

SHEPHERD COMMUNITY NEWS



Trash Stickers

The 2010 - 2011 Trash Stickers go on sale March 1, 2010. The price for the sticker is the same as last year: \$75.00 for the first vehicle and \$10.00 for the second vehicle. If you are 65 years of age or older, the cost of the sticker will be \$50.00. Also, for anyone with Handicap Placards or Handicap License Plates, the cost will be \$50.00. Please bring the two following items with you when purchasing your sticker: 1) Drivers license or proof of residency, (such as a utility bill). 2) License plate numbers for the vehicles you are purchasing stickers for. Having this information with you will help speed up your wait.

Farm Pond Management Program Scheduled

By Aaron Sumrall, County Extension Agent
The annual Farm Pond Management Program has been scheduled for Saturday, March 13th, 2010. The program will begin with everyone gathering at the San Jacinto County Extension office by 9am that morning. We will then travel a short distance to hold the program pond - side. The event will discuss topics of construction and design, pond fertilization, aquatic weed control, fish species selection, controlling unwanted fish and animal species and much more. Dr. Michael Masser will be the featured speaker for the event. Dr. Masser is the Texas A&M Extension Fisheries Specialist and Associate Department Head in the Wildlife and Fisheries Department at Texas A & M. The program will be open discussion and full of questions and answers. Bring your weeds to the program for identification. For those with a pesticide applicator license, you can attain 2 CEU's. The registration for the event is \$10.00. All RSVP should be made by calling (936) 628-6407.

Scholarship Fundraiser

Second Annual Brandi Sanders Scholarship Fundraiser will be held Saturday March 13th, 2010, at the American Legion Post 629 on Fm 3278 (across from Browder's). The "Fun Run" will be \$15 per bike. Registration starts at 11:00am, kickstands up by noon, last bike in by 2:00pm. Chili will be served \$5.00 a bowl or \$7.00 all you can eat, with fixin's. There will also be a live auction and a live DJ. If you need more information please call Chuck Baxley at (936)-537-5809.

Positions for Shepherd Youth League

There are still many positions that need to be filled on the Shepherd Youth League Board. If you are interested in helping out please call Trey Barlow at 281-808-8189. Positions open are: VP for Concessions, Commissioner, VP for Ponytails/Belles, VP for Pony Boys.

Texas Division of Emergency Management

Flash Flooding: Turn Around, Don't Drown

The National Weather Service and the Texas Division of Emergency Management are urging people to learn the dangers of driving into flooded roadways. Drivers often underestimate the power of floodwater. When there's water running across a road, drivers should always turn around and choose a different route.

- Six inches of water can cause tires to lose traction and begin to slide.
- Twelve inches of water can float many cars. Two feet of rushing water will carry off pick-up trucks, SUVs and most other vehicles.
- Water across a road may hide a missing segment of roadbed or a missing bridge.
- In flash floods, waters rise so rapidly they may be far deeper by the time you are halfway across, trapping you in your vehicle.
- Flash floods are especially treacherous at night as it is very difficult to see how deep waters may be or how fast water is rising.
- Floodwater weakens roadbeds. Drivers should proceed cautiously after waters have receded, since the road may collapse under the weight of the vehicle.
- Lives can be saved every year if Texas drivers follow this one rule: when there's water on the road, turn around, don't drown.

Senior Citizen Menu for March

- 01 Beef stew, beans, green beans, cornbread muffin, fruited jello.
- 02 Beef patty and onions, mashed potato and gravy, zucchini squash, cabbage, cornbread, fresh fruit.
- 03 Chicken tenders, oven brown potatoes, spinach, salad, wheat bread and sliced peaches.
- 04 Salmon patties, mixed vegetables, okra and tomatoes, rolls and banana pudding, juice.
- 05 BBQ chicken, baked beans, carrots, corn muffins, fruit cup.
- 06 Cheeseburger, green peas, lettuce and tomato, fresh fruit, cookie.
- 09 Chicken gumbo, rice, potato salad, cornbread carrots, sliced peaches.

