

SHEPHERD COMMUNITY NEWS

Happy Retirement Mrs. Lilly!



Wishing Alma Lilly a Happy Retirement after 23 years at Shepherd ISD.

Shepherd Seniors Are Offered Over \$600,000 in Scholarships

Last Thursay, May 24, Shepherd ISD announced it's scholarship recipients. These students have been offered over a half of a million dollars in scholarships. The Blue and White Scholarship was given to every senior who applied. This year the scholarship was in the amount of \$400 for each senior. This is a huge increase from last year due to some generous donations. Some of the donors this year included the Geo Group Foundation, and Muddin for Josie. Thank you to our benevolent donors!

Emily Brawner received \$3000 from the Tom Dillon Memorial Scholarship Fund represented by Glennon and Cindy Dillon.



Blue and White Scholarship Winners each received a scholarship for \$400



Royce See received \$650 Scholarship from the Athletic Booster Club represented by Clint Crowder.



Amber Grace Memorial Scholarships awarded to Emily and Shelby Brawner - \$750 each, Jason Hernandez, Kerri Kirchner and Wyatt Tumlinson-\$1,000 each; and the Fly High Scholarship awarded to Marlee Watson - \$500



Cody Crowder received \$1000 from the Built Ford Tough FFA Scholarship Program



SHECO Wins Nine National Awards for Communications



Sam Houston Electric Cooperative recently received recognition in the 2016 “Spotlight on Excellence” national awards program, sponsored by the Council of Rural Electric Communicators and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

Sam Houston EC received Gold Awards in the categories of Best Special Publication (2016 Calendar & Member Handbook), Best Annual Report, Best Hard Copy Reinvention (2015 Board of Directors Election), and Best Individual Ad (“I Work for the Queen”).

The Co-op also received Silver Awards for Best External News Publication (Texas Co-op Power local pages), Best Hard Copy Reinvention (2014 Annual Report), Best Wild Card (2016 Calendar & Member Handbook), Best Graphic Design (Operation Round Up Banner Up) and Best Individual Ad (“I’m the Leader of Thousands”).

“We strive to exceed our members’ expectations in everything we do,” said Mary Kate Pedigo, CCC, Sam Houston Electric Cooperative communications specialist. “The Spotlight on Excellence awards program helps us measure our work against cooperatives nationwide; highlighting our strengths in communications as well as areas for growth.”

A special reception honored the award recipients during the CONNECT ‘16 Conference held in Portland, Ore., on May 10. Winning entries were displayed during the event.

The annual Spotlight awards competition recognizes the top-rated communication efforts by electric cooperatives and related organizations. Participants competed with electric cooperatives of similar sizes in 17 categories. Electric cooperative communicators and marketing professionals nationwide submitted nearly 700 entries to the Spotlight on Excellence program.

The Council of Rural Electric Communicators was organized in 1982, and seeks to advance the recognition, education and professionalism of electric cooperative communicators and their affiliated organizations. It is a volunteer association working on behalf of more than 4,000 electric cooperative communicators across the United States.

The National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, the service organization representing the national interests of electric cooperatives, coordinates the Council’s activities. Other national organizations supporting the work of the Council are the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation, the National Cooperative Services Corporation, and Federated Rural Electric Insurance Exchange.

[Photo] Sam Houston Electric Cooperative Communications Specialist Rachel Frey (left) and Communications Specialist Mary Kate Pedigo, CCC, won nine national awards in communications through the Council of Rural Electric Communicators’ “Spotlight on Excellence” program.

