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SHEPHERD COMMUNITY NEWS

SJC Go Texan Local Scholarship Time Again

The 2017 San Jacinto County Local Area Go Texan Scholarship Applications are available now!

San Jacinto County high school senior students wishing to apply can pick up an application from their high school counselor's office, county extension office, or ag science teachers.

Do Not Send or Return Your Application to Houston

All applications must be received back to the counselor at Coldspring High School or Shepherd High School by close of business on or before Monday, April 10, 2017. Applications may also be received by Sherry Taylor at Peoples State Bank in Coldspring or Sue Nell Loggins at Shepherd High School no later than the close of business, on or before Monday, April 10, 2017.

RANCH POTATOES

Ingredients:

- 8-10 medium potatoes (*cut into 1/2" cubes*) ***(5lb bag russet potatoes on sale 2/$3.00!)***
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 1 1/2 cups milk
- 1 envelope ranch salad dressing mix
- 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese *(divided)*
- 6 bacon slices *(cooked until crispy and crumbled)* ***(Bar-S bacon 12oz. on sale $2.99!)***
- salt & pepper

Directions:

- Pre-heat the oven to 350 degrees. Add potatoes to a large pot. Add enough water to cover the potatoes and bring to a boil over high heat. Cook for 10-12 minutes or until the potatoes are almost tender. Drain.
- Lightly grease an 9X13 casserole dish. In a bowl mix together cream of mushroom soup, milk, ranch dressing, 1 cup of the cheese, salt and pepper. Pour over potatoes in the casserole dish.
- Sprinkle remaining cup of shredded cheddar cheese and the crumbled bacon over the top. Place into the oven and bake uncovered for 25-30 minutes or until the potatoes are tender.

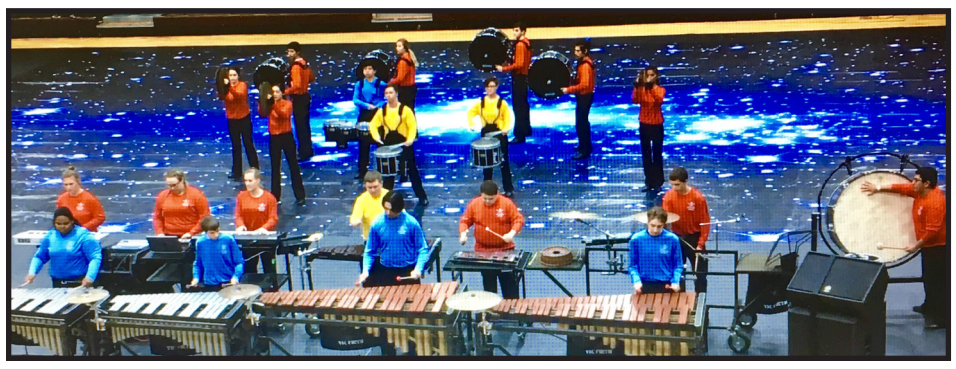
A History Making Year for Shepherd High School Band

The Shepherd HS Royal Blue Band program is having a banner year in 2016-2017.

School history was made with the success of the marching band in U.I.L. competition. After a 1st division at the Regional level, the band advanced all the way to 4A Area Finals last October, no other Shepherd band has ever advanced that far. Then again history was made at the U.I.L. regional solo and ensemble contest in February. There were 17 - 1st division solos and ensembles represented by 28 different students at the regional level. That translated to a record number of students advancing to the State U.I.L. Solo and Ensemble Contest to be held this May in Austin. The band has 10 events advancing, represented by 24 different students.

This spring semester finds the program competing in both the Indoor Winter Guard and the Indoor Drum Line competitions. Both of these groups compete in the Texas Color Guard Circuit (TCGC), which is not school size based, but talent based, so Shepherd is quite often competing against the 5A and 6A high schools as one of the smallest groups there, being only 4A ourselves.

The Shepherd High Indoor Percussion (SHIP) is in its fifth year of competition and has won a divisional state medal each of the previous four years. The SHIP most recently placed 2nd in their division in local competition at Tomball Memorial HS on March 25.



The Royal Guard is in its eleventh year of competition and has won seven state divisional medals from the previous ten years. This year, the Royal Guard made their mark in school history by being promoted to the next competitive class level after a 2nd place finish in local competition at Morton Ranch HS on February 4th. The guard has won state silver the previous two years and were on track for another successful state run in their division, when the promotion came, which is a victory within itself.

The guard's TCGC state contest is in College Station on April 1st and the percussion's TCGC state contest is in College Station on April 8th.

The full H.S. band is currently in the middle of their U.I.L. Concert and Sight-Reading preparation with contest coming up on April 7th at Caney Creek H.S. In this competition, the H.S. band has received 1st division ratings in concert, two of the last five years, and 1st division ratings in sight-reading, six of the last eight years.

