

## SHEPHERD COMMUNITY NEWS

Miss Morgan's Kindergarten  
Class Use their Senses

Miss Morgan's kindergarten class used their senses as a tool of observation to identify properties of organisms in the environment. They differentiated between living and nonliving things based upon whether they have basic needs and produce offspring. Additionally, students examined evidence that living organisms have basic needs such as food, water, and shelter for animals and air, water, nutrients, sunlight, and space for plants.



Pictured left to right: Tess Syracuse, Samantha Hernandez, Case Baloy, Kenley Keel, Decil Hill, Michael Watson, Isaac Lugo, Levi Herrod, and Hollis Brooks

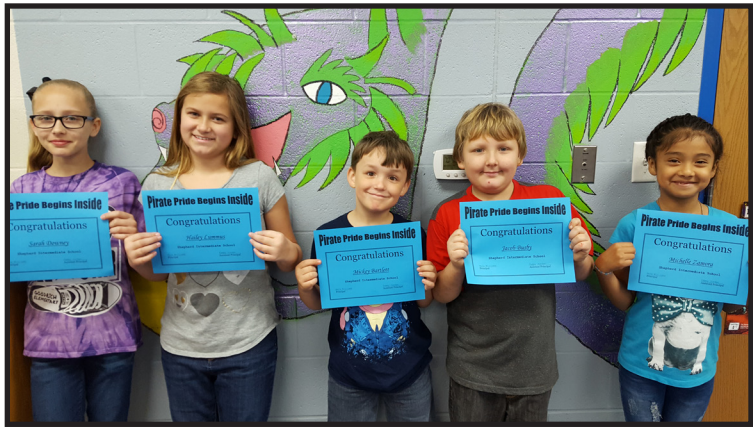
## Retired School Personnel to Meet

The San Jacinto County Retired School Personnel Association will meet on Tuesday, February 7 at 3:00 p. m. at the Senior Center in Coldspring. Donna Turner, R. N. will present a program on Alzheimer's disease. 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 Membership Chairperson Shirley Rand at (936) 628-3218.



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 over the past two weeks:



Fifth Grade: Hailey Lummus and Sarah Downey

Fourth Grade: Jacob Busby and Mikey Bartlett

Third Grade: Michelle Zamora and Bryan Gayton (not pictured)



Fifth Grade: Evan Torres and Kaylee Jones

Fourth Grade: Maritza Olmos

Third Grade: Victoria Gonzales and Roger Tovar

## Chili Cook Off

Bowls:  
\$5/ Adults  
\$2/ Kids under 12

Come for the  
food, stay for the  
games!

Drink, Rice,  
and Desert  
included!

Bring your family and enjoy some  
competitive chili cooking.

**February 18, 2017**

**@ Shepherd United Methodist  
Church**

**Cooking Starts @ 8:30am**

**Judging @ 12:30pm**

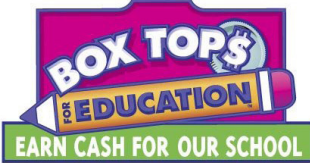
**Serving starts right after judging**

For more information about the competition or event, please contact Shepherd UMC @ (936) 628-3861  
or by email at shepherhumts@gmail.com

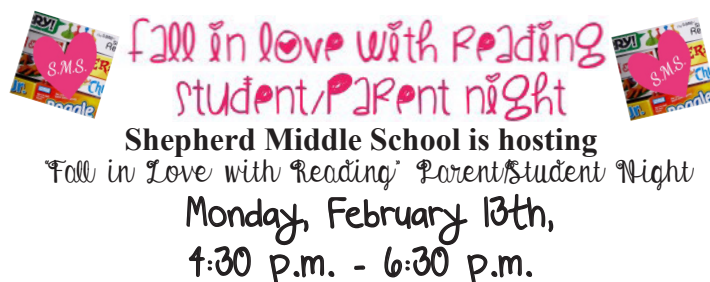
## Chili Cook Off Competition and Rules

- Check in is at 8:00 A.M. and the competition starts at 8:30 A.M. Judge will start at 12:00 P.M.
- No one may enter after 10:30 A.M.
- Entrance Fee is 20 dollars.
- Everything must be cooked on site, no can goods.
- Beans are allowed in the Chili.
- There are three places 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. First prize is a \$100 and a trophy. 2nd prize is \$50 and a ribbon, and 3rd prize is a door prize.
- There will be games and fun for the family.
- All those who have made Chili will provide at least 1 gallon to be served to the public.

