

SHEPHERD COMMUNITY NEWS

McClain's Easter Egg Hunt Winners

McClain's had a great time putting on our 31st Annual Easter Egg Hunt! We appreciate everyone who came out to hunt eggs and hope that all the kids had a blast! Congratulations to the Power Wheels/Bike Winners from this year:

Pictured at right is Ashley Valdez, age 17 months, won the drawing for a Minnie Mouse Power Wheels for the toddler hunt! Parents are Maura Ramirez and Juan Valdez.

Pictured below is Eli Herrod, age 2, won the drawing for the Paw Patrol Power Wheels for the toddler hunt! Parents are Robert and Kristin Herrod.



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SJC Go Texan Local Scholarship Time Again!!

The 2016 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 11, 2016**. 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 11, 2016.

Love Sharing your Opinion? Share it with Us!

We want to know what you think of Shepherd Community News! Please send us an e-mail telling us what you like, don't like, or think we could improve upon, because we think feedback is awesome, and we want everyone to love our paper just as much as we do!

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Pictured upper left is Guillermo M., age 5, found the Golden Egg on the 4-7 year old hunt! His mother, Reyna, said he didn't even realize he'd found it and he was very happy when she told him! Guillermo said it didn't take too long to find, and his favorite thing about Easter is the Easter bunny!

Pictured upper right is Chase Lane, age 10, found the Golden Egg on the 8-10 year old hunt! Chase is in 5th grade at the Shepherd Intermediate School, and his parents are Shantell Alaniz and Mark Lane. Chase said he was happy when he found it, and that his favorite thing about Easter are the eggs and prizes!

Houston Rodeo Calf Scramble



Makayla Currie represented Shepherd FFA at the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo by catching a calf in the calf scramble.

House of Mary Aims to Make Generational Impact



By Cyndie Schmidt
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A new ministry has been creating a lot of buzz across social media platforms over the past few weeks. House of Mary, a future crisis pregnancy maternity home, announced their fundraising launch on August 1, and has gotten nothing but full support from every corner of Polk County. The new ministry even has supporters stretching from Kentucky, Hawaii, and the United Kingdom.

The mission at House of Mary (HOM) will be to equip, empower, and enable women and teens in crisis pregnancy situations to raise the "Timothy Generation." This concept is based on the biblical passage of 2 Timothy 1:5, "I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also." By offering expectant mothers a Christ-centered home environment, life skills classes, and community connections, HOM hopes to create a desire in them to provide more for their baby spiritually, mentally, physically, and emotionally.

The fundraising launch is "Phase 1" of many for HOM. During this phase they hope to raise enough funds to cover the majority of their start-up budget. This includes purchasing, building, or acquiring through donation two houses. State law does not permit housing minors and adults together, therefore they will need two separate houses in order to help expectant women of all ages. Funds raised during this time will also cover organization filing fees, utility set-up, and home repairs, among other expenses. Because HOM will be a Christ-centered ministry, all of their funding must come from generous donors and fundraising. Donations can be made online or mailed to House of Mary, P.O. Box 376, Livingston, TX 77351. A full list of financial needs (along with the option to donate) can be found on the HOM website, tackk.com/hom.

HOM says their first priority is to bring glory to God and be obedient to His call. The committee members ask that the community join them in prayer and help spread the word as they launch this ministry. They believe HOM has the potential to change lives and impact generations to come. Connect with HOM on Facebook ([facebook.com/houseofmaryministry](https://www.facebook.com/houseofmaryministry)) and Twitter (@homlivingston) to stay up to date on the progress of this exciting new ministry.

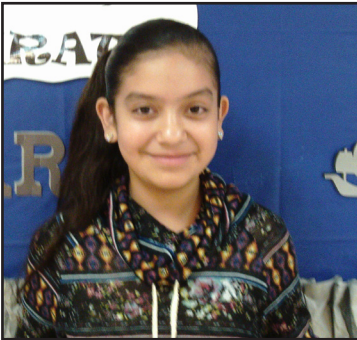
SISD New Athletic Director



Miles Robison is a 1994 graduate of Coldspring-Oakhurst High School. Upon graduating high school he attended Sam Houston State University and earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Kinesiology. He started his career at his alumni, Coldspring, coaching middle school and high school football, basketball, and baseball for 2 years. He continued his coaching career at Willis ISD for 8 years. Here he served as the Boys Athletic Coordinator, was named Teacher of the Year and Coach of the Year at Willis ISD. Coach Robison was hired in 2012 by Shepherd ISD as the Offensive Coordinator in Football and Head Track Coach. This is his fourth year at Shepherd High School. He is married to his wife, Tonya, of ten years and has a two year old daughter, Eva.

