

# SHEPHERD COMMUNITY NEWS

## Masonic Lodge Acknowledges Volunteer of the Year - Yvonne Ryba



By: Lori Townsend  
Contributing Writer

An evening of honor and roasting was the scene at the Shepherd Masonic Blue Lodge #866 in Shepherd this past Saturday. The honoree "Yvonne Ryba" - the name Ryba is very well known in Shepherd and throughout San Jacinto County as well. Yvonne is the widow of the late Peter Ryba, Attorney in San Jacinto County. Both she and Peter became extremely active in community activities, civic, church and governmental as well. The Shepherd Masonic Blue Lodge #866 bestowed the highest honor to be given to a non-mason to Mrs. Yvonne Ryba.

Numerous testimonials were given honoring the deeds and actions of Ryba during her years in Shepherd in the last decade and then some. The event was open to attendees and solely devoted to honoring the "guest of honor." It was an honor and privilege to attend the event for a dear friend that loves the community that she calls home.

Commitments for Yvonne Ryba are endless as she serves on the Shepherd City Council, Shepherd Chamber of Commerce, Coldspring-San Jacinto County Chamber of Commerce, Coldspring Garden Club, Women's League of San Jacinto County, Friends of the Shepherd Library, San Jacinto County Historical Commission, Eastern Star, and previous board member for the Coldspring Community Center. Ryba also is a contributing writer for the San Jacinto News-Times and the McClain's Community Newspaper.

A current project that is under coordination is a mural to be painted in Shepherd reflecting the history of the city and community events, that Yvonne is working with the Shepherd Middle School Art Teacher. When you want to know something about Shepherd, Yvonne is the person to call. She is always willing to give the "helping hand" in which we are so fortunate to be in receipt of. The Shepherd Masonic Blue Lodge #866 did an amazing tribute honoring Yvonne Ryba on this memorable evening.

## One Day 4H Needs Your Help



Every year San Jacinto County 4H takes on a project for One Day 4H! This year our 4H kids voted to renew the Veteran's Memorial in front of the fair grounds. This memorial is in bad shape! The benches are broken and the plants are dead.

We would like to be able to replace the 2 broken benches, plant 6 lavender Crepe Myrtle trees, border the landscape timbers with Liriope Grass and lay a weed barrier and white rock to cover the rest of the ground so the weeds will stay gone. This will help to keep the memorial looking refreshed without a lot of continuous weeding.

To be able to accomplish all of what we have planned to make the memorial look nice again for our veterans, we will need the communities help. If you would like to help you are welcome to make a money donation or purchase any of the items listed above that will be needed. If you would like to purchase an item please let the AgriLife Extension Office know. Thank you for your support.

San Jacinto County 4H  
Telephone Number: 936-628-6407

## Marijuana Field Found in San Jacinto County

Written by Billy Duke

On the morning of September 9, 2015, San Jacinto County Sheriff Greg Capers and Chief Deputy Joe Schultea were notified by agents with the DEA and DPS Tasks Force of a marijuana field in San Jacinto County.

A Marijuana Eradication Task Force was organized and included San Jacinto County Sheriff's Office Tactical Patrol Unit, Polk County Sheriff's Office, Lufkin Police Department, Angelina County Sheriff's Office, and members of the DEA and DPS.

The marijuana field was found by DEA and DPS during a flyover. After all of the fields were located in Polk County several months back, routine fly overs have become regular in our area.



The field was at the end of Pleasant Valley Road off of FM 3278. The field was located in a small clearing just off of the main road. It was discovered that the water for irrigation was being provided by a homestead on Pleasant Valley Rd. The plant count is estimated to be approximately 15,000 at the time of this report.



The marijuana plants were cut and air lifted by helicopter to a field near Browders on FM 3278 just below the lake. An investigation into the suspects involved in the growing and harvesting of this marijuana field is still underway.

## NDFC ROUND 'EM UP WESTERN SUNDAY



Come out and help us celebrate the  
San Jacinto County Fair  
Sunday, September 20, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.  
New Destiny Fellowship Church Coldsprings, Tx.  
So come out in your western attire and  
Round 'em Up for Christ



We will be giving away wristbands for the carnival and wristbands for the rodeo and vouchers for food.

