

SHEPHERD COMMUNITY NEWS

Herod Family Reunion

Sunday June 7th

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Bring your favorite dish to share!

SHS Seniors Receive SJC Chamber of Commerce Scholarship



Congratulations to Brandon Bayse, Brooke Spann and Maegan Holloway for receiving the SJC Chamber of Commerce Scholarship of \$500. To be considered for selection of the scholarship, students submitted an essay describing their community service involvement and extra-curricular activities and what influenced them toward their career goal.

Brandon Bayse is the son of Leah Beverly-England and Tim Bayse. He plans to attend Angelina College to earn an Associate’s Degree in Business and he also plans to become a certified welder. Brandon has participated in FFA and baseball.

Brooke Spann is the daughter of William and Deetra Spann. Brooke plans to attend Texas Tech University to pursue a Bachelor’s degree that will allow her to manage her own daycare school. Brooke has been active in NHS, cheerleading, and FFA.

Maegan Holloway is the daughter of Jody and Brandi Holloway. She plans to attend Houston Baptist University to pursue a Bachelor’s degree in Nursing. Maegan has been an athletic trainer, President of NHS, FFA officer and is the Historian for her graduating class. Maegan will graduate with Distinguished Honor with 21 college hours.

Pictured: SISD Superintendent Steve Pierce, Maegan Holloway, Brandon Bayse, Brooke Spann

Get Your Ad Today!

The Shepherd High School cheerleaders are selling ads for the 2015 Pirate Football program. The program will feature all full color ads. Prices are as follows: full page \$200, 1/2 page \$150, 1/4 page \$100 and business card \$50. All proceeds go to the SHS Cheerleader Booster Club for cheerleader scholarships. The girls also earn 25% of what they sell to help pay for cheer costs. If you are interested in purchasing an ad, please contact a cheerleader or call Stephanie Watson at (281) 622-0481. Deadline to purchase is August 1, but space is limited.

Sam Houston EC Annual Meeting Scheduled Earlier This Year

Mark your calendars for Sam Houston Electric Cooperative’s Annual Meeting of Members on Tuesday, June 9, 2015. The Co-op’s Annual Meeting, which was previously held in November, has been moved to June. The meeting will be held at the Polk County College/Commerce Center in Livingston. The facility is located at 1017 North 59 Loop, with entrance at Pedigo Park. Shuttles will be available to take attendees from the parking area to the facility. Doors will open at 12 p.m. for registration. The meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m.

Members present at the meeting will be able to visit with other member-owners, as well as meet the Board of Directors and Cooperative management. Walter Plant will provide entertainment. A door prize drawing will also be held. Cooperative managers will report on Co-op business, including the announcement of Board election winners.

Ballots were distributed to the membership in May. This year, members had the opportunity to vote for their Board of Directors by mail-in ballot or online.

A quorum of 10 percent is required to officially elect the Board of Directors. The Cooperative Elections Committee met on March 10, 2015, and reviewed all candidates for election. Two incumbents running for re-election were placed on the ballot. The committee received no petitions for election from the membership.

District 1, serving Angelina, Polk and Trinity Counties, and District 3, serving Jasper and Tyler Counties have Directors up for re-election. Candidates recommended by the Elections Committee are Milton Purvis, District 1, and Robert C. Boyd, District 3.

All Sam Houston EC members still received a paper ballot and may still mail in their ballot if they prefer. The election opened on May 10, and members who have their email address listed on their Sam Houston EC account received an email with instructions on how to vote online. Members can also follow the online voting instructions that accompany the ballot that was mailed. Both electronic (online) and mail-in votes will be eligible for the prize drawings at the 2015 Annual Meeting of Members next month. To be eligible for the grand prize drawing, members’ votes must be received by June 2. Members do not need to be present to win the early voting prizes.

To be officially counted, ballots must be received, either online or by mail, no later than 10 a.m., Monday, June 8, 2015.

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 more than 70,000 meters across parts of 10 counties.

