

SHEPHERD COMMUNITY NEWS

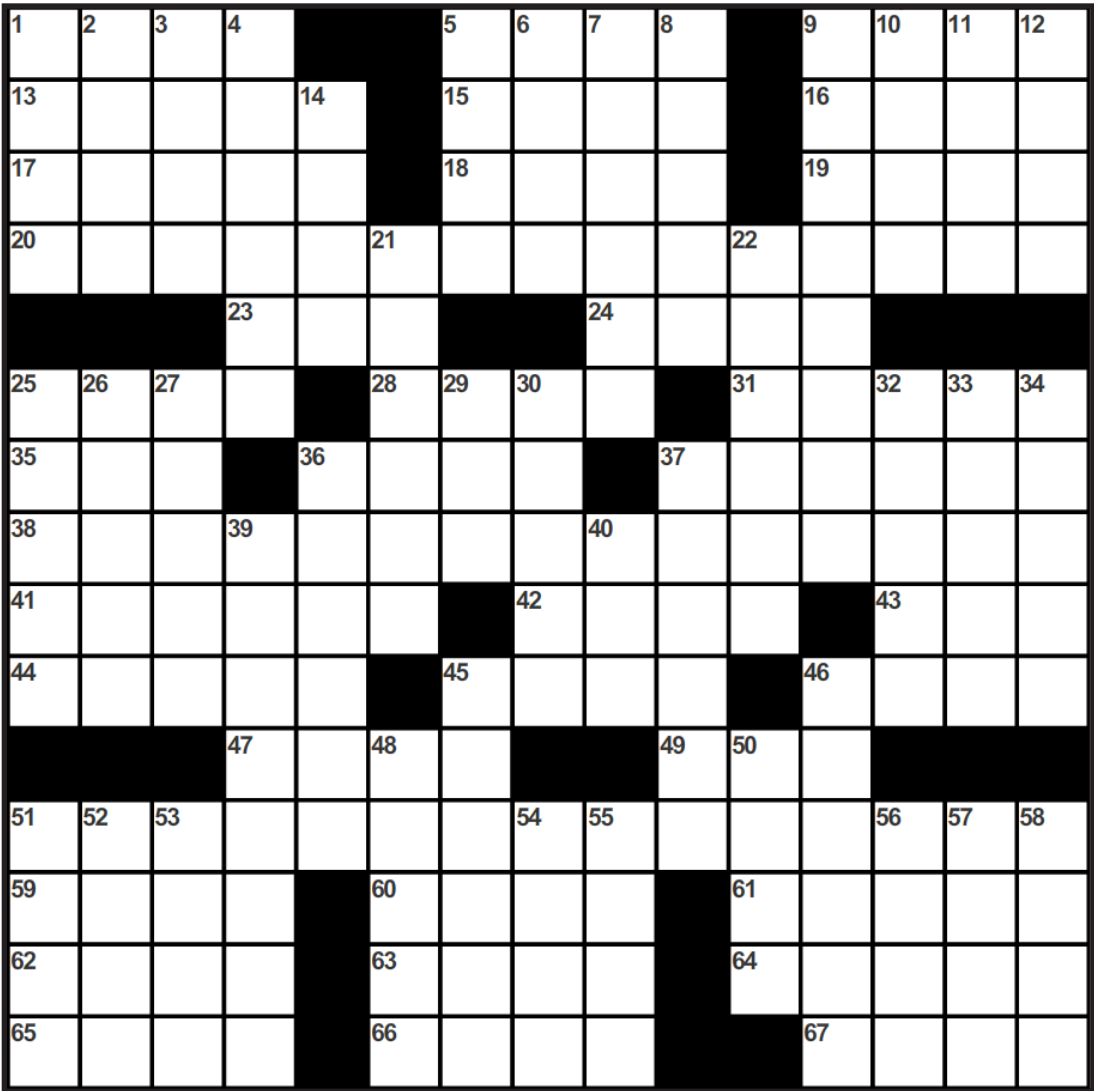


The 17th Annual Multicultural Festival honoring Dr. Martin Luther King will begin at 5 p.m. Monday, January 16th, at the Livingston Junior High School. Officials gathered Tuesday on the steps of the Polk County Courthouse to help kick-off the free event that features food, entertainment and education all of which highlights the various cultures found in Polk County.



