

SHEPHERD COMMUNITY NEWS

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY

Please join the City of Shepherd and the Shepherd Chamber of Commerce for their annual **FIREWORKS EXTRAVAGANZA!** Friday, July 3rd at Shepherd Community Center 4:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. ish There will be numerous vendors both inside and outside of the community center selling jewelry, crafts, artwork, furniture, blinky toys, homemade soaps and lotions, assorted food vendors...too many things to name! There will be games and activities for all ages! Fireworks will begin at dark! So bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy the festivities!

Graduation Photos of the Shepherd High Class of 2015

Lifetouch photographed the graduation ceremony of Shepherd High School on June 5. Visit www.events.lifetouch.com to sign up and receive notification when the proofs are online and ready to order. Approximately 10 days after the ceremony students and parents may view and order their images online at www.events.lifetouch.com. Complimentary proofs mailed to Graduates. No obligation to purchase. Please allow 2-3 weeks for delivery.

Day in the Life of an African Child

KoumanKe’le’ African Dance & Drum Ensemble Presents

Day in the Life of an African Child

When: July 21st (Tuesday)

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Where: Shepherd Community Center
Cost: Free

Hosted by the Shepherd Public Library Texas based cultural dance company, KoumanKe’le’ African Dance & Drum Ensemble, is a dynamic and energetic performance troupe that presents traditional West, South, and Central African Dance and culture and its transitions in this country.

Comprised of continental Africans and African Americans, KoumanKe’le’ African Dance & Drum Ensemble’s repertoire includes traditional and contemporary dances of Guinea, Mali, Ghana, South Africa, Senegal and the Congo.

Heavy Rains Causing Severe Flooding, Power Outages in Liberty County



Due to the large amounts of rain in May and June in East Texas, as well as along the headwaters and tributaries of the Trinity River, portions of Liberty County have experienced severe flooding for several weeks. The persistent high floodwater levels have created conditions that make it unsafe for Sam Houston Electric Cooperative to restore power to 96 meters in Liberty County along the Trinity River.

“I have not seen flooding of this duration,” operations supervisor Larry Horn said. “There may have been one other time in my early years with the Cooperative, but I have been here for 35 years.”

Sam Houston EC’s goal is to provide safe and reliable power to Cooperative members at 70,000 locations across ten counties. Safety, however, is the number one priority, and restoring power while floodwaters are high is dangerous.

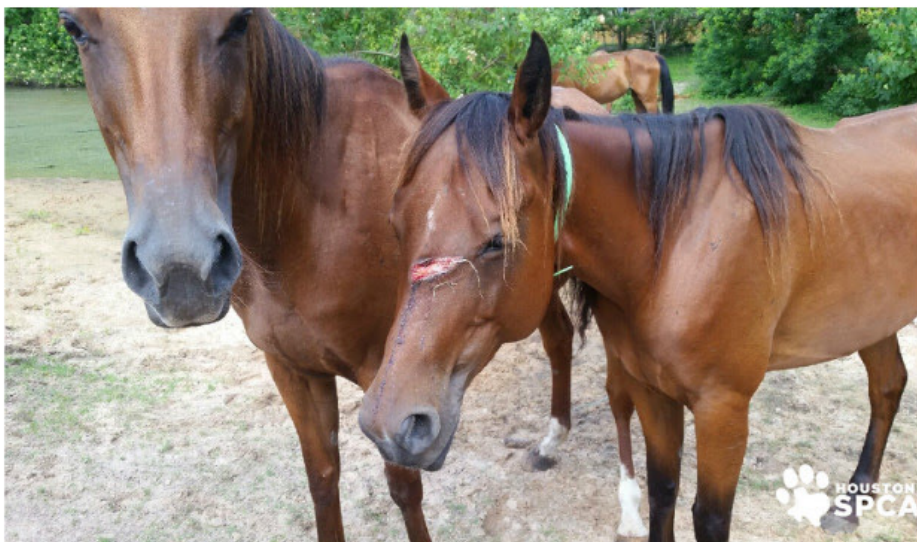
On May 27, the amount of water released from Lake Livingston Dam into the Trinity River peaked at 72,600 cubic feet per second. On June 1, 2015, the amount of water released from Lake Livingston decreased to 68,200 cubic feet per second, and remains at that level.

