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Teachers' Appreciation a Success

On August 11, 2015, the Smackover Chamber of Commerce hosted a luncheon for the teachers and administration of the Smackover-Norphlet School District.

The menu included grilled burgers & hot dogs with all the fixings, chips, and ice cold drinks. Rich, fudgy, frosted brownies were served for dessert.

The room was abuzz as the team which makes up the SNSD fellowshiped as they ate.

During the luncheon, each school principle

introduced their new teachers. After introductions were made, Kyle Wimsett, Chamber



New teachers were introduced at the luncheon

President, drew door prizes, which added an element of fun to the event.

Thank you to the members of Smackover Chamber of Commerce who helped prepare, cook, serve, and clean up. Thank you to El Dorado Chemical for allowing us to use their grill, and to the many, many community minded businesses and merchants who sponsored this event and donated door prizes. I wish I could name you all.

Lastly, THANK YOU to our wonderful SNSD Administration and Teaching Staff! You're the best!

(By: Sandra Kerr Mills)

Love Wins!

By Sandra Kerr Mills

This writer recently saw this headline everywhere not very long ago, and it got me to thinking.

HE THAT LOVETH NOT, KNOWETH NOT GOD; FOR GOD IS LOVE. I John 4:8 (KJV) Though this was not the jest of the headlines I

read, the truth of this verse comforted me.

Distractions are abounding, friends! Let us keep focused on the one true thing that will not change or fade away with time. If you are a Bible reader, then you, too, have

read the back of the book. The truth of the matter is that God, the Lord Jesus-LOVE, does win!

Let's encourage our young ones, now more than ever, to read the Bible and stand on the truth which will not fail.



City Report Highlights

From the July 13, 2015 City Council meeting minutes, which were approved at the August 10, 2015 meeting:

Under old business, Mayor Neal addressed the Vicious Dog Ordinance, which was tabled at last month's (June's) meeting. Mayor Neal has talked to Animal Control Officer, Charles Hartsell, who gave him a copy of an ordinance used by several cities in Union county. Copies of the ordinance were included in the packets for the council members to review. Furthermore, the council may wish to add more to the ordinance before going forward with using it for Smackover. The mayor spoke with insurance agencies, and also met with Shelter Insurance agent, Keith Miller, to gain a clear understanding of whether or not they would insure pit bulls. Mr. Miller said that Shelter Insurance does not insure homeowners who own pit bulls, and current insureds obtaining pit bulls are

cancelled, adding that the other companies they use to write insurance all refuse to insure the breed as well. Mayor Neal opened the floor for question and discussion with Mr. Hartsell, and afterwards appointed Aldermen Corley, Givens, and Long to work on a revision of our current ordinance by next (August's) Council meeting.

Recorder/Treasurer East gave the third and final reading (TITLE ONLY) of the proposed ordinance, "An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 497". After final reading, Mayor Neal told Council it would increase the minimum sewer rate by \$4.16 and asked for Council to accept the Sewer Rate Ordinance. It was accepted. Ordinance No. 512.

Only one bid was received for the old city hall building, and the librarian does not wish to move locations, therefore Council has decided to use the building for a community center.

Mayor Neal addressed

the Council on a telephone call with Nathan Rutledge, of Crew & Associates, concerning refinancing our current sewer bonds for a lower interest rate. He told Council that Nathan would meet with him on July 15th and he would bring that information to the August Council meeting.

Additional concerns were addressed by Alderman Corley about drilling additional water wells as a long term project, and issues over the police department needing new vests as the current ones are out of date and need replacing. Mayor Neal said the water wells may be discussed at a later date. The Council authorized Chief Fife to purchase police department vests.

Alderman Childers asked how the Smackover Municipal Water Department auto bank draft was coming along and Mayor Neal said they plan to start in September and the drafts will be drawn on the 7th of each month.

(Adapted by S K Mills from minutes by Rec/Treas. Rick East)

Bingo Well Attended



Bingo Smackover Lions' Club enjoyed by hosts a Bingo many in night on the first town. Tuesday of each Month.

Since its resumption in July, it has been well attended and a lot of fun is being had. What a great way for the community to get together and fellowship and catch up

with each other.

Bingo is currently being held at the old city hall building on 7th Street, which offers easier access since there are no stairs to climb. Cards are \$1.00 each or 3 for \$2.00. Game time begins at 6:00 p.m.

September 1st is the date for this month's game. Come join the fun!

Dates To Remember-September

- **Septemer 7, 2015:** Labor Day Holiday—No School!!
- **September 8, 2015:** Bingo @ old city hall, 6 p.m.
- **September 14, 2015:** City Council Meeting, 6 p.m.
- **September 15, 2015:** Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting, 6 p.m.
- **September 15, 2015:** Parent Teacher Conferences (except Pre-school)
- **September 21, 2015:** SNSD Annual Report to

Public

- **September 25, 2015:** HOMECOMING



You are guaranteed a wonderful life once you recognize life is wonderful.
~Marrett Green

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

The Smackover Chamber of Commerce conducted a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Southern Grace Grooming, located at 601 W 7th Street in Smackover.

The grooming salon opened in June of this year and offers

everything from a simple bath to a full clipping...even doggy facials! Word around town is that groomer, Sheila Graves does a great job. Although making an appointment is best, walk-ins are welcome.



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Member Spotlight

Smackover Chamber of Commerce would like to recognize the following members:

- ⇒ **J David Reynolds Company**
- ⇒ **Names & Numbers**
- ⇒ **Quality Lube**
- ⇒ **Sand Lake Farms Farmers' Mkt & Café**
- ⇒ **WTS Petroleum Services**

These businesses help to make what we do possible. Please join us in thanking them. They are among those who give back to our community, so let's give back to them by doing business with them whenever possible.

Knock, knock.

Who's there?

Little old lady.

Little old lady who?

Wow, I didn't know you could yodel!



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Owners

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Saturday: 10:00am to 4:00pm
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Left to Right: Rev. Mike Powell, Vickie Powell, Nancy Smith, Rev. Lonnie Smith

FIRST APOSTOLIC CHURCH WELCOMES NEW MINISTER

Reverend Lonnie Smith, pastor of First Apostolic Church in Smackover, has invited Reverend Mike Powell and his wife, Vickie, to join the church as ministerial help. Rev. and Mrs. Powell have relocated to Smackover from Tuscumbia, AL, which is located in the Shoals area. Rev. Lonnie Smith has pastored the First Apostolic Church, 1401 Pershing Hwy, since 1984.