SHEPHERD COMMUNITY NEWS

COME HAVE A FIESTA!

Come join us for NACHOS & NUMBERS on January 29, 2015 from 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. 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!

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.

Mrs. King's Class is Under **Construction**



How do you determine how many cement blocks are in the foundation of a building when the second level is already complete? You build a model! Mrs King's Second Grade Class at Shepherd Primary work together as a team to construct and deconstruct model replicas and learn the benefits of multiplication skills in real-world situations. Featured from left to right: Gage Murphy, Blaine Frerichs, Thomas Gregory, Lance Pierce, Jordan Cutaia, and Collis Bill Currie.

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!

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 shepherdyouthleague@yahoo.com

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 tags. Please contact Michelle (281) 475-9511 if seen or know where she is.

Jasmine Yates Selected for TGCA



Shepherd High School Senior Jasmine Yates was selected for the 2014-2015 Texas Girls Coaches Association (TGCA) Volleyball Academic All-State Team. To be eligible for this, the athlete has to be a graduating senior and have an overall grade point average of at least 94 for grades 9-11. Congratulations Jasmine!

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.

Denim & Diamonds San Jacinto County Area Go-Texan Committee

Is Pleased To Announce Their Annual Dinner And Auction Event.

"Denim & Diamonds" Date - February 7th At 6:00 p.m. Cleveland Civic Center \$100.00 Ticket Per Couple

Your Ticket Is Good For (2) Steak Dinners With Sides And Your Stub Goes In A Drawing For A Chance To Win A: 2015 Polaris Ranger 570 Crew, Or Benelli Shotgun, Or A Bay Fishing Trip For 4!

Winners Will Be Announced The Same Night! *Only 300 Tickets To Be Sold And You Need Not Be Present To Win. Taxes Are The Responsibility Of The Winner.) Stop By First State Bank, People State Bank,

The Bank Of San Jacinto County For Your Ticket Today! Or See A Go-Texan Member: Carrie Cronin, Courtney Bailes, William Baker, Greg Capers, Janice Chamblee, Marlena Cox, Jody Cronin, Tony Goodman, Brandon Gregson, Marion Landers, Sue Nell Loggins, Vickie Lovings, Terry Lowe, Cliff

Miller, Susie Morris, Roy Pippin, Monica Shrader, David Smith, Ashlie

Taylor, Sherry Taylor Or Tina Webb No Glass Containers Allowed In Civic Center. All Net Proceeds Go Toward Local County Scholarships.

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.

Obituary

Velma Ruth Thompson



September 18, 1941 - January 12, 2015

Velma Ruth Thompson, born on September 18, 1941 in Houston, TX to Oliver and Edna Settle passed away on Monday, January 12, 2015. Velma is preceded in death by her parents, Edna and Oliver Settle and son Curtis Thompson. She is survived by her sons Rick Thompson, Stephen Thompson and wife Debbie, Rodger Thompson and wife Bobbi. Daughter in law: Marsha Thompson. Grand Children: Tiffany, Raymond, Otis, Bruce, Megan, Joey and his wife Alexis, and Emily. Great Granddaughter: Justice Sister's: Bernice, Kathy, Sandra. Brother: Wayne and numerous nieces and nephews.

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 from 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 will follow at Splendora City Cemetery.

Barbara J. Jones-Enloe February 6, 1947 - January 9, 2015

Barbara J. McElyea Jones-Enloe, 67, of Cleveland, passed away Friday, January 9, 2015, at the Kingwood Medical Center in Kingwood.

Graveside services were held at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 13, 2015, at the Cleveland Memorial Park Cemetery in Cleveland. Visitation was held from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., Monday, at the funeral home. Services are under the direction of Pace-Stancil Funeral Home in Cleveland.

Barbara was born February 6, 1947 in Scott, Arkansas, to parents; Elmer F. and Pansy Landtrip McElyea, and has been a lifelong resident of Cleveland. She received an Associate degree in nursing from Kingwood Community College, was a retired LVN, and attended the San Jacinto County Cowboy Church. She also enjoyed painting, crocheting, quilting, gardening, reading, and animals.

Mrs. Enloe was preceded in death by her parents, father of her children: Benja D. Jones, husband: Morris Enloe, and brother: Barrett McElyea. She is survived by her daughters: Hope Lamb of Cleveland and Dawn White and husband Mark of Cleveland, brothers: David McElyea of Arkansas and Joe McElyea of Arkansas, sister: Hazel Martin of Arkansas, grandchildren: Tara Clough, Cody Stoneberger, Chance Walters, Jason White, Chad White, and Kasi Lamb, great-grandchildren: Ashlynn Kowis, Addison Kowis, Kolton Clough, and Chayse R. Walters on the way, and numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

> Leave your thoughts and memories for the family in the guestbook at www.pacestancil.com

