

# SHEPHERD COMMUNITY NEWS

## Salisbury Steak With Mushroom Gravy



- Ingredients**
- 1 ½ pounds ground chuck (*Jumbo Pack on sale \$1.99lb!*)
  - ½ cup Italian style dry bread crumbs
  - 1 large egg, beaten
  - ¼ cup minced onion
  - Couple of dashes Worcestershire sauce
  - 2 cans condensed cream of mushroom soup, *divided*
  - Cajun seasoning (like Slap Ya Mama), or seasoning salt (like Lawry’s), to taste.
  - 2 tbsp. bacon fat, canola, or vegetable oil
  - Couple dashes Kitchen Bouquet, for color, *optional*
  - 2 cups sliced mushrooms

- Directions**
- Mix together the ground beef, bread crumbs, beaten egg, onion, Worcestershire sauce and 1/4 cup of the soup. Shape into 6 oval shaped patties, and sprinkle both sides of the patties with Cajun seasoning or seasoned salt. Heat the fat in a 12 inch skillet over medium high heat, add the patties in two batches, and brown on both sides, turning carefully. Use a wide spatula to transfer the patties to a platter; set aside. Drain off excess fat from the skillet.
  - Add the remaining soup to the skillet and bring to a boil; reduce heat, stir in Kitchen Bouquet and the mushrooms, cover and cook for about 2 to 3 minutes, or until mushrooms release their liquid. Return the patties to the skillet, carefully turning to coat both sides, cover and cook over medium low, turning several times, for about 30 minutes or until patties are no longer pink. Serve patties with some of the gravy and mushrooms spooned over the top.

• ~*Cook’s Notes*~  
If you are using a higher fat ground beef, increase the dry breads crumbs slightly. For extra gravy use three cans of cream of mushroom and stir in a bit of water or milk to loosen, bring to a boil, add mushrooms and proceed with remaining recipe. Can also substitute a 6-ounce can of mushrooms with the liquid for the fresh mushrooms.  
Recipe from *deepsouthdish.com*

Make it a Meal! Of course nothing goes better with Salisbury steak than creamy mashed potatoes (*5lb russet potatoes on sale \$1.79 OR 5lb baby red potatoes on sale \$2.49!*) and pair that with your favorite frozen veggie (*Parade frozen vegetables 28-32oz on sale \$1.99!*) My personal favorite is Parade whole green beans cooked with butter, Oscar Mayer real bacon pieces and dried chopped onion. Delish!

## FM 2025 Speed Increase

The speed limit increase along FM 2025 in San Jacinto County is now effective. The new signs were ordered after the Texas Transportation Commission approved the speed increase on September 24th and arrived in San Jacinto County on December 17th. The signs were put in place on December 18th making the new increased speed limit official. Since taking office on January 1, 2015, San Jacinto County Judge John Lovett has been working with officials from the Texas Department of Transportation, TxDOT, to increase the speed limit on FM 2025. Those efforts came to fruition on September 24, 2015 when the Transportation Commission in Austin voted to approve a speed limit increase of 5 miles per hour for FM 2025 for most of the length of the road from New Hope to the Highway 150 intersection. The new speed limit will be 60 miles per hour. Judge Lovett is very pleased and thankful to The Texas Department of Transportation for their consideration and efforts in working with the county to meet the needs of our residents.

## It’s Scholarship Time Again!

The 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 08, 2016!** Other required documentation must be postmarked by Thursday, **February 18, 2016**. 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 \$18,000, 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 \$18,000 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 2016 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo will run March 1 - March 20, 2016.

## Mark your Calendars for “Denim & Diamonds”

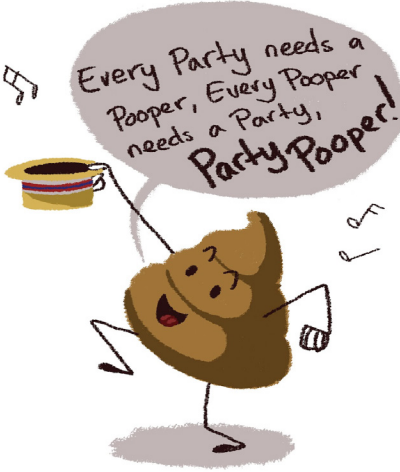
**MARK YOUR CALENDARS** for Saturday, February 13, 2016 when the San Jacinto County Area Go-Texan Committee will host their annual local scholarship fund-raiser dinner and auction event. “Denim & Diamonds” will begin at 6:00 p.m. This year the event is being moved to the Polk County Commerce Center building in Livingston. This is located behind the Angelina College building at the entrance of Pedigo Park. Folks are already asking for tickets which go on sale soon! So mark your calendar to join us!

