

SHEPHERD COMMUNITY NEWS

2015 Shepherd Christmas Parade was a Huge Success



Happy Days Diner had a fun and lively float! Their Charlie Brown theme really brought out the inner child in all of us "old folks" that attended the parade. Great job Happy Days!



Here at McClain's we decided to do a bright and colorful candy themed float. We want to give a huge hank you to Chris Rizzo for building our ginger bread house and we also want to thank all of the employees and kiddo's who helped sing carols and throw candy! We had a wonderful time!



The City won 3rd place with their entry. Jody Holloway and Charles Minton for represented the Council on the float. Mrs. Ryba was in attendance but she rode on the Shepherd's public Library Float, which won second place (*not pictured*). Kudos to Helenmarie who did a big part of organizing this annual Christmas event sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

It's That Time of Year Again! Let's See Those Hilarious Santa Pics!



Send pictures to mcclains.shepherdnews@gmail.com or post them on our Facebook page!



Temple of Faith Bake Sale

Temple of Faith will be hosting a pastor's aide bake sale December 19, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at McClain's Food Market.



Ray's Creative Ideas

McClain's Christmas Gift Store



by Ray Brinkley

Folks if you haven't seen all the goodies on the back wall near the Courtesy Booth, you are missing out on some inexpensive Christmas gift ideas. I mean really, do you have to spend next Month's rent on gifts? I don't think so. Let's face it, ain't none of us here in Shepherd rich, but it don't mean we can't make someone happy with a small token, a gift, it's the thought that counts. Sometimes we all get caught up in the latest electronic gadgets and gizmos. I mean, my Grandbabies are wanting "Tablets" for Christmas, anybody know where I can find those "Big Chiefs" we had back in school?

Get creative, I just picked up one of those "clotheslines" in various "Christmas Colors" and made a "sure 'nuff genuine Redneck Hillbilly Christmas Belt" and have enough left to make a dozen more. Come on folks, I think every kid oughta own a Redneck Hillbilly belt once in their lives, ask "Jethro".

There's lot's of stuff back there for \$1.00 to \$5.00. Well, that's my creative idea of the Month, I am sure you can all come up with your own. I've run my mouth enough for one week. Y'all Have a Very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and please Don't Drink and Drive!!

SISD Reminder

Reminder--SISD students and staff will have an Early Release on Friday, December 18, 2015. Primary and Intermediate students will be released at 12:50 p.m. and Middle School and High School students will be released at 1:00 p.m. Students will return back to school from Christmas Break on Tuesday, January 5, 2016. Wishing everyone a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

One More Food Truck before 2016

Next Food Truck will be here December 28, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m. or while supplies last. There will be SNAP representatives there too help anyone that needs assistance applying for SNAPs. You do NOT have to show an ID or proof of income. We do supply bags but if you have any extra just lying around... please bring them! Thank you!

Christmas Fun Facts

1. The French gave the biggest Christmas present ever in 1886. It was the Statue of Liberty, and they gave it to the United States of America. (The French have one too, a smaller one, in Paris.)
2. Santa Claus was a real Saint. He lived in Myra in the 300s. Myra is in what's now Turkey. The German name for Saint Nicholas is Sankt Niklaus.
3. The first artificial Christmas Tree wasn't a tree at all. It was created out of goose feathers that were dyed.
4. Christmas has many, many names. Do you know some of them—aside from, of course, Christmas? How about? Sheng Tan Kuai Loh (China), or Hauskaa Joulua (Finland), or Joyeux Noel (France)? In Wales, it's Nadolig Llawen, and in Sweden, God Jul.
5. That "Xmas" stems from Greece. The Greek "X" is a symbol for Christ.
6. Riga, Latvia was home to the first decorated Christmas tree. The year was 1510.[4] About 36 million Christmas trees are produced each year on Christmas tree farms.
7. The Candy Cane is one of the most familiar symbols of Christmas. It dates back to 1670 in Europe but didn't appear in the U.S. until the 1800s. The treat we see today, where the shape is Jesus's hook to shepherd his lambs and the color and stripes hold significance for purity and Christ's sacrifice, became common in the mid 1900s.
8. The Christmas Stocking got its start when three unmarried girls did their laundry and hung their stockings on the chimney to dry. They couldn't marry, they had no dowry. But St. Nicholas, who knew of their plight, put a sack of gold in each stocking and in the morning the girls awoke to discover they had dowry's. They could marry.
9. An estimated 1 of 3 people worldwide celebrate Christmas, including 2.1 Billion Christians. There are about 7,038,044,500 people in the world, so about 23,460,148 celebrate Christmas.
10. The most popular Christmas Song ever is We Wish You a Merry Christmas. The song can be traced back to England, but its author and composer remains unknown