Shepherd Buyers Group

Turkey Shoot

March 6, 2010

3 Categories

Bow- 3 tightest groups

Shotgun-12 & 20 gauges- 1 shot tightest pattern

.22 long rifle- 3 shots tightest pattern

Age Categories

5-8 years old

9-12 years old

13-17 years old

18 years & older- Adult

\$5 a target- We furnish shells

At Finger Farms- follow signs down FM 1127

Registration starts at 9am

With the shoot beginning at 10am

Pirate's Pride Drill Team - Division Grand Champs!

The Pirates' Pride Drill Team competed in a Showtime Competition in Caney Creek on Saturday February 6th. This hard working team brought home a total of 13 awards with one being Division Grand Champion! The officer Squad consisting of Captain Julia Porter, 1st Lieutenant Morgan Kneale, 2nd Lieutenant Miranda Mollica and Sergeant Candan Ingles, brought home Officer Sweepstakes and Judges Award. In order to achieve this award the girls needed to receive a 90 or above in each category. They also received best in category with a 92 or better in Jazz, Lyrical and Modern. Our officers also received the top honor as being named in the Showtime Circle of Champions. The team received a sweepstakes award as well as a judge's award. They won best in category for their team jazz, novelty, modern, and hip hop.

On Saturday Feb. 13th the drill team competed in Klein Forest. They received Team Sweepstakes and Judges Award, Officer Sweepstakes and Judges Award, Runner up Medium Team Modern, Runner up Medium Team Jazz, Runner up Medium Team Hip Hop, Runner up Medium Team Novelty, Runner up Officer Lyrical, Runner up Officer Jazz, and Runner up Officer Modern. The officers also received a choreography award for their lyrical. This award was special due to the girls choreographing it themselves.

Next the team traveled on Feb. 20th to Northshore High School where they competed against teams such as Galena Park, Lamar High School and Alief Hastings High School. The team received 1st Runner Up Medium Team Division Champions, Varsity Office Lyrical-2nd runner up, Officer Modern Champion, 1st runner up- Team Jazz, Medium Team Modern Champion, Medium Team Hip Hop Champion, Showmanship Award, Presentation Award, Officer Sweepstakes, and Team Sweepstakes. Johnnie Breland was 3rd place soloist. We had several Division I soloists. These soloists included Morgan Kneale, Candan Ingles, Kimberly Howard, Crystal Wilson, Johnnie Breland, Cecelia Rodriguez, and Katarra McDuffie. The team members are Gigi



Welcome to the World!



Elbert Wayne Tirey, III

Elbert Wayne Tirey, III (Trey) was born to proud parents Wayne and Alyssa Tirey on January 15, 2010. He weighed 6 lbs. 9 ozs., and was 20 inches long.

Shepherd Senior Citizens Celebrate Valentine's Day



When the Shepherd Senior Citizens celebrated Valentine's Day they elected Audrey Gardner as their Queen of the Day and John Doucette as King. A Royal Pair with roses and crowns! The eldest celebrants at the Valentine's Day party were Artis Williams and Martha Ognowski.



Change the World, the Easy Way

Don't Be an Ideas Killer

It sucks when someone tramples all over something you suggest. So instead of knocking ideas down, spot the good in them, or at least spot what you can do to make them better. Helpful ways to do this do NOT include the following: "I think what Brian meant to say is..." or, "I love it. But what do I know? I'm as mad as a lorry."

Concealed Handgun Class Scheduled

Instructor Earl Beverly has scheduled a concealed handgun class for Saturday, March 13, 2010. New license - \$150. Renew license - \$100. Call to register: (936) 628-3678 or (936) 327-1946.

