

# SHEPHERD COMMUNITY NEWS

## Dixie Umpire Clinic and Registration

March 11, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

Tarkington Ballpark \$20.00 fee

For more information contact Darryl Richardson (832) 318-3043

## Shepherd Youth League Umpire Clinic

March 9, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Shepherd Ballpark \$20.00 fee. Fee includes Test, Certification & Patch if you would like to sign up Call (281) 622-5312 to reserve a spot!



Lets Talk...

## Purchasing Affordable Housing And Repairing Existing Dwelling

The USDA, Rural Development is sponsoring a

## Housing Fair (two sessions)

Friday, March 31, 2017

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

To discuss "Purchasing Affordable Housing and Repairing Existing Dwellings"

USDA Staff will be available to assist with the application process

Persons with available Real Estate, please consider this

avenue to get that information to the public

This event will coincide with the Monthly Food Truck Delivery

## City of Shepherd

Shepherd Community Center

10251 Hwy 150 West

Shepherd, Texas

For more information contact:

Debra Hagler (City Secretary) 936-628-3305

Lufkin Area Rural Development Office 936-634-9900 ext. 4

A joint effort between:

City of Shepherd

Shepherd EDC

USDA, Rural Development



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Join us March 3, 2017

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

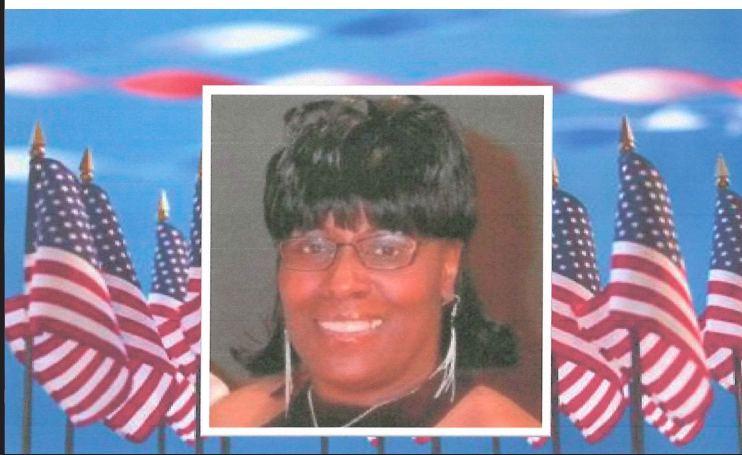
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Coldspring Post Office

Building Dedication

In Honor of

**E. Marie Youngblood**



## 2017 - 2018 Trash Stickers

On March 14 San Jacinto County will be selling the new 2017-2018 Trash Permits. Permits may be purchased at any County Commissioner's Office.

- 1st Sticker: \$100.00
- 2nd Sticker: \$10.00 – (only one 2nd sticker allowed)
- 65 and over \$75.00
- Handicap License Plate or Placard: \$75.00

**When purchasing your sticker please have the following information with you:**

- Proof of Residence - Valid Driver's License with correct address or a Utility Bill showing current address.
- License Plate Number of Vehicle where sticker will be placed. Your sticker must be attached to the window of your assigned vehicle.
- Having this information will help the line move more quickly.

**For more information contact your local**

**Commissioners Office:**

**Precinct 1 – (936) 653-5045**

**Precinct 2 – (936) 628-3267**

**Precinct 3 – (281) 592-1109**

**Precinct 4 – (936) 377-2481**

## 984 Lbs and Counting!



**F**riday, February 24, the Shepherd FFA participated in the 2017 Farm Bureau Can-Food Drive. Shepherd donated 984 pounds of can food items that will be distributed to the local Shepherd Senior Citizen Center.

*Pictured top right: John Cardey, Austyn Pruett, Ty Willson, and Cameron Carson*

## SISD Girls Show off their Pirate Power in Regional Powerlifting Meet



**T**he following girls will participate in the Region 4 Division 2 Regional Powerlifting meet this Thursday.

*Front left: Cami Pennington, Maighan Beck, Steffani Moser, Brittany Keith, Kenya Jeffcoat, Olivia Ansley, Meagon Overstreet. Center bottom: Pasch'e Malone*

*Back left: Brittney Cheves, Serena Pace, Coach Lisa Courvelle, Abigail Courvelle, Erianna Lopez, Not pictured Coach Cedric White.*

## “We the people stand together in a positive way moving forward”

First I would like to thank the Shepherd City Council for their tremendous support and for their dedicated service to the Citizens of Shepherd, The Shepherd Economic Development Corporation (EDC) for their good working relationship with the City, The Pct. 2 Constable Dept. which provides the City's law enforcement because of an interlocal agreement and The City Staff for providing good public service to the Citizens of this City. Special thanks go out to the Citizens of this City for your support, your valuable input and expressing your concerns that our City is addressing today.