## "McClain's Food Market"



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## San Jacinto County Fair and Rodeo Baby Contest

**September 19, 2015**

Registration starting at 12:00 p.m. in the show barn  
Baby contest starting at 1:00 p.m. in the show barn

Ages 0-4 years old

\$25.00 per entry

Categories will be as follows

### Boys

0-12 mths

1 & 2

3 & 4

### Girls

0-12 mths

1 & 2

3 & 4

Dress your little beauty in their best cowboy or cowgirl outfit. There will be a winner in each category, 1 best overall for girl and 1 best of overall for boy. Judging will be based on outfit, appearance and personality. We look forward to seeing all the adorable babies.

If you have any questions or would like to pick up paperwork before September 19th please contact the extension office at (936) 628-6407.

## Buy \$mart, Eat Well

### Sausage, Corn & Potato Chowder

#### Ingredients

- 1 regular size package Eckrich® Skinless Smoked Sausage (*on sale 2/\$5!*)
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1 large onion, coarsely chopped (*yellow onions \$0.39lb!*)
- 2 cups 2% milk
- 2 cups (10 ounces) frozen ready to cook hash brown potatoes with peppers and onions (O'Brien style), thawed
- 1 can (14.5 ounces) creamed-style corn
- 1-1/2 cups frozen corn kernels
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1 cup shredded sharp cheddar cheese (optional) (*Crystal Farms on sale 2/\$4!*)
- 1/4 cup chopped chives or green onions

#### Directions

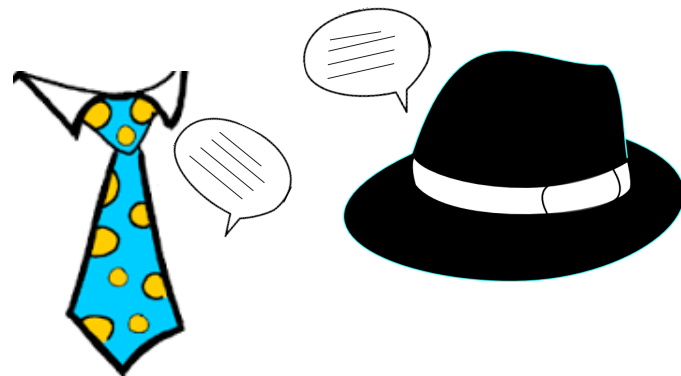
- Heat oil in a large saucepan over medium heat. Add onion; cook, stirring occasionally, 5 minutes. Add milk, potatoes, sausage, creamed corn, corn kernels, salt and pepper.
- Bring to a boil over high heat. Reduce heat; simmer uncovered 15 minutes, stirring occasionally.
- Ladle chowder into four shallow bowls; top with cheese if desired and chives.

*Make It A Meal!* Serve with warm rolls and a crisp salad (*Fresh Express 50/50 mix on sale 2/\$5!*) Recipe from [www.eckrich.com](http://www.eckrich.com)



## J of the JOKE WEEK

What did the tie say to the hat?



**...You go on ahead and I'll  
hang around.**



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Did you know...

By Yvonne Ryba

Remember last week I told you about the frog in my kitchen? It had taken over the dog's water bowl? It hid under the sofa until I had help from a friend and then he, or she, was returned to the outside world.

The photograph of Jimmy Enloe, DJ, was taken at his ribbon cutting. I talked about Jimmy's services last week. The photo shows from left to right, Jimmy's Mother, Jewline, then Jimmy holding the scissors, Melody Burton who is Jimmy's girlfriend and Cody Perry who is Jimmy's Assistant. I was helped in holding the ribbon for Jimmy by Judge 'Red' Blanchette, JP for Precinct 2 in Shepherd. If you would like to know more about this DJ's services you can call him at (281) 432-9136. Jimmy Enloe has a very large repertoire of music, from the Golden Oldies to Today's Hits. He can supply music in English and Spanish as well as Karaoke.



Do not forget that you can buy tickets for the 'Blast from the Past Blue and White Night' from Chamber members in Shepherd. Helenmarie Johnson has them at the library too. This Dinner Dance will be held in our Community Center on October 17, starting at 6:00 p.m. Dinner first from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. then dancing follows. We will have guest speakers, a Dance Contest and High School annuals so you can look back on your High School years. For more info call (936) 446-6011.

