

# SHEPHERD COMMUNITY NEWS



Shepherd Primary will be having a book fair  
February 29 - March 4 from 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.  
Come on by and pick out some great books!  
You can also shop online at  
[http://scholastic.bookfairs.com/homepage/  
shepherdprimarieschool/](http://scholastic.bookfairs.com/homepage/shepherdprimarieschool/)

Thank you for all the parents and grandparents that  
have bought books in the past to help our school and to  
promote reading and  
the love of books for our children.  
"Books- Open a World of Possible"

## Retired School Personnel to Meet

The San Jacinto County Retired School Personnel Association will meet  
on Tuesday, March 1 at 3:00 p. m. at the Senior Center in Coldspring.  
Mel Basham will present the program, "Travel on a Budget." All school  
personnel retirees are invited and are asked to join our group.  
Members are reminded to bring children's books for Care Share and Helping  
Hands. For further information, call President Don Leedy at (936) 377-3946.

## Shepherd FFA Students Place at the San Antonio Lamb Show



Shepherd FFA students proudly represented the Shepherd FFA at the San  
Antonio Lamb Show February 16-18. Hunter Goodman participated in the  
Sheep Skillathon and placed 11th out of 22 Jr. participants. Hunter showed  
a Light weight South Down but came up a little short, but did an excellent  
job showing. Pictured Hunter Goodman



Josh Cronin showed his extra Heavy Medium Wool and received  
5th place out of 63 in his class. He will sell his lamb in San Antonio on  
February 25th. Way to go guys! Pictured: Josh Cronin

## 2016 - 2017 Trash Stickers

On March 8 San Jacinto County Precincts Precinct 2 will be  
selling the new 2016 - 2017 Trash Stickers.  
1st Sticker: \$100.00  
2nd Sticker: \$10.00  
65 and over \$75.00  
Handicap License Plate or Placard: \$75.00  
When purchasing your sticker please have the  
following information with you:  
• Proof of Resident – Valid Driver's License with correct address  
or a Utility Bill showing current address.  
• License Plate Number of Vehicle where sticker will be placed.  
Having this information will help the line move more quickly.  
For more information you can call (936) 628-3267.



## Michael Smith is the New SMS Principal



Shepherd Middle School would like to introduce you to their new  
Principal, Michael Smith. Mr. Smith was named the Principal to SMS  
at last week's SISD School Board meeting. Mr. Smith replaces longtime  
Principal, Brenda Cronin, who has taken a position within Shepherd ISD's  
administrative offices. Mr. Smith began working at Shepherd Middle  
School on February 22.

Mr. Smith comes to Shepherd via Beaumont ISD where he served as  
Vincent Middle School's Assistant Principal for the previous four years.  
Before he was worked on the campus administrative team at Vincent, he  
taught American History, coached junior high sports, and also served as a  
paraprofessional serving the special education students at Vincent Middle  
School. Michael also worked as a paraprofessional in Sheldon ISD.

A resident of Sour Lake, Mr. Smith is a 1996 graduate of Hardin Jefferson  
High School. His Bachelor of Arts Degree and Masters of Education are both  
from Lamar University in Beaumont. In December, he completed his studies  
for his Superintendent certification from Stephen F. Austin in Nacogdoches.

Mr. Smith's wife, Terri, is a Language Arts and Reading teacher at  
Henderson Middle School in Sour Lake. The Smiths have two sons, Wyatt  
and Morgan. The family spends their time following the boys around in  
their sports. The boys are currently playing basketball and baseball.

### Career & Job Fair

**Sponsored by:**  
Shepherd High School CTE &  
Shepherd Economic Dev. Corp

**March 1, 2016**  
1:30-3:30 students visit  
4:00-6:00 open to the community

If you or your company would like to set up a table, please RSVP with:  
Jody Cronin 936-628-2897  
Shepherd ISD  
jcronin@shepherdisd.net  
Earl Brown 832-599-2260  
Shepherd EDC  
ebrown64@netzero.net

**The Career and Job Fair will be located in the Shepherd High School Cafeteria.**

- Bring your resume
- See who is hiring
- Secure a better job
- Plan your future

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## Suspected Drug Money Seized in Arrest



A traffic stop on US 59 at FM 2025 in Cleveland Thursday morning  
resulted in \$177,020 in cash being seized.

