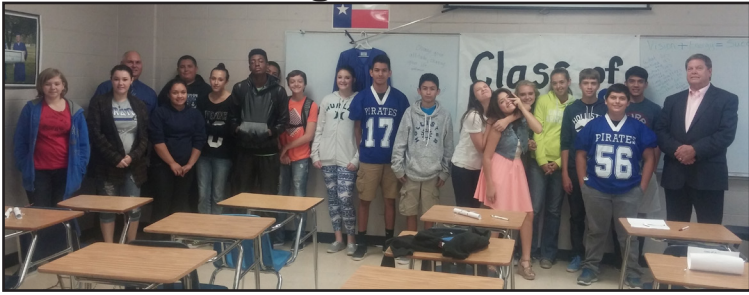
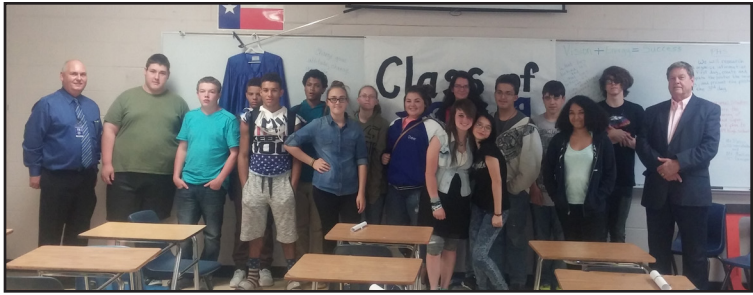


SHEPHERD COMMUNITY NEWS

Freshman Class Received an Invitation to their 2017 High School Graduation



Mrs. Keith's Freshman Interpersonal Studies class received an invitation to their 2017 high school graduation. They were honored with their guest speakers, Mr. Meekins, principal of Shepherd High School, and Mr. Peirce, Superintendent of Shepherd Independent School District. Mr. Meekins and Mr. Peirce inspired their freshman students with stories of their troubles and triumphs along their journey to success. The classes received a follow-up lesson that involved the signing of a graduation gown, committing to work hard to achieve their vision of success and attending their 2017 high school graduation. The gown will be passed on to their future class sponsors and will be displayed at their graduation ceremonies. Due to the large numbers of Freshman, this class was divided into two separate semesters.

SHS FFA Students Attend Greenhand Camp

On September 23, 2015, Shepherd High School students traveled to Nacogdoches, Texas to participate in Area IX Greenhand Camp. Five of Shepherd FFA Greenhands attended, as well as District Officer Carly Smith, who helped lead the camp.



Will Whitaker, Skylar Arispe, Jace Shrader, Alexis Alcantar and Lauren Scott.

Shepherd ISD Earns State's Highest Fiscal Accountability Rating

Shepherd Independent School District officials announced that the district received a rating of "Passing" under Texas' Schools FIRST financial accountability rating system. The "Passing" achievement rating is the state's highest, demonstrating the quality of Shepherd ISD's financial management and reporting system. The Schools FIRST (Financial Accountability Rating System of Texas) is a financial accountability system for Texas school districts developed by the Texas Education Agency in response to Senate Bill 875 of the 76th Texas Legislature in 1999. The primary goal of Schools FIRST is to achieve quality performance in the management of school districts' financial resources, a goal made more significant due to the complexity of accounting associated with Texas' school finance system.

"We are very pleased with Shepherd ISD's FIRST rating," said Shepherd ISD Superintendent Steve Pierce, "as it shows that our district is making the most of our Taxpayers' dollars. This rating shows that Shepherd's schools are accountable not only for student learning, but also for achieving these results cost-effectively and efficiently."

The Schools FIRST accountability rating system assigns one of two financial accountability ratings to Texas school districts, with the highest being "Passing," followed by "Substandard Achievement." Districts with serious data quality problems may receive the additional rating of "Suspended -Data Quality." Districts that receive the "Substandard Achievement" or "Suspended - Data Quality" ratings under Schools FIRST must file a corrective action plan with the Texas Education Agency.

