

SHEPHERD COMMUNITY NEWS

SISD FFA Attends Texas A&M University Judging Clinic



Shepherd FFA students participated Saturday at the Texas A&M University Judging Clinic in College Station, Texas. Teams consisted of...

Poultry Judging Team: Zach Taylor

Ag Mechanics Team: Tanner Marino, Hays Ritchie, Zachary Ansley

Homesite Team: Noah Ainsworth, Andrews Byers, William Carothurs

Land Judging Team: Grace Watson, Griselda Lopez, Shannon Huff, Stevie Reece, Cameron Carson,

Livestock Judging Team: James Wilson, Hannah Howard, David Yates, Jami Anderson, Hannah Everitt

Meats Judging Team: Josh Cronin, Ethan Burton

Vet Teach Team: April Scott

Future FFA Judge: Sawyer Anderson

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SHS Theatre Department Final Performance of the Season

The Shepherd High School Pirate-Leg Players will present their public performance of *The Crucible* on Friday, April 15 and Saturday, April 16, 2016, in the Shepherd High School cafeteria. The house will open for seating at 6:30 p.m. and the show will begin at 7:00 p.m. Tickets will be available at the door, but audiences can save money by purchasing them in advance at the high school or from the theatre students involved. Advance general admission tickets are \$3.00 for students and \$4.00 for adults; or you can purchase preferred seating in the first two rows for \$8.00, which includes a coupon for three concession items. All tickets at the door will be more expensive and none will include the concession coupon. Contact Diana Busted at the high school, (936) 628-3371, if you need more information.

The *Crucible* by Arthur Miller was this year's entry by Shepherd High School Theatre Department in the district University Interscholastic League One-Act Play competition that was held on March 24 in Huffman. Shepherd's play won three awards and boasted the largest number of students involved in the theatre event within the district. MacKenzie Kinder and Arron Smith received All-Star Cast medals for their performance in a lead role, and Maggie Goins received an All-Star Honorable Mention medal for her performance in a supporting role. The department is also home to many previous award winning actors and actresses that give their heart and soul to everything that they do and this show is no exception. They have had a great season this year which included performances of the comedy *10 Ways to Survive the Zombie Apocalypse* in January; and *Showcase of Talent* last fall which includes thirteen different comedy, drama and musical short performances. They hope the community will continue to support their efforts and attend this final play of the year. The *Crucible* was performed for U.I.L. as a 40-minute cutting in accordance with U.I.L. rules, but will be presented to the public on April 15 & 16 with extended additional dialogue and an entire new scene not includes in the original cut.

American history is the basis for the story of *The Crucible*. This story is about the injustice of the Salem witch trials which took place in Salem, Massachusetts in 1692 - 1693, and the characters are named for and based on the people who lived it. It shows how a lie can take on a life of its own. The courage of this is their story. The Massachusetts Bay Colony of early American settlers were devout Puritans and, as were most people of that time, fearful and superstitious. Because of this they believed in the supernatural in everyday life and thought that if a person doubted the reality of spirits, they not only denied demons, but also denied God. This set a premise on which accusations, once made, could not easily be taken back; and the children are easily swayed. The plot recounts how a group of children, who were afraid to get into trouble for breaking the rules, and who were influenced by one vindictive girl, got caught up in a scheme to save themselves, that grew beyond their control. The result was over 200 people jailed and 20 executed by hanging and one by pressing with stones before it was all ended.

Arthur Miller's play was first presented in 1953 and is still popular today. He originally wrote the play as a political commentary on the Senate Committee on Government Operations in the mid-50's which became known as the McCarthy hearings, and which targeted people in government, the military and the entertainment industry as communists. The televised hearings bore little substance and ruined people's careers and their lives; but showed the brutal tactics that Senator McCarthy had become famous for, therefore ultimately resulting in the end of the committee's inquiry. Since then the world McCarthyism has become synonymous with the practice of publicizing accusations of treason and disloyalty with insufficient evidence. Miller himself was called before the committee, as were many in the entertainment world, and he saw a parallel to our past history in the Salem witch trials with their wild accusations based on little or no evidence, and so he researched and wrote *The Crucible*.

Join the Shepherd High School Theatre Arts Department for this last play before the summer break. You'll be moved and entertained. The *Crucible* still has relevance today.

Houston Museum of Natural Science



On Tuesday, April 5, 2016, the first grade classes of Shepherd Primary School went on a field trip to the Houston Museum of Natural Science. The students were able to see and experience a multitude of things not readily available in San Jacinto County. One of the favorite exhibits of all of the students was the dinosaur exhibits.

