

But you will give us victory over our enemies...and we will praise your name forever (Psalm 44:7-8).

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Badger Open House is Tonight!

The Beebe School District Open House is tonight (Thursday, Aug. 16) from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. Bus drivers will be in the Central Cafeteria in the Intermediate School to meet with students and parents. There will also be one bus driver at the McRae Campus to meet with students and parents. All buildings will be open for students and parents to visit teachers and classrooms. The Beebe Before and After School Care people will be there to answer questions and register students. If your child has not registered for school yet, they can register during Open House. Students can also pick up schedules if they haven't already done so.

School Starts Monday, Aug. 20th! Drive Carefully!

Time Change On Monday's JH Game

The Badger Jr. High Football game scheduled for Monday, Aug. 20, will be played one hour later - at 7 p.m. to help avoid some of the heat. The Jr. Badgers play Vilonia here.

Board Approves Increasing Athletic Gate Fees by \$1

The Beebe School Board Monday night approved a one dollar price increase for sporting events at Beebe High and Junior High.

The following is a list of prices:

Senior High Football and Basketball-\$5 Adults, \$4 Students;
Junior High Football & Basketball- \$5 Adults, \$4 Students;
Senior Football JV Games-\$4 Adults, \$3 Students;
7th & 8th Grade Football & Basketball- \$3 Adults, \$2 Students. Season tickets are available for all events throughout the year. The cost is \$55 for adults and \$40 for students.

Pee Wee Football and Cheerleader Registration Extended

Third through sixth grade Pee Wee Football and Cheerleader registration has been extended. You can register your child this Saturday, Aug. 18, from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. or next Saturday, Aug. 25th, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Beebe Ball Park concession stand. For more information, call Jon Underwood at 288-0366.

School Board Approves Athletic Gate Fee Increase of \$1.00



Zach Kendrick (left) and Martin Davis show pictures of their trip to San Diego, CA where they spoke to a large crowd at an educational seminar. They presented their EAST Lab project of heliports in White County at the Monday night school board meeting.

(Photo by Lee "Cat" McLane)

BY LEE "CAT" McLANE
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The Beebe School Board met Monday night for their regular monthly meeting. Beebe Schools Superintendent Dr. Belinda Shook told the board that the next monthly meeting will be Thursday, September 13 - a few days later than the normally scheduled meeting.

An information report was given by EAST Lab students Zach Kendrick and Martin Davis on their project of heliports in White County. The two students were asked to travel to San Diego, California to give a presentation in front of 13,000 people at an educational seminar. They did a great job and showed the actual presentation via computer to the board.

Hal Crisco, Asst. Superintendent for Maintenance and Transportation reported that the district will start out with 32 bus routes - the same as last year but it will probably have to add one or two more. The school received two new school busses this week and the third one will be delivered in September. Crisco stated that the school now has 8 busses that are 2005 or later models - all of these with air conditioning. Crisco also stated that the Pre-K students' hours will be 7:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Dr. Shook told the board that the district will get an additional \$705,000 in state fundig and \$150,000 from recent new leg-

islation and an additional \$58,000 SLA money.

In other action, the board:

- Approved two legal transfers from Beebe to Searcy
- Approved spending \$10,500 for grant writing for tornado shelters
- Approved raising athletic gate fees by \$1.00 and in accordance to Act 1043 of the last legislative session, will use net revenues to purchase awards, plaques, etc. not to exceed \$100 per student
- Approved giving a \$1,500 stipend to the wrestling coach, George Schwab.

Dr. Shook told the board that the district has 13 new staff members and about 400 total. She informed the board that the district had closed on the purchase of the former Tyca building. Dr. Shook told the board that the owner of adjoining property to Tyca - Weldon Wallace - owner of Smarty Britches Daycare- offered to sell his two acres and 3600 s.f. building to the district for \$168,000. The board was interested in the purchase and asked Dr. Shook to get an appraisal on the property.

