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# SmackTalk

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## OFF THE RECORD...

### ANNOUNCING TRUNK OR TREAT!

Technically, this is the November issue of SmackTalk, but seeing as it is circulating at the end of October I wanted to shamelessly plug the Chamber's next event: TRUNK OR TREAT!

We will be hosting our annual event on October 31, 2013—Halloween night. We hope that you will join in on the fun by decorating your car or yourself...or both and heading to downtown Smackover. Broadway will be closed off at 4:30 p.m. that evening for our festivities, so any cars participating in the car decoration contest will need to be parked on Broadway around the Kennedy Park area by that time.

Trick or Treating with the mer-

chants begins at 5 p.m. and our town's merchants will be handing out candy to trick-or-treaters.

The costume contest begins at 6 p.m. in Kennedy Park. Age categories are as follows: 0-2, 3-4, 5-7, 8-



10, 11-13, 14-16, and 17-UP. There will be trophies for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each age category, as well as for the car decorating con-

test. There will be a mini carnival as well, also at Kennedy Park, with games and prizes sponsored by the Smackover Chamber of Commerce, First Baptist Church, First Assembly of God, Jr. Beta Club, Anchor Club, Skills USA Club, and FBLA. The Salvation Army will be there giving out hot cocoa and concession will be provided by the Smackover Buckaroo Band Parents.

The festivities will move on down to Tennyson Park's amphitheater at 7 p.m. where we will be showing a family movie for our "Movie in the Park." There will be free popcorn while supplies last. And of course there will be yummy food available from the band parents' concession stand.

Please plan to join all of the fun we have planned for you!

## NOVEMBER IS:

NATIONAL INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH

LATIN AMERICAN MONTH

NUTRITION MONTH

NOVEL WRITING MONTH

PEANUT BUTTER LOVER'S MONTH

NATIONAL HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS WEEK (16TH-24TH)

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# HELPING HANDS *By Sandra Mills*



IN LIGHT OF NATIONAL HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS WEEK, WHICH IS NOVEMBER 16-24, WE WOULD LIKE TO SPOT LIGHT THE BREAD OF LIFE SOUP KITCHEN, LOCATED AT THE SALVATION ARMY IN EL DORADO. THE STREET ADDRESS IS 419 S. MADISON AVE., EL DORADO, AR 71730 AND THE PHONE NUMBER IS (870) 863-4830.

WE ALL FALL ON HARD TIMES NOW AND THEN, BUT SOMETIMES BOUNCING BACK FROM THEM IS NOT EASY AND DOES NOT HAPPEN QUICKLY. IF YOU HAPPEN TO BE IN NEED OF A GOOD MEAL, THE BREAD OF

LIFE SOUP KITCHEN SERVES TWO MEALS EACH DAY. LUNCH IS SERVED FROM 11:30 AM-12:30 PM, AND THE EVENING MEAL IS SERVED FROM 4:15 PM-5:30 PM. SIMPLY GO TO THE BACK ENTRANCE OF THE SALVATION ARMY WHERE THE LINE FOR MEALS FORMS. YOU MAY ALSO ENJOY SOME GOOD CONVERSATION WITH THOSE WITH WHOM YOU WAIT.

THE SALVATION ARMY IS ALL ABOUT SERVING OTHERS...AND LETTING OTHERS SERVE. CHURCH GROUPS AND SCHOOL GROUPS AND THE LIKE WANTING TO VOLUNTEER

MAY CONTACT THE OFFICE OF THE SALVATION ARMY TO IDENTIFY YOUR GROUP AND YOUR INTEREST IN HELPING OUT. BE PREPARED TO GIVE A CONTACT NAME OF THE PERSON IN CHARGE OF THE GROUP. INDIVIDUALS NEED ONLY TO GO BY AND FILL OUT AN APPLICATION. WHEN APPROVED, SIMPLY SHOW UP AND SIGN IN. MINORS ARE WELCOME, TOO, AS LONG AS THEY ARE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT, OR ARE WITH A GROUP.

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## Buck Stars Bistro

Attention Parents of 7th-12th graders:

The Buck Stars Bistro is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:20 – 5:00. Your students can come study, read, or just hang with friends. The Bistro has light snacks, soda, and water available.

The Bistro is located in the former Bruce Drugs Building downtown and is run by Aprile Richardson and Sonia Barker.



Mrs. Barker serves with a smile!

## COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION WELCOME

SmackTalk is a little community driven newsletter. Our goal is that you will enjoy reading the information you find within its pages. We welcome ideas from you. If you have a good recipe, success story, a child we can spot light, property to rent, items to sell, job listings, etc. please give us a call or come by the office and let us know about it! Ads for SmackTalk are \$20.00 each. If you would like to place an ad in our next issue, please contact us or come by our office. Our contact numbers are 870-725-3521 (M-F, 11-2) and 870-944-0221 (any time).

