

SHEPHERD COMMUNITY NEWS

JROTC Gives Heartfelt Thanks to Sons of the American Legion

Shepherd High School Army Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) would like to give the Sons of the American Legion, Post 629 in Camilla Texas, a heartfelt thanks for their generous donation. Their support will assist with the formation of the SHS JROTC Pirate Battalion through the purchase of specialized RAIDER Team equipment. The Battalion formed their Raider Team to compete against other JROTC units in physically and mentally challenging events. The 12-Cadet team will compete in such events as rucksack marches, rope bridge building and crossing, combat litter carry, and obstacle courses. This gracious donation will be used to fund the purchase of tactical equipment in support of the team's training and future competitions.

Thank you San Jacinto County



Commission Pct. 2 Donnie Marrs presented a donation to Shepherd Senior Citizen's Center from the county. The support and kindness is greatly appreciated.

"McClain's Food Market"



Thank you Shepherd Sonic

for providing three students with a free lunch. These students were randomly selected for the 1st semester: A Honor Roll, B Honor Roll, and Perfect Attendance list. Students awarded and pictured left to right: **"A" Honor Roll: Lori Schoppe, "B" Honor Roll: Brooklynn McCumber, and Perfect Attendance: Rebecca Barnes.** We would like to give a big 'thank you' to all the students for their hard work and determination everyday at SMS.



San Jacinto County Completes Community Wildfire Protection Plan

San Jacinto County has developed a plan that will better prepare the community for wildfires.

The Community Wildfire Protection Plan is the 18th countywide CWPP in Texas. It was developed by San Jacinto County officials, local volunteer fire departments, emergency service districts personnel, representatives from the Sam Houston National Forest and Texas A&M Forest Service.

San Jacinto County applied for the Statewide Community Wildfire Protection Grant and upon completion of the CWPP, was awarded \$10,000. The grant, administered by Texas A&M Forest Service, is federally funded to provide for writing and producing a communitywide protection plan and mitigation projects for fuel reduction.

The CWPP promotes healthy ecosystems through wildfire risk assessments, addressing structural ignitability, promoting wildfire awareness programs and identifying strategically placed hazardous fuel reduction projects, with a goal of improving safety of residents and emergency personnel and minimizing the number of homes destroyed by wildfires.

In a statement San Jacinto County Judge John Lovett said:

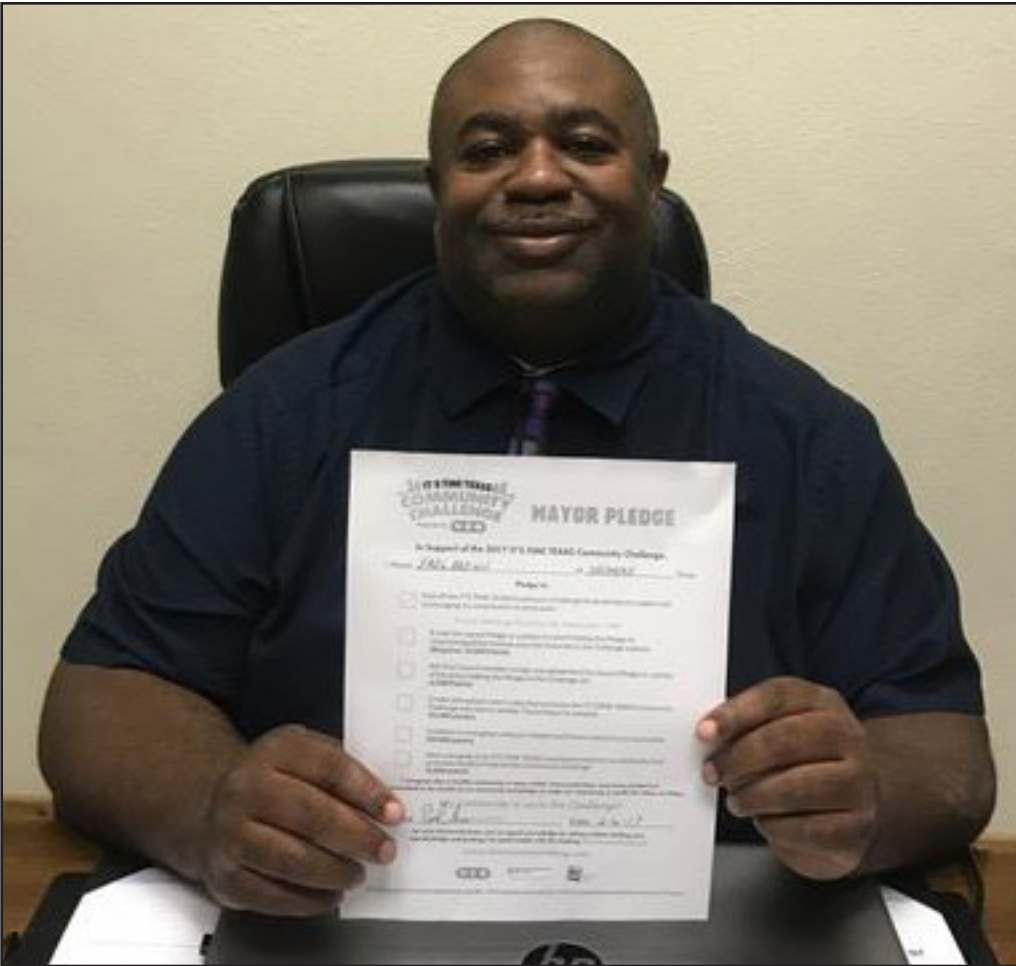
"Our county is growing at a pace much greater than our historical average and the rate of growth is accelerating. We must be proactive to meet our needs and face the challenges that lie ahead. We are now on the border between rural wildlands and urban expanse. My motivation to create our CWPP is to avoid the catastrophic destruction caused by wildfire from happening here; like that in Bastrop in 2011 and recently in Tennessee. The creation of this plan will enable our VFD's and emergency personnel to acquire the tools needed to increase response times, thus lowering insurance rates throughout the county.

I cannot thank my Special Programs Coordinator, Sandra Lantz, enough for her tireless efforts in creating our CWPP. The long-term benefits of this plan will be immeasurable. This is just another way I am trying to increase the efficiency of local government and improve the lives of the residents of San Jacinto County."

The wildland urban interface occurs where developed areas intermingle with undeveloped areas. Often, this area is adjacent to property where actions can be taken to prevent damage or loss from wildfire. Due to its location, the wildland urban interface creates a challenging environment for wildfire suppression and evacuations. San Jacinto County's completion of the CWPP outlines potential wildfire mitigation and prevention efforts. "San Jacinto County demonstrated initiative and leadership throughout the process," said Texas A&M Forest Service Wildland Urban Interface Specialist Stuart Coombs. "We appreciate their proactive approach to complete the process and look forward to assisting with implementation." A CWPP recognition ceremony will be held during a regularly scheduled Commissioner's Court meeting at the San Jacinto County Courthouse February 14, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

To learn about Community Wildfire Protection Plans, Firewise concepts and protecting your community visit <http://tfsweb.tamu.edu/ProtectYourCommunity/>

Mayor Brown challenges each of you to join the IT'S TIME TEXAS Community Challenge.



At the current time, **Shepherd is in 11th** position in total points in the Community Challenge. Shepherd gains 1000 points per person just for registering. . Shepherd got a late start but we have had a great start. We can do this! Winner gets a grant for a health related project. <https://ittcommunitychallenge.com/en>

Individuals get points for registering, for logging exercises, and other healthy habits. The points will tally for the City of Shepherd for a grant to be used for a health related project. The City of Shepherd is competing with other similar size Cities and Communities. <https://www.facebook.com/itsstimetx>

“I signed up! This is an easy way to help Shepherd, Maybe we can get something done for these kids in the community, my kids beg to go to our city park but unfortunately I don't feel safe and they always find SOMETHING on the ground they think they want to pick up, especially around the picnic tables.

Shepherd FFA Tractor Tech Team Brings Home Second!

On January 27 the Shepherd FFA tractor tech team competed in the area IX contest. They received second place and earned a trip to compete at the state contest held during the Houston livestock show and rodeo.

