

SHEPHERD COMMUNITY NEWS

Lady Pirates Wins Second Place at Livingston Tournament

Seventh and eighth grade "B" teams both took second place at the tournament in Livingston on January 8th and 9th.



7th grade: Coach Thornton, Kara Coleman, Sky Rushing, Jasmine Clark, Bonnie Pope, Amber Hauke, Autumn Phillips, Khloe Allen, Victoria Cristello, Rebecca Barnes, and Samantha Cabrales



8th grade: Coach Trimmer, Mya Andrews, Mya Pennington, Megan Burgess, Ally Fountain, Angelica Ochoa, Corinne Perry, and Kayla Horton.

Pace Stancil Employees Collected Money for Helping Hands



Presenting a five hundred dollar check to Helping Hands Food Pantry representatives are West Smith and Brandy Holston. Accepting the check are Linda McIntyre and Shirley Rand. Pace-Stancil employees took up money at their 2015 Christmas party to benefit area charitable organizations. Shepherd's Helping Hands shared these funds. The Pantry, located at 66 Magnolia Street in Shepherd, opened its doors November 17, 1995, and serves residents of Shepherd Independent School District.

SISD Students have P.R.I.D.E.



Pirate Pride is an award system for our students at Shepherd Intermediate. Students that show **P** = Pride **R** = Respect **I** = Involvement **D** = Discipline **E** = Education. Pride recipients are: David Benkowski, Payton Reeves, Alexis Gilbert, Eli Clark, Isabela Reynolds, and Jonathna Stokley.

★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY! CHEESEBALL!



Wishing you a Happy Birthday!

Wish we could celebrate with you!

Love, Penny, Ms. Geez, Baisey-Gal, Skeeter, Junior, Katie, Buddy, Precious, Big Boy, Billy, and Freddy.

SISD School Board Briefs



January 25, 2016: Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President John Few. The record reflects there was a quorum. All members were present.

Open Forum: In recognition of School Board Appreciation, Superintendent Steve Pierce acknowledged the board members for their dedication and support. Each campus presented the members with appreciation gifts and Levi Seagroves presented for Shepherd Primary. Retirees Janie Ferguson and Jan Page were presented plaques for their service to Shepherd ISD.

Consent Items: Motion was made by Mike Courville and seconded by Charles Dodd to approve minutes of regular meeting dated 12/14/15, the financials, budget amendments, approved vendor list and check register for the month of December 2015 and the Visa credit card statement. The motion carried.

Report on Maintenance and Transportation

Presenter: Pat Murphy, Coordinator

Report on Career and Technology

Presenter: Jody Cronin, CTE Coordinator

Athletic Report

Presenter: Chip Keel, Athletic Director

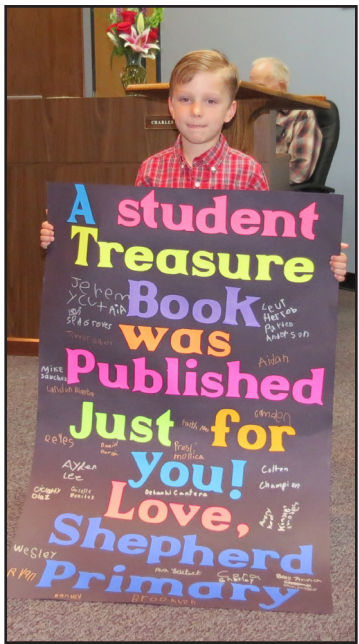
For campus event/news visit the district website, www.shepherdisd.net

Reports	Enrollment	Attendance
Primary Campus	520	95.9%
Intermediate Campus	428	96%
Middle School Campus	410	96.3%
High School Campus	539	94%

Agenda Items: The motion was made by Mike Courville and seconded by Jerry Cutaia to approve building use for Bridge of Hope Church. The motion carried.

Executive Session: The board entered into executive session at 8:20 and returned at 8:50. The motion was made by Mike Courville and seconded by Darryl Richardson to accept employee recommendations and resignations as presented, and approve two teaching positions with coaching stipends for boys and girls soccer. The motion carried. The motion was made by Darryl Richardson and seconded by Charles Dodd to adjourn. The motion carried. The meeting ended at 8:53 p.m.

Closing Activities: Next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 15, 2016 at 7:00



Learning Moon Patterns



Miss Morgan's kindergarten class, at Shepherd Primary, learned about objects in the night sky and the observable patterns of the Moon.