**Entry forms for the  
Smackover  
Christmas Parade  
can be  
obtained from the  
Chamber office and  
local downtown  
businesses**

# FOCUS ON OUR FUTURE

## SHS GOLFERS QUALIFY FOR STATE TOURNAMENT

Smackover Chamber of Commerce would like to recognize the following players on the Smackover High School Golf Team who qualified for the State Tournament which was held in October.

- Tori McKinnon
- Krisanna Reynolds
- Tessa Watson
- Hogan Barker
- Daniel Hughes

(from *The Buckaroo Blog*)

## ADVICE FROM A 5 YEAR OLD...

By Sandra Mills



Linly Mills is a five year old kindergarten student from Smackover Elementary School. Recently, Linly told me that she learned about the word RESPONSIBILITY while in class.

When I asked her to tell me what it meant she said, "When you are at home, it means doing what you are supposed to do and

what your parents tell you to do. When you are at school, it means doing what you are supposed to do and what your teacher tells you to do."

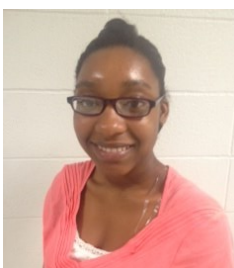
I am thankful that our schools try to teach our children important words like RESPONSIBILITY. Hopefully we as parents can work together with our schools to mold solid, responsible adults who will one day be strong, responsible leaders in our community.

Before ending, I'd like to leave you with one more tidbit of five year old advice from Linly. "You have to always brush under your tongue when brushing your teeth. If you don't, it will STINK!" Sounds like a pretty responsible thing to do to me!

## TENNIS PLAYERS WIN AT STATE

Smackover High School Tennis Players, Josh Zeigler and Cordell McDonald, won the District 3A Men's Doubles Tennis Championship. These two students also placed 3rd at state tournament. This is a first for Smackover.

This month's layout and design of the *SmackTalk* Publication was handled by Smackover High School Digital Communications Student Disheanna Brown. Mrs. Tammy Ward is her Instructor.



Disheanna Brown

## BLAST FROM THE PAST

(from *historyplace.com*)

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY:

**NOVEMBER 1, 1848;** The first medical school for women opened in Boston, MA. The Boston Female medical School was founded by Samuel Gregory with just 12 students. In 1874 the school merged with Boston University School of Medicine, becoming one of the first co-ed medical schools.

**NOVEMBER 3, 1957;** Soviet Russia launched the world's first inhabited space capsule, Sputnik II, which carried a dog named Laika.

**NOVEMBER 4, 1862;** Richard Gatling patented his first rapid-fire machine gun which used revolving barrels rotating around a central mechanism to load, fire and extract cartridges.

**NOVEMBER 13, 1956;** US Supreme Court ruled racial segregation on public buses was unconstitutional.

## WORDS OF WISDOM

The Beginning of Knowledge

- 1 The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel:
- 2 To know wisdom and instruction, to perceive the words of understanding,
- 3 To receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, judgment, and equity;
- 4 To give prudence to the simple, to the young man knowledge and discretion—
- 5 A wise man will hear and increase learning, and a man of understanding will attain wise counsel,
- 6 To understand a proverb and an enigma, the words of the wise and their riddles.
- 7 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

(Proverbs 1:1-7, from *biblegateway.com*)




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# Chamber Membership Renewals

SCOC; Sandra Mills



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Annual Membership Dues For The Year 2014

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate your selection below. Make any corrections needed to member information above.  
 Send this form along with your payment to:  
 Smackover Chamber of Commerce  
 PO Box 275  
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☐ Individual Membership..... \$ 50.00

☐ Individual with spouse.....\$75.00

☐ Business Membership.....\$200.00  
 + \$10.00 for every employee

Amount Paid..... \_\_\_\_\_

Registration form available at:  
[smackoverar.com](http://smackoverar.com)

**"We cannot  
 accomplish the  
 things we do  
 without all of  
 you!"**

Smackover Chamber of Commerce would like to thank the citizens of Smackover and its surrounding area who were members of our Chamber of Commerce in 2013. We could not have accomplished the things we did without all of you! We will soon be sending out renewal membership applications and we encourage you to send in your dues for 2014.

We would also like to encourage new membership. If you have not been a member with us in the past, I would like to share with you what it is we do. The Smackover Chamber of Commerce plays a large role in the community. It is made up of businesses and individuals that support the community they do business with and live in. Our goal is to make Smackover a great place to live and raise a family.

During the year there are many activities sponsored by the Chamber that contribute to the development of community spirit and unity. Among those activities are The Working Women's Luncheon, Oil Town, Teacher Appreciation Luncheon, Tail Gate Party during Homecoming, Trunk or Treat, and Downtown Christmas. These events keep us very busy and provide

excellent opportunities for the people of our community to gather together and enjoy one another's company. However, they also require money and willing souls to do the work it takes to "put on" the events.

