

SHEPHERD COMMUNITY NEWS



Will You Be Ready if Disaster Strikes?

*Do you know how to prepare your family for a disaster?
The following are a few things you can do that
will help prepare you and your family.*

1. Make sure you and your family have a meeting place if all of you get separated.
2. Make sure you have all of your important medical records and important documents together in a waterproof bag.
3. Make sure you have food for you and your family and other supplies for at least 2 weeks.
4. Make sure you have an emergency supply kit full of everything from flashlight to first aid kits and cash.
5. Take an inventory or video of the contents of your home and valuables to use in the event of a claim.

Things you and your family can do to prevent yourselves from harm.

1. If you know that a hazard will affect your home, do not hesitate, take your family to a safe area.
2. If you come upon flood waters. Turn around don't drown.

Things you can do if damages to your home have occurred:

1. Document your home before and after a disaster.
2. If you have homeowners insurance contact your insurance provider about your damages.
3. Contact your local Emergency Manager with your damages.
4. Be prepared for the unexpected.

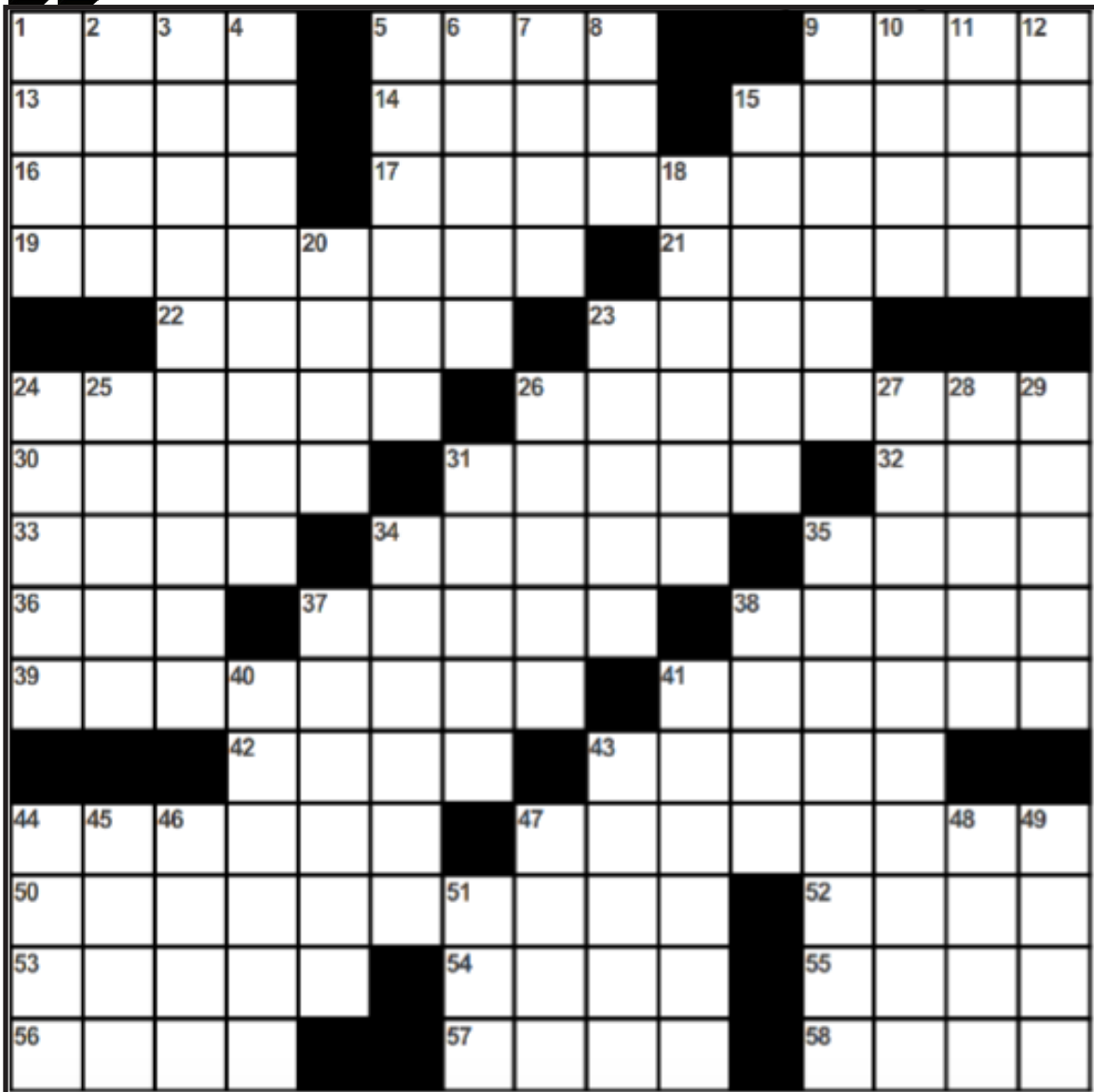
A message from the SJC Office of Emergency Management