CROSSWORD PUZZLE (see next page for answers)

- ACROSS
- 1) Skirt feature, sometimes
 - 5) Throws in
 - 9) Become unhinged
 - 13) Continental bills
 - 15) Angler's accessory
 - 16) Arizona Indian
 - 17) Like an eagle in flight
 - 18) Big celebration
 - 19) Topple from power
 - 20) Good bit of competition
 - 23) Lamb's dam
 - 24) Yonder thing
 - 25) Get the pot going
 - 28) Pear or apple
 - 31) Cameos, e.g.
 - 35) High crag
 - 36) Diamond Head locale
 - 37) Disgustingly dirty
 - 38) Ones enjoying 15 minutes of fame
 - 41) " ... in heaven"
 - 42) Wart giver, in old wives' tales
 - 43) Animated Porky
 - 44) So out it's in
 - 45) Whizzes
 - 46) Clear-minded
 - 47) Gilligan's confines
 - 49) Listen in on, in a way
 - 51) Lowdown scoundrel
 - 59) Famous Strauss
 - 60) Spanish Surrealist Joan
 - 61) Supernatural
 - 62) Microwave, for one
 - 63) Tabloid tidbit
 - 64) Condescend
 - 65) North Sea hazard
 - 66) What you used to be?
 - 67) Beach, basically



January 7, 2017
12:00 p.m.
Good Shepherd Baptist Church
Fellowship Hall
(The One By McClain's)
Come Out and Join us for a Fun Filled Day!
Bring Your Friends for a Flag Football Game!
Come be a Judge (Taste Tester) Too!
Determine Who Has the Best Chili
In Our Cook-Off!
Free Chili and Frito Pie!
There Will Be Activities For The Little Ones.
Don't Miss Out On All the Fun!
Brought to You By: Shepherd Community Outreach

Will You Be Ready if Disaster Strikes?

Do you know how to prepare your family for a disaster?
The following are a few things you can do that will help prepare you and your family.

1. Make sure you and your family have a meeting place if all of you get separated.
2. Make sure you have all of your important medical records and important documents together in a waterproof bag.
3. Make sure you have food for you and your family and other supplies for at least 2 weeks.
4. Make sure you have an emergency supply kit full of everything from flashlight to first aid kits and cash.
5. Take an inventory or video of the contents of your home and valuables to use in the event of a claim.

Things you and your family can do to prevent yourselves from harm.

1. If you know that a hazard will affect your home, do not hesitate, take your family to a safe area.
 2. If you come upon flood waters. Turn around don't drown.
- Things you can do if damages to your home have occurred:**
1. Document your home before and after a disaster.
 2. If you have homeowners insurance contact your insurance provider about your damages.
 3. Contact your local Emergency Manager with your damages.
 4. Be prepared for the unexpected.

A message from the SJC Office of Emergency Management

DOWN

- 1) Seal in a steak's juices, via heat
- 2) Humdinger
- 3) Pressing need?
- 4) Chewy candy
- 5) Bearer of the Golden Fleece
- 6) Academia VIP
- 7) Erase
- 8) Cut dramatically, as prices
- 9) O.K. Corral event
- 10) It may be proper
- 11) Church projection
- 12) Crying shame
- 14) Put below deck
- 21) Lap again, on the track
- 22) Defaced
- 25) Flower-petal oil
- 26) Hangman's knot
- 27) Distinguishing attribute
- 29) "Look here!"
- 30) Civilian clothes
- 32) Parkinson's drug
- 33) Astronomer Hubble
- 34) Irish dramatist John Millington
- 36) Serving no purpose
- 37) Pure as the driven snow
- 39) Eye-catching
- 40) Outwit
- 45) Highest point
- 46) Shopping tears
- 48) "The sky's the ___!"
- 50) Ancient
- 51) Messy dresser
- 52) "Scream" star Campbell
- 53) Affirm
- 54) Banyan, for one
- 55) "Where the heart is"
- 56) Operatic solo
- 57) Communicate silently
- 58) Transmit

It's Official!

