

SHEPHERD COMMUNITY NEWS

GED Classes

Angelina College Adult Education at Shepherd
Service Offered: GED (morning) Classes

Where: Shepherd, TX

When: Mondays and Wednesdays
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Adult Ed. Teacher: Teacher Mullins, e-mail: tmullins@angelina.edu
Questions/Concerns Contact:

Jorge Valdes, Outreach/Transition Coordinator
AC Campus Phone: (936) 633-6412

E-mail: jorge.valdes@angelina.edu

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1768, Lufkin, TX 75902

Shepherd Location/Contact Information:

Location: Shepherd ISD J Building
1401 S. Byrd Ave. Shepherd, TX 77371

Contact information: Jan Page

Email: jpage@shepherdisd.net Phone: (936) 628-3396 ext. 2906

Classes will resume on January 5, 2015

Mark Your Calendars

Mark your calendars for Saturday, February 7, 2015 when the San Jacinto County Area Go-Texan Committee will host their annual local scholarship fund-raiser dinner and auction event. “Denim & Diamonds” will begin at 6:00 p.m. at the Cleveland Civic Center on Saturday, February 7th. Folks are already asking for tickets which go on sale soon!!

So mark your calendar to join us!

4-H Pecans Are In!

The 4-H Pecans are in! They are \$12.00 for a 1lb bag. You can pick up a bag at the Local Banks in Coldspring & Shepherd, the Extension Office, Judge Sewell’s Office, Sharon’s Café and Eastex Title in Coldspring.. Come by and get yours for your Holiday baking!

Reward if Found



Lost dog! Bull Terrier solid white with brown circle around left eye, medium build about 38 pounds. She is 7 months comes to the name Kate or Katie. Last seen on Wright road and Wille Mae or Gardner Ln. December 25th when she disappeared. She has a pink and blue collar on with rabies

Hey Middle School Parents!

Did You Know?

Starting January 13th, the Middle School Library and Computer Lab will stay open to students from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. This gives students a quiet place to complete homework, or computer access for online tutorials. Students must have a permission slip signed and returned before they will be allowed to stay after school. Transportation will NOT be provided, and arrangements will need to be made by the student and parents. For any questions please contact the Middle School Library at (936) 628-2966 or email rramos@shepherdisd.net.

Creating Alliances: Building a Team Between Students, Parents and School

We highly encourage you and your student to attend our meeting on January 13th, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the Middle School Cafeteria. Shepherd Middle School would like to improve on communication between school and parents. Communication is a must for any successful relationship, and we would like to build one with you, as parents and a community. Parental Involvement is a powerful influence in student achievement, and Shepherd Middle School needs your help to better serve our students. Coming to school should be a positive experience for both the student and the parents. In order to create an effective team, parents, teachers, staff and students all need to be on the same page. SMS welcomes your thoughts, concerns, and ideas. Please join us!

Experimenting with Rocks in Kindergarten



In the picture, you can see Mrs. Montoya’s Kindergarten students collecting samples of rocks that vary in size, color, texture and mass.

From left to right top row: Valentin Arres, Helen Chavez, Giselle Benitez, Diego Orozco, Iñaki Molina, Karla Rangel, Esmeralda Flores, Ruby Garcia. Middle row: Cristian Osorio, Jasmin Almazán, Alan Infante, Melany Rangel, Estefany Martínez, Ángel Cruz, Mareli Zamora, Héctor Medina.

Need a Job?

Start the New Year off right with a good career. The Texas Department of Criminal Justice is hiring correctional officers for the Polunsky Unit in Livingston and surrounding areas. Good pay, great benefits. Contact officer Earl Brown for your career in Corrections at (832) 599-2260 or ebrown64@netzero.com.

Shepherd Youth League Scores Home Run with Ballpark Improvements



By Jacob McAdams

Shepherd Youth League has some nice surprises in store for their fans in the upcoming season. Fans can expect to see a nicer, cleaner park, the players will be able to enjoy the use of brand new batting cages and everyone will be able to enjoy the opportunity to win raffle items from the Astros. In recent months, the Youth League has addressed some of the more lacking standards of the ballpark. The concession stand has a fresh paint job and a new air conditioning unit for the adjacent bathrooms. Another big development came when Shepherd EDC and Shepherd City Council contributed a total of \$8,000 to the park’s restoration efforts, much of which will go to a brand new addition to the park.