CALL FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE RULES:  
JAMES SMITH 713-539-2030

Shepherd Intermediate School  
Needs your Box Tops

Dear Parent/Guardian, clip and collect until March 1, 2017 earns out school a chance to be one of 20 winners of 50,000 Bonus Box Tops - that's \$5,000 for our classrooms! With your help we can make a difference for our School!  
**Thanks for all your hard work and support!**



Shepherd Middle School is hosting  
"Fall in Love with Reading" Parent/Student Night  
Monday, February 13th,  
4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Stations will be set up for parents and students to play Reading games. We will also serve nachos, cookies and punch. Please, come out and enjoy a fun filled afternoon with Shepherd Middle School staff.

San Jacinto County Area Go-Texan Committee is  
Pleased to Announce their Annual  
Dinner and Auction Event

**"Denim & Diamonds"**

**February 11, 2017 at 6:00 P.M.**

Polk County Commerce Center

1017 Hwy 59 Loop N, Livingston, TX

\$100.00 Ticket per Couple

Your Ticket is Good for  
Two Steak Dinners with Sides

Your Stub Goes in a Drawing for a Chance to Win a:  
Polaris Ranger, or 63" Ultra HD TV, or a Shotgun!  
Winners will be Announced the Same Night!

*\*Only 300 Tickets to be Sold and You Don't Need to be Present to Win.*

*Taxes Are The Responsibility Of The Winner.*

**Stop by First State Bank or People State Bank  
for your ticket today!**

**Or see a Go-Texan member:**

Roy Pippin, Courtney Bailes, William Baker, Greg Capers, Janice Chamblee, Marlena Cox, Carrie Cronin, Jody Cronin, Tony Goodman, Brandon Gregson, David Gustafson, Buna Jones, Marion Landers, Sue Nell Loggins, Vickie Lovings, Terry Lowe, Cliff Miller, David Smith, Ashlie Taylor, Sherry Taylor or Tina Webb  
No Glass Containers allowed in Center.

**All net proceeds go toward Local County Scholarships.**



(Picture does not reflect the actual item.)



## ZERO'S TO HERO'S



The Community and Children's Impact Center's Zero's to Hero's is off to a amazing start. These young folks like Makayla Capps worked really hard this month to be January 2017 Hero of the Month with 3580 points. Pictured with Michael Vilella Manager at Woodforest National Bank who purchases the gifts himself to reward these young motivate young adults. The youth are inspired to go out into the community, at home and at school to do their very best at giving back. We are so very proud of the employees at Woodforest National Bank for their commitment of making our communities a better place to live.

Pictured: 10 year old Makayla Capps and Woodforest Manager Michael Vilella

## SHEPHERD YOUTH LEAGUE

## SIGN-UPS 2017

**February 4, 2017**

**February 11, 2017**

SHEPHERD MIDDLE SCHOOL GYM

**10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.**

**February 18, 2017**

AGRICULTURAL EXT. OFFICE

**10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.**



**Money must be paid in full by  
February 23, 2017**

• 1st child: \$85 • 2nd child & after: \$75 • Tiny Tots: \$55

If you have any questions or concerns please contact  
Janice Chamblee at (281) 622-5312 or Janice Rice at (832) 579-6832  
**Looking forward to a great season!**



## GUESS WHAT?

You Can Now Enter  
Submissions Online!