Back Row (left to right): Izabella rushing, Brylei Roberts, Alyssa Stanley, Wesley Barr, Teagan Schubert, Caius Franklin, Mark Warner

Front Row (left to right): Shawn Cheek, Michelle Smith, Wyatt Allen, Jeremy Cutaia, Latika Hadnot, Gracci Bellard, Mercedes Murphy, Kaden Rosin.

Donate your old shoes

To the

SHS Class of 2017

Help us raise funds for the 2016 prom by donating your old shoes!

When: Saturday, February 6, 2016

9:00-12:00

Where: Car wash @ 4 way

You may also drop shoes off at any Shepherd ISD campus, Peoples State Bank and the county annex at any time.



EARLEY CHAPEL CEMETERY RULES AND REGULATIONS

Farley Chapel Cemetery Association is a Non-Profit Organization. It was established to provide cemetery plots to residents of Shepherd or for family members of those individuals. The plots are issued on a donation basis. The donations are used for the upkeep of the cemetery. The cemetery is not a Perpetual Care Cemetery. Farley Chapel Cemetery Association adopted the following rules and regulations to preserve the beauty and dignity of the cemetery. The Farley Chapel Cemetery Association reserves the right, at any time, with or without notice to plot owners, to adopt new rules and regulations or to amend, altar, or suspend any rule and regulation. Plot owners, visitors, contractors and all other persons within the cemetery for any and all reason or purpose shall be subject to said rules and regulations and such amendments or alterations.

- Anyone wishing to obtain a plot(s) must contact the Farley Chapel Cemetery Association.
- The donation must be received in full for the space being used.
- Any plots placed in reserve must be paid within two years or the Cemetery Association reserves the right to take the unpaid cemetery plots back and reissue them.
- Once a space is received / paid in full it cannot be given, sold, or traded to any other person without the written consent of a Farley Chapel Cemetery Trustee
- If you choose to return a paid for cemetery plot(s) there will be a \$20.00 service charge.
- When receiving a plot we ask that you put it in your name and another party who may speak on your behalf. It shall be the duty of each and every plot owner to keep the Farley Chapel Cemetery Association fully informed as to his or her mailing address, and to notify the association of any changes thereof. Notice sent to any plot owner at the last registered address on file with the association shall be considered sufficient and proper legal notice.
- Farley Chapel Cemetery must be contacted 72 hours prior to setting any monuments or permanent structures of any kind. Plot(s) must be paid for in full prior to setting any markers or headstones.
- As of November 01, 2014 no homemade monuments or grave markers will be allowed. Should an existing monument or marker become unsightly or dilapidated it shall be removed and the replacement monument or marker will be required to meet these rules.
- All monuments or grave markers shall be of marble, granite or similar permanent type stone.
- Slabs are not permitted as a covering for graves.
- All temporary grave markers shall be removed when the permanent marker is set.
- Nothing is to be put on a grave except a monument or foot stones.
- Footstones must be placed at ground level.
- Constructing an enclosure of any kind around a grave site is prohibited. Any obstruction between the headstone and footstone such as stones, rocks, gravel, fencing, borders ect. Is not permitted.
- Digging holes around grave markers to set jars, cans, steel pipe, or pvc pipe is not permitted.
- Planting of live trees, shrubbery, vines or flowers around gravesites is not permitted.
- The cemetery will, at it's discretion, remove decorations when they become unsightly or inhibit maintenance.
- No firearms or fireworks are permitted in the cemetery except for military funerals.
- No intoxicating liquors or illegal drugs are allowed.
- No littering is allowed. This includes cigarette butts. Please take your trash with you when you leave.
- Any vehicles entering the cemetery must stay on the primary roads.

The Farley Chapel Cemetery Association disclaims all responsibility for loss or damage from causes beyond its reasonable control such as damage caused by the elements, an act of God, common enemy, thieves, vandals, strikers, malicious mischief makers, explosions, unavoidable accidents, invasions, insurrections, riots, or order of any military or civil authority, whether the damage be direct or collateral, other than as herein provided.

Farley Chapel Cemetery provides a beautification area in each section of the cemetery. This area is for planting shrubs, flowers and bench placement. For question or concerns please contact: Sammy Herrod (936) 628-1049

Did you know...



If you remember my story about the ladybugs and the black fly on my orange tree, I am happy to report the Ladybugs won. I think the score was somewhere around Ladybugs: 1,000 vs. Black Flies: 0. I wrote about the 5th Annual Best of San Jacinto County Awards Banquet last week. The ballots were counted at the end of December by Coldspring/Shepherd Air Force JROTC organization and they worked non-stop for a week counting them all. If you haven't yet bought your tickets, now is the time. They are \$25 a person or buy a table for six for \$125. Double that for a table for twelve. Dinner begins at 6:00 p.m, followed by the Awards Presentation and the Silent Auction. Two of the items for the latter are 'Two rounds of golf on the Shell Open in Houston' and a hardback copy of 'The Monuments Men' signed by the author Robert Edsel. The film made from this book was released a month or so ago.

