

# SHEPHERD COMMUNITY NEWS

## SISD Board Briefs

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President John Few. The record reflects there was a quorum. Member Freddie Ramos was absent.

**Open Forum:** Royce See addressed the board asking that they take action on his concerns and displeasure with the SISD Chief of Police.

Students from each campus were recognized for their involvement in a school activity and/or being an outstanding student. Shepherd Primary recognized the 2nd Grade students who participated in UIL on January 24th. They were Ryvers Sosa, Krysten Neal, Blaine Frerichs, Morgan Roost, Trent Aills, Jordan Cutaia, Lance Pierce, Rayen Alley, Trenton McDaniel, Kaylee Croxton, Nadia Lambert, and Charles Minton.

Shepherd Intermediate recognized 3rd-5th grade students who participated in the Sally Ride Earth KAM project. They were Arelis Garcia, Cole Russell, Hunter Goodman, Garrett Burton, Savannah Lowrance, Drew Hodge, and Makenna Pierce.

Shepherd Middle School recognized 7th Grader Ty Wilson. Ty is a member of National Jr Honor Society, Vice President of Student Council, A Honor Roll, and also participates in athletics and 4-H. He is described by his teachers as a leader and compassionate person and cares for others. Shepherd High School recognized Cheyenne Pope. She is a junior who has had outstanding achievements in band – All Area 3 yrs, All State 2014. She is also involved in FFA, Golf and a Cheerleader. She is a member of National Honor Society and maintains a 3.34 GPA.

Motion was made by Darryl Richardson and seconded by Charles Dodd to approve minutes of regular meeting dated 1/19/15, the financials and check register for the month of January 2015 and the Visa credit card statement. The motion carried.

Campus Reports	Enrollment	Attendance
Primary	540	92.9%
Intermediate	394	94.8%
Middle School	458	94.5%
High School	502	92.5%

\*For campus event/news visit the district website, [www.shepherdisd.net](http://www.shepherdisd.net)  
Report on Maintenance and Transportation

**Presenters:** Pat Murphy

**Agenda Items:** The motion was made by Susan Bailes and seconded by Jerry Cutaia to approve moving the March meeting date from March 16th to March 12th. The motion carried.

The motion was made by Jerry Cutaia and seconded by Mike Courville to adopt a SISD Board Resolution to seek purchase of the TxDOT property of US Hwy 150. The motion carried.

The motion was made by Charles Dodd and seconded by Susan Bailes to purchase a tractor with implements. The motion carried.

The motion was made by Mike Courville and seconded by Charles Dodd to repair chiller lines and replace shower valves. The motion carried.

**Executive Session:** The board entered into executive session at 7:35pm and returned at 8:47 p.m. The motion was made by Charles Dodd and seconded by Mike Courville to accept items A-E under Personnel as presented. The motion carried. The motion to adjourn was made by Charles Dodd and seconded by Jerry Cutaia. The meeting adjourned at 8:50.

**Closing Activities:** Next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 12, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.



Shepherd Intermediate students: Arelis Garcia, Cole Russell, Hunter Goodman, Garrett Burton, Savannah Lowrance, Drew Hodge, Makenna Pierce  
Back row: Jack Cowen, 5th Gr Science Teacher, Mark Silva, Principal, Adrianna Cennamo, 3rd Gr Science Teacher



Shepherd High School's Outstanding student Cheyenne Pope with Jimmy Meekins, Shepherd High School Principal



Shepherd Primary 2nd Grade UIL students: (left to right) Ryvers Sosa, Krysten Neal, Blaine Frerichs, Morgan Roost, Trent Aills, Jordan Cutaia, Lance Pierce, Rayen Alley, Trenton McDaniel. Not pictured Kaylee Croxton, Nadia Lambert, and Charles Minton.