## DOWN

- 11) Die down
- 12) Mythological water nymph
- 15) Zoo denizens
- 18) Checks and corrects text
- 22) \_\_\_ de plume
- 23) Thing to paddle
- 24) Love in France
- 25) Ice-cream flavor
- 27) "I \_\_\_ thought of that!"
- 29) "Fever" singer Peggy
- 30) Loses it
- 33) Like some angles
- 35) Military opponent
- 36) Type of acid
- 38) Second draft, e.g.
- 41) Consume
- 44) Appraise anew
- 45) Back of a boat
- 48) "\_\_\_ never too late"
- 50) Make harmonious
- 51) Revenue offsets
- 52) "Arrivederci!" relative

## Jo of the JOKE WEEK

Who goes to the bathroom in the middle of a party?



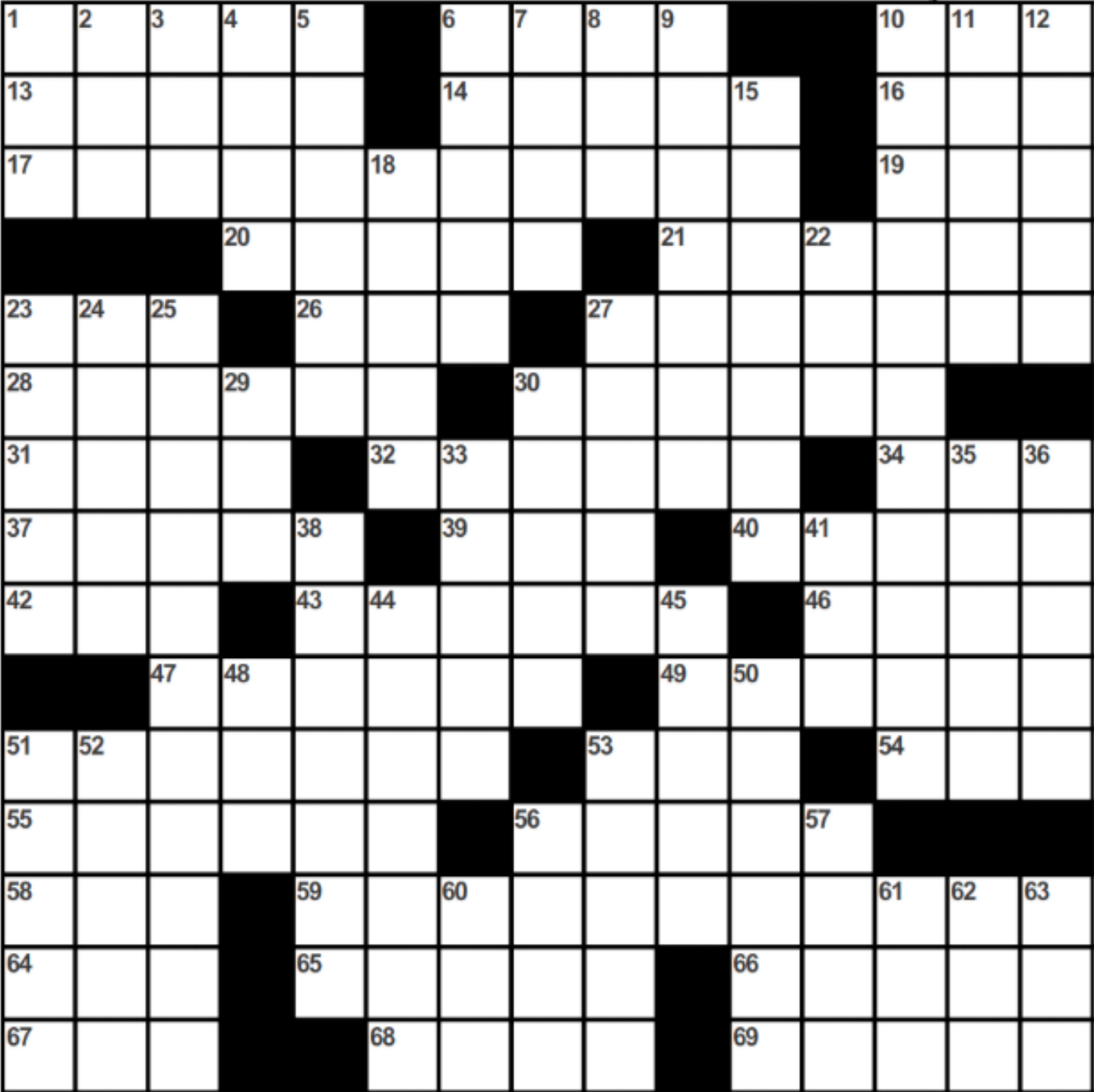
## A party pooper

## DOWN

- 1) Its members often strike (Abbr.)
- 2) "You've got mail" co.
- 3) Address that begins with "http"
- 4) Bank offering
- 5) One behind bars
- 6) Bond villain Goldfinger
- 7) Mix in a glass
- 8) Photo
- 9) Shoulder blade
- 10) Hose alternative for gardeners