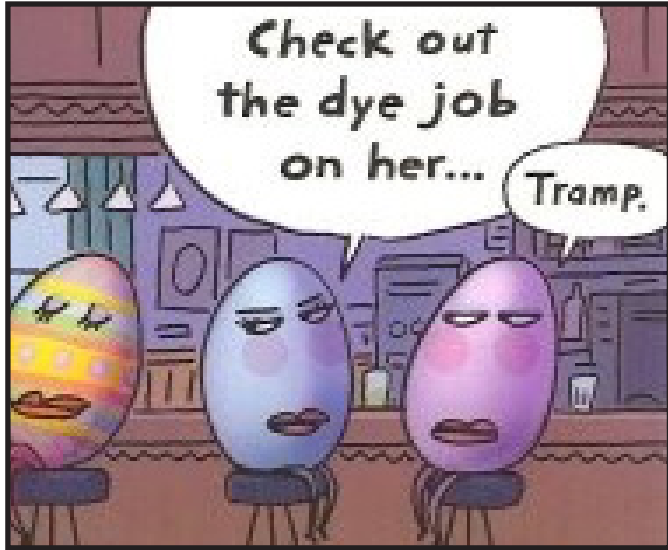
Around 9:00 a.m., deputies with the Liberty County Sheriff's Office  
Criminal Interdiction Unit pulled over a 2015 Jeep with out-of-state  
license plate that reportedly made multiple traffic violations.

While speaking to the driver of the vehicle, Lyle Billison, 24, of San  
Antonio, deputies became suspicious of Billison's travel plans and asked  
to search his vehicle. He reportedly complied, according to a statement  
from the sheriff's office.

Inside the vehicle, deputies reportedly located a duffel bag in the  
rear cargo area that contained \$177,020 in U.S. currency. "Billison did  
not claim the money nor did he claim to know from where the money  
originated," the statement continues.

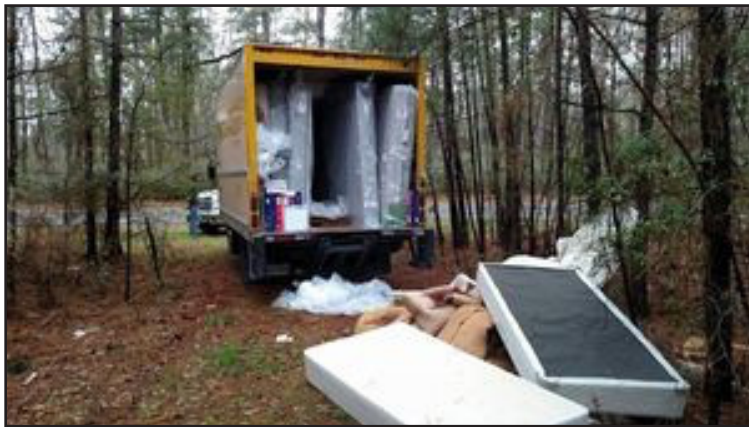
He was charged with the second-degree felony of Money Laundering and  
was placed in the Liberty County Jail where his bond was set at \$100,000.

The currency inside his vehicle was confiscated for possible seizure  
through the court system. Courtesy of Cleveland Advocate



## Two suspects Reportedly Caught Dumping Materials in Sam Houston National Forest

By Jacob McAdams



Dumping in the Sam Houston National Forest is illegal, as two  
individuals soon found out when the similarly named Constable Sam  
Houston discovered them illegally dumping mattresses on Feb. 22.

The Pct. 3 constable for San Jacinto County says he came upon a large  
Penske rental truck being used by the two individuals in the FM 945 area  
near Tony Tap Rd.

"They were indeed dumping back there," said Houston.

The materials being dumped included numerous mattresses, box springs  
and other similar items. Houston called in National Forest Officer Justin  
Smith to help him with the situation.

"We made them load it up back in their truck and made them leave," said Houston.

The two individuals were allegedly contracted by a company called  
Mattress One, but do not work directly with the business.

Houston says anyone who is caught in the act of illegally dumping can  
face a fine of \$500. However, catching individuals in the act of illegally  
dumping is not as easy as it may sound.