Pictured in front of one of the many dinosaurs are: Top-Paxton Jones, Brynlie Singleton, Faith May, Dillon Somers, Kevin Fulsom, Presli Mollica, Michael Weekes, Franchesco Gallardo, Makayla Wyatt Bottom-Braden, McDermott, Sierra Williams, Aliyah Thomas, Abigail Arroyo, Preston Hales, Nevaeh Benavides, Calvin Fulsom, Alexander Aguillon

Keeping the Cronin Tradition Alive



As the 2017-2018 Trash Sticker Season is in full swing, I am happy to announce once again that Mrs. Chris Cronin was again the first recipient to receive the #0001 Sticker for the year. The tradition remains intact which Mr. Joe Cronin started many years ago.

Pray for Kensley

Kensley is the daughter of Christina and Jason Shrader, Kensley is 4 years old and was recently diagnosed with A.L.L. (Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia) a benefit will be held on May 14th to help the Shrader family with medical expenses throughout medical treatment for Kensley. The Shrader family has been in the Shepherd community for generations and has always been willing to help when needed. Kensley's mom, Christina has been a nurse for 10 years, she's touched many lives along the way. Let's return the favor! Let's all come together and show them how they have touched our lives!

Kensley's Story

Leukemia is a type of blood cancer that develops in the bone marrow which is the spongy center of bones and where new blood cells grow. The body makes large amounts of abnormal cells which crowd out healthy cells making it difficult to fight infections, control bleeding and transport oxygen. Leukemia cells spill into the bloodstream fairly quickly. From there they can go to other parts of the body such as lymph nodes, spleen, liver, brain, spinal cord and other organs. When Kensley was diagnosed, 50% of her cells were composed of Leukemia. Crowding of these cells also causes pain which was one of the first indicators that something was wrong with Kensley.



An otherwise healthy child who routinely took dance lessons, played ball and loved jumping on her trampoline, Kensley's symptoms started suddenly when she woke up from her sleep crying and complained of right hip and leg pain accompanied by high fever. She was seen the next day at an Urgent Care. X-rays were reported as normal and her labs showed anemia but nothing too alarming. It was recommended she have a CT scan to rule out appendicitis. Her mother felt like it could be something more complicated and decided to take her to Texas Children's for further evaluation. Kensley's pain worsened and had now spread to the left side of her pelvis and lower back. After a MRI and bone marrow aspiration and biopsy, Jason and Christina received the news no parent wants to hear. Kensley immediately started receiving chemotherapy treatment that is predicted to last 2 or up to 3 years. Life as they knew it was changed. Kensley is immunocompromised and is unable to be anywhere near crowds. She won't be able to go back to Preschool until after she has entered the Maintenance phase which will be at least 9 months from now. The family is still trying to adjust and says it still feels like it's all a bad dream. Christina said "It didn't really hit me until about a week later when I received a phone call and the person on the other end said they were calling from the CANCER clinic and then heard Kensley's name."

Despite all the challenges, parents, Jason and Christina have been able to experience kindness in others. They feel they have seen immense generosity and acts of kindness that has pulled them closer together as a family and to their friends and family.

Lets help make this princess a hometown HERO by beating the battle of cancer

"I can do all things through him, who gives me strength"

-Philippians 4:13

The benefit Will be **May 14, 2016** starting at 2:00 p.m. Brisket plates, BBQ sandwiches and crawfish will be served. Live and silent auctions. Live entertainment!

A BIG TEXAS THANK YOU!



We would like to thank everyone who came and shared and participated in some way to the benefit for Steve and Jean Howeth. So much love and blessings were there that day. Again thank you and God bless you all.

Our Love,

Steve & Jeannie Howeth

Congratulations to the Shepherd Forestry and Land Judging Teams

Congratulations to the Shepherd Forestry and Land judging teams that competed on Friday at the Polk/San Jacinto Soil and Water Conservation Contest. The Forestry team #1 placed first and will advance to State at the end of the month. The team members were Josh Cronin, Dale Creel, Zackary Jenkins, and Trey Harper. Dale Creel was the High Point individual and won a \$500.00 scholarship. Forestry Team #2 placed 4th and the contestant were Ethan Burton, Lane Reeves, and Catarino Moreno.

