

SHEPHERD COMMUNITY NEWS

Habitat for Humanity looks for site in Shepherd

Habitat for Humanity is planning to build a home in the Shepherd area in the near future. We have begun a search for a suitable site with city water and sewer. Preliminary inquiries have not been successful; therefore, we are appealing to the public for either a tax deductible donation of a suitable site or one for sale at a reasonable price. The amount we can pay for property must be limited to insure that the home is affordable for the buyer.

Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit, ecumenical Christian housing ministry. Our motto is, "Building houses and hope for God's people in need."

Interested parties may contact Mr. Charles Strouse at (936) 653-2612.

DA's Office Offers Amnesty for Hot Check Warrants

The San Jacinto County Criminal District Attorney's office is offering amnesty for persons with outstanding hot check warrants in the county. SJC Criminal District Attorney Bill Burnett said, "Anyone with outstanding hot checks may contact the district attorney's office and make restitution on or before 5 pm March 14, 2008, and save some money. After March 14, there is going to be a comprehensive warrant sweep throughout the county. We have expanded our jail capacity to 144 so we have plenty of room to hold all those arrested in the sweep."

There are currently over 600 outstanding hot check warrants in San Jacinto County.

Retired School Personnel Walk for Better Health

The members of the San Jacinto County Retired Teachers walked 8,720,000 steps, the equivalent of 360 miles in 2007 as they participated in the Texas Retired Teachers Association's WALKS-A-MILLION Program. The purpose of the program is to encourage the organization's 64,000 members in the 257 Local Units throughout Texas to walk on a daily basis in order to maintain good health, and at the same time keep health insurance costs down.

The San Jacinto County Retired Teachers are proud to announce that Lucy Thomas walked the most steps in 2007: 2,268,000! She is the Health Care Committee Chairman therefore she coordinates the Walks-A-Million Program. James Atkins is the president and expresses his appreciation to all who participate in this program.

Aggressive Criminal Enforcement (ACE) Team Arrest Drug Dealers Near Schools



San Jacinto County Pct. 2 Constable Jerry Everitt and Sheriff Lacy Rogers were present as the Pct. 2 Constable Department A.C.E. team, led by Sgt. Rob Atkins served felony warrants on two separate dates.

February 13th felony warrants were served on Ray Anthony Easley of Coldspring at an address across from the Intermediate School. Ray Easley has been charged with Delivery of a Controlled Substance – crack cocaine. The A.C.E. team narcotics unit made two separate purchases of crack cocaine from the residence. A search warrant was also obtained and Chasity Hawkins was arrested for possession of marijuana.

February 19th felony warrants were served on Mary Clark of Coldspring at a residence on Slade St. near the Head Start building. Mary Clark and Corey Jackson of Coldspring have been charged with Delivery of a Controlled Substance—crack cocaine. The A.C.E. team narcotics unit purchased crack cocaine from the two individuals. A search warrant was obtained, and 12.6 grams of crack cocaine and 5 oz. of marijuana were recovered from the residence at the time of warrant service. Corey Jackson remains at large as of this press release. Anyone with information of his whereabouts, please call Crime Stoppers at 936-653-TIPS (8477) you can remain anonymous.

House Burglars Identified, and On the Run from Law Enforcement

Pct. 2 Constable Jerry Everitt and his department have identified (2) of the individuals that burglarized a residence on Industrial Blvd in Shepherd February 4th. The suspects that have been identified are Kyle Wischnewsky and Shelia Kennedy.

The residents were not home at the time of the burglary, but came home to find their home ransacked and their jewelry and guns missing.

Some of the pieces of jewelry have been recovered and returned to the owner, who was happy to get whatever possible back. As we all know, items of sentimental value can't be replaced.

Warrants have been issued for the above named suspects, but they are on the run. If you know the whereabouts of these two suspects, please call 936-628-1439 or crime stoppers at 653-TIPS (8477). You can remain anonymous.

Lauren Russell Scores High in Dance Competition

Lauren Russell, 7th Grader at Shepherd Middle School, participated in a Danceline competition at



New Caney High School over the weekend of Feb. 15th, 16th. She came away with II Division for the solo she performed to "Bob That Head" by Rascal Flatts. There were many long hours of training and a lot of hard work and effort put forth by Lauren.

We are very proud of Lauren and want to thank her sponsor and the all the folks who helped Lauren with her dance.



