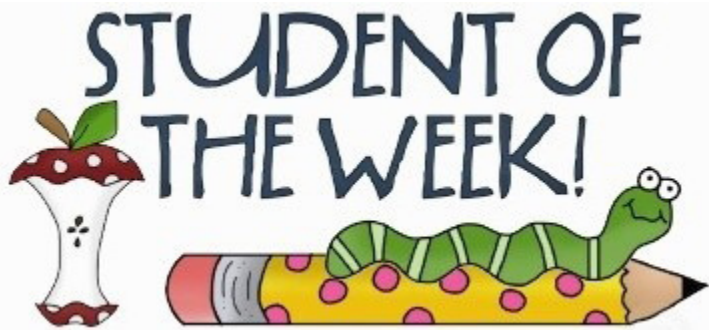


SHEPHERD COMMUNITY NEWS



Each week a teacher picks two students from their 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:



Grace Sear
Kami Foxworth
Alyssa Adams

Isabelle Hooper
Alyssa Jimenez
Hector Gonzalez

Pirates' Pride Drill Team Rocks First Contest of 2017

On February 11 the Pirates' Pride Drill Team traveled to Magnolia West High School for their 1st contest of the season.

After a long day the team returned home with a total of 11 awards, one being 1st runner up of the entire contest. Our officers won a sweepstakes and a judges award for choreography. The team won the small team division in contemporary, jazz, pom and prop as well as a sweepstakes award and judges awards for presentation, showmanship and technique. We also had 5 division one soloist. These soloist were Maighan Beck, Tyra Benton, Eve Bochar, Martia Foreman, and Addy Gallmeier. We also had a division one trio consisting of Addy Gallmeier, Shelby Hawthorne and Leslie Uriostegui. The girls compete again on February 25 in League City at Clear Springs High School.



Hitt STOP Program

Offers Low Cost Spay/Neuter Services
Stop (Stop The Over-Population of Pets) in cooperation with Coldspring Veterinary Clinic is offering low-cost spay/neuter services to San Jacinto County dogs and cats whose owners meet Federal low-income guidelines. Last year the STOP program provided services to 121 animals. The clinic is offered on the last Monday of the month.

The next one is scheduled for
February 27, 2017

For more information concerning eligibility or to register call (409) 782-4041.



Coldspring vs. Shepherd FFA Students Competing to Collect the Most Food for our Local Senior Centers



Items Needed: Canned Milk
Green Beans, Sweet Peas, Corn, Beets, Pork & Beans, Turnip Greens, Cream of Chicken soup, Mushroom soup, Sweet Potatoes, Carrots, Peaches, Pineapples.

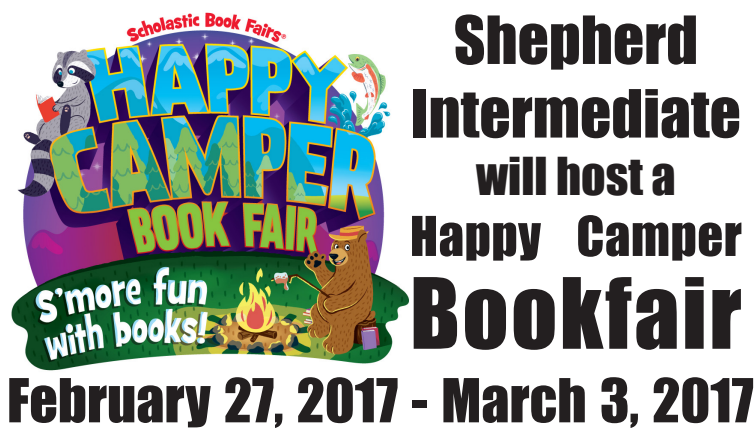
Shepherd FFA is participating in the Farm Bureau FFA Food Connect Food Drive. We are collecting can food items that will be donated to the Senior Citizen Center.

This can food drive is a little different than any other drives. We are competing against Coldspring FFA.

February 20, 2017 - February 24, 2017

Coldspring and Shepherd FFA will meet at the SJC Farm Bureau office to "weigh" our can goods on February 24. The school with the most "weight" in can goods win the contest. When the contest is over, all the can goods will be divided equally to be donated to the Coldspring and Shepherd Senior Citizen Centers.

If you would like to help the Shepherd FFA with a donation of can food items, you can bring them to room 605 in the high school (Caitlin Anderson's classroom) or to any of the FFA Advisors (Tony Goodman, Steve Cronin, Kenny Barnes, or Austin Hanna) Thank you for your continued support!