Top Ten Recognized at Scholarship Award Night Shepherd High



School students recieved their Top Ten Cords at the Scholarship Award Night on May 26, 2015.

*Pictured Left to Right Front Row: Dia Banda, Caitlin Barrett, Taylor Mize, Katelyn Zimmer, Maegan Holloway, Christina Pittman
Back Row: Callie Price, Jasmine Yates, Jessica Lyle, Kayla Ebarb*

Jacob Lopez Receives a Scholarship from McClain’s



Jacob Lopez received a \$1000 scholarship from McClain’s in memory of Jim McClain and his mother, Lorie Foxworth, who worked at McClain’s for almost 15 years. Jacob plans to attend SFA in the fall to study culinary arts. We are so proud of you Jacob and wish you the best of luck in your future!

Pictured right to left: Kimberly McClain, Jacob Lopez, and Susan Hardy.

Heavy Flooding May Impact Wildlife



The Wildlife Center of Texas is preparing for the aftermath of the heavy rain and flooding that may take a toll on our native wildlife. Harris County Flood Control characterizes this event as a 500-year flood in some areas adjacent to Buffalo Bayou.

The Wildlife Center of Texas has already seen an increase in baby doves, songbirds and ground-dwelling mammals due to the storms and is prepared to accept more storm victims.

When safe to do so, they encourage people to check downed limbs for baby birds or squirrels. High water usually brings floating mounds of fire ants that attack downed baby animals (remove the ants as soon as possible). If impacted wildlife is found, wrap it in warm soft rags, place in a box and bring it to the Wildlife Center of Texas at 7007 Katy Road, Houston, TX 77024. Do not attempt to give the animal any food or water.

The Wildlife Center of Texas is the region’s largest wildlife hospital and rehabilitation center and is open 7 days a week to care for any injured, ill or orphaned wildlife. They are open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. to accept wild animals in need, including victims from the recent storms. They are located at 7007 Katy Road and their phone number is (713) 861-9453 (WILD).

In addition, the Wildlife Center of Texas desperately needs donations of dry cat and dog food, grocery store gift cards for fresh vegetables or items from their Amazon wish list <http://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/39XTAXMEDF8OY/> to help feed the storm victims until they are ready to be released back into the wild.

First Grade Students Finishing Up the Year



First grade students from Shepherd Primary, just finishing up their year and taking home the 3 dimensional shapes they enjoyed making and putting on display for their school friends to view. *Pictured from front left: Brittany Arrendell, Wyatt McAdams, Avery Burks, Avril Campbell, and Zachary Stowe. Middle: Tyler Scifres, Abigail Arroyo, Ava Leutert, Brianna Foxworth, Hayden Berger. Last: Latania Salinas, Justin Davis, Abriona Lungsford, Makenzie Green, Colton Champion and Nathan Cooper.*

"McClain's Food Market"



Shepherd Youth League Football

It’s that time of year to start getting ready for some little pirate football. The Shepherd Youth League Football is beginning it’s second year and sign-ups have begun. Sign-ups are \$125 per player and this will include the game jersey, pants with pads, and game socks. Please follow us on our facebook page: Shepherd Youth League Football for dates, times, and locations of sign-ups.

Age groups are as follows:

Freshmen: 5-6 yr. olds

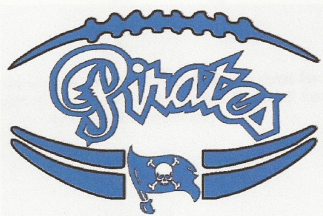
Sophmores: 7-8 yr. olds

Juniors: 9-10 yr. olds

Seniors: 11-12 yr. olds

We welcome the boys and girls of Shepherd to come and join Shepherd Youth League Football and proudly wear the Shepherd Pirate blue and white. We as a board and as a league look forward to working with you and having a great football season.

“One GOAL, One VISION”



Shepherd Volunteer Fire Department Needs Your Help!

