

SHEPHERD COMMUNITY NEWS

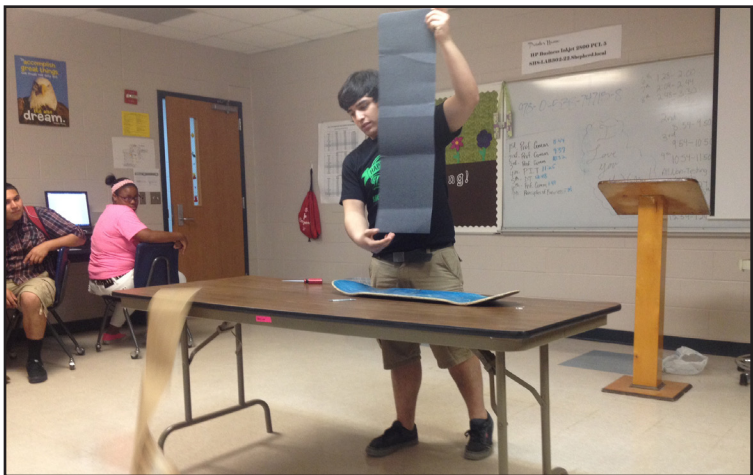
AHOY! Me Hearties!

Mrs. Whitaker's Kindergarten class, at Shepherd Primary, took part in celebrating National Pirate Day which was on September 19th. They enjoyed talking like a pirate! "Arr!" The students created hats and drew pictures of themselves as pirates.

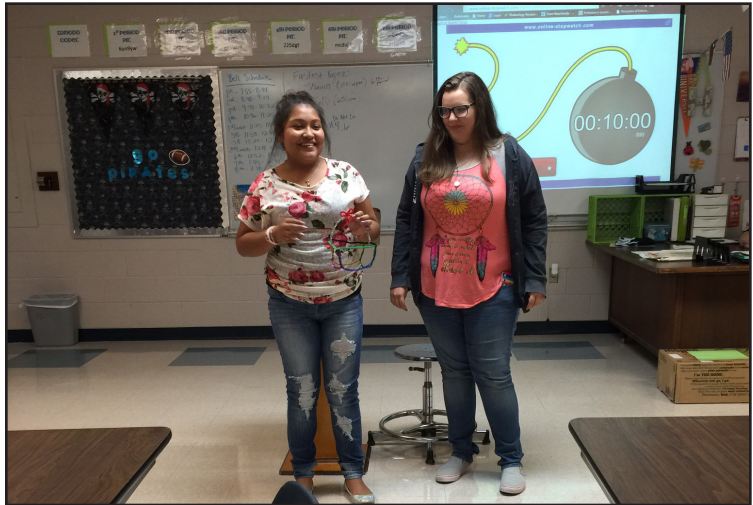


Top row: Chloe Griffin, Nathan Maciel, Evaline Marshall, Anna Cruz
Bottom Row: Andrew harris and Kaedence Rice

SHS Students Learning Skills for the Future



Shepherd High School Career and Technology students are learning skills for the future. Students in Mrs. Holly Harrison's Professional Communication classes worked on several skills while giving Demonstration or Introductory Speeches.



Cody Bradford demonstrated how to apply grip to a skateboard while Danira Tovar and Madison Ellingburg gave a Introductory speech.

Retired School Personnel to Meet

The San Jacinto County Retired School Personnel Association will meet on Tuesday, October 6, 2015 at 3:00 p. m. at the Senior Center in Coldspring. Jerry Cutiaia, financial/investment planner, will present the program. All school personnel retirees are invited and are asked to join our group. Members are reminded to bring children's books for Care Share and Helping Hands. For further information, call President Don Leedy at (936) 377-3946.

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
Mailing Address: PO Box 1086 Shepherd, Tx 77371

Polk-San Jacinto NAACP Scholarship Banquet October 24, 2015 6:00 p.m.

Jones Auditorium
Tickets \$25
Contact Minnie Walker
(936) 524-1990

Shepherd Lil' Dribblers will be Starting Sign Ups and Basketball Season Early this Year!