On Sunday, January 1 at 2:00 p.m., the newly elected officials of San Jacinto County took their oath and were sworn into office. The ceremony was held at the County Courthouse in the District Courtroom.

This day marks a special day in our democracy in which local residents, chosen from and by local residents, will step forward to be leaders in our community. The public is invited and highly encouraged to attend this important event.

The following office holders that were sworn in: from Precinct 1, Laddie McAnally as County Commissioner and Roy Rogers as Constable. From Precinct 2, Roy Pippin as Constable. From Precinct 3, Thomas Bonds as County Commissioner and Sam Houston as Constable. From Precinct 4, Alvin Wyatt as Constable. The Countywide officials are Greg Capers as Sheriff and Kelly Selmer as Tax Assessor-Collector.

Ms. Kelly Selmer has made alternate arrangements and has chosen to take her oath and be sworn into office in Greenville, Hunt County, Texas.

SJC is Seeking Dedicated Volunteers



If you want to make a difference in your community and preserve our local history and heritage, San Jacinto County is seeking dedicated volunteers who are able and willing to serve on the San Jacinto County Historical Commission.

In January of odd-numbered years, the County Commissioners Court appoints members to the local County Historical Commission for two year terms. This time frame is quickly approaching and the Commissioners are asking anyone interested in being on the Historical Commission to immediately notify the Court of their interest and willingness.

The local commission is responsible for the identification and preservation of locally significant historical landmarks and treasurers, as outlined in the Texas Local Government Code, chapter 318

Anyone interested in serving their community through membership in the San Jacinto County Historical Commission should pick up an application at any of the four Commissioner's Precinct offices or at the Courthouse in the Office of County Judge or by phone at (936) 653-2199.

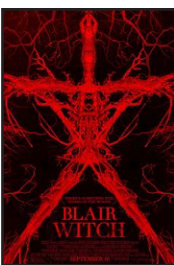
Joke of the WEEK

Little five year old Johnny was in the bath tub, and his mom was washing his hair. She said to him, "Wow, your hair is growing so fast! You need a haircut again."



Little Johnny replied, "Maybe you should stop watering it so much."

New Releases Coming to McClain's DVD Kiosk



Blair Witch (R) thriller/horror: After discovering a video showing what he believes to be his vanished sister Heather, James and a group of friends head to the forest believed to be inhabited by the Blair Witch.
Starring: James Allen McCune, Callie Hernandez, Corbin Reid



Denial (PG-13) biography/drama: Acclaimed writer and historian Deborah E. Lipstadt must battle for historical truth to prove the Holocaust actually occurred when David Irving, a renowned denier, sues her for libel.
Starring: Rachel Weisz, Tom Wilkinson, Timothy Spall



Middle School: The Worst Years of My Life (PG) comedy/drama: Imaginative quiet teenager Rafe Katchadorian is tired of his middle school's obsession with the rules at the expense of any and all creativity. Desperate to shake things up, Rafe and his best friends have come up with a plan: break every single rule in the school and let the students run wild.
Starring: Griffin Gluck, Lauren Graham, Alexa Nisenon

Did you know...

by Yvonne Ryba

I wish everyone a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year! I hope you had a very Merry Christmas. I expect many of you are resting after cooking, cleaning and generally being busy with the festivities. So, let me remind you that we have some very good restaurants in our community! Why not enjoy what we have close by and relax?