The Cooperative has accessed the flooded areas in the lower Trinity River by boat, and line technicians were able to safely restore power to some residents. On Friday afternoon (June 19), two Co-op operations supervisors flew with an aviation service from the Lake Livingston Dam down the Trinity River to Liberty County. The purpose of this flight was to determine if Sam Houston Electric Cooperative can do anything further to safely restore power to any of the flooded areas.

“Sam Houston EC understands that it is very inconvenient for our members to be without electricity for this length of time,” said chief executive officer Kyle Kuntz. “However, our operations staff must consider public safety as well as the safety of our employees when restoring power to flooded areas. The Cooperative hopes to restore power soon, but with the rain from Tropical Storm Bill, we cannot say for sure when that will be. In the meantime, we will continue to communicate with local and state emergency management officials, and we will work to restore power as soon as it is safe to do so.”

[Photo] Flooding in the Mason Lakes subdivision along the Trinity River is preventing Sam Houston Electric Cooperative from restoring power to some members. Credit: Sam Houston Electric Cooperative

Houston SPCA Rescues More Than 200 Horses in Conroe, TX



A Massive Animal Rescue Underway in Conroe, TX. At the request of the Montgomery County District Attorney’s Office, the Houston SPCA responded to a massive animal rescue at Calico Dairy on League Line Road in Conroe, TX 77304.

The Houston SPCA is working closely with local law enforcement, which has served a seizure warrant to Calico Dairy. Effective this evening, June 24, 2015, the horses at Calico Dairies will be ‘seized in place’. Under this arrangement, the animals will remain on the property, but will be under the protection of law enforcement, and will be under the care of the Houston SPCA, pending court proceedings.

Beginning Thursday, June 25, the Houston SPCA veterinary team will conduct a comprehensive medical assessment of the animals. Any horse that requires immediate medical attention will be transported to the Houston SPCA or another medical facility to receive care.

The Houston SPCA is a private, non-profit animal protection organization that investigates over 7,000 cases of cruelty, abuse, and neglect annually. Emaciated. Suffering from open wounds. Badly in need of hoof care. The Houston SPCA, working at the request of the Montgomery County District Attorney’s Office, rescued over 200 horses today from unthinkable conditions at the Calico Dairy on League Line Road in Conroe, TX.

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For more information, please contact Brian Latham, Director of Communications and Marketing at (281) 682-7711.

Summer Reading Program

The Library will open at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesdays from June 22nd until July 29th for the Summer Reading Program that will be from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. (you must have already registered at the library to join the program!)

We will resume normal business hours 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. the 1st of August.

The Shepherd Public Library is open 5 days a week from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (computers shut down at 4:45. Last available time for computers is 4:30 p.m.) As stated above: the library will open to the public at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesdays for the months of June and July so that we can focus on our Summer Reading Program. The library also closes for all federal holidays.

ATTENTION: Records to be Destroyed

San Jacinto County Special Services Cooperative (serving Shepherd ISD and Goodrich ISD) will destroy special education records for students who either graduated within 2008-2010 or were no longer in the program after these dates.

If parents or former students wish to have the information in the records, a request must be made in writing and received by the special education office by July 20, 2015. Requests should be addressed to Charlene Lowe, Special Education Director, 1401 South Byrd Avenue, Shepherd, Tx 77371.

Records that are not requested will be destroyed July 31, 2015.

