

SHEPHERD COMMUNITY NEWS

Sergeant Stephenson SHS Staff Member of the Month



JROTC Instructor Sergeant Stephenson was awarded "Staff Member of the Month" for November by SHS. Congratulations Sir!

SPS Top Ten Mile Race

Running isn't just a sport. It's where one person works hard mentally and physically to accomplish a goal they set out to achieve on their own. Step by step they focus on breathing and making the next step to reach the finish line. SPS students participate in Miler's Club each week. They are also timed in the mile every 6 weeks. Think about that, 4,5,6,7 & 8 year olds running 5,280 feet as fast as they can. A task most adults have a hard time achieving. On Friday, December 2 the top ten fastest girls and the top ten fastest boys raced for the gold in the mile. The results were amazing and inspiring. The fastest mile time for the day was by second grader, Karla Rangel, with a 7:26 mile. Coming in right behind her were second graders Cutter Hues (7:43), Kyler Syracuse (7:45) and Trenton Prater (7:54). Giselle Benitez and Lacey Papp finished up 2nd and 3rd with amazing times of 8:26 and 8:46. Not to mention all my second grade racers finished under 9:13. For first grade the fastest mile was 7:50 brought in by Trace Green. Followed by Pedro Navarette (8:47), and Edgar Pena(8:58). The girls rocked it in first grade too. Medalist were Samantha Garcia(9:54), Belinda Flores(10:33) and Sarah Garcia (11:05). Kinder had some awesome times as well. All finishing under 11:46. The winner for Kinder were Felix Rocha (8:45), Max Gonzalez (8:56), Case Baloy (9:09), Grace Reynolds (9:37), Kinsley Rhodes (9:51) and Elissa Medrano (10:28).

Shout out to all the top ten runners whether they medaled or not! Winning is doing your best and becoming better and that's what each of them did that day. All 60 runners ran their personal best and finished hard and that is something to be proud of!

Kindergarten



Bottom left to right: Felix Rocha, Max Gonzalez, Case Baloy, Grace Reynolds, Kinsley Rhodes and Elissa Medrano. **Middle left to right:** Grace Ackerman, Brianna Pena, Wendy Sibirian, Fatima Flores, Ibeth Andrade, Violetta Rodriquez, and Dolores Caldwell.

Top left to right: Jake Papp, Gabriel Glenn, Amil Reyes, Dallas Phifer, Aiden Morales, Kaine Roane and Levi Herrod.

First Grade



Bottom left to right: Sarah Garcia, Belinda Flores, Samantha Garica, Edgar Pena, Pedro Navarette, Trace Green. **Middle left to right:** Sophia Zapata, Cictatly Diaz, Emily Marcial, Jeanette Almazan, Hannah Lamas and Skyleigh Lagow.

Top left to right: Evan Luna, Aiden Payne, Roy Cordell, Josue Soto, Martin Lopez, Joel Valdez and Logan McMaster.

Second Grade



Bottom left to right: Trenton Prater, Kyler Syracuse, Cutter Hues, Karla Rangel, Giselle Benitez, and Lacey Papp. **Middle left to right:** Melany Rangel, Jasmin Almazan, Estefany Martinez, Neveah Benevides, Danielle Barrackman, Emily Lovell and Dawson Arnold.

Top left to right: Ruben Lugo, Nathan Morales, Pablo Santiago, James Tellez, Adrian Rocker and Alexander Aguillon.

FCCLA Cheer for the Rockets



The FCCLA pose for a photo at the Houston Rockets game on December 5, 2016 after a hard fun day of leadership training.

Don't Forget to Send us Those Funny Santa Pictures!



Kids love Santa...until it's time to sit in his lap. Can't say I blame ya, kiddos! It is kind of creepy when you think about it. None the less, year after year we dress them up, stand in line and pray our kids don't do what the kid before them did...but boy is it funny when they do.... for the rest of us of course. Although, embarrassing at the time those pictures sure do make some hilarious memories! So if you have a photo you would like to share in our paper just submit it using one of the methods below or bring it by our courtesy booth.

Please remember to include the following when submitting:

- Name
- Age
- What they asked Santa for, for Christmas
- Any stories you want to share with your photo

...after all, it is the kids who make the holidays the most fun, right?