Clifton Clarence Whitton August 7, 1935 - January 9, 2015

Clifton Clarence Whitton, 79, of Cleveland, passed away Friday, January 9, 2015, at his residence.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 13, 2015, at the Pace-Stancil Funeral Home Chapel with burial at Montague Cemetery in Cleveland. Visitation was held from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday, at the funeral home. Services are under the direction of Pace-Stancil Funeral Home in Cleveland. Clifton was born August 7, 1935 in Coldspring, to parents; Clifton and Ida Bell Whitton, and has been a lifelong resident of Cleveland. He was a retired superintendent for the City of Cleveland Water Department after 40 years of service, member and deacon of Bear Creek Baptist Church, and member of the Green Forest Water Association for over 20 years. His involvement with the City of Cleveland over the years included; lifeguard

firefighter, and numerous employees of the month awards. He also enjoyed his tractor, working cattle, and especially his family and friends. Mr. Whitton was preceded in death by his parents, brothers: Johnny and Rosemond Whitton, sisters: Betty Bass, Agnes Lake, and Bell Hubier, and grandsons: Jason and Eric Whitton. He is survived by his wife of 59 years: Mary Ellen Presnull Whitton of Cleveland, sons: Clifton Ray Whitton of Cleveland and Robert Clarence Whitton and wife Barbara of Cleveland, daughters: Karen Kirkland and husband Owen of Cleveland and Debbie White and husband Denny Ray of Cleveland, grandchildren:

for the city pool in 1958, garbage truck employee, Cleveland volunteer

grandchildren, and numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends. Leave your thoughts and memories for the family in the

Jacob Kirkland, Cody Zeagler, Kristy Currie, Justin White, Daniel Whitton,

CJ Whitton, Shona Turner, Joe Amburn, and Jake Amburn, 21 great-

guestbook at www.pacestancil.com

Did you know...

By Yvonne Ryba

This is the month when we find out who won in the 'Best of San Jacinto County' competition.

The ballots are counted and the preparations for the 'Best of Banquet' are underway. You must call the Coldspring Chamber office to reserve your tickets for Saturday, January 24, 2015 at 6:00 p.m., held at the Jones Auditorium on FM 1514, Coldspring. Or you can go online and pay with your credit card or paypal at www.coldspringtexas.org. The price per person is \$25.00 you can also get a table for 6 for \$150 or a table for 12 for \$300.

We have had a lot of ballots from many businesses across our county. This is a great way to have people get to know you and your business and for you to enjoy an evening with other business owners. The Church Ladies will be catering the event and they always do a wonderful meal!

Now for something completely different, San Jacinto County Trash'N'Treasure Trek is is almost here again. This yearly event will be on February 28th and will cover the county from Shepherd to Point Blank, from Maynard to Camilla and around the square in Coldspring. Sponsored by Coldspring/San Jacinto County Chamber of Commerce and the EDC of Coldspring, this is a really good way to sell your stuff. It doesn't matter if you are a homeowner wishing to spring clean the children's toys and clothes or a business owner who wants to sell last year's stock, this is a good way to clean up. There are site locations set up along the routes around the county. The Chamber will reserve your spot, mark it on the map, and advertise it for you.

Communities can hold garage sale fund raisers this way, churches, families and businesses are all invited to join in the fun and make this a great day for everyone. The Chamber is charging \$25 for each site location. Please call Tammy at Coldspring Chamber by January 30th. Then your spot will be on the map and they will start advertising for you. There are spaces around the Courthouse Square available to vendors and individuals for \$20 each. Food vendors are also included here at this price. Please call (936) 653-2184 Monday through Friday 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. for applications and maps. The map was created by EDC Interim Director Connie Straus, whom is also available for questions at (936) 653-8445.

News from Shepherd Library- Director Diane Wilkinson is resigning her position to move forward with other plans with her husband Matt. Mayor Coker announced this at Shepherd Council meeting on January 13th and stated that Helenmarie Johnson had accepted the position as Director. We all wish both ladies every success in their new endeavors.

> 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 Shepherd Chamber of Commerce.

> Coldspring/San Jacinto County Chamber of Commerce. 31, N. Butler, Coldspring 77331. Phone: (936) 653-2184

Eat Well, Buy on \$ale

Braised Chicken Thighs with Onions & Mushrooms

Ingredients

- 3 pounds bone-in chicken thighs (about 6 to 8) (on sale for \$0.77lb!)
- Kosher salt and freshly cracked
- black pepper, to taste
- 1/4 teaspoon of Cajun seasoning (like Slap Ya Mama), or to taste
- 3/4 cup of all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon of garlic powder
- 1 tablespoon of olive oil
- 3 tablespoons of unsalted butter, divided (hiland sticks only \$3.49!) • 3 cups of halved and thinly sliced sweet or yellow onion
- 1 cup of sliced mushrooms, optional
- 2 sprigs of fresh rosemary
- 1 (32 ounce) chicken broth or stock (parade 14.5oz can only \$0.65!)
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley

Directions

- Season the chicken lightly on both sides with salt, pepper and Cajun seasoning. Put the flour and garlic powder in a zipper bag, seal and shake well to mix up. Remove 2 tablespoons of the seasoned flour and set aside. Dredge chicken in the remaining seasoned flour, shaking off the excess.
- Heat the olive oil and 1 tablespoon of the butter in a large, lidded skillet over medium high heat and brown the chicken on both sides, skin side down first, until golden brown and crispy, about 3 minutes per side. Remove and set aside.
- Add the onion to the skillet and stir, cooking about 4 minutes until softened, but not browned. Add the mushrooms and sprinkle the 2 tablespoons of reserved flour, stirring it in for about 2 minutes. Turn up to high and begin whisking in a small amount of the chicken broth to deglaze the pan, scraping up any browned bits on the bottom. Once mixture is smooth, stir in the remaining chicken broth, cooking until blended in. Return chicken to the pan, skin side down, add rosemary sprigs and cover; let simmer for 15 minutes.
- · Uncover, turn chicken and stir contents; cover and simmer for an additional 40 minutes, or until chicken reaches an internal temperature of 175 degrees F, stirring several times. Transfer chicken to a serving platter, stir parsley and remaining butter into the sauce and heat through; taste and adjust salt and pepper. Serve with hot steamed rice or homemade mashed potatoes, spooning sauce and vegetables over the top of the chicken or serving sauce on the side.
- Tip: Use the pan sauce as is, or concentrate it by reducing. Remove the chicken and tent it to keep warm. Bring sauce to a boil, reduce to medium high and cook, stirring occasionally until reduced by about half, or until it reaches desired consistency. You may also use a cornstarch slurry to thicken it to the consistency of a gravy instead.
- Serve with creamy mashed potatoes (5lb bag russet potatoes on sale \$1.39ea!) and garden fresh zucchini squash (on sale \$0.79lb!) Recipe found at deepsouthdish.com

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.

Senior Citizen Menu

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,

Tues 1/27: Pork Loin, Brown Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Cornbread, Salad, Fruit,

Wed 1/28: BBQ Chicken, Potato Saladbaked Beans, Cornbread Salad,

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.

so we can have a count! (936)-628-3733 Menu subject to change without notice. Second Tuesday of each month dessert includes birthday cake!

Please call before 9:30 a.m. if possible for lunches,

CAREGIVER FOR SENIORS (281) 592-0601

or (281) 659-7780

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

Shepherd Public Library is Now Hiring

Shepherd Public Library is now accepting applications for the part-time position of circulation clerk. The position offers a maximum of 29 hours per week and 58 hours per pay period at a rate of \$8.00 per hour with no benefits and all major holidays off. The duties of the circulation clerk include but are not limited to: operating the front desk using various computer software programs, operating all office equipment, providing computer research assistance, cleaning the library, shelving books, and providing computer assistance when necessary. All applicants MUST have excellent computer, money management, and communication skills. Clerks are also required to be familiar with the Dewey Decimal System, learn the library's collection, and have good Internet research skills. Interested applicants should come by the library to fill out an application. Please call the library at (936) 628-3515 for more information. Shepherd Public Library and the City of Shepherd is an equal opportunity employer.



McClain's Food Market''



New Releases Coming to McClain's Kiosk This Week

Lucy (R) action/sci-fi: A woman, accidentally caught in a dark deal, turns the tables on her captors and transforms into a merciless warrior evolved beyond human logic.

Starring: Scarlett Johansson, Morgan Freeman, Min-sik Choi

The Boxtrolls (PG) animation/adventure: A young orphaned boy raised by underground cave-dwelling trash collectors tries to save his friends from an evil exterminator. Based on the children's novel 'Here Be Monsters' by Alan Snow.

Starring (voices): Ben Kingsley, Jared Harris, Nick Frost

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

Community Classifieds

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.

WANTED: All non-working washers, dryers, refrigerators, deep freezers

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.

FOR RENT: Trailer for rent, all bills paid. \$250 deposit plus \$650 per month-\$900 to move in!

Please call 832-318-1069 or 281-676-9597.

WANTED: Seeking live-in companion/housekeeper help. Prefer senior female (but open to other options). Nice room, small salary, family privileges. Must have drivers license, good driving record, and good references. Call 713-302-8231 for interview.

FOR SALE: Arch windows: 2 large, \$150 each OBO; 2 small, \$100 each OBO; 1 liberty picture window, \$50. Local pick up in Shepherd, TX. Call Brad at 281-659-0155 or talk to Dina, McClain's cashier.



Community Calendar

1/19: SISD Student Holiday

1/20: Pirateers 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 **1/29:** Nachos & Numbers 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

1/31: Shepherd Youth League Sign-ups 10-2 PM; Shepherd Ball park

Business News



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

Saturdays: Live Music.

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residential cleaning service at (832) 599-2260 ebrown64@netzero.com for very affordable prices, quality, and honest work.



For news or special events to be published in Shepherd Community News: Drop off your information/picture at McClain's, e-mail to mcclains.shepherdnews@gmail.com, or fax to (936) 628-2866. Information may not be taken over the telephone. Include contact information on your request to have something published. Our deadline is 6 p.m. Tuesday for the following week.