With the potential success of the band at the Concert and Sight-Reading contest, The Royal Blue Band could be looking at the U.I.L. Sweepstakes Award, which would again make school history. So, congratulations to these fine students of Shepherd High School, the performing organizations and their instructors for a superior year of success and best wishes for continued progress and success in the future.

Houston Ag Mechanics Show

Shepherd FFA students show off their blue and a red ribbons from their projects at the Houston Agriculture Mechanics Show. Nice trailer and feeder receiving the blue recognition. Students demonstrating great career skills in the construction of these projects.

Shape Building with Toothpicks and Marshmallows

Students in Miss Ringland's Kindergarten class enjoyed creating 3D shapes using toothpicks and marshmallows.

Pictured (top left to right): Jace Poul, Emma Bailey, Kaitlin Barrackman, Brooklyn White, Brooklin Clark, Rowdy Sosa, Kristian Bogany, Harlee Hester, Kinsler Corbridge. Bottom row left to right: Rey Gonzalez, Braylin Bogany, Carter Harrison, Breanna Daigle, Elizabeth Mullenix-Tyler, Jake Papp, Tyler Harrison, and Olivia Alford.

After learning about 2D and 3D shapes, Mrs. Swiech's class used toothpicks and marshmallows to build different shapes. After creating their shapes they had to share the attributes of each shape with the class, and then record how many marshmallows and toothpicks it took to build their shape.

Bottom Row (left to right): Samantha Hernandez, Hailey Blanton, Hunter Mosley, Kinsley Rhodes, Decil Hill, Tess Syracuse, and London Thomas
Top Row (left to right): Michael Watson, Isaac Lugo, Cali Fulsom, Case Baloy, Kaine Roane, Kenley Keel, Corbin Toon, Hollis Brooks, and Levi Herrod

DID YOU KNOW?

BY YVONNE RYBA

Oh, these "worms"! They are everywhere! I know they are really called "tent caterpillars" but I am sure we have given them some other names in the past week! They have dropped onto my head, climbed onto my T-Shirt and found their way into the house. I sprayed roach killer round the outside door frame and it worked, except I had the somewhat grisly job of trying to sweep up the dead bodies afterward! According to the experts, they will soon be gone as they transform themselves into silky pouched cocoons.

Did you go to Coldspring's Trades' Days "March Madness'? It was a lot of fun. We were eating lunch in Paradise Grill when the competitors for the "Unbeauty Contest" came in. This contest is the brainchild of Cora Standley of 'Cora's Corner', and it is believed no other city has such a contest. Danielle Matheu- Nuro, who is President of C.A.B.M.A. was also part of the "Unbeauty Contest", and later announced the winners were 'Queen' Beth Ireland with Jason Bleau winning the title of King.

Trades' Day is organized by San Jacinto Historical Commission. The next one is April 22. For information on becoming a vendor or just to learn more, call (936) 767-2332 or go to Coldspring's web site which is listed below. The week after on April 29, C.A.B.M.A. hosts April Artisans. This event is also in Coldspring's Courthouse Square and runs from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Many artists will be showing their work in many different mediums. If you wish to be a vendor, call the same phone number above. Vendor's space is 12 x 20 and cost is $20.00. Food vendors pay $30.00. This is a great way to buy and sell the creative endeavors of local artists. If you are an artist or becoming one, check out C.A.A.L. which stands for Coldspring Area Art League. If you are interested in joining C.A.A.L., they have an excellent web site with lots of information. The group meets on the first Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m.in Paradise Grille, Coldspring. They meet in the back room and have demonstrations of different artists work.

Shepherd Chamber of Commerce is working hard to create a bigger and better July 4th celebration this year. If you want to be a vendor, call the chamber number below. The firework display will be really wonderful!

