

# SHEPHERD COMMUNITY NEWS

## New Playground for the Primary

A BIG Thank you to our School Board for the new play ground at Shepherd Primary. The students are enjoying the new slides and the rock climbing ladder. The second graders love the big red slide!



Pictured left to right: Damian Barnett, Johnnie Mosley, Sara Gordon, Aidan Payne, Hailey Schroyer, Gracci Bellard, Skyleigh Lagow, Evaline Marshall, Levi Seagroves, and Mike.



Andrew Harris



Bentley Davidson



Izzy Rushing  
and Latkia Hadnot



Teagan Schubert

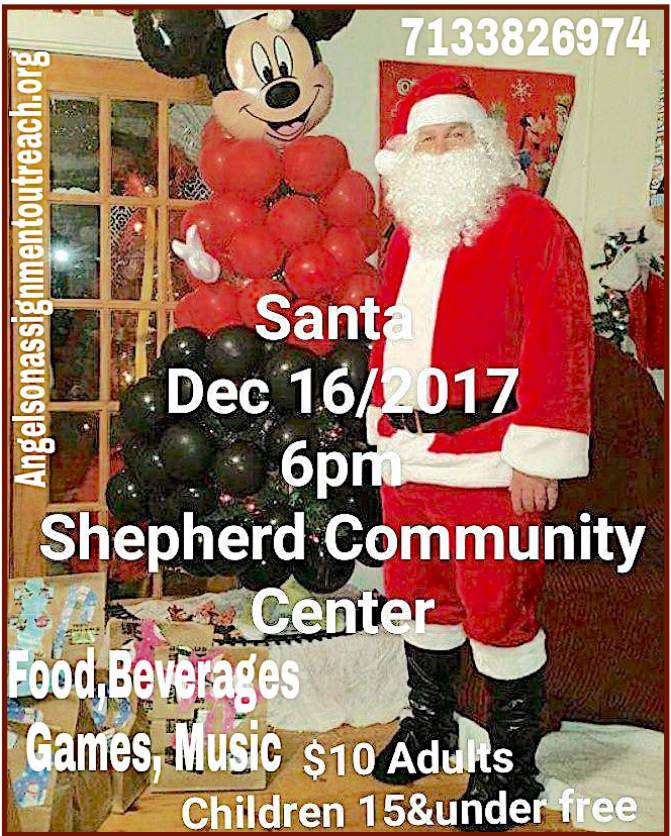
## FFA'S SJC Fair Grand Champion Winners



Shepherd FFA's 2017 San Jacinto County Fair Grand Champion Winners were awarded a certificate of recognition from State Representative Ernest Bales. Congratulations on these notable achievements!

- Brooke McAnally**  
Grand Champion Educational Barn with "A Really Reeses Cake"
- Hank Kelso**  
Grand Champion Educational Barn with Metal Fire Pit/ Grill
- Olivia Ansley**  
Grand Champion Education Barn with Floral Arrangement
- Madison Smith**  
Grand Champion Senior Lamb and Senior Goat

## Santa is coming to town



**DECEMBER 16, 2017**  
Shepherd Community Center  
Santa will be there from 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
Food , Beverages, and Music from 9:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

## A Thanksgiving "Snack" Feast



The Native Americans, in Mrs. Swiech's class, joined the Pilgrims, in Mrs. Fink's class, for a special feast in honor of Thanksgiving. The Native Americans graciously supplied popcorn while the Pilgrims provided goldfish and fruit snacks. The Pilgrims wore traditional hats or bonnets, and the Native Americans wore colorful headbands. Everybody learned about the first Thanksgiving and enjoyed "re-enacting" it on November 17.

## Toys For Tots

County Judge John Lovett would like to make county residents aware of that the Commissioners Court, on November 14, made certain San Jacinto County offices available as collection sites for the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program.

The mission of the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program is to collect new, unwrapped toys during October, November and December each year, and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to less fortunate children in the community in which the campaign is conducted. The primary goal of Toys for Tots is to deliver, through a new toy at Christmas, a message of hope to less fortunate youngsters that will assist them in becoming responsible, productive, patriotic citizens.

