel Hervey |
| ◇ Holly Drummond | ◇ Chase Brumley | ◇ Jasmine Jones |
| ◇ Emma Gottberg | ◇ Anna Grace Crutchfield | ◇ Gabbi Kelly |
| ◇ Joshua Malin | ◇ CJ Evans | ◇ Justice Nelson |
| ◇ Lakyn Myers | ◇ Reese Faulkner | ◇ Xavier Richardson |
| ◇ Avery Neal | ◇ Jaxson Kell | ◇ Jayden Smith |
| ◇ Evan Phillips | ◇ Joshua Lum | ◇ Dylan Calloway |
| ◇ Jacob Bradford | ◇ Timmy Preston | ◇ Drew Haynes |
| ◇ Jana Mills | ◇ John Ramsey | ◇ Jonah Harrison |
| ◇ Rylie Williams | ◇ Madison Thornton | ◇ Caleb Watson |
| ◇ Paul Bramlett | ◇ Bella Ward | ◇ Rett Gatewood |
| ◇ Sawyer Cropper | ◇ Landree Clark | ◇ Vanessa Lofton |
| ◇ Anna Dixon | ◇ Laylah Gaston | ◇ Trenton Bailey |
| ◇ Rikki Holloway | ◇ Malayia Holloway | ◇ Jordan Brock |
| ◇ Carlie Crawford | ◇ Ronnie Jackson | ◇ Braden Doherty |
| ◇ Kierra Hervey | ◇ LaShawn Jones | ◇ Lainey Holland |
| ◇ Sydney Preston | ◇ Colin Kratzer | ◇ Anna Claire Kratzer |
| | ◇ Mathieu Malin | ◇ Brooks Tolin |
| | ◇ Reese McKinnon | ◇ Kennedy Briggs |
| | ◇ Anna Morgan | ◇ Caleb Huckabee |
| | ◇ Rhett Richardson | ◇ Lexie Lawrence |
| | ◇ Colton Thomas | ◇ William Newton |
| | ◇ Emily Bailey | ◇ Alyson Paul |
| | ◇ Tori Bates | ◇ D'kylan Hildreth |
| | ◇ Jacob Kemp | ◇ Charity Stewart |
| | ◇ Kaylee Manasco | ◇ Zaria Woods |
| | ◇ Evan Pietranski | ◇ Anthoney Eutsey |
| | ◇ Braiden Anders | ◇ Jillian Russell |
| | ◇ Kaylee Davis | |

Great work, y'all!!

(from Buckaroo Blog)

Focus on Our Future — Part II

In addition to the great jobs done by the elementary students, we'd like to mention the **SHS** students who also achieved their AR goals for the second nine weeks.

7th Grade:

Roshard Boone, Patrick Booth, Brent Burris, Seth Byrd, Abbi Crawford, Riley Crowe, Brandon Darden, Haley Davis, Robert Dixon, Katelynn Gifford, Alondra Grant, Cole Hagler, Brady Lavoie, David Martin, William Mitchell, Jordan Price, Caleb Reynolds, Hannah Squyres, Nickolas Thornton, Mary Claire Wilcox, Kayleigh Yeager

8th Grade:

Colt Aycock, Brayden Belt, Justin Berry, Alison Billings, Kyrstin Bullard, Kenny Burger, Blake Doherty, Precious Dorman, Tucker Evans, Haleigh Gottberg, James Johnson, Jr., Ashton

Lewis, Keleeon Lios, Sara Livingston, Bryce Lockhart, Kristi McDonald, Beatriz Mendoza, Mark Miller, Jacob Mucklerath, Michael O'Brien, Noel Pietranski, Haley Reed

9th Grade:

Brycelynn Bailey, Lacy Bates, Kara Burson, Amber Carter, Drew Crutchfield, Courtney Davis, Laura Deal, Drake Dolden, Holly Donahoe, Cydni East, Michael Edwards, Mercedes Ellis, Midori Ellis, Skylah Givens, Elizabeth Golden, Elizabeth Harrison, Ashely Haynes, Andrea Huckabee, Mark Jenkins, Natalie Jennings, Nicholas Jennings, Lacy Kemp, Skyler Kinley, Katherine Langley, Hunter Lee, Reave Mullen, Charissa Newton, Breanna Poindexter, Shyira Pollin, Jared Russell, Haley Sampson, Ginny Stephens, Caitlyn Turner, Tessa Watson,