“Between our fundraising efforts from last year, plus the [\$8,000 in donations], we’ve built this batting cage,” said Shepherd Youth League President Clint Crowder.

Crowder and the Youth League’s board members have worked on getting the batting cages put together for some time and recently set up the awning for teams to use for practice.

“[It] is a double batting cage and it’s covered,” said Crowder.

The batting cages, according to Crowder, are very similar to the ones used at Hal McClelland field, the ballpark for Cleveland High School. McClelland actually helped design the batting cage in the Shepherd ball field. “Donny Marrs, our commissioner, is going to help with the floor [for the batting cage],” said Crowder.

Crowder says the batting cages can host up to 10 teams for various practice exercises.

The Youth League isn’t stopping with just the batting cages. Plans are set in motion to make the park more presentable, including fresh paint jobs for the benches, improved dugouts, new nets, new signs and even new flags to replace the old ones.

“People take a lot of pride in that,” said Crowder referring to the old flags, which have been worn out over time.

The Youth League is also planning on increasing parking spaces for handicapped parking and putting in a new sponsor board.

“We were able to get these things done and fulfill the promises we’ve made everybody,” said Crowder referring to the work that is already completed. Another exciting bit of news for the Youth League involves the Houston Astros, with whom the league has signed a contract.

The contract will help generate publicity and fundraising opportunities for the Youth League.

Some of the fundraising opportunities include raffles, such as a raffle for a luxury suite at an Astros game, which can hold 22 people according to Crowder.

The Astros are also going to be hosting a day for free tickets for children on April 19 during their game against the Angels. Parents can buy their tickets at discounted prices on this day, with \$5 for each ticket being donated back to the Shepherd ball field.

They are also offering all of the Shepherd Youth League coaches the coaches clinic and a grounds keeping clinic, hosted by Astros’ staff. The involvement from the Astros has the potential to greatly bolster the funds for the ballpark.

“They’re anticipating, per league you can make through their donations... about \$10,000,” said Crowder.

All of the improvements can benefit everyone who comes to the park, as they will see a better equipped and more vibrant ball field than what they’ve seen before.

“I’m really excited to get it all done,” said Crowder.

Obituary

Rita Ferguson

January 1, 2015

On January 1, 2015, Rita Ferguson passed peacefully with her family by her side at Vitas Hospice Inpatient Unit in Houston, Texas after a long and courageous battle with lung cancer. Rita was preceded in death by her loving husband, Virgil Ferguson; parents, Burton Ralph and Lelya Groves; sister, Sondra Aden and brother, Revell Groves.

She was a loving and devoted wife, mother, sister, and grandmother who always put others before herself. She had the most generous, loving heart and touched many lives with her presence. She enjoyed being silly and making everyone laugh. She also loved taking care of her plants. Rita was known for her gift of gab even with total strangers. Her signature gift of joy, shown through her constant smiling and joking around, will never be forgotten.

She is survived by her daughter, Michelle Browder Chuc and son, Michael Browder; sisters, Beverly Guinn and Sharla Enloe; grandchildren, Mikey Browder, Autumn Hillhouse, Brendon Browder, Kaitlyn and Mikayla Chuc; great-grandchildren, Ariel Browder, Noah and Natalie Hillhouse, Macie and Kason Browder and numerous loving relatives.

The family received friends 5:00 - 8:00 p.m., Friday January 9, 2015 at the funeral home. Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m., Saturday January 10, 2015 at Pace-Stancil Funeral Home Chapel. The interment followed at Splendora City Cemetery.

SHS Community Reunion

SHS Community Reunion (All Years)

Meeting: February 7, 2015

Place: Family Restaurant
2700 S. Byrd Ave.

Lunch: Gumbo with drink \$5.00

Contact LaJauna Kirchner (832) 579-6762

Custodians Needed

Custodians needed at Shepherd ISD. Apply online at www.shepherdisd.net
Call (936) 628-3396 x 2906 for more information.

Shepherd Youth League Article

Hello Shepherd area Dixie baseball and softball players, parent and supporting local businesses. The Shepherd Youth League Board of Directors is hitting the ground running in 2015 and we are VERY HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE OUR NEW PARTNERSHIP WITH THE HOUSTON ASTROS AND THE "FUTURE ASTROS" PROGRAM THAT WILL CONTINUE TO GIVE US PUBLICITY AND HELP US WITH OUR FUNDRAISING EFFORTS!!! We have a lot of major improvements going on at the park and will be updating everyone as they occur.

