

SHEPHERD COMMUNITY NEWS

SISD Thanks their Students



Shepherd Intermediate would like to say THANK YOU to our students who received a trip to Incredible Pizza for selling 15 items or more during our spring fundraiser. We had two top sellers this time. Daisy Preston , a 3rd grader and Kayla Walululik, a 5th grader sold 34 items each. They both received \$50 dollars for their prize. Thanks to all the parents that help support our fundraiser and students.



Ramos for the Win!



Aris Ramos, 7th grader at Shepherd Middle School, completed her first year of track and field with an impressive 11 first place and 5 second place medals and ribbons. Aris competed in 4 events including: long jump, 400 dash, 800 meter run, and the 1600 mile run. With all these runs she now holds records for girls 7th grade with a 1:03 in the 400, 2:45 in the 800, and an outstanding time of 6 minutes 15 seconds in the mile. Great job Aris Ramos and Lady Pirates!

CCLA Gold and Silver Medalists



Congratulations to our Shepherd Chapter of FCCLA. These ladies participated in the Etiquette FCSA's this weekend at the State FCCLA Conference and did a fantastic job representing Shepherd High School. Drishtli Dalwadi and Kali Vidrine received gold medals and Ka itlyn Self received a silver medal. These ladies were sponsored by Samantha Keith and Ginger Pippin. Pictured: Kaitlyn Self, Kali Vidrine, and Drishtli Dalwadi

SMS Perfect Attendance

Dalton Aills, Eduardo Almaguer, Adrian Almazan, Mya Andrews, Rolan Ayala, Destany Bailes, Rebecca Barnes, Valentina Beiza Hernandez, Jacob Bochar, Mikayla Bogany, Megan Burgess, Edgar Bustos Parra, Samantha Cabrales, Kaitlynn Caruthers, Luis Cedillo, Miguel Cedillo Ramirez, Cameron Clark, Shelby Dean, Daniel Delgado, Rakeadric Easley, Brisia Espinoza, Shelby Ferguson, Christy Fischer, Brian Foreman, Tyler Foxworth, Obie Galicia, Briseida Garcia, Kaydence Gibson, Kody Goodwin, Katherine Guzman, James Hammock, Dayana Hernandez, Adan Hernandez Ayala, David Hernandez-Bustos, Stephanie Hernandez-Bustos, Dyllan Hicks, Kristi Hinze, Jeremiah Isbell, Kassandra Jaime, Sara Jimenez Gomez, Jarod Kruse, Alexandro Lopez, Ivan Lopez Figueroa, Cheyenne Lowrance, Destiny Luna, Brice Major, Delvyn Malone, Sarah Malone, Johana Martinez, Jessica Mason, Jose Maxine Sanchez, Bianca Medina, Oscar Morales, Jacob Morgan, Cadence Myers, Haley Myers, Juan Najera, Adolfo Orozco, Charles Overall, Elisabeth Palafox, Austin Pate, Ashley Patterson, Corinne Perry ,Alicia Ponce, Bonnie Pope, Austyn Pruett, Anabel Ramirez, Aris Ramos, Kailey Rangel, Carlos Renovato, Aaron Reyna, Alan Saenz Alvarez, Laura Saenz Alvarez, Sebastian Salvador, Angel Sanchez Resendiz, Guadalupe Silva, Miguel Silva, Joseph Slater, Malikeye Steptoe, Samuel Stokley, Alexis Tovar, Esmeralda Tovar Rosales, Gustavo Uriostegui, Angel Vasquez, Dyanne Vasquez, Shelton Vasquez, Joel Weekes, Joshua Weekes, Chase Whitmire, Kasi Wyatt, Caiden Yarbrough

A Honor Roll

6th Grade: Krystophe Cantu, Arelis Garcia, Kaydence Gibson, Kristi Hinze, Brynn Ihnen, Haley Myers, Leslie Pena, Juana Ramirez, Macy Strickland
7th Grade: Jayla Andrews, Lucchese Burch, Sara Jimenez Gomez
8th Grade: Jacqueline Aguillon, Justin L. Capps, Briseida Garcia, Dyllan Hicks, Dally Hightower, Erin Nix, Tyler Skinner