Adriana Williams, Jon Wintersteen

10th Grade:

Doyne Alphin, Hogan Barker, Emily Buggs, Ashlynn Coke, Adam Dorman, Alexis Ellis, Liz Frisby, Skyler Green, Erica Harris, Summer Jones, Tori McKinnon, Dijana Mendez, Justin Ponder, Reagan Pyron, Holly Reynolds, Krisanna Reynolds, Bailey Snider, Spencer Stanton, Ivy Tolin, Mason Willett, Sam Zargari

11th Grade:

Brianna Barnhardt, Aaron Brant, Disheanna Brown, T'ishona Campbell, Tyrese Eddington, DD Finks, Brittany Fisher, Makara Frazier, Tristan Fuller, Kayla Green, Kierra Harris, Elmo Hempstead, Debbie Hernandez, Katharine Jerry, Cody Johnson, Lexie Johnson, Melissa

Jones, Tristian Kelley, Alyce Love, Cammie Martin, Jackson Martin, Adrianna Parker, Chad Parker, Tamia Ramey, Haley Thompson, Nathan Toms

12th Grade:

Gerrett Alphin, Antonisha Barker, Brittany Barnhardt, Tawanna Bell, Alesha Billings, Aaron Brock, Lindsay Burson, John Burton, Haley Clayton, Brooke Cottrell, Kelsey Dews, Blane Dolden, Blair Goss, Hannah Green, Linda Hernandez, Kase Howe, Hannah Johnson, Christina Jones, Luke Landreneau, Kevante Lowery, Cordell McDonald, Ty Mullens, Emily Porter, Mallory Pyron, Brooke Roden, Catherine Sampson

Congratulations on your achievements and keep up the hard work. It will benefit you for years to come!

(from Tonya Corley and the Buckaroo Blog)

All-Region Band Members:

Congratulations to these Sr. High Band members who made the All-Region Band:

*Haley Clayton *Sierra Harper *Krisanna Reynolds *Alex Golden *John Schaeffer *Austin Sant

Member Spot Light:

Smackover Chamber of Commerce appreciates the membership of the following people and companies:

Mr. & Mrs. Ed Langston; long time residents of Smackover and owners of Langston Monument Company, serving our area since 1991.

Life Share Blood Centers; home office in Monroe, LA.

AR Rep. John Baine; Representing District 7.

C & F Construction; Located In Smackover and owned by Philip Childers and Charles Foot-specializing in Hot Mix Asphalt.

Expressway #663, via South Arkansas Oil Company

Jerry Langley Oil Company; Located in downtown Smackover.

Ruth Strauch; Smackover Elementary School Counselor.

Dave & Ashley Wilcox; Mr. Wilcox is Superintendent for

Smackover School District. He encourages our community to be involved: "Our children perform at a higher level when families and community members are directly involved with their education," said Mr. Wilcox.

Kyle Wimsett; Long time Smackover resident.

(SCOC;sjm)

Blast From the Past: "My Friend Vance" - Part I

By: Don Lambert (from the "Around Town" series)

Vance and I became friends when we worked at Paul Jones' Rose Drug Store during the 1944-45 WWII years. I was the soda fountain production superintendent and Vance was the janitor and also delivered call-in orders by bicycle to customers all over town.

Vance idolized the Smackover Buckaroos-especially Bill Bass, Sammy Furo and Tracy Scott--and never missed a game despite the fact that he couldn't afford an admission ticket. Back in that day, black folks (mostly men) were consigned to a standing room only spot within the dim recesses of the northwestern

corner of Buckaroo Field that was situated east to west along side of highway seven.

My friend Vance was always in his accustomed seat and I could easily pick him out (the third white shirt sitting on the second limb in the big oak tree on the corner of Arkansas Highway 7 and Mount Holly Road). According to him it was the best end zone seat available and it was free.

Twice a year, we delivered Rexall two-for-one-cent sale circulars to every house in Smackover by bicycle. This was a time when we knew everybody in town.

Professor L. J. Gurst was Smackover Training School's principle and Vance's life changed dramatically when "Professor" Gurst was hired as principle of El Dorado's all-black Washington High School. When the Gurst family headed the twelve miles south, they took Vance with them. He just happened to be the training school's top athlete and his dreams of playing football were soon realized, as he quickly became Washington's star player in football and basketball. (...to be continued)

Look for the next excerpt in the March issue.