Holiday Movie Show Times



Monday, December 14

- Mr. St. Nick ABC Family | 7:00am
- Twas the Night Before Christmas ABC Family | 9:00am

Tuesday, December 15

- Santa Baby ABC Family | 1:00pm
- The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause ABC Family | 6:00pm
- Toy Story That Time Forgot ABC | 8:00pm

- Shrek the Halls ABC | 8:30pm

Thursday, December 17

- The iHeartRadio Jingle Ball 2015 | 8:00pm
- Disney Prep & Landing ABC | 8:00pm
- Prep & Landing: Naughty vs. Nice ABC | 8:30pm

Friday, December 18

- Holidaze ABC Family | 12:00am
- Christmas Cupid ABC Family | 10:00am
- Yes, Virginia ABC | 8:30pm
- A Home for the Holidays CBS | 9:00pm

Saturday, December 19

- I Want a Dog for Christmas, Charlie Brown ABC | 8:00pm
- A Christmas Melody Hallmark Channel | 8:00pm

Sunday, December 20

- Christmas Land Hallmark Channel | 8:00pm
- Wednesday, December 23
- I Love Lucy Christmas CBS | 8:00pm

Thursday, December 24

- A Christmas Story TBS | 8:00pm
- It's A Wonderful Life NBC | 8:00pm
- It's Your 50th Christmas, Charlie Brown ABC | 8:00pm
- Mr. Magoo's Christmas Carol CW | 8:00pm
- A Charlie Brown Christmas ABC | 9:00pm

Friday, December 25

- CMA Country Christmas ABC | 8:00pm

Monday, December 28

- Happy New Year, Charlie Brown ABC | 8:00pm
- Rudolph's Shiny New Year ABC | 9:00pm

Tuesday, December 29

- Kennedy Center Honors CBS | 9:00pm

Thursday, December 31

- Dick Clark's New Year's Rockin' Eve With Ryan Seacrest 2016 ABC | 8:00pm
- Pitbull's New Year's Revolution, Part 1 FOX | 8:00pm
- New Year's Eve With Carson Daly NBC | 10:00pm

Friday, January 1

- Tournament of Roses Parade NBC | 11:00am



Notice of Public Hearing

Shepherd Independent School District will hold a public hearing to discuss the District's 2014-2015 Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR). The meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 14th, 2015 at Shepherd ISD Central Office, 1401 South Byrd Ave.

Toyz for Kidz

San Jacinto County Toyz for Kidz are in need of donations and unwrapped new or slightly used toys. San Jacinto County Toyz for Kidz provides children who are underprivileged, toys for Christmas.

Donated toys are needed for all age groups up to 12 for boys and girls. This includes infants and toddlers.

Signups will start December 1, 2015 and the deadline is December 17, 2015. Applications can be picked up at your local Precinct Commissioner's office. The following documentation is needed when applying:

- Must be a parent or legal guardian and must show a need
 - Proof of residency such as a utility bill
 - Driver's License
 - Birth certificate for all participating children
- Financial contributions can be mailed to Toyz for Kidz, P.O. Box 703 Point Blank, Texas 77364.
Thank you, Haley Boanen, Samantha Cosme, Judy Eaton, Tracy Conroy
San Jacinto County Toyz for Kidz
PO BOX 703 Point Blank, TX 77364

JOKE OF the WEEK



As a little girl climbed onto Santa's lap, Santa asked the usual, "And what would you like for Christmas?" The child stared at him open mouthed and horrified for a minute, then gasped, "Didn't you get my E-mail?"

Did you know...