Miles Robison has enjoyed being a part of Shepherd ISD and is looking forward to many years of success with the Pirate Family.

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; Brooklyn McCumber and Deniss Rangel in 5th grade, Natalia Cherry in 4th grade, Swaminarayan Rivero and Christopher Williams in 3rd grade. Pictured above from top, left to right: Swaminarayan Rivero, Natalia Cherry, Deniss Rangel, Brooklyn McCumber.

BENEFIT

Homer Lee Franklin

April 9, 1927—January 9, 2016



We are having a benefit on April 9, 2016 to help cover funeral expenses for Mr. Franklin. He was a World War II veteran and a lifelong resident of Cleveland/Shepherd area in Texas. There will be barbecue, raffles for door prizes, 50/50 drawing, an auction, and live music as well as karaoke for those that want to sing. Benefit to be held at Bubba's on Hwy 105 West. Will be an outside event, start time is at 1:00 p.m. till ??? For more info or if you would like to donate please call Lou Ann (936) 933-8881 or Gwen (936) 933-1621.

Second Graders Learn About Technology Through DIY



This month Mrs. Myers' 2nd grade class learned about how natural resources are turned into a finished product in Social Studies. We built our own drop spindles out of recycled materials. Then we practiced spinning wool into yarn. The next day, our class finger knit scarves. The students are all very proud of their work and have a new admiration for the helpfulness of technology.

Pictured from left to right top to bottom are: Makenzie Green, Kobie Cheek, Carys Brown, Dakota Walker, Shane Cheek, Miranda Rodriguez, Trinity Lowrance, Ceryna Bice, Arnold McDaniel, and Latania Salinas

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Did you know...

by Yvonne Ryba



It is hard to believe we have already celebrated Easter and are into April! What is happening in San Jacinto County in April? Well, Trades' Day is back in Coldspring on Saturday, April 23. This is the second one of this year and will be followed the following Saturday, April 30, with April Artisans Downtown Coldspring. If you are interested in Trades' Day and would like to sell goods, call SJC Historical Commission at (936) 653-2332. If you want to enter April Artisans, this event is hosted by C.A.B.M.A, call (936) 653-2332. All events in our county are placed on the 'San Jacinto County Bulletin Board' and the Coldspring Chamber web site too.

Coldspring-San Jacinto County Chamber of Commerce attended a 'Morning Brew' for CETA, which stands for the Central East Texas Alliance. CETA provided the guests with coffee and breakfast, which was very nice. The breakfast was held in Paradise Grille and the guest speaker provided us with a thorough outline of what CETA stands for and what it offers our area. Manuel Martinez of the Texas Department of Agriculture spoke about the aims of this organization which covers 10 counties and is dedicated to supporting the economic and community development efforts of the counties in east Texas. It covers our county, Grimes, Polk, Trinity, and Walker and stretches across Houston, Liberty, Madison, Leon and Montgomery. The 'Morning Brew' idea is to give members a chance to network and to hear what CETA can do for their area.

Manuel explained how CETA is managed by the Center for Rural Studies at Sam Houston State University and the Economic Vitality Corporation LLC. He said they provided links with other organizations like the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) which provides grants to small businesses, for Nutrition Education programs, Home-Delivered Meal Programs and more. To find more information go to Grants@TexasAgriculture.gov.

CETA seeks to promote existing businesses and to encourage new ones into our area. This of course is what your Chambers of Commerce are also working toward. Both Chambers, Coldspring and Shepherd, are run by volunteers who want our area to prosper. If you are interested in being part of your Chamber's life, call the number of your nearest chamber and come to our meetings. These are open to the public.

This week Shepherd Chamber met for its monthly meeting. Unfortunately our President, Joe Williamson, was ill so he could not be there. (Get well Joe!) We had people interested in being vendors for our July 4th event in Shepherd, and it looks like we will have a really special celebration this year. We will hold it on Saturday July 2, which means you will have two celebrations! Coldspring will host a lunch for "Administrative Assistants Appreciation Day" on April 27. If you have some assistants to whom you would like to show appreciation, be sure to treat them to this lunch at Coldspring Community Center. Call the Chamber to RSVP.