Notice of Deadline to File Applications for Place on Ballot

(Aviso De Fecha Limite para presentar Solicitudes Para Un Lugar En La Boleta)
Notice is hereby given that applications for a place in the SHEPHERD ISD regular election ballot may be filed during the following time:
(Se da aviso por la presente que las solicitudes para un lugar en la boleta de la Election Regular de SHEPHERD ISD se pueden presentar durante el siguiente horario:)

Filing Dates and Times

(Fechas y Horario para Entregar Presentaciones)

Start Date: Monday, July 27, 2015

(Fecha Limite)

Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday, July 27, 2015 – July 30, 2015

7:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Monday – Friday, August 3, 2015 – August 24, 2015 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

(Horario de la Oficina)

Physical Address for filing Applications in person for place on the ballot:

(Direccion a fiscal para presentar los solicitudes en persona para un lugar en la boleta:)

Shepherd ISD Administration Office

1401 South Byrd Avenue

Shepherd, Texas 77371

Address to mail applications for place on the ballot (if filing by mail)

(Direccion a donde enviar las solicitudes para un lugar en la boleta (en caso de presentar por correo)

Shepherd ISD Administration Office

1401 South Byrd Avenue

Shepherd, Texas 77371

Filing Officer: Kelly Bowen

Just a reminder that fireworks look even more amazing when you're not constantly checking your iPhone.



Did you know...

By Yvonne Ryba



As many of you will remember, Shepherd celebrates July 4 before the actual day. This year it will be July 3 which is a Friday and allows everyone to take advantage of a long weekend, celebrating our country's independence. We will have the use of Shepherd Community Center for vendors wishing to stay in the cool indoors. Food vendors will be under the Pavilion, where the DJ will be playing his music. The Community Center is next to the Ball Park and across from Shepherd Elementary School, on Hwy 150.

The event starts at 4:00 p.m. with the National Anthem, sung by Asunta Pope, a special ceremony by the American Legion Post 621 led by Dale Everitt and Amazing Grace sung by Angel Vasquez. We will have special youth entertainers and a great line up of enjoyable events for everyone. Here are some of those events!

- 5:00 p.m.- Watermelon Eating Contest- (Yes, you spit out the pips!)
- 5:00 p.m. - Patriotic Cake Decorating Contest. Entry...\$5
- 5:30 p.m. - Cake Walk- Entry \$1 (You can win one of those decorated cakes here!)
- 6:00 p.m. - Patriotic Costume Contest. \$5 entry fee. Let your imagination do its work!
- 6:00 p.m. - Horseshoe Tournament- \$5 per person. Double Elimination -Drawing Teams.
- 7:00 p.m. - Patriotic Pet Show- \$5 entry. Please only friendly, leashed pets! All pets are allowed.
- 8:00 p.m. - Pet parade- Be creative here.
- 8:00 p.m. - Karaoke Contest- \$5 entry
- 9:00 p.m. - FIREWORKS!

There will be awards for all Major Contests. Shepherd Chamber of Commerce strives to offer fun and entertainment for all members of the family. This is the day for everyone to celebrate and to meet and mingle with friends and family. You can pre-register for all the activities. Please call (936) 499-2632.

Some contests will be outside. These include the Watermelon eating contest and the Horseshoe Tournament. The Patriotic Cake Decorating Contest will be inside the Community Center.

Do you want to be a vendor? Booths inside the Center cost \$35, outside cost \$25. If you are a non-profit organization, you may set up your table for free!

On a personal note, I would like to thank all those people who sent cards, emails and made phone calls on the passing of my husband Peter Ryba. Each and everyone was appreciated. I want to thank also those who helped me with his memorial. This is truly a wonderfully supportive community.

Coldspring- San Jacinto Chamber of Commerce,
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(936) 653-2184 www.coldspringtexas.org
Shepherd Chamber of Commerce,
11231 Hwy 150, Shepherd, 77371
Mail to : PO Box 520, Shepherd
(936) 628-3890 www.greatershepherdchamberofcommerce.org
For a FREE business consultation with Director Bob Barragan
of Sam Houston State SBDC. Call your nearest Chamber.