By Yvonne Ryba



Shepherd's 2015 Annual Christmas Festival was a great success. The weather cooperated, which in past years was not always the case! The sun was shinning and people came out to buy from our vendors. We had some very interesting goods for sale too, handmade jewelry, fundraisers, good food from 'Rollin Thunder', and much more. 'Door Fancy', owned by Shantoyra Rayford, created handcrafted wreaths and centerpieces which can be custom made, call her at (936) 232-3147.

The Parade winners were... **First Place - Shepherd Community & Children's Impact Center.** They entertained us by singing The Jingle Bell Rock. The Impact Thrift Shop is on Loop 424, across from El Taquito Restaurant. This organization always tries to make a difference by supporting families and especially children in need.

Second Place - Shepherd Public Library, and since I was sitting on this float, I got to hear all the songs from the two wonderful voices of Shey and Sheri. The float was decorated by Helenmarie Johnson, Renee Everitt and Alejandrina Quantanilla. Helenmarie said Alex (she gets the short version of her name here too) did most of the tree arrangement. Renee was busy painting the Library windows this week with Helenmarie. Look out for them, all the elves resemble characters who work in the Library.

Third place - The City of Shepherd. Two of our Aldermen rode on it along with children. Jody Holloway and Charles Minton waved to the many people who stood waiting to see the floats go by. Santa Claus wore his real hair! Judge Blanchette made a great Santa accompanied by Mrs Susan Jones as Mrs Santa Claus. All in all there were 25 Parade participants and the winning float for Santa's Choice went to the fabulous "Rudolph The John Deere Reindeer" created by San Jacinto County Pct 2. They were escorted by his friends Pete and Petunia Penguin skating their way through our City, wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas, as did all of the people in the Parade.

The following day The Women's League of San Jacinto County held their fundraiser, the Christmas Tour of Homes. After buying a ticket and receiving a map, people could enjoy the homes of those generous owners who had decorated their homes and allowed others to enjoy seeing them. Each year the Women's League members and guests get to visit a different area of our county for the tour. This year we explored some of the lovely homes in and around Evergreen and to the Waverly Presbyterian Church. This church is over 150 years old and a delight to see, especially since it is not on a direct road to New Waverly, being on the Browder Loop E. There was another church on the map, 'Thee Evergreen Congregational Church'. I did not misspell this, it really is called 'Thee' and has been for 150 years also. Made from trees in the area, it was amazing to see the original pews with their thick plank-like shapes still as sturdy as ever. The stained glass windows came from a church in Conroe and attract people into the newer entry way of this fine old church. Thank you everyone who worked hard to make this day a big success. The Women's League gives the money they raise to charities and for scholarships in our county.

Don't forget to fill in the ballot entries for the Best of San Jacinto County. They need to be returned to Coldspring Chamber of Commerce by the end of this month. Look for them in the Library, your local shops and restaurants and the Chamber office.

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Shepherd Chamber of Commerce

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For a free business consultation with Director Bob Barragan, call the Chamber nearest you. Mr Barragan has been the Director for many years of the Small Business Development Agency at Sam Houston State Univrsity.



IN-HOME DAYCRE RE-OPENING

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Senior Menu

- MON 12/14: Ground Beef Stroganoff, Buttered Pasta, Peas and Carrots, Cornbread, Salad, Fruit
- TUE 12/15: Homemade Potato Soup, Tuna Salad, Sandwich, Chips, Salad, Peanut Butter Cookie
- WED 12/16: Baked Ham, Cornbread Dressing With Turkey, Candied Yams, Broccoli and Cheese Casserole, Rolls, Salad, Dessert
- THUR 12/17: Lasagna, Green Beans, Tossed Salad and Dressing, Rolls, Fruit Cup
- FRI 12/18: Breaded Pork Cutlets and Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Creamed Spinach, Cornbread, Salad, Pudding
- MON 12/21: Beef and Macaroni, Casserole, Black Eye Peas, Corn, Cornbread, Salad, Fruit
- TUE 12/22: Chicken Nuggets, Cream Gravy, Sweet Potato Fries, Tossed Salad and Dressing, Wheat Bread, Cookie
- WED 12/23: Closed Christmas Holiday
- THUR 12/24: Closed Christmas Holiday
- FRI 12/25: Closed Christmas Holiday
- MON 12/28: King Ranch Chicken, Pinto Beans, Beets, Cornbread, Salad, Fruit
- TUE 12/29: Vegetable and Meatball Stew, Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Crackers, Fruit
- WED 12/30: Hamburger Steak and Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Greens, Cornbread Muffins, Salad, Fruit
- THUR 12/31: Pulled BBQ Pork In A Baked Potato, Coleslaw, 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

