

## SHEPHERD COMMUNITY NEWS

## HELLO FROM MR. &amp; MRS. SANTA CLAUS



We paid a timely visit to more than fifty children this past Christmas Eve at Angels on Assignment OutReach 796 Wonderland Dr Shepherd Texas. The visit was Joyful and the smiles were cheerful.

We came through wishing all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Angels On Assignment OutReach was also awarded the Toy Stocking from AARONS in Cleveland Tx or Christmas 2016. Mrs Sharon McLaurin was Santa's Elf of the year.

## Two Tough Cowboys

Two local Cowboys were injured recently in a sport they both like doing. On December 18, 2016, Caleb Goodwin, 4th grader at SIS was riding a steer in a Bullriding/Rodeo school when he was bucked off and landed wrong breaking three bones in his leg. Thank God no surgery was needed! Then just barely 3 weeks later on January 8, 2016 Blaine Chreene, 7th grader at SMS was riding a Jr. bull in a rodeo when he was bucked off and the bulls back feet came down and landed on him ripping a huge hole in his thigh. Blaine was transported to Texas Children's hospital where he had surgery to mend his leg. We wish both of these lil' cowboys a speedy recovery!

## CNA Students Strike a Pose with Emergency Responders at Texas Children's Hospital!



## Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Scholarship Applications are Now available

The Area Go Texan Scholarship applications are only available online. San Jacinto County High School Senior students wishing to apply should go to the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo website, [www.rodeohouston.com](http://www.rodeohouston.com), under the Scholarships tab at the top. The online applications must be submitted by midnight Monday, February 06, 2017! Other required documentation must be postmarked by Thursday, February 16, 2017. Final approval and notification of each scholarship recipient will be made by the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Office of Educational Programs. If needed students should see their school counselor, County Extension office, or Ag Science teachers for additional information.

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo will provide an \$20,000, four-year scholarship to an eligible, outstanding student from OUR County. So parents get your senior to working on completion of this application. They just might be the lucky recipient of the \$20,000 four-year scholarship for our county.

For more information on the Show, its scholarship program and other educational commitments, visit [www.rodeohouston.com](http://www.rodeohouston.com). The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo will run March 7 - March 26, 2017.

## FIESTA

Come join us for  
**NACHOS & NUMBERS**  
January 26, 2017  
5:30-7:00pm

All Shepherd Intermediate students and family are invited to come have a FIESTA with us!

We will have nachos, games, door prizes for the whole family.

This event is **all FREE!**

Come enjoy a night full of great fun!

## FIESTA

Unase a nosotros para los  
**NUMEROS & NACHOS**  
26 enero, 2017  
5:30 - 7:00pm

Todos los estudiantes y familiares de la Intermedia de Shepherd estan invitados a tener una fiesta con nosotros!

Tendremos nachos, juegos, y premios para toda la familia!  
Este evento es totalmente gratis!

Venga a disfrutar de una noche llena de mucha diversion!

San Jacinto County Area Go-Texan Committee is  
Pleased to Announce their Annual  
Dinner and Auction Event

## "Denim &amp; Diamonds"

**February 11, 2017 at 6:00 P.M.**

Polk County Commerce Center  
1017 Hwy 59 Loop N, Livingston, TX  
\$100.00 Ticket per Couple

Your Ticket is Good for  
Two Steak Dinners with Sides

Your Stub Goes in a Drawing for a Chance to Win a:

Polaris Ranger, or 63" Ultra HD TV, or a Shotgun!

Winners will be Announced the Same Night!

*\*Only 300 Tickets to be Sold and You Don't Need to be Present to Win.*

*Taxes Are The Responsibility Of The Winner.*

**Stop by First State Bank or People State Bank  
for your ticket today!**

**Or see a Go-Texan member:**

Roy Pippin, Courtney Bailes, William Baker, Greg Capers, Janice Chamblee, Marlana Cox, Carrie Cronin, Jody Cronin, Tony Goodman, Brandon Gregson, David Gustafson, Buna Jones, Marion Landers, Sue Nell Loggins, Vickie Lovings, Terry Lowe, Cliff Miller, David Smith, Ashlie Taylor, Sherry Taylor or Tina Webb

No Glass Containers allowed in Center.