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 problemyou 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
3	4	5	6	7
HONEY MUSTARD BAKED CHICKEN NEW POTATOES IN CREAM SAUCE GREEN BEANS CORNBREAD, SALAD, FRUIT	BREADED PORK CUTLETS BROWN GRAVY, MASHED POTATOES SQUASH CASSEROLE ROLLS, SALAD, FRUIT	MEATLOAF BUTTERED YAMS PINTO BEANS CORNBREAD, SALAD, FRUIT	SALMON PATTIES MACARONI & CHEESE STIR FRIED CABBAGE CORN MUFFINS, SALAD, FRUIT	BBQ CHICKEN POTATO SALAD BAKED BEANS WHEAT BREAD, SALAD, FRUIT
10	11	12	13	14
BEEF & POTATO HASH, GREENS TOSSED SALAD & DRESSING CORNBREAD, FRUIT	SAUSAGE & CHICKEN GUMBO, RICE TOSSED SALAD & DRESSING CORNBREAD, FRUIT	CHICKEN FRIED CHICKEN BREAST MACARONI & CHEESE, BLACK--EYED PEAS CORNBREAD, SALAD, FRUIT	SMOKED TURKEY BREASTS CORN CASSEROLE, FRIED OKRA ROLLS, SALAD, PEAR COBBLER	CLOSED GOOD FRIDAY
17	18	19	20	21
MEATBALLS & BROWN GRAVY BUTTERED PASTA MIXED VEGGIES CORNBREAD, SALAD, FRUIT	BEEF TIPS & RICE PINTO BEANS CORNBREAD TOSSED SALAD & DRESSING, FRUIT	HAMBURGER PATTY GRAVY & ONIONS MASHED POTATOES, GREEN BEANS CORNBREAD, SALAD, FRUIT	BBQ PULLED PORK SANDWICH POTATO SALAD COLDSLAW, WHEAT BREAD SALAD, FRUIT	MEATLOAF CHEESY POTATOES CABBAGE CORNBREAD, SALAD, FRUIT
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

Classifieds

FOR SALE

3BR/2BA double wide trailer on 5 wooded acres, 3 miles from freeway, country paradise, $76,000.00 with $56,000.00 down, will owner finance balance, located in Shepherd, TX. Please call 936-365-4418.

Yard sale April 6, 7 & 8 starting at 8AM at the First Baptist Church Camilla 401 Fm 3278 Coldspring, Tx 77331. All proceeds go into the building fund to complete the remodel of the church.

FOR RENT

2BR/1BA mobile home, lights and water included! $700 per month plus $200 deposit. Please call Mary at 832-250-6154 or Monica at 832-997-7350.

3BR/1BA home, located at 20 Shady Ln. Shepherd, TX 77371. Please call 832-318-5941.

Two Shops located in Shepherd right on highway 59 S Rent $800 and $500 a Month; Contact Jacob at 281-592-8827

Two story home with barn on 2840 FM 1127 located in Sheperd. 3 living rooms, two bathrooms, for $800 a month. Please call Art at 713-269-6533. *Serious inquiries only, please.*

Community Calendar

4/3: EDC Meeting, 7pm/EDC Building
4/7: Bob Brannagan's monthly consultations with current or prospective business owners, 10am-noon/Chamber Office
2nd Saturday: Impact Work Shop; Impact Thrift Shop; 1300 S. Byrd Shepherd, TX
4/7: Friday Senior Resale Shop Bag Day
4/10: Monday City Council Meeting, 7pm/Community Center
4/11: 7pm First Station Auxiliary Meeting; 7PM
4/13: SJC Women's League Meeting, 11:30am/Coldspring Community Center (September through May)
4/15: McClain's Easter Egg Hunt (see flyer for details) 4/16: Easter
4/17: Monday School Board Meeting, 7pm
4/18 Republican Women of SJC dinner meeting; 6:45PM www.RWofSJC.org or call 832-259-6812
4/21: Senior Resale Shop Bag Day
4/26: 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.

In Remembrance of...

Eric Charles Burch, Jr. the only son of Reverend Eric C. Burch, Sr. and Arletha M. Burch, made his grand entrance into this world on January 31, 1990 in Huntsville, Texas. What a day of rejoicing it was.

Eric was always told by his loving parents to always love everyone and obey your elders. He was raised in a Christian home and dedicated his life to Christ at an early age. He was a member of the Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church in Evergreen, Texas.

Eric received his formal education from the Coldspring-Oakhurst school district. He graduated from Coldspring High School in 2008. Eric was an intelligent child and received high honors in everything he wanted to do. He loved playing basketball, "Look out Wee-Wee here come the ball" was an echo heard throughout our house. Jr. Burch loved his family and friends. He loved God and going to church, "yes church". As for the Burch house we were going every Sunday.

Eric touched many lives young and old, with his big smile and great personality. At the age of 25 he became a father. He has two beautiful children, they were his pride and joy. Eric Charles Burch III is now 1 ½ years old and Elijah De'Shaun Burch is 7 months, the loves of his life.

Eric received a scholarship from the US Navy and served proudly until he was discharged after a medical injury. He had many jobs after returning home, he served as a cook and was a certified nursing assistant.

On Christmas Day, December 25, 2016, our precious jewel went to be with his Savior. Eric's legacy will live on through his son's, family and beautiful friends.