Flip Flop Fever



St. Clair Baptist Church



By Beulah Charles

This is the history of St. Clair Missionary Baptist Church as well as I can remember. St. Clair Baptist church was established in the late 1800's in the community now known as Stringtown, located on FM 2914, about 8 miles from Shepherd.

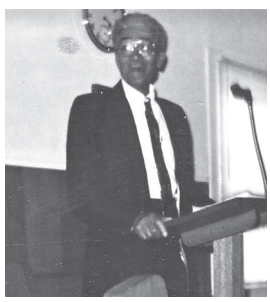
The first settlers in the area were the Clair Johnson family, and when the church was organized it was named in honor of Cathana Carr Eastland's Aunt Clair. Other families bought land and moved into the community. Brother Kilo Roberts came and bought 100 acres. As the families began to grow, a church and school were needed for the people to worship and for the children to receive an education. Kilo Roberts offered to donate an acre of his land for this purpose. The community refused the offered gift and paid him for the land so there would be a recorded deed. This deed is on record at the county seat in Coldspring.

Everyone began to collect lumber wherever they could to start building the church and school. The first teacher for this school was named John Fears followed by Sam Reed, Mrs. Ollie Ford and others. The first pastor I can recall was Rev. John Whitfield.

During the years that followed, the church/school outgrew its building. New lumber was bought from the Gladstell Mill (the mill's train tract was called the Tram Road, and it was on Tarkington Prairie). The men went out to the Tram Road, got the lumber and hauled it back to Stringtown on wagons. From that effort a larger church building was built and sometime in the 1930's the children started attending school in nearby Shepherd.

From 1905 and down through the years some of the pastors that I can recall were the Reverends: John Whitfield, Jim Reed, Bains, Edwards, Cobbs, Johnny Holcomb, Charlie Roberts, Bailey, J. H. Hill, L. C. Charles, L. P. Peters, Archie Nash, Joseph Scott, Kenneth Plattenburg, and Rev. Robinson.

Serving as Deacons of St. Clair have been:



Lincoln Carr

Celebrating Black History Month . . . the history of St. Clair Baptist Church and Shiloh Baptist Church

Kilo Roberts, Dirk Peters, Benjamin Jackson, Joe Roberts, Will Green, Robert Eastland, Will Jackson, L. C. Roberts, Lincoln Carr and William McDuell.

Also, very important in the history of St. Clair have been the Church Mothers. To date, they have been Aunt Betty Roberts, Alberta Blalock, Isabella Roberts, Betty Lawson, Cathana Carr Eastland and currently, myself, Beulah Carr Charles.



Cathana Carr Eastland, Mother of the Church, and lifelong member of St. Clair Missionary Baptist Church, was president of Missions for many years and generally worked in many capacities holding everything together for the glory of God. An outstanding member of the community, she raised five children when her husband died on their baby's first birthday. She oversaw the cafeteria at Dixon High School for many years.

For over a century, St. Clair Missionary Baptist Church has been an anchor in the community.

Shiloh Baptist Church

By Margaret Williams

Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church was founded in 1900 and we will be celebrating our 108th anniversary this year. The first pastor, Rev. Fred Wheatley, along with two deacons, Berry Grace and Robert Lewis, brought the Church into being with a handful of faithful members and by 1910 the church had grown so much that the old church was torn down and moved to its present site which is just north of Shepherd and west of Hwy. 59.

About 1925 Shiloh joined the Shiloh district Association. The church continued to grow and in 1933, Rev. John Flourney almost single-handed with an ax, built the new church. Through the years, the Rev. Tim Waddles was credited with 'taking in' the largest number of converts during his tenure; the Rev. Charlie Roberts 'turned out' half of the younger membership because he challenged them to go to

a 19th of June celebration. They went.

The Rev. R. A. Dirden was known as the 'Singing Preacher,' and Rev. I. C. Lindsey was known as the 'Preaching Preacher.'

The Rev. Ed Dawson stayed the longest at Shiloh (41 years). Deacon John Bass, member of the deacon board most of those 41 years, was considered a true humanitarian and a "giant" among deacons.

