SHEPHERD COMMUNITY NEWS



valentine's day dessert

your loved ones a Valentine's Day dessert!

Shepherd Volunteer Fire Department

Auxiliary will be making... Peach cobblers for \$12.00 Heart shaped brownies for \$15.00 Cakes - Large for \$10.00 and Small for \$5.00

Heart shaped cookies (chocolate chip and sugar)

Large - \$10.00 and small \$5.00

You can personalize the cookies!

It's that time of year again, to order

Pirate Pride Students of the Week

Each week a teacher picks two students from there class who shows 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; Josie Gallardo in 5th grade, Haeden Schroyer and Levi Campbell in 4th grade, Nicole Price (not pictured) and Mauricio Uristegui in 3rd Grade.





Mauricio Uristegu





Hayden Schoyer

SISD Taking Nominations for Gifted and Talented Program

Shepherd Independent School District (SISD) is currently taking nominations for students to be screened for the gifted and talented program for the 2016-2017 school year. Parents, family, friends, or community members may nominate a student for the screening process.

The nomination of students is the primary means of beginning the screening process. Screening will consist of gathering data on the students nominated by way of standardized/criterion referenced tests, mental abilities tests, teacher checklist, the Structure of Intellect Test, and personal interview. Program placement will be determined through the completion of a matrix on each student. Notification of program placement will occur before the start of the 2016-2017 school year.

Should you have a student you would like to nominate for program screening you may pick up a nomination form from any Shepherd ISD campus office. The nomination form should be completed and returned to the counselor's office by Friday, February 26th.

Do skunks celebrate



Sure, they're very scent-imental!

Any pre-orders need to be in by February 10th Call (936) 537-1888 or (281) 622-8001 to place your order or you can fax them to (936) 628-6559.

Springhill Annual **Black History Musical**



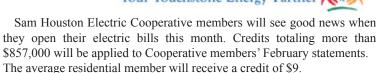
February 13, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. Dr. Frank L. Mason Jr, Pastor and First Lady, Evelyn Grace Psalm 103:2 "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits.'

All groups and soloists are welcome to participate Associate Ministers: Minister Jackson, Prophetness Sheila Jackson, Evang. Mandy Lee Anderson. We would love to see you! Contact Number: (936) 767-8421 Pictured: Sister Rosie and Endurance

Co-op Members to See Decrease in February Electric Bills

Sam Houston

Your Touchstone Energy Partner



According to Sam Houston Electric Cooperative Chief Communications Officer Keith Stapleton, the Cooperative is passing a wholesale power credit directly on to its members.

"We're a not-for-profit entity," Stapleton said. "There are 53,000 members of Sam Houston Electric Cooperative. So, the credit is being passed along to those consumer-members. The timing is especially good, as the credit will be applied in a cold weather month when electric bills are generally higher.'

Sam Houston EC received its charter May 16, 1939, and has been providing electricity to East Texas ever since. The Cooperative was founded by a handful of farmers and rural residents who dreamed of bringing "power to the people." In the early 1940s, there were just over 600 Co-op members. Today, Sam Houston EC serves 53,000 members and 71,000 meters across parts of 10 counties.

Donny Marrs Helps Senior Citizens



Precinct 2 Commissioner Donny Marrs presented Shepherd Senior Citizen's with a check from San Jacinto County. Thank you for helping us provide for our senior citizens!



Mark your Calendars for "Denim & Diamonds"

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for Saturday, February 13, 2016 when the San Jacinto County Area Go-Texan Committee will host their annual local scholarship fund-raiser dinner and auction event. "Denim & Diamonds" will begin at 6:00 p.m. This year the event is being moved to the Polk County Commerce Center building in Livingston. This is located behind the Angelina College building at the entrance of Pedigo Park. Folks are already asking for tickets which go on sale soon! So mark your calendar to join us!

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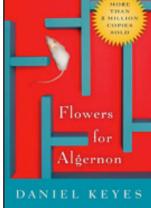
Flowers for Algernon By Daniel Keyes

311 pages



Genre Young Adult/Science Fiction

Summary "I was her bestist pupil in the Beckman School for retarted adults and I tryed the hardist becus I reely wantd to lern I wantid it more even then pepul who are smarter even then me. After the operashun im gonna try to be smart. im gonna try awful hard."



Charlie Gordon is about to embark upon an unprecedented journey. Born with an unusually low IQ, he has been chosen as the perfect subject for an experimental surgery that researchers hope will increase his intelligence—a procedure that has already been highly successful when tested on a lab mouse named Algernon.