Shrader Benefit Successful

The benefit for Kensley Shrader and her family was extremely successful thanks to so many of the local businesses and the wonderful individuals that make up our community. This was a large undertaking and took a financial commitment during the planning stages to make sure that we would have the resources to meet the financial obligations to put the benefit on. We want to recognize those businesses and individuals, but also want to reiterate that we do not miss in any way the importance of each and every other person that may have donated an item, made a monetary donation, or contributed through their time. Thank you for your contribution as a business or family sponsor to make the benefit possible to:

- Texas ICO – The Syracuse Family
- Lilley Industrial – Douglas Lilley
- Waddell & Reed and Jerry Cutaia, Financial Advisor
- Tom Johnson
- Shelley’s Stitches – Shelley Cutaia
- McClain’s Food Market
- Running B Cattle Co. – The Bullock Family
- A1 Graphics – Shayne Shrader
- Dow Emergency Center
- Talk of Texas Bar-B-Que – Mike Abel
- The Branham Family
- Jerry and Melinda Scott
- Good Shepherd Baptist Church
- Katie Walker
- All Star Catering
- 50 Shades of Graphics – April Galloway
- People’s State Bank
- Humble Fire Department

Thank You from The Shraders

The Shrader family would like to thank God for all our blessings and for placing you all in our lives. We couldn’t be more proud to live in this community and to have friends and family as dear as you.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts to all our volunteers and helpers who have spent countless hours away from their own families to help ours. You are doing God's work. We love you. Thank you to all our sponsors and donors. We are amazed by the donations that have been sent in and the huge success of the benefit. It means so much to us to have you all here during this time in our lives. Continue to pray for our family as Kensley continues her fight against cancer. Thanks again for coming and making this special event successful.

God Bless,
Jason and Christina

CONGRATULATIONS PIRATE GRADS!



CLASS OF 2016



DAKOTA MILWEE

Congratulations to my wonderful son Dakota Milwee on your graduation. I am so very proud of you!

Love, Mom

CATARINO MORENO IV

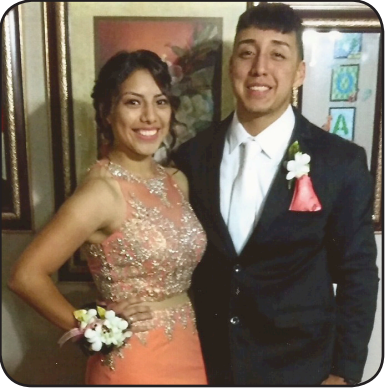
Congratulations Catarino Moreno IV on your Graduation Day, Class of 2016! Catarino, you have a big heart, keep it filled with happiness, keep finding new ways to grow, keep yearning, keep learning, keep trying, keep smiling and keep remembering. Always stay humble and keep God first. We love you and are always proud of you, Grandparents, Dad, Aunts, Uncles & Cousins



JASMIN CASTAÑEDA

Congratulations Jasmin! Go Class of 2016!

From, The Moreno Family



Pirate Pride Students



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; Alberto Tovar and Kylie Franklin in 5th grade, Lacy Parks and Brittany Malone in 4th grade, Ana McAnally and Roberto Martinez in 3rd grade.

PRINT CORRECTION

Please see correction below of incorrect name listed for person pictured. The name Kerri Kirchner was incorrectly listed last week as Kerri Patterson.



Top left to right: Cody Crowder, Dale Creel, Zachary Truelove, Kerri Kirchner; Bottom left to right: Kaly Lacombe, Emily Brawner, Alyssa Patterson, Shelby Brawner, Leslie Orozco; Not pictured: Jason Hernandez

Did you know...

by Yvonne Ryba



How fast is your grass growing? Mine is shooting up before my eyes! It seems it just gets cut when it rains, then the sun comes out, and bingo, the grass is a foot high again. I think we could start a competition on seeing who has the fastest growing grass!

Shepherd Chamber of Commerce awarded scholarships to students at Shepherd High School on their award night, May 24. The winners were

- 1st- Jason Hernandez- \$1500.00
- 2nd- Allysa Patterson- \$1000.00
- 3rd-Shelby Brawner- \$750.00

There were 13 scholarship applications and they were all reviewed thoroughly by the Chamber Board. A point system was used to help in the judging, All the applicants did very well, the winners exceptionally so. Congratulations to each of them! To collect scholarship money, the student will need to present proof of enrollment or a letter of award or a bill/statement proving the student is attending college. The Board Treasurer, Mr Hamilton, is the President of People's State Bank in Shepherd. He can be reached there when the winners wish to collect their scholarship.

