

Meriden/Ozawkie Area Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2017

Program:

Scott introduced Leslie Abbott, Family & Consumer Science instructor at USD 340 and Pat Happer, District Superintendent. They presented an interesting program on the Career Cruising, Web based program which the School system is now using. The program goal is to have students better prepared for success in the next phase of their life upon graduation.

Starting in the 8th grade, students set up their own 5 year "Individual Plan of Study" based on a career goal. The plan is subject to regular review and modification as the student progresses through their schooling. A component which is relevant to the business community is "career shadowing" where the student will spend time shadowing a person who is working in the student's chosen field to get a better idea of what a person in that career actually does. Sometimes the student discovers that the actual job is not what they imagined.

Some other interesting components of the program are: soft skills training; resume creation; and job application completion.

Golf Tournament:

Scheduled for June 16, 2017, 8AM check in. Selected partner and beneficiary: Jeff West Cheerleaders. They are raising money for a new mascot costume and signage for the football fence.

Meriden welcome signs:

Thanks to Steve Buss's Middle School class the landscaping has been done. Thanks to R&S Maintenance and Mike Ross, the lighting systems have been upgraded.

Chamber Scholarship:

This year's recipient of the Chamber Scholarship is Nathan Buss.

Meriden City Mayor:

The position of Meriden City Mayor is coming open due to current mayor moving out of the city. Filling deadline is June 1, 2017.

Economic Development:

Britney Chaplin, Economic Development Director, is stepping down to pursue her own entrepreneurial interest. She has agreed to stay until a new director can be on board.

Meriden – Ozawkie Public Library:

The library is conducting a required survey. Please take the survey online at www.surveymonkey.com/r/xc99r5s, or paper survey available at the library.