I have listened! Now it is time for action. During the night of the swearing in ceremony I stated that I would keep the Citizens informed of what your City is doing. Here is a brief overview. Mrs. Monica Pierre, the assistant area Director from the United States Dept. of Agricultural (USDA) participated in a workshop with the City Council and Economic Development Board members to explain the procedures for obtaining funding for much needed infrastructure for the City. I then had a follow-up meeting with Mrs. Pierre and the Area Director of the USDA, Mrs. Sabrina Glenn, in which we went on a site tour to view the conditions of the City's Infrastructure. From that meeting the USDA in conjunction with the City of Shepherd and the EDC decided to host a Housing Fair. This Housing Fair will be March 31, 2017 with the first of two sessions beginning at 9:00am and lasting until Noon. The second session will be from 1:00pm-4:00pm. The Housing Fair will be at the Shepherd Community Center located at 10251 Hwy 150 here in Shepherd. This is next to the Baseball Fields and across the street from the Shepherd Primary School. The USDA offers funding options for home repairs or to finance the purchase of a new home. The USDA will provide staff to assist with the application process. The Housing Fair is not limited to just citizens of Shepherd but for all

the surrounding areas as well.

Another action that was helpful to the Citizens of Shepherd was that the Council took action to lower the deposit amount required to rent the Shepherd Community Center.

I have been talking and working with DETCOG, with Parks and Wildlife and Congressman Kevin Brady's office seeking grants for the City. The EDC is working with the Office of the Governor's State Economic Development Department to develop a strategic plan for Economic Growth. Betty Russo, long time San Jacinto County resident, who now works in this office, has been a valuable asset and a great source of information.

As part of the Earth Day celebration I will be seeking volunteers, organization and businesses to team up to clean up Shepherd. This will be Phase I and will be called "Beautify Shepherd" with Zero Tolerance for littering. City Ordinances allow for a penalty of up to \$2000.00 for any public health or sanitation violations which include dumping refuse. Finally upon Council approval, I will be working with the San Jacinto County Probation Dept. to have Community Service workers assigned to the City and will be used to keep the City clean as well as other City related projects or duties that will benefit Shepherd. Another item of interest that will be discussed at the next City Council meeting is an emergency notification system which will alert the public of emergencies and City activities.

I spoke with the San Jacinto County Sgt. Todd, that is over the Animal Control Division and he assured me that when you need them they will be available.

*My motto: We the people stand together in a positive way moving forward.*

Thanks, Shepherd Mayor, Earl Brown.

## Pirates Continue to Make us Proud Taking on UIL

We would like to recognize and thank all of our UIL contestants that participated this year either on day 1, day 2, or both. All of you did an amazing job and we are extremely proud that you represented Shepherd Middle School so well. Results from both nights are as follows:

Treinton Thrasher- 6th place Social Studies  
Alex McGee- 4th place Social Studies  
Zachary Billingsley- 4th place Social Studies  
Chad Milner- 6th place Social Studies  
Adrian Almazan- 6th place Social Studies  
Angel Vasquez 6th place Oral Reading  
Walker Windt- 1st place Oral Reading  
Lori Schoppe- 5th place Calculator  
Kaylee Barlow- 1st place Spelling  
Katelynn Pippin- 5th place Spelling  
Anabel Ramirez- 6th place Spelling  
Ashley Villarreal- 4th place Spelling  
Bree Jipson- 4th place Impromptu Speaking  
Aleese Harvey- 2nd place Impromptu Speaking  
Lexie Doughty 4th place Ready Writing  
Hannah Downey 6th place Ready Writing

Leslie Pena 5th place Ready Writing  
Tyson Singleton 4th place Ready Writing  
Juana Ramirez 5th place Editorial Writing  
Grace Rodgers 1st place Editorial Writing  
Brisia Espinoza- 5th place Dictionary skills  
Lulu Burch- 4th place Dictionary skills  
Obie Galicia- 6th place Science  
Jayce Allsbrooks- 1st place Science  
Elisabeth Meilike- 5th place Listening skills  
Desirae Bullock- 4th place Listening skills  
Bonnie Pope- 1st place Chess Puzzle  
Kaylee Barlow- 6th place Mathematics  
Lori Schoppe- 6th place Mathematics  
Cole Russell- 6th place Mathematics  
Brice Major- 3rd place Maps, Graphs, and Charts

You Can Now Enter Submissions Online!  
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BY YVONNE RYBA



What is happening in San Jacinto County in March? Do you like Chili Cook Offs? The Sons of the American Legion will be holding one at Browders Marina on March 11th. If you want to be a vendor, call (936) 653-3278. It will soon be Spring! It is a good time to get outdoors and enjoy life.

