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We Are Thankful!

Smackover Chamber of Commerce works hard each year, with its members, to give back to the community of Smackover.

Due to the blessings of the Lord, and because of each member's faithful support, we can count 2015 a success! SCOC President, Kyle Wimsett, says, "We appreciate the financial and moral support that is given by our members, and the people in Smackover."

Our Chamber helps our area businesses by providing ways for them to give back to the community which supports them. This year, the Chamber began searching

for more ways to serve our members. Member Spotlight and Business After Hours are two of



SCOC is thankful for its 2015 supporters!

our new endeavors. The Chamber has also been catching up on Ribbon Cuttings around our city, and bringing attention to our new businesses whenever possible.

Our Annual Public meeting

will be December 15, 2015 at 6:00 p.m., and will be held at the Chamber office. We would like to encourage members and non-members, alike, to attend.

If you are not currently a member, we invite you to join now. We are now accepting 2016 memberships and would love to have you on board with us. There is strength in unity!

Thank you, in advance, to our members who will be renewing in 2016, and to those who will join us as new members. Let's work and serve together in 2016 for a stronger community!

(Sandra Kerr Mills)

LANDON-STRONG!

Nearly all of us have kept up with Landon Darden's miraculous progress via Facebook. He has worked hard and is finally being released to come home. Mrs. Glenda Darden said, "We'd like to say a Big Thanks to the community for all the love, support, and prayers you've shown to our family during this time of Landon's injury. God has never left our side, and neither have our FRIENDS, whom God placed in our lives over the years. We love you all." Smackover proudly welcomes you home, Landon! Our prayers will continue with you as you continue to build your strength.





City Report Highlights

From the September 14, 2015 City Council meeting minutes, which were approved in the October 12, 2015 meeting:

Under old business, Mayor Neal asked Rec./Treas., Rick East, to give the first reading of the Vicious Dog Ordinance to the Council.

Mayor Neal also reported that they are still waiting for Wayne Trull, City Architect to go through the old city hall building to determine what changes it will need in order to serve as our Community Center. Meanwhile, Bingo continues to have

a great turnout.

Under new business, the annual 5 mill tax resolution, needing to be turned in to the Union County Clerk in November, was approved by Council.

Police Chief, Michael Fife, reported that all the officers are wearing their new bullet proof vests, and expressed appreciation for allowing him to purchase them for the Police Department.

Mayor Neal reported to Melva Parsons, resident, that the water department had checked the leak that she reported last month and

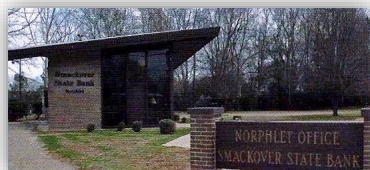
determined that it was on her daughter's side, and would therefore be her responsibility to repair.

Alderman Long shared that, according to City & Town, Arkansas Municipal League's official publication, the city is able to use monies from any fund to cover other fund issues. Ald. Long also shared information from State Attorney General Rutledge about water rates. Mayor Neal added that state turn-back monies were available for use as well.

(Report modified by S K Mills from original minutes recorded by Recorder/Treasurer Rick East)

Thank God every day when you get up that you have something to do that day which must be done whether you like it or not. Being forced to work and forced to do your best will breed in you temperance and self-control, diligence and strength of will, cheerfulness and content, and a hundred virtues, which the idle will never know. - Basil Carpenter

Smackover State Bank recently opened a new, 24-hour ATM at its Norphlet, AR branch. Bob Willett, President of SSB, said the upgrade to the branch was done to give Norphlet customers better access to their money. The Norphlet branch of SSB was the first ever branch bank in Union County when it was built in 1959.



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Smackover Chamber of Commerce is very appreciative of its members and the support they offer throughout the year.

November's Spotlight Members include:

- Phillip's Well Service
- Rutledge Properties, LTD

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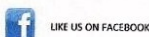
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scary about the
delicious fare
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And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him. ~Colossians 3:15-17

October Events

In October, the Smackover Chamber hosted two events. The first event was Great Arkansas Clean-up. We had around 60 members of our community to come and help pick up trash and debris at the city gateways and in Tennyson Park.

We had participation from many SCOC members, First Apostolic Church, First Baptist Church on MLK, and First Methodist Church. School groups participating were Anchor Club, FBLA, and Jr. Beta. We thank all of you who worked in our community!

We cleaned just over eight miles of road way and collected

approximately 488 pounds of litter and waste! Great job!



Our second event was Trunk or Treat. In spite of frightful scheduling issues and rainy weather, the celebration had a great turn out. The rain finally cleared early enough to go ahead and have it at Kennedy Park,

as originally planned. You can see the list of costume winners on our website at smackoverar.com.

Thank you, Jr. Beta, merchants, Chamber members, and other groups who helped during Trunk or Treat. And thank you to those who attended the event. You are what made it such a fun time!

(Sandra Kerr Mills)