Haze, Noah, and Zach watching and learning about micrometers at Bob's machine shop in Conroe, TX



The boys practicing their troubleshooting skills at Landsdowne Moody in Splendora, TX.



Pictured from left to right:
Zachary Ansley, Haze Richey, Noah Courvelle.



BY YVONNE RYBA



was recognized for her work for ‘Quilts for Kids’. If you have not heard about this very worthy cause, This group of quilters work for the love of it, making quilts to give to First Responders, who give them to children in need. Police officers and Fire Fighters who carry them in their vehicles use them when a child is in an accident. The Coldspring Chapter of ‘Quilts for Kids’ works at the ‘Red Barn Retreat’ run by LaDonyce Hamilton. If you are interested in helping, call either LaDonyce at (936) 653-8222 or Linda at (936) 827-4806.








I belong to several groups in our county. All of them with very few exceptions are run by volunteers. There is no better way to meet others and to help our community than to join one of these organizations. Shepherd Chamber of Commerce would like to thank Mr. Pat Reynolds for his work in expanding the membership to the chamber. Pat has spent many hours visiting businesses in our town and the surrounding area and has greatly helped expand the membership. It is this kind of volunteering which makes our community grow and flourish. Thank you Mr. Pat, who also volunteers at Shepherd Public Library! It is almost time for our county’s ‘Trash or Treasure Trek’! Saturday February 25, starting at 8:00 a.m. there will be a huge county wide yard sale. If you would like to be part of this as a vendor you can call Coldspring Chamber, number below, to pay to be on the map. This map will be available to all those buyers anxious to score a bargain. The cost is \$25 to be on the map. Shepherd Chamber, number also below, will help anyone in Shepherd who would like to take part. They will be able to set up next to the Community Center. Director Bob Barragan came to Shepherd last week to hold a consultation with a prospective business owner. If you are interested in this service, phone your local Chamber for an appointment. Did you know that you can also take classes at the S.B.D.C.? ‘Intro to Microsoft Word 2016’ is offered on March 21st 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. with ‘Advanced Microsoft Word’ taking place on March 22nd 6-8 PM. You can register and reserve your spot at <http://samhoustonstateuniversity.sbdcnetwork.net>. each class is \$20 each. Many classes offered are free. You can go to the web site for more information. Shepherd Chamber will hold its meetings in Shepherd Library since our State Representative Ernest Bailes is using the office now. Please note that all mail should be sent to the PO Box 520 in Shepherd.



Shepherd Chamber of Commerce
Mail to PO Box 520 Shepherd, 77371
(936) 628-3515 www.greatershepherdchamberofcommerce.org

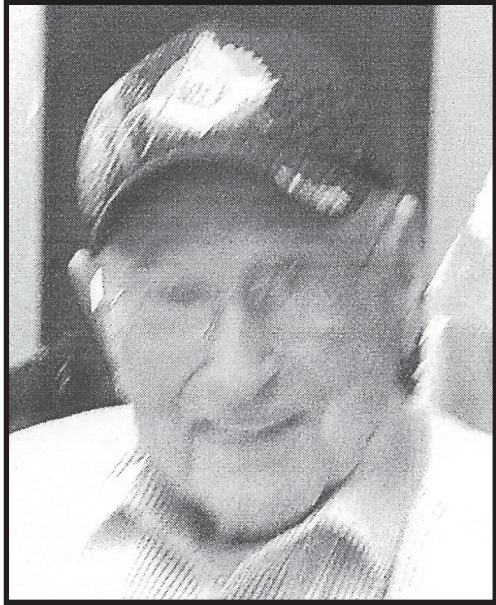
Coldspring - San Jacinto Chamber of Commerce
31 N. Butler, Coldspring 77331
936) 653-2184 www.coldspringtexas.org