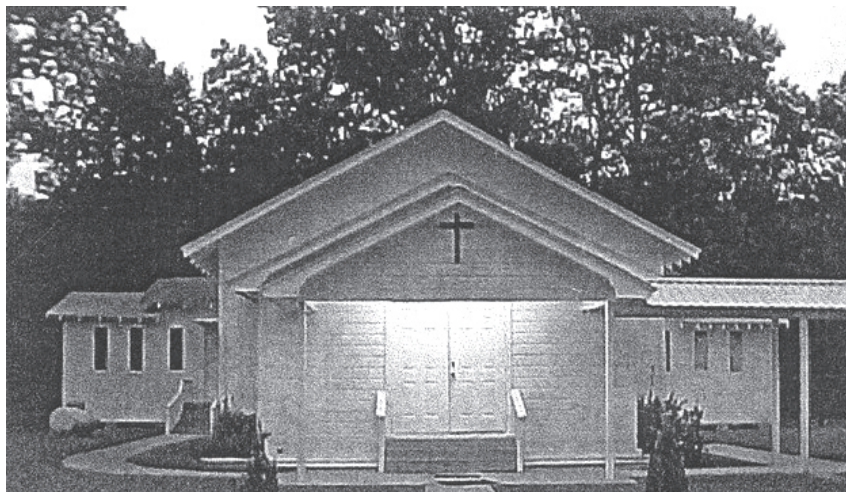
Sister Cleo Campbell was Mother of the Church for many years. She passed away on November 7, 2007. Current Mother of the Church is Ethel Ree Bass.

Some of the families who have been a part of our congregation through the years, giving their support and leaving legacies as contributig members, are: Bass, Campbell, Graces, Butler, Franks, Holcomb, Barbers, Tuckers, Wilson, Williams, Hodges, Edons, Charles, Carrington, Scott, Brown, Harrison, Bates, Cherry, Nicholson, LaVan and Roberts.

On August 21, 1977, Rev. H.Y. Johnson was called to the Shiloh Baptist Church as Pastor. He was here 18 years imparting the scriptures and leading us to truths.

Our current pastor, Rev. Joseph Scott has been with us since January of 1996. He has led us to higher heights, with the aid of the Shepherd, Jesus Christ. Pastor Scott has also brought many beautiful changes to our grounds and buildings. For the past two years Shiloh Church, under the leadership of Pastor Scott, has offered tutorial classes to the community. Students 1st through 8th grades may come on Wednesday evenings from 5:30 to 7:00 and participate in the tutorial classes. These are open to the public and all are invited to participate in tutorial and stay for mid-week worship services if they would like.

If you are looking for a church home, Shiloh will welcome you and nourish you spiritually.



Mrs. Evie McDuffy Celebrates 90th Birthday!

February 22, 2008



Evie McDuffy is one of our oldest citizens. She was born in Shepherd and lived here all of her life. We send special birthday wishes for many more happy years, and may God continue to bless you!

Love, from your children.



Another Paige in our family album!

The Arrendell, Flynn, McCain and Page families welcome their newest addition, a little lady named Brittany Paige

Arrendell. Proud parents are William and Amanda Arrendell. To welcome Brittany home are big sister Lakan and big brother Jacob. Brittany was born on her Cousin Brooke Page's birthday which was February 5, 2008. She has a host of grandparents who can't wait to spoil her, namely Joan Arrendell and Charlotte Flynn!

Happy 8th Birthday, Kimberly Cain

February 29, 2008

We Love you, Dad, Mom, Nicole, Zack, Uncle Billy, Aunt



Tessa,

Josh, Cheyanne, Victoria and Tristan!

Bill and Mickey Rudolph Honored at the Sr. Center for 60 years of Marriage

By Sherlene Duffiny

We celebrated Valentine's Day at our Shepherd Senior Center by honoring Bill and Mickey Rudolf as our "Sweethearts." They were celebrating 60 years of marriage and commitment. Congratulations, Bill and Mickey! We appreciate all of our sweethearts (single and married) who showed up to participate in the celebration.

January was not as active as the pre-holiday season due to New Year's resolutions; fatigue and/or sickness. We have had a number of people out sick with the various bugs going around, myself included (not the bug part). We are anxiously awaiting the return of several of our seniors: Arlis Williams, Ethelda Nelson, Bobbie Blanks, and Ralph and Ruth Keeling to mention just a few. We're all like family and when one is missing we all feel the absence. We also have had many new visitors and to you we say, "Welcome," and please come back as often as you can.