Retired School Personnel to Meet

The San Jacinto County Retired School Personnel Association will meet on Tuesday, October 6, 2015 at 3:00 p. m. at the Senior Center in Coldspring. Jerry Cutaia, financial/investment planner, will present the program. All school personnel retirees are invited and are asked to join our group. Members are reminded to bring children's books for Care Share and Helping Hands. For further information, call President Don Leedy at (936) 377-3946.

SISD Pirateers Reading Program

Shepherd ISD would like to invite: Parents, Grandparents, Babysitters, Caregivers... Anyone and Everyone: To bring your little ones Ages 0-4 to the PIRATEERS READING PROGRAM. We ask that you stay with your child during this time. It is an excellent opportunity for you to spend quality time together and instill a love for reading in your child.

Each session of the PIRATEERS READING PROGRAM will include: A Book or Books Read A loud, Hands-on Activities, Snack and Lots of Fun.

If you have any questions please contact:
Stephanie Schubert, Shepherd ISD Parent Liaison
(936) 628-2904 sschubert@shepherdisd.net
TIME: 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Location: Shepherd Primary Parent Center
Dates of Program: October 12th and 26th November 9th December 14th
January 11th and 25th February 8th and 22nd March 28th
April 11th and 25th May 9th and 23rd

Judge Lovett Expands Free CHL Class to All County Employees

As announced at a Commissioners Court meeting in late August, San Jacinto County Judge John Lovett is sponsoring the Texas Concealed Handgun License Course free of charge to all county employees. As an additional benefit, their spouses can take the course for half price, or fifty dollars.

To expand the offer, the class will now be made available free of charge to all of the county's Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Services District employees and their spouses in the same arrangement.

In a partnership between Judge Lovett and local CHL instructor MX4THL.com the classroom instruction will be held at the Paradise Grill Restaurant in Coldspring on Saturday, September 19, 2015. Due to the demand from county employees and the addition of the Volunteer Firefighters, a second class will be held on Saturday, October 17, 2015 at the same location.

Lou Rogers, owner of MX4THL.com is the instructor for the class. Mr. Rogers has generously volunteered his time to certify the county employees for their CHL license. Judge Lovett will pay the restaurant and the expense of refreshments for attendees.

All county employees and Volunteer Firefighters can get enrollment details at MX4THL.com or by calling Mr. Rogers at (936) 355-4264.

In the wake of the recent killing of police officers and those in positions of authority nationwide; this offer is very timely for the safety of San Jacinto County employees. Judge Lovett encourages all of those eligible to participate and get their CHL license.

Blast From The Past
Blue and White Night
Scholarship Fundraiser

October 17th 2015

Hosted By: Shepherd Chambers Of Commerce & Shepherd Ex-Students Association

Shepherd Community Center
10251 HWY 150

Single	Couple
Child	Senior

Tickets: Couples \$25.00- Singles \$15.00- Seniors & Children \$8.00

Dance ONLY \$10.00 per person- Purchase Braclet

Details on back

Limited Amount of Tickets! Going fast! You can purchase tickets at the Shepherd Public Library, City Hall, Children's Impact Center with Brenda Myers, by contacting any Chamber of Commerce member or contact Lajuana Thornton with the Shepherd Ex Students!

Shepherd Lil' Dribblers will be Starting Sign Ups and Basketball Season Early this Year!

Sign ups will be every Saturday in October beginning October 2nd from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at McClain's Super Market. Registration fee for basketball will be \$85 and cheerleaders will be \$95 with limit of 15 cheerleaders total. Lil' Dribblers is for grades Pre- K through 6th grade only. Let's get this hoop season off to a good start. Please contact Shelia Richardson at (832) 318-4079 for any questions or concerns.

"McClain's Food Market"



J of the JOKE WEEK

What do you call a very religious person that sleep walks?