As soon as we can arrange for the furniture to be moved, the EDC and Shepherd Chamber will move to their new offices in the Dillon Building. You pass the Dillon Building on the way into Shepherd on Hwy 150, on the left hand side. A new attorney already occupies one half of this building.

Watch Shepherd Library for a new look! Work is underway to paint the concrete path outside and to redo the benches outside the Library doors. This will make the already re-painted walkway outside the Clinic match and brighten up the exterior.

Shepherd Chamber of Commerce

11231 Hwy 150, Shepherd, 77371

Mail to- PO Box 520 Shepherd, 77371

(936) 628-3890 [www.greatershepherdchambersofcommerce.org](http://www.greatershepherdchambersofcommerce.org)

Coldspring- San Jacinto Chamber of Commerce

31, N. Butler St. Coldspring , 77331

(936) 653-2184 [www.coldspringtexas.org](http://www.coldspringtexas.org)

Do you need more information about how to run your business? Or, perhaps you would like to know the rules and regulations facing you when you start a new business? These questions and many more can be answered by Director Bob Barragan of the SBDA of Sam Houston State. This is a FREE service to you, simply call the chamber nearest you to make an appointment. Director Barragan will come out to talk with you.



Have any good family recipes? Share them with us!

You can send them to us through

Facebook or email us!

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Claudia M. Barlow Grigsby



March 13, 1933 - September 4, 2015

Claudia M. Barlow Grigsby, 82, of New Caney, passed away Friday, September 4, 2015, at the Harbor Hospice in Houston.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 8, 2015, at the Pace-Stancil Funeral Home Chapel with burial following at the Pace Stancil Memorial Rest Gardens in Cleveland. Visitation was held from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Monday, at the funeral home. Services were under the direction of Pace-Stancil Funeral Home in Cleveland.

Claudia was born March 13, 1933 in Houston, to parents; A.C. Barlow and Earlene Owens, a former resident of Splendora, and has resided in New Caney for the past 14 years. She was a retired claims clerk for Eckerd Distribution. She also enjoyed crocheting, gardening, collecting tea pots, and especially spending time with her grandchildren.

Mrs. Grigsby is preceded in death by her father: A.C. Barlow, mother: Earlene Owens Addison, daughter: Betty George, son-in-law: Cliff Cooper, granddaughter: Kimberly Cooper, daughter-in-law Sue Mitchell, four brothers, and eight sisters.

She is survived by her husband of 34 years: Earl D. Grigsby, Sr. of New Caney, son: Leslie Mitchell of Plantersville, daughters: Kay Castleberry and husband Melvin of Livingston, Kathy Cooper of Alabama, Karri Pundt and husband Roger of SugarLand, Stacey Hendrix of Splendora, Shirley Turner and husband John of New Caney, and Leah Van Arsdale and husband Larry of New Caney, stepsons: Kelly Grigsby of Livingston, Danny Grigsby and wife Sandy of Dallas, Gary Grigsby and wife Veronica of California, and Earl Grigsby, Jr. of Montana, sister: Becky Roberson of Arkansas, 33 grandchildren, 60 great-grandchildren, One Great great-grandchild, and numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

For those who desire donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 96011

Washington, DC 20090-6011, in Claudia's name.

Leave your thoughts and memories for the family in the guestbook at

[www.pacestancil.com](http://www.pacestancil.com)

Senior Menu

MON 9/14: Meatloaf, Cheesy Potatoes, Black-eyed Peas, Cornbread, Salad, Fruit

TUE 9/15:Beef Sausage, Grilled Onions & Sauerkraut, Corn Casserole, Wheat Bread, Salad, Fruit

WED 9/16: Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Cream Gravy, Cabbage, Salad, Rolls, Fruit

THUR 9/17: Salmon Patties, Pasta Salad, Fried Okra, Garlic Bread, Salad, Fruit

FRI 9/18: Egg Rolls, Sweet & Sour Sauce, Fried Rice, Squash, Salad, Roll, Fruit

MON 9/21: King Ranch Chicken, Pinto Beans, Fried Okra, Cornbread, Salad, Fruit

TUE 9/22: Hamburger Patty with Onions, Brown Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Greens, Cornbread, Salad, Fruit

WED 9/23: Chicken & Dressing with Gravy, Buttered Yams, Green Beans, Salad, Rolls, Pudding

