

### Pirate PRIDE Patrol



Pictured above is the 4<sup>th</sup> 6 weeks PPP team. Back row (l-r): Yuriana Ruiz, Josue Marin, Selena Jamie, Jason Vaughn. Front row (l-r): Brian Gomez, Karen Tovar, Jason Hernandez, Emily Brawner, Gabriela Valencia

Shepherd Intermediate students will begin a new safety patrol program for the 2nd semester of the 2008-2009 school year. The Pirate P.R.I.D.E. (Personally Responsible in Developing Excellence) Patrol (PPP) will begin their patrol on January 6, 2009.

The selection process will include having been a 5<sup>th</sup> grade Pirate PRIDE Begins Inside (PPBI) recipient during this school year. PPBI students are selected by their classroom teachers based upon model behavior and superior character. These students must show that they are Personally Responsible in Developing Excellence. Students will not be eligible if they have been referred to the office for discipline reasons. Likewise, if the student is selected as a recipient and during their assignment to the patrol are referred to the office they will immediately be removed from the PPP. The students will also meet with Mrs. Lowe, Principal and Mrs. Cronin, Assistant Principal for further evaluation of leadership skills.

Students will be posted at assigned locations from 7:30am-8:00am while under the supervision of SIS staff. The students will serve a 6 week term as a PPP member. Students assigned to the 4<sup>th</sup> 6 week team should report to the supervising adult when they arrive at school each morning. Students will wear their PPP vest and identification badges. PPP members should be familiar with duty station guidelines.

There is a large influx of students on campus during the morning. Keeping our campus safe and civil is a high priority therefore establishing the Pirate PRIDE Patrol will serve a dual role; building student character/responsibility and assisting to keep our campus safe/civil. The Pirate PRIDE Patrol will serve as a supporting step in student participation in school governmental organizations such as Student Council, Beta Club, Class Officers, and National Honor Society.

### FCCLA members 'hang out' with the Houston Rockets



Shepherd FCCLA members shared a unique experience on Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. Twenty-nine members, advisors Edwards and Mangham, and very much appreciated bus driver, Tony Goodman, attended FCCLA with the Houston Rockets at the Toyota Center. In the afternoon, members were treated to "behind the scenes" information from various Rockets' executives in regard to exciting career choices. Each FCCLA member received a t-shirt for participating in the activities which included making free throws and having a picture made at half court.

Following a nice dinner at the Spaghetti Warehouse, members arrived back at the Toyota Center to see a very exciting basketball game with the Rockets and the Atlanta Hawks. Two members, Shelby Lairmore and Brooklyn Bailey were selected to go down on the court during pre-game warm-ups and help to form a tunnel for the Rockets to run through.

A special experience for our Shepherd students was getting to watch our own Katelyn Gerald, State FCCLA Vice President of STAR Events be presented on the court at half time with other State and Regional Officers along with Mrs. Sharon Pierce, State FCCLA Advisor.

### Looking for a good New Year's Eve Party?

The American Legion Post 629 located on FM 3278 in Camilla, Texas (across from Browder's Marina) invites you to gather up your friends and family and come celebrate the New Year with them.

On Wednesday, December 31, 2008, from 8:00 pm to 12:00 am there will be a New Year's Eve party with a great band and musicians 'by' Billy Culberth and Friends. Special Guest will be Gary Lucky. Tickets are \$5.00 each. The public is welcome. Call (936) 653-4708 for more information.

### Shepherd ISD Ladies Attend Robotics Workshop

On December 11, 2008, Shepherd ISD proudly sent a team of 3 teachers and 3 students to the NXT Robotics in the Classroom for Girls Workshop hosted by Region 6 Service Center.

This workshop was based on the latest robotics technology from LEGO Education. Our participants were shown how to construct and program robots using the NXT brick and NXT-G program software. Shepherd ISD teachers learned instructional strategies and ideas on how to implement robotics into the classroom, school, and district.

Mrs. Leslie Jayne, Shepherd High



Three teachers and three students attended the Robotic Workshop at Region 6 Service Center: Tricia Burlison, Michelle Moss (HS teacher), Shelby Mitchell, Leslie Jayne (HS teacher), Tulina Wilson, and Fran Manwaring (MS teacher).

School Agriculture teacher said, "Shelby and I really enjoyed building the robot. Once we finally got the hang of the computer programming it was neat to see what we could do with the robot."

