

SMACK TALK

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Board Meeting—3rd Tuesday of each month
- Interested in becoming a **member**? We would love to have you!
- **Lions Club Bingo**—Held the First Tuesday of Each month at 6:00 in the old City Hall
- **Lifeshare Blood Drive**—July 20th at FUMC from 11-3
- **Teachers Luncheon to be held August 8** at the SHS Cafeteria. All district faculty are invited to attend.
- **SHS Registration:** August 1st: Seniors 8-11 & Juniors 12-3// August 2nd: Sophmores 8-11 & Freshman 12-3
- **NMS Registration:** 8 am to 4:30 pm; August 2nd: 8th Gr.// August 3rd: 7th Gr.//August 4th: 6th Gr.
- Follow the Smackover Chamber Commerce & The Smackover Oil Town Festival on Facebook for Chamber News & Oil Town Announcements
- *Want to put an announcement (Birthday, anniversary, etc.) in smack talk? Simply send us an email!*
- **Oil Town shirts/tanks & 3 on 3 shirts now only \$5!** Stop by the chamber to get yours before they are gone for good!

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Better Community!*



Ribbon Cutting

The Smackover Chamber of Commerce welcomes Renee Landreneau, PLLC: Christian Counseling. Services include individual & family counseling, depression, anxiety, grief & loss, caregiver strain, & coping with illness. For more information contact the Chamber or Renee Landreneau, LCSW at (870)918-2032.

*Then join hand in hand , brave Americans
all. By uniting we stand, by dividing we
fall! -John Dickinson*



TO COMPLAIN OR TO *Give Thanks*

Plain and simple, complaining is a sin! It causes many people a great deal of problems in their lives and destroys the joy of anyone listening.

In Ephesians 4:29 the apostle Paul instructs us not to use any foul or polluting language. At one time I didn't know this included complaining, but now I have learned that murmuring and complaining pollute our lives.

We need to ask ourselves, how quick are we to become impatient and begin to complain when stuck in traffic or while waiting in checkout lines? How quick are we to spot and point out the faults of our friends or family members? Do we complain about our job when we should be thanking God that we have one?

The best way to start each day is with gratitude and thanksgiving. Truly thankful people do not complain. They are too busy being grateful for the good things they do have that they

have no time to notice the things they could complain about!

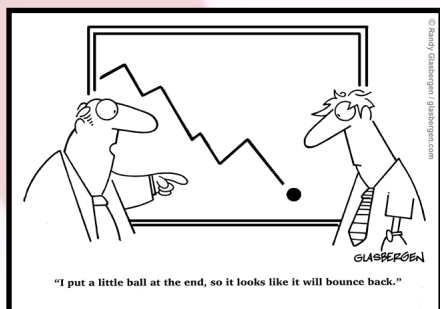
Try going to bed at night pondering everything you have to be thankful for. Let it be the first thing you do in the morning. Thank God for "little" things or things we take for granted: a parking place that He helps you find, waking up on time for work, the fact that you can walk or see or hear, your children...

Don't be discouraged with yourself when you fail, but don't throw in the towel and quit either. Keep at it until you have developed new habits and you are living with an attitude of gratitude.

And remember to thank God when the answer to prayer arrives. We enjoy getting our children what they need and ask for, but we feel taken advantage of if they just "grab the goods and run" without stopping to say thank you. And if they say it more than once and are really sincere, it actually motivates us to want to do more for them.

God is the same way with us, so be generous in your gratitude. It will sweeten your relationship with the Lord.

-Joyce Meyer



Oil Town RECAP

We had a fabulous time at Oil Town this year! Thank you to all who came out and enjoyed such a special event in the Smackover community. One more congrats to our Oil Town event winners...

Watermelon Contest:

Harper Holloway, Lane Falcon, Cara McMhan, Adelaide Zargari, & Chance Hughes

Egg Toss: Carter King & Brody Jenkins, Lilly & Kaitlyn King, Hunter & Anna Spradley, Cooper Williams & Landon Smith, Anna Bolding & Haley Strickland, Best Splat-Haley Jones

Tug-Of-War: 1st Team Gabe/ 2nd Bombers

Drill Bit Toss: 0-75 1st Chris Ramos; 2nd Owen Cook/76-125 1st Breyton Love; 2nd Nate Willingham/126-150 1st Jimmy Sellers; 2nd Janice Hughes/151-200 1st Chance Hughes; 2nd Adam Hughes /201 & Up 1st Shawn Hodges; 2nd Chris Hodges

Dog Show: Hank — Owner: Aaron Washington

Rod Wreching: 1st Jeff Moore, Mallory Pyron, Doug Hodges/ 2nd Evan Thompson, Macadoo, Karen Canizales/3rd Jordan Wooten, Jimmy Sellers, Kimberly Wilson

The Ocean at Home

Didn't get a chance to make it to the beach this summer? Bring the ocean home with these fun activities.

Ocean in a Bottle

You will need: Plastic bottle, clear oil, blue or green food coloring, ocean charms &/or sequins, tiny seashells, glitter

Directions: Fill the bottle halfway with water and add charms, seashells, glitter, etc. then add the food coloring. Close the lid & shake. Unscrew lid and add the oil until the bottle is full.

Enjoy making waves, shaking, & letting it settle!

Ocean Water

Ingredients: 3 tbsp. water, 3 tbsp. sugar, 1 tsp. coconut extract, 3 drops blue food coloring, 2 cans lemon lime soda, 1 gummi fish

Sand Dollar Cookies

Ingredients: 1 roll Pillsbury sugar cookie dough & 1 bag of slivered almonds

Directions: slice dough, place almonds in a circle (to look like a sand dollar), bake as directed .