## - ACROSS

- 1) St. \_\_\_ Girl beer
- 6) Cobras' kin
- 10) Lacking color
- 13) Element No. 5
- 14) City near the Mohawk River
- 16) Litigator's org.
- 17) College-football star
- 19) "Chi" lead-in
- 20) Low point
- 21) Area planted with conifers
- 23) Auto for hire
- 26) Small spasm
- 27) Satisfied another's whim
- 28) Good-luck charm
- 30) Deli meat
- 31) Pitch indicator
- 32) Beachwear
- 34) Bird beak
- 37) Like some garments
- 39) This puzzle's theme
- 40) Musical repetition mark
- 42) Before, to Shelley
- 43) Makes like an angry volcano
- 46) Computer and tablet maker
- 47) Construction fasteners
- 49) Honshu house furnishing
- 51) Like some audiences
- 53) Hamster healer
- 54) Gotham, initially
- 55) West Texas city
- 56) Main line of a sort
- 58) (As written)
- 59) Soda container
- 64) Lipton product
- 65) Glaringly vivid
- 66) "Gandhi" role
- 67) Daystar
- 68) Concludes
- 69) Pass legislation





# Izzie's Book Shelf

## The Iron King

by Julie Kagawa  
363 pages

~~Genre:~~ Young Adult/Fantasy



~~Summary:~~ My name is Meghan Chase. In less than 24 hours I'll be sixteen. Countless stories, songs and poems have been written about this wonderful age. When a girl finds true love and the stars shine for her and the handsome prince carries her off into the sunset. I don't think it will be that way for me.



Something has always felt slightly off in Meghan's life, ever since her father disappeared before her eyes when she was six. She has never quite fit in at school or at home. When a dark stranger begins watching her from afar, and her prankster best friend becomes strangely protective of her, Meghan senses that everything she's known is about to change.

But she could never have guessed the truth - that she is the daughter of a mythical faery king and is a pawn in a deadly war. Now Meghan will learn just how far she'll go to save someone she cares about, to stop a mysterious evil, no faery creature dare face; and to find love with a young prince who might rather see her dead than let her touch his icy heart.

~~My Review:~~ While this book did not win my favor over Kagawa's The Immortal Rules, it was still an enjoyable read...just not a very memorable one. Meghan definitely wasn't one of my favorite heroines. Every time she started impressing me and proving she had a good head on her shoulders, she would do something eye-roll worthy like make a deal with a fairy creature, even though she was literally just told not to, and she had a highly annoying knack of not getting out of the way when scary fey monsters were coming right at her. Plus there's the whole love triangle thing where she, go-figure, is immediately drawn to the cocky, bad-boy fairy. Personally, I would be much more interested in the hilarious, sweet, best-friend fairy. Sigh. It's a shame telling fictional characters what to do never works.

My favorite characters in the book by far were Robin AKA Puck (the aforementioned hilarious best friend fairy) aaaand...drumroll please... Grimalkin! A magical fey-cat with witty comebacks and outstanding use or sarcasm? He's an animal after my own heart. Overall, I enjoyed The Iron King, and I'm glad I read it. It was entertaining, but I don't really feel an overwhelming urge to continue the series.

~~Parental Guidance:~~ 14-17 years (BN.com). Some innuendo and sensual content; plenty of language throughout including 1 F Bomb.

~~Stand Alone or Series:~~ This is the first book in *The Iron Fey* series. It is followed by *The Iron Daughter*, *The Iron Queen* and *The Iron Knight*. It also has several novellas as well as a spin-off series that takes place over 10 years later and revolves around Meghan's little brother, Ethan, called *The Iron Fey: Call of the Forgotten*.

~~Price:~~ I found copies new, used, and e-book on Amazon from \$0.49-\$9.99. Right now you can get the kindle version for only \$1.99!

♥♥ Lizzie

## New Releases Coming to McClain's DVD Kiosk This Week



**The Walk (PG) adventure/biography:** In 1974, high-wire artist Philippe Petit recruits a team of people to help him realize his dream: to walk the immense void between the World Trade Center towers.