[www.mcclainsfoodmarket.com](http://www.mcclainsfoodmarket.com)

## Buy \$mart, Eat Well

## JALAPENO POPPER FOOTBALL CHEESE BALL

## Ingredients

- 2 (8oz.) packages cream cheese, softened
- 8oz. grated/shredded sharp cheddar cheese
- 2-3 tablespoons fresh parsley
- 2-3 fresh jalapenos (approx. 1/4 cup finely chopped) (on sale 2lbs/\$1.00!)
- 1 slice mozzarella or white cheddar cheese
- assorted crackers, pretzels, veggies, and/or apple slices for dunking/scooping/spreading/faceplanting (assorted Nabisco crackers on sale 3/\$5.00!)
- one epic game day party

## Directions

- In a medium bowl, combine softened cream cheese, cheddar, pickled jalapeño, garlic powder, salt and around 2-3 TBSP chopped green onion.
- Using a hand mixer or a fork and some elbow grease (my method of choice), mix well.
- Use a silicone spatula to scoop out the cheese mixture and shape into a ball with your hands.
- Place on a sheet of parchment paper or a cutting board and flatten the top of the ball, pinching and shaping it into a football. You'll want to press down on the middle and sort of pinch the sides while you press it into an edible football. I promise it's super duper easy, relive those play dough days and have fun with it!
- If cheese ball is too soft, cover with plastic and pop it in the fridge for 15-60 min. Mine was still firm yet soft enough to coat with toppings after 15 minutes so I went with it.
- While your cheese ball chills, chop the bacon into pieces and cook until crispy in a hot pan or skillet.
- Remove bacon from pan and wipe clean, leaving a teeny bit of the bacon grease behind. Add your panko and lightly toast it, stirring frequently for about a minute or two until golden.
- Remove the seeds, veins, and stem from your jalapeños and finely chop/mince.
- Sprinkle/cover your cheese ball with panko, the remaining green onion, parsley, fresh jalapeño, and bacon and press firmly into the cheese ball to coat.
- For the laces, snag a slice of mozzarella cheese (or any cheese really!) and use a sharp knife to cut it into thin slices. Cut one long slice for the center of the football and smaller slices for the laces. Place the long slice horizontally along the center of the football, then arrange the small slices horizontally on top. Again, super simple and you can basically use any cheese you'd like, if needed!
- Add all your favorite dippers from the list above and dig in!

**Notes:** Need to soften your cream cheese in a hurry? Microwave for 30 seconds on high. As written, this cheese ball is pretty mild, medium at most. For a spicier appetizer feel free to up the jalapeño content and even employ a little hot sauce or red pepper flakes into the cheese mixture. Taste as you go and customize the heat to your preference. The parsley is 100% optional if you don't have any handy. Recipe found at [www.peasandcrayons.com](http://www.peasandcrayons.com)



**February 4, 2017**

**Shepherd High School Cafeteria**

**Pre-sale Tickets available  
from any FFA Member**

**\$10 per ticket - available at the door**

**which includes: 1 Chili Dinner & 1 Bingo Ticket Only**

**Bingo Tickets will be sold per game at \$1.00 each  
so don't forget your cash!**

**GREAT PRIZES TO BE WON**

**Lot's of Good Food**

**Doors Open at 5:30 p.m.**

**BINGO starts at 6:00 p.m.**

**Proceeds go to the local FFA chapter and  
towards scholarships for current seniors.  
Your support is greatly appreciated!**



## Did you know...

BY YVONNE RYBA



Coldspring Chamber was invited to celebrate with two businesses this week. Both Pro-Star Waste and 'The Cutting Edge' hair salon in Coldspring invited them to be part of their successful enterprises. 'The Cutting Edge' opened ten years ago and is still going strong. Carolyn Biddy wanted to share the day with many of their clients and with the Chamber in a ribbon cutting. This salon also offers massage as well as hair and waxing services. The hospitality was warm and welcoming with cake and cookies decorated in the salon symbols of brushes, scissors and hair dryers and gifts of hair styling supplies. Located at 15110 Hwy 150, call (936) 653- 3300 for more information.

Pro Star Waste is located in Goodrich. They wanted to celebrate the opening of their new warehouse with their employees and guests. They provided everyone with a generous meal catered by Texas Grill and we were given 'goodie' bags and a T-shirt each too! The warehouse is not only a place to store vehicles but also contains offices and a kitchen for the staff. Pro Star serves many people in our county and Coldspring Chamber and Shepherd Mayor Earl Brown and myself (wearing two hats, one for Shepherd Council and one for Coldspring Chamber) were very happy to be part of their expanding business. This company has served our area for 12 years. For more information call (936) 365-4210 or (800) 939-2122. They have an ad online for Class A CDL drivers, which might interest some people.