The Houston Food Bank Truck will be at the Shepherd Community Center passing out food on December 30, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. No ID, proof of income, or proof of residency required. **YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO RECEIVE YOUR FOOD.** No one can pick anything up for other people and you must come through the line to sign up and get your portion. We do NOT deliver to your vehicle for any reason. Everyone is Welcome!



CROSSWORD PUZZLE (see next page for answers)



DOWN

- 1) Hydrochloric, for one
- 2) Was a passenger
- 3) Some eating utensils
- 4) Lone
- 5) Abrasive injury
- 6) Minuscule amounts
- 7) Capitol Hill worker
- 8) Clavell's "___-Pan"
- 9) Cut with a scalpel
- 10) Get weary
- 11) Computer graphic symbol
- 12) Seven, at the Sorbonne
- 15) Fiona, in the "Shrek" films
- 18) In the manner of a meddler
- 20) A great deal
- 23) Dickens character Heep
- 24) Ancient item
- 25) Particular Arab
- 26) Powders for bathers
- 27) Paper supporters
- 28) Four-bagger in Idaho?
- 29) Hairdresser's forte
- 31) Tubular pasta
- 34) Funeral hymns
- 35) Thailand's neighbor
- 37) Stops
- 38) Treehouse foundation
- 40) Dependable and unfailing
- 41) Illegal parkers' worry
- 43) Group of witches
- 44) Charley horse
- 45) Fully clothed
- 46) Far from warm
- 47) "Two thumbs up, way up," e.g.
- 48) Story that may be tall
- 49) "It's OK after all" in editing
- 51) Bricklayer's carrier

J of the JOKE WEEK

On New Year's Eve, Marilyn stood up in the local pub and said that it was time to get ready. At the stroke of midnight, she wanted every husband to be standing next to the one person who made his life worth living. Well, it was kind of embarrassing. As the clock struck, the bartender was almost crushed to death.



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FACT: Light travels faster than sound.



...That is why some people appear quite bright – until you hear them talk.

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ACROSS

- 1) Circle parts
- 5) Police team acronym
- 9) Tonsil attachment?
- 13) Type of salmon
- 14) "Pet" that's really a plant
- 15) Chilling?
- 16) An image of worship
- 17) Equestrian's tool
- 19) Do electrolysis on
- 21) Provide bearings to
- 22) Puts the kibosh on
- 23) Functions
- 24) Reposition, as tires
- 26) Divides in three
- 30) Kuwaiti big shots
- 31) Beach playthings
- 32) Back muscle, for short
- 33) Like doilies
- 34) Airport bumper
- 35) Half a gas mileage rating
- 36) Pen filler
- 37) Piece of cake
- 38) Place for a buttonhole
- 39) Artificial reservoirs
- 41) Sound quality
- 42) Foam at the mouth
- 43) Jazz ensemble
- 44) Blame
- 47) Wave makers
- 50) Near disaster
- 52) "Dang!" relative
- 53) Quits marching
- 54) No longer hung up on
- 55) Between activities
- 56) Mini-whirlpool
- 57) Animal shelters
- 58) Play ___ (compete in tennis)

Did you know...

by Yvonne Ryba

I am writing this the day before winter officially begins, although it has seemed like winter for the last few days! I mentioned that the LadyBugs had emerged again early this year. They always show up in the bathroom, this morning there were 14 on the window. I opened it and most of them flew out. Did you know that in the country of my birth, England, we call them LadyBirds? They are considered lucky there too.

Have you filled out the ballot paper for the ‘Best of San Jacinto County’ yet? Download it from the Coldspring Chamber web site or pick one up from the Chamber office or a local store. Shepherd Library has some copies for those Shepherd residents who would like one. The awards will be given out at the banquet on February 4 at this time of writing. Get out your new diary to mark down the date! You don’t have to fill in every category but you can only submit one copy each. Ballots must be returned to the Chamber by December 31st.

Coldspring Chamber of Commerce will hold a lunch in January with Director Bob Barragan as the guest speaker. It will be held in the Coldspring Community Center. Watch out for the date. You will have noticed that Bob Barragan is mentioned usually at the end of this column. He has been the Director of the Small Business development Center at Sam Houston State for about 24 years. He is the most entertaining speaker and it is well worth coming to the lunch to hear him speak. I will list the firm date for the lunch soon.