As the treatment takes effect, Charlie's intelligence expands until it surpasses that of the doctors that engineered his metamorphosis. The experiment appears to be a scientific breakthrough of paramount importance, until Algernon suddenly deteriorates. Will the same happen to Charlie?

Mu Review: My sister told me this book was apart of her 7th grade curriculum and really enjoyed it and said that it has always stuck with her, so I decided to give it a go.

I'm so glad I did.

It took me twice as long to process this book than it did to actually listen to it. Although now I wish I would've bought the printed copy instead of the audiobook one, because even though I think the narrator did a fantastic job at voicing Charlie both before and after his operation, knowing his progress reports are written the way he really would've written them, with misspellings, etc. makes me feel like I missed something important.

This book is thought-provoking, beautiful and, most of all, heartwrenching. Through his journal entries, or progress reports, you feel a strong emotional connection to Charlie as his intelligence slowly grows. You watch as he starts understanding that the people he thought were his friends are really laughing at him and as he is unexpectedly hit with awful, painful memories of his past. And though his intellect is quickly making leaps and bounds, he is still emotionally a child, which makes all the new things he is understanding and the memories that are resurfacing that much harder to absorb and come to terms with.

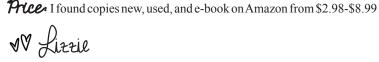
A scientific procedure to increase human intelligence doesn't seem that far-fetched in todays world, which makes this story all the more meaningful. How far is it okay to go when it comes to changing a person's mind? Is it better to live a long life happy and stupid, or a short one as a genius? How ethical is it, really, to tamper with someone's brain?

It was sad to see how lonely Charlie was with an IQ of 68...and then to see he was just as lonely, if not more so, with an IQ of 170. No matter what he always seemed to be alienated and I feel as though Charlie would've been much happier increasing his intelligence to that of the average person, rather than that of a genius. But I'm sure all the doctors in this novel would have considered that a waste of epic proportions.

This book looks at many different things: mental disabilities, human nature, intelligence and love. It made me feel sad, angry, frustrated, hopeful and, as cliché as it sounds, it made me feel incredibly thankful for

so many things $\textbf{\textit{Parental Guidance}.} 14 + (BN.com). This book is frequently read as part$ of junior high and high school curriculums, although many people speculate edited versions of the story. There are some sexual innuendos, indecencies, and one intimate scene that, though described, is not done too explicitly.

Stand Clone or Series: This is a stand-alone book.



Shepherd Pirateers Reading Program

To: Parents, Grandparents, Babysitters, Caregivers... Anyone and Everyone: We invite you to bring your little ones. Ages 0-4 Time: 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Where: Shepherd Primary Parent Center

February 8 and 22, March 28, April 11 and 25, May 9 and 23.

We ask that you stay with your child during this time. It is an excellent opportunity for you to spend quality time together and instill a love for reading in your child.

Each session of PIRATEERS READING PROGRAM will include: A Book or Books Read Aloud, Hands-on Activities,

> Snacks and Lots of Fun If you have any questions please contact: Esmeralda Vela Shepherd ISD Title 1 (936) 628-2904 evela@shepherdisd.net

Programa de Lectura **Shepherd Pirateers**

Para: Padres, Abuelos, Niñeras, Cuidadores... Todos y Cada Uno: Los invitamos a traer a sus pequeños. Edades 0-4 Horario: 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. **Donde:** Centro de Padres en la Primaria de Shepherd

8 y 23 de febrero, 28 de marzo, 11 y 25 de abril, 9 y 23 de mayo

Le pedimos que se quede con su hijo durante este tiempo. Es una excelente oportunidad para pasar tiempo de calidad juntos y de inculcar el amor por la lectura en su hijo.

Cada sesión del PROGRAMA DE LECTURA PIRATEERS Incluirá: Un libro o libros leídos en voz alta, Una actividad hecho a mano o arte,

Bocadillo, Mucha diversión. Si usted tiene alguna pregunta favor de comunicarse con: Esmeralda Vela Shepherd ISD Titulo 1

(936) 628-2904 evela@shepherdisd.net

Gentlemen, Valentine's day is almost here! For all those people who will be sending their loved ones something to show their appreciation, we have some memorable businesses in our county to help us choose the right gift!

I mentioned Paradise Gardens last week, an award winning gift shop in Coldspring. Another award winner is Coldspring Florist "Wild Orchid Floral Company". In fact the owner, Jackie Doyle, has won 'Best Florist in San Jacinto County' every year since 2011. I have had flowers delivered to my home by her company and they were lovely. 'Wild Orchid's' owner has been in the floral business for over 25 years, fifteen of them in Coldspring. Jackie says that she has been working with flowers for about 32 years. Before she opened her own business, she was working with tropical plants. In fact, she has customers ask her questions about the upkeep of their tropical plants, her experience has made her an expert in this field.