B Honor Roll

6th Grade: Valentina Beiza Hernandez, Kimberly Blackmann, Desirae Bullock, Torri Burrow, Caitlin Clark, Cameron Clark, Brisia Espinoza, Obie Galicia, Caitlyn Harper, Aleese Harvey, Emily Hopper, Ruby Iracheta, Alexandro Lopez, Joel Lopez, Tyler Lucas, Arlet Medina, Makayla Morton, Emma Plaisance, Katlyne Pollard, Cole Russell, Laura Saenz Alvarez, Alfredo Salas, Sergio Sandoval, Madison Stephens, Malikeye Steptoe, Esmeralda Tovar Rosales, Angel Vasquez, Jordan Watkins
7th Grade: Hallie Alexander, Khloe Allen, Adrian Almazan, Rebecca Barnes, Jesse Beverly, Jessica Busby, Kaitlynn Caruthers, Christian Castillo, Kara Coleman, Garrett Cones, Devin Franklin, Margaret Guynes, Katherine Guzman, Brice Major, Cadence Myers, Autumn Phillips, Lily Plaisance, Aris Ramos, Reagan Roberts, Grace Rodgers, Madison Smith, Paige Solomon, Dyanne Vasquez, Shelton Vasquez, John Wilsher
8th Grade: Shannan Aills, Joseph Alexander, Charles Antley, Jonah Ballard, Kolton Burton, Ty Carlos, Julian Cheek, Katelynn Cooper, Meghan Darrow, John Davis, Zachary Estes, Prisseffani Estrada, Chase Gallmeier, Matthew Green, Trevor Hodge, Kayla Horton, Kassandra Jaime, Hank Kelso, Bryce Kirchner, Kassie Lacombe, Juana Lemus, Cheyenne Martin, Noemi Montoya, Ashley Patterson, Jacob Patterson, Mya Pennington, Corinne Perry, Austyn Pruett, Caitlin Ramsey, Andrew Reeves, Jared Ringo, Lesly Rios, Journey Shipman, Kelsey Tomplait, Kiara Torres, Cora Truelove, Raylei Weaver, Joshua Weekes, Ty Wilson, Keeley Wright

Fellow Studemts Attack 7th Grader Leaving Him Cross-Eyed



by Randy Wallace
HOUSTON (FOX 26)

13-year-old Dustin Johnson woke up on March 29th looking like this. "I see double and it's very blurry," Dustin said. Dustin's mother Amanda Anderson says she had no idea what had happened to her son the day before at school until he confided to his doctor. "Then I called the school and they knew about it they had witnesses tell them about it the day it happened," Anderson said. "They didn't let me know anything." "They chased me around and when they caught me they tackled me," Dustin said. "I got back up one of them body slammed me. I got back up they gave me shoves and I walked out." Anderson says school officials at Livingston Junior High School showed her video of the attack. "Three boys approach him, he was running from them, when one of the biggest boys caught up with him," said Anderson. "He body slammed him. He landed on top of my son, they both got up and my son was shoved back to the ground." "I feel worried cause if they can do this what else can they do," Dustin said. Anderson says only one of the boys who attacked her son was punished and all he got she says was two days in school suspension. "They're still there," Anderson, said. "There's nothing they're going to do to remove the situation."

In a prepared statement a Livingston I.S.D. spokesperson says after a thorough investigation the district handled the matter under the Livingston I.S.D. code of conduct. "They're not taking any responsibility for this whatsoever," Anderson said. "Today they gave me death threats and told me they were going to hurt my head even more," Dustin said. In the prepared statement Livingston I.S.D. says there are profound inaccuracies in the mother's account of what happened. But when we asked the district to be more specific about that we heard nothing back. Doctors will wait to see if Dustin's eyes correct themselves before deciding if surgery is needed.