Shepherd Volunteer Fire Department is looking for those up for a challenge. We would like to encourage those living in Shepherd to join our department. Training is 7:00 p.m. every Tuesday. This is a great opportunity to give back to your community and learn valuable skills you will use and appreciate for the rest of your life. Parents, if you are looking for a constructive activity for your teens (ages 16-18) we offer a Juniors Department. Training is free to all who join. If there are any questions or you would like to fill out an application please feel free to call (936) 628-6566.

New Releases Coming to McClain’s DVD Kiosk This Week

Disney’s McFarland, USA (PG) drama/sport: A cross country coach in a small California town transforms a team of athletes into championship contenders.

Starring: Kevin Costner, Maria Bello, Ramiro Rodriguez

Chappie (R) action/sci-fi: In the near future, crime is patrolled by a mechanized police force. When one police droid, Chappie, is stolen and given new programming, he becomes the first robot with the ability to think and feel for himself.

Starring: Sharlto Copley, Hugh Jackman, Sigourney Weaver

The SpongeBob Movie: Sponge Out of Water (PG) animation/adventure: When a diabolical pirate above the sea steals the secret Krabby Patty formula, SpongeBob and his nemesis Plankton must team up in order to get it back.

Starring (voices): Tom Kenny, Antonio Banderas, Bill Fagerbakke

Focus (R) comedy/crime: In the midst of veteran con man Nicky’s latest scheme, a woman from his past—now an accomplished femme fatale—shows up and throws his plans for a loop.

Starring: Will Smith, Margot Robbie, Rodrigo Santoro

Jupiter Ascending (PG-13) action/adventure: A young woman discovers her destiny as an heiress of intergalactic nobility and must fight to protect the inhabitants of Earth from an ancient and destructive industry.

Starring: Channing Tatum, Mila Kunis, Eddie Redmayne

Did you know...



By Yvonne Ryba

Shepherd Chamber of Commerce awarded three scholarships this week at the Shepherd High School Award Ceremony. President Twinkle Webber and Board Member Helenmarie Johnson were there to give first prize of \$1000 to Sutton Everitt, who also wore his 'Red Cord' for his generous donations to the Blood Bank. The two scholarships of \$500 each went to Rebeka Rice and Kevin Henderson. All three students submitted excellent essays on how they intend to benefit their community when they have finished their studies. The Chamber decided to give scholarships this year to students entering Community College or Trade School, these are very worthy goals and we wish all graduates the very best in life as they move into this new phase of their studies.

This ceremony was very well attended by students and their families and friends. Counselor Ms Vicki Anderson was MC for the program and Twinkle talked about how proud she was that our Chamber was able to give scholarships to the children of our community.

Shepherd Chamber also hosted a lunch at the Community Center. Detective Squire gave a talk on how the three counties of Montgomery, Liberty and San Jacinto, have combined together to co-ordinate the Crime Stoppers Program and crime prevention programs. In our county Sergeant Adams is the coordinator for all of this.

You will see the name Director Bob Barragan at the end of my column. Last week his Small Business Development Center, Sam Houston State University, held its annual Small Business Celebration Luncheon. This is always a well attended 'do' with a delicious lunch after a tour of their new facility. If you are the owner of a small business, you can benefit greatly from the knowledge and experience this SBDC offers. The amazing thing is that it is free. Business consultation on any topic, advice on management, development and other questions are readily available from Bob who has been the Director for many years. Call the chamber nearest to you for an appointment with him.

On a personal note, thank you for all the prayers and calls about my husband Peter Ryba. He will be in hospital for sometime awaiting a complicated heart operation. I will let you know more as we move forward.

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11231 Hwy 150, Shepherd, 77371
Mail to : PO Box 520, Shepherd
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For a FREE business consultation with Director Bob Barragan
of Sam Houston State SBDC. Call your nearest Chamber.