**All net proceeds go toward Local County Scholarships.**



(Picture does not reflect the actual item.)

## GRAND OPENING!

## Chili Cook Off

**Bowls:**  
\$5/ Adults  
\$2/ Kids under 12

**Come for the  
food, stay for the  
games!**

**Drink, Rice,  
and Desert  
included!**

**Bring your family and enjoy some  
MONDAY - SUNDAY  
10:00 A.M. - 10:00 P.M.**

**(936) 628-1014**

**1480 SOUTH BYRD AVE. SHEPHERD, TX 77371**

## SHEPHERD YOUTH LEAGUE SIGN-UPS

## 2017 SEASON

**February 4, 2016**

**February 11, 2016**

SHEPHERD MIDDLE SCHOOL GYM  
**10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

**February 18, 2017**

AGRICULTURAL EXT. OFFICE  
**10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

**Money must be paid in full by  
February 23, 2017**

• 1st child: \$85 • 2nd child & after: \$75  
• Tiny Tots: \$55

**If you have any questions or concerns please contact  
Janice Chamblee at (281) 622-5312 or Janice Rice at (832) 579-6832**

**Looking forward to a great season!**

## BLOOD DRIVE

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
is hosting a blood drive at their church on  
Saturday, January 21, 2017

Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center will  
collect blood from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

All donors will receive a T-shirt!

For an appointment, call Jean (281) 592-7002.

Walk-ins Welcome!

**901 Plum Grove Rd. Cleveland, TX**

Chili Cook Off Competition and Rules

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH**  
SHEPHERD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

- Check in is at 8:00 A.M. and the competition starts at 8:30 A.M. Judge will start at 12:00 P.M.
- No one may enter after 10:30 A.M.
- Entrance Fee is 20 dollars.
- Everything must be cooked on site, no can goods.
- Beans are allowed in the Chili.
- There are three places 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. First prize is a \$100 and a trophy. 2nd prize is \$50 and a ribbon, and 3rd prize is a door prize.
- There will be games and fun for the family.
- All those who have made Chili will provide at least 1 gallon to be served to the public.

CALL FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE RULES:  
JAMES SMITH 713-539-2030





## Did you know...

by Yvonne Ryba

We have a new restaurant in Shepherd! Welcome to Big Daddy's Soul Food Restaurant located on Loop 424, 1480 S. Byrd Ave. Owned by Waid Williams, this is a family business, with Mrs. Pamela Williams doing most of the cooking with Waid's daughters helping at the front too. The menu is very varied, from Hamburger Basket to the special of Shrimp, Fish, Fries and Hush Puppies. Chicken cooked many ways, Banana Pudding and lots more, try out this new place to eat. Big Daddy's Soul Food had a set back just after they opened when they had plumbing problems. However, things are moving forward once again and this business is open until 9:00 p.m. most days except Sunday. Call (936) 628-1014 for more information and pick up a menu on your way as you go by.

I talked with Brenda Myers this week. She is busy organizing her annual Children's 3 day outing "Hug a Tree, Kiss a Fish!" She has an announcement on her Facebook page that there will be a change in venue from Artesian Lakes to the Alabama-Coushatta Reservation. This is due to a large increase in insurance rates if Artesian Lakes were to continue hosting the event. However, this change will prove very interesting and there will be lots to see and do. I will give you more details as we approach the date of this event.

Brenda is also working on raising the final amount for the new location for the resale shop also located on Loop 424 in Shepherd. The Impact Center has the money for the land and building, they need the last \$5,000+ for the concrete foundation. You can help by going to the 'Go Fund Me' account on line for the center. The Board of the Impact Center would like to expand the services to give children in our area other activities to engage them, expanding the building will hopefully be one way to help with this. If you have items to donate to the resale shop, call (936) 499-2632. The store is open from 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. Tuesday -Sunday.