Back row: Sponsors Angelan Ringland, Lindsey Morgan, Ashley Cole, and Deborah King



Shepherd Middle School's Outstanding student Ty Wilson with Superintendent Steve Pierce and Brenda Cronin, Shepherd Middle School Principal

## Kelsey Thompson Wins Barrel Competition



Shepherd High School Senior, Kelsey Thompson, placed first in the barrel competition at the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo, earning a \$10,000 college scholarship. She has also received a scholarship to Sam Houston State University and will participate on the rodeo team. SHS is proud of Kelsey's accomplishments and we look forward to seeing what the future holds for her in the Rodeo arena.

## Shepherd Intermediate Students Explore Earth from Space

From November to January, students at Shepherd Intermediate participated in the Sally Ride EarthKAM project. The Sally Ride EarthKAM (Earth Knowledge Acquired by Middle School students) is a NASA educational outreach program that enables students, teacher and the public to learn about Earth from the unique perspective of space. During Sally Ride EarthKAM missions (periods when the Sally Ride EarthKAM cameras is operational), students around the world request images of specific locations on Earth. The entire collection of Sally Ride EarthKAM images is available in a searchable Sally Ride EarthKam image archive. This image collection and accompanying activities are extraordinary resources to engage students in Earth and space science, geography, social studies, mathematics, communications and art.

The project was initiated by Dr. Sally Ride, America's first woman in space, in 1995 and called KidSat. The KidSat camera flew on three space shuttle flights to test its feasibility. In 1998, the program was renamed EarthKAM. In 2012 Sally Ride died of cancer and in 2013, NASA renamed the program Sally Ride EarthKAM in her honor.



## CHILI COOKOFF!

Shepherd UMC is having a Chili Cookoff

February 28th starting at 8:30 a.m.

\$25 entrance fee

1st place gets \$100 cash!

Please call Pastor Jimmy Smith at (936) 628-3861,

leave message and phone number

Come join us for a bowl of chili and games like horseshoes or washers

Hope to see you there!

## Retired School Personnel to Meet

The San Jacinto County Retired School Personnel Association will meet on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at 3:00 p. m. at the Senior Center in Coldspring. Don Leedy will present the history of the Texas Retired Teachers Association, the largest such organization in the country. All retired school personnel are invited to attend and join our group.

Members are reminded to bring children's books for Care Share and Helping Hands. For further information, call President Don Leedy at (936) 377-3946.

## Viewing the Sun



Mrs. Smith's kindergarten students at Shepherd Primary take time out for a photo while viewing the sun with the help of a pinhole viewer. Pictured from left to right back row: Michael Weekes, Shelby Smith, Tyler Syracuse. Middle row: Logan Blackmann, Kayleigh Chaney, Clint Batey, Amanda Dodge, Caleb Russell, Maci Wilson, Brynlie Singleton, Sadie Lowrance, Harley Walton, Landon Blanton, Kylea Burks, Audry Flowers, Noeha Hicks. Front row: Nicholas Stanley, Jamal Bogany, and Chad Murphy.

## Annual Shepherd FFA Alumni BINGO and Chili Night



Location: Shepherd High School Cafeteria

Date: February 21, 2015

\$10 per ticket - available at the door

Lots of GREAT prizes and good food!