Buy \$mart, Eat Well

Crispy Ritz Chicken

Ingredients

For the Chicken

- 3 chicken breasts (*on sale \$1.79lb!*)
- 2 sleeves of Ritz crackers (any flavor you prefer!)
- 1/2 c. of buttermilk (can use regular milk)
- 2-2 1/2 c. of shredded cheese (*I used mozzarella*) (*Parade brand on sale 3/\$5.00!*)
- Salt and Pepper to taste

For the Cilantro Rice

- 1 ½ cup uncooked rice
- 1/8 cup lime juice
- 2 tbsp. dried cilantro

For the Sauce

- 1 10oz can cream of chicken
- 3 tbsp. of sour cream
- 2 tbsp. butter
- Dried cilantro for garnish

Directions

For the rice: Combine 1 1/2 c. of uncooked rice and 3 c. of water. Set rice cooker to cook. Once the rice cooks, in a large pot or bowl, mix together rice and lime juice together. Then add cilantro and toss together. Set aside.

For the Chicken: There is a bit of set up first. Grease a large baking tray with cooking spray, butter or shortening. In a food processor grind Ritz Crackers into fine crumbs, mix with salt and pepper to taste. Place the crumbs in a pan or shallow dish. In a bowl, pour the buttermilk. And in another dish, spread the shredded cheese. I set up my pans/dishes/trays in this order: milk bowl, then cheese dish, then crumbs, and finally baking tray.

First dip the breasts into the milk. Then roll into shredded cheese- the cheese will not stick too great so use your hands to press in the cheese. Finally, cover with crumbs. Do not worry- the cheese will fall into the crumbs- that is okay! Place the breast onto the baking tray. Repeat for the remainder of chicken breast cutlets. Once all the cutlets are on the baking tray- sprinkle any non-covered areas with additional crumbs. Bake for 30-35 minutes until breasts are thoroughly cooked and center is no longer pink. **For the Sauce:** In a small pot, over medium-high heat, bring cream of chicken, sour cream and butter to a boil. Remove from heat, whisk together and allow to cool. Serve chicken breast on top a scoop of cilantro rice. Serve sauce over chicken.

Okay, I know this seems like a lot but this took me only about 30 minutes. Make it a Meal! Pair this recipe with some yummy boiled or sautéed yellow and zucchini squash (*on sale \$0.99lb!*) to make it a complete meal! Recipe found at www.fortheloveofdessert.blogspot.com



Senior Citizen Menu

- MON 6/1:** King Ranch Chicken, Pinto Beans, Buttered Yams, Cornbread, Salad, Fruit
TUE 6/2: Hamburger Patty with Onions, Brown Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Seasoned Greens, Cornbread, Salad, Fruit
WED 6/3: Chicken & Dumplings, Purple Hull Peas, Cornbread, Tossed Salad & Dressing, Fruit
THUR 6/4: Beef Pot Roast with Potatoes, Carrots and Gravy, Mustard Greens, Cornbread, Salad, Pudding
FRI 6/5: Chicken Egg Rolls, Fried Rice, Mixed Veggies, Garlic Bread, Salad, Fruit
MON 6/8: Chicken Spaghetti, Beets, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Garlic Bread, Fruit
TUE 6/9: Meatloaf, Cheesy Potatoes, Cabbage, Cornbread, Salad, Fruit
WED 6/10: Fried Fish, Hush Puppies, French Fries, Cold Slaw, Fruit Cobbler
THUR 6/11: Baked Pork Cutlets with Sauerkraut & Grilled Onions, Corn Casserole, Tossed Salad with Dressing, Rolls, Fruit
FRI 6/12: Grilled Chicken Quesadillas with Sautéed Onions & Green Peppers, Fried Okra, Baked Beans, Salad, Pudding
MON 6/15: Beef Sausage in Brown Gravy, Cheesy Potatoes, Okra & Tomatoes, Cornbread, Salad, Fruit
TUE 6/16: Beef Goulash, Lima Beans, Tossed Salad with Dressing, Cornbread, Jell-O
WED 6/17: Fried Chicken, Buttered Rice, Cream Gravy, Cabbage, Rolls, Salad, Fruit
THUR 6/18: Turkey, Cheese & Spinach Quiche, Stuffed Baked Potato, Tossed Salad Dressing, Pudding
FRI 6/19: Chicken Alfredo & Spaghetti, Squash Casserole, Tossed Salad with Dressing, Rolls, Fruit
MON 6/22: Baked Herb Chicken, Rice Pilaf, Lima Beans, Cornbread, Salad, Fruit
TUE 6/23: Pork Loin & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Okra & Tomatoes, Cornbread, Salad, Fruit
WED 6/24: Baked Whole Turkey, Scalloped Potatoes, Navy Beans, Cornbread, Salad, Fruit
THUR 6/25: Meatloaf, Brown Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Black-eyed Peas, Cornbread, Salad, Fruit
FRI 6/26: BBQ Chicken, Macaroni Salad, Crowder Peas with Okra, Cornbread, Salad, Fruit
MON 6/29: Hamburger Patty, with Onions, Brown Gravy, Buttered Rice, Peas & Carrots, Cornbread, Salad, Fruit
TUE 6/30: Hot Dogs with Homemade Chili, Crackers, Macaroni & Cheese, Salad, Fruit