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- ◇ President: Heather Fife
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- ◇ 2nd Vice President: Robin Hughes
- ◇ Treasurer: Rhonda Ray
- ◇ Secretary: Stephanie Thomas
- ◇ Manager: Sandra Mills



*Don't forget to submit your contribution to Smack Talk!
Your participation will only make us better.*



Missed and Ever Remembered

Our community recently lost two long time citizens. We at the Chamber of Commerce here in Smackover would like to extend our condolences to the families of these dear souls.

Dewey Winston Ross, a Smackover native, was born on July 20, 1944, to Willie and Mary Ross.

Mr. Ross graduated from Smackover Training School in 1965. He served our country in both the US Army and the US Air Force for a total of twelve years, and received honorable discharges from both branches.

He moved away from Smackover briefly, but returned to stay. He was husband to Ree Ross, and together they raised four sons, Sgt. Dameion Jones, Adrion Jones, Dewey Ross,

and Jordan Jones. Together they also enjoyed and spoiled nine grandchildren.

Mr. Ross was a well liked employee of Lockheed Martin, where he worked for 31 years. He was a faithful member of First Baptist Church, Smackover, AR.

His departure was made on December 28, 2013.

Ida Bell Ramsey, a long time Smackover resident, was born on July 22, 1927 to Clyde and Thelma Hinson.

Mrs. Ramsey was wife to Ralph Ramsey, Sr., who went on before her. Together they raised five children, Ralph Ramsey, Jr. (Maria), Bo Ramsey, Jerry Ramsey (Debbie), Howard Ramsey (Lauralyn), and Virginia Ramsey Todd.

Mrs. Ramsey was a home maker, and found joy in making her family her focus. She was known as Grandma Ramsey by her family, and no doubt earned the loving title by spoiling their 11 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

She was a member of Joyce City Baptist Church.

Her departure was made on January 1, 2014.

(With info gleaned from Sims Mortuary & El Dorado News-Times; printed with permission from family members.)



**Yard Sale: Saturday, February 1, 2014—
1662 Pershing Highway—8 a.m. till...**

**Phone Directories are available at the
Chamber Office—Come on over and get
one for your home or business!**

**Members of the Chamber of Commerce
are welcome to attend monthly
Board meetings—every third Tuesday
of each month at 6 p.m.**

2014 Oil Town Sweetheart Pageant

 **Saturday, February 8, 2014
11:00 a.m. at the SHS Auditorium**

Register by: Feb. 7, 2014

944-0127, 725-3628, or 725-4186

NEW SATURDAY HOURS

**Effective February 22, 2014,
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Thank You

Ms. Ree Ross and family wish to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to all relatives, friends, and well-wishers for throwing your arms around us during our time of bereavement. You were our God-sent pillow to lie on — may God richly bless you all. We deeply appreciate the food, many phone calls, visits, cards, and e-mails. Special thanks to those who set up memorial funds. It is indeed a difficult time for us. As we grieve the loss of our loved one, we are aware that God is able to heal our pain. We want you to know that you will always be in our hearts. May God continue to bless each of you. ~Again, many thanks!

FEBRUARY 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2  Ground Hog Day	3	4 Thank a Mail Man Day	5  Anniversary of the Constitution	6 Spring Pictures	7	8 Oil Town Sweetheart Pageant
9	10 Book Fair 10th-14th City Council Meeting -6:00	11	12  Lincoln's Birthday	13 School out at 12:35 ••• SES Parent- Teacher Conference	14 	15
16	17 NO School President's Day	18 Chamber of Commerce Meeting- 6 :00	19	20 School out at 12:35 SHS Parent- Teacher Conference	21 All Pro Dad's Breakfast- SES , 6:45 a.m.	22  Washington's Birthday
23	24  Flag Day School Board Meeting -5:30	25 SES Science Fair	26	27 Preschl P/T Conference ••• SES Science Fair Awards -2 p.m.	28  Floral Design Day	1

February Is:

- ♦ American Heart Month
- ♦ Black History Month
- ♦ National Cherry Month
- ♦ Nat'l Children's Dental Health Month

Love All, Trust a Few....
Do Wrong to None!

Local Events:

Feb. 8, 2014—Fellowship Meeting at *First Apostolic Church*. Begins at noon. Located at 1401 Pershing Hwy, Smackover, AR 71762. Everyone Welcome!

Feb. 22, 2014—*AUCTION*, Begins at 6 p.m. Located on Broadway across from Smackover State Bank, downtown Smackover. Great deals to be found!