"McClain's Food Market"



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Fall Off the Bone Oven-Baked Pork Spareribs

- Ingredients**
- 1 rack (*approx. 5 pounds*) pork spareribs (*on sale \$1.89lb!*)
 - Commercial or homemade barbecue sauce (*Kraft on sale \$0.99!*)
- Dry Rub**
- 1 teaspoon garlic salt
 - 1 teaspoon cumin
 - 20 turns of pepper grinder
 - 1 teaspoon paprika
 - 1 teaspoon chili powder
 - 1 teaspoon oregano
 - ¼ teaspoon white pepper
 - ¼ cup brown sugar



- Directions**
- Preheat oven to 250 degrees F. Ribs will cook for a total time of 4 hours.
 - Combine all of the dry rub ingredients in a small bowl. Prepare the rack by removing the membrane from the back of the ribs and cutting away that extra little flap of tough meat across the top - just discard that or save for another use. Line a baking pan with aluminum foil. On the bottom side of the ribs, sprinkle on a generous amount of the dry rub and rub it in. Set the ribs on the baking pan with the seasoned side down, and apply the remaining dry rub on the top side. Roast uncovered at 250 degrees F for 2 hours.
 - After the ribs have cooked for 2 hours, remove them and pour some of the sauce over the top of the ribs. Using a brush, gently spread the sauce all over the ribs. Cover the entire pan tightly with aluminum foil and return to the oven, baking for an additional 2 hours, or until the meat begins to pull away from the bone. If you like, unwrap, brush with a bit of sauce and finish under the broiler for a minute or so.
 - When ready to serve, brush a little extra sauce on each serving but definitely serve with a side of sauce for dipping.
 - **Cook's Notes:** Depending on what kind of sauce you use, if you want a bit more of smoky flavor to the ribs, just before you put on the rub, take a teaspoon of liquid smoke and mix it with a tablespoon of water. Brush that on both sides of the ribs, then apply the dry rub.
 - **Time Saving Tip:** Since these take some time to cook, I have a fantastic tip from Teresa T. that she was happy to let me pass on. She cooks 3 or 4 racks at a time, taking them through the first 2 hour phase of cooking. She keeps 1 rack going for supper, but allows the other 3 to cool, and then wraps them in a double layer of heavy duty foil, and freezes them. When she is ready for another rack she defrosts it, then continues the remaining 2 hours in the oven. Brilliant and what a great timesaver!

Make it a Meal! Don't forget some pasta salad, or maybe potato salad (*5lb bag russets on sale \$1.49!*) and what else but baked beans (*Bush's baked beans on sale 3 for \$5.00!*). You could also grill up some fresh corn on the cob (*on sale 3 for \$0.99!*) There's a poblano lime crema corn topping that's made with sour cream mixed with a little lime juice, sea salt, adobo sauce from a can of chipotle peppers and topped with cilantro that I'm dying to try!

Recipe found at www.deepsouthdish.com

Obituary

Dorothy Bernice Burks
June 22, 1955 - June 20, 2015



Dorothy Bernice Burks, age 59 of Onalaska, Texas, passed away Saturday, June 20, 2015. She was born June 22, 1955 in Harris County, Texas to parents Willis Oliver Settle and Edna Bernice Settle who preceded her in death along with her sister, Velma Ruth Thompson.

Survivors include her daughter, Wendy Dykes Owens; son, Jason Charles Shirley; sisters, Kathy Auzston, Sandy McClain, and Christine Hughes; brother, Oliver Wayne Settle; grandchildren, Cora Shirley and David Shirley; nephews, Kevin Wayne Settle, Rusty Auzston, and David Auzston; nieces, Brandi Hoard, Susan Hardy, Kelly McClain, Kim McClain, and Kara Rizzo and many other cherished family members and friends.

