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**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Mike Cox, Administrator

Good Shepherd Learning Center is officially open for business as of January 22, 2018. The first intergenerational activity was held on the 24<sup>th</sup> with the residents helping the children with bowling. The kids all had a great time some of them did not want to stop. Afterwards, Lance Smith, District Administrator, treated all the kids to ice cream from our Ice Cream Shop. They also enjoyed playing with our mini basketball game and skee ball game. We are slowly transitioning them into activities with the residents so they can get to know them and feel comfortable with them. A few were quite shy at the first activity but it did not take them long to warm up to the residents. They also enjoyed playing on the outside playground on the 26<sup>th</sup>.

The Open House and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was held on the 30<sup>th</sup> and we thank all who took the time to attend. We really feel the Children's Learning Center is going to be a great benefit to our residents and our residents will be a great benefit to the children. Our dietary staff is working hard to incorporate meals for the children and our transportation staff is providing transportation from the Hurricane Deck Elementary School and Good Shepherd Care Center in Versailles.

As usual, the activity department had many fun activities going on in the month of January. Some of the Highlights are Trivia Game, Jeopardy, Yatzee, Volleyball, Name That Tune and the Capps Band performed for us. We are grateful for our great activity department and all the volunteers that run the Ice Cream Shop 6 days a week, help in the gift shop and several activities each month! *See you around the center!*

**OUR WELCOME TO THE NEW ADMISSION COORDINATOR FOR OUR FACILITIES**

Amanda Loethen recently joined our team and we are glad she did. She is married, has a 2 year old daughter and lives outside of Versailles. They moved in Kansas for 13 years. She started her nursing career at a small nursing home in housekeeping, then helped with laundry and dietary. While doing that, she enrolled in the CAN class and worked in that capacity for 3 years. She also has her CMA, which she obtained about a year ago.

She absolutely loves and enjoys helping people in any way that she can. Her passion is making a difference in someone's life in any way possible. She began with the GSNHD in April last year, working in Versailles, then transferred to Laurie on January 15<sup>th</sup>.

Her daughter, Brynleigh, attends the Learning Center and absolutely loves it! Amanda loves to spend time with her family, camping, fishing, hunting, riding dirt bikes and four wheelers. Also, she loves the lake and riding jet skis.

Welcome, Amanda!



## SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES-2:00 PM

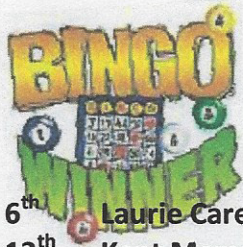
- 4<sup>th</sup> Crossroads Assembly of God  
11<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church – Laurie  
18<sup>th</sup> Community Chapel Church of God  
25<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church – Sunrise Beach



## MONDAY CHURCH SERVICES – 10:00 AM

Shrine of St. Patrick's Catholic Church holds services each Monday morning @ 10:00 am. All services are held in the activity room. *Everyone is welcome to attend.*

*Our appreciation to all churches for their support to our facility.*



### BINGO EVERY TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY

Tuesday Bingo is at 2:00 pm and Wednesday Bingo is at 10:00 am.

Thanks to all who help with this activity. Listed below are those helping during the month of December. We appreciate *you all* who help with Bingo.

- 6<sup>th</sup> Laurie Care Center  
13<sup>th</sup> Kent Memorial Lutheran Church  
20<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church – Laurie  
27<sup>th</sup> American Legion Auxiliary

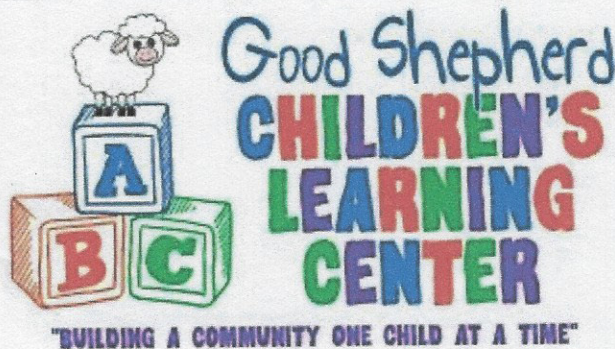
Each Wednesday, Bonnie Ferment does bingo @ 10:00 am. We appreciate the volunteers who share their time with the residents for this activity and for *the goodies they furnish for bingo.*

### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 <sup>st</sup>  | Thomas Stallone  | 23 <sup>rd</sup> | Dorothy Bratton |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | Deloris Schick   | 24 <sup>th</sup> | Ann Church      |
| 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Geraldine Bass   | 24 <sup>th</sup> | Zelia Harber    |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> | Viola Brownfield | 26 <sup>th</sup> | Willard Harber  |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> | Valentine's Day  | 27 <sup>th</sup> | Wanda Dallas    |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> | Donna Elder      | 28 <sup>th</sup> | Betty Thompson  |



February's birthday party will be on the 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00 pm. Ozark Chapel United Methodist Women are furnishing the gifts. *Thank you ladies.*



In 2017, the Board of Directors of the Good Shepherd Nursing Home District recognized the need for an integrated Child Learning Center within their Skilled Nursing Facilities. They believed that if they were able to address the needs of both of these groups of people in one setting, there would be common benefits to each. The Board recognized there were needs in the youngest of our community to better prepare them for their futures by providing quality early

education, access to technology and learning, and reestablishment of respect and value for the elderly. "Building a Community, One Child at a Time" became their mission.

At the same time, the oldest of our community members benefit greatly, emotionally and psychologically with the intergenerational activities and personal contact with the children. The Good Shepherd Child Learning Center was established in the lower level of the Laurie Care Center, built and licensed for up to 60 children. The spacious environment includes computer labs and a quiet study hall, both with access to online learning via technology. A large playground was constructed adjacent to the building which includes; the protective shock absorbing surfaces, play stations, and a basketball court.

The Board is dedicated to developing the future leaders for our communities while embracing our mothers and fathers and, ensuring the quality of everyone's lives, because we are "Families Caring for Families ®"

**CONGRATULATIONS TO GSNHD FOR THEIR FORESIGHT!**