Sign ups will be every Saturday in October beginning October 2nd from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at McClain's Super Market. Registration fee for basketball will be \$85 and cheerleaders will be \$95 with limit of 15 cheerleaders total. Lil' Dribblers is for grades Pre- K through 6th grade only. Let's get this hoop season off to a good start. Please contact Shelia Richardson at (832) 318-4079 for any questions or concerns.

2016 Senior Ragball Tournament.



All proceeds will go to SHS Seniors or Seniors in our area, who needs help with their Senior Trip.

• Food & Drinks When: October 3rd

Teams need to include:
• Minimum of 10 Players or more.
• Minimum of 2 Girls

Cost:
• \$180 Per Team
• \$10 Homerun Bracelets

• Raffles @ Shepherd Little League Ball Park

R.S.V.P.
• Tommy Phillips: (936)-648-3841
• Stephen Alaniz: (936)-697-6842

or
• Search on Facebook for 2016 Senior's Ragball Tournament Event.

Chad Upchurch is Running for SISD School Board Trustee



My name is Chad Upchurch and I am running for Shepherd ISD School Board Trustee. I have been closely associated with schools for all my life. My wife and I have both been educators for the last 7 years. We have 2 children, a 6 year old who is in 1st grade, and an 18 month old in daycare. Education is my life. I believe it is a great honor to be a part of the future of this great country. On a daily basis, I see my students grow and mature into successful and productive members of society. I feel very strongly that the education of our children is one of our top priorities; which is why I would like to represent you and your student as Shepherd ISD's next School Board Trustee. As a teacher, I will bring an education oriented mind to the table with a unique perspective to further our great school district and continue to make Shepherd ISD one of the best school district's in the state. I promise to be an advocate for our students, our teachers, and our community so that we may continue to shine as a top tier district in the State of Texas.

So this November please cast your vote for a new School Board Trustee place 7. Get connected to my campaign by email, upchurch4shepherdisd@gmail.com or like the campaign page on Facebook, Chad Upchurch for Shepherd ISD School Board.

THANK YOU!

We want to thank all of our friends, neighbors and family for their prayers, cards, flowers, food and encouragement. May God bless and keep you all. Love & Thanks, Ed Burton Family

SISD Pirateers Reading Program

Shepherd ISD would like to invite: Parents, Grandparents, Babysitters, Caregivers... Anyone and Everyone: To bring your little ones Ages 0-4 to the PIRATEERS READING PROGRAM. We ask that you stay with your child during this time. It is an excellent opportunity for you to spend quality time together and instill a love for reading in your child.

Each session of the PIRATEERS READING PROGRAM will include: A Book or Books Read A loud, Hands-on Activities, Snack and Lots of Fun.

If you have any questions please contact:

Stephanie Schubert, Shepherd ISD Parent Liaison

(936) 628-2904 sschubert@shepherdisd.net

TIME: 9:00am-10:00am

Location: Shepherd Primary Parent Center

Dates of Program: October 12th and 26th November 9th December 14th
January 11th and 25th February 8th and 22nd March 28th
April 11th and 25th May 9th and 23rd

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.

Buy \$mart, Eat Well

Potato Soup

Ingredients

- 1.5lbs potatoes, peeled (if desired) and diced (15lb bag on sale \$3.99!)
- 5 slices bacon, diced (Rath 12oz on sale \$2.99!)
- 3 tbsp. bacon grease (reserved) or butter (Imperial 45oz on sale \$1.79!)
- 1 cup diced white or yellow onion
- 1/4 cup all purpose flour
- 2 cups chicken broth
- 2 cups milk, warmed
- 1 cup shredded sharp cheddar cheese
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 1 tsp. kosher salt, or more to taste
- 1/2 tsp. freshly cracked black pepper
- Optional Toppings: thinly sliced green onions or chives, extra shredded cheese, extra bacon, extra sour cream