As a means of maintaining our district goal, Success for All Students, Shepherd ISD continues to help students make connections between what they learn in school and what they will encounter in the real world. The connections shape who they will be, what they will study in college or the workforce, and how they will apply their knowledge to help improve themselves and their community.

### Shepherd Lighting Contest Winners Announced

#### BUSINESS WINNERS



#### RESIDENTIAL WINNERS



By: Olene Reaves, President, Shepherd Chamber of Commerce

The Greater Shepherd Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce the winners of their annual Christmas Lighting Contest. The contest this year was open to both businesses and homes.

The residential winners were: First Prize (\$100) to Donna & Antonio Gonzalez, 2091 FM 1127; Second Prize (\$50) to Rusty Copeland, 231 Shraderville Rd; and Third Prize (\$25) to Lois Self, 9581 Hwy 150. Honorable Mention goes to Cynthia Diese, 221 Spring Ave.

Business winners were: First Prize (\$100) to Twinkle's Hair & Nail Salon, 11018 Main St; Second Prize (\$50) to People's State Bank, 5850 Hwy 59S; and Third Prize (\$25) to San Jacinto County 4-H Fashion Club, Agrilife Extension Building, 11 Carrier Ave. Honorable Mention goes to San Jacinto County Pct 2 Annex Building, 1000 N Byrd.

I want to congratulate our winners and thank all of those who entered; many spectacular displays were seen throughout the Shepherd area providing so much beauty and the promise of a brighter and blessed future.

We extend our special note of appreciation to First State Bank who generously donated the funds for the prizes. Thanks also to David and Chelsea Sparks for judging the entries and taking pictures. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

### Texans get another 29 days to apply for disaster aid

At the request of the State of Texas, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has extended the deadline for homeowners, renters and business owners who suffered damages from Hurricane Ike to register for state and federal disaster assistance. The new deadline is **Saturday, Jan. 10, 2009.**

"We don't want to miss anyone who may be eligible for aid," said Federal Coordinating Officer Stephen M. De Blasio, Sr. "We encourage anyone who was affected by Ike to register with FEMA as soon as possible."

Assistance to individuals could include grants to help pay for temporary housing needs, essential home repairs and other serious disaster-related expenses not covered by insurance or other sources. Low-interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) are also available for homeowners, renters, businesses of all sizes and private nonprofit organizations to repair or replace real or personal property.

"This extension gives everyone more time," said State Coordinating Officer Joan Haun. "Make that call or go on the FEMA web site and register. Just get in the FEMA system, so we can see how we can help you."

Texans who had damage or uninsured losses and have not yet registered can do so online at [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov) or by calling **1-800-621-FEMA (3362)**, (TTY) **1-800-462-7585** for the speech- and hearing-impaired. Both numbers are available 24 hours, seven days a week until further notice.

Several FEMA/State Disaster Recovery Centers remain open for face to face assistance. A complete list of centers is available at [www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem/pages/drl1791\\_drc\\_list.htm](http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem/pages/drl1791_drc_list.htm)

### Shepherd ISD will host blood drive ...give the gift of life!

Shepherd ISD will host a blood drive on Monday, January 5, 2009 from 9:00 -3:00. The blood drive will be held at the Shepherd ISD Administration Building located at 1401 S. Byrd Avenue in Shepherd and is open to the public.

In a partnership with the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center, Shepherd ISD became a Commit for Life Organization in 2008. As a part of our commitment, Shepherd ISD has agreed to hold a blood drive once per quarter. We would like to invite you to become a Commit for Life member and help us save lives!

If you would like to schedule an appointment, please call Tammy Haffner at 936.628.3396 x 247 or e-mail her at [thaffner@shepherdisd.net](mailto:thaffner@shepherdisd.net).

Remember – there is no substitute for blood. It has to come from one person to be given to another. A regular number of voluntary donations are required every day to meet the need for blood in the Texas Gulf Coast and East Texas Regions. Donating just one unit of blood can save up to three lives!

### It's scholarship time again!

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Scholarship Applications are now available! San Jacinto County High School Senior students wishing to apply should see your school counselor, County Extension office, or Ag Science teachers to pick up an application. Or you may go to the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo website, [www.rodeohouston.com](http://www.rodeohouston.com), and download the application.

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo will provide a \$15,000, four-year scholarship to an eligible, outstanding student from **OUR** county. So parents get your senior to working on completion of this application. They just might be the lucky recipient of the \$15,000 four-year scholarship.

