SHEPHERD COMMUNITY NEWS





Cinco De Mayo in MexicoWithin Mexico, Cinco de Mayo is primarily observed in the state of

Puebla, where Zaragoza's unlikely triumph occurred, although other parts of the country also take part in the celebration. Traditions include military parades, recreations of the Battle of Puebla and other festive events. For many Mexicans, however, May 5 is a day like any other: It is not a federal holiday, so offices, banks and stores remain open.

Cinco De Mayo in the US

In the United States, Cinco de Mayo is widely interpreted as a celebration of Mexican culture and heritage, particularly in areas with substantial Mexican-American populations. Chicano activists raised awareness of the holiday in the 1960s, in part because they identified with the victory of indigenous Mexicans over European invaders during the Battle of Puebla. Today, revelers mark the occasion with parades, parties, mariachi music, Mexican folk dancing and traditional foods such as tacos and mole poblano. Some of the largest festivals are held in Los Angeles, Chicago and Houston.

Confusion with Mexican **Independence Day**

Many people outside Mexico mistakenly believe that Cinco de Mayo is a celebration of Mexican independence, which was declared more than 50 years before the Battle of Puebla. That event is commemorated on September 16, the anniversary of the revolutionary priest Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla's famous "Grito de Dolores" ("Cry of Dolores"), a call to arms that amounted to a declaration of war against the Spanish colonial government in 1810.



Dude, Be Nice!



"Dude, Be Nice!" A term now seen and commonly heard at Shepherd Middle School. "Dude, Be Nice!" is a nationally famous campaign project started by man named Brent. He started the campaign because he saw good people and everyday heroes in the community that weren't getting recognition for what they do, this is a way to surprise people and show them how appreciated they are to us. The intention is to teach students about the importance of being nice. Shepherd Middle School National Junior Honor Society is still in the process of picking our community hero, but would like to add that we appreciate all the community members that help us in so many ways. Thank You.

Pictured: President Ashley Patterson, Vice President Angellica Ochoa, officers: Erin Nix, Noemi Montoya, and Ty Wilson.

Storm Leaves 30,000 without Power

For the second year in a row, April 27 brought extreme storms to East Texas, resulting in widespread damage and power outages to more than 30,000 Sam Houston Electric Cooperative members. According to Chief Operations Officer David Babcock, "The damage was much like we see with a hurricane. Many poles and crossarms were broken, and lots of line was on the ground."

By the end of the day, power had been restored to 25,000 members. Along with Sam Houston EC crews, additional line technicians were brought in from San Antonio and Austin.

"Progress has been good, and the crews are doing an excellent job of dealing with the large number of trees that fell on the lines," Babcock said. "We are continuing restoration work and we expect the majority of power to be restored within 48 hours of the storm's arrival."

"We certainly want to restore power as quickly as possible. Our number one priority, however, is the safety of our members and of the line technicians who are out there for long hours in difficult circumstances," Babcock added.

Sam Houston EC received its charter May 16, 1939, and has been providing electricity to East Texas ever since. The Cooperative was founded by a handful of farmers and rural residents who dreamed of bringing "power to the people." In the early 1940s, there were just over 600 Co-op members. Today, Sam Houston EC serves 53,000 members and 71,000 meters across parts of 10 counties.

Sam Houston

Buy \$mart, Eat Well

Tomatillo Shrimp Ceviche

Ingredients:

- ½ cup fresh lime juice (from about 3 limes)
- 2 tablespoons fresh orange juice
- ³/₄-pound fresh shrimp, peeled, deveined, and finely chopped (on sale Sea Best 60-70ct \$5.69!)
- 1/3 cup finely chopped tomatillo (about 1 large • 1/3 cup finely chopped tomato, seeds removed
- (about 1 medium-sized tomato) (Roma tomatoes on sale \$0.79!)
- ½ cup finely chopped red onion
- 1 tablespoon super finely chopped Serrano pepper, seeds removed
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped cilantro • Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper
- Olive oil

Directions:

- Mix the lime and orange juice in a medium-sized glass bowl. Add the shrimp, cover with plastic wrap, and let it marinate for at least 4 hours in the refrigerator.
- Remove the marinating shrimp from the refrigerator and gently mix in the tomatillo, tomato, onion, pepper and cilantro, cover and return to the refrigerator to marinate for about 1 more hour, or until the shrimp appears to be "cooked." It should be completely opaque and slightly pink.
- Drizzle with a bit of olive oil and season generously to taste with salt and pepper.

