

SHEPHERD COMMUNITY NEWS

Grandparents Day at Shepherd ISD

Grandparents Day at Shepherd ISD was held Friday, September 11th. Shepherd Intermediate served breakfast for grandparents and Shepherd Primary invited grandparents to come eat lunch. Students were excited to have their grandparents come spend time with them at school.



Picture taken at the Intermediate Campus



Picture taken at the Intermediate Campus



Pictures taken at the Primary Campus



Pictures taken at the Primary Campus

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.

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Prescribed Fire Workshop Planned for East Texas Residents

Texas A&M Forest Service will host a workshop called Managing Land and Vegetation in Southeast Texas.

The workshop covers how using prescribed fire and fuel reduction treatments can reduce the risk of wildfire. Landowners also have the chance to learn about the science of fire-adapted ecosystems and programs available to reduce hazards on their property.

"Prescribed fire is commonly used to enhance wildlife habitat and mitigate hazardous fuels—reducing the risk of wildfire and making land more aesthetically pleasing," said Texas A&M Forest Service Wildland Urban Interface Specialist Stuart Coombs. "This workshop will introduce this multi-benefit management strategy to attendees."

Presenters include representatives from TFS, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, USDA Forest Service, Prescribed Burn Alliance of Texas, Texas A&M AgriLife and The Nature Conservancy.

The workshop is scheduled for Sept. 25, 2015, at the Shepherd Community Center, 10251 Highway 150 in Shepherd, Texas, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Registration is free and lunch is provided. Continuing education credits are available. For more information and to register visit:

<https://shepherdrxworkshopseptember252015.eventbrite.com> or call Stuart Coombs at (936) 827-4233.

Family Fun Game Night



Pictured: Regina Windt watching daughter Baylee Windt and Monika Lopez play a game of Trouble.



Written by Rebecca Holden

The first Family Fun Game Night was held at Shepherd Intermediate on September 15, 2015. Mary Williams, the new Principle, eloquently combine a State mandatory Title 1 meeting with laughter and excitement. Students and parents arrived at 5:30 for a short meeting about testing score and then the games began. Approximately 130 visitors floated between the Intermediate cafeteria and gym to participate in an assortment of board games and group activities. Teachers and support staff were stationed at each game ready for a lighthearted challenge with students at Sorry, Twister, or Yahtzee. One of the crowd's favorite was the life size game of Jenga. Fifth graders, Keith Owen and Reese Roberts competed for 20 minutes to strategically re-locate wooden blocks in a 5 foot tower that had onlookers waiting anxiously to see it eventually collapsed in a thunderous roar. Parents and students alike enjoyed snacking on popcorn, Chex-Mix, and sweet tea.

Adrian Cennamo, a third grade Math/Science teacher stated that, "it was extremely nice having students in a playful environment, instead of having the pressures of academic success in the classroom." Mrs. Cennamo was wittingly crushed by one of her former student Savanna Lowrance, at a game of Trouble. Many challenges were extended with some egos shattered, however everyone walked away smiling.

Students Come Together to Bring the Lake Back to Life



The Shepherd Horticulture class along with students from Onalaska FFA, Corrigan-Camden FFA, Goodrich FFA, Livingston FFA, and Coldspring FFA spent the day with members of the Texas Master Naturalist Program, Texas Parks and Wildlife, and other members of Lake Livingston Friends of Reservoirs Program to plant 2,000 aquatic American Water Willow in to the Kickapoo Creek area of Lake Livingston. This is a community service project that the Shepherd FFA and Horticulture class has entered into partnership with the Lake Livingston Friends of Reservoirs in order to bring the lake back to life by growing water willow in tanks at the schools and transplanting the developed plants back into the lake. The students had a great time, learned a great deal of knowledge and it really gave a new meaning to hands on learning.

Sam Houston EC Puts \$3.16 Million Back in Members' Pockets

The Sam Houston Electric Cooperative Board of Directors recently voted to approve the return of \$3.16 million to Co-op member-owners. Returned as capital credits, these refunds will be issued as a credit on members' September electric bills.