Be on the lookout for more announcements on FB and in the paper as well as some important dates, but as of now please mark your calendar with these:

SIGN-UPS will be held on four Saturdays Jan. 24, 31st, Feb. 7th and 14th 10:00 - 2:00 p.m. at the BALL PARK and we are working to get online registration set up as well. We will post details on Facebook as well as the Paper when the web site is ready to go.

2015 Board of Directors:

President – Clint Crowder

Commissioner – Daniel Brown

Secretary – Daniel Clark

Treasurer – Tammy Samuelson

Vice President Baseball – Michael Coker

Vice President Softball – Michael Gray

McClain Field Manager – Ray Smith

Odom Field Manager – Stephen Chamblee

Finger & Bailes Field Manager – Donovan Lindsey

Wilson Field Manager – Lil Man Wilson

Concession Manager – Sabrina Smith

Purchasing Agent – Janice Chamblee

Maintenance Supervisor – Trey Barlow

Fundraising Parent Coordinator-Brandy Phillips

Trustee #1 (Projects)-Kyle Somers

For more information or questions:

Like us on Facebook, or email shepherd youthleague@yahoo.com

SISD School Board Recognition

January is School Board Recognition Month and Shepherd ISD is joining other districts across the state to thank these local leaders for their dedication and willingness to serve as advocates for our children and public schools.

“Even though we are making a special effort in January to show appreciation for our board members, we realize their many contributions reflect a year-round commitment. They generously give of themselves to ensure that decisions directly affecting our local schools are made by representatives of this community, people who are close to our schools and know our teachers, parents, and students,” said Steve Pierce, Shepherd ISD Superintendent. “As elected officials, they are the voice of their communities, serving first and foremost in the best interest of schoolchildren.”

“Board members shoulder critical responsibilities and often make difficult decisions. The ultimate goal is always focused on the future success of the children in our district,” Pierce said. “It’s more important than ever before that the community supports public education so that today’s students are prepared to be productive citizens and the leaders of tomorrow. Our board members provide vision and leadership in their roles as advocates, and they will continue to stand up for public education and guard against anything that takes away from our children or undermines public school,” he said.

Board members serving Shepherd ISD are: John Few, Jerry Cutaia, Darryl Richardson, Charles Dodd, Michael Courville, Susan Bailes and Alfredo Ramos.

“Shepherd ISD benefits from the tireless work and countless hours contributed by these local citizens who serve without pay. Serving as a crucial link between the community and classroom, this board is responsible for an annual budget of \$15,021,472 million, 1,910 students, 280 employees, and four campuses. Please help us thank these dedicated volunteers for their efforts to make a difference and their unfailing commitment to the continued success of our students now and in the future,” Pierce said.

Did you know...

By Yvonne Ryba

This will probably be my last comment about our Christmas Parade until November 2015! Someone asked the Chamber what the theme would be for our next parade. They wanted to start collecting the materials for it throughout the year, which is is wise move on their part. The theme for Shepherd's Christmas Parade 2015 will be "A Snowman's Christmas". I can already imagine the scenes of Snowmen families enjoying the different aspects of the season.

If you are looking ahead and making plans for special events this year, let me tell you about an idea which will be perfect for some anniversaries, birthday parties, church or social groups and corporate events. Lake Livingston Charters is a family run business. The owners, Bill and Wendy Cunningham, have lived near the Lake for 26 years and raised their boys there. They spend most of their vacation time around the water and in water activities and they are both certified captains by the state of Texas. They sail a 30' Party Cruiser, which can take up to 10 guests, round the Lake. You can spend from 3 hours to 8 hours on a cruise. The 3 hour cruise costs \$350, 4 hours is \$450 and so on. 8 hours is a whole day and costs \$750.

The Party Cruiser has a kitchen, dinette and restroom, with two 8 foot sofas on deck, which can have a table between them or not, depending on your choice. When you take your cruise, you have a licensed Captain and a staff member on board. The price also includes fuel, cleaning cost and waste disposal. This seems like a wonderful way to celebrate that special occasion. You can safely sail away for the whole or part of a day on the lake in total comfort. For more information call Bill or Wendy Cunningham at (936) 215-3777. Browse through their web site too at www.lakelivingstoncharters.com.

