

# The Arkansas Minibacks "Squealer"

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Wow! Can't believe the year is almost over. I heard the regional went great. There was a big turnout. I wasn't able to go, because we just got moved to a new house. I want to make sure that if I give a date for a get together that if it's not on a Saturday, bring it up to my attention. I did a big booboo. Our Christmas gathering is December 6<sup>th</sup>, not the 2<sup>nd</sup>. We always do things on a Saturday, always!

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Some news to share. Jackie, son of Jason and Dana Russell had surgery to fix his neck. It went perfect and he is acting like any seven month old. Ashton, son of Steven and Shanda Strawn, had his surgery in August for a heel cord release. It was successful. Also, Ashton is in a commercial on ABC, with the Indians pitcher, Cliff Lee, for the Miracle League. You can see it until November 15<sup>th</sup>. There's a fund raiser for The Miracle League on November 15<sup>th</sup> with other famous baseball players. The Miracle League helps disabled or physically challenged kids under the age of 19, to play baseball.

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We have some new faces of babies and toddlers in our group that we can't wait to meet. Now we met Rebecca Roberts, who is 3 and her family at gathering at my house in October. They moved here from Georgia. There is a little 18 month old, Zeke who lives in Russellville that we are hoping the family will join our group and enjoy meeting everybody. There's a 2 year old living in Pargould, also.

Our Christmas gathering will be December 6<sup>th</sup>, at Jean and Charles Strawn's home. Jean will be providing a ham, so you'll bring a side dish, dessert, drink. We will be exchanging presents, playing dirty Santa. If you'd like to exchange present, bring a present for each person who wants to play. Around \$10.00 can be spent. We'll be starting to arrive around 11:00am and leaving any where between 3 or 4pm. Food will be served at or around 1:00pm. We will be discussing dates for next year that we want to set for the years get togethers. Please, if you have never

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come to our Christmas party, do come and enjoy with all our families.

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Directions: From the I-30 or I-40 get on I-440. Go to 165 exit and as you come off the interstate turn left, go just over a mile and you will see our big pink & black LPA sign. Turn right, over tracks and it'll be the first house you see. If you get lost call Jean at 945-3687. Don't call me because I won't be home, I'll be at Jeans.

Also, we all need to have a discussion about how we need to make sure that Achon women are informed about having MRIs done on their new born babies that are Achon. We have to start informing these women about their babies necks. The loss of lives are way to high. Doctors are not aware of this problem, so women have to insist on it.

Make sure to come and join our group gatherings, we have a great time! Any questions, please feel free to call or e-mail me.

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Also, we need to remember Mary Hooper's Mother. She died a couple months ago. Her Mother was involved with Oklahoma chapter and with LPA helping anyway she could for 40 years. She'll be missed and our sympathy goes out to the Hooper family.