Senior Menu February 2017

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
13	14	15	16	17
SHEPHERD'S PIE BLACK EYE PEAS CORN BREAD, SALAD, FRUIT	GRILLED CHICKEN STRIPS BROCCOLI & RICE CASSEROLE CANDIED CARROTS, ROLLS, SALAD, FRUIT	SALISBURY STEAK MASHED POTATOES, CREAMED CABBAGE CORN BREAD, SALAD, FRUIT	BAKED HAM SEASONED GREENS, BUTTERED YAMS CORN BREAD, SALAD, FRUIT	BEEF MACARONI CASSEROLE PINTO BEANS, CORN MUFFINS SALAD, FRUIT
20	21	22	23	24
   CLOSED 	MEATBALL STROGANOFF BUTTERED NOODLES, SQUASH CASSEROLE ROLLS, SALAD, FRUIT	FRIED CHICKEN, MASHED POTATOES CREAM GRAVY, GREEN BEAN CASSEROLE ROLLS, SALAD, FRUIT	CHICKEN & SAUSAGE GUMBO, RICE TOSSED SALAD & DRESSING FRUIT	HAMBURGER & POTATO GOULASH GREENS, SQUASH & ONIONS CORN MUFFINS, SALAD, FRUIT
27	28	SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH DESSERT INCLUDES BIRTHDAY CAKE MENU'S ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO AVAILABILITY. CALL (936) 628-3733 BY 9:30AM TO RESERVE A MEAL. 		
CHICKEN SPAGHETTI BEETS, BROCCOLI CORN BREAD, SALAD, FRUIT	BBQ CHICKEN BAKED POTATO SALAD, BAKED BEANS, WHEAT BREAD, SALAD, FRUIT			

HAPPY 94th BIRTHDAY

ARLIS WILLIAMS!



From all
your friends
and family
at Shepherd
Senior Citizen's
Center. We love
you!

New Releases Coming to McClain's DVD Kiosk



Arrival (PG-13) mystery/sci-fi: When twelve mysterious spacecraft appear around the world, linguistics professor Louise Banks is tasked with interpreting the language of the apparent alien visitors. **Starring:** Amy Adams, Jeremy Renner, Forest Whitaker



The Edge of Seventeen (R) comedy/drama: High-school life gets even more unbearable for Nadine when her best friend, Krista, starts dating her older brother. **Starring:** Hailee Steinfeld, Haley Lu Richardson, Blake Jenner



Bleed for This (R) biography/drama: The inspirational story of World Champion Boxer Vinny Pazienza who, after a near fatal car crash which left him not knowing if he'd ever walk again, made one of sport's most incredible comebacks. **Starring:** Miles Teller, Aaron Eckhart, Katey Sagal



PORK CHOPS & SCALLOPED POTATOES CASSEROLE



Ingredients:

- 6 boneless pork chops (*boneless center cut pork chops on sale \$2.39/lb!*)
- 2 small to medium onions, chopped (*white onions on sale 2lbs/\$0.99!*)
- 2 tablespoons butter (*Imperial margarine tub 45oz on sale \$1.79!*)
- 4 cups potatoes, sliced very thin (*mandolin recommended*) (*5lb bag russet potatoes on sale 2/\$3.00!*)
- 1 can (*10.75 oz.*) cream of mushroom soup
- 1 1/4 cups of milk

Directions:

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees F
- Butter or spray a 2-quart baking dish (*11 x 7-inches*)
- Heat a large skillet over medium-high heat.
- Melt 1 tbsp. of the butter in the pan
- Brown pork chops on both sides; remove from pan and set aside.
- Add the remaining 1 tbsp. butter to the skillet and add the chopped onion.
- Cook onions until they are soft.
- In the same pan as the onions, add the condensed soup and gradually stir in the milk so you don't get lumps; set aside.
- Slice potatoes and place in an even layer in the prepared baking dish.
- Place pork chops on top of potatoes
- Pour soup mixture over pork chops. Wiggle the pan a bit so the sauce distributes throughout the pan.
- Cover and bake at 350 degrees F for 30 minutes.
- Remove cover and bake for an additional 30-40 minutes.

For Slow Cooker:

- Follow recipe up until sautéing onions and making the soup sauce
- Place sliced potatoes in the buttered crock of the slow cooker
- Place pork chops on top of potatoes.
- Pour soup mixture over chops
- Cover and cook for about 3-4 hours high 5-7 hours low

Make it a Meal! Serve with a vegetable of your choice (Pictsweet frozen vegetables 10-14oz on sale 2/\$3.00!) and garlic bread (Texas Garlic Toast 13.5oz on sale \$2.99!) to make this a complete and hearty meal the whole family will love! *Recipe found at www.bakeatmidnite.com*

Classifieds

EMPLOYMENT

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

Three Acres in five Acre Subdivision in Shepherd; cul-de-sac, 3 minutes from Interstate 69/Hwy 59. Please call 936-365-4418.