On a different note, you might want to prepare for the "Unbeauty" Queen Contest ! This will be held in Coldspring in March.As the name implies, this is a fun contest where the winner looks as ugly as they can make themselves. More on this in the future.

Shepherd Chamber of Commerce
11231 Hwy 150 Mail: P.O.Box 520
Phone (936) 628-3890 Like us on Facebook!
For a free business consultation with Director Bob Brannagan of the Small Business Development Dept at Sam Houston State University, Call me at the Shepherd Chamber.
Coldspring/San Jacinto County Chamber of Commerce.
31, N. Butler, Coldspring 77331.
Phone: (936) 653-2184

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!
TEMPLE OF FAITH: We greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and invite you to share with us in the celebrating of our Pastor and Wife’s 7th Appreciation Service. Our extension appreciation of appreciation will begin Thursday, January 8th at 7:30 p.m. with Rev. Joe Scot and Shiloh B.C. bringing the message; Friday, January 9th at 7:30 p.m. with the Rev. Eric C. Burch, Sr. and Mt. Moriah M.B.C. bringing the message; and conclude on Sunday, January 11th at 3:00 p.m. with the Rev. Charles Furr and Pleasant Rose Holiness Church bringing the message. Thank you for being our friend. May God continue to shower you with His many blessings. Yours in Christ, The Temple of Faith Family Rev. Darryl W. Richardson, Pastor If you have any questions, please contact our Program Chairperson—Sis. Essie Roberts at (936) 727-9677.

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12 Things “Back To The Future” Promised We’d Have By 2015

1. **Food hydrators:** Specifically made by Black & Decker. Wonder if they'll change their slogan to “We sure know how to hydrate a pizza!”
2. **Power laces:** Because tying shoes is so overrated!
3. **Automatic dog walkers:** In 2015, dog is robot’s best friend. The only question is, does it pick up after the pooch?
4. **Self drying jackets:** Who needs umbrellas?
5. **Jaws 19 and holographic movie posters:** Steven Spielberg and his son better get moving on those other 15 sequels.
6. **Phone glasses:** It’s like Skype for sunglasses. We’re predicting this will be the “must have” item of 2015.
7. **Futuristic fashion:** talking vests and odd shaped helmets
8. **Retractable garden centers:** The only way to preserve fresh fruit and vegies and the cool way to get kids to eat their greens!
9. **Pepsi perfect:** Built in straws, awesome containers and delivered to you automatically when you ask for it. C’mon Pepsi! Make. This. Happen.
10. **Mr. Fusion — home energy reactor:** A power source that is fueled by everyday garbage. Turn your leftovers into 1.21 gigawatts of energy!
11. **Flying cars:** According to Dr. Emmett Brown, we won’t need roads. But we’re not throwing away the spare tires just yet...
12. **Hoverboards:** Forget segways and razor scooters, you’re riding on air now. Wonder if they'll work on water?

Senior Citizen Menu

Mon 1/12:Baked Teriyaki, Chicken, Seasoned Rice, Corn, Wheat Bread, Salad, Fruit
Tues 1/13:Meatloaf In Brown Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Rolls, Salad, Fruit
Wed 1/14:Chicken & Dumplings, Green Beans, Cornbread, Salad, Cookie
Thurs 1/15:Salmon Patty, Mararoni & Cheese, Mixed Veggieswheat Bread, Fruit
Fri 1/16:Pork Chops In Brown Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Greens, Cornbread, Salad, Fruit
Mon 1/19:Hamburger Patty With Gravy & Onions, Buttered Noodles, Black Eye Peas, Cornbread, Salad, Fruit
Tues 1/20: Beef Sausage, Lima Beans, Rice, Cornbread, Salad, Fruit,
Wed 1/21:Fried Chicken, Scalloped Potatoes With Bacon, Gravy, Okra & Tomatoes, Cornbread, Salad, Fruit
Thurs 1/22:Ham Slice, Whipped Sweet Potato Bake, Cabbage, Cornbread, Salad, Fruit
Fri 1/23: Chicken Noodle Casserole, Candied Carrots, Tossed Salad, Cornbread, Fruit
Mon 1/26: King Ranch Chicken, Spanish Rice, Pinto Beans, Cornbread, Salad, Fruit
Tues 1/27: Pork Loin, Brown Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Cornbread, Salad, Fruit,
Wed 1/28: BBQ Chicken, Potato Saladbaked Beans, Cornbread Salad, Peaches
Thurs 1/29:Meat Sauce & Spaghetti Mediterainian, Mixed Veggies, Tossed Salad, Garlic Bread, Jello
Fri 1/30: Chicken, Sausage And Shrimp, Gumbo, Rice, Tossed Salad, Crackers, Pudding
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!