Students of the Week



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; Tangela Yates and Hannah Cooper in 5th grade, Jennifer Rodriquez and Jocelyn Mayorga in 4th grade , Caleb Goodwin and Jordan Cutaia in 3rd grade. Jonathan Lopez and Rebecca Cherry in 5th grade, Hannah Thomas and Isabella in 4th grade , Ava Bowman and Trenton McDaniel in 3rd grade..



Rebecca Cherry



Hannah Thomas



Jonathan Lopez



Isabella Godina



Trenton McDaniel



Ava Bowman

Pray for Kensley

Kensley is the daughter of Christina and Jason Shrader, Kensley is 4 years old and was recently diagnosed with A.L.L (Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia) a benefit will be held on May 14th to help the Shrader family with medical expenses throughout medical treatment for Kensley. The Shrader family has been in the Shepherd community for generations and has always been willing to help when needed. Kensley's mom, Christina has been a nurse for 10 years, she's touched many lives along the way. Let's return the favor! Let's all come together and show them how they have touched our lives!

Kensley's Story

Leukemia is a type of blood cancer that develops in the bone marrow which is the spongy center of bones and where new blood cells grow. The body makes large amounts of abnormal cells which crowd out healthy cells making it difficult to fight infections, control bleeding and transport oxygen. Leukemia cells spill into the bloodstream fairly quickly. From there they can go to other parts of the body such as lymph nodes, spleen, liver, brain, spinal cord and other organs. When Kensley was diagnosed, 50% of her cells were composed of Leukemia. Crowding of these cells also causes pain which was one of the first indicators that something was wrong with Kensley.



An otherwise healthy child who routinely took dance lessons, played ball and loved jumping on her trampoline, Kensley's symptoms started suddenly when she woke up from her sleep crying and complained of right hip and leg pain accompanied by high fever. She was seen the next day at an Urgent Care. X-rays were reported as normal and her labs showed anemia but nothing too alarming. It was recommended she have a CT scan to rule out appendicitis. Her mother felt like it could be something more complicated and decided to take her to Texas Children's for further evaluation. Kensley's pain worsened and had now spread to the left side of her pelvis and lower back. After a MRI and bone marrow aspiration and biopsy, Jason and Christina received the news no parent wants to hear. Kensley immediately started receiving chemotherapy treatment that is predicted to last 2 or up to 3 years. Life as they knew it was changed. Kensley is immunocompromised and is unable to be anywhere near crowds. She won't be able to go back to Preschool until after she has entered the Maintenance phase which will be at least 9 months from now. The family is still trying to adjust and says it still feels like it's all a bad dream. Christina said "It didn't really hit me until about a week later when I received a phone call and the person on the other end said they were calling from the CANCER clinic and then heard Kensley's name."

Despite all the challenges, parents, Jason and Christina have been able to experience kindness in others. They feel they have seen immense generosity and acts of kindness that has pulled them closer together as a family and to their friends and family. Lets help make this princess a hometown HERO by beating the battle of cancer

"I can do all things through him, who gives me strength"
-Philippians 4:13

The benefit Will be **May 14, 2016** starting at 2:00 p.m. Brisket plates, BBQ sandwiches and crawfish will be served. Live and silent auctions. Live entertainment!

Did you know...

by Yvonne Ryba
Last week I told you about the Habitat for Humanity Birthday Celebration Dinner. It will be held on April 30 from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at the Jones Auditorium in Coldspring. Tickets are \$30 single, \$50 for a couple or a table of six will cost \$150. I gave you a web site address which I discovered later is really an email address! So, to reserve your place call (936) 653-1890 or (281) 659-5624 or email habitatsjctx@gmail.com. Habitat for San Jacinto County have already built several houses and another is on the way. They also opened a resale shop in Coldspring, behind Paradise Grille, where you can either donate or buy building or decorating supplies, used furniture, tiles and more. Things are donated all the time so have a look in there!
If you want to know what is happening in the coming days, weeks and months in our county, go to www.sanjacintocountybulletinboard.com. This is a treasure trove of information and has a beautiful slide show of our county, showing how lovely it is.

