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Almost Time For Oil Town!

I'm not sure if the excitement is building here or if the pressure is mounting! Whichever it is, our 44th Annual Oil Town is fast approaching!

Preparations have been in the works for months now, and we are busy beginning to tie those loose ends and get everything into place.

Oil town tee shirts went on sale in April and can be purchased at the Chamber of Commerce office M-F, 11-2, and at First Financial Bank's and Smackover

State Bank's Smackover branches.

Ducks for the Duck Race will go on sale around the



2015 Oil Town Tee Shirts are
on sale now!

middle of this month, so keep an eye out. You

won't want to miss out on the biggest race to hit No Name Creek.

We are bringing back two former events this year: Oil Ball 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament and also Merchant Drawings. Registration for both events is free. Merchants should begin accepting registration for prizes in June.

We hope you'll begin making plans now to attend. Festival dates are June 18th, 19th, and 20th.

(Sandra Kerr Mills)

*If you count the sprinkles on every kid's cupcake to make sure they are equal
~ You might be a Mommy!*

Dinosaurs Are Coming!

The Arkansas Museum of Natural Resources will be getting a new exhibit beginning May 11, 2015.

I talked with Pam Beasley at the museum and she shared with me that the

new exhibit will feature dinosaur skeletons. They will have a Triceratops, Pterodactyl, and a T-Rex along with various other bones of assorted prehistoric animals. The exhibit will also feature a

mock excavation site for digging and discovering.

The exhibit will be at the museum all summer and on through the first week of October. Don't miss it!

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End of School Year Plans

There are lots of plans for the month of May between field trips and fun days and graduation ceremonies and every thing in between.

Smackover Preschool will have its end of year program on May 21, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at Hobgood Auditorium. *Disney Beach Party Fun* will feature each class singing a Beach Boys classic and wearing period or summertime themed apparel. It is sure to be a precious program!

Smackover and Norphlet Elementary schools will both feature 5th & 6th grade graduations this

year since both grades will be transitioning to the new Middle School, which will be located on the Norphlet campus.

Kindergarten Celebration for SES will be May 26th at 9 a.m. at Hobgood Auditorium; NES will hold theirs on May 26th at 9 a.m. at the Family Life Center in the Norphlet First Baptist Church.

5th Grade Graduation for SES will be May 28th at 9 a.m. at Hobgood Auditorium; NES will hold theirs on May 26th at 1 p.m. at the Family Life Center in the Norphlet First Baptist

Church.

6th Grade Graduation for SES will be May 27th at 9 a.m. at Hobgood Auditorium; NES will hold theirs on May 26th at 1 p.m., along with the 5th grade graduation, at the Family Life Center in the Norphlet First Baptist Church.

High School Graduation for SHS will be held on May 19th at 8 p.m. at Buckaroo Stadium (—at Hobgood Auditorium in case of rain); NES will hold theirs on May 18th at 7:30 p.m. at McNutt Field (—in the gym in case of rain.) (SKM/SCOC)

If you catch yourself cutting your husband's sandwiches into cute shapes
~You might be a Mommy



Preschoolers celebrate
Arkansas Children's Week

Children's Parade

On the cool, cloudy morning of April 14, 2015, Smackover Preschool staff, students, and parents/family brightened Broadway Street with their sunny, yellow shirts and excited

spirits as they paraded through downtown Smackover to celebrate Arkansas' Children's Week.

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Senior Reception To Be Held



**Celebrating
2015 SHS
Graduation**

Melba Bussell, librarian at the Smackover Public Library, and her right hand lady, Relda Burton, have been hard at work making preparations for the Senior

Reception, which will be held immediately after Senior Day festivities on May 18, 2015.

The reception, held in the Smackover Community Center above the library, is a long-standing tradition. All are invited to attend.

**Children are
the anchors
that hold a
mother to life.**

~Sophocles

Mother's Day is May 10th!

Smackover is home to TWO great Flower Shops.

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Mother's
Blessing
—upon her
very own
children:
"I hope your
kids act
just like
you!"

Working Women's Luncheon a Success!

Smackover Chamber of Commerce held its annual luncheon for Smackover area working ladies and we had a great turn out.

Chamber President, Kyle Wimsett, was on hand along with Board Members, Benjy Hildebrand, Stacy Mullin, Stephanie Thomas, Tina

Ruddell, Rhonda Ray, and Sue Crawford, to help serve our ladies.

We extend our thanks to Eddie Pearson and David Sartain, members of El Dorado Chemical's grill team. They grilled up some great burgers! And Veronica Bush made sure each lady

received a complimentary Avon bag.

THANK YOU to our sponsors and door prize donors, as well. We couldn't have had such a great day without any of you!

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**Working and serving together
for a stronger community!**

~A Mother's Prayer~

Oh give me patience when wee hands
Tug at me with their small demands.
And give me gentle and smiling eyes.
Keep my lips from hasty replies.
And let not weariness, confusion, or noise
Obscure my vision of life's fleeting joys.
So when, in years to come, my house is still
No bitter memories its room may fill.

~Author Unknown

(from *Christian Post.com*)

Strength and honor are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come.

She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.

She looketh well to the ways of her household and eateth not the bread of idleness.

Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.

~Proverbs 31:25-28~

Recycling Center Not A Dump

The city of Smackover is blessed to have a Recycling Center. We would like to ask the citizens of our great little town to please use the center for its intended purpose.

That purpose is to offer convenience to those who wish to recycle certain items without having to travel to El Dorado or Camden to dispose of them.

Our local Recycling Center is *not* a place for dumping unwanted household items such as mattresses, furniture, appliances and the like. Using the center for that purpose causes the area to become an eyesore and costs the city

extra money in clean up efforts.

Our Recycling Center only accepts paper, cardboard, and electronics. The company which collects our recyclable items no longer accepts plastic, so we ask that you refrain from bringing it to the

center. You may take plastics to the El Dorado Recycling Center.

For large items, please simply place the item on your curb and call our City Hall to be placed on the list for this type of trash pick up.

Yard waste (bagged) is collected on the second Thursday and Friday of each month. Furniture, mattresses, etc. will be picked up on the last Wednesday of each month when you are on the lists for pick up.

Keeping our city neat is as easy as a phone call. Please help. (SJM/SCOC)



Please do not dump this type of material at Recycling Center

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