Directions

- Heat a large stockpot over medium-high heat. Add diced bacon and cook until crispy, stirring occasionally. Transfer the bacon to a separate plate, using a slotted spoon, reserving about 3 tablespoons of bacon grease in the stockpot. (Discard any extra grease, or you can substitute butter in place of the 3 tablespoons of bacon grease. Also, if you are short on time, you can dice the potatoes and onion while the bacon cooks to save time.)
- Add onion and sauté for 5 minutes, stirring occasionally, until soft. Sprinkle the flour on top of the onion, and stir until combined. Sauté for an additional minute to cook the flour, stirring occasionally. Then stir in the chicken stock until combined. Stir in the milk, potatoes, and cooked bacon bits until combined. Continue cooking until the mixture reaches a simmer, but is not boiling.
- Reduce heat to medium-low, cover, and simmer for about 10-15 minutes or until the potatoes are soft, stirring occasionally every few minutes so that the bottom does not burn. (The smaller you dice your potatoes, the faster they will cook.)
- When the potatoes are soft, stir in the cheddar cheese and Greek yogurt (or sour cream), salt and pepper. Taste and see if it needs more salt or pepper or cheese.
- Serve warm, garnished with desired toppings.

Make It A Meal! Serve with crusty french bread (on sale \$1.99!) and a crisp green salad (Fresh Express Lettuce Trio and Green & Crisp on sale \$1.99!) to make this a full meal!

Recipe from www.gimmesomeoven.com



Did you know...

By Yvonne Ryba

Shepherd Chamber of Commerce has had some big changes this month. First, we have a new address, although we are still on Hwy 150, occupying the building the E.D.C. bought for the City from Mayor and Mrs Dillon. You will notice that half of the building has a new attorney to Shepherd. Mr Mark Porter has his sign outside the building. The Chamber meets monthly on every 4th Monday at 6:00 p.m.

Shepherd Chamber has a new President! Joe Williamson, who has been V.P. for many years has now stepped into this position. The Chamber Board is currently organizing the 'Blast From The Past Blue and White Night' on October 17. This Dinner, with Dance following, will be held in Shepherd Community Center, and you can chose to attend both the meal and dance or just the dance. There will be contests and awards, guest speakers with an election and crowning of Mr and Ms Shepherd. This event is hosted by Shepherd Ex-Students Association and Shepherd Chamber. Buy your tickets at Shepherd Library, People's Bank or from any Board member. It is \$25 for a couple, \$15 for a single and \$10 only for the dance. Seniors and under 12 years old- \$8.

Do not forget Wolf Creek Car, Truck and Bike Show on October 17 & 18. Sponsored by Coldspring/San Jacinto Chamber of Commerce, this event celebrates its 31st annual show this year. There will be music, food, games, vendors and T-Shirts.Call (936) 653-2184 for more information.


Coldspring Chamber is also busy with Christmas on the Square. To be held on December 12, there will be a bigger and better Parade with lots of entertainment and vendors. If you want to be a part of the fun, call the Chamber office. I will be telling you more about this in the coming weeks.

This is the first week of Fall! Cooler weather is coming and this is a perfect time for being outside. If you are interested in gardening, look into Coldspring Garden Club. Meeting once a month in Coldspring Community Center on the first Thursday of the month at 2:00 p.m., this is a great group to be join. Look them up online at www.coldspringgardenclub.org.

MultiMedia Services Unlimited is offering a Fall Special. If you order any promotional item, they will give you 1,000 full color business cards for \$50. This is about half the normal cost (\$99). You can go online to peruse the supplier catalog at www.multimedia-online.us. MultiMedia Services is based in Coldspring. If you want to talk to them call (936) 653-8600 or you can email them at MultiMediaSerUnl@aol.com. This is a great way to advertise your company, its products or services, by using one of the many items in their catalog.

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Coldspring- San Jacinto Chamber of Commerce
31, N. Butler St. Coldspring , 77331
(936) 653-2184 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 our to talk with you.

Soup Day! Fund Raiser For Shepherd Senior Citizen’s Center



Sunday, October 11, 2015
Time: 12:00 p.m. until we run out!
Price: \$5.00
Includes: Bowl of soup, crackers or cornbread, dessert and tea.
Location: 102 north liberty (behind the fire station) (Loop 424/Byrd Ave. and Bell Street)
Come and enjoy! Yummy!