Shepherd Intermediate will host a Happy Camper Bookfair

February 27, 2017 - March 3, 2017

DAMAGED BUT DELIVERED MINISTRIES PRESENTS 2017 Conference: Real Struggles

Romans 8:37 :c Nay in all things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

Join us for a Weekend of Worship and Word as We Talk About Real Struggles.

Friday, February 24, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, February 25, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.

Topics:

God Can Heal
God Can Deliver
Don't Let Sam cause trouble in your relationship
Struggles of the Single and Saved
How to Handle Struggles

Featured Guest Speakers:

Pastor Dwain Williams: Oakhurst Raven Hill COGIC
Sis Pearleen Denson: Mt Moriah MBC
Co Pastor Clara Johnson :St. Luke MBC
Minister Roberta Goffney :GRRHRC
Prophetess Lynn Brown :GCC
Deacon Robert Eldridge :SHBC
Bishop K Traylor: ITWM INC
Prophetess SJ
Brother Patrick Brown
Apostle: Helen Bedford Word of Power Apostolic

9130 Hwy 150 W Spring Hill Baptist Church Coldspring, TX

Pastor Dr. Frank Mason First Lady Evelyn Mason
Contact Numbers

(936) 203-3209 (936) 537-3632 (936) 653-4531

Angels On Assignment Out Reach Yearly Calendar

Plant

January: Open the New Year with Giving of your first Fruits of the year
February: Make someone's special
March: Help open a new avenue for others
April: Reflect over the great deeds
May: Watch the Blooms, smell your flowers

Collection Months

* We except Donations *

June & July: Sheets & Pillows, Pillowcases
August & September : Towels
October : Toiletries

November & December: Blankets

Angels On Assignment OutReach is a Nonprofit Linen provider for Displaced Families.

We are located at

796 Wonderland Dr Shepherd Texas 77371
Sharon McLaurin (713) 382-6974

Coldspring Area Business & Merchants Association
& Coldspring Chamber of Commerce Presents
February 25th, 2017, 8am -4pm
Trash 'N' Treasure Trek
a San Jacinto County Wide
YARD SALE

From Shepherd to Point Blank, from Maynard to Camilla, around the Square in Coldspring treasures will be waiting!

Join us for the annual Trash 'N' Treasure Trek, a San Jacinto County wide yard sale. Visit the stops on the map to find your one of a kind treasure while enjoying the beautiful scenery that San Jacinto County have to offer!

Around the square in downtown Coldspring there will also be many vendors, including food vendors. Enjoy lunch while you find your treasure.

And don't forget,

One Man's Trash is Another Man's Treasure!

For only \$25 have your home or organization placed on the map.
For vender registration please visit ColdspringTexas.org
or call the Coldspring/ SJC Chamber of Commerce at 936-653-2184.
Deadline for registration is February 13th, 2017
To reserve a space on the square for \$10 contact the Coldspring Area Business and Merchants Associations at 936 653-2332.

This will be a really fun day and a really great way to earn some extra cash while clearing out unwanted items you have laying around and in storage! The Shepherd Chamber of Commerce will be setting up a yard sale table at the Shepherd Community Center that day and would like to extend an invitation to Shepherd Folks that would like to set up there as well!! To reserve a spot call or come by the Shepherd Public Library! (\$25 cash only)



BY YVONNE RYBA



I noticed today that there is a new sign outside of the pharmacy in Shepherd. What was once ‘JC’s Truecare’ is now ‘Bluejay Pharmacy’. I wrote about the new owners last year when they bought the Shepherd business from Mr. Cantu. They already have a Bluejay Pharmacy in Spring. The owners, Dr. Tim Schroeder and Dr. Kendra McMullin have great success with compounding solutions for many ailments and for pets too. Look at their Facebook page for more information. Call them at (936) 628-2099. If you have attended a San Jacinto Women’s League Spring Luncheon and Style Show, it is to buy your ticket for this year’s special event on Thursday, **March 9**. If you have never been to this Style Show, now is the time to buy your ticket. This is a fundraiser for the Women’s League, which raises money to give it away to many good causes in our county. Apart from the delicious lunch catered by The Church Ladies, there will be a Silent Auction and of course the Fashion Show.

Call your nearest Chamber for an appointment to talk with Director Bob Barragan of Sam Houston State University S.B.D.C. This is a free service. Bob will help with any business problem you may have or any questions you want answered. He is also an excellent advisor if you want to start a business.