C.A.B.M.A. (Coldspring Area Business and Merchants Association) will host a speed dating event on January 28. If you don't know what this is, call Danielle at (832) 646-9888. Danielle is the President of C.A.B.M.A. Speed dating is one way to meet people interested in finding a partner by talking to them briefly before they move along to the next person in the group. This should be an interesting evening!

C.A.B.M.A will also host a Yard Sale Downtown event in Coldspring on February 25. Call (936) 653-2332 if you are interested in being a part of this. Everyone will be welcome to come, look and buy!

Shepherd Chamber of Commerce will be sharing our office with our area's new State Representative, Ernest Bailes. He will be setting up his office in the next week or so. Since he covers three counties, he will also have offices in the Liberty and Polk County too, but he will be in San Jacinto County for 3 days of the week. When he is not able to be there, his office staff will be there to take questions and to help. I will give you more details of the hours he will be with us when I receive them.

**Need answers to you business questions? Not sure about the rules and regulations of your business? Call your local chamber to make an appointment with Director Bob Barragan. Bob travels to 10 counties in our area helping people with their problems. He is Director of the Sam Houston State S.B.D.C.**

### Coldspring-San Jacinto Chamber of Commerce

31 N. Butler, Coldspring 77331  
Call (936) 653-2184

[www.coldspringtexas.org](http://www.coldspringtexas.org)

### Shepherd Chamber of Commerce

Mail to PO Box 520 Shepherd, 77371  
Call (936) 628-3515

[www.greatershepherdchamberofcommerce.org](http://www.greatershepherdchamberofcommerce.org)



## Shepherd Public Library will be Hosting

# LegalShield™

Worry Less. Live More.

### Cost is FREE!

Representatives will be at the library to answer legal questions, help with miscellaneous things such as, taxes, divorces, writing a will, etc.

*Please contact the library for more information.*

## Buy \$mart, Eat Well

### SAUSAGE, POTATO & KALE SOUP

#### Ingredients

- 2 bunches of kale
- 12 whole red potatoes, sliced thin (or 6-9 regular potatoes) (*5lb russet potatoes on sale \$1.99 each!*)
- 1 whole onion, chopped (*yellow onions on sale \$0.39lb!*)
- 1 1/2lbs Italian sausage (*Johnsonville Italian Sausage 19oz on sale \$4.49!*)
- 1/2 tsp. red pepper flakes (more to taste)
- 2 cups low sodium chicken broth
- 2 cups whole milk
- 4 cups half-and-half
- splash of heavy cream
- fresh or dried oregano
- black pepper to taste



#### Directions

- Tear the kale into pieces and rinse under cold water. Drain in a colander and set it aside.
- In a medium pot boil sliced potatoes until tender. Drain and set aside.
- In a large pot, crumble and brown the Italian sausage. Drain as much as the fat as you can. Stir in the red pepper flakes, oregano, chicken broth, milk, and half-and-half. Simmer for 30 minutes.
- Give it a taste and adjust seasonings as needed. Add the potatoes, a splash of heavy cream for richness, then stir in the kale. Simmer an additional 10-15 minutes, then serve.

**Make it a Meal!** To be on par with Olive Garden you could serve this with a fresh tossed salad (*roma tomatoes on sale \$0.69lb!*) and garlic bread sticks (*New York garlic bread sticks on sale \$2.19!*) Recipe found at [www.pioneerwomancooks.com](http://www.pioneerwomancooks.com).

# Senior Menu

**MON 1/16:** Holiday MLK Day

**TUE 1/17:** Beef Tips, Brown Gravy, Rice, Candied Carrots, Rolls, Salad, Fruit

**WED 1/18:** Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Cream Gravy, Creamed Cabbage, Cornbread, Salad, Fruit

**THUR 1/19:** Beefy Cornbread Casserole, Pinto Beans, Salad, Fruit,

**FRI 1/20:** Grilled Pork Cutlets & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Okra & Tomatoes, Cornbread, Salad, Fruit

