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Love Is In The Air By Sandra Kerr Mills

Valentine's Day began as a day that honors St. Valentine. There was actually more than one saint with the name of Valentine, and there are about three Valentines honored on February fourteenth. They are St. Valentine of Rome, St. Valentine of Terni, and another St. Valentine who was martyred in Africa.

These days, Valentine's Day has adapted into a day on which love is celebrated. And it's not just for sweethearts

anymore. Feelings of love in all forms are celebrated, whether familial or



*Roses are red, Violets are blue.
You love me, and I love you!*

platonic friendship, or romantic love.

Commercially, cards,

flowers, and candies are sent or given, making Valentine's Day a very lucrative holiday for retailers.

As we think about love, it should be impossible to forget about the love of our Savior, Jesus Christ. There is no greater love than His.

What a blessed day to celebrate! We are all loved by someone, and we all love someone...even if it might not be that special someone just yet.

Stvalentinesday.org / Wikipedia.com

Community Compliment By Sandra Kerr Mills

SHS principal, Jan Henderson, recently shared that she had received a letter commending The SHS Buckaroos and their fans for their good sportsmanship during the state championship game.

Bro. Richard Sanker, counselor at Catholic High School for Boys was

present the night Smackover played their game at War Memorial Stadium, and wrote, "So congratulations to your coaches, team and students for a job well done. Winning at life trumps winning a game any time, even though losing such an important game can hurt a lot. But here's

the thing: the pain of loss will pass, but the beauty of a fine school community will endure."

Mrs. Henderson's reaction: "It's not just about the team, it's about the community. I love it!"

Well done, Buckaroos!

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2015 Oil Town Sweetheart Pageant

Saturday, Feb. 7, 2015 @ 11 a.m.

For more information or to register by phone, call:

Cheryl Corley @ 870-944-0127

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Entry Deadline: February 6th @ 6 p.m. (phone entries ok)

"Love may not make the world spin around, but it certainly makes a lot of people dizzy!" ~Author Unknown *(stvalentinesday.org)*

SMACKOVER LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL

Registration held Feb. 12, 2015 at
Parent/Teacher Conference
between 1 & 7 p.m.

Final Registration date: Feb. 20, 2015
Visit *The Buckaroo Blog* for more info

Visit
The Buckaroo Blog
for a list of
AR Goal Achievers
and to view the
letter written about in
"Community
Compliment" plus
other great
school tidbits

Let all that you do be done with love.
~1 Cor. 16:14 (NKJV)

Sockin' ~n~ Hoppin' Once Again

Smackover Elementary School Accelerated Reading students have been working hard and many of them achieved their goals for the second nine weeks.

Every nine weeks, students meeting their AR goals are rewarded with a Sock Hop. This has gone on for three years running. SES librarian, Charlie Weaver, heads up the AR program and says she has tried to offer other rewards, but the children always vote for the Sock Hop.

Each nine weeks, students earn points for each book they

read at their own reading and comprehension levels, and they are tested on those books. They have to maintain a minimum of 85% on their test scores and meet the required goal points in order



Sock Hop for AR goal achievers

to attend the event.

The students are also given Star tests, which monitor reading levels. Mrs. Weaver finds it rewarding to see the expressions of the children's faces when they realize that they've raised their reading levels. Some reading levels are raised by several whole levels at a time.

Learning can be fun. This AR program is one fine example of that. Thank you to our district staff and teachers who strive to make our children all they can be.

(Sandra Kerr Mills)