

SHEPHERD COMMUNITY NEWS

Another Successful Year at the McClain's Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Year after year the kids line up with anticipation waiting to hear those three magic words..."ready, set, go!" Without hesitation they are sprinting through the fields in search for the **Golden Egg** while picking up every egg they can get their hands on along the way! The toddler field tends to start out slow but it doesn't take them long before they catch on to the idea and pick up the pace! We love this family tradition our dad, Jim McClain, started and are grateful for our customers for allowing us continue it!

There was no denying who found the **Golden Egg** on the 4-6 field this year! You could see sweet little Ricardo smiling from ear to ear from across the parking lot after the hunt was over. Hector's mouth dropped wide open when he found out what prize was waiting for him after finding the one on the 7-9 field. Well done boys! Hope to see you back next year!

Easter egg hunt WINNERS



Hayley Newton
Won the Girls Dodder Drawing.

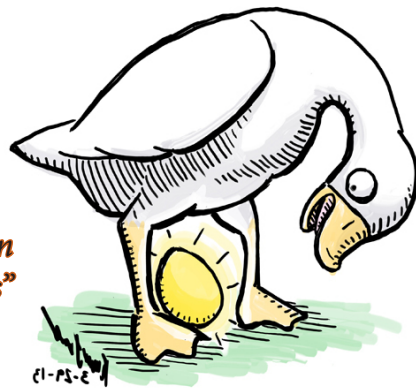


Six-year-old **Ricardo Lucio**, son of Melissa and Eric Erickson found the Golden Egg on the 4-6 year old hunt and won an electric scooter! Ricardo is in first grade at Shepherd Primary School.

What did you think when you found the golden egg?
"I was so excited because I was getting a scooter!"

How long did it take you to find the golden egg?
"15 minutes."

What's your favorite thing about Easter?
"Candy and finding a golden egg and learning about Jesus"



Sheridan Ferguson
Won the Boys Toddler Drawing.



10-year-old **Hector Gonzalez**, son of Anna Gonzalez, found the Golden Egg and won a Hovertrax Hoverboard! Hector is in fifth grade at Shepherd Intermediate School.

What did you think when you found the golden egg?
"I wanted to leave and come get my prize!"

How long did it take you to find the golden egg?
"Not that long about ten minutes."

What's your favorite thing about Easter?
"Looking for eggs."

YOU'RE INVITED!
Family and friends are invited to help celebrate the birthday dinner for **Willie M. McQueen** May 6, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. at the Family Restaurant in Shepherd. There will be a domino tournament for the best players.

The City of Shepherd is Requesting a Bid for the Following Services:

The bid needs to be returned to The City Secretary by 12:00 p.m. on May 4, 2017 at City Hall 11020 Hwy 150 Shepherd Texas 77371.

- Cleaning of the Community Center Park Restrooms one time per week.
- Cleaning of the Community Center one time per week
- Cleaning of City Hall one time per week.

*The City retains the right to refuse any and all bids.
Reputation and quality of service of the bidder will be considered.
We are an equal opportunity employer.*

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

is having a **Bar-B-Que Fundraiser**

Saturday, April 29, 2017

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

or until sold out!

Come by and Get a Plate!

Brisket sandwiches, chips, drink \$7.50

Brisket Per lb: \$14

Brisket Whole Cooked: \$75

If you want a whole cooked brisket you will need to pre-order by April 26!

To place your pre-order call

Marion Sohl (281) 592-7002

or Bob Melton (832) 480-5100

901 Plum Grove Rd. Cleveland, TX

ICE, Homeland Security, Local Police Raid Possible Human Trafficking Site in Splendora

by Vanesa Brashier

Photos by Jason Fochtman

Law enforcement with Splendora Police Department, Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, Homeland Security and Immigration and Customs Enforcement raided a property on FM 2090 west of Tram Road, Wednesday, April 19, 2017, in Splendora. Preliminary reports suggest illegal firearms and vehicles were found on the property.

Police and federal agents are on the scene of a purported business in Splendora after an anonymous tip on Wednesday led to a possible human trafficking investigation, Splendora Police Chief Wally Wiegat said. Wiegat said the anonymous tip came in at about 9:00 a.m. on April 19 about a site just West of the intersection of FM 2090 and Tram Road. The building is a metal shed that is described as a business but has no signage.