Attention

In an effort to save money and to free up City Works for more pressing jobs, we are implementing a few changes to our water service. The meters will be read quarterly. The other months of the year will be estimated based on the yearly average of your account. You, as a customer may read your meter between the 16th and the 20th of each month and call in a reading to City Hall. It will also be your responsibility to watch for any leaks on your property and repair them as soon as possible to keep your water usage down. With your cooperation, we hope these small changes can free up our city workers so that they may continue improving our city and addressing issues as they arise.

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



"McClain's Food Market"
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New Releases Coming to McClain’s Kiosk This Week

Gone Girl (R) drama/mystery: With his wife's disappearance having become the focus of an intense media circus, a man sees the spotlight turned on him when it's suspected that he may not be innocent.
Starring: Ben Affleck, Rosamund Pike, Neil Patrick Harris

A Walk Among the Tombstones (R) crime/drama: Private investigator Matthew Scudder is hired by a drug kingpin to find out who kidnapped and murdered his wife.
Starring: Liam Neeson, Dan Stevens, David Harbour

Annabelle (R) horror: A couple begins to experience terrifying supernatural occurrences involving a vintage doll shortly after their home is invaded by satanic cultists.
Starring: Ward Horton, Annabelle Wallis, Alfre Woodard

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

January 14, 2015

Community Classifieds

WANTED: All non-working washers, dryers, refrigerators, deep freezers or junk iron. Call David Gibbs at 281-223-8006.
FOR SALE: Name Skillsaw table saw, great shape, \$135 (no checks). Please call (936) 628-6201.
FOR SALE: House - in Town - 2 Bedroom, 1 Bath, Owner Financed, \$54,000.00. Down payment negotiable. Contact: 870-688-0787
FOR SALE: Washer and dryer, GE brand, white, dryer works, washer works on high water level only. Sold as is. Buy both for \$125.00. Not sold seperately.936-628-3733
SHELLED NATIVE PECANS FOR SALE: Selling the remainder of my pecans at a very low price since I don’t have room to store them in my freezer. Price is \$7.00 per pound in 5 pound lots. Located on FM 1127 (Drews Landing Hwy.) Call 281-728-3500.

Community Calendar

1/13: Creating alliances at 6:30 p.m. in the Middle School Cafeteria
1/13: City Council Meeting, 7pm/Community Center
1/13: First Station Auxiliary Meeting
1/19: SISD Student Holiday
1/20: Pirates Reading Program 9-10AM; Shepherd Primary School Parent Center
1/24: Shepherd Youth League Sign-ups 10-2 PM; Shepherd Ball park
1/26: Shepherd Chamber of Commerce meeting, 6pm/EDC Building
1/31: Shepherd Youth League Sign-ups 10-2 PM; Shepherd Ball park

Business News

Attention Students
Need a job? Apply to be a sacker at McClain's! If you are part of the early release/work program, come by our courtesy booth and pick up an application! We will gladly work with your academic schedule!

THE PIZZA KITCHEN
Tuesday specials: Two for Tuesday. Buy one traditional style pizza for regular price and get second of equal value or less for 1/2 price.
Fridays: Karaoke with Joe and Sherry
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Contact owner Earl Brown, first rate commercial and residential cleaning service at (832) 599-2260 or ebrown64@netzero.com for very affordable prices, quality, and honest work.

Piano Lessons
Lisa Matthews
Located in Shepherd
\$25 per 30 minute session
(501) 470-8903

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We want to know what you think of Shepherd Community News! Please send us an e-mail telling us what you like, don’t like, or think we could improve upon, because we think feedback is awesome, and we want everyone to love our paper just as much as we do!
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Drop off your information/picture at McClain’s, e-mail to mcclains.shepherdnews@gmail.com, or fax to (936) 628-2866.
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Include contact information on your request to have something published.
Our deadline is 6 p.m. Tuesday for the following week.