**Starring:** Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Charlotte Le Bon, Guillaume Baillargeon



**The Visit (PG-13) horror/thriller:** A single mother finds that things in her family's life go very wrong after her two young children visit their grandparents.

**Starring:** Olivia DeJonge, Ed Oxenbould, Deanna Dunagan



**The Green Inferno (R) horror:** A group of student activists travels to the Amazon to save the rain forest and soon discover that they are not alone, and that no good deed goes unpunished.

**Starring:** Lorenza Izzo, Ariel Levy, Aaron Burns

McClain's does not maintain Cajun DVD movie kiosk and therefore cannot guarantee all movie releases.

## Obituary

### Betty Sue Morris



**December 23, 2015 - April 25, 1924**

Betty Sue Morris, age 91 of Cleveland, Texas, passed away Wednesday, December 23, 2015. She was born April 25, 1924 in Lovelady, Texas to parents Hayne Brown Lawson and Ruth Rosser Lawson who preceded her in death along with her siblings, Dallas Lawson, Ehrine Parkins, Jessie Coverston, Hayne Mainer Lawson, and Hayne Brown Lawson, Jr.; and son, Clifton Hayne Morris.

Survivors include her daughters, Suzanne Morris Choate of Cleveland, Texas and Mary Lou Morris of Burkeville, Texas; sister, Martha Anne Vick and husband Billy of Willis, Texas; grandchildren, John Taylor Barron and wife Meree, Jason Todd Barron and wife Kim, Carrie Suzanne Choate Cook, Wilbur Eugene Choate, Jr. and fiancé Chrissy, Kristian Morris, and Ashley Morris; great grandchildren, Kaiden, Britty, Jacie, Kristin, Colton, Kaylee, Kynnzee, Brenton, and Carsen; nieces, Jackie Sue Morris Rawls, Regina Vick, Betty Ann and Millie Marie; nephews, Thomas Vick, Mark Vick, Hayne Vick, John Thomas Parkins, and Robert Lee Morris; numerous other relatives and friends.

A graveside service was held at 12:00 p.m., Thursday, December 31, 2015 at Lovelady Evergreen Cemetery, Lovelady, Texas.

## Senior Menu

**MON 1/4:** Stuffed Cabbage, Black Eye Peas, Buttered Yams, Cornbread, Salad, Fruit  
**TUE 1/5:** Chicken Spaghetti, Mixed Veggies, Beets, Cornbread, Salad, Pudding  
**WED 1/6:** Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Cream Gravy, Okra & Tomatoes, Cornbread, Salad, Cookie  
**THUR 1/7:** Sliced Beef Sausage With Onions & Gravy, Rice, Pinto Beans, Cornbread, Salad, Fruit  
**FRI 1/8:** Baked Potato Stuffed With, Chicken & Broccoli & Cheese, Mixed Squash, Cornbread, Salad, Fruit  
**MON 1/11:** Hamburger Patty, Grilled Onions, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Peas & Carrots, Cornbread, Salad, Fruit  
**TUE 1/12:** Pork Chops & Saurkraut, Northern Beans, Cornbread, Salad, Fruit  
**WED 1/13:** Baked Turkey, Cranberry Sauce, Squash Casserole, Green Beans, Rolls, Salad, Fruit  
**THUR 1/14:** Chicken Enchiladas With Cheese Sauce, Corn Casserole, Mixed Veggies, Salad, Fruit  
**FRI 1/15:** Chicken & Sausage GumboIce Tossed Salad & Dressing, Crackers  
**MON 1/18:** King Ranch Chicken, Fried Okra, Pinto Beans, Cornbread, Salad, Fruit  
**TUE 1/19:** Pork Loin, Brown Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Greens, Cornbread, Salad, Pudding  
**WED 1/20:** Chicken Strips, Cream Gravy, Macaroni & Cheese, Black Eye Peas, Cornbread, Salad, Fruit  
**THUR 1/21:** Meatloaf, Cheesy Potatoes, Baked Beans, Wheat Bread, Salad, Fruit  
**FRI 1/22:** Shrimp Alfredo, Pasta, Green Beans, Tossed Salad & Dressing, Garlic Bread, Pudding  
**MON 1/25:** Meatball & Vegetable Stew, Pea Salad, Cornbread, Salad, Fruit  
**TUE 1/26:** Baked Lemon Chicken, Buttered Yams, Purple Hull Peas, Wheat Bread, Salad, Fruit  
**WED 1/27:** Chicken & Dumplings, Okra & Tomatoes, Cornbread, Salad, Fruit  
**THUR 1/28:** Diced Ham & Potato Au Gratin, Buttered Broccoli, Cornbread, Salad, Fruit  
**FRI 1/29:** Chicken Nuggets, Cream Gravy, Sweet Potato Fries, Squash Casserole, Wheat Bread, Salad  
*Second Tuesday Of Each Month Dessert Includes Birthday Cake/ Menu's Are Subject To Change Due To Availability Call (936) 628-3733 By 9:30 a.m. To Reserve A Meal*