TWO YETI COOLERS TO BE WON

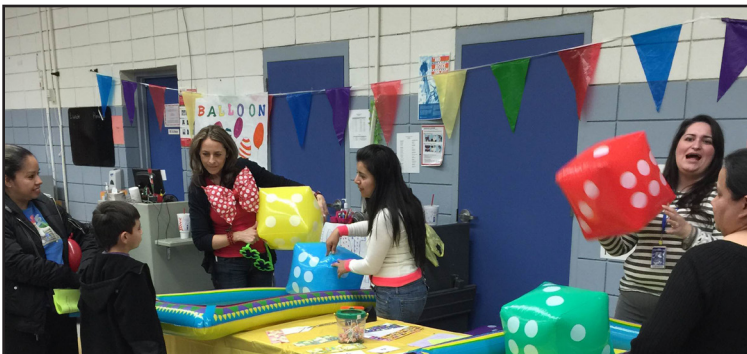
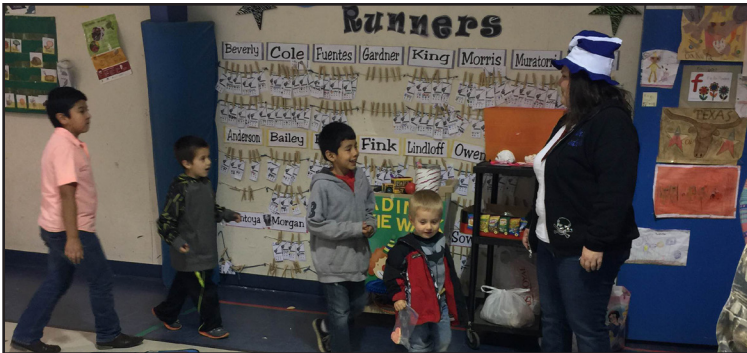
Doors Open at 5:30 p.m., BINGO starts at 6:00 p.m.

Proceeds go to the local FFA chapter and towards scholarships for current seniors. Your support is greatly appreciated.

## "Under the Big Top"



Students and parents of Shepherd Primary enjoyed a night of fun "Under the Big Top" on February 17, 2015. Teachers assisted as students and parents played games and activities that used math, reading, science and technology skills. The 425 attendees also were treated to nachos, popcorn, cupcakes, cookies and drinks.





Did you know...

By Yvonne Ryba

Shepherd Chamber of Commerce hosted a luncheon at Shepherd Community Center last week. Mayor Michael Coker was the guest speaker and he talked about his goals for the future of Shepherd and some of his plans which are already in the works. The delicious meal, catered by President Twinkle Webber, was enjoyed by all the guests and we look forward to our next Chamber Lunch.

February 13th was Director Diana Wilkinson's last day at Shepherd Library. We had a farewell party for her and welcomed new Director Helenmarie Johnson to the position. We also met Sandy Rice who is one of the new Circulation Assistants, Cecili Young being the other. Cecili is going to work between the Library and City Hall. We wish Diana the very best in life.



Helenmarie has already started to plan the Library's 'Diva Night' on April 25th. The theme will be the 'Roaring 20's Flapper Night', so ladies, start looking for your costume. Last year 'Diva Night' was a great success with many vendors and a great DJ. This year vendors are asked to call the Library to book their space. The Community Center will be the venue once again and food vendors are needed to feed the hungry ladies who come to enjoy a night for divas. Shepherd Public Library (936) 628-3515.

One last thing about the Library, it is now open every week day from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Woodland Park Home will have a 'Black History Luncheon' on Friday February 27th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. There will be live entertainment during lunch which is free but donations will be gratefully accepted. For more information call Woodland Park at (936) 628-6387.

On April 4 th, Mayor Coker announced an Easter Celebration in Community Center Park. For vendors who wish to sell their goods, spaces are \$25 each unless you are non-profit organizations giving out information, in which case, spaces are free. Please call City Hall at (936) 628-3305.

Watch for more information on an upcoming event, when Texas Grill and Della's Pizza Kitchen combine forces to host a Bike and Car Show!

To be featured here, For Shepherd Chamber of Commerce, call (936) 628-3890. Public meeting every 4 th Monday at 6:00 p.m. For Coldspring/San Jacinto County Chamber of Commerce call (936) 653-2184.

For a free business consultation with Bob Brannagan, of Sam Houston State Small Business Development Agency, call the Chamber nearest you. www.greatershepherdchamberofcommerce.org www.coldspringtexas.org

Pictured from the left, Sandy Rice, new Circulation Assistant; New Director Helenmarie Johnson; Director Diana Wilkinson on her last day.