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Obituary

Lloyd “Hal” Hawkins



November 25, 1955 - September 21, 2015

Lloyd “Hal” Hawkins was born on November 25, 1955 and passed away on September 21, 2015. Hal has gone to be with our Father in Heaven. He is survived by his loving wife, Annette; his daughters, Shawna Bradshaw, Kristin Hawkins, Ashley Smart; son, John Jones; sisters, Lynn Allen, Debra Erwin and husband David, Tracy Walker, Regina Graham; brothers, Scott Walker and Mitchell Hawkins; step-father, Paul Walker; eight grandchildren and numbers nieces, nephews and friends. He will be truly missed.

Senior Menu

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
THUR 10/1: Breaded Pork Cutlets, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Squash Casserole, Rolls, Salad, Fruit,
FRI 10/2: Grilled Turkey Patties With Squash Stuffing, Peas & Carrots, Garlic Bread, 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

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Shepherd Senior Citizens Newsletter

Come on fall weather! Teasing us with cooler weather for just 3 days is not fair! We are looking forward to the fall season. Our “SOUP DAY” fundraiser has been scheduled for: October 11, 2015 beginning at 12:00 noon until we run out of hungry friends to serve! See our flyer in the newspaper for more details.

It’s always a fun day when our friends come visit and have good food and fellowship. We really need your help and support every year, but especially this year, because we are hoping to begin building a new facility soon. We have always depended on our community’s assistance and have been very blessed with wonderful supporters and volunteers. We are so very grateful for the many blessings we receive and are able to continue to provide a nutritious meal to our senior citizen’s on a daily basis.

Bingo for the month of October will be on the 1st and 15th. Come join in the fun and win prizes. We try to start playing at 9:30 a.m. and play until about 10:45 a.m. Cards cost 25 cents each with a maximum of 4 cards per player.

Our volunteers work hard, yet still manage to have fun in the process. We want to say “THANK YOU” not only for the dedicated hard work, but doing it with a smile and a laugh makes you a special group of caring citizen’s, and we are grateful you are a part of our support group.

Thanks to our community citizens for all your donations. Gently and lightly uses items are appreciated when you do your cleaning out, downsizing, reorganizing and moving. We would like to express, however, we are not the garbage dump. Leaving your household trash puts a burden on our center to dispose of these unwanted items. Please remember, our volunteers and staff are elderly and we have to solicit other people to deal with the heavier unusable items and trash. We thank you for being considerate and thoughtful.

Shepherd Council News

by Yvonne Ryba

The City of Shepherd held the Council meeting to discuss and approve the annual budget on September 14. The meeting started at 5:30 p.m. to allow plenty of time for the rather long agenda. The meeting was chaired by Mayor Pro-Tem Sherrie Roberts in the absence of Mayor Coker. He had handed in his resignation to the City Secretary, Debra Hagler, and so the meeting moved on without him. His resignation simply stated it was for 'personal reasons' that he had decided to resign and the Council then went over the budget and approved it, which they did. There was very little change in the budget, in fact most residents will hardly notice any change in the tax rate or water and sewer rates. The latter, as put forth in Ordinance #298 states that for those inside the city limits, water rates will be \$18.40 minimum for the first 2,000 gallons and \$3.07 for each 1,000 gallons after that. For those living outside the city limits, the rate is \$24.53 for the first 2,000 gallons, \$3.22 for each thousand gallons after that.

Ordinance #297 dealt with the tax rate which was set at the rate of \$0.256880 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation which will raise more taxes for Maintenance and Operations. It is virtually the same as before. Ordinance #295 approved and adopted a budget for Shepherd E.D.C., that is our Economic Development Corporation, and was presented to the Council by E.D.C President Joe Williamson. Recently the E.D.C purchased the building on Hwy 150, previously owned by Mayor and Mrs Dillon. The E.D.C. have rented half of this building to attorney Mark Porter and moved the offices of both Shepherd Chamber of Commerce and the E.D.C. into the other half. This leaves our 'old' offices on Hwy 150 across from the Agri-Tex Building, free to be rented. The E.D.C. have made great strides since they were formed, in opening up space for new and old businesses.