Email: mcclains.shepherdnews@gmail.com

Website: www.mcclainsfoodmarket.com



Each week a teacher picks two students from their class who shows Pirate Pride. Students show Pirate Pride by being helpful and respectful to teachers and peers. The following students received Shepherd Intermediate Pirate Pride this week;



Third Grade: Jeanie Jenkins and Kiona King
Fourth Grade: Trenton McDaniel and Randy Meek
Fifth Grade: Cacee Harper and Nathaniel Martinez

Toyz for Kidz is Merging with



Available For San Jacinto County Children

San Jacinto County Toyz for Kidz is very proud to announce their merge with Toys for Tots. The U. S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program's mission is to collect new, unwrapped toys during October, November and December each year, and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to less fortunate children in the community.

Applications have been simplified, and will be available for pick up at each County Commissioner's office, the County Judge's office and the Sheriff's office. These will also be drop off locations for new, unwrapped toys if you wish to donate. Toy donation boxes will also be located at various businesses in San Jacinto County.

If you need a helping hand this Christmas, please stop by one of these locations and pick up an application. We would love to help make your child's Christmas a little bit brighter. If you are able to donate a toy, we would appreciate your help.

The deadline for completed applications will be Tuesday, December 13, 2016. Toys will be available for pick up on Friday, December 16, 2016 at the Coldspring Volunteer Fire Department at 20 Hill Ave, Coldspring, TX 77331. If items are not picked up, the toys will be delivered to your residence on Saturday, December 17, 2016.

For more information on drop off locations or for assistance finding an application, please contact Denise Lewis at (936) 581-1483.



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.

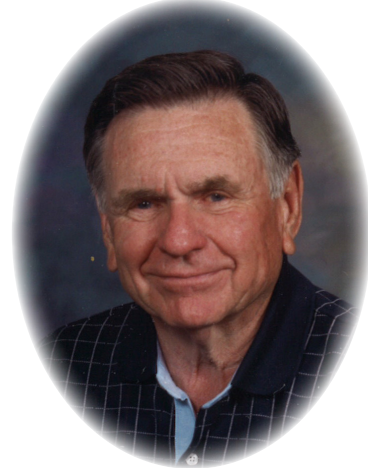
In January of odd-numbered years, the County Commissioners Court appoints members to the local County Historical Commission for two year terms. This time frame is quickly approaching and the Commissioners are asking anyone interested in being on the Historical Commission to immediately notify the Court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

Obituary

James "Jim" McLendon



August 24, 1929 - November 30, 2016

James "Jim" McLendon, 87, of Coldspring, TX, passed away Wednesday, November 30, 2016. He was born August 24, 1929 in College Park, Georgia to Frank and Ruby McLendon, whom preceded him in death, along with his sister, Louise Slaton, and his brother, Bob McLendon.

Jim graduated from College Park High School in 1946. He played football for one year at Georgia Military Academy, and he also attended the University of Georgia in Atlanta. He had a long and rewarding career in the chemical industry. He co-owned and operated his own chemical company, E-ZE Products, for fifteen years. After selling his business, he retired and moved to Cape Royale in Coldspring, Texas.

Jim married Lucy McNally in 1950, and they had two children together, Tom and Gina. He married Melanie J. Staggs in 1997, and they celebrated nineteen years together in August. Jim's joys in life were spending time with his family and playing poker and golf with his friends. To know Jim was to love him, and his friends and family will remember him as a warm, witty, kind, and loving southern gentleman.

Jim also served as a member of the Atlanta Jaycees and the Coldspring UMC Tellers Committee. He was an officer in the Cape Royale Men's Golf Association.

Survivors include his wife, Melanie McLendon; children, Tom McLendon, Gina Phillips and husband Allan, Julia Warren and husband Damon; grandchildren, Ben Phillips, Jonathan Phillips and wife Katherine, Susannah Sladek and husband Riley, Abby, Caleb, Amelia and Nathan Warren; great-grandchildren, Alexa, Grace and Madelyn Phillips, Reid and Grant Sladek; and numerous relatives and friends.

The memorial service was held on, Saturday, December 3, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. at the Coldspring United Methodist Church. The family received friends before the service, from 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

For those who desire, donations may be made to Coldspring United Methodist Church in Jim's memory.