THUR 9/24: Grilled Pork Cutlets, Hash Brown Potatoes, Crowder Peas & Okra, Corn Muffins, Salad, Fruit

FRI 9/25: BBQ Chicken, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Wheat Bread, Salad, Fruit

MON 9/28: Chicken Spaghetti, Beets, Corn Casserole, Garlic Bread, Salad, Fruit

TUE 9/29: Pork Loin, Brown Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Fried Okra, Cornbread, Salad, Fruit

WED 9/30: Griddled Hamburger Steak & Gravy, Stuffed Baked Potato, Cabbage, Rolls, Salad, Pudding

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

New Releases Coming to

McClain's DVD Kiosk This Week

**Love & Mercy (PG-13) drama/music:** In the 1960s, Beach Boys leader Brian Wilson struggles with emerging psychosis as he attempts to craft his avant-garde pop masterpiece. In the 1980s, he is a broken, confused man under the 24-hour watch of shady therapist Dr. Eugene Landy.

**Starring: John Cusack, Paul Dano, Elizabeth**



**Furious 7 (PG-13) action/crime:** Deckard Shaw seeks revenge against Dominic Toretto and his family for his comatose brother.

**Starring: Vin Diesel, Paul Walker, Dwayne Johnson**



**Cinderella (PG) drama/family:** When her father unexpectedly passes away, young Ella finds herself at the mercy of her cruel stepmother and her daughters. Never one to give up hope, Ella's fortunes begin to change after meeting a dashing stranger.

**Starring: Lily James, Cate Blanchett, Richard Madden**

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

Obituary

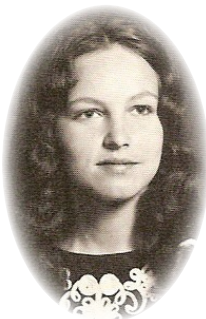
Eddie “Jerry” Myers



January 20, 1955 - September 1, 2015

Eddie “Jerry” Myers, 60, of Shepherd, Texas passed away on Tuesday, September 1, 2015. He was born on Thursday, January 20, 1955 in Houston, Texas to Eddie Jerry Myers and Hattie Ruth Myers, both of whom have preceded him in death. Eddie is also preceded in death by his son, Eddie Jerry Myers III, grandson, Darrell Anthony Wilson. Left to cherish his memory is his loving wife of 28 years Sharon Myers; three sons, Brady Bellard and fiancé, Tabatha Capps, Floyd Myers, Cody Myers; two daughters, Misty Myers, Kady Myers and fiancé, Jimmy Jones; two sisters, Renee Roberts and husband Mike, Kim Rogers and husband Donald; Grandchildren, Amanda, Brandon, Jesse, Zachariah, Jonah, Dustin, Montanta, Gracci, Mikala, Cassidy, Douglass, Hailey, Cameron, Damien, and Joshua; along with numerous other loving family and treasured friends. Memorial Services for Jerry was held on Friday, September 4, 2015 at First United Pentecostal Shepherd at 11:00 a.m. Rev. Gregory Gerald officiated.

Sharon Ann Baldwin Robertson



August 5, 1952 - September 4, 2015

Sharon Ann Baldwin Robertson, 63, of Coldspring, passed away Friday, September 4, 2015, at her residence.

Memorial services were held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, September 12, 2015, at the Point Blank Community Church in Point Blank, with services concluding thereafter. Arrangements were under the direction of Pace-Stancil Funeral Home in Cleveland.

Sharon was born August 5, 1952, in Panama Canal Zone, Panama, to parents, Donald R. and Gladys Dunn Baldwin. A former resident of Fort Worth, Sharon resided in Coldspring for the past 14 years. She was a graduate of the Angleton High School class of 1971, attended Tarrant County Junior College, and was a clerk for SHECO. She also enjoyed travel, reading, and especially spending time with her grandson.

Mrs. Robertson is preceded in death by her father, Donald Reid Baldwin. She is survived by her husband of 44 years, Dennis Ray Robertson of Coldspring; daughter, Christy Robertson Liddy and husband Thomas of Jericho, VT; mother, Gladys Dunn Baldwin of Angleton; sister, Pamela Baldwin Zgarba and husband Don of Angleton; brothers, Donald Baldwin, Jr. of Angleton, Robert Baldwin and wife Crystal of Graford, and Kelly Baldwin and wife Monique of Angleton; grandchildren, Kelsey Liddy and Finnegan Liddy; and numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends. In lieu of flowers, donations in Sharon's memory may be made to Varnum Memorial Library, P.O. Box 198, Jeffersonville, VT 05464.