Keep an eye on your mailbox as the top nominees will receive their invitations in early February. To reserve your place call Tammy at the office or go on line to the Chamber website (look below). You can pay for them online too. Come and enjoy the music, door prizes, great food and Silent Auction!

Last year the award for the 'Best Gift Shop' in San Jacinto County went to Paradise Garden. If you've never visited this delightful store, you should treat yourself to looking around at the many wonderful things the owner, Barbara Shelton, has on display. Handmade jewelry, lovely clothes and purses, home decor, local honey and preserves, and much more! This is the kind of shop where you want to linger and make sure you haven't missed anything! There are sales and discounts every two weeks and all of the items are unique. They are open 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday; this is the perfect place to buy gifts for others and also yourself!

Paradise Garden is on the corner of Hwy 150 in the center of Coldspring, across from the Courthouse, at the spotlights. Just around the corner heading towards the traffic lights is the 'partner' to Paradise Garden, Paradise Grille. Owned by Barbara and her husband Paul, this restaurant had a big makeover when the Sheltons took it. Paradise Grille won for 'Best Breakfast' at the Awards ceremony in 2015. However, they serve great food all the time. On February 13, Saturday, from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. they will be hosting a Valentine Dinner. There will be romantic music, candles and dinner specials with live music from Dennis Redmon. The menu will include 'steak dinner for two', 'Seafood Platter' and more with a BYOB if you choose to include wine with your meal. Please reserve your table for this evening, call (936) 653-4929.

Do not forget to call Shepherd Chamber if you wish to be a vendor at the July 4th Celebration. This year it will be held at the Shepherd Community Center and Park on Saturday July 2. If you want to be inside the Community Center with A/C, spaces cost \$35, \$25 outside, food vendors \$45 and non-profits are free. We try to have only one type of food per vendor so please call early.

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. **You must make an appointment first but the consultation is FREE.**



Izzie's Book Shelf Gone Girl

by Gillian Flynn
422 pages

Genre: Mystery/Crime

Summary: On a warm summer morning in North Carthage, Missouri, it is Nick and Amy Dunne's fifth wedding anniversary. Presents are being wrapped and reservations are being made when Nick's clever and beautiful wife disappears. Husband-of-the-Year Nick isn't doing himself any favors with cringe-worthy daydreams about the slope and shape of his wife's head, but passages from Amy's diary reveal the alpha-girl perfectionist could have put anyone dangerously on edge. Under mounting pressure from the police and the media—as well as Amy's fiercely doting parents—the town golden boy parades an endless series of lies, deceptions, and inappropriate behavior. Nick is oddly evasive, and he's definitely bitter—but is he really a killer?

My Review: Oh man. Oh man, oh man, oh man. Where do I begin with the psychological insaneness that is *Gone Girl*? And how do I even do so *without* spoilers? It doesn't seem possible, but alas, I shall give it my best. This is a story about a marriage between a sociopath and a narcissist that went horribly wrong. But who is the narcissist and who is the sociopath? It's told from two different points of view; Nick's, whose voice is in the present tense, and Amy's, whose voice is in the past tense, through her diary entries. I switched whose side I was on so many times in this book that I lost count. I would stare at my book at the end of each point of view switch through squinty, suspicious eyes, feeling as though something was off with *both* of them; neither seemed to be telling the whole truth.

I really liked the modern day portrayal of the soul-eater in today's world; AKA: the media. Thanks to the internet and 24 hour news channels with way too much time on their hands, we all know that anyone with even an *ounce* of suspicion lingering about them in a high profile case go to trial long before they ever even see inside a courtroom. They get to face public crucifixion first. Maybe some people deserve this, and maybe they don't. But the fact that it's impossible to ever know if someone's guilty without a doubt, especially when all your facts are gleaned through the media before a trial, make me lean toward the latter.

I might've rated this book 5 stars if not for the ending. I hated it with every single fiber of my being. But could I think of a better ending, one that would have fit realistically into the story? No. And believe me, I tried. But it didn't make me hate the ending any less.

This is not one of those non-stop roller coaster thrill ride books, where every page turn leads to an exciting new development. This was like watching the water drain from the tub, slowly, allowing you to see, little by little, what lies under the surface.