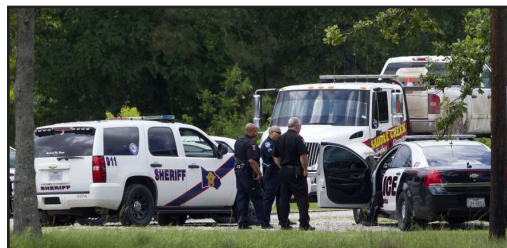
Later in the day, federal investigators with Homeland Security and Immigrations and Customs Enforcement raided the property and found eight people inside the building, along with stolen guns and a stolen vehicle. Wiegat said that Officer Michael St. Romain should be credited with an extensive initial investigation that led to the raid. When the original call came in, St. Romain pinged the cell phone that it came from, which led him to the site.

He then parked at a nearby Texaco gas station and watched the building, until he determined that suspicious activity was happening there.



When backup arrived from Patton Village, Roman Forest and Woodbranch police departments, police approached the building and knocked on the door. Police detained the people found on the property while waiting for the federal warrant. Neighbors of the property said suspicious activities had been going on for some time. One neighbor said the group of people on the property seemed to change completely every three months.

Of the eight people found on the property, three were arrested and taken away from the scene. The other five were still being detained on the property. *This is a developing story.*



"Texas Forever"



Shepherd Middle School 7th graders enjoyed a day at the San Jacinto Monument. The 117 students saw artifacts from the battlefield that belonged to both Texan and Mexican soldiers. They also saw a short video called "Texas Forever" Then, they were able to walk the battlefield.



BY YVONNE RYBA



On Wednesday, April 26 at 7:00 p.m., Shepherd Public Library will host a talk and book signing by Georgie Anna Holbrook. Georgie is an Emotional Wellness Coach as well as an author. The title of her talk is *"How to Experience Your Natural Ability to Heal"*. Georgie has written 3 books, all of them are self-help books with the theme of helping people heal their ailments by connecting with their emotions. You can visit her web site at <https://www.Joy-Full.com> She has taught in universities, churches, hospitals etc across the U.S.A. Georgie will share her own experience having reversed a six year disfiguring, deforming disease and near blindness. She discovered the natural building blocks of self-healing that led her to a complete drug free cure. For more information you can call her at (281) 218-8773 or call the library at (936) 628-3515. Georgie will answer questions after her book signing and her CD's and DVD's will be available. Congratulations to Shepherd's Mayor Earl Brown! He was awarded the 'Silent Hero Award' by the 'House of Hope' in Livingston for his commitment to the community and dedication to helping others.

On Tuesday April 18, Coldspring-San Jacinto Chamber of Commerce

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

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

Shepherd Senior Citizen's Center Menu				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
24	25	26	27	28
CHICKEN & BROCCOLI ALFREDO SPAGHETTI TOSSED SALAD & DRESSING ROLLS, FRUIT	BEEF SAUSAGE BUTTERED YAMS SQUASH CASSEROLE ROLLS, SALAD, FRUIT	BAKED TURKEY CORNBREAD DRESSING GREEN BEANS ROLLS, SALAD, PUDDING	PORK LOIN GRAVY & ONIONS, LIMA BEANS MASHED POTATOES CORNBREAD, SALAD, FRUIT	CHICKEN STRIPS, CREAM GRAVY MASHED POTATOES BUTTERED CORN ROLLS, SALAD, FRUIT



Buy \$mart
EAT Well
25-MINUTE MARGHERITA PASTA

Ingredients:

- 1 lb spaghetti or pasta of choice (*Parade pasta 24oz. on sale \$1.88!*)
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 tablespoons butter (*Parade spread crock 45oz. \$1.79!*)
- 1/4 onion, chopped
- 6 Roma tomatoes, chopped divided
- 4-6 garlic cloves, minced
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 cups low sodium chicken broth
- 1 1/2 cups milk
- 2 teaspoons chicken bouillon
- 1 teaspoon dried parsley
- 1/2 tsp EACH dried oregano, dried basil, salt
- 1/4 tsp EACH pepper, red pepper flakes
- 1/2 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese (*Crystal Farms cheese 6-8oz. on sale 2/\$4.00!*)
- 1/2 cup shredded mozzarella cheese (*Crystal Farms cheese 6-8oz. on sale 2/\$4.00!*)
- 2 oz. cream cheese, softened (*I use 1/3 less fat*)
- 1/4 cup loosely packed basil, chopped

Garnish

- freshly grated Parmesan cheese
- fresh basil, chiffonade




Directions:

- Cook pasta al dente according to package directions in generously salted water. Remove 1 cup pasta water before draining.
- Melt butter in olive oil over medium-low heat in a large skillet. Increase heat to medium and add onions and HALF of the tomatoes and sauté for 5 minutes. Add garlic and cook an additional 30 seconds. Sprinkle in flour and cook while stirring for 2 minutes (*it will be thick*).
- Turn heat to low then slowly whisk in chicken broth, then milk, stirring constantly until smooth. Turn heat to medium high and bring the sauce to a simmer. Stir in spices and continue to simmer until slightly thickened, stirring occasionally.
- Reduce heat to low and stir in Parmesan cheese until melted, followed by mozzarella cheese until melted, followed by cream cheese until melted.
- Stir in remaining tomatoes and fresh basil. Stir in pasta until well coated, adding additional reserved pasta water a little at a time if needed to reach desired consistency. Taste and season with additional salt, pepper and/or red pepper flakes to taste.
- Garnish with freshly grated Parmesan Cheese and additional basil if desired.


Recipe found at www.carlsbadcravings.com

Retired School Personnel to Meet


The San Jacinto County Retired School Personnel Association will meet on Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at 5:00 p. m. at the Senior Center in Coldspring. Updates will be given on important changes to our retirement health care insurance. Officers for the coming year will be installed. All school personnel retirees are invited for a covered dish dinner 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 Shirley Rand at (936) 628-3218.



New Releases Coming to McClain's DVD Kiosk




La La Land (PG-13) comedy/drama: A jazz pianist falls for an aspiring actress in Los Angeles. Starring: Ryan Gosling, Emma Stone, Rosemarie DeWitt




Underworld: Blood Wars (R) action/adventure: Vampire death dealer, Selene, fights to end the eternal war between the Lycan clan and the Vampire faction that betrayed her. Starring: Kate Beckinsale, Theo James, Tobias Menzies

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


STUDENT OF THE WEEK!

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 this week:



Natalie Leon
Sara Ebarb
Devon Hymer

Steven Hernandez
Arron Cruz
Kaylee Bennett



Classifieds

FOR SALE

HUGE YARD SALE **Thur-Sat**, April 27, 28, and 29. at Hwy 150 west 2 miles from Shepherd on Ladybug Lane. Look for signs.

FOR RENT


2BR/1BA mobile home for rent, lights and water included! \$650 per month plus \$250 deposit. Please call Mary at 832-250-6154 or Monica at 832-997-7350.

4BR/2BA house for rent with utility room, located in Cherry Creek. Call 214-463-1598 or 214-463-3178 to schedule a showing.

MISCELANEOUS

Need Something Hauled off? Will haul off all non-working AC units, washers, dryers, refrigerators, freezers, riding mowers, batteries, and trailers. Please call 936-252-9043.


Wanted Seamstress for very small job—making and sewing pockets on t-shirts. Time limited. Please call Mrs. Hammond after 4:00 p.m. weekday's or 10 a.m.—2 p.m. on Saturday's at 936-239-0852.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS


CALL TO CALVARY MINISTRIES: A church that preaches the message of the Cross. 793 Thomas Castleberry Rd., Shepherd S.S. 9:30a.m., Services 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Thursday, 7:30 p.m. (936) 628-1059 All are welcome!

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH CAMILLA: We will be celebrating the church's 115 year Anniversary as well as a dedication to the completion of the remodel of the historical building. Please come out and celebrate this milestone with us on **April 30, 2017** at 11:00 a.m. all is invited! Location 401 FM 3278 Coldspring, Tx 77331


TEMPLE OF FAITH CHURCH: We the Pastor and members of Temple of Faith Church (1334 Shepherd Tram Road) would like to invite our neighboring Churches and friends to join in with us as we celebrate our Annual Youth Day Program on Sunday, **May 7, 2017** at 3:00 p.m. Guest Speaker will be Pastor Joseph Williams and the Greater Pleasant Valley BC of Shepherd Texas. Please come out and help us lift up the name of Jesus.




2017 Mother - Daughter BREAKFAST
"Where are the Welling Women"
FEATURING GUEST SPEAKERS



PROPHETESS
LYNNE BROWN




SISTER
MARY GORDON



CO. PASTOR
LOVIE SOPHUS

SATURDAY MAY 6TH
FOUNDER
LADY HARDEN
REGISTRATION AT 9:30 AM
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AT THE COLDSPRINGS JONES AUDITORIUM
\$10 FOR ADULTS
\$5 AGES 12 & UNDER
\$60 FOR A TABLE OF 6
For more information visit:
www.ndfcworldchangers.org

BUSINESS NEWS


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