"It's hard to prosecute them because you have to catch them in the act,"  
said Houston.

Because of this, charges cannot be made against anyone if their materials  
are found in an area such as the Sam Houston National Forest if no one is  
around dumping them.

Anyone who sees someone they believe may be committing illegal  
dumping can help out local law enforcement by taking a picture of the vehicle  
and the license plate numbers. However, Houston does not encourage  
confronting anyone that may be committing the act for safety reasons.  
"You never know what you're dealing with," he said.



Did you know...



by Yvonne Ryba

I am happy to say that the Best of San Jacinto Awards was a big success, from the delicious meals to the music of DJ Jimmy Enloe, to the Silent Auction and then to the awards themselves. For a complete list of the winners you can go to Coldspring's web site and click on SJC Winners 2016. The event was well attended although some of the winners could not be there to collect their award that evening. One group who had taken a whole table was the Community and Children's Impact Center of Shepherd. Brenda Myers collected the award for Best Resale Shop and also for Best Civic Organization. Brenda is busy preparing for the 'Hug a Tree, Kiss a Fish' weekend in the Spring which you will hear more of in the coming weeks.

Texas Grill won the Best Restaurant award again. If you haven't tried this eating place, you should. Situated one mile north of Shepherd on Hwy 59, Texas Grill is a busy place and well worth a visit.

Sheriff Capers won Best Peace Officer, Fritz Faulkner won for Best Attorney and Best Judge went to 'Red' Blanchette of Shepherd. The best Fire Dept went to Shepherd VFD and the best Title Company went to Eastex Title in Coldspring. Ms Billie Trapp collected the Best Artist award again and McClain's Supermarket in Shepherd won for Best Grocery Store. There is a whole lot more on the web site so you may look up the rest of the winners.

Coldspring- San Jacinto Chamber of Commerce did a wonderful job organizing this event which was headed up by President Connie Straus. Patrick Clark, who is First V.P. introduced the event and talked about the importance of community support for our local businesses. If we want to have services in our area we really need to use them as much as possible, he said. Dr. Jerry Gibson did an outstanding job in the presentation of the awards and he moved things along quickly and with a great sense of humor. His wife, Tamara, worked hard on the administration of the event and we were greatly helped by a wonderful group of young people from the local R.O.T.C. All in all, it was a good evening!

Shepherd Chamber is busy with our July 4 event. This will be held on Saturday, July 2. We are currently booking vendors for this. If you are interested, call the Chamber at the number below. We are planning games for both adults and children, as well as indoor vendors in Shepherd Community Center.

Women's League of San Jacinto County will have their Style Show and Luncheon on March 17 in Jones Auditorium. There will not be tickets for sale at the door. We have to know days beforehand how many will be there for lunch! So, buy your tickets now, space is limited to 150 people and we have already sold about 100. "Sue's Boutique" of Onalaska is providing the Fashion Show organized by Charline Smith who set the theme of 'From Head To Toe' and who with a group of helpers, worked hard on creating the centerpieces. There will be a wonderful Silent Auction as well as an excellent lunch. Call President Sue Jackson for ticket information at (936) 767-4705.

**Director Bob Barragan offers business owners, and those who hope to start a business, a free consultation at the chamber nearest you.**  
**Bob directs the Small Business Development Center at Sam Houston state University.**  
**Call the Chamber nearest you to set up your appointment.**

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

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



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:** Spring Hill Annual Men on the Move for Christ! March 6, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. Rev. Frank L. Mason—Pastor and Evelyn Mason—First Lady. For in Him we live and move: Acts 17:28. Associate Ministers: Minister Jackson, Prophetess Sheila Jackson, Evang Mangy Lee Anderson. Contact: (936) 767-8421 or (936) 653-4531 9130 State Hwy 150 West, Coldspring, TX. God bless you all. Rosie Reed, Program Specialist.