Brother Robert Brown presided over graveside services held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, June 27, 2015 at Farley Chapel Cemetery, Shepherd, Texas.

FAVORITE Family RECIPES

Have any good family recipes? Share them with us! You can send them to us through Facebook or email us! mcclains.shepherdnews@gmail.com

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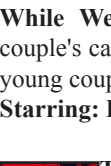
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New Releases Coming to McClain's DVD Kiosk This Week



Get Hard (R) comedy: When millionaire James King is jailed for fraud and bound for San Quentin, he turns to Darnell Lewis to prep him to go behind bars.

Starring: Will Ferrell, Kevin Hart, Alison Brie



While We're Young (R) comedy/drama: A middle-aged couple's career and marriage are overturned when a disarming young couple enters their lives.

Starring: Ben Stiller, Naomi Watts, Adam Driver



The Gunman (R) action/crime: A sniper on a mercenary assassination team, kills the minister of mines of the Congo. Terrier's successful kill shot forces him into hiding. Returning to the Congo years later, he becomes the target of a hit squad himself.

Starring: Sean Penn, Idris Elba, Jasmine Trinca

July 1, 2015

Community Classifieds

- JOB NEEDED:** In search of full or part time employment. Experienced equipment operator with 23 years experience. Call Joe at 936-650-9237.
- FOR RENT:** 3BR/2BA trailer, walk-in closet, water included; \$850. 979-316-0299 or 832-318-1069 located at 591 N and Regency Dr
- WANTED:** Unwanted non-working washers, dryers, ice boxes, deep freezers, AC units or junk iron. Will pick up for free! Please call (936) 252-9043.
- FOR SALE:** 14' X 72' mobile home for sale on Hwy 222. 2BR/2BA, central air & heat, shingle roof built over mobile home, concrete 2-car carport, 2 ½ acres; \$79,000. Please call (281) 659-6485 for appt .
- FOR SALE:** Snapper lawn mower series 14 rear engine riding lawn mower, model 300914BE. Purchased October 1994. Never used much. Needs new battery and a tune up; \$400. Please call (936) 628-3427.
- FOR SALE:** Two Tires P225/60r17 \$40.00 Cash 936-628-6303
- FOR SALE:** Wolf Hybrid Pup Solid White \$400.00 Cash 936-628-6303
- FOR SALE:** Avocados Plants 10.00 Cash Each 936-628-6303
- FOR SALE:** Glider And Ottoman Like New \$200.00 Cash 936-628-6303
- FOR SALE:** Bridge Craft Guitar And Randall Rx 300 Amp Like New \$400.00 Cash 936-628-6303
- FOR SALE:** Pigmy Goats Male And Female Breed \$100.00 Cash Both Of Them 936-628-6303

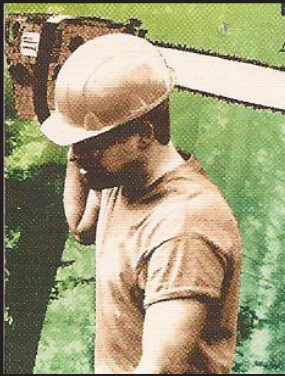
Community Calendar

- 7/3: Bob Brannagan's monthly consultations with current or prospective business owners, 10am-noon/Chamber Office
- 7/3: Senior Resale Shop Bag Day
- 7/6: Monday EDC Meeting, 7pm/EDC Building
- 7/13: City Council Meeting, 7pm/Community Center
- 7/14: First station auxiliary meeting at 7PM
- 7/17: Senior Resale Shop Bag Day
- 7/27: 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.
- 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 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
- FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD IN SHEPHERD:** We will be having a revival with Rev. Gene Summers from June 28-July 1. Everyone is welcome. The service times are Sunday at 10:45 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Monday through Wednesday 7:00 p.m. each night. Come hear this man of God preach the word. Laverne Charles (281) 761-5959.

Business News



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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.

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.*