Collection boxes are available at several area businesses in Coldspring and Shepherd and at the county offices of the Court House Annex, Sheriff, County Judge and all four precinct offices. Applications are available in the offices of Sheriff, County Judge and all four precinct offices. All applications must be submitted by 4:00 pm on December 12th.

County resident and Marine Corps veteran Robert Payne is the official agent for the Toys for Tots program. The principal Toys for Tots activity which takes place each year is the collection and distribution of toys in the communities in which a Marine Corps Reserve Unit is located. In communities without a Reserve Unit, the campaign can be conducted by a Marine Corps League Detachment or group of men and women, generally veteran Marines, authorized by Marine Toys for Tots Foundation to conduct a local Toys for Tots campaign. Local Toys for Tots Campaign Coordinators conduct an array of activities throughout the year, which include golf tournaments, foot races, bicycle races and other voluntary events designed to increase interest in Toys for Tots, and concurrently generate toys and monetary donations.

The objectives of Toys for Tots are to help less fortunate children throughout the United States experience the joy of Christmas; to play an active role in the development of one of our nation's most valuable resources – our children; to unite all members of local communities in a common cause for three months each year during the annual toy collection and distribution campaign; and to contribute to better communities in the future.

## SJC Tax Assessor Collector Resigns Replacement Being Sought

County Judge John Lovett and the Commissioners Court would like to inform the citizens of San Jacinto County that the Court has received a letter of resignation from Kelly Selmer-Wineinger, the County Tax Assessor-Collector. In her November 20th resignation, Ms. Selmer-Wineinger listed December 4th as the effective date. The Commissioners Court met November 28th and accepted the resignation. The Court would also like to inform the public that the vacancy will be filled by appointment of the Commissioners Court. However, the timing of the resignation is such that an election will be held to fill the vacancy at the next general election. The next general election is in November 2018. Any person interested in being elected to this office should contact the chairman of the various political parties immediately for a place on the primary election ballot to be held in March 2018. The deadline for seeking a place on the March primary ballot is December 11, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

The Commissioners Court expects to have a Special Meeting to fill the vacancy on December 4, 2017. The appointment by Commissioners Court to fill the vacancy will be for a term of approximately 11 months; from appointment until November 2018 when the election is held and the elected Assessor-Collector qualifies for office.

The Commissioners Court is asking any person interested in being appointed to fill the vacancy to contact the Office of County Judge at (936) 653-2199 and any person interested in being elected to the position should contact their political party chairman as soon as possible. Unaffiliated or independent candidates can reference Chapter 142 Texas Election Code or contact the county election administrator at (936) 653-5804.

## Sharing Love for Veterans that Fought in the Wars for our Safety and Freedom

Written by: Arelis Garcia, SMS student



Throughout history, Veterans have helped us, protected us, and honored their country by serving in the military. We never seem to honor them much, however, this year the class of 2023 gave a special gift to some of our veterans. With the help of our beloved teachers, Mrs. Abney and Mrs. Anderson-History teacher, Shepherd Middle School's seventh grade class got to share their love for the veterans that fought in the wars for our safety and freedom.

**SHARE THE JOY!**  
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# Did You Know?

by Yvonne Ryba



We have celebrated Christmas in Gazebo Park in Shepherd and now we can look forward to Christmas on the Square. Coldspring Chamber of Commerce host this annual event on December 9. The square around the Courthouse will be crowded with vendors of all kinds, entertainers will be playing and Santa and his sleigh will be there for photo ops! The Hospitality Room, Kerry Hagan 's office, will be open for the sale of Christmas T-Shirts. Thanks to Attorney Hagan for giving us his space to

allow us to do this and to give out hot chocolate and cookies. Of course there is the Parade at 6:00 p.m. too! Starting at Jones Center parking lot and going through town to the Fairgrounds, this is always a treat for onlookers. Make sure you come out to enjoy the day. This event is a fund raiser for the Chamber as well as being an enjoyable event for the whole family. It is also a great place to buy Christmas gifts! After this we will be creating our own Christmas events. It is hard to believe we will soon be writing 2018 on our checks! Look out for a Health Fair to be held in Shepherd Community Center sometime in the New Year. Vendors will be able to get a form from both Chambers of Commerce web site. After all the indulging, we will need to start looking after our health!