Capital credits are allocated from revenues collected in excess of operating expenses during the previous year. Once the determination has been made that the financial condition of the Cooperative is stable and adequate to meet operating costs, debt covenants and emergency expenses, the Board can elect to return a portion of excess capital in the form of capital credits to Co-op members. Capital credits are proportionate to individual electric use.

"Unlike investor-owned utilities that pay out dividends to shareholders, Sam Houston EC returns unused capital, or monies collected in excess of operating costs, to our member-owners in the form of capital credits," says Kyle J. Kuntz, Sam Houston Electric Cooperative CEO. "We work hard to find the best deals on electricity and operate as efficiently as possible in order to pass savings on to our members."

To date, Sam Houston EC has returned more than \$33 million in capital credit refunds to its member-owners.

Members with questions regarding capital credits are encouraged to contact a Sam Houston EC member service representative at 1-800-458-0381.

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 70,000 meters across parts of 10 counties.

"McClain's Food Market"



Judge Lovett Expands Free CHL Class To All County Employees

As announced at a Commissioners Court meeting in late August, San Jacinto County Judge John Lovett is sponsoring the Texas Concealed Handgun License Course free of charge to all county employees. As an additional benefit, their spouses can take the course for half price, or fifty dollars.

To expand the offer, the class will now be made available free of charge to all of the county's Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Services District employees and their spouses in the same arrangement.

In a partnership between Judge Lovett and local CHL instructor MX4THL.com the classroom instruction will be held at the Paradise Grill Restaurant in Coldspring on Saturday, September 19, 2015. Due to the demand from county employees and the addition of the Volunteer Firefighters, a second class will be held on Saturday, October 17, 2015 at the same location.

Lou Rogers, owner of MX4THL.com is the instructor for the class. Mr. Rogers has generously volunteered his time to certify the county employees for their CHL license. Judge Lovett will pay the restaurant and the expense of refreshments for attendees.

All county employees and Volunteer Firefighters can get enrollment details at MX4THL.com or by calling Mr. Rogers at (936) 355-4264.

In the wake of the recent killing of police officers and those in positions of authority nationwide, this offer is very timely for the safety of San Jacinto County employees. Judge Lovett encourages all of those eligible to participate and get their CHL license.



Did you know...

By Yvonne Ryba

There are two events on October 17, which are worth attending. You may have read about the Shepherd High School Ex-Student Dinner Dance. I wrote about it last week and before that. Call the Chamber for tickets or call into Shepherd Library. The other event is sponsored by Coldspring/ San Jacinto County Chamber of Commerce. This year celebrates the 31st Annual Wolf Creek Car, Truck & Bike Show. This event runs October 17 & 18 at 8:00 a.m. both days. On Saturday it closes at 4:00 p.m. and on Sunday it finishes at 11:00 a.m. so that judging can begin. Judging is from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. The awards will be given on Sunday at 3:00 p.m. To register for this very popular show, call Coldspring Chamber at (936) 653-2184. Cost of registration is \$25 Pre- Entry and \$30 at the Show. Vendors pay \$35.

There will be music, food, Games, T-Shirts and of course many vendors making the most of this busy occasion. The Show Coordinator for this event is Sandra McQuiggen of Vaughan & Associates with Eddie Goffney of G's Maid & Cleaning Services, being the Committee Chair. Both of these Board Members have worked very hard to make this show a success. It is worth noting that they, as well as all our Board members, work hard as volunteers. Sandra and Eddie have organized the categories from Pre-1930 to the present. There will be Dash Plaques for the first 100 entrants. This Show has been sponsored by Trinity River Authority, Eastex Title, Vaughan & Associates, Kathleen Matheu-Attorney At Law, Wolfcreek Air Conditioning and Texas Grill. Thanks to all of our sponsors!

Are you a member of Coldspring/ San Jacinto County Chamber of Commerce? The Chamber is looking for candidates to run for the Board of Directors for 2016. The Board consists of 14 volunteers who serve for a term of two years at a time. This is a good opportunity to work with this great group of people. Your experience and knowledge will be a great asset to our Board! Call Tammy Gibson at the Chamber Office for more details. (936) 653-2184.

Shortly I will be giving you election details for Shepherd Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. I know I have made some very good friends on both Boards and recommend that anyone interested in serving on them will have the same result. (Shepherd Chamber will be in their new premises by the time you read this.)