Jackie is available for weddings, anniversaries and funerals too, of course. Pace-Stancil were so impressed with her work they asked her to include monuments in her business. She is the guest speaker this month at Coldspring Garden Club. If you want to know more go to her web site, 'wildorchidfloral.net' or call her at (936) 653-2384.

If you are a member of Shepherd Chamber of Commerce, please renew your membership now. Also, look at your web page on the Shepherd Chamber web site and send your photos and information to the web master so that she can up date your business page. You can do this as often as you like. This is one of the benefits of becoming a member. Look below for more info on this.

One of Shepherd Chamber's members is the 'The Community Propane and Feed Store' on North Byrd Avenue. Located at the corner and across from the Courthouse Annex, the owner is Maria Self. Maria sells much more than propane and livestock feed. She has a great selection of plant food, seeds and plants, humming bird and squirrel feeders and traps for those pests, roaches, mice, rats, and gophers. If you need a rain gauge, she has them. Need a drive way marker? Maria has them for \$2.99. SunCoast Pine Shavings are in stock, they are \$7.49 for an 8 cubic ft expanded block. She also has a good selection of saddles and horse tack.

The Food Truck was here last week and it served around 275 people! The next one will be here on February 26. Kudos to all the City workers and volunteers who helped to organize this event.

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.or

Webmaster: email <u>Hapyartist@aol.com</u> (yes, that is the correct spelling) For a free business consultation with Director Bob Barragan, call the Chamber nearest you. Mr Barragan has been the Director for many years of the Small Business Development Agency at Sam Houston State Univrsity. You must make an appointment first but the consultation is FREE.



7th Annual Richard and Mitzi Hanks Memorial Hug-A-Tree/Kiss-A-Fish 3 day Youth Adventure.

Mark your calendars May 13, 14 and 15

The Retreat at Artesian Lakes Resort 235 Chain O Lakes Resort Cleveland, Texas, 77327 7th Annual Richard and Mitzi Hanks Memorial Hug-A-Tree/ Kiss-A-Fish 3 day Youth Adventure.

The Impact Center is gearing up for its 7th Annual Richard & Mitzi Hanks Memorial Hug-A-Tree/Kiss-A-Fish youth 3 day adventure. Anyone who has been involved in this spectacular event over the years have had the opportunity to see its growth, from 79 participants the first year to

1079 participants in 2015. This event is for poverty related families who do not get the opportunity to learn about outdoor adventures and lifesaving skills due to family poverty.

The Collaboration of so many has made this event a one of a kind, inspiring event. Together we can and will make a difference.

Sign Ups Begin- March 1st, 2016-Gated Community Must be on RSVP List. Fishing Tournament will begin May 13 Hosted by: Directors Chris Coles, Zac Coles, & Jessie Coles

Obituary

Ronnie Alan Bullock



January 31, 2016

Ronnie Alan Bullock of Shepherd passed away Sunday, January 31, 2016, at Scott & White Memorial Hospital in Temple, Texas, from complications associated with an ATV accident.

The visitation was held at Pace-Stancil Funeral Home in Cleveland, Texas, on Wednesday, February 3, 2016, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The Memorial and Graveside Service were held on Thursday, February 4, 2016, at 1:00 p.m. at the Bullock Family Cemetery in Shepherd, Texas. Ronnie was born in Houston, Texas, to parents Curtis R. Bullock and Rhoda J. Cullum. He was a lifelong resident of Shepherd, Texas. Ronnie enjoyed the outdoorlife. He loved hunting, fishing, shooting his guns and working on cars.

Ronnie was preceded in death by his father, Curtis Bullock, sisters Heather Bullock and Deborah Francis and grandparents: Agnes McCandless Phillips, Lee Phillips, Harold McCandless, Jewel Bullock and Annie Blocker Bullock. He is survived by his mother, Rhoda Cullum of Shepherd, stepfather Paul Cullum of Porter, Texas; sisters: Charlotte (John) Key of Shepherd, Texas, Teresa Plsek (Billy) of Friendswood, Texas, Sandra (Madhu) Reniguntala of North Little Rock, Arkansas and Rhonda Cullum of Shepherd, Texas; brothers: Jimmy Ray Bullock of Shepherd, Michael Cullum of Shepherd, Texas, and Matthew Cullum of Shepherd, Texas; stepdaughter Ashlyn Bullock of Conway, AR; stepson Bronson Bullock of Shepherd, Texas; 5 nieces, 2 nephews and a host of cousins, other relatives and friends.