Shepherd Schools AB Honor Roll

3rd Six Weeks 2010

First Grade: Aaron Ainsworth, Hallie Alexander, Khloe Allen, Dannon Beaty, Dylan Brown, Desirae Bullock, Tony Caso, II, Callie Chreene, Kara Coleman, Victoria Cristello, Don Dana, II, Ray'Nasha Denson, Cheyenne Elmore, Desiree Galvan, Amber Hauke, Dillen Johnson, Devin Kent, Phillip Kyle, Isaira Martinez, Johana Martinez, Alejandra Mayorga, Nicole Nelson, Ashley New, Wyatt Penton, Garret Rhoden, Kaitlyn Story, Dyanne Vasquez, Adrian Voyles, Anthony Weber, Kasi Wyatt, and Mathieux Wyatt.
Second Grade: Erik Best, Carlecia Boyd, Jaimie Brown, Kolton Burton, Justin Carter, Reynundo Casas, Angelina Castillo, Brianna Cavazos, Julian Cheek, Levi Clark, Grace Cochrell, Skylar Crowl, Meghan Darrow, Michael Davalos, John Davis, Kaylon Ellis, Vanesa Espinoza, Brian Foreman, Jasmin Guevara, Mackenzie Hassler, Dyllan Hicks, Chayce Jimmerson, Gideon Johnson, Jaeda Knox, Kessie LaCombe, Ivan Lopez Figueroa, Gage McAnally, Ericka McKee, Jasmine Melike, Cassidy Mosley, Ashley Patterson, Jacob Patterson, Briseyda Pena, Korinne Perry, Kristina Reyna, Lesly Rios, Clayton Roane, Reagan Roberts, Madison Williams, Paige Solomon, Daniel Soto, Kiara Torres, Justin Vann, Chase Williams, Keoley Wright, and Destiny Young.

3rd Grade: Noah Allredge, Dylan Arie, Skylar Arispe-Davis, Ashley Barlow, Jessie Beaver, Stacen Berrones, Breanna Boyett, Malisia Callahan, Graviela Chavez, Kenneth Cooper, Makayla Currie, Aum Dalwadi, Yulisa Delgado, Stephanie Dugas, Consuelo Escalante, McKenzie Guzas, Brittany Garcia, Steven Garza, Shawn Goins, Jordan Griffin, Juana Fuchman, Bryan Hernandez-Tovar, Joseph Holland, Makena Jones, Ivette Martinez, Chase Mathis, Jordan Mathis, Taylor Mathis, Marco Mayorga, Samantha McGough, Jaidyn McMayon, Taylor Meek, Brayden Mills, Jacob Odstreil, Allisondra Ortiz, Aymee Owens, Cole Phillips, Adrian Ramos, Samantha Reeves, Seth Rice, Ashley Roberts, Tyler Roberts, Riley Rodgers, Leah Rodgers, Cynthia Rozenboom, Autumn Slater, Lance Smith, Isaih Sosa, Ezra Stanley, Shameron Steel, Daniel Sullivan, Tariq Urrehman, Veronica Valencia, Daniel Vasquez, David Yates

4th Grade: Dilyn Addison, Madison Basham, Carlet Boyd, Damon Busby, Ashton Callahan, Miriam Carlton, Barbara Castillo, Eleazar Estrada, Jordan Fooshee, Damian Foreman, Clayton Gibson, Jack Herod, Isaac Isbell, Natalie Jaime, Nicholas Jimenez, Rosa Jimenez, Israel Johnson, Hannah Kelso, Maria Luviano-Gomez, Jessica Manning, Michael Martin, Savannah Martin, Bailey McMaster, Liseth Morales, Andres Nesterenko, Ashley Plummer, Lindsey Potter, John Schubert, Jeremy Smith, Danira Tovar-Arvizio, Austin Voan, Kirsten Wright, Cole Young

5th Grade: Margarita Acuna, Keylei Allen, Alexis Alvarado Hernandez, Celina Aretino, Jordan Barrientez, Tyra Benton, Dakotah Boatwright, Brandon Cheves, Tori Clack, Ethan Cronin, Driшти Dalwadi, Nickolas Darrow, Sarah Engle, Tyler Escarcega, Brett Farris, Devin Fontenot, Michael Goodson, Jacob Griffin, Clyde Harper, Shelby Hawthorne, Tanya Iracheta, Isaih Isbell, Zachary Jenkins, Amanda Kyle, Devon Maes, Tanner McIntyre, Samuel Moore, Tanner Moreno, Meagon Overstreet, Alicia Pope, Cheltzie Robinson, Joshua Rawls, Andrei Rice, Haze Richey, Sydnee Rogers, Christian Sanchez, Joseph Smith, Carley Smith, Katelynn Stokley, Steven Tenorio, Vanessa Tullios, Chase Watson, Jenna Watson, Jenna Watson, Russell Wheeler, Heather Yearbrough