## Senior Citizen Newsletter

What a wonderful holiday we had in December! We were truly blessed with caring and giving people. Our Silent Auction was successful and we were able to buy lots of Christmas presents for ones that would have none. Thank you for supporting our efforts. Our Ugly Sweater day was lots of fun, too. We will have to do that again! We have great friends and good food. What an awesome way to celebrate our Christmas Blessings.

Now we begin a new year! Again, we plan to have good food and returning friends and hopefully new friends to share fun times. Domino players WANTED! We can never have enough players for dominoes, cards, jigsaw puzzles, and more. Bring a partner and let's have some competition and laughs. It's all for fun!

Remember when you start cleaning out closets and reorganizing, we would appreciate your donations of gently used items and clothing. Children and infant clothing seems to be in great demand now. Our volunteers work hard to make items available for the bargain shoppers. They are a special group of caring individuals that graciously donate their time to help us do what we can for our community. Thanks to all volunteers.

We will have Bingo on January 7th and January 21st, beginning about 9:30 until 11:00 a.m. Come join the fun!

Our resale shop is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. We will have BAG DAY on January 8 and January 22. Fill a grocery bag for \$3.00 of clothing only.

The center is open at 8:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. We serve lunch at 11:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Call us by 9:30 a.m. and let us know you are coming and we will set a place at the table for you. Our menu is in this paper weekly or you can come by and get a copy to hang on the frig. Pick the menu you like and give us a call. We would love to see you, and we know you will enjoy the food!

## "McClain's Food Market"



## Church News

**DREW'S LANDING BAPTIST CHURCH:** Looking for a Bible based church? Here we are! Come join us at Drew's Landing Baptist Church with Pastor R. Withers. Come get your praise on with us! Sunday school at 10 a.m. & Praise & Worship at 11 a.m. Wednesday night Bible Study at 6:30 p.m. Located at 161 Thomas Castleberry off FM 1127 in Shepherd, Texas. We are the big blue church!

**HARMONY CHURCH:** An independent spirit filled church with life message services—Sunday Bible class 10:00 a.m.—morning worship 11:00 a.m.—Sunday evening 6:00 p.m.—Wednesday evening 6:30 p.m. Third Sunday pot luck, men and women's groups. Come worship with us! Rev. Ben Cartwright, Pastor **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 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's 8th Appreciation Service. Our extension of appreciation will begin Thursday, January 7th at 7:30 p.m., Friday, January 8th at 7:30 p.m. and conclude on Sunday, Jan. 10th at 3:00 p.m., with the Rev. Charles Furr and the Pleasant Rose Holiness Church bringing the message. If you cannot be present with us, please pray for our spiritual success. The Temple of Faith family.

## You're Invited to Come Celebrate with Us

The KECCM North District and Bishop Pastor Clyde Harden Jr. invite you to come out and worship with us in a 30 year pre anniversary celebration for Pastor Eric C. Burch Sr. and First Lady Arletha M. Burch.

**Sunday, January 10, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.**

Service will be held at  
New destiny fellowship church  
Hwy 150 Coldsprings, TX  
Rev. Clyde Harden Jr. - pastor  
Guest speaker Bishop Leroy J. Woodard Jr.  
Presiding Prelate of KECCM

## Community Classifieds

**FOR RENT:** Mobile home for rent, all bills paid, \$650.00 monthly plus \$250.00 deposit. Contact Mary or Monica at (979) 316-0299 or (832) 250-6154.  
**FOR SALE:** 2006 30ft Forest River Camper, nice; \$10,000.00 CASH! Contact Juana Garza at (832) 318-1069.

## Community Calendar

1/4: EDC Meeting, 7pm/EDC Building  
1/11: City Council Meeting, 7pm/Community Center  
1/11: Pirates Reading Program 9-10am;Shepherd Primary Parent Center  
1/12: First Station Auxiliary Meeting; 7PM  
1/15: Senior Resale Shop Bag Day  
1/25: Pirates Reading Program 9-10am;Shepherd Primary Parent Center



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## Business News



### The Pizza Kitchen at Della's

**Open Sunday 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.**  
**ALL YOU CAN EAT**  
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