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New Releases Coming to  
McClain’s DVD Kiosk This Week

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**Creed (PG-13) drama/sport:** The former World Heavyweight Champion Rocky Balboa serves as a trainer and mentor to Adonis Johnson, the son of his late friend and former rival Apollo Creed.  
**Starring:** Michael B. Jordan, Sylvester Stallone, Tessa Thompson
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**The Night Before (R) comedy:** On Christmas eve, three lifelong friends spend the night in New York City looking for the Holy Grail of Christmas parties.  
**Starring:** Seth Rogen, Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Seth Rogen
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**Room (R) drama:** After five-year-old Jack and his mother escape from the enclosed surroundings that Jack has known his entire life, the boy makes a thrilling discovery.  
**Starring:** Brie Larson, Jacob Tremblay, Sean Bridgers
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**The Danish (R) biography/drama:** A fictitious love story loosely inspired by the lives of Danish artists Lili Elbe and Gerda Wegener. Lili and Gerda’s marriage and work evolve as they navigate Lili’s groundbreaking journey as a transgender pioneer.  
**Starring:** Eddie Redmayne, Alicia Vikander, Amber Heard

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Senior Menu

- TUE 3/1:** Diced Ham, Cheese & Potatoes, Fried Okra, Three Bean Salad, Wheat Bread, Salad, Fruit
- WED 3/2:** Smothered Pork Cutlets In Brown Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Mediterranean Veggies, Cornbread, Salad, Fruit
- THUR 3/3:** Meatball Stroganoff, Buttered Noodles, Green Beans, Rolls, Salad, Fruit
- FRI3/4:** Chicken Nuggets, Gravy, French Fries, Mexican Corn, Salad, Fruit
- MON 3/7:** Chicken Spaghetti, Buttered Broccoli, Beets, Tossed Salad & Dressing, Garlic Bread, Fruit
- TUE 3/8:** Beef Tips With, Onions & Gravy, Rice, Okra & Tomatoes, Rolls, Salad, Fruit
- WED 3/9:** BBQ Pulled Pork Stuffed, Baked Potato & Trimmings, Cole Slaw, Salad, Fruit
- THUR 3/10:** Homemade Chili With Trimmings, French Fries, Crackers, Tossed Salad & Dressing, Fruit
- FRI 3/11:** Baked Chicken, Macaroni & Cheese, Baked Beans, Rolls, Salad, Fruit
- MON 3/14:** Beef Patty & Onions, Cheesy Potatoes, Cabbage, Cornbread, Salad, Fruit
- TUE 3/15:** Pork Loin, Brown Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Greens, Cornbread, Salad, Pudding
- WED 3/16:** Chicken & Dumplings, Black-eyed Peas, Cornbread, Salad, Banana Pudding
- THUR 3/17:** Smothered Pork Chops, Fried Potatoes & Onions, Squash Casserole, Rolls, Salad, Fruit
- FRI 3/18:** Chicken & Sausage Gumbo, Rice, Crackers, Tossed Salad & Dressing, Fruit
- MON3/21:** King Ranch Chicken, Pinto Beans, Corn, Cornbread, Salad, Fruit
- TUE3/22:** Ham Slice, Macaroni & Cheese, Cabbage, Cornbread, Salad, Fruit
- WED 3/23:** Breaded Pork Cutlet, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Greens, Cornbread, Salad, Fruit
- THUR 3/24:** Baked Turkey, Cranberry Sauce, Yams, Mixed Squash, Rolls, Salad, Fruit
- FRI 3/25:** BBQ Chicken, Coleslaw, Potato Salad, Wheat Bread, Salad, Fruit
- MON 3/28:** Sausage & Sauerkraut & Grilled Onions, Lima Beans, Cornbread, Salad, Fruit
- TUE 3/29:** Chicken Tenders, Cream Gravy, Sweet Potato Tots, Navy Beans, Cornbread, Salad, Fruit
- WED 3/30:** Meatloaf, Brown Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Corn Casserole, Cornbread, Salad, Fruit
- THUR 3/31:** Chicken Pot Pie, Beets, Tossed Salad & Dressing, 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*

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littie’s Book Shelf  
Sugar

By Deirdre Riordan Hall  
276 pages  
Genre: Young Adult/Drama

**Summary:** Sugar Legowski Garcia wasn’t always fat, but fat is what she is now at age seventeen. Not as fat as her mama, who is so big she hasn’t gotten out of bed in months. Not as heavy as her brother, Skunk, who has more meanness in him than fat, which is saying something. But she’s large enough to be the object of ridicule wherever she is: at the grocery store, walking down the street, at school. Sugar’s life is dictated by taking care of Mama in their rundown home—shopping, cooking, and, well, eating. A lot of eating, which Sugar hates as much as she loves.