Coldspring-San Jacinto Chamber of Commerce are busy with plans for their Christmas on the Square. You may see signs for their latest competition around Coldspring and Shepherd. This competition is for art work to be used on posters and fliers for the event. Also, look on their web site, address below, if you can't find this an application form. The Board Committee working on the upcoming Chamber Directory will be in touch with members shortly but there are many choices for businesses who want to be included in the Membership Directory. First, let's look at what goes into it. The next one will cover 2016-17. If you have your ad in the last Directory, ytu may choose to increase the size or go from black and white to a colored ad. The lowest price is \$100 for a 1/3 of a page black and white ad, while the most expensive is \$900 for the back cover in color. Of course this is a choice spot and there is only one back cover! There are many in between prices and sizes. You can call the Coldspring Chamber for more info. The deadline for inclusion in the next Directory is June 25.

Wolf Creek Car, Truck and Bike Show is sponsored by Coldspring-San Jacinto Chamber of Commerce. This year it will be on October 15/16. This is a weekend of fun for all those vehicle owners. If you want to show your vehicle, call the Chamber or go online to find an entry form. If you want to be a vendor, you can do the same. Last year there were 220 vehicles and over 2,000 people there! Let's make this year even bigger. This will be the 32nd annual Wolf Creek Show.

July 2nd is the day Shepherd will celebrate Independence Day. This is a Saturday, which means you can have two days of celebration and fireworks. Our fireworks will be integrated with a Laser Light Show accompanied by music. There will be games for children, vendors and food, music and Karaoke , with a patriotic opening by Camilla American Legion, led by Dale Everitt. The event will start at 4 PM so that we miss the worst of the heat and there will be dancing after the Firework Show, which will be around 9 PM. Want to be a vendor? Call Shepherd Chamber or 936-628-3515 and ask for Helenmarie Johnson.

I went to the Small Business Appreciation Lunch on May 19. It was held in Huntsville, hosted by Sam Houston State University and catered by Farmhouse Cafe. The host of the event was Director Bob Barragan. You usually see his name at the bottom of my column! He will give free business advice and information at a consultation at one of the Chamber offices in our county. You have to make an appointment through your nearest chamber. Well, the meal was wonderful and the guest speaker was David Yebra, Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army (retired). He is now the Director of Emergency Preparedness and safety at the Leadership Academy at the University. He gave a funny but informative speech and then awards were given to the businesses who had been voted 'Best of Huntsville'. This was similar to our own "Best of San Jacinto" ceremony. The most important point that I remember was how much this country depends upon its small businesses. They make up the backbone of our economy and form the largest employer in the country when they are put together.

This is why the small business owner needs all the support and encouragement they can get. This is also what Chambers of Commerce are all about. We focus on supplying this support and encouragement, through our membership directories, community events, ribbon cuttings and places like this column.

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



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FAMILY!

BRING THIS AD FOR A FREE GAME FRIDAY
OR SATURDAY ONLY!
EXPIRES JUNE 18, 2016
FRI-SAT MOONLIGHT GLOW BOWLING
7-11 P.M.

Shepherd Senior Citizens Center
JUNE NEWSLETTER

We hope everyone had a safe Memorial Weekend and ate lots of Bar-B-Que.

We would like to express our gratitude to the local state highway department and the city of Shepherd for the attention Bell Street has received from them. The pot holes and erosion was really bad. Thank you for your quick response to our cries for help! And we know they will get the stop sign replaced soon.

Bingo is planned on June 2nd at 9:30 hosted by Woodland Park Care & Rehab. We are looking forward to seeing our friends that reside there and come to play bingo with us. We are happy they enjoy joining us. Crown Health Services have asked to join us every Monday in June. They will be hosting blood pressure clinics, a discussion on hypertension, and a discussion on nutrition. These ladies and gentleman are always helpful with information for our good health. We appreciate their interest in our senior community.