The Texas Grill, voted best restaurant every year since 2013, will be open on New Year's Day. Starting at 11:00 a.m., Will, the owner, will be offering a traditional dinner. He is taking orders for smoked turkey and ham now, and you can see a whole lot more on his updated colorful web site www.texasgrillshepherd.com or call (936) 628-3870. Did you know that Texas Grill is open for breakfast now? It is open from 7:00 a.m. and closes at 9:00 p.m. with a later closing at 10:00 p.m. Thursday through Saturday.

Still in Shepherd, Happy Days Diner takes you back in time when Elvis was 'King'. All items on the menu are called after famous songs from that golden era. Regina, the owner, has a great menu and service is quick and friendly. Her onion rings are very popular! But, then so are breakfasts with biscuits and gravy and lunch and dinner with really great food. Swiss Mushroom Burgers are good and the Fried Pickles are very popular. Call (936) 628-6515 for more info. Both Texas Grill and Happy Days Diner are located on south bound Hwy 59. Happy Days is on the frontage road, so exit onto the frontage road exit 223 and continue south.

Coldspring has some excellent restaurants too! Right in the middle of town, just off the Courthouse Square is Paradise Grille. For more information, call (936) 653-4929 or go to their web site at www.paradisegrillecoldspring.com. Open at 6:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m., except on Sundays when they close at 3:00 p.m., this eating place is very popular. There is a steam table from 11:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. and a wide ranging menu. Try a steak, or shrimp or one of the many other items on the menu. Paradise Grille offers a party room for up to 70 people. You can have your event catered and all will be seen to for you. Ask for more details!

Also in Coldspring is newcomer "The Mason Jar". Situated across from the Courthouse on Hwy 1514, this restaurant is open from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Soup, hot and cold sandwiches, great desserts and a daily special, this is a really good place for lunch. It is also a wonderful place to buy gifts! Be prepared to look around and be tempted to indulge yourself or some one else with the enticing array of goods on display! Call (936) 653-2577 for more info.

I have eaten at every restaurant mentioned here and always have come away happy! Both Chambers of Commerce encourage you to frequent our local businesses.

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

Shepherd Chamber of Commerce

Mail to PO Box 520 Shepherd, 77371

Call (936) 628-3515

www.greatershepherdchamberofcommerce.org



"McClain's Food Market"



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SLOW COOKER CHICKEN FAJITAS

Ingredients

- 2 lbs. boneless skinless chicken breasts (**Family Pack chicken breasts on sale \$1.39lb!**)
- 1 (14.5 oz.) can petite diced tomatoes with green chiles
- 1 red, orange and green bell pepper, seeds removed and sliced (**green bell peppers on sale 2/\$0.88!**)
- 1 large yellow onion, halved and sliced (**yellow onions on sale 2lbs/\$0.88!**)
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 1/2 tsp. chili powder
- 2 tsp. ground cumin
- 1 tsp. paprika
- 1 tsp. salt
- 3/4 tsp. pepper
- 2 Tbsp. fresh lime juice
- 1 Tbsp. honey
- For serving, as desired: flour tortillas, cilantro, salsa, guacamole, monterey jack or cheddar cheese.



Directions

- Pour half of the canned tomatoes into the bottom of a slow cooker and spread into an even layer. Top with half of the peppers and half of the onions. Sprinkle garlic in. Top with chicken breasts.
- In a bowl whisk together chili powder, cumin, paprika, coriander, salt and pepper. Evenly sprinkle half of the seasoning over chicken breasts then flip chicken and sprinkle in remainder. Top with remaining half of the tomatoes, then layer in remaining peppers and onions.
- Cover and cook on HIGH heat 3 - 4 hours or low heat 6 - 8 hours, until chicken has cooked through and veggies are tender (note that if you want to be able to cut chicken into strips cook more near lesser time on HIGH or LOW, otherwise it will probably just shred, which is also fine).
- Remove chicken, and cut into strips, or shred. Ladle out 1 cup of the broth in slow cooker (mostly tomato liquid) and discard. In a small bowl whisk together lime juice and honey and add to slow cooker along with chicken and season with additional salt to taste if desired. Gently toss. Sere warm in warmed tortillas with sour cream and optional guacamole, cheese and salsa.