Shepherd Senior Citizens serve @ 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Please call before 9:30 a.m. if possible for lunches,
so we can have a count! (936)-628-3733
Menu subject to change without notice.
Second Tuesday of each month dessert includes birthday cake!

Senior Citizen Newsletter

We want to express our thanks to all our clients that come enjoy our center and the home cooked meals our cooks so lovingly prepare. You are very special to us and without your regular donations we would not be able to provide the delicious meals daily. Thank you for your continued support! Remember to call us by 9:30 a.m. and we will set a place for you at the table. Our meals include meat, veggies, bread, salad, dessert and drink and we serve at 11:30 a.m. The center opens at 8:00 a.m. and closes at 1:30 p.m.

We also thank the patrons that visit our resale shop and the donations that the citizens of the community provide. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. The resale shop opens at 8:30 a.m. and closes at 1:00 p.m. and is also open the first Saturday of each month from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. for those of you that want to shop but cannot do so on week days. We have “Bag Day” the first and third Friday of each month.

We will be having a “PANCAKE BREAKFAST” on Saturday June 20th at 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. The \$5.00 breakfast will include all you can eat pancakes, with single serving of your choice of bacon or sausage, and, coffee and juice will be provided. We will have syrup, maple syrup and sugar free syrup and jelly. Come one, Come all. All ages welcome! Start your day by having breakfast with us, plan a day with the children, have some fun, skip doing breakfast dishes and donate to a good cause!

Bingo is on the first and third Thursdays of the month at 9:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m., cards are 25 cents each with a maximum of 4 cards per player. Come join the fun and win prizes. Thanks to Deborah Stearns, our bingo caller. She makes it fun for all!

We continue to plan for our new facility. Progress is slow because we are waiting for grant funds. We are very excited about having more room. Our current building will continue to be of service to us and the community and will continue to be loved and we appreciate being its caretakers.

To all of our contributors and donors we thank you. Because of your support and donations we are able to continue providing our senior citizens home cooked meals, a safe place to congregate, and have fun.

Obituary

Bonnie Ruth Littlefield



June 3, 1928 - May 25, 2015

Bonnie Ruth Littlefield, 86, of Shepherd, Texas passed away on Monday, May 25, 2015. She was born on Sunday, June 3, 1928 in Conroe, Texas to Frank Wilson Beeson and Addie (Vick) Beeson, both of whom have preceded her in death. Bonnie was also preceded in death by her husband, L.C. Littlefield, two brothers and five sisters. Left to cherish her memory are her loving three sons, Adrian Littlefield and wife Charlene, Gary Littlefield and wife Glenda and Rickey Littlefield and wife Jill; brother, Leonard Beeson; sister, Dorthy Nelson; 10 grandchildren, 22 great grandchildren, and 3 great-great grandchildren, along with numerous other loving family and treasured friends. Visitation for Bonnie was held at Neal Funeral Home on Wednesday, May 27, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Funeral Services for Bonnie were held at Neal Funeral Home on Thursday, May 28, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. Interment for Bonnie will immediately follow at Farley Chapel Cemetery. Pastor Adrian Littlefield and Pastor Greg Gerald officiated. All services were handled under the trusted care of Neal Funeral Home.