On Thursday, March 9, San Jacinto Women's League hold their annual Luncheon, Style Show and Silent Auction. This will be held in Jones Hall in Coldspring. Lunch will be served at noon, but it is a good idea to come at 11:30 a.m. to browse through the Silent Auction which always has exceptional items on display. Tickets are \$25, call (936) 767-4705 to reserve your place. Fashions are by Sue's Boutique On The Lake, the meal is being catered by The Church Ladies.

If you like a Crawfish Boil, Shepherd Public Library is holding a fund raiser on April 1 in Shepherd. Serving will start at 11:00 a.m. and continue until supplies run out! For \$15, you will get 3 lbs of Boiled Crawfish, one link of sausage with corn and potatoes. Come to the Gazebo Park next to the Library in Shepherd to enjoy the food. Call (936) 628-3515 for more information. Later that day, there will be another fund raiser, this time in Coldspring.

Call your nearest Chamber for an appointment to talk with Director Bob Barragan of Sam Houston State University S.B.D.C. This is a free service. Bob will help with any business problem you may have or any questions you want answered. He is also an excellent advisor if you want to start a business.



**Shepherd Chamber of Commerce**  
Mail to PO Box 520 Shepherd, 77371  
(936) 628-3515    [www.greatershepherdchamberofcommerce.org](http://www.greatershepherdchamberofcommerce.org)

**Coldspring - San Jacinto Chamber of Commerce**  
31 N. Butler, Coldspring 77331  
(936) 653-2184    [www.coldspringtexas.org](http://www.coldspringtexas.org)



## Senior Menu March 2017



MONDAY 6	TUESDAY 7	WEDNESDAY 8	THURSDAY 9	FRIDAY 10
KING RANCH CHICKEN PINTO BEANS CORN BREAD TOSSED SALAD & DRESSING FRUIT	MEAT LOAF MASHED POTATOES SEASONED CORN ROLLS, SALAD SALAD, FRUIT	PORK LOIN & GRAVY RICE & CHEESE CASSEROLE GREEN BEANS ROLLS, SALAD BANANA PUDDING	CHEESY TUNA CASSEROLE MIXED VEGGIES TOSSED SALAD & DRESSING ROLLS, PUDDING	GRILLED PORK CUTLETS & GRAVY MASHED POTATOES GREENS CORN BREAD SALAD, FRUIT
13	14	15	16	17
HAM BUTTERED YAMS LIMA BEANS CORN BREAD, SALAD, FRUIT	BAKED POTATO STUFFED WITH CHICKEN TENDERS CREAM GRAVY BAKED BEANS ROLLS, SALAD, FRUIT	FRIED FISH HUSH PUPPIES MACARONI & CHEESE BAKED BEANS, SALAD, FRUIT	BEEF ENCHILADAS RICE & GREEN CHILIS CORN CASSEROLE SALAD, FRUIT	BAKED CHICKEN CORN BREAD DRESSING MIXED VEGGIES ROLLS, SALAD, FRUIT
20	21	22	23	24
SPAGHETTI & MEAT SAUCE TOSSED SALAD & DRESSING GARLIC BREAD FRUIT	MEAT LOAF & MUSHROOMS & BROWN GRAVY RICE SQUASH & ONIONS ROLLS, SALAD, FRUIT	FRIED CHICKEN, CREAM GRAVY MASHED POTATOES OKRA & TOMATOES CORN BREAD, SALAD, FRUIT	CHICKEN ENCHILADAS CORN CASSEROLE PINTO BEANS SALAD, FRUIT	SALISBURY STEAK MASHED POTATOES SWEET PEAS & CARROTS ROLLS, SALAD, FRUIT
27	28	29	30	31
BEEFY MACARONI CASSEROLE LIMA BEANS TOSSED SALAD & DRESSING CORN BREAD, FRUIT	SAUSAGE & FRIED CABBAGE POTATOES & ONIONS HOT WATER CORN BREAD, SALAD FRUIT	BAKED TURKEY MASHED POTATOES & ONIONS GREEN BEAN CASSEROLE ROLLS, SALAD, FRUIT	CHEESY HAM & POTATO CASSEROLE PEA SALAD ROLLS, SALAD FRUIT	CHICKEN ENCHILADAS RICE & GREEN CHILI CORN CASSEROLE SALAD, FRUIT



## BEST WAY TO COOK BEEF SHOULDER ROAST

A key point to remember when cooking shoulder roast is that it contains a lot of connective tissue, which can benefit from slow cooking at a low temperature. It's a delicious meal, but needs to be cared for tenderly. This beef cut should be cooked with liquid to prevent it from being tough and stringy. Three cooking options are available which include stove top simmering, crock pot cooking and oven roasting. Regardless of which method you choose, the result will be a savory dish to feature in a family dinner.