Leave your thoughts and memories for the family in the guestbook at [www.pacestancil.com](http://www.pacestancil.com)

September 16, 2015

Community Classifieds

**FOR SALE:** Okra for sale by bushel. Please call (936) 230-4423.

**FOR SALE:** Kenmore high efficiency washer & dryer. Purchased 8-18-13, have receipt. Paid \$1335.72. Washer is 3.6 cu. ft. and dryer is 7.5 cu. ft. which is large capacity, both are really nice. Used about 4 months, moved to and moved to an apartment and didn't have place to put them. My friend has been storing them for me; \$650. Please call (832) 443-3068.

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**WANTED:** All non-working ice boxes, washers & dryers, deep freezers, A. C. Units, riding mowers, large flat screen T.V.'s and V.C.R.'s.

**FOR RENT:** Small 3BR/2BA mobile home, carport, \$525 per month + deposit. Please call (281) 755-2840.

**FREE PUPPIES:** Free Pitbull puppies. Please call (936) 628-3058.

Community Calendar

9/18: Senior Resale Shop Bag Day

9/28: 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!

**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

**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:** We would like to extend an invitation to come to our 116th Church Anniversary and worship with us at Spring Hill Baptist Church on September 27, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. Theme: “The Chosen Church”. Rev. Clement Hutchinson & Mount Zion B.C. Pastor Dr. Frank L Mason, Jr. and First Lady Evelyn Mason. For more information please call (936) 767-8421 or (936) 653-4531.

**SPRING HILL BAPTIST CHURCH:** Please come and join us for our Mission Workshop! Theme: “In The Beginning” on Saturday, October 7, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. Pastor Dr. Frank L. Mason & Elect Lady Evelyn Grace Mason. Located at 9130 State Hwy 150 West, Coldspring, TX 77331. Contact Person: Sister Rosie Reed (936) 653-4531 or (936) 767-8421.

**SPRING HILL BAPTIST CHURCH:** Pastor's Aide Program on October 11, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. Theme: “Roar Like a Lion” Rev. Roy Milburn, Jr. & North Mount Olives MC. Contact Sister Rosie Reed (936) 653-4531.

**SPRING HILL BAPTIST CHURCH:** The Original Wonderful Harmonizers 55th Year Anniversary Sunday, October 18, 2015 at the Huntsville Fairground on Hwy 130, Huntsville, TX 77320. Featuring: Lee Williams & The Spiritual QC's, Tupelo, MS; Jackson Southernaires, Jackson, MS; The Zion Jubilees, Bryan, TX; Chuck & The Guiding Clouds, Huntsville, TX. Doors open at 4:00 p.m.—Show begins at 5:00 p.m. Tickets \$20 Presale—\$25 Day of the Show. For more ticket information please call Bro. Leroy Bryant (936) 577-6016, Charlesetta Pierson (Conroe and Willis area) (936) 228-0154 and J & M Contracting (936) 291-1691. **NEW COVENANT CHURCH:** You're invited! Celebrating 25 years of God's faithfulness at New Covenant Church in Shepherd, Texas. September 14-18, 2015. Area Pastors speaking each night at 7:00 p.m. Located at 1141 N. Byrd Ave. (Loop 424). Please call (281) 506-6771. Pastors Mike and Wanda Chapman.

Business News

ATTENTION

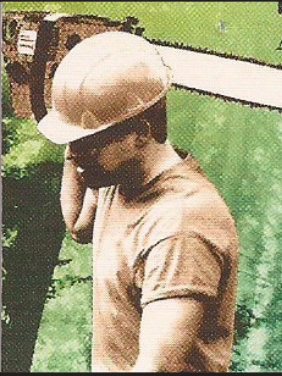
Due to the increasing number of business ad submissions there will now be a fee implemented for submitting a business advertisement into the Shepherd News newspaper as of May 28, 2015. The fee will be \$20 per business advertisement per week, or \$75 for four weeks. Ad cannot exceed the size of a regular 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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Drop off your information/picture at McClain's, e-mail to [mcclains.shepherdnews@gmail.com](mailto: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.