A Roman Catholic

WELCOME

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT
October 13, 2015 @ 7PM
Shepherd Community Center
Everyone is invited! Come
"meet and greet" your
neighbors! Learn more about
your community, crime
prevention, identity theft,
fingerprinting for kids, fire
prevention, and lots more!
Door prizes will be given and
refreshments will be served.

WHAT'S OUR NUMBER?
911

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For more information, please call 936-628-6566
Wayne Jenkins, Chief 835-401-6841 or 936-628-6566

HOME COMING



DON'T FORGET TO SHARE YOUR HOMECOMING PICTURES WITH US! YOU CAN EMAIL THEM TO mcclains.shepherdnews@gmail.com OR POST THEM TO OUR FACEBOOK PAGE TO BE FEATURED IN OUR NEWSPAPER!

Did you know...

By Yvonne Ryba

'Tanning and Treasures' has new owners. They are in the process of moving in, I will have more to tell you after I have talked to the new business owners.

McClain's Supermarket have been busy this week. If you went shopping there you will have seen the team of men hard at work tearing up the old concrete and getting rid of the potholes in the parking lot. It looks good! Thank you McClain's!

San Jacinto County Historical Commission are busy getting ready for Halloween. Every year this organization decorates the old Jail House Museum, which becomes the 'Haunted Jail'. This year it will be held over two weekends, October 23-24 and 30-31. These are Fridays and Saturdays, starting at 6:00 p.m. I will give you more details soon. This is a very popular event with actors playing the parts of the scary ghouls, witches and vampires.

Shepherd Public Library is already decorated for Halloween! We have started on our Christmas Festival and Parade too, with help from Renee, one of the Library team, who created some posters for this event. Our Christmas Parade this year will be at 6:30 p.m. on December 5. The theme is 'Snowflakes, Friendship and Winter Cheer' with Snowmen featuring prominently in this. Shepherd Chamber of Commerce host this event and we have started the organizing and advertising for it. We will have vendors, Karaoke, singers and dancers and food and crafts. We hope that all business owners, especially those in our town center, will decorate their windows and exteriors. Coldspring hold their Christmas event the following Saturday, December 12. Look on their web site for vendor information and Parade details. The route is slightly different this year.

On October 22 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Coldspring Area Merchants Association, or CABMA, will host their Social on the Courthouse Square with a Doggie Costume Contest. Bring your pooch and enjoy the evening! Look on Coldspring- San Jacinto County website for details.

Don't forget the Ex-Students of Shepherd High School Dinner Dance on October 17, starting at 6:00 p.m. Tickets can be bought from any board member or at our library or People's State Bank. We will have music, great food and contests, games if you ant to bring your cards or dominoes and dancing to the music of DJ Jimmy Enloe.

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(936) 628-3890 www.greatershepherdchamberofcommerce.org
Coldspring- San Jacinto Chamber of Commerce
31, N. Butler St. Coldspring, 77331
(936) 653-2184 www.coldspringtexas.org

Do you need more information about how to run your business? Or, perhaps you would like to know the rules and regulations facing you when you start a new business? These questions and many more can be answered by Director Bob Barragan of the SBDA of Sam Houston State. This is a FREE service to you, simply call the chamber nearest you to make an appointment. Director Barragan will come our to talk with you.

BOOK REVIEW BY ROB MARSH

Making Sense of the Old Testament: Three Crucial Questions

By Tremper Longman

In 'Making Sense of the Old Testament' Tremper Longman gives an insightful analysis of three questions to consider when reading the Old Testament books of the Bible:

- 1) What are the keys to understanding the Old Testament?
- 2) Is the God of the Old Testament also the God of the New Testament?
- 3) How is the Christian to apply the Old Testament to life?

Each of these are very good questions and, if a Christian reader is honest, these can be questions that we can struggle with when reading the entirety of the Bible, and Longman's responses help give clarity to some of these challenging questions.