Parental Guidance: Unfortunately, I can't find a parental guidance review, or even an age recommendation for this book, anywhere. I've read mixed reviews on whether this book is appropriate for mature teens, and it's been so long since I've read it that I can't remember exact details. I do know there is foul language throughout the book, and a very disturbing scene at the end of the novel. My advice would be to read the book before handing it over to a teen, especially if you're unsure.

Stand Alone or Series:

This is a stand-alone book.

Price: I found copies new, used, and e-book on Amazon from \$0.01-\$9.99

♥♥ Lizzie

Senior Menu

Mon 2/1: Hamburger Patty Brown Gravy & Onions, Mashed Potatoes, Blackeye Peas & Okra, Cornbread, Salad, Fruit

Tue 2/2: Sliced Ham, Buttered Yams, Pinto Beans, Cornbread, Salad, Pudding,

Wed 2/3: Fried Chicken, Potatoes, Au Gratin, Buttered Squash, Rolls, Salad, Fruit

Thur 2/4: Salmon Patties, Pasta Salad, Broccoli & Cheese, Rolls, Salad, Pudding

Fri 2/5: Baked Potato Stuffed With, Pulled Pork, Baked Beans, Wheat Bread, 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

Senior Citizens Newsletter

The weather has been a real roller coaster ride, hasn't it?! We hope everyone stays healthy! Here at the center, we enjoyed our bingo sessions and are still recuperating from too much good food at Christmas. It's nice getting back into a regular routine.

A great big "THANK YOU" to San Jacinto County Precinct 2, Department of Agriculture, City of Shepherd, and all other organizations for helping our community with distribution of food from Houston Food Bank. This is a lot of work for the workers and volunteers that provide their time to assist those in need. We know that this food helps a lot of citizens and their families and are grateful to live in a community that cares about home and family.

We also want to express our appreciation for the volunteers that come to our aid here at the center. These ladies and gentlemen are appreciated more than words can express. If you want to become a part of this elite group, come by the center and sign up. It is a wonderful feeling when you can give of yourself to help others.

Our center is open Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. and we serve lunch at 11:30 a.m. Call us at (936) 628-3733 by 9:30 a.m. and let us know you are coming and we will set a place for you at the table. We also enjoy playing games such as dominoes, cards and puzzles. Bring a friend to join you in on the laughter and fun. We are planning to have bingo on February 4 and February 18 from approximately 9:00 a.m. until 10:45 a.m. On February 18, bingo will be hosted by Woodland Park Care and Rehab Center. When they host, they bring some of the residents from their center for an outing and we really enjoy their visits. We get to visit with old friends that used to come to our center and it warms the heart to see them again and to make new friends. Also, Crown Health Services is planning to blood pressure clinic here on February 23 from 10:15 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Come by and have your blood pressure checked for free and you can visit with Kristin and she can answer questions about their available services.

Our resale shop is open from 8:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. BAG DAY will be February 5 and February 19, fill a paper grocery sack with clothing only for \$3.00. We also have some Valentine's Day items for that special someone in your life.

We will be closed Monday, February 15th in observance of President's Day. We will miss you on Monday, but will be glad to see you on Tuesday for cheeseburgers!

Mark your Calendars for “Denim & Diamonds”

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for Saturday, February 13, 2016 when the San Jacinto County Area Go-Texan Committee will host their annual local scholarship fund-raiser dinner and auction event. “Denim & Diamonds” will begin at 6:00 p.m. This year the event is being moved to the Polk County Commerce Center building in Livingston. This is located behind the Angelina College building at the entrance of Pedigo Park. Folks are already asking for tickets which go on sale soon! So mark your calendar to join us!

Church News

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!

BRIDGE OF HOPE: Welcome to bridgeofhopeshepherd.org. “Jesus, the only hope of bridging the gap between God and man.”

MT. MORIAH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH: 30th Pastor and Wife Anniversary! The officers and members f the Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church (Evergreen, TX) invite you to come join with us in celebrating our Pastor and Wife, Reverend Eric C. Burch Sr. and First Lady Arletha M. Burch, 30th Pastor and Wife Anniversary. Pre-Anniversary services will be: Sunday, February 14, 2016 at 3:00 p.m.—Guest Speaker: Pastor Frank L. Mason Spring Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Evergreen, TX. and on Friday, February 19, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.—Guest Speaker: Pastor Ronald D. Ellisor, New Beginnings Fellowship Church, Shepherd, TX. 30th Anniversary Service will be Sunday, February 21, 2016 at 3:00 p.m.—Guest Speaker: Pastor Taylor Dimes, Jr. The Grace Church, Houston, TX. Please feel free to attend at your convenience. For additional information, contact Pastor Burch at (936) 767-8350 or the church at (936) 767-4907.

