

SHEPHERD COMMUNITY NEWS

Santa Claus is coming to Peoples State Bank!



He's making his *list* and checking it twice!
Come get in your last minute *Christmas* wishes!
Join us, Friday, **December 11, 2015**
2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Every Little Boy & Girl Welcome!
Refreshments will be provided.

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!

Substitute Teacher Orientation

Shepherd ISD will hold a Substitute Teacher Orientation on December 10, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in the Shepherd ISD Board Room of the Administration Building. Any one interested will need to go to the SISD website www.shepherdisd.net and complete the online application. Please bring with you to the orientation: valid driver's license, social security card, High School diploma, GED or college transcript (diploma if applicable).

Christmas Memories Old and New

The 33rd Annual Christmas on the Square festivities are just around the corner turn of December. This years theme – Christmas Memories – Old & New was the chose in honor and memory of Mary Basye Nicklow, local artist and community leader. Nicklow did artwork for the annual event on various occasions the first appearing to be in 1987 and her latest in 2011. The Christmas on the Square Committee along with the Coldspring-San Jacinto County Chamber of Commerce is most pleased to honor Mary Basye Nicklow and to remember the legacy that she left for us all and memories to cherish.

Christmas on the Square will be held on Saturday, December 12. Activities begin early with the vendors on the square setting up very early to greet you for your Christmas shopping needs. There will be a wide variety of choices in gifts when shopping the courthouse square and surrounding area.

A vast array of food aromas will be wafting the courthouse square from kettle corn, roasted corn, funnel cakes, cajun cuisine as well as BBQ, homemade potato chips and kabobs.

The Gumbo Kitchen will be open over at the Coldspring United Methodist Church and the Senior Center is traditionally opened with the chef's menu choice and of course the resale shop will be open.

The area shops will all be stocked with Christmas gifts for your selection and always look forward to the event each year. Many come from far and near to attend Christmas on the Square.

Don't forget the 2015 Collectors Postal Handstamp for your Christmas cards. You may drop them at the post office during the week prior to December 12 and the clerks will then handstamp them on the 12th. You may also drop them at the chamber office at 31 N. Butler and we will see that they are delivered to the post office for the postage cancellation.

A few changes are taking place for the 2015 event. The main stage is being relocated to the front of the courthouse on Highway 150. The parade master of ceremony will be located in front of the courthouse as well to help enable parade participants to perform and communicate with the MC prior to the turn at the intersection. Performance space should be ample – so please plan on taking a two to three minute performance time for the parade spectators Christmas pleasure.

Entertainment will begin around 11:00 a.m. and run until parade time at 6:00 p.m., including local artists and the Crimestopper Band from the Lufkin area. The San Jac Chorus will be performing at First Baptist Church at 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. and is always a packed house. Then after the parade as Santa is visiting with the kiddos in the gazebo, the Justin Fulcher Band will be performing for an evening concert on Courthouse Square.

There is always lots of fundraising opportunities for churches, organizations and the like, so contact the Coldspring-SanJacinto County Chamber of Commerce at (936) 653-2184 or visit the website at www.coldspringtexas.org for information on vendor spaces available.

Volunteer Recognition



Rosemary Frankens with RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) came to Shepherd Seniors Center to recognize and thank all volunteers with a breakfast on November 24th. Sonic graciously provided breakfast burritos, which were delicious. Thanks Sonic! Everyone enjoyed the breakfast and two door prizes were given. Rosemary updated us on how important volunteers are and how hours are used. Volunteer hours are collected each month and eventually end up in Austin and Washington DC. Pictured are some of our volunteers...from left seated: Judy Nunnelly, Juanita Carter and Linda Alto.
Standing: Donna Benson, Mary Youngblood, Mary Mize, Myrna Jenkins, Rosemary Frankens, Charlene Anderson and Doris Jean Sepalvado. We appreciate them for their time and effort. We could not operate without them! Submitted by Juanita Carter (with center) (281) 659-7150

A Sausage Review

by Ray Brinkley

Folks if you haven't tried McClain's awesome pan sausage, you are missing out. It only has four main ingredients, Sage, sugar, blk/red pepper, salt and the Pork, that's it. Why does it have to be so complicated? Better than any National Brand.

I, for one, do not like to eat sausage with words I can't pronounce. It is real Sausage and has many uses in my kitchen.

I eat it for breakfast sausage, I use it for seasoning in my beans, both Pinto and butterbeans. I have used it in pasta and my favorite, using it in my homemade chili. Awesome sausage, I tip my hat to our meat department. Keep up the good work, we all like to eat healthy. Support our local merchants, they support our local economy. Thanks and merry Christmas.

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Reginald Ligons (281) 593-5094
or
Shantay Ligons (281) 450-1184
Let's make someone's Christmas Great!
All proceeds go towards helping families in need.

Hunger bites. Bite back.

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Food Trucks will be back in Shepherd at the Shepherd Community Center

Novemeber 25 and December 9

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

If you would like to volunteer please call

Betty Greenhouse at Pct. 2 (936) 628-3267 or

Helenmarie Johnson at the Shepherd Library (936) 628-3515.