6th grade: Obdulia Almaguer, Tessa Barnett, Emily Brawner, Andrew Byer, Alejandra Casillas, Joshua Castillo, Brenda Chavez, Christina Clark, Samantha Coleman, Dale Creel, Brandon Cristello, Sarah Cronin, Brandon Darrow, Miguel Fonseca, Brian Gordon, Jason Hernandez, Grace Holden, Angel Jackson, Selena Jaime, Laura James, Breanna Jeanne' Key, Key Key, Tinker King, William Lacoste, Josue Marins, Madison Mckithan, Braedan Melder, Christian Milwee, Linsey Mosley, Destiny Muirhead, Leslie Orozco, Alyssa Patterson, Blake Pennington, Ashly Pettit, Evelynn Pettway, Cheyenne Poe, Dawson, Roessler, Tessa Rutledge, Lilianna Sandoval, Kayla Schlittenhardt, Royce See, Kimberly Silva, James Sowell, Joseph Sylvester, Syeed Urrehman, Gabriela Valencia Orozco, Robert Vonkamp, Jeffrey Wagley, Jasmine Williams, Kayla Williams, Sarah Willam.

7th grade: Tristan Allbright, James Allen, Clay Ballard, Sarah Bohannon, Charles Bullock IV, Caitlin Cadwalder, Amelia Dean, Kayla Ebarb, Katelynn Enloe, Jacqueline Garcia, Kevin Henderson, Kristin Johnson, Whitney Keith, Emily Kuykendall, Charles Laminack, Angelika Martinez, Meliane McCool, Alycia McGe, Taylor Mize, Andrew Owens, Brett Price, Callie Price, Tristan Robinson, Brooke Spann, Trent Taylor, Brianna Teas, Cassidy Thoms, Lauren Turner, Betty Watts, Kaitlyn Wells, Hunter Whitmore, Jasmine Yates, Caylin Young

8th grade: Katy Adams, Michelle Aretino, Joshua Courvelle, Abbigayle Creger, Sarah Doverspike, Justin Elder, Veronica Gottselig, Hanna Gustafson, Lauren Heggie, Eric Johnston, Tyler Katz, Tyler Kolek, Rachel Lovell, Chastity Paxton, Travis Rerich, Sheridan Rutledge, Chase Simpson, Hayden Smith, Tiffany Thain David Viator, John Wood, Kiarah Yates

9th Grade: Heaven-Lee Banda, Sarah Bliss, James Bowen, Necia Boyer, Kimberly Caldwell, Gary Cantrell, Georgie Cantu, Ashlyn Combs, Cayla Coogle, Christina Creel, Brandon Cronin, Rachael Daugherty, Rivers Doolan, Antonio Duarte, Tiffany Lunsford, Elaine Marin, Arthur Maxwell Jr, Shantana Melonson, Whitney O'Brien, Jose Ojeda, Thomas Payne, Trenton Pennington, Natalie Reeves, Bona Run, Jonathan Terrell, and Amber Walulik

10th Grade: Chad Alaniz, Michael Anderson, Amber Caldwell, Jesse Campbell, Samantha Copley, Charles Courvelle, Brittany Goodwin, Kayla Hemperly, Luz Lemus, Alma Molina, Luis Moreno, Krystal Punch, Jessie Reynolds, Magen Roberts, Summer Rose, Jessica Tharp, Efrain Torres Jr, Melanie Salyer, Madeline Smith, Joshua Whittleman, Kelsie Wilkie, and Shanice Williams

11th Grade: Carly Anderson, Krystal Cook-McNab, Katrina Gates, Jessica Gibbs, Arleni Gomez, Heaven Griffin, Dylan Henry, Dale Jahnke, Paula Johnson, Charissa Vandver, and Jarrell Wyatt

12th Grade: Amber Allen, Denise Aretino, Jessica Ash, Tricia Burleson, Chincia Caddie, Justin Courvelle, Artie Doyle, Kenzie Eyer, Steven Flynn, Edgar Fuentes, Jacob Guidry, April Hayes, Heidi Jenkins, Emily Lewis, Maria Macedo, Francisco Pena, Colton Pope, Karlee Quibodeaux, Andrea Revilla, Tyler Rosetta, Allyson Socia, Weldon Spann, and Jennifer Swan.