### Ingredients:

- 3 to 4 pound beef shoulder roast (*on sale \$2.99lb!*)
- 1 onion (*yellow onions on sale 3lbs/\$0.99!*)
- salt, pepper and other seasonings of your choice
- chopped potatoes and carrots (*1lb. baby carrots on sale \$0.99!*)
- cooking oil
- several cloves of garlic
- 1/2 cup to 1 cup water or beef broth

### Directions:

#### STOVE TOP METHOD

- Add a little cooking oil to a dutch oven and preheat to medium temperature. Sprinkle salt on the meat and place it in the hot pot. Brown on all sides.
- Add a sliced onion and several peeled garlic cloves to the pot and stir. For a 3 to 4 lb. roast, add 1 cup liquid. The liquid may be beef broth, water or apple cider. For extra flavor, add seasonings and spices such as thyme, pepper and bay leaf.
- Bring the liquid to a boil, then cover the pot and reduce the heat to low. Turn the meat to the other side every half hour. Cook for 1 hour and 45 minutes.
- Add chopped vegetables such as potatoes, carrots and turnips and cook an additional 30 to 45 minutes.

#### OVEN ROASTING

- Add a little cooking oil to a dutch oven and preheat to medium temperature. Sprinkle salt on the meat and place it in the hot pot. Brown on all sides.
- Add a sliced onion and several peeled garlic cloves to the pot and stir. For a 3 to 4 lb. roast, add 1 cup liquid. The liquid may be beef broth, water or apple cider. For extra flavor you can add seasonings and spices such as thyme, pepper and bay leaf.
- Add chopped potatoes and carrots. Put the pot into an oven that has been preheated to 350 degrees. Cook 1 1/2 to 2 1/2 hours.

#### TIPS

- You may substitute red wine for the liquid ingredient, or use a packet of onion soup mix in place of the onion. Some cooks like to add mushrooms or cream of mushroom soup. Different herbs can add an interesting flavor, such as marjoram and oregano. Then enjoy!

**Make it a Meal!** This meal comes with most everything you need but I would serve it with some warm yummy yeast rolls to make it perfect. My personal favorite are Rhodes frozen dinner rolls! Recipe found at [www.leaf.tv](http://www.leaf.tv)



#### CROCK POT METHOD

- Add a little cooking oil to a dutch oven and preheat to medium temperature. Sprinkle salt on the meat and place it in the hot pot. Brown on all sides.
- Add a sliced onion and several peeled garlic cloves to the pot and stir. For a 3 to 4 lb. roast, add 1/2 to 1 cup liquid. The liquid may be beef broth, water or apple cider. For extra flavor you may add seasonings and spices such as thyme, pepper and bay leaf.
- Transfer the roast to the crock pot. Add chopped potatoes and carrots. Pour other ingredients over it. Cook on low heat for eight to 10 hours.

## CHURCH NEWS

Pastor Eric Burch will bring the word Wednesday night March 8 at Lake Pool MBC in Shepherd, Tx 7:00 p.m. Bishop Clyde Harden will bring the word Thursday night March 9 at Mt. Moriah MBC in Evergreen, Tx 7:00 p.m. Pastor Leon Williams will bring the word Friday night March 10 at New Destiny Fellowship Church in Coldsprings, Tx 7:00 p.m.

**CALL TO CALVARY MINISTRIES:** A church that preaches the message of the Cross. 793 Thomas Castleberry Rd., Shepherd S.S. 9:30 a.m., Services 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Thursday, 7:30 p.m. All are welcome! **CALVARY OUTREACH:** You're Invited! Calvary Outreach of Shepherd, TX welcomes and invites you to our church. We have been building our new church sanctuary for quite a while and have recently completed it and are now having service. Every soul is precious and YOU are precious to God and to us. We are a full Gospel church, teaching the truth that completely restores lives to our Lord Jesus The Christ. Located where Loop 424 meets Highway 59 at the North end of Shepherd, near the Shell Station, directly across from Lake Pool Road on 59. (281) 659-4283 Pastor Kenneth Pippin. We will also be having a BBQ, FREE TO ALL WELCOME TO EVERYONE on Saturday, March 11, 2017 around 4:00 p.m. We would love to see ya there and meet ya! Schedule: Sunday morning: 10:30; Lunch: 12:00; Sunday afternoon around 1 "ish" following lunch; Wednesday evening: 7:00.