In personnel matters, the board approved hiring Terri Vanderford - bus driver; Ami Goff - bus driver; Michelle McCoy - 7th Grade Geography; Dennis Show - Secondary Math HS 9-10; Tyler Tarver - secondary Math HS 9-10 and Debbie Wohner - Instructional

Asst. at Intermediate. The board approved, at her request, decreasing hours of Vicky King, to 0.68.



Pictured from left: Clay Goff, First Security Bank; Steffany Willhite of J.P. Hayes Shelter Insurance; Janet Warner of Jacksonville Steel; Coach John Shannon; Bruce Pursell of Ozark Biomedical; Jay Wooten of Exxon Tiger Mart; Gwen Hardin of First Security Bank and Jerry Jordan, Badger Athletic/Activities Director. (Photo by Chris Bouck/Sports Staff Writer)

2007 Badger Football Sponsors Announced

The Badger Football Business Sponsors for 2007 were announced this week. This year's sponsors are Jacksonville Steel, Janet Warner; Shelter Insurance, John Powell Hayes, agent; First Security Bank, Gwen Hardin; Johnny Brock Excavating and Landscaping, Inc., Johnny Brock; Ozark Biomedical, Bruce Pursell; Exxon Tiger Mart Stores, Jay Wooten. New Badger Head Football Coach John Shannon expressed his appreciation to the sponsors. Shannon said, "We welcome community involvement in our program. It's a great encouragement to

our athletes."

The sponsors' funds provide players with shirts and ties to wear on game days, pre-game meals at home and on the road, fireworks before, during and after home games. "This program helps provide items that we couldn't otherwise have without our sponsors," Shannon said.

According to Athletic Director Jerry Jordan, the program has been in place for seven years with sponsors stepping forward to help strengthen and be a part of Badger football. "This program has raised close to \$45,000 for Badger football

in the past several years," Jordan said. "This type of fan commitment takes Badger football to another level."

Each year sponsors contribute \$1,000 each to be a part of the program. They have their company names placed on a banner that is displayed at home games and their company name announced over the public address system at home games.

The Badgers will kick-off the 2007 football season at home against Greenbrier Friday, August 31.

Pryor Proposes Program to Keep At-Risk Students in School

Says Flexibility, Accountability and Resources Keys to Success

Washington, DC - Senator Mark Pryor today introduced legislation to improve high school graduation rates in Arkansas and better prepare students for today's competitive, global marketplace.

Pryor partnered with Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid to craft an innovative approach aimed at keeping at-risk students in school. The senators' legislation, the Getting Retention and Diplomas Up Among Today's Enrolled

Students, or GRADUATES Act, establishes a competitive grant program that provides schools with flexibility and resources to implement programs to meet the needs of at-risk students. The legislation authorizes \$500 million in competitive grants over six years for partnerships among state agencies, school districts, community organizations, non-profits and businesses. In addition, the Secretary of Education will distribute "best practices" models of reform

based on research, evaluation and accountability.

"Today, a high school diploma is a prerequisite for a good job. Unfortunately, some students can't see beyond current circumstances to consider their future," Pryor said. "Our bill takes the best ideas from the education community on how to best keep at-risk students in school. It provides the flexibility, accountability and resources necessary to help students and schools succeed."

Pryor said Arkansas' graduation rate at 72 percent is slightly higher than the national average, but still reason for concern. His program takes into account factors why students drop out, such as lack of personal attention, low grades as well as family responsibilities and financial concerns. It supports strategies for smaller learning communities, early college and dual enrollment, improved transitions from middle school, work-based learning opportunities

and increasing rigor at all levels of secondary education for college and the workforce.

"Arkansas' teachers and administrators work hard each and every day to provide students with the knowledge they need to succeed in college or the workforce. Despite our best efforts, students still slip through the cracks and off the path of prosperity," Pryor said. "This bill provides new avenues of hope for thousands of students."