Make it a Meal! Serve with cilantro lime rice (**Parade Long Grain Rice 4lb bag on sale \$1.99!**) to make this a quick, easy and healthy weeknight meal! Recipe found at www.cookingclassy.com

Senior Menu

MON 1/2: Ham & Macaroni Casserole, Greens, Corn, Cornbread, Salad, Fruit
TUE 1/3: Porkloin, Hoppin John, (Rice & Blackeye Peas) Cabbage, Hoecakes, Salad, Fruit

WED 1/4: Smothered Chicken, Potatoes Au Gratin, Green Beans, Cornbread, Salad, Fruit

THUR 1/5: Salisbury Steak & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli & Cheese, Rolls, Salad

FRI 1/6: Chicken Tenders, Peppered Gravy, Fried Potatoes & Onions, Breaded Okra, Salad, Fruit

MON 1/9: Beef Sausage & Onions Sauted, Cheesy Potatoes, Lima Beans, Cornbread, Salad, Fruit

TUE 1/10: Salmon Patties, Macaroni & Cheese, Mixed Veggies, Garlic Bread, Salad, Fruit

WED 1/11: Breaded Pork Cutlets & Onion Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Corn Casserole, Cornbread, Salad, Fruit

THUR 1/12: Beef Enchiladas, Pinto Beans, Rice & Green Chilies, Salad, Fruit
FRI 1/13: Baked Lemon Chicken, Buttered Yams, Squash Casserole, Rolls, Salad, Fruit

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.

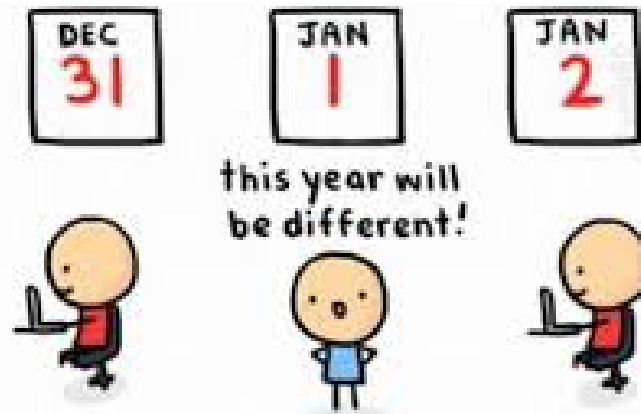


We hope that all of you had a magical and joyful holiday season. The Silent Auction we hold at the center each holiday season went well. We were able to fulfill a lot of Christmas wishes with the money raised! Thank you to all of our citizens for your help and contributions. You are a greatly appreciated!

Woodland Park Care and Rehabilitation Center will be here the first Thursday of the month for Bingo. We are happy they do Bingo here and bring some of their residents for an outing and to have lunch with us. Bingo will be from 9:30 a.m. until 10:45 a.m. We will also be having Bingo on January 26 hosted by Solace Home Health Care at the same time, 9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. Come on and play one or both bingo days and join in the fun!

The center opens at 8:00 a.m. and closes at 1:30 p.m. and we serve lunch at 11:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Donations are accepted for seniors 60 and over of \$3 and under 60 of \$6, Contributions help us continue to serve our community and we are thankful for your help. Our resale shop opens at 8:30 a.m. and closes at 1:00 p.m. On the first and third Friday of each month we have "Bag Day", you can fill a grocery bag full of clothing (only) for \$3! What a deal

Thank you to all our staff and volunteers for all their hard work the last 12 months and look forward to working with them thru the coming year. The services we provide could not be done without you. You are awesome people and we love having you as part of our team. To quote Diana, Princess of Wales, "Everyone has the potential to give something back" and our volunteers do exactly that, they give something back and expect nothing in return and that is what makes them so AWESOME! Not to mention, our cooks are some of the best that can be found! People enjoy the meals because they can feel the love that goes into the preparation and that's what makes the food so good! We love you all!