On October 22, from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. C.A.B.M.A. will hold their Social On The Square evening at Coldspring Courthouse and if you are wondering what those initials stand for, it is Coldspring Area Business Merchants Association. Part of the event will feature a Dog Costume Competition! Call (936) 653-2332 for more details.

Recently I attended the monthly luncheon put on by Cleveland Chamber of Commerce. One of the guests was the C.E.O of the new hospital now open in Cleveland. Really it is the same hospital that closed down some time ago but now it has new management and is up and running. We were told they are 'Open and ready for business, a fully functional hospital open 24/7. I thought this was important news for our area so I am passing it on to you.

Do not forget the October 17 Dinner/Dance at the Shepherd Community Center. Tickets are available from Brenda Myers at the Children's Impact Center Resale Shop on Loop 424 in Shepherd and at Shepherd Library. This event is hosted by Shepherd High School Alumni and Shepherd Chamber of Commerce.

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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 our to talk with you.

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Obituary

Deborah Ann Summers



April 26, 1962 - August 28, 2015

Deborah Ann Summers, age 53, passed away in Shepherd, Texas, on Friday, August 28, 2015. Deborah was born in Houston, Texas, on April 26, 1962. Her father, Anthony Victor Gallo, preceded her in death. Deborah was a city girl that moved to Shepherd with her husband in 1988. She quickly became a country girl with her new cowgirl boots, beloved horses, German Shepherds and cats. She traveled to many exotic and distant locations throughout the world with her husband over the years. She could be in France, China, India, Italy, Vietnam or any one of numerous other beautiful countries and it would always be the same. She would anxiously count the moments until she could return home to what she considered her sanctuary in Shepherd. One of her most cherished experiences and memories of her travels was with her husband when they renewed their marriage vows with a full wedding mass in the Bahamas. Deborah was a very special person that lived by the words, “forgive those who trespass against us”. She truly had the ability to communicate with her horses, German Shepherds and cats and they taught her to be filled with unconditional love that she extended to everyone she met. She was respected and loved by people in countries throughout the world. Survivors include her husband, Darrell Summers, Sr. of Shepherd; mother, Joy B. Gallo of Houston; son, Travis Vandever of Houston; daughter, Erica Gallo of Houston; son, Travis Vandever of Houston; sisters, Donna Gallo and Vickie Lynn Gallo-Eddy of Houston; brother, Paul Gallo of Houston; six step-grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. A viewing and Rosary were held at Miller Funeral Chapel in Houston on Tuesday, September 1, 2015. A funeral mass was held on Wednesday, September 2, 2015, at St. Thomas More Catholic Church in Houston. “Psalms 23: 4-6”

Senior Menu

- 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

Happy Birthday!



Birthday Wishes To: Sidney Ferrell, Linda Alston, Calvin Cowart, Robert Crumpler, Elizabeth Hamzy, Faye Hawthorn, Judy Landrum, Stevie Oldham, Melba Parker, Shirley Rand, Carolyn Schmid, Bill Arrrendell, Jack Clark. Pictured: Christine Cronin and Charles Hensarling

Buy \$mart, Eat Well

Chicken Roll Ups

- Ingredients
- 6oz cooked chicken breast, chopped
 - (on sale \$1.69lb!)
 - 1 can crescent rolls (on sale \$1.88!)
 - 1 can cream of chicken soup
 - 1/2 cup milk
 - 1/2 cup cheese

- Directions
- Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly spray 9X13 inch pan with cooking spray.
 - Mix together milk, soup and cheese—set aside.
 - Separate crescent rolls into 8 triangles. Top the large part of the crescent triangle with the chopped chicken.
 - Top each crescent roll with 1 tsp. of soup mixture. Roll crescent rolls up.
 - Spread approximately 1/3 cup of soup mixture in bottom of 9X13 dish. Place crescent rolls in dish.
 - Pour remaining soup mixture over rolls.
 - Bake for 30 minutes or until bubbly.
- Make It A Meal! Serve with cooked rice (Success Rice 14oz on sale \$1.79!) and some fresh sautéed zucchini squash (on sale \$0.99lb!) Recipe from www.plainchicken.com



JOKE of the WEEK
What has four wheels and flies?



A garbage truck!