June 3, 2015

Community Classifieds

FOR SALE: Clean water tanks, 275 gallon. \$140 and will deliver for \$150. Please call 713-283-4010.
WANTED: Will buy your old gold/silver coins, guns, etc. Ugly is okay. Paying cold hard cash! Please call 713-283-4010.
WANTED: All none working washers & dryers, refrigerators, stoves and campers. Will haul off for free! Please call 936-252-9043.

Community Calendar

- 6/1:** Monday EDC Meeting, 7pm/EDC Building
6/4: SISD Students Last Day/Early Release
6/4: Kindergarten Graduation at the HS at 7:30
6/5: Bob Brannagan’s monthly consultations with current or prospective business owners, 10am-noon/Chamber Office
6/5: Senior Resale Shop Bag Day
6/8: City Council Meeting, 7pm/Community Center
6/9: First station auxiliary meeting at 7PM
6/9: Sam Houston EC Annual Meeting 1017 North 59 Loop at 1:30PM
6/19: Senior Resale Shop Bag Day
6/22: Shepherd Chamber of Commerce meeting, 6pm/EDC

Church News

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!
DREW’S LANDING BAPTIST CHURCH: Are you looking for a church filled with love that preaches straight from the Bible? Look no further! This is the church for you! Pastor Chip Keel—(936) 628-1676. Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship, 11:00 a.m. Wednesday night Bible Study 6:30 p.m. All welcome! Come as you are! Children’s church available. 161 Thomas Castleberry off FM 1127. Just look for the big blue House of God. We would love to have you - GOD BLESS YOU
SPRING HILL BAPTIST CHURCH: One Hundred Women in Need. Pastor Dr. Frank L. Mason & Elect Lady Evelyn Grace Mason on Sunday, July 26, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. Pastor: Rev. M. Sykes, Trueville Baptist Church, Huntsville, TX. Pastor: Frank L. Mason, Jr., Spring Hill Baptist Church, 9170 State Hwy 150 West, Coldspring, TX 77331. Associate’s Ministers: Douglas Jackson, Sheila Jackson & Evangelist Mandy Lee Anderson. Contact Church at 936-767-8421 or Sister Rosie Reed 936-653-4531.
SPRING HILL BAPTIST CHURCH: We are having Vacation Bible School on July 7, 8, & 9, 2015 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. located 9130 Hwy 150 in Evergreen, TX. Church van will pick up students. Just call Rev./ Dr. Frank Mason, Jr. at 832-498-4964 or 936-653-4531 or 936-767-8421.
SPRING HILL BAPTIST CHURCH: Choir Annual Program on June 14, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. Theme: “Call His Name, Jesus”. Deacon Raymond Lee, President. Usher’s Annual Program June 28, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. Theme: “Call to Serve”. Sister Estelle McGowen, President. Contact: Sister Rosie Reed 936-653-4531 or 936-767-8421.



Business News

ATTENTION

Due to the increasing number of business ad submissions there will now be a fee implemented for submitting a business advertisement into the Shepherd News newspaper as of May 28, 2015. The fee will be \$20 per business advertisement per week, or \$75 for four weeks. Ad cannot exceed the size of a regular business card. Payments will need to be given to McClain’s Courtesy Booth at time of submission. If you are emailing your ad directly to Shepherd News, a payment will still need to be dropped by the Courtesy Booth. We will only be able to take cash for advertisements at this time. All advertisements subject to available space. If allotted space is not available, ad will be pushed back to a later week at editor’s discretion.



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