Please consider becoming a member today. You do not have to be a business to join the Chamber of Commerce. Individuals and couples may become members, too. Don't feel you have the finances to help with sponsorship of activities? No problem! You can volunteer your time and energy. We can all work together using our strengths to make our community better and stronger than ever before.

If you would like to obtain a 2014 membership application, you can find one on our website. Just go to [smackoverar.com](http://smackoverar.com) and click on the Membership tab. You can print the application, fill it out, and send it in with your dues to the address provided, or you may drop it by our office. You may also get a membership application from the Chamber of Commerce office. We are located at 710 Pershing Hwy in Smackover, AR and our hours are Mon-Fri, 11 am-2 pm. It's as easy as that! We look forward to working together with the people of our community during our 2014 fiscal year.



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# LONG TIME CHAMBER MANAGER RETIRES

I suspect that many are the folks around these parts who know Tommie Sue Fleming. I first met Tommie Sue when I reported for my first day of work...as her replacement. I would soon form the opinion that there is no replacing her.

Tommie Sue was born and raised right here in Smackover. She shared with me that her grandmother, Fern Laughlin, ran the phone company right out of her own home. When the phone company made the switch from operator assisted calling to dialed calling, Tommie Sue got to be the very first to make a dialed call.

She married and moved away from our community, but when Mr. Fleming and she retired, they decided to return "home". She began working for the Smackover Chamber of Commerce, and did so "for ten years and loved it."

Tommie Sue may have retired from the chamber, but she is far from the pro-

verbial rocking chair. She is still involved in work for our community. Currently she is involved in Community and Economic Development and at this time is working on saving the old jail as a part of Smackover's history. She is an Alderman on Smackover's City Council, and also serves as 2nd Vice President of Arkansas South Tourism Board. Tommie Sue works to bring tourists into Smackover by running the Smackover Haunted Tours. When asked what she could tell us about the haunted tours, she said, "The tours are historical as well as paranormal and a lot of fun."

I asked Tommie Sue what advice she could give to the people of Smackover about why we should, and how we can be involved with our community. She told me that Smackover has a lot to offer its citizens and their

families. She said, "The best way to keep our traditions and the activities in our town is to become involved. After all, it is your community." She urges businesses, couples, and individuals alike to call the chamber and become a member or volunteer, and become a part of your community to help make this the best place to live, work, and play.

This writer can honestly say that Tommie Sue left some mighty big shoes to fill! I speak for myself and the Smackover Chamber of Commerce Board in saying that we appreciate Tommie Sue's many years of tireless, dedicated service to our community through this office.

*By SCOC; Sandra Mills*

## GOOD NUTRITION

IN HONOR OF NATIONAL GOOD NUTRITION MONTH, I LOOKED UP A FEW WEBSITES WHERE OUR READERS MAY GO TO FIND MORE INFORMATION AND SOME GOOD RECIPES TO BOOT. *(SCOC; Sandra Mills)*

• [eatingwell.com](http://eatingwell.com) • [special.com](http://special.com) • [health.com](http://health.com) • [prevention.com](http://prevention.com) • [foodfit.com](http://foodfit.com) • [livebetteramerica.com](http://livebetteramerica.com)

### Healthified Sweet Potato Casserole

Makes 8 servings

#### Sweet Potatoes

- 1 can (40 oz.) sweet potatoes in syrup, drained
- ¼ cup granulated sugar
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ cup fat-free egg product
- ¼ cup fat-free (skim) milk
- ½ teaspoon vanilla

#### Topping

- ¼ cup packed brown sugar
- 1 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 tablespoon no-trans-fat 68% vegetable oil spread, melted
- ⅓ cup chopped pecans

Heat oven to 350 degrees F. spray 1 ½ quart casserole with cooking spray.

In large bowl, mash sweet potatoes. Stir in granulated sugar, salt, egg product, milk and vanilla; spoon into casserole.

In small bowl, mix all topping ingredients except pecans until well blended. Stir in pecans. Sprinkle over sweet potato mixture.

Bake uncovered 35 to 40 minutes or until thoroughly heated.

*from livebetteramerica.com*

# November 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4 <i>National Candy Day</i>	5	6	7	8 <i>SES All-Pro Dads breakfast @ 6:45</i>	9
10 <i>Municipal Building Open House 2:00—4:00</i>	11 <i>Veteran's Day Assembly at SES</i>	12 <i>Lion's Club pancake day</i>	13	14	15 <i>America Recycles Day SHS FBLA American Enterprise Day</i>	16 <i>National Hunger Awareness 16-24</i>
17	18 <i>School Board Meeting @ 5:30</i>	19	20	21 <i>School Progress Reports</i>	22	23
<i>Full moon</i>						
24	25	26 <i>Kindergarten feast</i>	27 <i>School out for Thanksgiving</i>	28 <i>Thanksgiving</i>	29 <i>Thanksgiving</i>	30