For the first question about understanding the Old Testament, Longman gives a number of good steps to follow when reading one of the OT books, including understanding the intention of the writer, reading a book in context, understanding the genre of a passage as well as considering the historical or cultural background. In doing so this helps shed light and deeper meaning on what God is saying through that particular book of the Old Testament.

For the second question that addresses the perceived differences between the God of the OT and NT, Longman identifies the importance of covenants in understanding the framework of the Bible, and how Yahweh is the center and Jesus Christ is the ultimate fulfillment of covenant. The New Testament is a fulfillment in continuity of the redemptive message of the Old Testament. The various struggles and difficulties of Israel give way to the spiritual battles of the church which in turn anticipate the final battle at the end of time and culminate in the return of Christ Jesus.

For the final question about application, Longman speaks about reading the OT in the larger context of the entire cannon of Scripture and understanding the transformative effect the entirety of the Word can have on a believer's life. We see in the Old Testament God's redemptive history in dealing with a sinful humanity, His grace and mercy shown to sinners and the prophetic revelation that leads ultimately to the fulfillment of God's redemptive plan in the New Testament through the birth, death and resurrection of Christ.

Buy \$mart, Eat Well

Hamburger Steaks with Onions and Brown Gravy

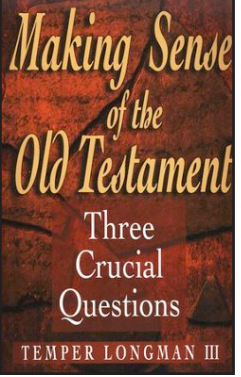
Ingredients

- 1 ½ lbs. hamburger meat (Family Pack Ground Chuck on sale \$2.99lb!)
- ½ teaspoon garlic salt
- ½ teaspoon pepper
- 1 cup thinly sliced onion
- 2 teaspoon minced garlic
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 2 ½ cup beef broth

Directions

- Combine ground beef, garlic salt and pepper.
- Divide meat into 6 even portions and form into steaks.
- In a large skillet, cook patties over medium heat 6 minutes per side.
- Remove patties, add onions and cook 6 minutes.
- Add garlic and cook 1 minute.
- Add flour and cook 2 minutes.
- Gradually add Worcestershire and broth; stir until smooth.
- Reduce to half about 15 minutes.
- Add patties back and heat through.

Make It A Meal! Serve with creamy mashed potatoes (5lb bag Russet potatoes on sale \$1.68!) and some whole green beans (Parade frozen vegetables 16oz on sale \$0.99!) to make this a classic family meal! Recipe from www.callmepmc.com



Senior Menu

- MON 5:** Baked Chicken, Mushroom & Onion Rice Casserole, Corn, Wheat Bread, Salad, Fruit
 - TUE 6:** Cabbage Rolls, Mashed Potatoes, Pinto Beans, Cornbread, Salad, Fruit
 - WED 7:** Chicken & Dumplings, Okra & Tomatoes, Cornbread, Salad, Fruit
 - THUR 8:** Smothered Chuck Steak, Onions & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Veggies, Rolls, Salad, Fruit
 - FRI 9:** Baked Potato Stuffed With BBQ Pulled Pork, With Trimmings, Fried Okra, Wheat Bread, Salad, Fruit
 - MON 12:** Chicken Spaghetti, Mixed Veggies, Tossed Salad & Dressing, Garlic Bread, Fruit
 - TUE 13:** Vegetable Beef Soup, Pea Salad, Tossed Salad, Cornbread, Fruit
 - WED 14:** Fried Fish, Hush Puppies, Baked Potato Salad, Tossed Salad & Dressing, Fruit
 - THUR 15:** Pork Loin, Mashed Potatoes, Cabbage, Cornbread, Salad, Fruit
 - FRI 16:** Chicken Nuggets, Gravy, Zucchini Fritters, Candied Carrots, Salad, Rolls, Fruit
 - MON 19:** Baked Herb Chicken, Baked Potato & Trimmings, Greens, Cornbread, Salad, Fruit
 - TUE 20:** Hamburger Patty & Onions, Brown Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Squash, Cornbread, Salad, Fruit
 - WED 21:** Sautéed Chicken Tenders & Cream Gravy, Sweet Potato Fries, Black Eye Peas, Cornbread, Salad, Fruit
 - THUR 22:** Salmon Patties, Scalloped Potatoes, Crowder Peas & Okra, Cornbread, Salad, Fruit
 - FRI 23:** Chicken & Sausage & Shrimp Gumbo, Rice, Tossed Salad, Crackers, Fruit
 - MON 26:** Meatloaf, Macaroni & Cheese, Black Eye Peas, Cornbread, Salad, Fruit
 - TUE 27:** Potato Soup, Sliced Turkey Sandwich, Cornbread, Salad, Fruit
 - WED 28:** Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Broccoli & Cheese, Rolls, Salad, Fruit
 - THUR 29:** WHH Ranch Brand Chili With Fritos, Hot Dogs, Cheese, Mustard, Relish, Cake, Salad
 - FRI 30:** Shrimp Etouffee, Rice, Seasoned Greens, Garlic Bread, Salad, Fruit
- 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*