Remember what I wrote about last week? There are scammers everywhere! Constable Roy Pippin reminds us all to make note of our electronic possessions and other valuables so that they are easy to identify. Make note of all identifying numbers, take pictures too.

Both Shepherd and Coldspring- San Jacinto County Chambers of Commerce wishes everyone a truly merry Christmas and a blessed New Year.

Need answers to you business questions? Not sure about the rules and regulations of your business? Call your local chamber to make an appointment with Director Bob Barragan. Bob travels to 10 counties in our area helping people with their problems. He is Director of the Sam Houston State S.B.D.C.

Coldspring-San Jacinto Chamber of Commerce

31 N. Butler, Coldspring 77331

Call (936) 653-2184

www.coldspringtexas.org

Shepherd Chamber of Commerce

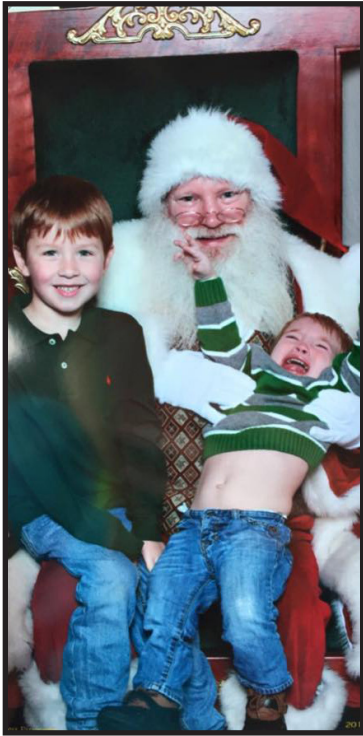
Mail to PO Box 520 Shepherd, 77371

Call (936) 628-3515

www.greatershepherdchamberofcommerce.org



Don't Forget to Send us Those Funny Santa Pictures!



Kids love Santa...until it's time to sit in his lap. Can't say I blame ya, kiddos! It is kind of creepy when you think about it. None the less, year after year we dress them up, stand in line and pray our kids don't do what the kid before them did...but boy is it funny when they do.... for the rest of us of course. Although, embarrassing at the time those pictures sure do make some hilarious memories! So if you have a photo you would like to share in our paper just submit it using one of the methods below or bring it by our courtesy booth.

Please remember to include the following when submitting:

- Name
- Age
- What they asked Santa for, for Christmas
- Any stories you want to share with your photo

...after all, it is the kids who make the holidays the most fun, right?

Email: mcclains.shepherdnews@gmail.com

Website: www.mcclainsfoodmarket.com

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HEALTHY TUNA STUFFED AVOCADO

Ingredients

- 4 avocados, halved and pitted (*Jumbo on sale \$0.99ea!*)
- 3 (4.5oz) cans of tuna, drained (*Parade 5 oz. can on sale 4/\$3.00!*)
- 1 red bell pepper, sliced
- 1 jalapeno, minced (*on sale \$0.79lb!*)
- 1 cup cilantro leaves, roughly chopped (*on sale 3/\$0.99!*)
- 1 lime, juiced
- Salt and pepper

Directions

- Scoop out some of the avocado from the pitted area to widen the “bowl” area. Place the scooped avocado into a medium-size mixing bowl. Mash with a fork.
- Add the tuna, bell pepper, jalapeno, and cilantro to the mixing bowl. Pour lime juice over. Stir it all together until everything is well mixed.
- Scoop the tuna into the avocado bowls. Season with salt and pepper.

Make it a Meal! Serve with wheat thins or another healthy snack cracker (*Ritz Crackers on sale \$1.99!*) to make this a delicious but healthy lunch to start the New Year off right! Recipe found at www.thestayathomechef.com.



Senior Menu

MON 12/26: Holiday

TUE 12/27: Hamburger Patty, Onions & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Black Eye Peas, Cornbread, Salad, Fruit

WED 12/28: Breaded Pork Cutlets & Gravy, Green Beans, Squash Casserole, Rolls, Salad, Fruit

THUR 12/29: Chicken & Shrimp & Sausage Gumbo, Rice Tossed Salad & Dressing, Crackers, Fruit

FRI 12/30: Chicken Strips, Cream Gravy, Fried Potatoes & Onions, Corn, Salad, Fruit



Second Tuesday of each month includes Birthday cake! Call (936) 628-3733 by 9:30 a.m. to reserve a meal!

Menu's are Subject To Change Due To Availability.



It Ends With Us

by Colleen Hoover
367 pages

GENRE: New Adult/ Romance

SUMMARY: Preventing your heart from forgiving someone you love is actually a hell of a lot harder than simply forgiving them.