Shepherd Chamber of Commerce is arranging the entertainment for our Independence Day celebration. You may remember that Shepherd holds this on a different day than July 4th. This year we will hold it on July 2, a Saturday. We will have a splendid fireworks show coupled with a laser light show and music. This will be the best ever! Vendors, contact the Shepherd Chamber for info. Non profit organizations may set up their tables free of charge. This is a community event and the Chamber board works hard to make it enjoyable for everyone. We are happy to report our Board President, Joe Williamson, is recovering from illness!
April 27 is Administrative Professional Day. Do you employ someone or perhaps you are this person in your business? Treat them and yourself to lunch at Coldspring Community Center. Coldspring-San Jacinto County Chamber of Commerce is hosting this luncheon which has a tempting menu consisting of pork tenderloin, potato casserole, green beans, salad and rolls and Texas sheet cake for dessert. Cost? \$15 each. Guest speaker for this event will be Sarah Asiala who will talk about 'Understanding Cultural Diversity'. The lunch starts at 11:30 a.m., the speaker will begin at noon. Call the Chamber to reserve your place.
By the way, the tent caterpillars seemed to disappear round my place until I found they had all moved to the rose bushes. (Not for long though!)

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.

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Pamela and Waid said their vows and committed their lives together on March 5, 2016 at the Shepherd Community Center . Bryan Williams officiated. We wish you a long and happy life together! Congratulations, newlyweds!

New Releases Coming to McClain’s DVD Kiosk This Week

- The 5th Wave (PG-13) action/adventure:** Four waves of increasingly deadly alien attacks have left most of Earth decimated. Cassie is on the run, desperately trying to save her younger brother.
Starring: Chloë Grace Moretz, Matthew Zuk, Gabriela Lopez
- The Revenant (R) adventure/drama:** A frontiersman on a fur trading expedition in the 1820s fights for survival after being mauled by a bear and left for dead by members of his own hunting team.
Starring: Leonardo DiCaprio, Tom Hardy, Will Poulter
- Norm of the North (PG) animation/adventure:** When a real estate development invades his Arctic home, Norm and his three lemming friends head to New York City, where Norm becomes the mascot of the corporation in an attempt to bring it down from the inside and protect his homeland.
Starring (voices): Rob Schneider, Heather Graham, Ken Jeong
- Fifty Shades of Black (R) comedy:** An inexperienced college student meets a wealthy businessman whose sexual practices put a strain on their relationship.
Starring: Marlon Wayans, Kali Hawk, Fred Willard
- The Lady in the Van (PG-13) biography/comedy:** A man forms an unexpected bond with a transient woman living in her van that's parked in his driveway.
Starring: Maggie Smith, Alex Jennings, Jim Broadbent

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

Senior Menu

- 4/18: Chicken Spaghetti, Beets, Tossed Salad & Dressing Garlicbread, Pudding
 - 4/19: Sausage & Potatoes & Peppers Stir Fry, Squash Casserole, Wheat Bread, Salad, Fruit
 - 4/20: Fried Catfish, Hush Puppies, Macaroni & Cheese, Tossed Salad, Pudding
 - 4/21: BBQ Ham, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Wheat Bread, Salad, Fruit
 - 4/22: Smothered Chicken & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Purple Hull Peas, Cornbread, Salad, Fruit
 - 4/25: Meatloaf, Cheesy Potatoes, Okra & Tomatoes, Cornbread, Salad, Fruit
 - 4/26: Chicken Enchiladas, Spanish Rice, Pinto Beans, Salad, Fruit
 - 4/27: Glazed Ham, Buttered Yams, Squash Casserole, Rolls, SaladFruit
 - 4/28: Spaghetti & Meat Sauce, Mixed Veggies, Garlic Bread, Salad,Cookie
 - 4/29: Chicken & Sausage Gumbo, Rice, Tossed Salad & Dressing, Crackers, 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