I would like to take this opportunity to express a special thank you to our kitchen staff. These wonderful ladies do their very best in providing us delicious hot meals and we really do appreciate them and their dedication to our center of seniors and friends and they always have a smile to share. Ladies, you are very special to us and we love you!!!

Remember when you do your spring cleaning, or if you are reorganizing the children's room this summer, we would appreciate the donation of your gently used items. We not only provide these items for resale, but if we know a family that has had a disaster in their home such as a fire, we try to help them with household items as well as clothing. The money we make from the resale shop helps us maintain a better quality of services to our community. We are a non-profit organization, and what we make, we return in services. Thank you for your support.

Our resale shop is open from 8:30 a.m. till 1:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and is run by a great group of volunteers that are caring people that help our clients and keep things stocked. They work hard and enjoy helping others. Bag day is the first and third Fridays of each month. Fill a grocery bag with clothing only for \$3.00. come visit, shop, and take advantage of the deals we have to offer.

Buy \$mart, Eat Well
Crock Pot Ranch Chicken Tacos



- Ingredients:
3-4 chicken breasts (*on sale \$1.49lb!*)
1 packet taco seasoning (I chose mild)
1 packet ranch seasoning mix
2 cups low sodium chicken broth
shredded lettuce (*cello lettuce on sale \$1.19!*)
pico de gallo or salsa
sour cream (*Kraft 16oz on sale 2/\$3.00!*)
taco shells

Directions: Put chicken, taco seasoning, ranch seasoning, and chicken broth in Crock Pot. Cook on low for 4-6 hours. Shred chicken with fork and let it soak up the broth. Serve in taco shells topped with lettuce, tomato/salsa, and sour cream.
Make it a Meal! Serve with Mexican Rice A Roni (*on sale \$0.88!*) and refried beans (*Gerbhardt 16oz on sale \$0.77!*) to make this a delicious Mexican-themed meal!
Recipe found at www.repeatcrafterme.com

Brain Teaser

A lift is on the ground floor. There are 4 people in the lift including me. When the lift reaches 1st floor, 1 person gets out 3 people get in. The lift goes up to the second floor, 2 people get out 6 people get in. It then goes up to the next floor up, no-one gets out but 12 people get in. Halfway up to the next floor up the lift cable snaps, it crashes to the floor. Everyone dies in the lift. How did I survive?

Answer: I got out on the second floor!

New Releases Coming to
McClain's DVD Kiosk This Week



Race (PG-13) biography/drama: Jesse Owens' quest to become the greatest track and field athlete in history thrusts him onto the world stage of the 1936 Olympics, where he faces off against Adolf Hitler's vision of Aryan supremacy.

Starring: Stephan James, Jason Sudeikis, Eli Goree
Pride and Prejudice and Zombies (PG-13) action/horror: Five sisters in 19th century England must cope with the pressures to marry while protecting themselves from a growing population of zombies.

Starring: Lily James, Sam Riley, Jack Huston



Triple 9 (R) action/crime: A gang of criminals and corrupt cops plan the murder of a police officer in order to pull off their biggest heist yet across town.

Starring: Casey Affleck, Chiwetel Ejiofor, Anthony Mackie
Gods of Egypt (PG-13) action/adventure: Mortal hero Bek teams with the god Horus in an alliance

against Set, the merciless god of darkness, who has usurped Egypt's throne, plunging the once peaceful and prosperous empire into chaos and conflict.

Starring: Brenton Thwaites, Nikolaj Coster-Waldau, Gerard Butler



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

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Community Classifieds

FOR RENT: 2BR/1BA mobile home, all bills paid; \$650.00 monthly plus \$250.00 deposit. Please call Mary at 832-250-6154 or Monica at 979-316-0299.