Shepherd Chamber of Commerce
Mail to PO Box 520 Shepherd, 77371
(936) 628-3515 www.greatershepherdchamberofcommerce.org

Coldspring - San Jacinto Chamber of Commerce
31 N. Butler, Coldspring 77331
936) 653-2184 www.coldspringtexas.org



The Martian
By Andy Weir

GENRE: Sci-Fi
SUMMARY:

*A mission to Mars.
A freak accident.
One man’s struggle to survive.*
Six days ago, astronaut Mark Watney became one of the first people to walk on Mars.
Now, he’s sure he’ll be the first person to die there.
After a dust storm nearly kills him and forces his crew to evacuate the planet while thinking him dead, Mark finds himself stranded on Mars’ surface, completely alone, with no way to signal Earth that he’s alive. And even if he could get word out, his supplies would be gone years before a rescue could arrive.
Chances are, though, Mark won’t have time to starve to death. The damaged machinery, unforgiving environment or plain-old “human error” are much more likely to kill him first.
Armed with nothing but his ingenuity, his engineering skills—and a gallows sense of humor that proves to be his greatest source of strength—Mark embarks on a dogged quest to stay alive. But will his resourcefulness be enough to overcome the impossible odds against him?



MY REVIEW: This book is pretty dad gum amazing. Just the amount of research that the author must’ve had to do to write it so believably astounds me and gives me a renewed admiration for how smart astronauts have to be. This book is like *Cast Away*...X 1 million. You’ll actually lose respect for Tom Hanks whining about being on a tropical island alone, where he has natural resources growing everywhere and, even better, can breathe in fresh air without worrying about having zero oxygen, as well as the fact that the Mars atmospheric pressure making all the liquid on your body, and even in your lungs, evaporate. Oh, and we mustn’t forget to mention the fact that the temperature on Mars can be anywhere from a pleasant 70 degrees to a deadly -225 degrees. And those are just a few of the problems of a very, very long list of difficulties. So yeah, that makes Tom Hanks and Wilson’s love story seem almost like a fairy tale in comparison. Mark Watney must battle extremely foreign territory, the likelihood of starvation, and the possibility of technical failures, all while being completely and utterly alone on an entire planet. I’ll admit it was pretty hard to see an outcome where he wasn’t doomed.

If I had to say something negative about this book it would be that the genius inner workings of Mark’s mind as he works through problem after problem got a bit tedious, I mean my God, the math involved...it was hard to keep up. I was listening to an audiobook (the narrator did a great job, by the way) so I don’t know if it would be easier or harder to actually read the long-winded explanations or not. But I’m guessing that had I been reading the actual book, I would’ve done a lot of skimming over those parts. Not that it wasn’t fascinating, it was, it just went a little (okay, more than a little) over my head sometimes and I wanted to get to what was happening in the story line. But Mark Watney’s innate sense of humor and dark sarcasm made it all worth it. He was hilarious and extremely charming without meaning to be. I don’t think I’ve ever met a character that I kept actually thinking was real before this one. I want to meet him in person and the fact that he’s just a figment of someone else’s imagination depresses me. Here are some quotes from Mark Watney:

“Problem is (follow me closely here, the science is pretty complicated), if I cut a hole in the Hab, the air won’t stay inside anymore.”
“The screen went black before I was out of the airlock. Turns out the “L” in “LCD” stands for “Liquid.” I guess it either froze or boiled off. Maybe I’ll post a consumer review. “Brought product to surface of Mars. It stopped working. 0/10.”

This book is part “serious” science-fiction, part hilariously dark comedy that imagines a horrifying situation infused with humor and the overwhelming human desire to stay alive. It’s hard to imagine that anyone who picks this up won’t find themselves dragged into Mark’s world, desperately needing to know what will happen to him.

PARENTAL GUIDANCE: 14+ (commonsensemedia.org) Parents should know that this book uses a lot of strong language, but there is no sex, violence, or drug/alcohol use. It also has high educational value, positive messages and a good, strong role model.

STAND ALONE OR SERIES: This is a stand-alone book.
PRICE: I found copies new, used, and e-book on Amazon from \$0.06-\$9.49.