Did you know...

by Yvonne Ryba

The Christmas event in Shepherd suffered the same fate as did Coldspring's Christmas on the Square Parade last year! The horrible weather prevented Shepherd from having any celebration. The High School withdrew very early from the Parade, followed by law enforcement who could not guarantee people would be safe with such wet weather. So, Mayor Brown had to cancel since the City's insurance would not cover the event without security. Helenmarie Johnson and her hard working Library team were disappointed of course, but who can argue with the weather in Texas?

Coldspring- San Jacinto Chamber of Commerce stepped in and offered free places in their Parade for all those who had worked hard on their floats. At the time of writing, the weather is supposed to be fine for their event on December 10 Coldspring Chamber has started their annual 'Best of San Jacinto County Awards' competition. Pick up your forms from the office, Shepherd Library or go on line and print some off. Look at the rules too! One copy from each person only, no duplicates please. Duplicate copies will not be counted. The 'Best of...' Banquet will be in February, more of that to come in the future.

Blessed Assurance Homehealth Care, INC. is located in Shepherd at 11231 Hwy 150, Suite A. A member of Shepherd Chamber, they offer Attendant Care Services which covers a multitude of personal care services for the physically impaired. This may be due to aging or recovering from an illness, and services can be bathing, dressing, transportation, light housekeeping and meal preparation as well as medication reminders and help in mobility. There are several payment methods, including DADS (Dept. of Aging & Disability Services) and Long Term Care Insurance. Call and find out a lot more from them at (936) 585-4519. You can email at info@bahomehealthcare.com. As you can tell from their name, they are a Christian faith based company. All their caregivers have to meet their high company standards.

Coldspring Community Center has had an eventful year. The following is from the President Karla Pratt who, alongside the Center's Manager Darchele Vucinovich, and with the Board, have made some great improvements to the 61 year old building. This is a non-profit company set up by long time residents for the use of our community. If you have need of a meeting place or have an event like a wedding or party, call (936) 628-6739 for more information, or find them on Facebook.



"In this season of thanks, the entire board of Coldspring Community Center would like to express their sincere gratitude to the following people and organizations. First and foremost, a huge thanks to Mayor Pat Eversole and our 2016 City Council for replacing our ancient roof with our beautiful new metal roof. Their generosity and foresight will ensure the citizens of San Jacinto County many more years in their historic, safe and affordable gathering place. Thanks to the Master Gardeners of our county for the \$1,000 toward the purchase of our metal rain gutters, the first step in a rain collection system for our lovely garden. Thanks to the Coldspring Garden Club, for their generous \$500 gift. They are one of the founding clubs that built our 61 year old building that belongs to the people of San Jacinto County. Thanks to the Bank of San Jacinto County and People's State Bank, who both donated \$500 towards our A/C upgrade. Thanks to Julie Meeks for her gift of \$500 toward renovation and thanks to all the citizens of our county who have loved and supported Coldspring Co.,unity Center through the years! Here's to another 60 years!"

Have you noticed a new building near the turn onto FM 2666 from Hwy 150? This is the home of the non- profit organization called 'Enhancement Education & Counseling Center'. I noticed it one day recently as I was driving by and saw a group of young people playing hoops outside. I talked to Demetrice Gaines about the Center and found out that it is focused on helping people, especially our youth, who have different types of mental health issues. They offer positive motivational programs which help the person overcome their problems. They are also a short term youth shelter. They can take a young person for 24 - 48 hours. I will give you more details on this new business next time. You can ask for details from Demetrice at (281) 687-4887. She is there from 10:00 a.m. until around 6:00 p.m.



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



GUESS WHAT?!

You Can Now Enter Submissions Online!

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Senior Menu

MON 12/12: Chicken Spaghetti, Stewed Cabbage & Tomatoes, Cornbread, Salad, Fruit

TUE 12/13: Vegetable Beef Stew, Carrot & Fruit Salad, Tossed Salad & Dressing, Cornbread, Fruit

WED 12/14: Baked Glazed Ham, Broccoli & Rice Casserole, Candied Yams, Rolls, Salad, Donated Desserts

THUR 12/15: Chicken Nuggets, & Gravy, Macaroni Salad, Fried Okra, Rolls, Salad, Fruit

FRI 12/16: Baked Potato Stuffed With Taco Meat & Trimmings, Corn Casserole, Tossed Salad & Dressing, Fruit