Soup Day! Fund Raiser For Shepherd Senior Citizen's Center



Sunday, October 11, 2015

Time: 12:00 p.m. until we run out!

Price: \$5.00

Includes: Bowl of soup, crackers or cornbread, dessert and tea.

Location: 102 north liberty (behind the fire station)
(Loop 424/Byrd Ave. and Bell Street)
Come and enjoy! Yummy!

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Shepherd United Methodist Church Annual Bizarre

We will be having our annual Bizarre on October 23rd-24th. On October 23, time will run from 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.. Then Saturday, October 24, Bizarre will run from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. After noon on Saturday discounts start.

Along with our normal goods we will be selling lunch for \$5.00 on Friday, October 23. This will include soup, cornbread or crackers, dessert and a drink. Our soup options will be chicken noodle, taco soup, vegetable soup, and chicken n' dumplings.

This year we will offer delivery on Friday starting at 11:15 a.m. We request a minimum of 4 orders and we ask that you have the orders turned in by Wednesday, October 21. Also, please notice we will not deliver drinks. On deliveries price includes soup, side, and dessert. We will accept orders via phone or by turning in orders to church (church will have drop box). If you have any questions or would like to order via phone please call (936) 628-3861. Leave message with name and phone number if there is no answer. The week of Bizarre someone will be at church from 6:00 - 7:30 if you would like to call them.



New Releases Coming to McClain's DVD Kiosk This Week
Avengers: Age of Ultron (PG-13) action/adventure: When Tony Stark and Bruce Banner try to jump-start a dormant peacekeeping program called Ultron, things go horribly wrong and it's up to Earth's Mightiest Heroes to stop the villainous Ultron from enacting his terrible plans.
Starring: Robert Downey Jr., Chris Evans, Mark Ruffalo

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

October 7, 2015

Community Classifieds

- FOR SALE:** Dressed rabbits for sale Shepherd, TX (713) 202-3800
- LOOKING FOR GOOD HOME:** Need a nice home for a 1 year old puppy. She loves to play with children. I am unable to take care of her any longer. Please help! Call Evie at (936) 365-4492.
- YARD SALE:** Multi-family yard sale October 8-10th! Huge selection, collectibles, some furniture, lots of misc. items. On Hwy 150 west from Shepherd to Ladybug Ln. Follow signs or call (936) 628-3067.
- WANTED:** We pay cash for used cars, trucks, vans, travel trailers, RV's. We come to you. Ace Auto Surplus. Please call (832) 702-0212.
- WANTED:** Handyman/Fencing/Ranch hand. Full-time, permanent. Clean record. Non-smoker. Leave message at (832) 264-4138.
- WANTED:** Pure Spanish goats. Also, Nigerian Dwarf/Spanish goats. Leave message (832) 264-4138.
- WANTED:** Need a 5th wheel hookup to move camper from Cleveland to Shepherd ASAP. Will pay \$100. Please call James Harrison at (936) 718-7510.
- WANTED:** Housekeeper/Kennel help 3 days a week. Clean record. Non-smoker. Leave message at (832) 264-4138.
- FOR SALE:** Okra by the bushel. Please call (936) 230-4423.
- WILL HAUL FOR FREE:** All non-working AC units, riding mowers, 4-wheelers, motorcycles, washers, dryers, refrigerators and deep freezers. Please call (936) 252-9043.