The Land judging team did a great job, Shepherd team #2 was 3rd and the contestant were Mackenzie Kender, Ethan Ives, Peyton Price, and Kameron Lindsey. Shepherd team #1 was 4th and the contestants were Cameron Carson, Shannon Huff, Stevie Reece, Griselda Lopez and Grace Watson.

San Jacinto County 4-H was proudly represented by 4 of our Shepherd students, they placed 1st in the Forestry Contest and will advance on to State at the end of the month. Contests were, Bryson Goodman, Jordan Cutaia, Lance Pierce, and Hunter Goodman.



The Shepherd Forestry and Land Judging Team



4-H Forestry Team: Lance Pierce, Bryson Goodman, Jordan Cutaia, Hunter Goodman



Forestry Team: Josh Cronin, Dale Creel, Zachary Jenkins, Trey Harper



Land Judging Team: Mackenzie Kender, Ethan Ives, Peyton Price, Kameron Lindsey

Did you know...

by Yvonne Ryba

Nature continually surprises me. This week, when I opened the front door, a dozen caterpillars were clinging to it. It reminded me of that old horror movie with the cry, "They're baaack!" The TV news said they would soon change into a web like chrysalis but that seems just as bad. I don't want white cocoons decorating the exterior of the house!

Still, the weather has been lovely for us and I know we are enjoying it. On Wednesday April 6, I was invited to Shepherd Sanctuary to meet the bike riders who would be staying there for the night. Peach Williamson runs this unique get-away-from it all, on Shraderville Road off FM 223. Guests come for retreats, weekends, family 'get-togethers' and events. The cyclists who arrived that afternoon started their journey in San Diego and will end the trip in St. Augustine, Florida. Bubba, the man in charge of the trip, said the cyclists would be on the road for 52 days. Although most of the group were Americans, there were people from many different countries too. They came from Germany, Holland, England and Canada among others. The youngest biker was 18 years old, the oldest was 82.

I talked over a very good meal to this 82 year old man, Fred, who was born in Lancashire, England but who had emigrated to Canada when he was young. He said he was taking the challenge of biking across country to help him get over his wife's death. He said Bubba's company had a wonderful support system, 19 people in all traveled in large motor homes and trucks to set up the tents, inflate the air beds and cook the food. The cook had her own kitchen inside her large van and she had baked a large number of delicious pies for dessert. The company also did laundry for them and picked them up if they needed to have a break, which Fred said he had needed, when crossing the desert through Arizona and New Mexico into Texas.

Shepherd Sanctuary was a very welcoming stay for this large group of at least 30 riders. There was plenty of room to relax in the creatively decorated surroundings. Peach and her partner Connie have arranged chandeliers in the outside dining area, which was covered by a high roof. Their guests usually stay in the cabins on their property. Each one is different and is placed around the green, which has statues and ornaments, flowers and bushes to make it interesting for the guests to look over. There is a large pond on the property, a lot of trees surround the place where you can walk and relax and generally enjoy yourself. If you want to know more you can look at the web sites for both companies. Call (321) 759-3433 or go to www.Bubba'sPamperedPedalers.com. For Shepherd Sanctuary, located at 1445 Shraderville Rd., Shepherd, call (281) 705-2581 or go to www.shepherdsanctuary.com

Habitat for Humanity are hosting a fund raising dinner on Saturday April 30 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The executive director, Debbie Hanson, told me this is a birthday celebration for Habitat for Humanity and will be held in Jones Auditorium. Tickets are \$30 each, \$50 for a couple and a table for 6 people is \$150. This is a big discount if you have a group wanting to sit together. For more info call (936) 653-1890 or (281) 659-5624. The web site is www.habitatsjctx@gmail.com

Director Bob Barragan offers business owners, and those who hope to start a business, a free consultation at the chamber nearest you. Bob directs the Small Business Development Center at Sam Houston state University. Call the Chamber nearest you to set up your appointment.

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Obituary

Kenneth Dwayne True

June 27, 1951 - April 3, 2016

Kenneth Dwayne True, 64, of Liberty, passed away Sunday, April 3, 2016, at the Kingwood Medical Center in Kingwood.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, April 9, 2016, at the Pace-Stancil Funeral Home Chapel with burial following at Farley Chapel Cemetery in Shepherd. Visitation was held from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Friday, at the funeral home. Services were under the direction of Pace-Stancil Funeral Home in Dayton.