Church News

SPRING HILL BAPTIST CHURCH OF EVERGREEN will host "Men on the Move for Christ" on Sunday, March 14, 2010, at 3:00 pm, with Rev. Paul High and New Hope Baptist Church of Goodrich. "For in Him we Live, and Move..." Acts 17:28. Dinner will be served. For more information call Sister Rosie Reed, Program Specialist, at (936) 653-4531.

CALL TO CALVARY MINISTRIES is having Evangelist Joel Fletcher preach a revival on March 14, 2010 at 6:30 continuing on Monday at 7:30 pm as long as the Lord leads. We are located on FM 1127 (which is north 1.5 miles from Shell Station in Shepherd). Go east 2.2 miles on FM 1127. Turn right on Thomas Castleberry Road and follow it for 0.8 miles. We are on the left. **Everyone is welcome!** **HARMONY CHURCH** will have gospel music on Saturday, March 6, 2010 at 6:30 pm. Afterwards there will be a pot luck dinner and a dessert auction to raise funds for our building fund. Come see all we have already gotten done! For further information call 936-653-4742. We'll see you there!

Business News: Spray Tan Party

Do you want to be tan for spring break without all the tanning bed hassle? Come join us for food and drinks and get your spray tan (ages 13 and up) at a members price of only \$20 (reg. \$35) and you can enjoy your tan by morning! This party is hosted by Brenda Banda and Kandy Johnson at Serenity Bodyworks (11250 Hwy 150) on Saturday, March 13, 2010, at 5:00 pm. Please RSVP, limited space is available. 936-628-2100.

Obituaries

Anna Copley

May 10, 1916-February 17, 2010

Anna Laura Burroughs Copley, age 93, of Shepherd, Texas, passed away Wednesday, February 17, 2010. She was born in Beeville, Texas on May 10, 1916 to George and Agnes Burroughs who preceded her in death along with her loving husband, Jesse Welch Copley; brother, Clarence Burroughs; sister, Betty Jane Owens; grandson, George Eugene "Corky" Copley II.

Survivors include her son, George Eugene Copley and wife, Lucy daughter, Janice Christi LeBlanc and husband, JL LeBlanc; sister, Judy Eleazar; grandchildren, Melinda Annette Alexander, William Gordon Copley "Billy" and wife, Lawanna, Veronica Marie LeBlanc, Jason Elliot Copley and wife, Sheila, Courtney Ann Hinz, Jennifer Marie Williams, Kayla Williams, Marty, Jessica Laura James, Jarred James Copley and wife, Joy; great-grandchildren, CJ Thompson and wife, Shanena, Amber Maestas and husband, Michael, Angela Smith, BJ, Jr. and Christopher Copley, Dovante, Mackenzie, Jocelyn, and Lillian Copley, Kendal Wade and Kristi Hinz, Megan, Kaitlyn, and Brandon Fornero, Tristan Ham, Jaxon and Jaelyn James, Jacob, Micah, and Luke Copley, great-great-grandchildren, Kathlyn, Mason, and Cameron Thompson, Anissa Maestas Anthony, Robert, and Destyni Smith; and so many treasured friends throughout the years.

Pastor John Stephenson conducted memorial services Saturday, February 20, 2010, 2:00 p.m. at Shepherd United Methodist Church, Shepherd, Texas.

Barry Lynn Punch

September 28, 1954 - February 20, 2010

On September 28, 1954, a baby boy was born to Wilmer Punch and Jessie Lee Punch. They named him Barry Lynn Punch. Barry grew up in Shepherd, Texas and attended Shepherd schools. As a young child he showed interest in reading and sports. At an early age he accepted the Lord and joined Lake Station Missionary Baptist Church.

Following high school he served 4 years in the Air Force. He worked as a concrete finisher in Houston and the surrounding areas. He went to be with his Lord and Savior February 20, 2010. He is preceded in death by his father, Wilmer Punch; one brother, Ronnie Jay Punch; and one sister, Doris Faye Punch; wife, Jocelyn Punch. He leaves to cherish his memories, mother, Jessie Lee Punch; one daughter, Jatoya Punch; four brothers, Leroy Punch, Johnnie Punch (Glady); Kenneth Punch (Araceli) and Rodney Punch (Marilyn); three sisters, Mary Louise Punch, Shirley Pierson (Kenneth), Connie Scott (Willie); five grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends. He also leaves a special friend Brenda Hale and children.