Community Calendar

- 10/5:** Monday EDC Meeting, 7pm/EDC Building
- 10/12:** City Council Meeting 7PM; Shepherd Community Center.
- 10/12:** Pirates Reading Program 9-10AM; Shepherd Primary Parent Center
- 10/13:** First station auxiliary meeting at 7PM
- 10/16:** Senior Resale Shop Bag Day
- 10/17:** Ex-Students of Shepherd High School Dinner Danc
- 10/26:** Shepherd Chamber of Commerce meeting, 6pm/EDC
- 10/26:** Pirates Reading Program 9-10AM; Shepherd Primary Parent Center
- 10/28:** Bridge of hope community church "Community Fellowship Dinner", Shepherd Middle School, 7PM.
- 10/31:** Annual meeting for the Farley Chapel Cemetery will be Saturday

Church News

- SPRING HILL BAPTIST CHURCH:** Please come and join us for our Mission Workshop! Theme: "In The Beginning" on Saturday, October 7, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. Pastor Dr. Frank L. Mason & Elect Lady Evelyn Grace Mason. Located at 9130 State Hwy 150 West, Coldspring, TX 77331. Contact Person: Sister Rosie Reed (936) 653-4531 or (936) 767-8421.
- SPRING HILL BAPTIST CHURCH:** Pastor's Aide Program on October 11, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. Theme: "Roar Like a Lion" Rev. Roy Milburn, Jr. & North Mount Olives MC. Contact Sister Rosie Reed (936) 653-4531.
- SPRING HILL BAPTIST CHURCH:** Please come and join us for our Mission Workshop on Saturday, October 17, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. Theme: "In The Beginning" Pastor, Dr. Frank L. Mason, Jr. and Elect Lady Evelyn Grace Mason. Contact person: Sister Rosie Reed (936) 653-4531 or (936) 767-8421.
- SPRING HILL BAPTIST CHURCH:** The Original Wonderful Harmonizers 55th Year Anniversary Sunday, October 18, 2015 at Mance Park Middle School, 1010 8th Street, Huntsville, TX 77320. Featuring: Lee Williams & The Spiritual QC's, Tupelo, MS; Jackson Southernaires, Jackson, MS; The Zion Jubiless, Bryan, TX; Chuck & The Guiding Clouds, Huntsville, TX. Doors open at 4:00 p.m.—Show begins at 5:00 p.m. Tickets \$20 Presale—\$25 Day of the Show. For more ticket information please call Bro. Leroy Bryant (936) 577-6016, Charlesetta Pierson (Conroe and Willis area) (936) 228-0154 and J & M Contracting (936) 291-1691.
- FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD:** We are having a Garage Sale on October 8th & 9th at the Church in Shepherd, TX Rt. 150 from 9:00 a.m. until ???
- 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!
- DREW'S LANDING BAPTIST CHURCH:** Are you looking for a church filled with love that preaches straight from the Bible? Look no further! This is the church for you! Pastor Chip Keel—(936) 628-1676. Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship, 11:00 a.m. Wednesday night Bible Study 6:30 p.m. All welcome! Come as you are! Children's church available. 161 Thomas Castleberry off FM 1127. Just look for the big blue House of God. We would love to have you - GOD BLESS YOU ALL

Business News



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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. 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.