 **Shepherd Chamber of Commerce**  
Mail to PO Box 520 Shepherd, 77371  
(936) 628-3515 [www.greatershepherdchamberofcommerce.org](http://www.greatershepherdchamberofcommerce.org)

**Coldspring - San Jacinto Chamber of Commerce**  
31 N. Butler, Coldspring 77331  
(936) 653-2184 [www.coldspringtexas.org](http://www.coldspringtexas.org)

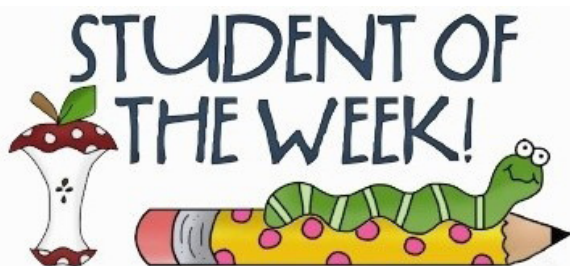
## Senior Citizens Center December 2017 Menu

<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
Breaded Pork Cutlets, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Lima Beans, Cornbread, Salad, Fruit	Baked Chicken, Macaroni & Cheese, Peas & Carrots, Roll, Salad, Fruit	Diced Ham & Potato & Onions Saute', Okra & Tomatoes, Cornbread, Salad, Dessert	Sausage Link, Baked Sweet Potato, Buttered Broccoli, Roll, Salad, Fruit Cup	Chicken & Rice Casserole, Black-Eyed Peas, Cornbread, Salad, Fruit
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
Beef Patty & Saute' Onions, Green Beans, Potatoes & Onions, Cornbread, Salad, Fruit	Chicken & Dumplings, Okra & Tomatoes, Tossed Salad & Dressing, Cornbread, Fruit	Baked Country Style Pork Ribs, Pinto Beans, Buttered Rice, Cornbread, Salad, Fruit	BBQ Chicken, Potato Salad, Coleslaw, Wheat Bread, Salad, Fruit	Cheese Burger & Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Mustard, Mayo, French Fries, Fruit Cup & Cookie
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
Chicken & Sausage Gumbo, Rice, Crackers, Tossed Salad & Dressing, Fruit	Baked Chicken, Yellow Rice, Cabbage, Cornbread, Salad, Fruit	Beef Roast & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Deviled Eggs, Rolls, Salad, Donated Desserts	Tuna Salad Sandwich, Chips, Tossed Salad & Dressing, Fruit	<b>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY</b>	Meatloaf, Cheesy Potatoes, Northern Beans, Salad, Fruit	Chicken Spaghetti, Green Beans, Corn, Garlic Bread, Salad, Fruit	Smothered Pork Cutlets, Buttered Baked Potato, Squash & Onions, Salad, Fruit	King Ranch Chicken, Pinto Beans, Tossed Salad & Dressing, Cornbread, Fruit

Second Tuesday of each month dessert includes Birthday cake. Menu's are subject to change due to availability. Call (936) 628-3733 by 9:30 a.m. to reserve a meal.

## Retired School Personnel to Meet

The San Jacinto County Retired School Personnel Association is meeting on December 5, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. at the Senior Center in Coldspring. All retired School Personnel are invited for a covered dish dinner and are asked to join our group. Carol Lee will provide Christmas music and a fun game entitled, "Getting to Know You" will be enjoyed. Members are reminded to bring children's books for Care Share in Coldspring and for Helping Hands in Shepherd. If you have questions, please call Jo Bain at (936) 653-5281.