All applications must be received by the Office of Educational Programs, Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo no later than the close of business, 4:30 p.m. on January 22, 2009. Final approval and notification of each scholarship recipient will be made by the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Office of Educational Programs.

For more information on the Show, its scholarship program and other educational commitments, visit [www.rodeohouston.com](http://www.rodeohouston.com).

**Pelican Road Notice** - Over the next few months, many truck loads of equipment and other large delivery trucks will be using Pelican Road to deliver loads to the Peaking Power Plant site under construction. The vehicle traffic will be controlled by flag men for your safety on this narrow county road. There may be short delays during this time period. Thank you for your cooperation.



## Congratulations to William Fregia

William won 9<sup>th</sup> All-Around at Basel's All Star Holiday Classic Gymnastics.

Love from,  
Mom, Nisa and B.J.

### Reminder:

Applications for Sheco Scholarships must be turned in by February 2, 2009. 22 scholarships worth \$2,000 each plus 6 \$1,000 scholarships for vocational studies. Applications available at Sheco offices, High School Counselor's office, as well as Sheco website.

### Concealed Handgun Class

Instructor Earl Beverly has scheduled a Concealed Handgun Class for Saturday, January 10, 2009. New license \$150.00 – renew license \$100.00. Call to register (936) 628-3678, or (936) 327-1946.

### Shades of Blue Jazz Band plays Christmas Concert

Back Row: Mr. Make Wilson, Director, Jose Cruz, Matt Elam, Brad Barlow, Hayley Jolley, Nathan Rhoden, Menta Alldredge, Josh Sanchez,



Paula Johnson, Brian Foote, Paige Holden, JaVaughn Bogney, Ashley Barlow. Front row Gregg Bliss, Kayla Cooper, Gail Daniels, Andrew Alldredge, Amber Caldwell, Jesse Reynolds.

Shades of Blue was invited by Pastor Rick Jolley to play a Christmas Concert at Big Creek Gospel Church on Highway 150 in Shepherd. Thank you so much band, you were awesome!

### Image and good public relations are vital for business success

Good public relations and a positive business image are inexpensive means for your business to get noticed, create a positive impression and be remembered. Public relations (PR) is a tool for achieving your business objectives. Unlike large corporations, small businesses do not have the luxury of employing public relations specialists, but they can use PR effectively by following some basic guidelines. First, determine the image you would like to project. Is there something unique about your business or product line? Do you offer something your competitor doesn't? Are your employees better trained and more familiar with your product? Is your business customer service oriented? Have you been in business longer or have more experience than your competitors? All of these questions should be answered when determining your public image.

Define your customers. Unless you know who your actual and potential customers are in terms of location, demographics, interests, etc., there is no way of planning an effective PR program. You must know whom your customers are and how to reach them.

Local newspapers and radio/television stations offer many opportunities for exposure; some with little or no cost. Often these media sources look for feature stories about small businesses, especially those that offer a unique product or service. If you have personnel changes, such as new appointments or promotions, a change of location, the introduction of a new line of products, etc., the business section of the newspapers can be very beneficial.

Also, work closely with local business, trade, community and civic organizations. Offer a demonstration or presentation on your business or a specific product. This will introduce you to the community, and as an added benefit, the media may cover the event.

Participating in community events and special projects is another way to get exposure. Agreeing to head a fund-raiser or serving as a board member for a community based organization could help create "name recognition". However, keep in mind that your number one priority is to run a profitable business.

You may call the Sam Houston State University Small Business Development Center for free and confidential counseling at (936)294-3737. Se Habla Espanol!

### Church News

**THE TEMPLE OF FAITH CHURCH** would like to invite everyone to their Pastor and Wife, Rev. and Sis. Darryl W. Richardson 1st Appreciation Service. Services will begin on Thursday, Jan. 8th @ 7:30 pm; Friday, Jan. 9th @ 7:30 pm; and conclude on Sunday, Jan. 11th @ 3:00 pm. Come and be blessed.

**SPRING HILL BAPTIST CHURCH** invites everyone to a 'Going Forward Program' on Sunday, January 11, 2009. Rev. F. Mason, Pastor. Call (936) 767-8421 or (936) 653-4531 for more information.

### Obituary

#### Theodore Stanley Elliott

September 1, 1936 – December 13, 2008

Theodore Stanley Elliott, age 72, of Shepherd, Texas, passed away Saturday, December 13, 2008 at Conroe Regional Medical Center. He was born in White Plains, New York on September 1, 1936, to Stanley Dewitt and Catherine Elliott.