A going home celebration for Barry was held on Saturday, February 27, 2010, at noon, at Lake Station Baptist Church, FM 1127, Shepherd, TX, with burial to follow at Lake Station Cemetery. All services handled by Neal Funeral Home, Cleveand, TX. To view the full obituary, check for times, sign the guest book and leave a tribute for the family, please visit www.Nealfh.com.

Herrod, Kimberly Howard, Crystal Wilson, Katarra McDuffie, Johnnie Breland, Cecelia Rodriguez, Danielle Coker, Keley Clark, Ashley Barlow, Lauren Russell, Morgan Barrientez, and Rebecca Black. These girls have worked very hard this year and have brought home a total of 37 awards. The team will continue their competition season on March 26th and 27th in Galveston at the Showtime International National Championships. We wish them the best of luck!

Clean Up Day at Ballpark!

Please come out
on Saturday, March 6th, 9am,
and help get the park ready
for the 2010 baseball season.

SHS Artists Bring Home Medals



The Visual Art Department would like to recognize and congratulate the Shepherd Artists who competed Saturday, January 30 at the Regional Visual Art Scholastic Event held in Brenham. Each student competed in interview and artwork judging.

Shepherd High School Artists took nine pieces of artwork to this Regional Competition and brought home eight medals. Congratulations to all the Shepherd Artists for a job well done.

Division I: Krystal Cook and Whitney O'Brien. Both artists received a superior rating and medal. **Division II:** Kayla Hemperly received an excellent rating for her sculpture. Aimee Cook, Jessica Gibbs and Kelsie Wilkie were awarded superior ratings and a medal. *Congratulations to Shepherd artists for a job well done! Pictured are Aimee Cook, Kayla Hemperly, Krystal Cook, and Whitney O'Brien. Not pictured are Kelsie Wilkie and Jessica Gibbs.*

Lady Pirates Place 2nd in Hudson Tournament

The Shepherd Lady Pirates went 5 and 1 in the Hudson Tournament to finish second place. The Lady Pirates lost the first game 6-4 to state ranked Alto. Shepherd reeled off 5 straight victories defeating Center 2-1, West Sabine 19-7, Central Heights 2-1, Hemphill 7-2 and Garrison 1-0. Keri McShan picked up 4 wins on the mound striking out 47 in her 5 games. Leading hitters were Dayna Whitmore, Bre'anna Fischer, Katie Betts and Miranda Mollica

Front row: Chelsea Mott, Andrea Revilla, and Brook Hale. Second row: Bre'anna Fischer, Katie Betts, Casey Gamez, Keri McShan, and Charley Vandver. Back row: Coach Emola, K. Ripley, Kaylee Jordan, Robyn Whitmore, Kenzie Ener, Coach Meng, Dayna Whitmore.

Naming a New Business

Once a future entrepreneur has completed a detailed business plan and is ready to begin the business, a proper name must be selected and the new business must be registered with the county clerk's office. Selecting the name for a new business can sometimes be confusing and may very well mean the difference between failure or success. The business name communicates what sets the business apart from the rest of the marketplace; therefore, the name must convey the right message.

Entrepreneurs should choose a name that is unique; however, it should inform the public of what type of business or service is provided. It should also be a name that will be easy for consumers to remember. Although this may seem very simple, it often takes a lot more effort than many individuals realize. Several names should be considered and much thought needs to go into the final selection process. Listed below are a few **mistakes to avoid** when naming your business and you can read more at www.entrepreneur.com:

- Getting the "committee" involved in your decision - involving family, friends seems like the right thing to do but business owners need to only involve the key decision makers.
- Employing the "train wreck" method of creating a name - don't mix chocolate syrup with ketchup; there's nothing wrong with the ingredients but they don't go together.
- Using words so plain they'll never stand out in a crowd - nothing does better than a well conceived name.
- Taking the atlas approach and using a map to name your company. - many businesses use their city, state or region to name their business but if their business expands and they branch out to another state that may become a problem. For instance, St. Pete Plumbing from Petersburg, Florida. One might think they only service that area only.
- Turning your name into a cliché - these can be great if they are not used to the point of being trite.
- Making your business name so obscure, customers will never know what it means. To assist in the naming process of a new business, the