Lily hasn't always had it easy, but that's never stopped her from working hard for the life she wants. She's come a long way from the small town in Maine where she grew up - she graduated from college, moved to Boston, and started her own business. So when she feels a spark with a gorgeous neurosurgeon named Ryle Kincaid, everything in Lily's life suddenly seems almost too good to be true.

Ryle is assertive, stubborn, and maybe even a little arrogant. He's also sensitive, brilliant, and has a total soft spot for Lily, but Ryle's complete aversion to relationships is disturbing.

As questions about her new relationship overwhelm her, so do thoughts of Atlas Corrigan—her first love and a link to the past she left behind. He was her kindred spirit, her protector. When Atlas suddenly reappears, everything Lily has built with Ryle is threatened.

MY REVIEW: I have so many emotions right now after finishing this book that it's hard to know where to start. But I think everyone (of appropriate age) should read this book. That's right, everyone.

I could easily give everything away. I could, but I won't. If you go looking for lots of reviews, it won't be hard to work out what this book is about. And if you, you should still read it, but I think it's better if you don't. I think it's better to go into this book knowing as little as possible. But I will say that this is an extremely powerful story and I don't think it will be what most people are expecting. I know it wasn't for me.

We experience everything through Lily's eyes. When she falls in love, we fall in love; when she gets her heart broken, our heart is broken; when she gets it all wrong, so do we.

Nothing in this book is black and white, it is so filled with gray areas and so deep and complex and, therefore, far more emotional. It peels back the layers of characters and relationships to do something that so many other authors have tried and failed to do - to make you understand a situation that for most people makes no sense. It's very sad, painful and exceptionally honest. My heart hurt while reading it and I almost cried several times.

Colleen Hoover really knew the 16-25 year old female audience she was writing for when she made Lily's best friend Alyssa. Heck, I want her to be my best friend. She's just so quirky and funny and she says the absolute best line of the entire book, that I so wish I could quote for you now, but it would be a huge spoiler, and I refuse to allow myself to do that.

I thought this book was excellent, and if your age 16 and over I think you should give this a chance. And also, if you're going to take my advice about starting this book not having a clue what it's about, STOP READING at the end of this sentence, because the Parental Guidance will give too much away.

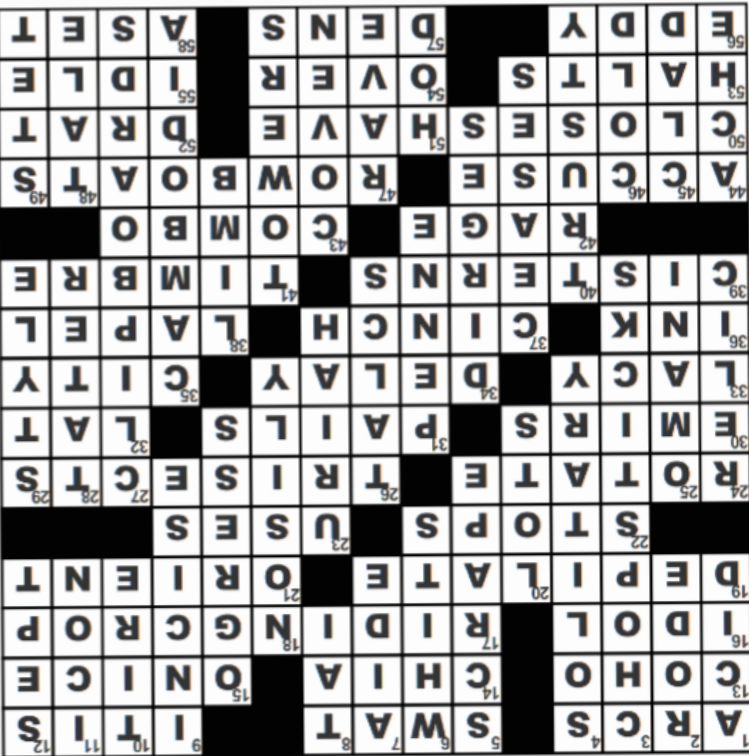
PARENTAL GUIDANCE: 16+ There is labeled as a New Adult book, which is geared to an older audience. There are graphic scenes of domestic abuse, attempted rape, strong language, sexual innuendos and intimate sexual scenes.

STAND ALONE OR SERIES: This is a stand alone book.

PRICE: I found copies new, used, and e-book on Amazon from \$6.99-\$9.71.