Jack LaLanne's Power Juicer- Express, juices fruits and vegetables as fast as you can load it. Like New! \$50.00 Darrell Swire 713-202-3800

Large Pet Transporter perfect for those trips to the Vet or where ever you want to travel. Also a smaller unit for a smaller breed or a cat. Lg Unit \$50. , Sm unit \$25 Darrell Swire 713-202-3800

30 Gallon Sprayer on Wheels runs on 12 volt battery. Could be used on a 4-wheeler by removing tank. \$75.00 Darrell Swire 713-202-3800

BBQ pit on trailer ideal for home or deer lease, HD 3/8" steel with fire box and additional stainless steel prep table. \$150.00 Darrell Swire 713-202-3800

15 hp Evinrude out board motor needs carb kit. \$250. Darrell Swire 713-202-3800

FOR RENT

One bedroom apartment handicap ready, 1 or 2 people only, prefer retired. Background check done, no pets or children, no smoking, in Shepherd near McClain's Grocery, 20 Fly's Ave., Shepherd, TX 77371; \$500.00 per month plus \$500.00 deposit. Contact: 936-520-3105, leave message, may see apartment in the afternoons.

Two bedroom mobile home \$550.00 per month plus \$525.00 deposit. Please call 281-467-7533.

Community Calendar



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 FAMILY NEWS

MT. MORIAH BAPTIST CHURCH: Celebrating the 31st Anniversary for Pastor Eric C. Burch & First Lady Burch on **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.

SHEPHERD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: Located at 71 Spring Avenue in Shepherd, wishes to invite all youth who wish to sing, to join our youth choir, Quarter Notes, led by Gigi Jones. Quarter Notes meet every **Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.** and sing a variety of songs. or more information, please call Gigi Jones at (713) 253-8348 or email the church at shepherdumctx@gmail.com.

BUSINESS NEWS

The Pizza Kitchen at Della's WEEKLY SPECIALS

TUESDAY: Large 1 topping pizza \$11.99 (premium toppings extra charge)
WEDNESDAY: All you can eat wing night 6:00-8:00 p.m. \$14.99 (while they last)
THURSDAY: \$5.00 any Large Signature Pizza from 7:00-9:00 p.m. DINE IN ONLY
FRIDAY: Order any two Large House Pizzas and get \$4.00 off (Pickup or delivery only)
SATURDAY: Family Pack! 6:00-10:00 p.m. 1 Large Single Topping Pizza (does not include premium meats) 5 piece House Wings and 2 liter soda (pick up or delivery only) \$19.99 + tax.
SUNDAY: Buy 1 house pizza get 2nd for half price. (delivery charges apply)
3150 Hwy 59 N Shepherd, TX 77371
(936) 628-3387

Valentine's Day ?

Make it up to him or her and
Show your sweetheart your love by
getting flowers and balloons made special!
We have Snack Buckets and Candy Cake
made up for the picking
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Mention or bring this ad in and get an
extra 20% off your purchase!

Special Thoughts
"The Pink Flower Shop"
(936) 628-2000

Obituaries

Kathleen Eileen Wesley

June 3, 1929 - February 2, 2017

Kathleen Eileen Wesley, age 87 of English, Indiana, passed away Thursday, February 2, 2017. She was born June 3, 1929 in Lynn, Massachusetts



to parents Willard Hatt and Kathleen May Berry whom preceded her in death along with her son, Kenneth Henson; and two sisters. Survivors include her husband, Edwin Wesley; daughter, Carolyn Courtney; brothers, Ralph Hatt and Donald Hatt; sisters, Alice Childress and Linda Hatt; grandchildren, Herman Courtney and wife Renee, Chuck Courtney and wife Maria, and Patricia Courtney; twelve great-grandchildren, nine great great-grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews. Graveside services were held at 3:00 p.m., Monday, February 6, 2017 at Farley Chapel Cemetery, Shepherd, Texas.