- Mizzie

You Can Now Enter Submissions Online!
www.mcclainsfoodmarket.com

This event has grown and so, as we did last year, (yes, I am a member too!) the show will be in Jones Auditorium. Lunch will be served at 12:00 p.m., tickets are \$25 each and the fashions come from Sue’s Boutique on the Lake. To buy a ticket, which were sponsored by Susan Vaughan, call any member of the Women’s League or the President, Debbie Hanson, who will help you, (281) 659-5624. If you would like a Pancake Dinner, you can satisfy your cravings at the United Methodist Church in Coldspring. They will be celebrating Shrove Tuesday on February 28, at 5:00 p.m., with this traditional meal. At the ‘Best Of San Jacinto Awards Banquet’, the tables were decorated with the most charming flower centerpieces. These were done for the hosts of the event, Coldspring Chamber of Commerce, by Wild Orchid Floral Company. The owner is Jackie Harrell- Doyle who has won the best Florist award herself many times. If you need flowers for any occasion, Jackie is the woman! She is creative, imaginative and very reasonable in her prices. Look at her web site or call her at (936) 653-2384. Wild Orchid is located in Coldspring at 480, Central Dr. I had an excellent burger at “Big Daddy’s Soul Food Kitchen” on the Loop 424 in Shepherd. As I told you recently, this is a new business run by Waid Williams and his wife Pamela. The menu has plenty to offer and tastes great!

Senior Menu February 2017

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
20	21	22	23	24
 CLOSED	MEATBALL STROGANOFF BUTTERED NOODLES, SQUASH CASSEROLE ROLLS, SALAD, FRUIT	FRIED CHICKEN, MASHED POTATOES CREAM GRAVY, GREEN BEAN CASSEROLE ROLLS, SALAD, FRUIT	CHICKEN & SAUSAGE GUMBO, RICE TOSSED SALAD & DRESSING FRUIT	HAMBURGER & POTATO GOULASH GREENS, SQUASH & ONIONS CORN MUFFINS, SALAD, FRUIT
27	28	SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH DESSERT INCLUDES BIRTHDAY CAKE MENU'S ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO AVAILABILITY. CALL (936) 628-3733 BY 9:30AM TO RESERVE A MEAL. 		
CHICKEN SPAGHETTI BEETS, BROCCOLI CORN BREAD, SALAD, FRUIT	BBQ CHICKEN BAKED POTATO SALAD, BAKED BEANS, WHEAT BREAD, SALAD, FRUIT			

2/20: Monday School Board Meeting, 7pm
2/22: Bridge of hope community church “Community
2/24: FFA Food Drive Weigh-In
2/25: SJC Yard Sale
2/27: HITT STOP Spay and Neuter Clinic Fellowship Dinner”, Shepherd Middle School, 7PM.
***Every Monday & Tuesday: SISD Bilingual Parent Involvement, 6-8pm at middle school library.**

SLOW COOKER WHOLE CHICKEN & GRAVY

Ingredients:

- 1 small chicken, about 4lbs. *(on sale \$0.99lb!)*
- 2 slices onion *(yellow onions on sale 2lbs/\$0.89!)*
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- cornstarch
- chicken broth *(optional)*
- SEASONING MIX**
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 1 teaspoon smoked paprika
- 1 teaspoon seasoning salt *(or to taste)*
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon parsley
- 1/2 teaspoon thyme

Directions:

CHICKEN

- Combine all seasoning mix ingredients in a small bowl.
- Rinse chicken with cold water and pat dry. Brush chicken with olive oil and rub seasoning into chicken.
- Roll up balls of foil and place in the bottom of the slow cooker with 2 thick slices of onion. Place chicken on foil, breast side up so it is slightly lifted off the bottom of the slow cooker.
- Cover and cook on low 7-8 hours or high 4-5 hours. *(165 degrees)*
- Remove chicken and place on a small pan. Broil 3-4 minutes to crisp skin *(optional)*. Rest 10 minutes before slicing.

GRAVY

- Remove foil and onion from slow cooker and turn onto high. If required, add broth to create about 2 cups of liquid.
- In a small bowl, combine 4 tablespoons cornstarch with 4 tablespoons water to create a slurry.
- Whisk about ¾ of the cornstarch into the drippings/broth and let cook on high. Depending on the amount of liquid you may need to add more of the cornstarch slurry to reach desired consistency. Let cook at least 5 minutes before serving.
- Taste and season with salt & pepper.

Make it a Meal! Serve with smashed red potatoes *(on sale \$0.79lb!)* and sautéed zucchini squash *(on sale \$1.29lb!)* to make this a complete, belly-warming meal. Recipe found at www.spendwithpennies.com.

Cook's Notes: Adding a few onions to the bottom of the slow cooker along with the foil *(or you could even layer celery to set your chicken on!)* makes the most flavorful and fabulous gravy! Most of the time the chicken produces plenty of drippings for gravy but if you want extra, just add in some chicken broth. I sometimes add a can of mushrooms to the gravy *(or add fresh mushrooms to the slow cooker before cooking)*.