If you have not reserved your place for the 'Best of San Jacinto County Awards' you can still do it if you are quick! Call the Chamber number below and Carri will put you on the list. This will be a really enjoyable night with good food and dancing. The theme will be 'Mardi Gras' so expect to have fun on Saturday, February 4.

Don't forget the Yard Sale Downtown in Coldspring on February 25. Call (936) 653-2332 for more information if you would like to be a vendor. This event is hosted by Coldspring Area Business and Merchants Association.

Shepherd's 'Children's and Community Impact Center' is busy organizing their event, "Hug a Tree, Kiss a Fish". Brenda Myers and her board members had to change venues this year as I told you recently. They will be at the Coushatta- Alabama Reservation later in the Spring. This 3 day outdoor weekend is aimed at children and their families who cannot afford to take their children on vacation. Sponsors pay for them. Brenda says, "Our theme this year will be Luau style. You can dress up or just decorate your booth for prizes 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize. I have information on how to be a tax deductible sponsor just give me a call at (936) 499-2632.

### Coldspring-San Jacinto Chamber of Commerce

31 N. Butler, Coldspring 77331

Call (936) 653-2184

[www.coldspringtexas.org](http://www.coldspringtexas.org)

### Shepherd Chamber of Commerce

Mail to PO Box 520 Shepherd, 77371

Call (936) 628-3515

[www.greatershepherdchamberofcommerce.org](http://www.greatershepherdchamberofcommerce.org)

## Senior Menu

**MON 1/30:** Ham Slice, Buttered Yams, Cabbage, Cornbread, Salad, Fruit  
**TUE 1/31:** BBQ Chicken, Coleslaw, Baked Beans, Wheat Bread, Salad, Fruit  
**WED 2/1:** Pork Cutlets & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Greens, Cornbread, Salad, Fruit  
**THUR 2/2:** Chicken & Dumplings, Okra & Tomatoes, Cornbread, Salad, Fruit  
**FRI 2/3:** Garlic Parmesan Baked Chicken, Pasta Salad, Broccoli & Cheese, Garlic Bread, Salad & Fruit  
**MON 2/6:** Sausage Link, Cheesy Potatoes, Lima Beans, Cornbread, Salad, Fruit  
**TUE 2/7:** Hamburger Patty, Grilled Onions Brown Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Cornbread, 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.*



Well, we needed some rain, just not all at once! Hope everyone had a great January and we are looking forward to February. Maybe we will meet new friends to join us for lunch and games this month. If you are bored at home or just need an escape, remember us! If you want to get out of the house, make new friends, and help the community, we are always looking for volunteers. We try to make the day fun while we work. Come visit us Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. We serve lunch at 11:30 a.m., call (936) 628-3733 by 9:30 a.m. and let us know you are coming and we will set a place at the table for you. The local papers are kind and print our menu in their paper and we also have copies available at the center. Pick the days you like, call us and come enjoy. Remember the second Tuesday of each month we have birthday cake!

We have Bingo scheduled on the first Thursday of the month hosted by Woodland Park Care and Rehabilitation Center. We thank them for hosting Bingo and bringing some of their residents to join us for lunch and have a day out. We enjoy seeing them all have fun laughing and talking and seeing new faces. Come join in the fun. They usually start playing about 9:30 a.m. until about 10:45 a.m.

Our resale shop is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.. They have BAG DAY on the first and third Friday of the month. Fill a grocery bag with clothing only for \$3.00. You could select a whole new wardrobe for Spring! Come check it out!

We would like to thank everyone that donates clothing, household items, and monetary donations. We appreciate the support helping us serve our community. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

## Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Scholarship

### Applications are Now available

The Area Go Texan Scholarship applications are only available online. San Jacinto County High School Senior students wishing to apply should go to the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo website, [www.rodeohouston.com](http://www.rodeohouston.com), under the Scholarships tab at the top. The online applications must be submitted by midnight Monday, **February 06, 2017!** Other required documentation must be postmarked by Thursday, **February 16, 2017.** Final approval and notification of each scholarship recipient will be made by the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Office of Educational Programs. If needed students should see their school counselor, County Extension office, or Ag Science teachers for additional information.