MON 12/19: King Ranch Chicken, Pinto Beans, Corn, Cornbread, Salad, Fruit

TUE 12/20: Smothered Pork Chops, Rice, Okra & Tomatoes, Rolls, Salad, Fruit

WED 12/21: Salisbury Steak & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Northern Beans, Cornbread Salad, Fruit

THUR 12/22: BBQ Chicken, Macaroni & Cheese, Baked Beans, Wheat Bread, Salad, Fruit

FRI 12/23: Holiday

MON 12/26: Holiday

TUE 12/27: Hamburger Patty, Onions & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Black Eye Peas, Cornbread, Salad, Fruit

WED 12/28: Breaded Pork Cutlets & Gravy, Green Beans, Squash Casserole, Rolls, Salad, Fruit

THUR 12/29: Chicken & Shrimp & Sausage Gumbo, Rice Tossed Salad & Dressing, Crackers, Fruit

FRI 12/30: Chicken Strips, Cream Gravy, Fried Potatoes & Onions, Corn, Salad, Fruit



Second Tuesday of each month includes Birthday cake!

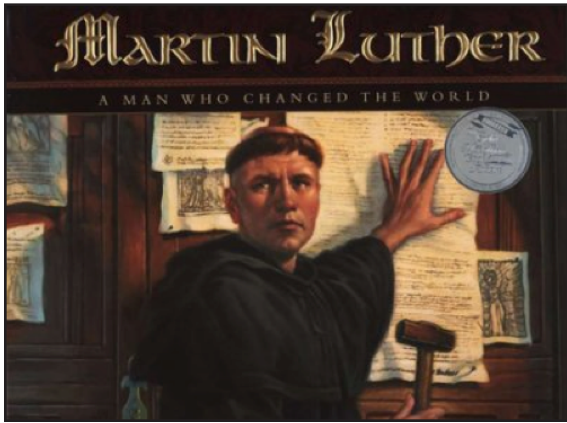
Call (936) 628-3733 by 9:30 a.m. to reserve a meal!

Menu's are Subject To Change Due To Availability.

BOOK REVIEW BY ROB MARSH

Martin Luther: A Man Who Changed the World

In time for the Reformation season (and one year away from the 500 year anniversary of the Protestant Reformation in 2017) I would recommend the illustrated book "Martin Luther: A Man Who Changed the World". Written by Paul Maier, this serves as a good introduction to the life and works of the man who was used greatly by God to bring about reformation to the world. Featuring colorful paintings by Greg Copeland depicting various scenes throughout Luther's life, the text is a good primer on the life of Luther. We learn about his early life, his conversion and ultimately his critical discovery that Scripture teaches salvation is a free gift of God, that God's righteousness is a gift to those who repent of their sins and believe in Christ and is not based on a false foundation of works-righteousness. On October 31, 1517 Luther wrote his 95 theses in which he challenged the teachings of Rome on purgatory, indulgences and other false teachings then nailed these teachings to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg. From this act the Reformation was born. Mair goes on to tell the narrative of other events in Luther's life, such as fleeing for his life from the dangerous threats of Rome, his daring rescue by friends, and his efforts to translate the Bible (the only Bibles at that time being in Latin, a language that most people couldn't read) as well as his marriage, family life, and how he redeemed his time for the glory of God in his works and writing. With advances at that point in history in printing press technology he was able to produce various writings, catechisms and hymns, helping many to learn about God's Word. This text is beautifully illustrated and informative, and while not completely thorough of all events of Martin Luther's life it does present an excellent overview of who he was and how God used him mightily.



Suicide Squad (PG-13) action/adventure: A secret government agency recruits some of the most dangerous incarcerated super-villains to form a defensive task force. Their first mission: save the world from the apocalypse. **Starring:** Will Smith, Jared Leto, Margot Robbie

Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children (PG-13) adventure/family: When Jacob discovers clues to a mystery that stretches across time, he finds Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children. But the danger deepens after he gets to know the residents and learns about their special powers. **Starring:** Eva Green, Asa Butterfield, Samuel L. Jackson

Bridget Jones's Baby (R) comedy/romance: Bridget's focus on single life and her career is interrupted when she finds herself pregnant, but with one hitch ... she can only be fifty percent sure of the identity of her baby's father. **Starring:** Renée Zellweger, Gemma Jones, Jim Broadbent