**MON 1/23:** Chicken Spaghetti, Beets, Buttered Broccoli, Cornbread, Salad, Fruit

**TUE 1/24:** Pork Loin & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Breaded Okra, Rolls, Salad, Fruit

**WED 1/25:** Baked Chicken, Cornbread Dressing, Gravy, Green Beans, Rolls, Salad, Fruit

**THUR 1/26:** Chicken & Sausage Gumbo, Rice, Tossed Salad & Dressing, Crackers, Fruit

**FRI 1/27:** Hamburger Patty, Onions & Gravy, Seasoned Rice, Squash Casserole, Rolls, Salad, Fruit

**MON 1/30:** Ham Slice, Buttered Yams, Cabbage, Cornbread, Salad, Fruit

**TUE 1/31:** BBQ Chicken, Coleslaw, Baked Beans, Wheat Bread, Salad, Fruit

**Second Tuesday of each month includes Birthday cake!**

**Call (936) 628-3733 by 9:30 a.m. to reserve a meal!**

*Menu's are Subject To Change Due To Availability.*



FROM THE SHEPHERD SENIOR CITIZEN'S CENTER



Happy Birthday to Ronald Allen, Richard Allsbrooks, Gary Anderson, Carolyn Cedillos, Jerry Creel, Audrey Gardner, Harvey Hawthorn, Lucy Lilley, Helen McConnell, Debra Meyer, Harvey Stanford,  
*Pictured: Joe Odom, Arletta Ferguson, Fred McLeod, Marian Hollis, Steve Akin*



**The Girl on the Train (R) drama/mystery:** A divorcee becomes entangled in a missing persons investigation that promises to send shockwaves throughout her life.  
**Starring: Emily Blunt, Haley Bennett, Rebecca Ferguson**

**Ouija: Origin of Evil (PG-13) horror/thriller:** In 1967 Los Angeles, a widowed mother and her 2 daughters add a new stunt to bolster their seance scam business, inviting an evil presence into their home.

**Starring: Elizabeth Reaser, Lulu Wilson, Annalise Basso**



**Keeping Up with the Joneses (PG-13) action/comedy:** A suburban couple becomes embroiled in an international espionage plot when they discover that their seemingly perfect new neighbors are government spies.  
**Starring: Zach Galifianakis, Isla Fisher, Jon Hamm**



PRESENTS

### NACHO ORDINARY YOUTH DAY

For every order of Nacho's, Salad, Ultimate Burrito or Grande dinners sold we donate to San Jacinto County 4H Sewing Club!

January 18, 2017 - Event will be ALL DAY!!

Come in & support our youth!  
Cleveland, TX

## Church News

**SPRING HILL BAPTIST CHURCH:** Come join us as we celebrate Black History Musical on Saturday, **February 11, 2017** at 7:00 p.m. Guests Soloists, Group Choirs, Male Choirs are invited to participate. Moderator will be Lee Roy Bryant from The Original Wonderful Harmonizers. Theme: We Owe Our Praise. Reverend Frank Mason, Pastor; First Lady Evelyn Mason; Associate Minister Douglas Jackson; Prophetess Sheila Jackson; Program Specialist, contact Sister Rosie Reed at (936) 653-4531 or call the Church at (936) 767-8421.

**MT. MORIAH BAPTIST CHURCH:** Celebrating the 31st Anniversary for Pastor Eric C. Burch & First Lady Burch on **January 15, 2017** at 3:00 p.m., February 12, 2017 at 3:00 p.m., **February 16 & 17** at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, **February 19, 2017** at 3:00 p.m. at Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, 945 South, Evergreen, TX 77328. We look forward to seeing all of you on these dates. For more information, please call: Gladys Terry at (936) 767-3444, Siser Burch (936) 767-8350, Sister Rosie Reed (936) 653-4531 or Church Phone (936) 767-4907.