We would really appreciate any extra hands we can get! Thank you!

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 Boalen, Samantha Cosme, Judy Eaton, Tracy Conroy
San Jacinto County Toyz for Kidz
PO BOX 703 Point Blank, TX 77364

Happy 27th Birthday Sherry Ann Bebee!



We love and miss you very much! – Mom
We miss you, Mom! –Amber & Jayden Mullin

Public Animals - Discounted Rates!

Our mobile veterinary clinic will be located conveniently near you at McClain's Food Market on Saturday, December 12 and Sunday, December 13 to offer the following pet care at discounted rates!

Vaccines

Dapp: \$10

Bordetella: \$10

FVRCP: \$10

Heartworms

Heartworm Test: \$25

Heartworm Prevention TriHeart: 0-25lbs \$25 (for 6 month supply)

51-100lbs \$40 (for 6 month supply)

Deworming

Strongid: Under 50lbs \$5 Over 50lbs \$10

Fecal: \$15

Microchip: \$25

Activyl Topical Flea Preventative

1-50lbs: \$10

51-100lbs: \$15

101lbs and up: \$20

Surgery

All surgeries will include an antibiotic injection, pain medication to go home, and a medical collar.

Dog: Spay \$80 (\$65 with proof of government assistance. No females over 70 lbs.)

Neuter—\$60 under 50lbs \$80 over 50lbs

Cat: Spay—\$60 Neuter—\$40

We will schedule 30 patients for each surgery day. You will NOT be able to reschedule, as it takes up space for another animal. You MUST provide proof of current Rabies vaccine, or you will be charged a \$10 fee to provide the vaccination, as it is State Law. Please contact me at Sharon.hopkins@carecorporation.net or (936) 522-3550 to schedule your appointment. We look forward to serving your community to help with the over population of animals.

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JOKE of the WEEK

What do you call an elf
who sings?



A wrapper!

Did you know...

By Yvonne Ryba

It's hard to believe that we will soon be writing 2016 on our checks and hanging up a new calendar on the wall! But, before that we have to finish the preparations for Christmas. We are lucky to have some great gift shops in our county. In Coldspring we have Paradise Gardens, which was the winner of 'Best Gift Shop in San Jacinto County' this year. This shop, on the corner of Hwy 150 at the stoplight and across from the Court House, has a wonderful selection of gifts of every kind, from jewelry, clothes, purses and accessories to home decor. Barbara Shelton's shop has something for everyone and is well worth paying a visit. Call her at (936) 653-2332 for more information.

I mentioned a new business recently in Shepherd, or rather a new owner who has taken over the tanning business on Hwy 150. Keri renames it 'Southern Tanning' but she also has a great selection of jewelry and purses, as well as highly decorated baseball caps. If you like bling on your sunglasses (like me) have a look at her selection. I find it is much easier to find my sunglasses when they sparkle! Just across from 'Spirit Whispers' and along from Nancy's Hair Salon, this store is a fun place to shop.

Coldspring's Christmas on the Square is on Saturday, December 12. Starting at 9:00 a.m. with vendors in the Square and with entertainment starting mid morning until after the parade and well into the evening, this will be a big event for our county. The parade is looking to be even better than last year and there will be something for everyone, with food, vendors of all kinds and lots of music and singing from many local musicians. Look at the Chamber web site for more info, e-address below, or call the office. The phone number is (936) 653-2184

The 'Best in San Jacinto County' award for best restaurant went to Texas Grill last year. Situated about a mile north on Hwy 59 just as you leave Shepherd toward Livingston, this restaurant specializes in Burgers of every kind. You can choose exotic meat or enjoy the combinations that owner William has in his menu. Please look at his new web site. It is exceptional and gives you some idea of what to expect when you dine at Texas Grill www.TexasGrillShepherd.com.

Have you filled out your ballot for the 'Best of San Jacinto County' yet? You will find ballots in local shops, at the library or in your local newspaper. Please vote to make this event the best kind of competition.

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

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.



Senior Menu

MON 12/7: Chicken Ala King, Baked Potato, Buttered Squash, Cornbread, Salad, Fruit
TUE 12/8: Meatloaf, Macaroni and Cheese, Lima Beans, Cornbread, Salad, Pudding
WED 12/9: Smothered Pork Chops and Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Fried Okra, Rolls, Salad, Fruit
THUR 12/10: Chicken Alfredo, Garlic Spaghetti, Mixed Veggies, Garlic Bread, Salad, Fruit Cup
FRI 12/11: Chicken and Sausage Gumbo, Rice, Tossed Salad and Dressing, Crackers, Pudding
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*