Richard Sheffield loves to do woodworking projects and he has donated several lovely pictures that he framed with barnwood; and which brought much happiness to the lucky ones who got to take them home. Richard also builds birdhouses. Thank you, Richard, for your generosity.

We have again been blessed with donations. A big "Thank You" to Bill Ford, Nicolas Aguilar, Linda Yates, Sandy Johnson, Gerald Martin, Ed Sullivan and Sheila Hooks for all your general gifts! And a big round of applause and thanks to our dedicated volunteers who help in our kitchen and resale shop - we couldn't do it without you!

On a sad note, we've lost our faithful senior friend, Frankie Crowder Coates, a very beautiful Christian lady who passed away on February 10th. We will miss Frankie but we also want to celebrate her life. The Crowder family has been actively involved in our senior center and are very dear to our hearts.

Thanks to one and all for your general support of our Shepherd Senior Citizens Center; we appreciate you so much!

Obituaries



Frankie Evelyn Crowder-Coats

April 19, 1921 - February 10, 2008

Frankie Evelyn Crowder-Coats went to be with the Lord on Sunday, February 10, 2008 in Houston, Texas. She was born Tuesday, April 19, 1921 in Corsicana, Texas

to the late Charles Leo Lennon Sr. and Letha Ioma Lennon. Frankie was preceded in death by her husband Roland "Pete" Lee Crowder Sr., grandson Roland Lee Crowder III, and son-in-law Charles Allen Zuma.

Frankie is survived by sons, Roland Lee Crowder Jr. and wife Joann of New Caney, TX., Charles William Crowder of Shepherd, TX., Randy Crowder Sr. and wife Mary of Shepherd, TX.; daughter, JoEllen Zuma of Huffman, TX.; brothers, Charles Leo Lennon, Jr. of Corsicana, TX., Larry Lennon of Corsicana, TX.; sisters, Lorene Lassiter of Kerns, TX., Leoma Pratt of Tyler, TX., Betty Grimes of Corsicana, TX., Melba Lennon of Corsicana, TX., Dorothy Muncy of Daisy, Ok.; 8 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, 5 great-great and one on the way grandchildren.

Funeral services for Frankie were held at the First Baptist Church in Shepherd, Texas on Wednesday, February 13, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. Internment followed at the Rosewood Cemetery at 1:00 p.m. Officiating, Reverend Preston Baker of the First Baptist Church of Shepherd, TX. and Reverend John Page of Providence Baptist Church of Livingston, TX. Pallbearers were:

Helping Hands Pantry Thanks Those who Contributed to Christmas Season

By Linda McIntrye, Director

The Helping Hands Food Pantry was able to have a very successful Christmas season, thanks to the many sources that contributed.

Our cooperation with the School's Angel Tree program allowed us to double the help given last year.

Sam and Joanna Shirley's son-in-law, Steve Grinstead, donated a van load of fresh apples, oranges, pears, and grapefruit. The Shirleys made the trip all the way to Houston and hauled this fruit to the Pantry door. Many thanks to the Shirleys for doing such a yeoman's job.

Royce Wells from Precinct 2 donated fresh cabbage, onions, apples, and grapefruit, which he also delivered.

Shepherd's First Baptist Church and People's State Bank conducted food drives which, along with many anonymous donors, made this year's Pantry Christmas food program possible. The Children of First Baptist Church used their Christmas Program to collect food from the audience and several Sunday School classes.

So, once again, we wish to thank our Shepherd friends and neighbors that helped make this Christmas such a success for the Pantry.

Shepherd Primary School Plans Open House

By Rebecca Smith, Principal

March 3 thru 7 (next week) is Texas Public School week. Shepherd Primary will be having its annual open house on Thursday, March 6th. You are invited to come and visit your child's teacher and also see all the "World's Most Beautiful Eggs" displayed outside each classroom.

Also during this week, Shepherd Primary's Library will be having a book fair. The book fair will be open March 4th, 5th, and 6th, from 8 am to 11:14, and from 12:45 - 3 pm. The Library will also be open on Open House night, March 6th, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Please come by and see us. All proceeds go to help the Library.