Eric is preceded in death by his grandparents, T.P. and Elma Fisher and Charlie and Mamie E. Burch. Left to celebrate his life and cherish his memory are his father, Eric Charles Burch, Sr. and his mother, Arletha Burch; two sons, Eric Charles Burch III, Elijah De'Shaun Burch, sisters, April L. Burch, Erica Burch-Sykes and husband Melvin, nephew, Jayden Christian Sykes and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins and treasured friends.

Senior Citizen's Center Monthly Newsletter

April

Beginning to wonder if we are going to skip spring since it started in February and now it's getting hot like summer is already. I guess this is to keep us in a total state of confusion. I thought confusion was the job description for politics not the weather! Now I am totally confused! Wonder if my padded room is ready, hmmmmm. That was always a joke in the past, but now it's not sounding so bad.

It is almost Easter time! I love seeing the children hunting eggs and having such good times and making memories. It's such a special time for families. Take lots of pictures, Mom and Dad because they don't stay babies very long!

We are looking forward to having Bingo with Woodland Park hosting on April 6. Seeing our seniors and our guests from Woodland Park have fun is good for the heart. Come join the fun. The game starts about 9:30 a.m. and ends around or a little before 11:00 a.m.

We want to express our deepest gratitude to our staff and volunteers for the wonderful job they do providing services to our community. As usual, the food is awesome, and the resale staff are kind and they all work with smiles on their faces. Serving our community is our most important job!

The center is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Call us by 9:30 a.m. at (936) 628-3733 and let us know you are coming for lunch and we will set a place at the table. Lunch is served starting at 11:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Check out our menu in the paper and pick your favorite meals and come see us. We know you will enjoy the food and you can visit friends or make new ones! It's Spring Time, get out and enjoy the beauty of the flowers and come have lunch!

The resale shop hours are at 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and on the first and third Fridays of the month they have 'BAG DAY'. Fill a grocery bag full of clothing only, and pay $3.00. They also have household items, movies, books, sleep wear, accessories and more. Come shop with us, you might just find that special gift you have been shopping for.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

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

LAKE POOL BAPTIST CHURCH: The Shepherd Community Choir and The Lake Pool Baptist Church invite you to attend a spirit filled Good Friday worship service on Friday, April 14, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. Delma Powell-Director; Christie Andrews-Minister of Music; Rev. Murry Williams-Pastor.

LAKE POOL BAPTIST CHURCH: We invite family, friends, and neighboring churches to help celebrate our Pastor Murry and First Lady Patricia William's 15th Appreciation Service at Lake Pool Baptist Church in Shepherd, TX. Scheduled Events: April 20, 2017: Thursday night at 6:30 p.m. Guest Speaker: Rev. Frank Mason, Spring Hill Baptist Church. April 21, 2017: Friday night at 6:30 p.m. Guest Speaker: Rev. Emmitt Toran, St. Clair Baptist Church. April 23, 2017: Sunday Service at 3:00 p.m. Guest Speaker: Rev. Willie Carrington and Galilee Baptist Church, Cleveland, TX.

SPRING HILL BAPTIST CHURCH: Appreciation Service for Ministers on Sunday, April 23, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. Message to be brought by: James Cole, Pastor of Pine Grove Baptist Church in Maynard, TX. Theme: Jeremiah 3:15 "And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding" KJV. Pastor: Rev Frank Mason; First Lady: Evelyn Mason; Associate Minister: Douglas Jackson; Prophetess: Sheila Jackson; Program Specialist: Sister Rosie Reed. Contact (936) 653-4531 or contact church at (936) 67-8421.

New Releases Coming to McClain's DVD Kiosk

Rogue One: A Star Wars Story (PG-13) adventure/ sci-fi: The Rebel Alliance makes a risky move to steal the plans for the Death Star, setting up the epic saga to follow. **Starring: Felicity Jones, Diego Luna, Alan Tudyk**

Office Christmas Party (R) comedy: When his uptight CEO sister threatens to shut down his branch, the branch manager throws an epic Christmas party in order to land a big client and save the day, but the party gets way out of hand... **Starring: Jason Bateman, Olivia Munn, T.J. Miller**

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

Crawfish Boil

Hosted by
Temple of Faith Church
April 14, 2017 at 10:00 am
$10 covered plate with fixings potatoes, sausage, & corn bar BBQ plates or sandwiches.
Boil will be located at the slab next to the old feed store
Any questions please contact
Shelia Richardson 832-318-4079
Charlie Roberts 281-761-9044

Please Join Us for a... RESURRECTION Celebration

Sunday, April 16, 2017, 10:30 a.m.
Dolen Baptist Church
10078 FM 787 W, Cleveland, Texas 77327
Special music by Christine Shippey
Lunch provided after the service

Free Fun for the entire Family celebrating
"Unite Shepherd" Annual Activities
Saturday, April 15, 2017
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Shepherd Community Center Area
Sponsored by: SMEA