Cook's Notes:

You can adjust the amount Serrano pepper you add, depending on how much heat you like. The amount listed in the recipe makes the ceviche medium hot.

Are you wondering how the shrimp in the ceviche is "cooked?" Wonder no more! The acid from the citrus actually changes the structure of the proteins in the seafood, essentially "cooking" it without using heat.

Make it a Meal! This isn't a meal so much as an appetizer; serve with tortilla chips of your choice. Delish! Recipe found at www.cookingontheweekends.com



Students 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; Jake Chapman and Graycie Weaver in 5th grade, Chris Garcia and Keira Trivett in 4th grade, Kami Foxworth and (not pictured) Clayton Elrod in 3rd grade.

Coldspring- San Jacinto County Chamber hosted a delicious lunch for 'Administrative Professionals Day' last Wednesday. The Church Ladies catered a wonderful lunch, as always. Dr. Jerry Gibson gave the prayer and our guest speaker was Sarah Asiala. Shepherd City Secretary Debra Hagler was there, as well as many other people who work hard to make our lives run smoothly. Coldspring Chamber Office Manager Tammy Gibson, along with President Connie Straus, organized a very entertaining time with gifts for all the guests and a door prize of a lovely flower arrangement from Wild Orchid in Coldspring.

Sarah Asiala, who told us her last name is Finnish, talked about 'Cultural Diversity' and invited us to answer questions and to think about what it is that creates the differences, in the many varying cultures on this planet. We all had a very enjoyable lunch! It was held in Coldspring Community Center. Recently this center was damaged by the heavy rain and high winds, of which we have had far too much lately. The center is a non-profit organization run by a board of volunteers. Most of the Board belong to groups who meet there for regular meetings, like The Garden Club, San Jacinto County Women's League, political parties and Coldspring Library, to mention a few. The price to rent the center is very reasonable and if you want to know more, call Darchele who manages the place at (936) 628-6739. They have a Facebook page too.

Did you know that both Chambers of Commerce give scholarships to our High Schools each year? The Women's League also gives a scholarship to the third highest ranking student in both towns. Each Chamber is currently reading the submissions from students hoping to win a scholarship to help pay for their college or vocational studies. The winners will be announced at their respective award ceremonies and their names will also appear in this paper. Coldspring Chamber hold an Awards Lunch for their winners, again at the Coldspring Community Center, this will be held in May, details coming soon.

Judging for the winning design for the San Jacinto County flag will take place soon. The Historical Commission will be organizing the judging and the happy winner will be announced in the newspapers. Trades' Day in May will be on 28, which is the same day as Coldspring Car & Bike Show, to be held in the Court House Square. The Car & Bike Show is organized by the Business and Merchants Association of Coldspring. If you want to enter your car or bike call (936) 653-2332 for information.

I expect most of us were awakened in the early hours of Wednesday 27 April, by our cell phones sending us an alarm, to tell us there was a tornado in the area. For those who suffered damage from this storm, the Board members of both Chambers send their prayers and thoughts.

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.

Coldspring-San Jacinto Chamber of Commerce 31 N. Butler, Coldspring 77331 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