Buy \$mart, Eat Well

Cheesy Spinach & Bacon Rotel Dip

Ingredients

- 1 lb cubed Velveeta cheese
- 2 cans Rotel diced tomatoes & green chiles, undrained (**on sale 5/\$5.00!**)
- 1 (10oz) package frozen spinach, thawed & drained
- ½ of an 8oz package of cream cheese, cut into chunks (**on sale 2/\$4.00!**)
- 4-6 slices of bacon, cooked & crumbled, set aside half bacon for garnish, if desired (**Bar-S on sale 2/\$5.00!**)

Directions

- Add all ingredients into a microwave safe bowl on medium high setting about 5 minutes or until melted & well blended, stopping several times to stir.
- Transfer to a small crockpot, chafing or warming dish to keep warm and smooth.
- Serve corn chips, tortilla chips, or crackers.

Variation! Heat 2lbs cubed velveeta, 2 cans of rotel tomatoes, and two cans of Wolf plain chili (**15oz on sale 3/\$5.00!**) for a delicious chili cheese dip variation! **Recipe found at www.deepsouthdish.com**



February 3, 2016

Community Classifieds

DOG FOUND: Pitbull mix puppy week before Christmas. About 4-5 months old. Showed up by Stringtown Rd. Call to ID if yours 281-593-3164.
FOR RENT: Mobile home for rent, all bills paid, \$650.00 monthly plus \$250.00 deposit. Contact Mary or Monica at (979) 316-0299 or (832) 250-6154.
FOR RENT: 2BR/1BA mobile home, all bills paid, \$650 monthly plus \$200 deposit. Please contact Mary at 832-250-6154 or Monica at 979-316-0299.

FOR SALE: 2006 Forest River slide out camper, sleeps 6, nice; \$10,000.00 cash. Please contact Mary at 832-250-6154 or Monica at 979-316-0299.

FOR SALE: Hospital bed, no mattress, \$75.00. Please call 936-433-4481.
FREE TO GOOD HOME: Chihuahua Poodle mix dog, or “Chi-Poo”. Please call 936-433-4481.

FOR SALE: 2006 30ft Forest River Camper, nice; \$10,000.00 CASH! Contact Juana Garza at (832) 318-1069.

LAND FOR SALE: 2 lots in Lake Tejas on Briar Dr. electric, water and sewer available 10,000.00 call and leave message 281-622-1769

Community Calendar

2/1: EDC Meeting, 7pm/EDC Building

2/2: SJC Retired School Personnel Association meeting; 3PM; Senior Center Coldspring, TX

2/5: Bob Brannagan's monthly consultations with current or prospective business owners, 10am-noon/Chamber Office

2/5: Senior Resale Shop Bag Day

2/8: City Council Meeting, 7pm/Community Center

2/9: First Station Auxiliary Meeting; 7PM

2/15: School Board Meeting, 7pm

2/15: President's Day

2/19: Senior Resale Shop Bag Day

2/20: Best of San Jacinto County Banquet; Jones Auditorium, Coldspring
2/25: Bridge of hope community church “Community Fellowship Dinner”, Shepherd Middle School, 7PM.

Retired School Personnel to Meet

The San Jacinto County Retired School Personnel Association will meet on Tuesday, February 2, 2016 at 3:00 p. m. at the Senior Center in Coldspring. Sandra Smith will present the program on the growing and care of roses. 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 President Don Leedy at (936) 377-3946

Shepherd Tax Office Substation

**will be returning to its original hours of
service starting 2/1/2016**

Monday and Tuesday

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 and 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

San Jacinto Tax Assessor-Collector

111 Highway 150, RM C5 Coldspring, TX. 77331

(936) 653-3292 (ofc) (936) 653-2533 (fax)

New Releases Coming to

McClain's DVD Kiosk This Week



Bridge of Spies (PG-13) biography/drama: During the Cold War, an American lawyer is recruited to defend an arrested Soviet spy in court, and then help the CIA facilitate an exchange of the spy for the Soviet captured American U2 spy plane pilot, Francis Gary Powers.

Starring: Tom Hanks, Mark Rylance, Alan Alda



The Last Witch Hunter (PG-13) action/adventure: The last witch hunter is all that stands between humanity and the combined forces of the most horrifying witches in history.

Starring: Vin Diesel, Rose Leslie, Elijah Wood

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

Business News

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For news or special events to be published in *Shepherd Community News:*

Drop off your information/picture at McClain's, e-mail to mclains.shepherdnews@gmail.com, or fax to (936) 628-2866.

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.