Florence Foster Jenkins (PG-13) biography/comedy: The story of Florence Foster Jenkins, a New York heiress who dreamed of becoming an opera singer, despite having a terrible singing voice. **Starring:** Meryl Streep, Hugh Grant, Simon Helberg

Ben-Hur (PG-13) action/adventure: Judah Ben-Hur, a prince falsely accused of treason by his adopted brother, an officer in the Roman army, returns to his homeland after years at sea to seek revenge, but finds redemption. **Starring:** Jack Huston, Toby Kebbell, Rodrigo Santoro

Southside With You (PG-13) biography/drama: The film chronicles the summer 1989 afternoon when the future President of the United States of America Barack Obama wooed his future First Lady Michelle Obama on a first date across Chicago's South Side. **Starring:** Tika Sumpter, Parker Sawyers, Vanessa Bell Calloway

Community Classifieds

FOR SALE: 3 acres, cul-de-sac, wooded, private, for building. 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 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

Community Calendar

12/12: City Council Meeting; 7PM; Community Center

12/13: First Station Auxiliary Meeting; 7PM

12/13: Toys for Tots deadline for completed applications.

12/19: School Board Meeting; 7PM

12/20: Republican Women of SJC dinner meeting; 6:45PM

www.RWoSJC.org or call 832-259-6812

12/28: Bridge of hope community church "Community Fellowship Dinner", Shepherd Middle School; 7PM

12/8: SJC Women's League Meeting; 1:30AM; Coldspring Community Center

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

Business News

Are you looking for someone to help with...



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CREAMY CHICKEN ENCHILADAS

Ingredients

- Nonstick spray (*Pam Cooking Spray on sale \$2.99!*)
- 1 tablespoon butter (*Land O Lakes Margarine Quarters 1lb on sale 3/\$4.00!*)
- 1 tablespoon flour (*Parade All Purpose 5lb Flour on sale \$1.59!*)
- 1 10 oz. can red enchilada sauce
- 1 cup chicken broth
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil (*Lou Ana Vegetable Oil 48oz on sale 2/\$5.00!*)
- 1 medium onion, diced
- 1 4 oz. can green chiles, drained
- 1 1/2 cups cooked chicken, shredded (*Whole Chicken Fryer on sale \$0.99lb!*)
- 1 cup sour cream (*Kraft 16oz Sour Cream on sale 2/\$3.00!*)
- 1 cup (4 ounces) queso fresco cheese, crumbled (*located near lunch meat*)
- 8 (6 inch) corn tortillas
- 2 cups (8 ounces) Monterey Jack cheese, shredded
- Scallions, sliced for garnish (*green onions on sale 2/\$0.89 each!*)

Directions

- Preheat oven to 350°F. Coat 8 ½ x 11-inch rimmed baking dish with nonstick spray.
- In small saucepan over medium-high heat, melt butter until it foams. Once foaming has subsided, add flour and cook 1 minute, stirring constantly
- Stir in enchiladas sauce, broth, salt and pepper. Bring to boil; reduce heat and simmer until thickened, 10 to 15 minutes. Keep warm over low heat until enchiladas are ready to assemble.
- In medium saucepan or skillet, heat oil until shimmering. Add onions and green chiles. Heat until onions have softened, about 5 to 7 minutes.
- Add chicken, sour cream and shredded queso fresco. Stir until creamy, about 3 minutes. Keep warm over low heat.
- On microwave safe plate, wrap corn tortillas in damp paper towels. Microwave 40 seconds.
- Remove enchilada sauce from heat. Spread 1/2 cup of sauce in bottom of baking dish. Working with 1 tortilla at a time, add 1/4 cup of creamy chicken filling to warmed tortilla. Roll tortilla around filling and place it seam-side down in baking dish.
- Repeat with remaining tortillas.
- Pour remaining enchilada sauce over rolled enchiladas and sprinkle with Monterey Jack.
- Bake until cheese is hot and bubbly, about 25 to 30 minutes. Remove from oven and let stand 5 minutes. Garnish with scallions and serve.

Make it a Meal! Serve with Knorr brand Taco Rice and your favorite beans to make this a delicious and easy meal the whole family will love. **Recipe found at www.wisconsincheesetalk.com**

