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Back To School-In A New Way

The Smackover-Norphlet School District 2015-2016 school year promises to be an exciting one with new programs, and even a new school, being implemented.

We reported on the STEM program and the new School-Based Health Center in our July issue. These are great additions to our school district!

Perhaps the biggest, and most anticipated, change is the opening of the new Norphlet Middle School, which will be located in the old Norphlet High School Building. David Wilcox, Superintendent, SNSD, says the outside of the building will remain the same, but the inside will be an entirely new school.

The project, which also includes an exterior building for STEM classrooms, has a price tag of close to two and a half millions dollars.

Plans are for each campus to have a K-5 Elementary school, which will be zoned. Grades 6-8 will attend the Norphlet Middle School, and grades 9-12 will attend the Smackover High School.

There will be a shuttle bus to take students arriving at either campus by bus or car to their respective schools. Dismissal times will be adjusted in order to transport the students to their designated pick up points in a timely manner. No home-going busses will

depart until they have all of their assigned students from either out of town campus.

Mr. Wilcox complimented his staff by saying, "The Staff have been great, and have been flexible and willing to work through the changes." He added that they are all trying to get it as close to right as possible before beginning the new school year.

Challenges are sure to arise, but Mr. Wilcox is positive that the benefits afforded our children by the Middle School will far outweigh any inconveniences which may occur.

(Sandra Kerr Mills for SCOC)

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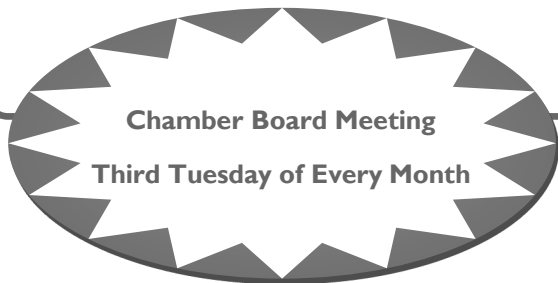
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GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!!!

The Smackover Battlin' Buckaroos will play against the Warren Fightin' Lumberjacks, defending 4A State Champs, in the Hooten's Classic on August 31, 2015 at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff stadium.

Pre-ticket sales are **NOW** available at the SNSD office, and **ALL PROCEEDS** of **PRE-SOLD** tickets may be kept by the SNSD, so get your tickets in town rather than at the gate, **PLEASE!!!** Contact **Genie Cameron** at the SNSD office for your ticket today!

TEACHER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON PLANNED

Smackover Chamber of Commerce will host its annual Teacher's Appreciation Luncheon on August 11, 2015 in the cafeteria located on the Smackover campus. All Smackover-Norphlet School District faculty and staff are welcome to attend. We look forward to honoring you with great food, fellowship, and fun door prizes. Thank you for all you do for our children...our future!

City Report Highlights

From the minutes of the June 11, 2015 City Council Meeting, which were approved at the July 13, 2015 meeting, the council voted to reject a bid for the old City Hall building and review the possibility of using it as a library.

Bill Johnson spoke to the council concerning insurance and information on Pit Bulls. The council will seek further guidance from the Arkansas Insurance Commission.

Rick East, Rec/Treas., gave the

second reading (TITLE ONLY) of proposed ordinance "An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 405, "Ordinance For Regulation of Vicious Dogs" and No. 420 "Ordinance for Regulation of dogs"", and of the proposed ordinance "An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 497". All second readings were accepted by Council.

Rick East, Rec/Treas., read proposed Resolution of Condemnation of Properties, which

was approved by Council.

The Street Committee was not able to meet with Director Benjy Hildebrand. Mayor Neal asked them to meet before the July meeting and decide which streets are in need of repair so the city could seek bids. He made Council aware of a Grant, which has been applied for, to overlay Sumac Street from 14th to Hwy 7.

(Adapted by SKM from minutes recorded by Rick East, Recorder/Treasurer)

BOOK SALE!

SMACKOVER PUBLIC LIBRARY WILL BE HAVING A BOOK SALE BEGINNING AUGUST 1, 2015. GREAT DEALS ON GREAT READS!!

**O praise the LORD,
all ye nations:
praise him, all ye people.
Psalm 117:1, KJV**