FREE TO GOOD HOME: 5 year old male Corgie and a 4 year old female Shih Tzu. Both have been fixed. Need to be adopted together if possible, they have been together since birth. Please call Rachel at 281-761-9783.

FOR SALE: 50" deck for a cub cadet, \$250.00 firm. Husker Ryder LT 4200 42" cut 420 CC OHV power more engine, \$650.00 firm. Please call 281-659-4286.

Senior Menu

WED 6/01: Fried chicken, potatoes au gratin, black eye peas, cornbread, salad/fruit

THUR 6/02:Beef tips, mashed potatoes, mixed veggies, rolls, salad/fruit

FRI 6/03: Grilled ranch chicken, broccoli & rice casserole, candied carrots, rolls, salad/fruit

MON 6/06: Meatloaf, gravy, mashed potatoes, greens, cornbread, salad/fruit

TUE 6/07: Baked garlic parmesan chicken, green beans, squash casserole, rolls, salad/fruit

WED 6/09: Fried fish, hush puppies, baked potato salad, baked beans, tossed salad, fruit

THUR 6/10: Grilled pork chops & gravy, fried potatoes, okra & tomatoes, cornbread, salad/fruit

FRI 6/11: Sliced ham, buttered yams, green lima beans, cornbread, 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

"McClain's Food Market"



Izzie's Book Shelf

Outlander

By Diana Gabaldon

896 pages

~~Genre:~~ Adult/Historical Romance

~~Summary:~~ The year is 1945. Claire Randall, a former combat nurse, is just back from the war and reunited with her husband on a second honeymoon when she walks through a standing stone in one of the ancient circles that dot the British Isles. Suddenly she is a Sassenach—an “outlander”—in a Scotland torn by war and raiding border clans in the year of Our Lord...1743. Hurlled back in time by forces she cannot understand, Claire is catapulted into the intrigues of lairds and spies that may threaten her life, and shatter her heart. For here James Fraser, a gallant young Scots warrior, shows her a love so absolute that Claire becomes a woman torn between fidelity and desire—and between two vastly different men in two irreconcilable lives.

~~My Review:~~ Back when I read this as a wee lass (okay, like, two years ago) I remember reading a bunch of reviews that either said it was sophisticated, well-researched historical fiction or trashy kilt-wearing romance full of sex, violence, and violent sex. In my opinion, neither is really far from the truth. This book is an entertaining, fast-paced romp through 1743 and has numerous close encounters with torture, sexual assault, witch trials and a whole lot of bloodshed. I'm not going to try to sell you some spiel about its historical accuracy—I know diddly squat about what Scotland was really like in the 18th century—but I can promise you that it's hard to avoid being dragged in and devoured by this novel that is as gruesomely violent as it is exquisitely romantic. Oh, and about that... this book tells the story of Claire Randall who finds herself suddenly transported back a couple hundred years and lands amid the warfare and dangers of Scottish clan life. In these strange circumstances, she meets Jamie. Readers often end up completely divided over Jamie because, although he is sweet and lovable for the majority of the novel, there is one disturbing scene that saddens and enrages any sane 21st-Century reader, including me. It took me a long time to move on and force myself to think about the historical context of the book enough to start liking Jamie again after that scene. I almost wanted to put the book down and never pick it up again. But I'm glad I didn't.

I found the characters in this book to be delightfully complex and well-developed, and the story was, too, if a little long-winded. But I think one of the signs of a great writer is when they can really test my love for their characters and still have me angsting over whether or not they would be okay in the end. And I really cared for Claire and Jamie.

But in all honesty, this book is not for everybody. Most of the reviews I've seen are either 1 star or 4-5 stars and hardly anything in between. If you can stomach graphic violence and sexual scenes with a side of torture with your adventure/love story then I suggest you go ahead and give this book a shot.

~~Parental Guidance:~~ 16-18 years (BN.com). Like I said in my review,

♥♥ Izzie

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.