Obituary

Margaret H. Busby November 19, 1955 - April 18, 2016

Margaret Busby, born November 19,1955, to George and Margaret Lonie Haarmann in Bronx, New York, went to be with her Lord, April 18, 2016 in Shepherd, Texas, at the age of 60 years old. She proudly served four years in the United States Navy during the Vietnam era. Margaret's loving family includes; her beloved husband of 36 years, Richard Busby; children, Nicole Busby Welch, Danielle Marie Busby, Richard Allen Busby II; brothers, Johnny Haarmann, Billy Haarmann, Tommy Haarmann & Wife, Sally, Al Haarmann; sisters, Nora Windley, Francis LaCoste, Ida Midyette; grandchildren, Allison Leigh Dunaway, Ashlyn Grace Welch, Tommy Doyle Welch III, and numerous other relatives and a host of friends. She is preceded in death by her parents and her brothers, Arthur Haarmann and Edward Haarmann. Visitation was held on Monday, April 25, 2016 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Pace Funeral Home in Livingston, Texas. Celebration of Margaret's Life began at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 25, 2016 at Pace Funeral Home. Graveside service were held at 2:30 p.m. at the Houston National Cemetery. (II Timothy 4: 6-8) For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished (my) course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at the day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

Dyce Faye Franklin



July 19, 1931 - April 26, 2016

Dyce Faye Franklin, age 84 of Coldspring, Texas, passed away Tuesday, April 26, 2016. She was born July 19, 1931 in Huntsville, Louisiana to parents James Kendrick and Lillie Laurie who preceded her in death along with her husband Bennie Franklin.

Dyce loved being a mother and grandmother. She had a good sense of humor and loved to work her fill-in puzzles, cook and feed her family.

Survivors include her sons, Jimmy and Pam Franklin, David and Tammy Franklin; sister, Ruby Hopson; grandchildren, Jeannie and Dwayne Westberry, Doris and Bennie Anderson, Marylnn Young, Bonnie Maxfield, David Franklin, Jr. and Nichole, Justin Franklin and Christopher Thompson; great-grandchildren, Heather and Justin Thompson, Angel and Lupe, Sara, Trey and Kaden, Danny Westberry, Travis and Maggie Anderson, Kimberly Anderson and Lucas Turner; numerous other relatives and friends. Visitation was held from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Thursday, April 28, 2016 at Pace Stancil Funeral Home, Cleveland, Texas. Services were held at 10:00 a.m., Friday, April 29, 2016 at Pace Stancil Chapel, Cleveland, Texas.

Senior Menu

MON 5/2: Hamburger Patty, Grilled Onions, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Black Eye Peas, Cornbread, Salad, Fruit

TUE 5/3: Steak Fingers & Gravy, Diced Fried Potatoes, Creamed Spinach,

Rolls, Salad, Fruit WED 5/4: Fried Chicken, Baked Potato Salad, Cabbage, Cornbread, Tossed

Salad & Dressing, Fruit THUR 5/5: Chicken Quesadillas, Broccoli & Cheese, Mexican Corn, Salad. Peanut butter Cookie

FRI 5/6: Chicken Egg Rolls, Sweet & Sour Sauce, Fried Rice, Glazed Carrots, Salad, Fruit

MON 5/9: King Ranch Chicken, Pinto Beans, Cornbread, Salad, Fruit TUE 5/10: Salisbury Steak, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Peas & Carrots, Rolls, Salad, Fruit

WED 5/11: Shrimp Alfredo, Pasta, Green Beans, Garlic Bread, Salad, Fruit THUR 5/12: Pulled Pork Stuffed Baked Potato, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Wheat Bread, Salad, Fruit

FRI 5/13: Chicken Strips, Cream Gravy, French Fries, Corn Salad, Rolls, Salad, Fruit MON 5/16: Shepherd's Pie With Hamburger, Greens, Cornbread, Tossed Salad & Dressing, Fruit

TUE 5/17: Smothered Pork Steaks & Gravy, Rice, Green Lima Beans, Cornbread, Salad, Fruit

WED 5/18: Turkey, Gravy, Cornbread Dressing, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Salad, Fruit

THUR 5/19: Salmon Patties, Macaroni & Cheese, Pea Salad, Garlic Bread, Salad, Fruit FRI 5/20: BBQ Chicken, Pinto Beans, Potato Salad, Cornbread, Salad, Fruit MON 5/23: Meatloaf, Cheesy Potatoes, Okra & Tomatoes, Cornbread, Salad, Fruit TUE 5/24: Chicken & Broccoli Quiche, Potatoes In Cream Sauce, Tossed Salad With Dressing, Fruit