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## Community Classifieds

**FOR SALE:** Receiver hitch carrier for ice chest, water jugs, gasoline, Etc. Add more pay load to your Tahoe, Suburban, or what ever you drive. (never used) \$100. 713-202-3800 Darrell Swire

**FOR SALE:** 30x96 foot commerical green house, with electric controlled irrigation and heating with 2 heaters, two 52" exhaust fans, and distribution fan for heat, electric front lover across front. \$5000. (call round house in Cleveland 281-593-1118 and price a frame alone) 713-202-3800 Darrell Swire

**FOR SALE:** Rabbit or animal cages, 6 compartments per cage (3 available, (2) 2 compartments per cage, all at \$20. each. 713-202-3800 Darrell

**FOR SALE:** Meat tenderizer, perfect for that deer meat or for those tougher cuts of meat! \$100. Darrell Swire 713-202-3800

**FOR SALE:** Commercial Meat Grinder w/sausage stuffer and 50lb meat mixer for seasoning your sausage \$250 Darrell 713-202-3800

**FOR SALE:** 30 Gallon, 12 volt pump sprayer on wheels, could be mounted on an ATV, used for greenhouse spraying, never used with weed killers! \$100. Darrell Swire 713-202-3800

**FOR SALE:** Body by Jake Olympic Weight Set, 250 Lbs of weights/with bar and bench with attachments for leg work outs, dumb bells and other related items \$125. Darrell 713-202-3800

**FOR SALE:** Cell BBQ Pit on trailer, ideal for home use or the deer lease. Darrell Swire 713-202-3800

**HAUL FOR FREE:** Will haul off any non-working washers, dryers, freezers, refrigerators, treadmills, scooters, riding mowers, motorcycles, boat motors, batteries, AC units, etc. for free! Please call 936-252-9043.

**FOR SALE:** 3 acres 3 miles off Interstate 60/Hwy 59 in 5 Acres Subdivision in Shepherd, TX. Please call 936-365-4418.

**FOR SALE:** Oval Amish made dressing mirror. Solid oak, tilting frame with beveled edge. Stands 6' tall x 21" wide. \$50.00. Call 713-824-8441

**FOR SALE:** Dark brown fabric sofa and love seat with dark wood trim. All for \$300.00. Call 713-824-8441.

**UNEMPLOYED MACHINIST NEEDS WORK:** Tractor work, Welding, Automotive repair, Roofing, Carpentry, Painting, All types of Tile work, REASONABLE RATES, NO JOB TOO SMALL! Located in the Shepherd area. Please call Joseph Clements 936-588-9060 OR 936-230-2383

**FOR SALE:** 2007 Kubota L2800 4WD, It has 186 hours on it, garage kept, manual transmission, front end loader, 5 ft. Howse shedder, and a 5 ft. Armstrong box blade. It has a broken headlight lens but otherwise it is in excellent condition. Need to sell ASAP; \$10,000.00 cash. Please call 936-588-9060 or 936-230-2383

## GUESS WHAT?!

You Can Now Enter  
Submissions Online!

[www.mcclainsfoodmarket.com](http://www.mcclainsfoodmarket.com)

## Community Calendar

1/9: City Council Meeting, 7pm/Community Center

1/10: 7pm First Station Auxiliary Meeting; 7PM

1/10: Tai Chi Class; Spirit Whispers ; 7PM (Cost: \$5/session)

1/12: Free Guided Mediation Class; 7PM; Spirit Whispers

1/12: SJC Women's League Meeting, 11:30am/Coldspring Community Center

1/14: Impact Work Shop; Impact Thrift Shop; 1300 S. Byrd Shepherd, TX

1/16: Friday Senior Resale Shop Bag Day

1/16: School Board Meeting, 7pm

1/16: Shepherd Chamber of Commerce Meeting; EDC Building

1/17: Evening of Conversations w/ Nancy Skelton; 7PM; Spirit Whispers (Cost: \$10 )

1/19: Free Guided Mediation Class; 7PM; Spirit Whispers

1/24: Tai Chi Class; Spirit Whispers ; 7PM (Cost: \$5/session)

1/25: Bridge of hope community church "Community Fellowship Dinner", Shepherd Middle School, 7PM.

1/26: Free Guided Mediation Class; 7PM; Spirit Whispers

1/27: Food Truck Distribution; Shepherd Community Center 9AM-11AM

\*Every Monday & Tuesday: SISD Bilingual Parent Involvement, 6-8pm at middle school library.

## Business News



Featuring Specials, Such as...



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