Have any good family receipes? Share them with us! You can send them to us through Facebook or email us! mcclains.shepherdnews@gmail.com

Obituary

Vira C. Powell



November 05, 1937 - February 15, 2015

Vira C. Powell, 77, of Shepherd, Texas passed away on Sunday, February 15, 2015. She was born on Friday, November 05, 1937 in Crosby, Texas to J.H. Buckner and Vona (Wells) Buckner, both of whom have preceded her in death. Vira was also preceded in death by her loving spouse, Clester Fredricks; brother, J.H. Buckner; sisters, Elsie Tomek, Rosa Fleming, Gladys Buckner, Lille Mae Eberhart, Catherine Cashmere, and Emma Richardson; Left to cherish her memory is her children, Shannon Perry, Sandra Teas, Rita Carlos, Glenn Fulcher, Cheryl Brown, Cindy Wood, Melissa Moore; sisters, Edith Perry, Joyce Perry; twenty four grandchildren; along with numerous nieces, nephews and other loving family and treasured friends. Visitation for Vira was held at Neal Funeral Home on Wednesday, February 18, 2015 from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. Funeral Services for were held at New Hope Baptist Church on February 19, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. Interment for Vira will immediately follow at Ryan Cemetery, Kenneth Worley officiating. All services were handled under the trusted care of Neal Funeral Home.

Church News

CALL TO CALVARY MINISTRIES: A church that preaches the Message of the Cross. 793 Thomas Castleberry Rd. Shepherd (off of FM 1127) Sunday 9:30 a.m. SS Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Sunday evening 6:30 p.m. Thursday 7:30 p.m. All Welcome!

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD: Cake Sale at the First Assembly of God Church on Good Friday, April 3, 2015.

SPRINGHILL BAPTIST CHURCH: Damaged but Delivered Conference 2015, Friday, February 27th at 7 p.m. and Saturday, February 28th at 9 a.m. Guest speakers: Apostle Helen Bedford: Word of Power Apostolic Church; Pastor Keith Johnson & Co-Pastor 1st Lady Clara Johnson: St. Lukes Church; 1st Lady Evelyn Mason: Spring Hill Church; SI's Monica Harrell: Family Faith Church; Minister Sheila Burns: Pleasant Grove Church. Key Note Speaker, Saturday: Pastor L. Kinder, By Gods Grace Church. For more information contact Minister Douglas and Sheila Jackson at (936) 203-3209.

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD: First Assembly of God in Shepherd is having a Bake Sale at McClain's! Cakes, pies, and much more! On April 3rd—Good Friday

Senior Citizen Menu

Mon 2/23: Hamburger Patty With Gravy & Onions, Buttered Noodles, Black Eye Peas, Cornbread, Salad, Fruit

Wed 2/24: Weiners And, Saurkraut, Lima Beans, Cornbread, Salad, Fruit

Thur 2/25: Fried Chicken, Scalloped Potatoes, Peas & Carrots, Rolls, Salad, Fruit

Fri 2/26: Meatloaf Brown Gravy & Onions, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Veggies, Rolls, Salad, Fruit

Mon 2/27: Chicken & Sausage Gumbo, Rice, Tossed Salad, Crackers, Peaches

Shepherd Senior Citizens serve @ 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Please call before 9:30 a.m. if possible for lunches, so we can have a count! (936)-628-3733

Menu subject to change without notice.

Second Tuesday of each month dessert includes birthday cake!

4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BRAIN ANEURYSM AWARENESS 1 MILE WALK IN MEMORY OF BERDINE WILSON

FOR BRAIN ANEURYSM AWARENESS AND RESEARCH

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2015

Shepherd Middle School Track & Field  
1401 South Byrd Avenue • Shepherd, TX 77371

Registration 9-10 am • Walk 10 am - 1 pm

\$20 until 2/18/15 which includes a guaranteed t-shirt. Price will increase after 2/18 to \$25

For more event and registration information scan the QR Code below, contact Regina Walker at berdinewilson.bawalk@gmail.com or go to: give.bafound.org/2015BerdineWilson