When Sugar meets Even (not Evan—his nearly illiterate father misspelled his name on the birth certificate), she has the new experience of someone seeing her and not her body. As their unlikely friendship builds, Sugar allows herself to think about the future for the first time, a future not weighed down by her body or her mother.

Soon Sugar will have to decide to become the girl Even helps her see beyond the mirror or sink into the darkness of the skin-deep role her family and her life have created for her.

**My Review** Sugar is an extremely emotional and introspective book. It’s about a girl who is morbidly obese and finds escape from her life by turning to food and eating. She is bullied constantly. By people making piggy noises in the street, laughing at her or ignoring her at school, and even in her own home. “I hear you’ve been running around with some boy. There ain’t no one that likes you, Sugar. You’re too ugly, too fat, and too stupid.”

Maybe it doesn’t sound very interesting to you, but Sugar is such a well-crafted character that her story is deeply upsetting. Her self-loathing is palpable and she quickly becomes a character who matters to the reader. I almost instantly became emotionally invested in Sugar and I wanted her to learn to love herself, to get away from her abusive family and prove the stupid bullies wrong.

The reason I gave this book 3 stars is because after the author sets the scene and grips your heart, a big hunk of the book just seems to be filler. I think the author could’ve done more with the story line, more to make sure the reader couldn’t help but be engaged all the way through. And though I really liked Even, he seemed a bit too perfect. Too honest, good-looking, smart, kind, accepting, somehow able to see what nobody else could, always ready with the perfect thing to say. I feel as though he would’ve been a little more realistic if he had had some flaws, too, and though the story hints at an abusive father and tough upbringing, there wasn’t enough shown about it to put you in his shoes, and his complexity as a character, compared to Sugar’s, was far lacking. Another reason for my 3 star rating was the ending. I didn’t think it had enough justice, enough “good guys win”. I wanted something bigger to happen and I wanted to see where life took Sugar down the road. I think if the author added on a nice epilogue it would have rounded this book out nicely. This is a book not just about a person’s relationship with food, but also about bullying and being unable to escape from yourself. I’m glad I read it and I feel like this story will always stick with me and won’t become one of those books I can’t even remember reading.