Kenneth was born June 27, 1951 in Pasadena, to parents; Aaron Joseph and Bonnie Hues True, a former resident of Channelview, and has resided in Liberty for the past 23 years. He was a veteran of the US Navy with service during Vietnam, a mechanic, and a member of the Lavaca Creek Hunting Club. He also enjoyed hunting, fishing, the outdoors, wood working, machining, leatherwork, and knife making. Kenneth will be remembered as an exceptional father and soulmate to his wife.

Kenneth is preceded in death by his parents: Aaron and Bonnie Hues True of Shepherd. He is survived by his wife of 35 years: Melody Edwards True, sons: Jason Edward True of Rockport and Brandon Aaron True and fiancé Kalyn King of Liberty, brother: David True and wife Gabriela of Katy, sister: Patricia Barron and husband Doug of Mt. Belvieu, numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

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

Senior Menu

- 4/11: King Ranch Chicken, Pinto Beans, Corn, Cornbread, Salad, Fruit
- 4/12: Swedish Meatballs, Buttered Noodles, Peas & Carrots, Cornbread, Salad, Fruit
- 4/13: Chicken & Dumplings, Okra & Tomatoes, Cornbread, Salad, Pudding
- 4/14: Baked Turkey, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Greens, Cornbread, Salad, Fruit
- 4/15: Pulled Pork Stuffed Baked Potato, Cabbage, Cornbread, Salad, Fruit,
- 4/18: Chicken Spaghetti, Beets, Tossed Salad & Dressing Garlicbread, Pudding
- 4/19: Sausage & Potatoes & Peppers Stir Fry, Squash Casserole, Wheat Bread, Salad, Fruit
- 4/20: Fried Catfish, Hush Puppies, Macaroni & Cheese, Tossed Salad, Pudding
- 4/21: BBQ Ham, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Wheat Bread, Salad, Fruit
- 4/22: Smothered Chicken & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Purple Hull Peas, Cornbread, Salad, Fruit
- 4/25: Meatloaf, Cheesy Potatoes, Okra & Tomatoes, Cornbread, Salad, Fruit
- 4/26: Chicken Enchiladas, Spanish Rice, Pinto Beans, Salad, Fruit
- 4/27: Glazed Ham, Buttered Yams, Squash Casserole, Rolls, SaladFruit
- 4/28: Spaghetti & Meat Sauce, Mixed Veggies, Garlic Bread, Salad, Cookie
- 4/29: Chicken & Sausage Gumbo, Rice, Tossed Salad & Dressing, Crackers, 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

Church News

DREW'S LANDING BAPTIST CHURCH: We are hosting an Area Wide Youth Rally April 16, 2016 at noon! All church's invited to participate. Lots of free food, fun, faith & music. Church's interested call Pastor R. Withers at (936) 239-5367. 161 Thomas Castleberry off 1127 in Shepherd. Looking forward to seeing everyone! Come as you are!

BIG CREEK MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH: We would like to extend a special invitation to come and worship with us at Big Creek Missionary Baptist Church. Please come and be an important part of caring, spirit-filled church of God! You will be truly Blessed. Pastor: Skip Clift—Sunday Morning Services at 11:00 a.m. and Bible Classes are on Wednesday night at 6:00 p.m. Located on FM 2666.

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!

lizzie's Book Shelf

The Witness

By Nora Roberts

492 pages

Genre: Romance/Suspense

Summary: Daughter of a controlling mother, Elizabeth finally let loose one night, drinking at a nightclub and allowing a strange man's seductive Russian accent lure her to a house on Lake Shore Drive. The events that followed changed her life forever.

Twelve years later, the woman known as Abigail Lowery lives on the outskirts of a small town in the Ozarks. A freelance programmer, she designs sophisticated security systems—and supplements her own security with a fierce dog and an assortment of firearms. She keeps to herself, saying little, revealing nothing. But Abigail's reserve only intrigues police chief Brooks Gleason. Her logical mind, her secretive nature, and her unromantic viewpoints leave him fascinated but frustrated. He suspects that Abigail needs protection from something—and that her elaborate defenses hide a story that must be revealed.

My Review: When I would discuss reading preferences with people and they would tell me they like romances like “Nora Roberts” I’ll admit I would scoff in judgment. But now that I’ve actually tried her stuff I realize that, when it comes to this book at least, I was dead wrong.

The first part of the book is action-packed and drew me in before the story switches gears and slows down. But don’t get the term “slows down” confused with “boring”. I was never bored listening to this book and I enjoyed the slowed pace in order to get to know the characters better and become more entrenched in their lives. The romantic relationship builds slowly which makes it much more believable than a lot of the teen books out there.