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo will provide an \$20,000, four-year scholarship to an eligible, outstanding student from OUR County. So parents get your senior to working on completion of this application. They just might be the lucky recipient of the \$20,000 four-year scholarship for our county.

For more information on the Show, its scholarship program and other educational commitments, visit [www.rodeohouston.com](http://www.rodeohouston.com).

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo will run **March 7 - March 26, 2017.**



**Jack Reacher: Never Go Back (PG-13) action/crime:** Jack Reacher must uncover the truth behind a major government conspiracy in order to clear his name. On the run as a fugitive from the law, Reacher uncovers a potential secret from his past that could change his life forever.  
**Starring: Tom Cruise, Cobie Smulders, Aldis Hodge**

**Masterminds (PG-13) action/comedy:** A guard at an armored car company in the Southern U.S. organizes one of the biggest bank heists in American history. Based on the October 1997 Loomis Fargo robbery.  
**Starring: Kristen Wiig, Kate McKinnon, Zach Galifianakis**

## Business News

**Southern Style**  
**Big Daddy's Restaurant**  
*Soul Food*

is hosting a  
**SUPER BOWL PARTY**  
**FEBRUARY 5, 2017**  
 at the  
*Brooks Family Restaurant*  
 2700 South Byrd Ave. Shepherd, TX 77371  
 There will be an entry fee of \$5.00 per person.  
 A raffle for a 32" flat screen T.V. and a Keurig will start January 31, 2017 at Big Daddy's Restaurant and the winner will be announced the day of the party.  
 Ticket cost will be as followed:  
 1 ticket for \$3.00    3 tickets for \$6.00    5 tickets for \$9.00    10 tickets for \$20.00  
 All tickets can be bought at Big Daddy's Restaurant.  
 The winner of the Jelly Bean contest will also be announced at the party.  
 The party will be B.Y.O.B only and there will be a live D.J. and lots of food!  
 Come and enjoy the battle between the Patriots and the Falcons at our Superbowl Party!

**Big Daddy's Restaurant**  
 Monday - Sunday 10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.  
 (936) 628-1014  
 1480 South Byrd Ave. Shepherd, TX 77371

That time of year is almost here!  
*Valentine's Day*  
 and it's coming fast!  
 Show your sweetheart your love by getting flowers and balloons made special!  
 We have Snack Buckets and Candy Cake made up for the picking for him or her.  
 .....  
 Mention or bring this ad in and get an extra 20% off your purchase!  
*Special Thoughts*  
 "The Pink Flower Shop"  
 (936) 628-2000

"McClain's Food Market"



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**Facebook**

## Community Classifieds

**FOR SALE:** 1998 Mustang 3.8 V6, 135k miles, nice black paint, excellent interior, all electric, tint, new battery (10/16), automatic, runs rough when cold then runs fine. \$1700.00 or best offer. Please call 936-365-4354.

**FOR SALE:** Cell BBQ Pit on trailer, ideal for home use or the deer lease. Darrell Swire 713-202-3800

**FOR SALE:** 3 acres 3 miles off Interstate 60/Hwy 59 in 5 Acres Subdivision in Shepherd, TX. Please call 936-365-4418.

**FOR SALE:** Oval Amish made dressing mirror. Solid oak, tilting frame with beveled edge. Stands 6' tall x 21" wide. \$50.00. Call 713-824-8441

**FOR SALE:** Dark brown fabric sofa and love seat with dark wood trim. All for \$300.00. Call 713-824-844

**FOR RENT:** 1BR apartment, 20 Fly Ave. Shepherd, TX, 2 blocks from McClain's Grocery; \$500.00 per month plus \$500.00 deposit (deposit may be split). Please call for an appointment and leave message at 936-520-3105.

**HIRING:** San Jacinto County Extension Office is taking applications for a part-time position you can pick up an application at 11 Carrier Ave. Shepherd TX 77371 Please call (936) 628-6407 for any questions.

**HAUL FOR FREE:** Will haul off any non-working washers, dryers, freezers, refrigerators, treadmills, scooters, riding mowers, motorcycles, boat motors, batteries, AC units, etc. for free! Please call 936-252-9043.