The family would like to extend a special thanks to the STICU staff of Scott & White Memorial Hospital for their loving care, dedication and

providing excellent care of Ronnie. Life....so fragile, Loss....so sudden, Hearts....so very broken.... In the wake of such a loss, we search for the answers knowing we may never understand. So we look for comfort in the belief of love's everlasting connection knowing the memories of Ronnie will forever fill our hearts with love and joy.

Senior Menu

MON 2/8: Chicken Spaghetti, Beets, Tossed Salad & Dressing, Garlic Bread, Pudding,

TUE 2/9: Beef Macaroni, Greens, Tossed Salad & Dressing, Cornbread, Fruit WED 2/10: Meatloaf, Cheesy Potatoes, Mixed Veggies, Rolls, Salad, Fruit THUR 2/11: Pinto Beans & Beef Sausage, Buttered Rice, Corn Casserole, Cornbread, Salad, Peaches

FRI 2/12: Egg Rolls, Sweat & Sour Sauce, Golden Diced Potatoes, Fried Okra, Salad, Fruit

MON 2/15: Holiday

TUE 2/16: Cheese Burger, Sweet Potato Fries, Three Bean Salad, Fruit Cup WED 2/17: Chicken & Dumplings, Green Beans, Cornbread, Salad,

THUR 2/18: Shrimp Alfredo, Garlic Pasta, Mixed Veggies, Tossed Salad & Dressing, Garlic Bread, Pineapple Pudding

FRI 2/19: Chicken & Sausage & Okra Gumbo, Rice, Tossed Salad, Crackers, Fruit

MON 2/22: King Ranch Chicken, Northern Beans, Mexican Corn,

Cornbread, Salad, Fruit TUE 2/23: Weiners & Saurkraut, Macaroni & Cheese, Buttered Yams,

Wheat Bread, Salad, Fruit WED 2/24: Breaded Pork Cutlets, Cream Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Lima Beans, Cornbread, Salad, Fruit

THUR 2/25: Chicken Lasagna, Mixed Veggies, Tossed Salad & Dressing, Fruit FRI 2/26: Beef Pot Roast With Potatoes & Carrots & Gravy, Green Bean Casserole, Cornbread, Salad, Fruit

MON 2/29: Chicken Noodle Casserole, Peas & Carrots, Cornbread, Salad, 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

Church News

DREW'S LANDING BAPTIST CHURCH: Looking for a Bible based church? Here we are! Come join us at Drew's Landing Baptist Church with Pastor R. Withers. Come get your praise on with us! Sunday school at 10 a.m. & Praise & Worship at 11 a.m. Wednesday night Bible Study at 6:30 p.m. Located at 161 Thomas Castleberry off FM 1127 in Shepherd, Texas. We are the big blue church!

HARMONY CHURCH: An independent spirit filled church with life message services—Sunday Bible class 10:00 a.m.—morning worship 11:00 a.m.—Sunday evening 6:00 p.m.—Wednesday evening 6:30 p.m. Third Sunday pot luck, men and women's groups. Come worship with us! Rev. Ben Cartwright, Pastor TO CALVARY MINISTRIES: A church that preaches the Message of the Cross. 793 Thomas Castleberry Rd. Shepherd (off of FM 1127) Sunday 9:30 a.m. SS Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Sunday evening 6:30 p.m. Thursday 7:30 p.m. All Welcome!

SPRING HILL BAPTIST CHURCH: Damaged By Sin, Delivered By Grace: February 26-27, 2016, Friday at 7:00 p.m./Saturday at 9:30 a.m. Come and allow the Lord to Minister to you! No registration fee! Praise and worship. Guest Pslamist: Eartha Greenleaf. Friday Events: The Woman at the Well-Min Trish Welch Grace Community Church Co-Pastor Clara Johnson's St. Luke MBC; Men Hurt Too-Bishop, Traylor In The Way Ministries. Saturday Morning: Apostle Helen Bedford, Word of Power Apostolic Church and much more!