He is survived by his loving wife, Carmon Elliott, and many other cherished family members and treasured friends throughout the years. Arrangements were handled through Pace-Stancil Funeral Home, Cleveland, Texas.

### 2008 in Retrospect

**JANUARY** - We were all thrilled that the building on the Northwest corner of Shepherd's Four Corners had been torn down and the lot cleared thanks to JC Pharmacy! The burned out building was gone! Sarah and James Harrell announced their wedding plans. We celebrated the birth of Jacob Alan Brown. New Satellite Tax Office opened in Shepherd. A. C. Campbell had a party celebrating 15 years with the City that he didn't attend, but his dear wife, Willie Mae, was there in his place. High Noon café had a ribbon cutting ceremony. New Construction started at the Primary School (now finished).

We said a sad goodbye to friends who passed away in late December of 2007: Justin Wayne Hensley, Connie Sue Billingsley, Frances Ann Grimes, Jimmy Dean Woodson. We said a sad goodbye to the following friends who passed away in January: David Yarrito Lozano, Fred Winfrey Hoot, Betty Jo Baugus, Robert Earl Meekins, Grady L. Marley, Agnes Louise Corder, Clarence Edward Fletcher, Frances M. Shrader, Robert Lee Cain, George Daniel Reed, Doris Julia Phillips, Sarah Mae Green, Beverly Jean Ogden, Robert Lee VonKamp, Margie G. Saranthus, Charles David Hamilton, and Arnold "A.T." Wilson, Sr., Alvin Haley Gibbs and Dorothy Ann Messick.

**FEBRUARY** - Stacie Fontenot was named "Top Producer Realtor." Habitat for Humanity began a search for sites to build in Shepherd. History of Lake Station Baptist Church, St. Clair Baptist Church and Shiloh Baptist Church were all recorded in the paper as part of Black History Month. We were all worried about Governor Perry's Trans-Texas Corridor that was going to cut a swath across Texas and maybe take out homesteads in the process. Mrs. Evie McDuffy celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday!

We welcomed new baby citizens Tyler Caydon Sciffres, Brittany Paige Arrendell, and James Martin Knight to Shepherd.

We said our sad goodbyes to: Mary Lou Stemburger, Frankie Evelyn Crowder-Costs, Nona Coleman, Lyle Leroy Courtney, Evelyn Skinner-Marley, Linna Lillian Evans, Harry McDuffy, Jr., Casarea Hernandez, Jessie James Duff, Harman Benton Jordan, Mary Catherine Donnan Beeson and Rosetta Davis.

**MARCH** - Shepherd Cemetery Association asked for help and many responded. You may still give the much needed help by contacting Billy Ray Herrod. Republican and Democratic Primaries were held. Pirate Pride Drill Team won eleven awards at Texas State University competition. Lisa and Jackie Fulcher and Patsy and Billy Weaver were married. Little Shayden Andrew Ferguson was born on the 16<sup>th</sup>, and Michael Carl Pond, III was born on the 31<sup>st</sup>. Shepherd Senior volunteers were honored. Clara and Walter Brooks celebrated 57 years together, and the Keen Family celebrated five generations. Melody Pearson won Best of Show with her art work at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo! Serenity Body Works opened for business.

We said a sad goodbye to Berta Lee Franklin, Miriam Bullock Wheeler, Jana Louise Clark, Ronal E. Batten, Edna Ellen Sherman, J. E. Vaughan, Jr., Pearl Mae Reed-Hutchinson, Brenda Faye Passafuma, and Glen Eugene Simson.

**APRIL** - Autumn Cheyenne Phillips, Meagan Overstreet, and Kenzee Jordan all won a bicycle at McClain's 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Egg Hunt! Shepherd had a very successful Clean Up Day with many volunteers who showed up to make our city beautiful. Alannah Andries was named Miss SJC 2008. Harvey Hawthorne retired as Veteran's Service Officer. A Public Hearing was held to determine the feasibility of a City Police Department. A scholarly squirrel invaded the Shepherd Library. Skylar Lake won a United States Regional Diving Competition in Lubbock for his age group. City of Shepherd receive \$250,000 grant to improve sewer facilities. The body of Eldon Hues was recovered on April 26<sup>th</sup>. Health Center of Southeast Texas opened a branch in Shepherd.

