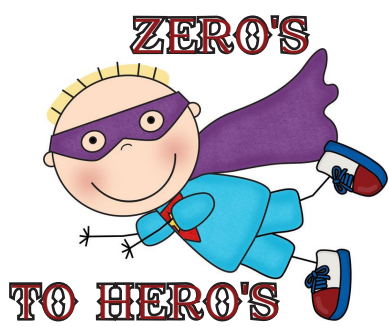


SHEPHERD COMMUNITY NEWS



The Community and Children's Impact Center's December 2016 Zero's to Hero's program winner is Dyanne Vasquez with 3,775 points. Great job Dyanne for giving back to your community. Thanks once again to Michael Villella and Woodforest National Bank team for getting the awesome gifts for our program winners. You can pick up your forms at Impact Thrift Shop if you would like your children to be apart of this amazing program that encourages our youth to be productive and inspiring individuals.

FFA Fruit and Meat Sale Winners



The Shepherd FFA hosted their annual Fruit & Meat Fundraiser. This year was a great success due to selling more units than in years past. Thank you to the Shepherd FFA community, friends, family, and members for making our chapter successful!

The attached picture is of the high selling individuals. These students won an FFA Yeti cup, gift card, or both for their hard work with the fundraiser.

Pictured: Clayton Coogler, Trey Wallace, Zachary Jenkins, Josh Cronin, Colby Holloway, Travis Hopkins, Trey Alguire, Kristen Clary, Caytin Coogler, Justin Voan, Jaimie Brown, Carley Smith, Joseph Holland, Jacob Patterson

Shoppas Tractor Tech Contest



This past Saturday the Shepherd FFA Tractor Tech Teams competed at the Shoppa's Equipment Tractor Tech Challenge in Wharton, TX.

All of the kids did extremely well, making improvement from previous contests. The Senior group finished up 10th out of almost 30 teams from across the state. Their next contest is January 7th in Silsbee, TX.



Pictured: Hank Kelso and Andrew Reeves working on the debugging section



Pictured left to right: Zach Ansley, Andrew Reeves, Hank Kelso, Haze Richey, Justin Capps.



Pictured on right: Hank Kelso driving the course after debugging the tractor

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



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.

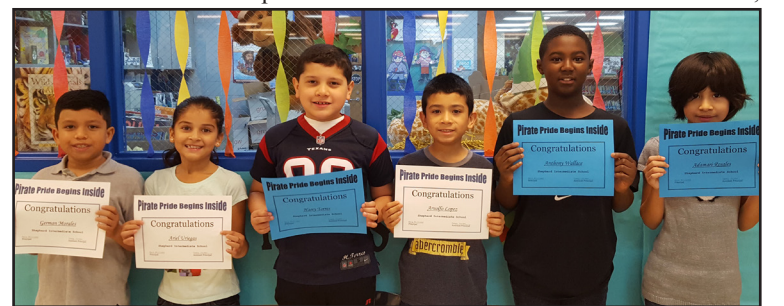
In January of odd-numbered years, the County Commissioners Court appoints members to the local County Historical Commission for two year terms. This time frame is quickly approaching and the Commissioners are asking anyone interested in being on the Historical Commission to immediately notify the Court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



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: Ariel Uriegas and German Morales

Fourth Grade: Arnulfo Lopez and Harry Torres

Fifth Grade: Adamari Rosales and Anthony Wallace



Busy December for SISD's FFA Students

On December 6th, the Texas FFA Officer Team came to visit Shepherd FFA classes to discuss leadership and how to get involved in FFA.