MT. MORIAH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH: The officers and members f the Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church (Evergreen, TX) invite you to come join with us in celebrating our Pastor and Wife, Reverend Eric C. Burch Sr. and First Lady Arletha M. Burch, 30th Pastor and Wife Anniversary. Pre-Anniversary services will be: Sunday, February 14, 2016 at 3:00 p.m.—Guest Speaker: Pastor Frank L. Mason Spring Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Evergreen, TX. and on Friday, February 19, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.—Guest Speaker: Pastor Ronald D. Ellisor, New Beginnings Fellowship Church, Shepherd, TX. 30th Anniversary Service will be Sunday, February 21, 2016 at 3:00 p.m.— Guest Speaker: Pastor Taylor Dimes, Jr. The Grace Church, Houston, TX. Please feel free to attend at your convenience. For additional information, contact Pastor Burch at (936) 767-8350 or the church at (936) 767-4907. LAKE STATION MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH: We, the Lake Station Family would like to thank McClain's Supermarket and all those that helped support in (the giving back program). We gave Christmas bags to all the residence at the Woodlands Park Nursing Home and Christmas dinner boxes to four different families. They were very pleased and grateful. We should like to say thank you again to all of you. Romans 15:1 We that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak and not to please ourselves. To God Be The Glory.



Buy \$mart, Eat Well

Chocolate Brownie Cherry Cheesecake

Ingredients

- 1 box of Betty Crocker Dark Chocolate
- Brownie Mix, prepare according to box • 1 can of cherry pie filling (or use an
- additional can for decorating slices)

Cheesecake Filling

- One 8 oz package cream cheese (Crystal Farms on sale 3/\$5.00!)
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1 egg
- 1/3 cup sugar (Parade 4lb bag on sale \$1.99!)
- Optional: hot fudge for serving

Directions

- Grease a 9" springform pan, line it with parchment and grease again. • Preheat oven 350.
- Spread half the brownie in the pan.

Cheesecake filling:

- Beat cream cheese, egg, vanilla and sugar,
- Spread this over the brownie batter. • Dollop scoops of the cherry pie filling on top, reserving a bit for the tops.
- Use the rest of the brownie batter to top the cherries.
- · Spread carefully with offset spatula.

• Bake about 65-75 minutes until baked all the way though. • Cool to room temp and then chill a few hours before cutting.

February 10, 2016 Community Classifieds

DOG FOUND: Pitbull mix puppy week before Christmas. About 4-5 months old. Showed up by Stringtown Rd. Call to ID if yours 281-593-3164. FOR RENT: Mobile home for rent, all bills paid, \$650.00 monthly plus \$250.00 deposit. Contact Mary or Monica at (979) 316-0299 or (832) 250-6154. FOR RENT: 2BR/1BA mobile home, all bills paid, \$650 monthly plus \$200 deposit. Please contact Mary at 832-250-6154 or Monica at 979-316-0299.

FOR RENT: 2BR/1BA mobile home; \$650 a month plus \$200 deposit. And another 2BR/1BA mobile home, \$700 per month plus \$250 deposit. Please call Mary at (832) 250-6154 or (979)316-0299.

FOR SALE: 30ft. Forest River Camper, slide out, sleeps 6, \$10,000.00 cash. Please call Mary at (832) 250-6154 or Monica at (979) 316-0299. **FOR SALE:** 2006 Forest River slide out camper, sleeps 6, nice; \$10,000.00 cash. Please contact Mary at 832-250-6154 or Monica at 979-316-0299. FOR SALE: Hospital bed, no mattress, \$75.00. Please call 936-433-4481. FREE TO GOOD HOME: Chihuahua Poodle mix dog, or "Chi-Poo".

Please call 936-433-4481 FOR SALE: 2006 30ft Forest River Camper, nice; \$10,000.00 CASH! Contact Juana Garza at (832) 318-1069.

LAND FOR SALE: 2 lots in Lake Tejas on Briar Dr. electric, water and sewer available 10,000.00 call and leave message 281-622-1769

Community Calendar

2/8: City Council Meeting, 7pm/Community Center 2/8: Pirateer Reading program; 2PM; Shepherd Primary Parent Center

2/9: First Station Auxiliary Meeting; 7PM

2/15: School Board Meeting, 7pm

2/15: President's Day

2/19: Senior Resale Shop Bag Day

2/20: Best of San Jacinto County Banquet; Jones Auditorium, Coldspring 2/22: Pirateer Reading program; 2PM; Shepherd Primary Parent Center 2/25: Bridge of hope community church "Community Fellowship Dinner", Shepherd Middle School, 7PM.



Business News

Shepherd Tax Office Substation will be returning to its original hours of service starting 2/1/2016 **Monday and Tuesday** 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 and 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

San Jacinto Tax Assessor-Collector 111 Highway 150, RM C5 Coldspring, TX. 77331 (936) 653-3292 (ofc) (936) 653-2533 (fax)



Weichert, Realtors

Want to SELL or BUY a Home? Call Larry Hammond (281) 761-8246 Email - larry@wrinfocus.com YOUR HOMETOWN REALTOR



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