Obituary

Billy David Hicks



May 7, 1942 - November 30, 2015

Billy David Hicks, 73, of Cleveland, passed away Monday, November 30, 2015, at his residence. Billy was born May 7, 1942, in Carlisle, Arkansas, to parents; Marshall Hilliard Hicks and Anna Virginia Wells Hicks, a former resident of Spring, and has resided in Cleveland for the past 16 years. He attended Forrest City High School in Arkansas, owner and co-founder Hicks & Hicks, superintendent of Cameron Iron Works, owner of HICO, and machinist/designer of Cypress Wellhead Oilfield services. He also enjoyed golf, dancing, collecting sports/antique cars, volleyball, horse balls, fishing, carpentry, and spending time with his family and friends. Mr. Hicks is preceded in death by his parents, brothers: Eugene Hicks, Doyle C. Hicks, W.P. “Red” Hicks, sister: Betty Sue Bailey, and wife of 31 years and mother of his children: Mary Lee Hicks. He is survived by his wife of 18 years: Diane Rega Clevenger Hicks of Cleveland, brother: Douglas Hicks and wife Toni of Livingston, sons: Joseph H. Hicks of Fort Worth, Michael D. Hicks and wife Cheryl of Seguin, and daughters: Sharon K. “Shorty” Hicks of San Antonio, Tracy D. Arnold of Magnolia, Paige Tatum of Branson, Mississippi, and 11 grandchildren, Matthew Hicks, Samantha Hicks, Ryan Hicks, Chelsea Enloe, Tonnie Arnold, Kevin McCown, Jr., Trey Forman, Bailey Jo McCown, Hollis McCown, Whitney Forman, Macy Tatum and numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives, and best friend, Peggy Ragle. Funeral services were held at 1:30 p.m., Friday, December 4, 2015, at the Pace-Stancil Funeral Home Chapel with burial following at Klein Memorial Park in Tomball. Visitation was held from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., rosary was held at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, at the funeral home. Services were under the direction of Pace-Stancil Funeral Home in Cleveland.

Leave your thoughts and memories for the family in the guestbook at www.pacestancil.com.

For those who desire, donations may be sent to the American Cancer Society at PO Box 22478 Oklahoma City, OK 73123, in Billy's name.

Susies Ardell “Dell” Carrier



May 30, 1930 - November 29, 2015

Susies Ardell “Dell” Carrier, age 85 of Shepherd, Texas, passed away Sunday, November 29, 2015. She was born May 30, 1930 in Splendora, Texas to parents Albert and Alice Hales who preceded her in death along with her husband, James E. Carrier; brothers, Clyde Hales, George Hales, Roy Hales and Johnnie Hales; sister, Rachel Johnson; and great-granddaughters, Angel Littlefield and Jacqueline Whiteside. Dell worked numerous jobs in Shepherd during her lifetime. She was a grocery clerk and secretary in the doctor's office. She was City Secretary from 1968 to 1974. In 1974 she became secretary to Shepherd ISD Tax Assessor/Collector. She later served as Shepherd ISD Tax Assessor/Collector until her retirement in 1978. She enjoyed quilting and made quilts for the children and grandchildren. “Mamaw” loved them all and they loved her. Dell loved being outdoors and spent many enjoyable hours in her yard taking care of her beautiful flowerbeds. Survivors include her daughters, Sandra Brown and husband Gary, Donna Preston and husband Henry; son, Steve Carrier and wife Nelta; step-children: JimmieSue Lockhart, Charles Carrier and wife, Helen, John Carrier and wife, Phyllis; sister, June Hales; grandchildren, Tim Littlefield, Joel Littlefield, Connor Brown, Cathy Brown Terres, Dennis Preston, Brad Preston, Amy Preston Minchey, Nathan Preston and Joshua Carrier; twenty-three great-grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Visitation was held from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 2, 2015 at Pace Stancil Funeral Home, Cleveland, Texas. Services were held at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, December 3, 2015 at Pace Stancil Chapel, Cleveland, Texas. Interment followed at Farley Chapel, Shepherd, Texas.

December 9, 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.

Community Calendar

12/7: Monday EDC Meeting, 7pm/EDC Building
12/8: Public Voting Public hearing 9AM; District Courtroom SJC Courthouse.
12/10: SISD Substitute Teacher Orientation; 9AM; SISD Board Room of the Administration Building.
12/12: Coldspring- SJC Chamber Christmas on the Square 9AM
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
12/28: 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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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.



Ant-Man (PG-13) action/adventure: Armed with a super-suit with the astonishing ability to shrink in scale but increase in strength, cat burglar Scott Lang must embrace his inner hero and help his mentor, Dr. Hank Pym, plan and pull off a heist that will save the world.
Starring: Paul Rudd, Michael Douglas, Corey Stoll



Minions (PG) family/animation: Minions Stuart, Kevin and Bob are recruited by Scarlett Overkill, a super-villain who, alongside her inventor husband Herb, hatches a plot to take over the world.
Starring (voices): Sandra Bullock, Jon Hamm, Michael Keaton



The Transporter Refueled (PG-13) action/crime: In the south of France, former special-ops mercenary Frank Martin enters into a game of chess with a femme-fatale and her three sidekicks who are looking for revenge against a sinister Russian kingpin.
Starring: Ed Skrein, Loan Chabanol, Ray Stevenson

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