The Herb Page

By Dona Bryant

ADD and ADHD (attention deficit disorder and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder) have become common terms in American's vocabulary. This subject is where my education of a more natural approach to health problems began. Twenty-eight years ago my five year old son was diagnosed with ADHD (they called it hyperactivity then) and his pediatrician prescribed anti-histamines and anti-depressants to "calm him down". The prescription drugs left him so lethargic that he would literally fall asleep standing still. I prayed for an approach to help him and that prayer was answered when a good friend brought me a copy of Dr. Feingold's Diet for Hyperactive Kids. That wonderful book suggested a complete change in diet. It was suggested to replace refined foods, loaded with artificial colors and empty calories, with whole grains, fresh fruits and vegetables, nuts and seeds, especially flax seed. This introduced me to the wonderful bounty and nutrition that Mother Nature provides and my young son responded immediately.

The brain is the targeted area when dealing with ADD and ADHD. The brain, by dry weight, is 65% fat and needs essential fatty acids in order to function at peak performance. Highly refined and processed foods are void of essential fatty acids. Water is another absolute necessity for the brain. Eight to twelve BIG glasses a day can have a profound effect, not only on the brain, but the entire body.

While all nuts and seeds provide some essential fatty acids, flax seeds are known to be most beneficial. Flax seeds are hard, shiny, brown and gold and look like birdseed. They come from a pretty purple flower and taste like nuts. Flax seeds are tasty when ground up and sprinkled on cereals or oatmeal or put into pancakes or muffins. The fat in the flax seeds makes a good strong coating around the nerve fibers in the brain. This helps the brain work better. Flax seeds make fat nerve fibers that help your brain work faster than skinny fibers (refined foods), so you can think more quickly. Flax seeds are high in Omega 3, an essential fatty acid, feeding not only the brain, but every joint in the body. Essential fatty acids are to our body what motor oil is to your car engine.

The brain is hungry for energy and needs it more than any other part of your body. Along with the essential fatty acids that flax seeds provide, whole grains (brown rice, spelt, oats) and fresh protein foods (eggs, lean meats, fish, cheese) provide a lasting energy supply to the brain. Lots of movement and sunshine are two other additions that assist the brain in healthy function.

I can honestly say, this suggested natural approach brought 100% positive results for my son and the benefits continue to aid him in his adult life. **The above information is for educational purposes only.** My thanks to Frances Meiser author The Brain Train and Dr. Michael Murray. Address all questions or comments to herbknowledge@yanoo.com

Ronald Crowder, Randy Crowder, Jr., Jeff Crowder, Clint Crowder, Tony Zuma and David Zuma.

Nona Coleman

September 17, 1930 - February 15, 2008

Nona Coleman, 77, of Splendora, Texas, passed away Friday, February 15, 2008. She was born in Whiterock, Texas on September 17, 1930 to William B. and Vernese Jackson, Sr.

Survivors include her loving husband, George Coleman; sons, Robert Monroe Coleman, William Wesley Coleman and wife, Debra; grandchildren, Jerrod, Matthew, and Georgie Coleman; brother, William Berry Jackson, Jr. with numerous other loving and caring family members and friends.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, February 20, 2008, 10:00 a.m. at Plum Grove Assembly of God Church, Plum Grove, Texas with internment at Splendora City Cemetery.

Lyle Leroy Courtney

October 17, 1924 - February 15, 2008

Lyle Leroy Courtney, 83, of New Caney, Texas, passed away Friday, February 15, 2008. He was born in Lorimor, Iowa on October 17, 1924 to William Lyle and Ruby Pearl Courtney.

He is survived by her husband, Lyle L. Courtney; daughter, Patsy Herren; son, David Mintz; grandchildren, Robin Scott, Gregg Herren; great-grandchildren, Amanda Scott, Clay Scott, Russell Herren.

Graveside services were held Wednesday, February 20, 2008, 1:30 p.m. at Houston National Cemetery, Houston, Texas.



Your investigative reporter (that's me) is on the job again. I have ordered some of those patches that you put on the bottom of your feet at night to draw out all of the toxins in your system! I will try them for five nights and report the results to you.

What with Valentine's Day and watching South Pacific on Hallmark TV last Saturday night, I am thinking about love. The music that Rodgers and Hammerstein wrote for South Pacific made it one of the greatest musicals of all time. The story line was based on two short stories by James Michener from his book Tales of the South Pacific which won the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction in 1948.