**WEDNESDAY - FRIDAY  
MAR. 8-10, 2017  
STARTING AT: 7PM NIGHTLY**

**Join Us**

AS WE GATHER TOGETHER TO ENCOURAGE THE SAINTS  
AS WE SEE THE DAY APPROACHING.

**KECCM North District Spring Revival**

**The Gathering**

HEBREWS 10:25

**WED** **THUR** **FRI**

**PASTOR ERIC BURCH**  
LAKE POOL  
BAPTIST CHURCH

**BISHOP CLYDE HARDEN**  
MT. MORIAH  
BAPTIST CHURCH

**PASTOR LEON WILLIAMS**  
NEW DESTINY  
FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

\* REVIVAL LOCATION IS LISTED UNDER THE SPEAKERS FOR THAT NIGHT \*

## Classifieds

### EMPLOYMENT

**Unemployed Machinist Needs 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

**3BR/2BA on 5 acres,** well, aerobic septic, 4 years old, AC/heating unit, fireplace w/ gas, logs, in 5 Acres in Shepherd, asking \$76,000, \$56,000 down, owner will finance balance. Please call 936-365-4418.

**Riding Lawnmower Part:** Tires, starters, decks, etc. 280 Shoemaker Rd., Shepherd, TX. Please call 281-806-9957

**55 Gallon Composter,** has removable top&bottom, is mounted on a tubular frame which allows you to spin it to mix the compost. \$35.00 30 Gallon 12 volt sprayer mounted on frame with wheels and handles. \$50.00 18 ft Ranger Bass Boat with new \$425. trolling motor, on Ranger Trail trailer, 125 hp Mercury Engine \$1050. Call 713-202-3800

**Shepherd UPC: Annual Church Garage Sale:** All sorts of items! 3/9 - 3/10 8 - 4PM. Saturday 3/11 8 - 12PM. Inside Fellowship Hall. Rain or Shine! Shepherd UPC Church 11140 Hwy 150 Shepherd, TX

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

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### WANTED

**Turning plow with 3 point hook-up.** Please call Eddie at 281-806-8753.  
**Looking for live in caregiver** for elderly mother. Must have verifiable experience and references. This would be for Monday through Friday with weekends off. Will prepare meals help with bathing. Dispense medication be a companion. Grocery shopping and trips to pharmacy and Dr. Must have dependable transportation. Please email experience, salary requirements, and contact information to [Ryates20@yahoo.com](mailto:Ryates20@yahoo.com) I would like ad to be like above and run the weeks of February 6 and 13.

### FOR RENT

**2 BR mobile home,** \$550.00 plus deposits. Please call 281-467-7533.  
**2BR/1BA mobile home,** lights and water included. \$650.00 per month plus \$250.00 deposit. Please call Mary at 832-205-6154 or Monica at 832-997-7350  
**2BR/1BA mobile home,** \$150.00 per month plus \$150.00 deposit. No pets! After 3:00 p.m. please call 936-653-2583 or 936-327-0837.

### FREE

**Will Haul For Free** Will haul off for free A.C. units, washers, dryers, refrigerators, deep freezers, stoves, riding mowers, 4-wheelers, batteries, boat motors, car motors, and transmissions. Please call 936-252-9043.  
**Free healthy aquarium guppies** 936-223-0629. Call evenings or weekends or text anytime.

**Community Calendar**

3/6: EDC Meeting, 7pm/EDC Building  
3/7: SJC Retired School Personnel Association meeting; 3PM; Senior Center in Coldspring  
3/9: SJC Women's League Meeting, 11:30am/Coldspring Community Center  
3/11: Impact Work Shop; Impact Thrift Shop; 1300 S. Byrd Shepherd, TX  
3/13: City Council Meeting, 7pm/Community Center  
3/14: 7pm First Station Auxiliary Meeting; 7PM  
3/17: St. Patrick's Day  
3/17: Senior Resale Shop Bag Day  
3/20: School Board Meeting, 7pm  
3/29: 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.*

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## "Message of the Cross" Revival

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Ministries

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Shepherd, TX 77371  
936-628-1059  
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March 2-5, 2017

Thurs. - Sat. 7:30 p.m. and Sun. 10:30 a.m.

Everyone Welcome!