- Ozzie

ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD



Community Classifieds

UNEMPLOYED MACHINIST NEEDS WORK: Tractor work, Welding, Automotive repair, Roofing, Carpentry, Painting, All types of Tile work, REASONABLE RATES, NO JOB TOO SMALL! Located in the Shepherd area. Please call Joseph Clements 936-588-9060 OR 936-230-2383 **FOR SALE:** Call Darrell Swire 713-202-3800

- 3 ceiling fans \$25.00/ea.
- 10" Craftsman Laser Radial Arm Saw; \$150
- 17.5 ft. Bass Boat 115 hp Mercury, SS prop, New \$425 trolling motor (never used); \$850.
- Small BBQ pit on trailer, ideal for deer lease or home cooking. 17/8 ball, tow behind 4-wheeler or put on 16' trailer and take it anywhere; \$150.

FOR SALE: 3 acres for sale in 5 Acres Subdivision in Shepherd, located 3 miles off Interstate 69/Hwy 59. Please call (936) 365-4418.

FOR SALE: Power chair lift, \$200. Walker, \$50.00. Wheel chair, \$100.00. Or \$300 for everything. Please call (936) 365-3474.

FOR SALE: 1 Pelonis Oil filled Radiator Heater with thermostat control \$25. also 1 Lakewood Oil filled Radiator Heater with thermostat \$30. Both never need refilling. Call 936-697-2192

FOR RENT: 2½BR/1½BA house for rent. Please call (281) 592-0601 or (281) 659-7780.

FOR SALE: DJ equipment, please contact Jimmy at 281-432-9136

- DBX DriveRack PX, A compressor, limiter, equalizer, etc. all in one! Will come with RTA mic - \$200 for all
- GTD Audio 4 pack wireless handheld microphones-\$200 OBO
- 6/10U rack - \$80
- Pioneer DDJ-S1. DJ Controller. Serato compatible. I think no license code needed! - \$225 Obo
- Two Martin MAC 500 E. Moving headlights. Pretty good shape. Just need a clean up! Everything seems to work. -\$350 each OBO or \$600 for the pair
- TWO Carvin 1584. 15" speakers. Good shape. Leave on the floor - \$125 each or both for \$200
- Gator RACK with cover with inside of it: PVDJ Club Mix - 4 channel mixer.
- Denon DN-D4000 CD player Peavey PV 900 amp -\$500 unless you combo it with speaker purchase then \$400
- Numark MixDeck controller. It has the iPod controller on it! The channel faders are glitchy. Might just need new faders! - OFFER UP

Community Calendar

12/28: Bridge of hope community church “Community Fellowship Dinner”, Shepherd Middle School; 7PM

1/2: EDC Meeting, 7pm/EDC Building

1/2: Friday Senior Resale Shop Bag Day

1/6: Bob Brannagan's monthly consultations with current or prospective business owners, 10am-noon/Chamber Office

1/9: City Council Meeting, 7pm/Community Center

1/10: 7pm First Station Auxiliary Meeting; 7PM

1/12: SJC Women's League Meeting, 11:30am/Coldspring Community Center

1/14: Impact Work Shop; Impact Thrift Shop; 1300 S. Byrd Shepherd, TX

1/16: Friday Senior Resale Shop Bag Day

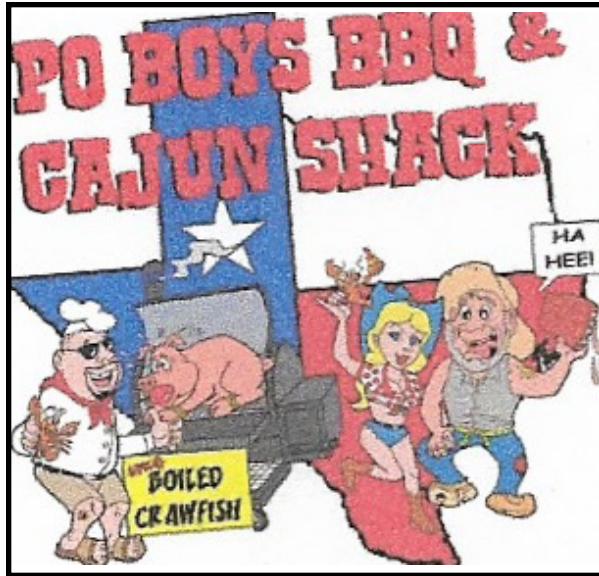
1/16: School Board Meeting, 7pm

1/25: Bridge of hope community church “Community Fellowship Dinner”, Shepherd Middle School, 7PM.

**Every Monday & Tuesday: SISD Bilingual Parent Involvement, 6-8pm at middle school library.*

Business News

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Mon-Sat: 12:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m