We said a sad goodbye to William E. "Bill" Bates, Jewell McDaniel, Kenneth Eugene Tanner, Fannie Mae Brown, Willie L. Griggs, and Jessie M. Greene.

**MAY** - Jodie Cronin was named Superintendent of Shepherd ISD. Clarence Lewis had a Big Birthday Bash celebrating his 67<sup>th</sup> birthday. Ms. Ida Jefferson celebrated her 101<sup>st</sup> birthday. Charlotte and Bill Hamzy got married. Service men and women were remembered at Precinct 2 on Memorial Day. Little Brooke Bassett took up citizenship in Shepherd as did Christian Jacob Warner!

We said a sad goodbye to Richard Wesley Flippen, Harol Dene Sims, Annie Kate Harrell, Dora Lou Robinson, Dalton McCormick, Ell M. Lee, Jr., Amanda Kaye Robinson, Orville Winslow Passafuma, and Clifton Suane Fulk.

**JUNE** - The Mayor got married! (We are finally correctly calling her Mayor Lunsford.) Lucy Jarboe Thomas wrote her 'Growing Up Shepherd' story. Little Addison June Simpson was born June 6<sup>th</sup>. Most of us decided we saw the Statue of Liberty in the 'flames.'

We said a sad goodbye to Herbert Sidney Lowry, Marlin Ray Franklin, Joyce J. Turner, Willie Mae Campbell, J. B. "Buck" Nowell, and Lujuana 'Tootie' Siddall,

**JULY** - Shepherd T-Ball Team was declared District Champs! A huge crowd attended the Independence Day Celebration. Rachel and Roy Yarbrough were married. Drum Corps International came to Shepherd!

We said a sad goodbye to Billie Jean Clark.

**AUGUST** - McClain's Food Market celebrated 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! Shepherd VFD placed a firefighter statue by the flag pole. Sam Houston Electric started construction on its new Substation. Lou Ann Hudson and Calvin Sweeten announced their engagement. Shepherd 4-H members delivered 400 Knots of Love blankets to Texas Children's Hospital.

We said a sad goodbye to Weston Eli Bowers, Sandra Lynn Wallace, Gwendolyn Joyce Punch, Mattie Lee Howard, Lloyd Allen Jarboe, Eugene Cooper, Jimmy Wade Parker, and Carolyn Sue McCoy.

**SEPTEMBER** - The Rockin' E RV Park had its grand opening. Lisa and Jodaniel Everitt were married. The Double D Smokehouse had a Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting. Plans for 2008 San Jacinto County Fair and Rodeo were in full swing when Hurricane Ike swept through the county in the early morning hours of September 13<sup>th</sup>. The Fair was delayed a month while Shepherd citizens pulled together to help each other. There were many stories of kindness and bravery reported in the paper. The headlines read, "Shepherd Community turns havoc into organized relief." Danielle Renee Barrackman was born on Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>. FEMA became an important word in our vocabularies.

We said a sad goodbye to Melvin Roy Semmler, Deborah Ann Jones, Martha Marie Bushue, and Anna M. Nickerson.



I visited my daughter's daughters the weekend before Christmas. Maine came from Lubbock, Molly came from El Campo, and we met at Davy's house in Grand Prairie. This is always a good time; how can it be anything else when three indomitable siblings gather under the same roof. The rest of us tend to look on in awe.

Davy is the cook (gourmet) and had planned Cajun cuisine for us this year. Eli (freshman in high school) was her assistant. Chef Davy made the seafood gumbo and her assistant surprised us all by producing delicious crab cakes with the help of Davy's 'How to Cook Everything Book.' Since they had been raised with their Papaw Don, they all knew no Cajun meal was complete without Bread Pudding and Maine made that for us with Molly stirring up a rum topping. You will notice I did not contribute – I played my old lady trump card and encouraged them all the way!

We all enjoyed a shopping trip to Target Saturday morning. Recession? What recession? It was Christmas.

Maine had bought a BMW on E-Bay! She had just picked it up from a dealer in Dallas and it had a Christmas Bow on it! While we were examining every part of it and taking rides around the block, we noted that it did not have a spare tire. Not a one – not even a doughnut. There was not even a designated place for one in the trunk. The book said that a spare was optional because the tires were so wonderful that you could drive 100 miles without changing a flat! The book indicated that people who own BMW's don't change their own tires anyway!