CROSSWORD PUZZLE ANSWERS



Community Classifieds

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

FOR SALE: Call Darrell Swire 713-202-3800

- 3 ceiling fans \$25.00/ea.
- 10" Craftsman Laser Radial Arm Saw; \$150
- 17.5 ft. Bass Boat 115 hp Mercury, SS prop, New \$425 trolling motor (never used); \$850.
- Small BBQ pit on trailer, ideal for deer lease or home cooking. 17/8 ball, tow behind 4-wheeler or put on 16' trailer and take it anywhere; \$150.

FOR SALE: 3 acres for sale in 5 Acres Subdivision in Shepherd, located 3 miles off Interstate 69/Hwy 59. Please call (936) 365-4418.

FOR SALE: Power chair lift, \$200. Walker, \$50.00. Wheel chair, \$100.00. Or \$300 for everything. Please call (936) 365-3474.

FOR SALE: 1 Pelonis Oil filled Radiator Heater with thermostat control \$25. also 1 Lakewood Oil filled Radiator Heater with thermostat \$30. Both never need refilling. Call 936-697-2192

FOR RENT: 2½BR/1½BA house for rent. Please call (281) 592-0601 or (281) 659-7780.

FOR RENT: Very large doublewide for rent. 3 bedrooms, 2 bath, large kitchen and living space. Large yard for dog. Asking \$900 per month and a \$900 deposit. Must have references. If interested, call or text 936-232-9012.

FOR SALE: DJ equipment, please contact Jimmy at 281-432-9136

- DBX DriveRack PX, A compressor, limiter, equalizer, etc. all in one! Will come with RTA mic - \$200 for all
- GTD Audio 4 pack wireless handheld microphones-\$200 OBO
- 6/10U rack - \$80
- Pioneer DDJ-S1. DJ Controller. Serato compatible. I think no license code needed! - \$225 Obo
- Two Martin MAC 500 E. Moving headlights. Pretty good shape. Just need a clean up! Everything seems to work. -\$350 each OBO or \$600 for the pair
- TWO Carvin 1584. 15" speakers. Good shape. Leave on the floor - \$125 each or both for \$200
- Gator RACK with cover with inside of it: PVDJ Club Mix - 4 channel mixer.
- Denon DN-D4000 CD player Peavey PV 900 amp -\$500 unless you combo it with speaker purchase then \$400
- Numark MixDeck controller. It has the iPod controller on it! The channel faders are glitchy. Might just need new faders! - OFFER UP

GUESS WHAT?!

You Can Now Enter
Submissions Online!

www.mcclainsfoodmarket.com

Community Calendar

1/2: EDC Meeting, 7pm/EDC Building

1/2: Friday Senior Resale Shop Bag Day

1/6: Bob Brannagan's monthly consultations with current or prospective business owners, 10am-noon/Chamber Office

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

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

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

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

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

Church News

TEMPLE OF FAITH CHURCH: 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 9th Appreciation Service. Our extension of appreciation will begin Thursday, **January 5, 2017** at 7:30 p.m. with the Rev. Joe Scott and Shiloh B.C. bringing the message; Friday, January 6th 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 8th 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. If you have any questions, please contact our Program Chairperson; Sis. Essie Roberts at (936) 727-9677.

SPRING HILL BAPTIST CHURCH: Come join us as we celebrate our appreciation for musician Justin Eldridge on Sunday, **January 8, 2017** at 3:00 p.m. Guests Soloists, Group Choirs, Male Choirs are invited to participate. 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.

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.