Each week a teacher picks two students from their class who show Pirate Pride. Students show Pirate Pride by being helpful and respectful to teachers and peers. The following students received Shepherd Intermediate Pirate Pride this week:



James Tellez Ariel Ureigas Presli Mollica Nevaeh Murphy Brooke Bassett Zack Howard



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**Despicable Me 3 (PG) animation/adventure:** Gru meets his long lost charming, cheerful, and more successful twin brother Dru who wants to team up with him for one last criminal heist. **Starring (voices):** Steve Carrell, Kristen Wiig, Trey Parker

**American Assassin (R) action/thriller:** After the death of his girlfriend at the hands of terrorists, Mitch Rapp is drawn into the world of counterterrorism, mentored by tough as nails former U.S. Navy S.E.A.L. Stan Hurley. **Starring:** Dylan O'Brien, Michael Keaton, Sanaa Lathan

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## Restaurant Style Smashed Potatoes

Ingredients :

- 5 whole large red potatoes (On sale \$0.69/lb!)
- 1 stick butter, softened and cut into pieces (Imperial Margarine Sticks 1lb on sale \$0.79!)
- 5 slices bacon, cooked and crumbled (Bar-S Bacon 12oz. on sale 2/\$6.00!)
- 2 whole green onions, sliced
- 3/4 cup sour cream
- Salt to taste (add plenty!)
- Freshly ground black pepper to taste
- 3/4 cup French fried onions, more for topping (hopefully you have some left over from making green bean casserole!)
- Shredded cheddar cheese (optional) (Crystal Farms 7-8oz. on sale 2/\$4.00!)

Directions :

- Microwave potatoes or bake in oven until fork-tender. Add to a large bowl and smash with a potato masher.
- Immediately add softened butter, green onions, bacon, and sour cream and stir with a rubber spatula. Add salt and pepper to taste. Add French fried onions and fold in.
- Serve hot, sprinkling on extra French fried onions and green onions. Add shredded cheddar cheese, if desired.

**Make it a Meal!** Serve with baked, grilled, or fried chicken legs (Family Pack chicken legs on sale \$0.69/lb) and a salad to make this a complete meal! Recipe found at [www.pioneerwomancooks.com](http://www.pioneerwomancooks.com)



## Classifieds

December 6, 2017

**FOR RENT:** 3BR/2BA mobile home for rent. \$850.00 monthly plus \$400.00 deposit. Address is 561 Dogwood Trl. Shepherd, TX. Please call Mary at 832-250-6154 or Monica at 832-997-7350.

**UNEMPLOYED MACHINIST NEEDS WORK:** Welding, Automotive repair, Roofing, Carpentry, Painting, All types of Tile Work Reasonable Rates, No Job too Small! (Shepherd Area) Joseph Clements 936-588-9060



12/4: EDC Meeting; EDC Building; 7PM  
12/9: Coldspring Christmas Parade  
12/9: Impact Work Shop; 1300 S. Byrd Shepherd, TX  
12/11: City Council Meeting; Community Center; 7PM  
12/12: First Station Auxiliary Meeting; 7PM  
12/14: SJC Women's League Meeting; Coldspring Com. Center; 11:30AM  
12/15: Friday Senior Resale Shop Bag Day  
12/16: Santa; Shepherd Community Center; 6PM  
12/19: Republican Women of SJC dinner meeting; 6:45PM  
12/18: School Board Meeting, 7PM  
12/27: Bridge of hope community church "Community Fellowship Dinner", Shepherd Middle School, 7PM.

Every Monday & Tuesday: SISD Bilingual Parent Involvement 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at the Shepherd Middle School Library



## CALL TO CALVARY MINISTRIES

A church that preaches the message of the Cross. All are welcome!  
Sunday Service: 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.  
Thursday Service: 7:30 p.m.

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## SPRING HILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Celebrating the Pastor & Wife's 12th Anniversary  
Sunday, December 10, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. Message brought by Reverend John Horton, Greater Sunrise Baptist Church, Houston, Texas.  
Pastor: Reverend Frank Mason; First Lady: Evelyn Mason; Associate Minister: Douglas Jackson; Prophetess: Sheila Jackson; Program Specialist: Sister Rosie Reed (936) 653-4531 or contact the church at (936) 767-8421.

## DREW'S LANDING

## SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday school 9:45 a.m. Sunday worship 11:00 a.m.; Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Pastor: Ricky Withers. Also offering Celebrate Recovery Thursdays 6:00 p.m. and free barbecue. Questions? Call (936) 933-8769.

## BRIDGE OF HOME COMMUNITY CHURCH

Community Outreach Event! December 9, 2017 from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at 11104 SH-150 at traffic signal. 55" TV, two bikes, and a grill to be raffled! Free food, bounce houses and more!

## BUSINESS NEWS



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