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Buy \$mart, Eat Well

Crockpot Beef Shoulder Roast

- Ingredients
- 2 to 3lb. cut of beef shoulder (on sale \$3.99lb!)
  - 1 large onion
  - 1 1/2 cups baby carrots
  - 4 potatoes (10lb bag russet on sale \$2.49ea!)
  - Salt and pepper
  - 3 bay leaves
  - 1-cup beef broth

Directions

1. Thaw the beef overnight in the refrigerator, if frozen. Otherwise, take the beef out of the refrigerator to allow the meat to come to room temperature, about 30 minutes. Remove it from its packaging, and place it in your slow cooker.
2. Peel the onion, and cut it into quarters, then cut each quarter in half. Place the onion pieces on top of the meat.
3. Place the baby carrots in a colander and rinse under cold, running water; drain well. Toss the carrots into your slow cooker, spreading them around the sides of your beef.
4. Scrub your potatoes under water; pat dry. Cut away blemishes on the skins. Chop your potatoes into 2-inch chunks and add them to the slow cooker, distributing them around the meat in the same way you did the carrots.
5. Season your meat and vegetable with salt and pepper to taste. Place the bay leaves on top.
6. Pour the beef broth over the meat and vegetables. The meat will produce natural juices as it cooks, but if you prefer more juice, add more broth or other liquids.
7. Put the lid on you slow cooker, and cook the beef on Low for eight to 10 hours, or until the vegetables are tender and the meat registers an internal temperature of 160 degrees F.



New Releases Coming to

McClain's DVD Kiosk This Week



Big Hero 6 (PG) animation/family: The special bond that develops between plus-sized inflatable robot Baymax, and prodigy Hiro Hamada, who team up with a group of friends to form a band of high-tech heroes.

Starring (voices): Ryan Potter, Scott Adsit, Jamie Chung

Horrible Bosses 2 (R) comedy/crime: Dale, Kurt and Nick decide to start their own business but things don't go as planned because of a slick investor, prompting the trio to pull off a harebrained and misguided kidnapping scheme.

Starring: Jason Bateman, Jason Sudeikis, Charlie Day



Birdman (R) comedy/drama: A washed up actor, who once played an iconic superhero, battles his ego and attempts to recover his family, his career and himself in the days leading up to the opening of a Broadway play.

Starring: Michael Keaton, Zach Galifianakis, Edward Norton

Please note: Because we are no longer responsible for receiving movies, we cannot guarantee all movies will be available for rent on this date.

February 25, 2015

Community Classifieds

FOR RENT: Efficiency apartment for rent, \$350 per month + utilities and deposits. Call 281-593-5603 or 281-659-5789 for more details.

WANTED: Junk cars & trucks or any metal, will clean up your yard. Call 936-714-4299.

LAND FOR SALE: Lots in San Jacinto County, Lakeside Village #2 boat ramps. Call 936-714-4299.

FOR SALE: 1994 Chevy ½ ton, rebuilt engine & transmission, headache rack & toolbox, good work truck, \$1900 OBO. Call 713-283-4010.

FOR SALE: 1993 Jeep Cherokee 4X4 5-speed standard for parts, entire car can be driven, has a clear title, \$600. In Shepherd. Call 712-858-1575 or 936-223-1718.

FOR SALE: Salt water lures and reels. In Shepherd, price negotiable. Call 712-858-1575 or 936-223-1718.

FOR SALE: Tandom trailer, \$800. In Shepherd. Call 712-858-1575 or 936-223-1718.

FOR SALE: 2 female Shelties with papers. Both are three years old. Colored sable & white, very beautiful. \$300 each. Call 281-761-9783.

Community Calendar

2/23: Shepherd Chamber of Commerce meeting, 6pm/EDC Building

2/28: UMC Chili Cook off 830 AM

2/28: Trash and Treasure Trekgarage sale

3/3: Retired School personnel to meet 3PM at the Senior Center



Business News

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