I really liked Liz/Abigail. She’s a genius (literally) and because she is a genius she tends to take things literally (which is often funny), because of how she was raised she’s socially awkward which is a quirk that I always seem to find endearing. And her relationship with her dog Bert had me green with jealousy. It was like I was back to being a kid watching Homeward Bound or Beethoven for the first time, wanting the dog to come out of the TV and be mine. Brooks’ sense of humor won me over (how cliché of me, I know) but his humor and Abigail’s tendency to take things literally put a smile on my face on more than one occasion.

The suspense part of the book jumps back into action towards the end of the book and I really liked the change of pace, once again. I’ll be honest, I’ve read some suspense novels and a lot of romance novels, but very few suspense romance novels, and I must say I am intrigued. After I was done with this one I immediately went to download another Nora Robert’s book, this time a series, but I was sadly disappointed. And annoyed. I had hoped for another awesome read like The Witness but obviously all books are not created equal, even if they’re by the same author.

I also have to give props to the amazing narrator, Julia Whelan. She read this book flawlessly, which if you listen to a lot of audiobooks you know isn’t always easy to find. It’s no surprise this book won an Audie award for romance audiobook of the year.

This book is for fans of quirky, independent women. It is for us geeks and lovers of romantic suspense that isn’t overly dramatic. Or it’s for anyone that just likes a good flippin’ (should I take this out? I did have freakin’ but I’m worried it’s too foul, and maybe even flippin’ is too. But it doesn’t have the same ring to it without anything there haha.) book.

Parental Guidance: 18+ (BN.com) This book was written for adults, as are most Nora Robert’s books. There is adult language throughout the book, innuendos, and intimate scenes. The suspense and violence are mostly mild.

Stand Alone or Series: This is a stand-alone book.

Price: I found copies new, used, and e-book on Amazon from \$0.01-\$12.26.

♥ Lizzie

April 13, 2016

Community Classifieds

FOR SALE: 2 standard size toilets \$10.00 each, 2 coffee tables \$5.00 each, 2 end tables \$5.00 for the pair, 2 twin size bed frames \$5.00 each, 1 regular bed frame \$10.00. Shepherd Senior Citizens 936-628-3733
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Community Calendar

- 4/11: PIRATEERS READING PROGRAM 9-10AM; Shepherd Primary Parent Center
- 4/12: Monthly Food Truck; 1-3pm Coldspring Head Start – 941 Slade Street, Coldspring, TX
- 4/16: Coldspring Garden Club 2nd Annual Flower Show and Luncheon, 11am at Jones Hall, Coldspring
- 4/16: Drew’s Landing Baptist Church Area Wide Youth Rally, 12pm
- 4/22: Monthly Food Truck; 10am-12pmshepherd Community Center
- 4/25: PIRATEERS READING PROGRAM 9-10AM; Shepherd Primary Parent Center

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Shrimp Carbonara

Ingredients

- 12 ounces spaghetti or linguini pasta (*Skinner 24oz pasta on sale 2/\$3.00!*)
- 4 slices bacon, diced (*Rath bacon on sale 2/\$7.00!*)
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 8 ounces medium shrimp, peeled, deveined and roughly chopped (*Sea Best 40/50ct shrimp 16oz on sale \$7.49!*)
- ½ tsp. dried basil
- ½ tsp. dried oregano
- kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- 4 ounces cream cheese, cubed
- ¼ cup half and half, or more, as needed
- ½ cup frozen peas (*Parade 28-32oz on sale \$1.88!*)
- ¼ cup freshly grated parmesan cheese
- 2 tbsp. chopped fresh parsley leaves

Directions

- In large pot of boiling salted water, cook pasta according to package directions. Drain well.
- Heat a large skillet over medium high heat. Add bacon and cook until brown and crispy, about 6-8 minutes. Drain excess fat, reserving 1 tabelspoon in the skillet. Transger bacon to a paper towel-lined plate.
- Add garlic to the skillet and cook, stirring frequently, until fragrant, about 1-2 minutes.
- Season shrimp with basil, oregano, salt and pepper, to taste. Add shrimp t the skillet and cook, stirring occasionally, until pink, about 2-3 minutes.
- Stir in cream cheese, half and half and peas until well combined, about 1-2 minutes. If the mixture is too thick, add more half and half as needed until desired consistency is reached.
- Stir in pasta and bacon.
- Serve immediately, garnish with Parmesan and parsley, if desired.

Recipe found at www.damndelicious.net

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