Since we will be having an election in November to elect 3 Aldermen to the Council, we had to pass an estimated budget for this event. The total cost is estimated to be \$2,908.21 which includes legal notices, Elections Day kits, the machines used for counting and so on.


Mayor Pro Tem Sherrie Roberts asked our City Attorney, Larry Foerster, if we had any reply yet from TX DOT about their possibly accepting our offer to pay for the utilities being moved when the Hwy 59 was being widened. He said “not yet”.

We were also told that Pro Star Waste had sold its company to 'Waste Connections of Texas'. Headquartered in The Woodlands, this firm will continue to perform the same services and charge the same prices as Pro Star has done. We were told that 'It is a reputable Texas Corporation' and they assured the Council they would provide 'Identical services' to customers. Phone numbers and addresses remain the same. This resolution, #299, was approved and passed.


We heard from Constable Pippin, who told us about the first episode of Marijuana plants being found and removed. Later, as you may have read, a much larger crop was found and destroyed.

It was a very full agenda with bills being paid and minutes passed. Kudos to Sherrie Roberts who chaired the meeting and moved through all the items with precision and clarity. Also, to our City Secretary who organized the budget, thank you Debra! The next meeting will be on Monday October 12 at 7:00 p.m. in Shepherd Community Center.

New Releases Coming to McClain’s DVD Kiosk This Week



Spy (R) action/comedy: A desk-bound CIA analyst volunteers to go undercover to infiltrate the world of a deadly arms dealer, and prevent diabolical global disaster.
Starring: Melissa McCarthy, Rose Byrne, Jude Law



Entourage (R) comedy: Movie star Vincent Chase, together with his boys Eric, Turtle, and Johnny, are back - and back in business with super agent-turned-studio head Ari Gold on a risky project that will serve as Vince's directorial debut.
Starring: Adrian Grenier, Kevin Connolly, Jerry Ferrara

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

Community Classifieds

September 30, 2015

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.)
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
ANNUAL FALL YARD SALE: At Harmony Church, Hwy 223 and Wright Blvd. Shepherd, TX. October 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Thursday 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., Friday 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. Bag sale all day Saturday! Lots of books, VHS movies, DVD movies, toys, clothes, bedding, shoes, some furniture. For more information call (936) 653- 4742.
WANTED: We pay cash for used cars, trucks, vans, travel trailers, RV’s. We come to you. Ace Auto Surplus. Please call (832) 702-0212.
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WILL HAUL FOR FREE: All non-working AC units, riding mowers, 4-wheelers, motorcycles, washers, dryers, refrigerators and deep freezers. Please call (936) 252-9043.

Community Calendar

10/2: Senior Resale Shop Bag Day
10/2: Bob Brannagan’s monthly consultations with current or prospective business owners, 10am-noon/Chamber Office
10/5: Monday EDC Meeting, 7pm/EDC Building
10/7: City Council Meeting 7PM; Shepherd Community Center.
10/12: Pirates Reading Program 9-10AM; Shepherd Primary Parent Center
10/12: City Council Meeting, 7pm/Community Center
10/13: First station auxiliary meeting at 7PM
10/16:Senior Resale Shop Bag Day
10/26: Shepherd Chamber of Commerce meeting, 6pm/EDC
10/26: Pirates Reading Program 9-10AM; Shepherd Primary Parent Center
10/28: Bridge of hope community church “Community Fellowship Dinner”, Shepherd Middle School, 7PM.
10/31: Annual meeting for the Farley Chapel Cemetery will be Saturday 10AM at the cemetery.

Church News

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.
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: Please come and join us for our Mission Workshop on Saturday, October 17, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. Theme: “In The Beginning” Pastor, Dr. Frank L. Mason, Jr. and Elect Lady Evelyn Grace Mason. 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.

Business News

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Include contact information on your request to have something published.
Our deadline is 6 p.m. Tuesday for the following week.