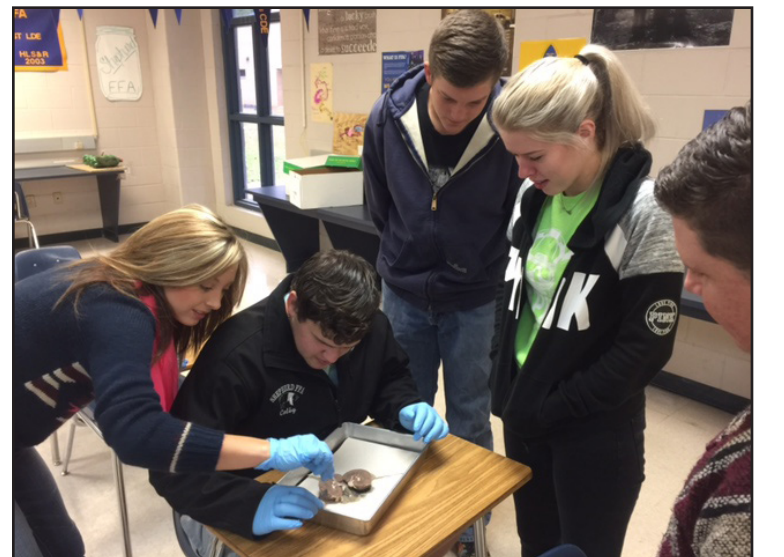
On December 6th, members of the Shepherd FFA went shopping for Christmas presents to be given to two children that the FFA adopted for the holiday season. *Pictured: Josh Cronin, Sammie Reeves, Zach Jenkins, Bryson Goodman, Hunter Goodman, and Cameron Carson*



Pictured: Malloreigh Rhodes, Billy Caruthers, and Aaron Barnes.



Mrs. Anderson's Advanced Animal Science Class dissecting sheep kidneys to research the functions of the anatomy of the kidney.



Pictured: Abby Courville, Colby Holloway, Zackary Currie, Emily Deaton, and Silas Johnson

Did you know...

by Yvonne Ryba

Are you still Christmas shopping? You can find some excellent gifts in Paradise Gardens in Coldspring. Barbara Shelton has a wonderful selection of items ranging from jewelry and purses, to clothes and home decor. There is a great selection of preserves and other goodies too and even furniture and art. Paradise Gardens is on the corner of the Courthouse Square, call Barbara at (936) 653-2332.

While you are there, call in to Cora's Corner too. This shop has a wide selection of used books, collectibles and china. There is a large selection of embellished crosses on the wall and craft supplies too! And of course Cora has jewelry and gift items. You may remember that she recently won the Governor's Award for the small business in our county. Call her at (936) 653-4177, her store is adjacent to Paradise Gardens.

Have you entered your ballot for the Best of San Jacinto County yet? You can go online and print out a form or pick up one from Shepherd Library or Texas Grill. These need to be returned to Coldspring-San Jacinto Chamber of Commerce by December 31. The Banquet where the winners will be announced will be held on February 4th in Jones Auditorium in Coldspring.

This week during Shepherd Council's meeting, Constable Roy Pippin reported that our community has had a lot of scam artists knocking on resident's doors, asking them to buy various items. These items have been vacuum cleaners, electronic items and sometimes offers to fix the roof or some other work around the house. However, there have been complaints that these door-to-door 'salespeople' are often in groups of two or three, looking around with intent to steal.

Please be aware of this if you have someone calling at your home. Ask them if they have a solicitation permit. This is something the city provides to real sales representatives who are legitimate. Also, I have mentioned before that phone calls from the IRS are scams. In fact it was recently reported in the news that a large group had been arrested for bilking millions from people with this scam.

Enjoy the cooler weather! I am going to try to remember how this feels next July when we have the heat with us again!

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



Senior Menu

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



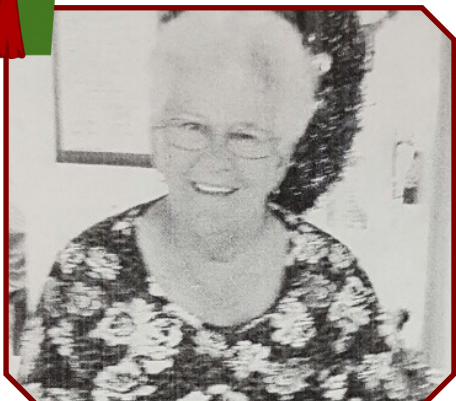
Second Tuesday of each month includes Birthday cake!