**Parental Guidance:** 13-17 years (BN.com) Bit of profanity through the book, bullying, and an implied attempted rape.

**Stand Alone or Series** This is a stand-alone book.

**Price.** I found copies new, used, and e-book on Amazon from \$0.00 (kindle unlimited membership)-\$4.99.

♥ Lizzie

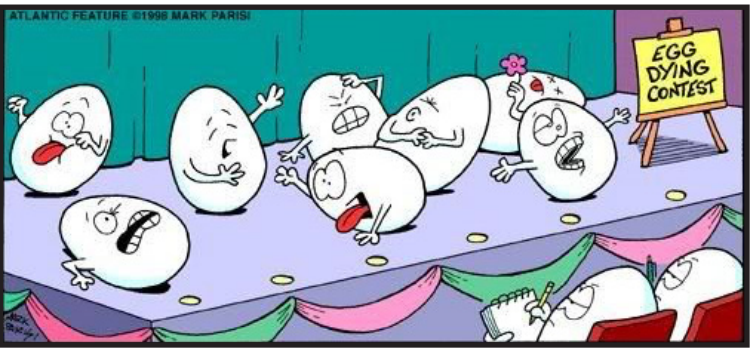
March 2, 2016

Community Classifieds

- GARAGE SALE:** Huge garage sale Thursday March 4th, Friday March 5th & Saturday March 6th. Furniture, large T.V., 7 piece bedroom suit, coffee table, end tables, wall tables, clothes, boots, shoes, and much more! Located at 231 Spring Ave. on Camilla Rd. 3 houses past Methodist Church on left, red brick house. Thelma Roane 936-628-3724.
- FOR RENT:** Small efficiency apartment in Shepherd, \$350.00 monthly plus utilities and \$350.00 deposit. Non-smoker, non-drinker, no pets, no children, single person only. Call 281-659-5789 or 281-593-5603 for more information.
- FOR SALE:** Horse for sale, real gentle and rides; \$400.00. Please call 281-806-8753.
- FOR SALE:**1993 Toyota Camry station wagon. It runs, but has a blown head gasket, \$500. Call between 3:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.
- HELP WANTED:** Full Time City Clerk to assist in City Hall. Must have good communication skills, must be able to work with the public, accept payments and make change back to the customer. Computer experience preferred. H.S. diploma or GED, pre-employment physical and drug test required. Responsible for water and all municipal court operations, monthly reports, bank deposits, maintaining logs, issuances of permits, paperwork for rental of parks, pavilion and Community Center, other general office duties and various assignments from City Secretary. Knowledge of Incode and RVS Software is a plus. Applications are available at Shepherd City Hall, 11020 Hwy 150 Shepherd, TX 77371. EOE. City Secretary, Debra Hagler must receive applications by March 3, 2016.
- WANTED:** Single male needs trailer, small house or apartment to rent. Call 936-628-3577.
- WANTED:** Small office space to lease. Looking for enough room for a desk, computer, phone, printer, FAX, etc. Must be able to access high speed internet service. Please call Ms. Carol if you would like to lease a little area to me. You can leave a message at (936) 252-9024 or (740) 216-8150.

Community Calendar

- 3/1:** SJC Retired School Personnel Association meeting; 3PM; Senior Center Coldspring, TX.
- 3/7:** EDC Meeting, 7pm/EDC Building
- 3/4:** Friday Senior Resale Shop Bag Day
- 3/4:** Bob Brannagan’s monthly consultations with current or prospective business owners, 10am-noon/Chamber Office
- 3/8:** 7pm First Station Auxiliary Meeting; 7PM
- 3/14:** City Council Meeting, 7pm/Community Center
- 3/18:** Friday Senior Resale Shop Bag Day
- 3/21:** School Board Meeting, 7pm
- 3/25:** Shepherd Monthly Food Truck; 10-12PM; Shepherd Community Center
- 3/25:** Good Friday
- 3/26:** McClain’s Easter Egg Hunt
- 3/27:** Easter
- 3/28:** Pirates Reading Program 9-10AM; Shepherd Primary Parent Center
- 3/30:** Bridge of hope community church "Community Fellowship Dinner", Shepherd Middle School, 7PM.
- 3/31:** Coldspring Monthly Food Truck; 1-3PM; 941 Slade St. Coldspring, TX 77331



Shepherd Senior Citizens Newsletter

Wow, the mild weather in February we had was nice, but I hope we get a little more rain for bountiful spring flowers. We are still getting oranges off our tree, which is great! They sure are good! Thank you daddy, for planting the orange tree so many years ago!

We have a few things planned this month. Bingo on March 3 will be hosted by Woodland Park Care & Rehab Center. They always bring some of their residents to join us and we all have a real good time playing bingo then eating lunch. Then on March 17 we will have bingo again. Come join in the fun!

SAVE THE DATE on Sunday, March 13, we will be having a fundraising event. We will be serving soup and sandwich from 12:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. for \$5.00 per person. Good food, good friends, and good fun for all! All donations a greatly appreciated.

We also want to express our gratitude to all volunteers that give of themselves to help us provide good nutritional food from our kitchen, and affordable household items and clothing from our resale shop. They all help us provide needed services to our community. Thank you for your love and caring ways.

Our center is open at Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m., and lunch is served from 11:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Call us at (936) 628-3733 by 9:30 a.m. and let us know you are coming to enjoy lunch with us and we will set a place at the table for you. Our cooks are great, and strive to make our food enjoyable and fun.

The resale shop is open at 8:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., and have bag day on March 4 and March 18. You can fill a grocery bag with clothing only for \$3.00. Wow! What a deal! We hope you will come join us soon.



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Drop off your information/picture at McClain’s,  
e-mail to [mcclains.shepherdnews@gmail.com](mailto:mcclains.shepherdnews@gmail.com), or fax to (936) 628-2866.  
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*Our deadline is 6 p.m. Tuesday for the following week.*