Some Enchanted Evening, sung originally by the opera singer Ezio Pinza to Mary Martin, has become the quintessence of 'Grand Love.' We are talking the Dr. Zhivago kind of grand love! Looking back, I'm pretty sure Don and I did not have 'Grand Love,' but certainly we had enduring, monogamous love and I'm beginning to understand that such a love may be the best kind (even having moments of grandeur).

For my 40th birthday in 1967, Don surprised me by secretly getting tickets to "Hello Dolly" starring Carol Channing. Now understand, Don was more of a football guy and we saw plenty of live games (his favorite was Notre Dame and Texas A&M). I didn't really care for football; however, in the 1940s and 50s, going to the Fall Football Games was a fashion event. We dressed up in our new Fall clothes and lunched in a grand manner prior to the game. (I will admit that during the game we fashion plates were miserably hot in our Fall Suits.) What I am trying to say is that when my football guy went to all that trouble to give me an evening with Carol Channing in a theatre, it was a moment of grandeur in our marriage!

We are living in an age when people think they must be happy all of the time. Well, you just can't be wildly, grandly, happy all the time. Here is my advice: if you are in a good enduring married love affair with children and a mortgage, do what you can to make it grand. Chasing around seeking grandness is not a sure thing. Make your own enchanted evening as you look across the table, over the pot roast, at your very own South Pacific plantation owner. Make it happen!

Quote of the Week: *Wherefore the grass groweth 'round yonder stump, thou art my darling sugar lump!'* Romeo (3rd act, line 56).

Community Classifieds

FOUND: (Or they found us.) 3 horses and a donkey wandered up to our place on FM 2914 (Stringtown Road) Friday, Feb. 15th. Call (281) 592-0843.

YARD SALE: February 29th and Saturday, March 1st, from 8am to 3pm, 100 McKellar Street (off Hwy 150 toward Hwy 59) Furniture, clothes, toys and household items, Everything must go!

FOR RENT: 2 bedroom trailer in Sherwood Forest, 90 Dogwood Lane, \$350 per month. (281) 593-1593, Cell (281) 806-9880.

FOR SALE: '85 Ford 4-150, Excab pickup, V-8, Auto, good condition. \$850 (936) 628-6201.

FOR SALE: Larch selection of affordable formals and tuxes! Wedding attire and dress shoes, too! Located in Goodrich. Think Prom! Call for more information (906) 328-6847.

FOR SALE: Lawn Chief riding lawnmower, 455 Hydro, made in USA, 14-5 HR, OHV, 40" cut. \$575. Snapper rider, 9. HR, \$275. Craftsman Rider, 14.5 OHV, IC Gold, 42" cut, \$375. Call Larry (281) 659-6074.

AFFORDABLE HOUSE PAINTING: no job too large or too small - interior, exterior, residential, commercial - 20 years experience. Call Lloyd at (936) 689-5926.

Are you sick and tired of being sick and tired? Would you like to discover simple methods to improve your health and self esteem? Curious about how natural remedies can help you and your family? **Nutrition and Motivation Classes** are forming now in your area! For more details call 936 628-1156 today.

Retired Teachers to Meet

The San Jacinto County Retired Teachers Association will meet at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 4, at the Senior Center in Coldspring. Retired teachers and staff personnel are invited and asked to join us as new members. Member Betty Doyle will present a history of Robert Rankin, an early settle in San Jacinto County.

Members are reminded to bring children's books for our Helping Hands and Care Share giving programs. For further information, please call Jo Ann Bain at (936) 653-5281.

Business News

SIMPLE ALTERATIONS - Ms. Olene McDonough is located in the Preston Building at Four Corners and is prepared to do simple alterations. She says, "I can mend most anything - except the break of day or a broken heart. If the heart is broken I will listen. As for clothing, I can take up, let out, hem, sew buttons, patches and zippers!" Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. (281) 659-5636.

Calendar March 2008

3	Athletic Booster (Field House)	7:00 pm
4	Band Boosters	7:00 pm
10	City Council, Pct. 2	7:00 pm
11	Shepherd 4-H, AgriLife office	6:00 pm
11	Commissioners' Court, Coldspring	9:00 am
13	Crime Stoppers, Pct 2	5:30 pm
17	SISD Board Meeting	7:00 pm
	Friends of the Library	2:30 pm
19	Shepherd Chamber of Commerce	noon

For news or special events to be published in *Shepherd Community News:*

Drop off your information/picture at McClain's, e-mail to shepherdnews@eastex.net, 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.*