**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

## Community Calendar

**2/2:** Shepherd Senior Center Bingo 930AM

**2/3:** Bob Brannagan's monthly consultations with current or prospective business owners, 10am-noon/Chamber Office

**2/3:** Senior Resale Shop Bag Day

**2/5:** Superbowl (Patriots vs. Falcons) 5:30PM

**2/6:** EDC Meeting, 7pm/EDC Building

**2/7:** SJC Retired School Personnel Association meeting 3PM; Coldspring Senior Center.

**2/9:** SJC Women's League Meeting, 11:30am/Coldspring Community Center

**2/11:** Impact Work Shop; Impact Thrift Shop; 1300 S. Byrd Shepherd, TX

**2/13:** City Council Meeting, 7pm/Community Center

**2/14:** 7pm First Station Auxiliary Meeting; 7PM

**2/14:** Valentines Day

**2/17:** Senior Resale Shop Bag Day

**2/20:** Monday School Board Meeting, 7pm

**2/22:** Bridge of hope community church "Community Fellowship Dinner", Shepherd Middle School, 7PM.

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

## Church News

**DREW'S LANDING BAPTIST CHURCH:** Having trouble finding a good Bible based Church that preaches the Word of God straight from the Bible without sugar-coating it? Come join us at Drew's Landing Baptist Church located about 2 ½ miles east of Hwy 59 North down FM 1127 at 161 Thomas Castleberry Rd. We are the Big Blue Church you can see from the road. We will welcome you with open arms. Our pastor is R. Withers and he preaches straight from the Bible. Sunday School at 10 a.m. and Sunday Worship at 11 a.m. Wednesday night Bible Study at 6:30 p.m. Adults, youths and children welcome! Come as you are! Be prepared to be filled with the Holy Spirit and feel the love of God! That's who we are! Church phone number: 936-483-2717. Looking forward to seeing you!

**SPRING HILL BAPTIST CHURCH:** Come join us as we celebrate Black History Musical on Saturday, **February 11, 2017** at 7:00 p.m. Guests Soloists, Group Choirs, Male Choirs are invited to participate. Moderator will be Lee Roy Bryant from The Original Wonderful Harmonizers. Theme: We Owe Our Praise. Reverend Frank Mason, Pastor; First Lady Evelyn Mason; Associate Minister Douglas Jackson; Prophetess Sheila Jackson; Program Specialist, contact Sister Rosie Reed at (936) 653-4531 or call the Church at (936) 767-8421.

**MT. MORIAH BAPTIST CHURCH:** Celebrating the 31st Anniversary for Pastor Eric C. Burch & First Lady Burch on **January 15, 2017** at 3:00 p.m., February 12, 2017 at 3:00 p.m., **February 16 & 17** at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, **February 19, 2017** at 3:00 p.m. at Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, 945 South, Evergreen, TX 77328. We look forward to seeing all of you on these dates. For more information, please call: Gladys Terry at (936) 767-3444, Siser Burch (936) 767-8350, Sister Rosie Reed (936) 653-4531 or Church Phone (936) 767-4907.

**DREW'S LANDING BAPTIST CHURCH:** Our Youth Group will sponsor a Valentine's Spaghetti Dinner Special on **February 11, 2017.** Come join us with your special friend or by yourself. Served by our Youth Group ALL proceeds will support the Youth Group. Starts at 6 p.m. \$15.00 per couple and \$8.00 per single. Located at 161 Thomas Castleberry off FM 1127 from 59 North. Church phone number is (936) 483-2717. Everyone welcome! It will be great!!

**TEXAS**  
**SUPER BOWL PARTY**  
**GRILL**  
**February 5, 2017**

Featuring Specials, Such as...

**Gourmet WINGS** **DELICIOUS BURGERS** **NACHOS**

door prizes for those participating in the Super Bowl Raffle!

**NEW LUNCH SPECIALS FROM**  
**11:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.**  
**STARTING AT \$5.99 MONDAY - FRIDAY**  
**FROM 3:00 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M.**  
**BUY 1 BURGER GET THE 2ND HALF OFF!**  
 (EQUAL OR LESSER VALUE, EXCLUDING EXOTICS)  
**For daily specials or details check out our website at**  
**[www.texasgrillshepherd.com](http://www.texasgrillshepherd.com) or call us! (936) 628-3870**  
**Hwy 59 N. Shepherd, TX**