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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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



Community Calendar

4/09: Homer Lee Franklin Benefit, 1pm @ Bubba's on Hwy 105 West
4/16: Coldspring Garden Club 2nd Annual Flower Show and Luncheon, 11am @ Jones Hall, Coldspring
4/16: Drew's Landing Baptist Church Area Wide Youth Rally, 12pm
4/23: Trades Day @ Coldspring on The Square
4/30: April Artisans @ Downtown Coldspring

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1 tablespoon taco seasoning mix
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8 (8-inch) flour tortillas for burritos
1 (16 ounce) can refried beans, heated
2 avocados, peeled, halved, seeded and sliced (*Hass Avocados on sale 3/\$1.00 each!*)
2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese (*Crystal Farms on sale 2/\$4.00!*)
2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro leaves (*on sale 4/\$1.00 each!*)

Directions
Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Heat olive oil in a medium skillet over medium high heat. Add ground beef and cook until browned, about 3-5 minutes, making sure to crumble the beef as it cooks. Drain excess fat and stir in taco seasoning and green chiles; set aside. Top tortilla with refried beans, ground beef mixture, avocado and mozzarella, and then top with another tortilla. Repeat with remaining tortillas to make 4 quesadillas. Place quesadillas onto the prepared baking sheet. Place into oven and bake until the cheese has melted, about 8-10 minutes. Serve immediately, garnished with cilantro, if desired.

Make it a Meal! Serve with steamed rice (*Riceland 3lb bag rice on sale 2/\$3.00!*) with some added lime juice & cilantro, pico de gallo and sour cream to make this a full delicious meal!

Recipe found at www.damndelicious.net

J of the JOKE WEEK

WHEN THEY'RE A BABY

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WHEN THEY'RE OLDER

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Spring is Here - Let's DIY!

Fabric Cross on Wood



To make: Wrap wide-cut fabric strip around recycled board or other piece of wood, stapling, tacking, or taping down on the back. Then cinch both pieces in the middle with bread tie, pipe cleaner, string, whatever you have handy! All that's left now is to cover the cinched are with something decorative like a button or bow - aaaaaand done!

April 6, 2016

Community Classifieds

WANTED: Will haul off all non-working appliances, AC units, mowers, 4-wheelers, motorcycles etc. Please call (936) 252-9043.

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!

CALL 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!

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

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Houston SPCA Expands and Breaks Ground on New Campus

Menagerie of Animals Will “Dig” At Ceremony

“As the only animal protection organization in the United States with the ability to rescue, shelter and rehabilitate all species of animals on one central campus, the need for this life-saving project is great,” said Houston SPCA President Patricia Mercer. She stressed that the new campus will be a gift to the animals and people of the community, especially for the 50,000-plus animals from across the region who the organization provides services for annually through sheltering, rescue, rehabilitation, cruelty investigations, adoptions and more. The new state-of-the art facilities will serve as a beacon for people who care about animals and will enable the Houston SPCA to greatly expand and improve its programs and services.

The Houston SPCA provides the most comprehensive array of animal adoption, shelter, rescue, rehabilitation and other programs and services in the Gulf Coast region. Success has created a major challenge: the escalating demand for their programs and services has stretched their current facilities to the limit. To meet this need, they embarked on the More Than Shelter capital campaign to fund the implementation of the expanded campus master plan. More than \$18 million has been raised toward their first-phase goal of \$25 million.

Some of the key elements of Phase One of the improved campus, designed by the animal shelter design experts at Jackson & Ryan Architects, Inc., include:

- Expansion of the Animal Adoption and Resource Center that will showcase adoptable pets in and be an inviting place to educate visitors about animal care and welfare and allow the Houston SPCA to more than double its capacity to help animals
- A fully equipped Education Center to support expanded humane education programs, camps for children and volunteer training programs
- Expansion of the wildlife rehabilitation and care center, providing more space designed specifically for temporary housing and care of birds, mammals and reptiles
- Green space and dog parks for visitors
- Appropriately designed spaces for wildlife education programs for all ages
- Outdoor multi-purpose arena with seating for 300, suitable for humane education programs and demonstrations
- Barns, pastures, and a veterinary treatment area for horses and farm animals

The Houston SPCA's mission is to promote commitment to and respect for all animals and free them from suffering, abuse and exploitation. Their menu of programs and services includes:

- Sheltering
- Adoptions
- Foster care
- Spay/neuter of all adopted animals
- Shelter Medicine and Animal Welfare partnership with Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences
- Native wildlife rescue and rehabilitation
- Cruelty investigations
- Disaster relief, rescue, and recovery efforts resulting from oil spills, hurricanes, and wildfires
- 24-hour injured animal rescue ambulance
- Humane education
- Critter Camp – Camp for children ages 8-14
- PetSafe (provides free boarding for the pets of family violence victims)

The enhanced, expanded and improved campus will more than double the Houston SPCA's capacity and allow members of the community to come to one central campus that is designed and equipped to serve all animals and the people who love and care for them. Mercer says there are many naming opportunities still available on the new campus and encourages friends and supporters to consider making a gift today to help the Houston SPCA improve their facilities, expand their programs and services and give thousands of animals a second chance at life. For more information on naming opportunities or the More Than Shelter Capital Campaign, please contact Patricia Mercer at (713) 869-7722 x150.

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