Classifieds

EMPLOYMENT

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

Three Acres in five Acre Subdivision in Shepherd; cul-de-sac, 3 minutes from Interstate 69/Hwy 59. Please call 936-365-4418.

Jack LaLanne’s Power Juicer- Express, juices fruits and vegetables as fast as you can load it. Like New! \$50.00 Darrell Swire 713-202-3800

Large Pet Transporter perfect for those trips to the Vet or where ever you want to travel. Also a smaller unit for a smaller breed or a cat. Lg Unit \$50. , Sm unit \$25 Darrell Swire 713-202-3800

30 Gallon Sprayer on Wheels runs on 12 volt battery. Could be used on a 4-wheeler by removing tank. \$75.00 Darrell Swire 713-202-3800

FOR RENT

1BR Apartment handicap ready, 1 or 2 people only, prefer retired. Background check done, no pets or children, no smoking, in Shepherd near McClain’s Grocery, 20 Fly’s Ave., Shepherd, TX 77371; \$500.00 per month plus \$500.00 deposit. Contact: 936-520-3105, leave message, may see apartment in the afternoons.

2BR/1BA mobile home \$550.00 per month plus \$525.00 deposit. Please call 281-467-7533.

FREE

Will Haul For Free Will haul off for free A.C. units, washers, dryers, refrigerators, deep freezers, stoves, riding mowers, 4-wheelers, batteries, boat motors, car motors, and transmissions. Please call 936-252-9043.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

SPRING HILL BAPTIST CHURCH: Come join us as we celebrate our annual Men’s Day! Sunday, March 5th, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. Theme: Romans 12:10 “Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another.” KJV Message: Reverend Jimmy Lawrence-Pastor of Hills Chapel Missionary Baptist Church located in Huntsville, Texas. Reverend Frank Mason, Pastor; Evelyn Mason, First Lady; Douglas Jackson, Associate Minister; Sheila Jackson, Prophetess; Sister Rosie Reed, Program Specialist.

Contact (936) 653-4531. To contact church, call (936) 767-8421.

SHEPHERD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: Located at 71 Spring Avenue in Shepherd, wishes to invite all youth who wish to sing, to join our youth choir, Quarter Notes, led by Gigi Jones. Quarter Notes meet every **Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.** and sing a variety of songs. or more information, please call Gigi Jones at (713) 253-8348 or email the church at shepherdumctx@gmail.com

DREW’S LANDING BAPTIST CHURCH: Having trouble finding a good Bible based Church that preaches the Word of God straight from the Bible without sugar-coating it? Come join us at Drew’s Landing Baptist Church located about 2 ½ miles east of Hwy 59 North down FM 1127 at 161 Thomas Castleberry Rd. We are the Big Blue Church you can see from the road. We will welcome you with open arms. Our pastor is R. Withers and he preaches straight from the Bible. Sunday School at 10 a.m. and Sunday Worship at 11 a.m. Wednesday night Bible Study at 6:30 p.m. Adults, youths and children welcome! Come as you are! Be prepared to be filled with the Holy Spirit and feel the love of God! That’s who we are! Church phone number: 936-483-2717. Looking forward to seeing you!.

Shepherd Intermediate School

Needs your Box Tops

Dear Parent/Guardian, clip and collect until March 1, 2017 earns out school a chance to be one of 20 winners of 50,000 Bonus Box Tops - that’s \$5,000 for our classrooms! With your help we can make a difference for our School! **Thanks for all your hard work and support!**

New Releases Coming to McClain’s DVD Kiosk

Hacksaw Ridge (R) drama/history: WWII American Army Medic Desmond T. Doss, who served during the Battle of Okinawa, refuses to kill people, and becomes the first man in American history to receive the Medal of Honor without firing a shot.
Starring: Andrew Garfield, Sam Worthington, Luke Bracey

Manchester by the Sea (R) drama: An uncle is asked to take care of his teenage nephew after the boy’s father dies.
Starring: Casey Affleck, Michelle Williams, Kyle Chandler

Bad Santa 2 (R) comedy/crime: Fueled by cheap whiskey, greed and hatred, Willie teams up once again with his angry little sidekick, Marcus, to knock off a Chicago charity on Christmas Eve. **Starring: Billy Bob Thornton, Kathy Bates, Tony Cox**

Nocturnal Animals (R) drama/thriller: A wealthy art gallery owner is haunted by her ex-husband’s novel, a violent thriller she interprets as a symbolic revenge tale.
Starring: Amy Adams, Jake Gyllenhaal, Michael Shannon

McClain’s does not maintain Cajun DVD movie kiosk and therefore cannot guarantee all movie releases