WED 5/25: Chicken Fried Steak, Cream Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Corn Casserole, Rolls, Salad, Fruit

THUR 5/26: Chicken & Sausage Gumbo, Rice, Tossed Salad & Dressing, Crackers Or Oyster Crackers, Fruit

FRI 5/27: Breaded Pork Cutlets, Gravy, Green Beans & Potatoes, Buttered Corn Salad Fruit

TUE 5/31: Meatballs & Gravy, Buttered Pasta, Northern Beans & Okra, Rolls, Salad, 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

Senior Citizen Newsletter

I believe we have had enough water for just a little while. But just because I said that, we will be praying for rain come July. We hope you have all been safe, and to pass along a little information, applications are being accepted for flood victims even though Federal funds have not been designated for this flood yet. You can still get in line and on the list for if/ when it does come through. You can call 211 or the Area Agency on Aging/ Aging Disabilities Resource Center for additional information at (800) 256-6848 extension 5307. The allotted funds through different programs will be limited and on a first come first serve basis. We have some of the blank forms here at our center. You will have to speak to Wanda. We have planned to have Bingo on May 5th hosted by Woodland Park Care

and Rehabilitation Center. So plan to come and have some fun and lunch. Crown Health Services has scheduled several dates to provide us with helpful information---On

May 3rd and 16th is the blood pressure clinic and on May 23rd information about Allergies. Kristin Casey is very helpful and gives us lots of useful information.

On May 11th, we will be having Bobbie Stott from DETCOG and the Area Agency on Aging here at the center in Shepherd. She will be hosting a clinic on HomeMeds Medication Safety Program. You need to come by the center and sign up with your name and phone number and pick up the documents needed to have your medications reviewed. Bobbie has a computer program that helps review your meds for you and will be able to help you with questions for your doctor or pharmacy, provided you furnish her with all your proper and correct information. Be sure to come by and get these forms and complete them, so she can help you on the 11th beginning at 9:30 a.m. She is always so very helpful and knowledgeable when she helps us with the classes. Check out the menu and you may want to stay and have lunch with us. We must know you are coming, to set a place for you at the table. We have limited space, so let us know.

Our center is open from 8:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. so call us by 9:30 a.m. at (937) 628-3733 to let us know you are coming to share a meal with us. We ask for donations of \$3.00 over age 60 and \$6.00 for under age 60. Your lunch includes meat, two veggies, drink, salad, and dessert.

Our resale shop opens at 8:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. and on the first and third Fridays of each month we have 'BAG DAY", fill a grocery bag with clothing only and pay only \$3.00. Temporarily we have a large bag that can be filled for \$4.00, so come get the deal while it lasts. When the large bags are gone, the \$4.00 deal is gone. They also have a few prom dresses that you may want to check out.

And remember, when you are doing your spring-cleaning, we love to receive your gently used items and clothing for our resale shop. These items help us provide for the needy while also helping us provide a service to our community and in turn our community helps us! It's a win, win situation! So remember to donate when you can. Also we would like to thank all our volunteers that come here and volunteer their precious time to help us serve our community. They do such a wonderful job and are such a caring bunch of individuals.

Feral Hog Management Workshop



Check-in begins at 8:00 a.m. Cornerstone Church 27453 Hwy 105, Cleveland, TX 77327 5 CEU's Offered (Pending Approval) 1 IPM, 1 L&R, 3 Gen

Pre-registration is required Program is free Lunch will be \$20/person RSVP and lunch fee due April 25th to:

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Roy Flora Brandon Greyson 501 Palmer Ave. 11 Carrier Avenue Liberty, TX 77575 Shepherd, Tx 77371 (936) 628-6407

Topics: (936) 334-3230 Feral Hog Biology, Population Dynamics and Research Update

Laws and Regulations for Hunting Feral Hogs

Water Quality in the Brazos Valley

Agricultural Regulations Regarding Feral Hogs

Feral Hog Control and Trapping Demonstration Feral Hog Transportation Regulations and Disease Concerns

Speakers:

Mark Tyson, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

Terrie Looney, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Texas Department of Agriculture Representative