Church News

SPRING HILL BAPTIST CHURCH: The Pastoral Aid Committee respectfully requests your presence as we celebrate Dr. Frank L. Mason, Jr., tenth (10) anniversary on December 13, 2015. Rev. Eric C. Burch and the Mount Moriah MB Church is the guest will be his pastor, Dr. John W. Horton and the Sun Rise Baptist Church of Houston, Texas. Dr. Mason has spent countless hours of laboring with us, therefore we count it all joy to show him how much we appreciate him and his lovely wife, Sister Evelyn Grace Mason. When at Christian is called upon to give his testimony in the church, it's very important that we remember that the goal of all speaking, in the meetings of the Church, is to edify (1 Cor. 14:12). Pastor Mason has used every opportunity to give his testimony as an opening to invite other to Christ and share the gospel. He preaches with great joy and love encouraging us to be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, for as much as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord. 1Cor. 15:58. Dinner will be served after each service on that day. For more information please call (936) 767-8421 or (936) 653-4531.


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!

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New Releases Coming to
McClain's DVD Kiosk This Week



Maze Runner (PG-13) action/sci-fi/thriller: The Scorch Trials After having escaped the Maze, the Gladers now face a new set of challenges on the open roads of a desolate landscape filled with unimaginable obstacles.
Starring: Dylan O'Brien, Kaya Scodelario, Thomas Brodie-Sangster



Ted 2 (R) comedy: Newlywed couple Ted and Tami-Lynn want to have a baby, but in order to qualify to be a parent, Ted will have to prove he's a person in a court of law.
Starring: Mark Wahlberg, Seth MacFarlane, Amanda Seyfried



Mission: Impossible - Rogue Nation (PG-13) action/adventure/thriller: Ethan and team take on their most impossible mission yet, eradicating the Syndicate - an International rogue organization as highly skilled as they are, committed to destroying the IMF.
Starring: Tom Cruise, Rebecca Ferguson, Jeremy Renner

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



December 16, 2015

Community Classifieds

FOR SALE: SS Gas Grill and tank, Large metal outside fire pit, Singer Sewing Machine, Large new G. Foreman Grill, Large folding Table, ladder, plants and pots. Call for price and details, 281-593-3164.

FOR SALE: Northern pinecone, for arts & crafts. Please call (281) 761-8283.

YARD SALE: Big yard sale at 210 Jamie Ln. in Lake Runamuck every Friday and Saturday until Christmas! Lots of baseball cards & comic books, tools & clothes from 3 months to adult, lots of new gifts for Christmas and new stuff will be added weekly!

FOR RENT: 2BR/1BA mobile home for rent at 561 Dogwood, Shepherd, TX. Please call (832) 250-6154 or (979) 316-0299.

FOR RENT: 1BR house on 3 lots. Nice yard, quiet street, \$400/Mth. \$200 deposit. Water paid. Please call (281) 593-5602.

FOR SALE: Antique couch \$50, Table with 4 chairs and buffet \$750. Small and medium Northern pinecones for arts and crafts (281) 761-8283.

Community Calendar

- 12/14: SISD Public Hearing; 7:00 p.m.; SISD Central Office
- 12/14: City Council Meeting, 7pm/Community Center
- 12/15: Senior Citizen Center Silent action ends
- 12/15: Senior Citizen Ugly Sweater Contest
- 12/16: Christmas Dinner at the Senior Center
- 12/17: Senior Citizen Center Bingo 9:30AM-11AM
- 12/18: Senior Resale Shop Bag Day
- 12/18: SISD early release
- 12/25: Christmas
- 12/28: Shepherd Chamber of Commerce meeting, 6pm/EDC
- 12/30: Bridge of hope community church "Community Fellowship Dinner", Shepherd Middle School, 7PM.

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