Here is the rest of the story: Sunday they realized that there was a nail in one of the tires. Unbelievable! (I can't make this stuff up.) It was Sunday and they had to drive back to Lubbock (certainly more than the allotted 100 miles). There was a happy ending after all. A tire dealer was open, it was a tire that they could fix, and they did. BMW tires cost around \$300 each.

I must tell you about one of my gifts. I received some warm, gorgeous, hostess pajamas. Bottoms made of a soft flannel with a teal green knitted top. I couldn't wait to put them on. When I did, I kept pulling on them trying to get them up around my waist. I knew I had put on a few pounds and the gumbo and jambalaya hadn't helped but this was ridiculous. Oops. I finally figured out that if they had been blue jeans they would be called 'low riders.' After that it was smooth sailing. My belly just rode over the pajamas – the knit top hid it all and they felt wonderful! Woo-woo! I may start wearing my slacks like that.

**Quote of the Week:** "Minds, like bodies, will often fall into a pimpled, ill-conditioned state from mere excess of comfort." Charles Dickens (1812-1870)

**OCTOBER** - 2008 Shepherd citizens turned out for National Night Out at the Community Center. Adrienne Soliz was crowned Homecoming Queen. Ex-student King and Queen were Kenneth Cheatham and Mertie Mosley. A Ribbon Cutting was held for the Shepherd Gateway Sign. Habitat for Humanity began construction on two home in Shepherd.

We said a sad goodbye to Eddie Earl Phillips, Sr. Robbie L. Jimmerson, Richard D. Irwin, Beverly K. Drobinia, Edna Bernice Settle, Callie Mae Hood, Sarah Beth Mullins, Alecia Nichole Murphy, and Doris Louise Reynolds Hales (Moon)

**NOVEMBER** - The Middle School Volley Ball team won District Championship. Meanwhile at the SJC Fair and Rodeo: Chase Lane and Isabella Allen were crowned little King and Queen. Rodeo Queen Kelsey Clark was crowned. Grand Champion Steer was shown by Justin Shrader; Grand Champion Heifer was shown by Meagan Whittleman, Grand Champion Swine was shown by Kadee Cox, Grand Champion Jr. Goat was shown by Skylar Sims, Grand Champion Sr. Goat was shown by Caleb Sumrall, Grand Champion Jr. Lamb was shown by MacKenzie Keel, and Grand Champion Sr. Lamb was shown by Brandon Cronin, Grand Champion Rabbits were shown by Dana Jones; Roger Chreene and Kenneth Ener won Men's Horseshoe Pitching. Women's Horseshoe winners were Anita Martinez and Tiny Murphy.

In the midst of all these Fair results we also elected a new sheriff James Lewis Walters, and new Constable Pct. 2 Tom Yates. Olene Reaves was appointed as Shepherd Economic Development Corporation's new professional. Mallary Anne Smith was born on November 7<sup>th</sup>.

We said a sad goodbye to Lucy J. Thomas, Goldie Allen, Daveleen Carolyn "Bit" Leonard, and Judith Carol Fitzgerald.

**DECEMBER** - It snowed in Shepherd! Mel Basham was named Outstanding High School Art Educator of Texas 2008! Shepherd Middle School construction foretold of second floor classrooms, a clock tower, and Shepherd's first elevator! Community, city, schools and churches came together to present the Community Blue and White Christmas. The lighted parade was a huge success.

We said a sad goodbye to Ted Elliott, and Mary Ethel Lucas.

### Community Classifieds

**FOR FREE:** Full blooded black mouth cur puppies. All female. No papers. Six weeks old. Free to good home. Call (832) 579-2187, ask for Andy or Cindy.

**LAND FOR SALE:** 3.88 acres on high ground. For more information call (936) 653-4531.

**MISSING CAT:** The cat answers to Charlie, belongs to my son, loves people and will come if you have a bowl. He is white and orange pattern. If you see him call us at (281) 806-9973.

### Calendar - January 2009

05 Athletic Boosters – Field House	6:30 pm
06 Band Boosters	7:00 pm
08 Crime Stoppers – Precinct 2 Courtroom	5:30 pm
12 City Council – Precinct 2 Courtroom	7:00 pm
13 Shepherd 4-H Meeting – Extension Office	6:30 pm
13 Senior Birthdays for January	Noon
19 SISD Board Meeting	7:00 pm
20 Friends of the Library	4:00 pm
21 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.

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