Chris Watts, APHS

Dwayne Easley & Clint Sturrock, Texas Animal Health Commission

Chris Gregory, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

This event is provided through a Clean Water Act Section 319(h) nonpoint source grant from the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board and he U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

& Community Classifieds

HUGE YARD SALE: May 5th, 6th, and 7th on Hwy. 150, 2 miles to Ladybug Lane. Multi-family, lots of everything. 8 a.m.—5 p.m. (936) 628-3067. WANTED: Looking to buy large Igloo dog house. Please call (832) 470-9031. FOR SALE: 1983 Honda V65 Magna 1100cc motorcycle for sale! Weak battery but a trickle charge will get it to crank up. Needs some cosmetic work. Asking \$1200 OBO. Please contact Seth with any questions or for pictures.

Community Calendar

5/3: Feral Hog Workshop 8AM – 4:30PM at Cornerstone Church, Cleveland

5/2: EDC Meeting, 7pm/EDC Building

5/2: SISD Bilingual Parent Involvement, 6-8pm at middle school library 5/3: Blood pressure clinic; Senior Citizen Center

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5/5: Cinco De Mayo 5/5: BINGO at the Senior Citizen Center

5/6: Bob Brannagan's monthly consultations with current or prospective

business owners, 10am-noon/Chamber Office 5/6: Senior Resale Shop Bag Day

5/7: Crawfish Boil at McClain's for Melodie Jackson 3

5/8: Mother's Day

5/9: City Council Meeting, 7pm/Community Center

5/9: SISD Bilingual Parent Involvement, 6-8pm at middle school library 5/9: PIRATEERS READING PROGRAM 9-10AM; Shepherd Primary Parent Center

5/10: Monthly Food Truck; 1-3PM Coldspring Head Start 941 Slade St. Coldsprint, TX

5/10: SISD Bilingual Parent Involvement, 6-8pm at middle school library 5/10: 7pm First Station Auxiliary Meeting; 7PM

5/12: SJC Women's League Meeting, 11:30am/Coldspring Community Center (September through May)

5/13: Friday Senior Resale Shop Bag Day

5/13-15: Hug a Tree/Kiss a Fish 3-Day Youth Adventure at Chain-O-Lakes in Cleveland (must pre-register)

5/14: Impact Work Shop; Impact Thrift Shop; 1300 S. Byrd Shepherd, TX

5/14: Kensley Shrader Benefit 2 - 8PM at Shepherd Community Center

5/16: Blood pressure clinic; Senior Citizen Center

5/16: School Board Meeting, 7pm 5/16: SISD Bilingual Parent Involvement, 6-8pm at middle school library

5/17: SISD Bilingual Parent Involvement, 6-8pm at middle school library 5/20: Senior Resale Shop Bag Day

5/23: SISD Bilingual Parent Involvement, 6-8pm at middle school library 5/23: PIRATEERS READING PROGRAM 9-10AM; Shepherd Primary Parent Center

5/23: Allergy information by Kristin Casey; Senior Citizen Center

5/24: SISD Bilingual Parent Involvement, 6-8pm at middle school library 5/25: Bridge of hope community church "Community Fellowship Dinner", Shepherd Middle School, 7PM.

5/27: Monthly Food Truck; 10AM-12PM Shepherd Community Center 5/30: SISD Bilingual Parent Involvement, 6-8pm at middle school library 5/30: Memorial Day

5/31: SISD Bilingual Parent Involvement, 6-8pm at middle school library 6/18: Beekeepers' Association Summer Clinic in Conroe

Guess What?You Can Now Enter Submissions Online! www.mcclainsfoodmarket.com

Church News

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!

Business News



Weichert, Realtors

Want to SELL or BUY a Home? Call Larry Hammond (281) 761-8246 Email - larry@wrinfocus.com YOUR HOMETOWN REALTOR

For news or special events to be published in Shepherd Community News. Drop off your information/picture at McClain's, e-mail to mcclains.shepherdnews@gmail.com, or fax to (936) 628-2866. Information may not be taken over the telephone.

Include contact information on your request to have something published Our deadline is 6 p.m. Tuesday for the following week.