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

Menu's are Subject To Change Due To Availability.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Birthday wishes to Joyce Sims (pictured), Mary Crowder, Carol Cunningham, Thereisa Dickinson, Kay Sallas, Paul Silcox, Joseph Tadlock, and Janice Youngblood.



Business News

Texas Grill
Now serving breakfast
from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
We will be open all day New Years Day Serving
Traditional Dinner starting at 11:00 a.m.
We are also taking orders
for Smoked Turkeys
and Hams.

3700 Hwy 59 N,
½ mile past Shell Station
Open from
7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

New Releases Coming to McClain's DVD Kiosk

Sully (PG-13) biography/drama: The story of Chesley Sullenberger an American pilot who became a hero after landing his damaged plane on the Hudson River in order to save the flight's passengers and crew.
Starring: Tom Hanks, Aaron Eckhart, Laura Linney

The Magnificent Seven (PG-13) action/western: Seven gun men in the old west gradually come together to help a poor village against savage thieves.
Starring: Denzel Washington, Chris Pratt, Ethan Hawke

Storks (PG) animation/adventure: Storks have moved on from delivering babies to packages. But when an order for a baby appears, the best delivery stork must scramble to fix the error by delivering the baby.
Starring (voices): Andy Samberg, Katie Crown, Kelsey Grammar

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: 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 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

12/19: 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.*



The Houston Food Bank Truck will be at the Shepherd Community Center passing out food on December 30, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. No ID, proof of income, or proof of residency required. YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO RECEIVE YOUR FOOD. No one can pick anything up for other people and you must come through the line to sign up and get your portion. We do NOT deliver to your vehicle for any reason. Everyone is Welcome!



Buy \$mart, Eat Well

CHRISTMAS TREE WAFFLES



Ingredients

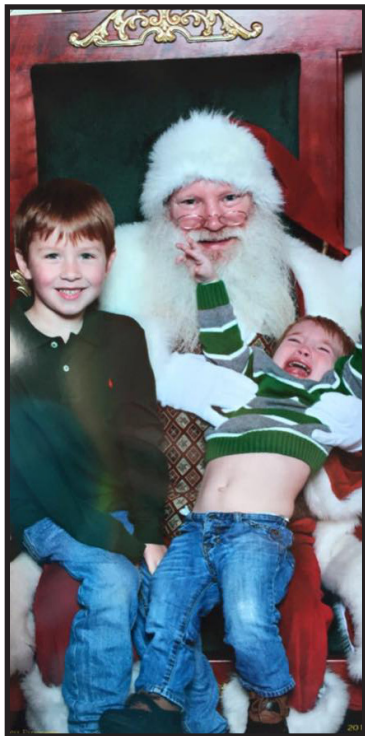
- 2 cups waffle mix
- 1 1/3 cups of milk (*Hiland Gallon Milk on sale \$2.99!*)
- 1 egg
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil (*Parade 48oz vegetable oil on sale \$1.99!*)
- 2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract
- 15 drops green food coloring
- Powdered sugar
- Mini candy coated chocolate candies, such as Mini M&M's
- Syrup (*if desired*)

Directions

- Preheat round waffle iron. Spray with no stick cooking spray. Mix all ingredients, except confectioners' sugar and candy pieces, until blended.
- Pour about 1/3 cup of the batter onto center of hot waffle iron. Close lid. Cook about 5 minutes or until no longer steaming. Carefully remove waffle. Repeat with remaining batter.
- Break each waffle into 4 triangles. Layer 3 triangles on a serving plate to resemble a Christmas tree. Sprinkle with confectioners' sugar. Use candy-coated pieces to decorate the tree as ornaments.

Make it a Meal! Serve with fluffy scrambled eggs and crispy bacon (*Bar-S Bacon 12oz. on sale 2/\$5.00!*) to make this a delicious and fun Christmas-y breakfast your whole family will love! *Recipe found at www.mccormick.com*

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?

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