New Releases Coming to McClain’s DVD Kiosk This Week



Pitch Perfect 2 (PG-13) comedy/music: After a humiliating command performance at Lincoln Center, the Barden Bellas enter an international competition that no American group has ever won in order to regain their status and right to perform. Starring: Anna Kendrick, Rebel Wilson, Brittany Snow

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

September 23, 2015

Community Classifieds

- WANTED:** Hot tub in good working condition and reasonably priced. Set of mechanic tolls in good condition and reasonably priced. Please call (936) 628-6982.
- GARAGE SALE:** Semi-annual garage sale Thurs/Fri/Sat - Oct. 1,2,3 Shepherd United Pentecostal Church 11140 St. Hwy. 150 (East from red light) lots & lots of good buys! (bag day on Sat.)
- FOR SALE:** Two burner wood stove, \$150. 15” saddle with stand and pads, \$350. Stainless steel BBQ pit, \$125. (713) 254-3302.
- FOR SALE:** Large full length white Turkish bath robe, \$4.00. Lightly used full-size Sunbeam electric blanket, \$18. Metal bar stool, \$12. Please call (936) 628-6982.
- FOR SALE:** Walter PPO (Police Pistol Quick Defense) 9MM, as new, extra mag with mag loader, 15 round + 1, lock, safety and instruction, manual and case, \$600, cash only. Please call (936) 628-3019.
- FOR SALE:** Gas stove, \$150. Electric scooter (needs batteries), \$100. 3 porcelain dolls (different sizes), \$100. Please call (832) 318-1551. If no answer, leave message and I will return your call.
- FOR SALE:** Winchester Apex .50 caliber black powder inline muzzle loader with 29” stainless steel fluted barrel, drilled and tapped for scope base, factory recoil pad, camouflage stock, fiber optic/adjustable sights with Bushnell 3X9 scope with circle X reticle. Exceptional condition. \$300 cash. Serious inquiries only please call (936) 628-3102 or (713) 882-0006.
- FOR SALE:** Craftsman 12” Multi Directional Radial Arm Saw- 220V with 8 to 10 different blades. Mounted on roll around cabinet base. \$200.00 call Jim 281 593-9859
- FOR RENT:** Efficiency apartment with kitchenette, single person only, \$350 per month with \$350 deposit. Non-smoker, no pets. Please call (281) 659-5789 or (281) 593-5603.
- FOR RENT:** Small 2BR/1BA with fenced yard, \$600 per month with \$500 deposit. Non-smoker, couple with one child no pets, if no children 2 pets allowed with \$100 deposit per pet. Will be available 10-1-15. Please call (281) 659-5789 or (281) 593-5603.
- HIRING:** Shepherd Public Library is accepting applications for a part-time clerk. The job will be 29 hours a week at \$8.00 an hour. No benefits. Come by the library to fill out an application or call the library at 936-628-3515 for more information. Shepherd Public Library and the City of Shepherd is an equal opportunity employer

Community Calendar

- 9/25: Fire workshop, Shepherd Community Center, 10251 Highway 150 from 9AM - 3:30PM
- 9/28: Shepherd Chamber of Commerce meeting, 6pm/EDC
- Fire workshop at the Shepherd Community Center, 10251 Highway 150 in

Church News

- LAKE POOL BAPTIST CHURCH:** We are having our 135th Anniversary on Saturday, September 26, 2015 5:30 p.m. White musical, all group choir solo singers are invited to come and to our Sunday Anniversary service at 3 p.m. Guest speaker Rev. Milburn from North Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Cleveland, Texas. Rev. M. Williams, Pastor. Call Ernest Pace (936) 628-3955 or Azzie Williams (936) 628-3205.
- 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.
- LAKE STATION MBC:** Invite all our Homecomers , Family and Friends to our148th Homecoming / Family and Friends Annual Day on Sunday October 4, 2015 @ 3:00 p.m. What a mighty God we serve.What a Blessing it is to be alive, to share and to say”We Love You”. We are so Blessed and Thankful that the Lord has kept us another year allowing us another chance to come and serve Him in fellowship and praise. We look forward to see you there. Our Special Guest will be Rev. L Preston and Yale Street Baptist Church of Houston TX.

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