Summer Raffle Basket for SVFD



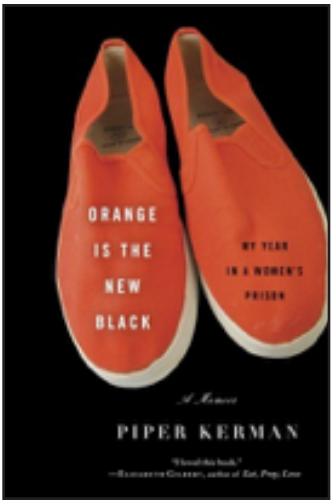
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Orange is the New Black
By Piper Kerman ★★
298 pages
Genre- Adult Autobiography
Summary- With a career, a boyfriend, and a loving family, Piper Kerman barely resembles the reckless young woman who delivered a suitcase of drug money ten years before. But that past has caught up with her.
Convicted and sentenced to fifteen months at the infamous federal correctional facility in Danbury, Connecticut, the well-heeled Smith College alumna is now inmate #11187-424 — one of the millions of people who disappear “down the rabbit hole” of the American penal system.
From her first strip search to her final release, Kerman learns to navigate this strange world with its strictly enforced codes of behavior and arbitrary rules. She meets women from all walks of life, who surprise her with small tokens of generosity, hard words of wisdom, and simple acts of acceptance.
My Review I went to my sister’s house one weekend who had Netflix and she got me started watching the television series Orange is the New Black. I was pretty into it after 3-4 episodes so when I got back home I wanted to continue buuuut since I do not have Netflix and my sister lives 4 hours away, I decided to try the book out in order to get my fix instead. However, I was disappointed.



The T.V. show was so good and exciting, and the book just...wasn’t. It started out interesting, talking about her life and the crime she committed, and even her finally being sentenced for it. But once she is actually in jail... nothing really happens at all. I kept waiting and waiting for something, anything, really interesting to happen, and when I finally read the last page and realized that was the end I remember thinking, Really? That’s it? Well...that sucked. Without any drama, the book turns into something of a "I did this, and then I did this" sort of story, which had me checking my figurative watch about halfway through.
I’m also unsure how to feel about Piper. Her verion of events seemed... unrealistic, to say the least. Honestly, prison doesn’t sound all that bad from her autobigraphy. And all of her family and friends were super supportive saying things like, “It’s okay. You were young. You made a mistake.” I mean, really? There wasn’t one person who was angry with her? Not one teensy weensy person that called her stupid for making such a stupid youthful decision? She also came off as a bit...smug. I mean, who goes into a women’s prison and literally makes friends with almost everyone, regardless of their race, religion, personalities, upbringings, etc.? Sure, that sounds great, but from my knowledge, the human race just doesn’t work that way. And not only did she become friends with them, she became more like their savior. It was hard to wrap my head around and caused me to roll my eyes a few times.
I would’ve liked to know a little more about what happened after Piper was released. Did she keep in touch with the countless friends she made in prison? How did Piper adjust to the world again after spending so long in prison? Did any issues come up with her and her family, her fiancé?
All in all, I wouldn’t say this was a bad book, and maybe it would be better if I had went in with no expectations from watching the show. But if I could go back in time, I doubt I would’ve ever picked it up in the first place.
Parental Guidance- I couldn’t find any parental guidance for the actual book (everything kept taking me to reviews about the show!) The show most people say 16-18 years and up, and since it’s been too long since I’ve read this book to remember details such as that, I’ll just give the book the same rating!
Stand Alone or Series- This is a stand-alone book.
Price- I found copies new, used, and e-book on Amazon from \$0.01-\$11.99.

♥ Lizzie

April 20, 2016

Community Classifieds

UNEMPLOYED MACHINIST NEEDS WORK: Tractor work, Welding, Automotive repair, Roofing, Carpentry, All types of Tile work, REASONABLE RATES, NO JOB TOO SMALL. Please call Joseph Clements 936-230-2383 SHEPHERD AREA
FOR SALE: 2 standard size toilets \$10.00 each, 2 coffee tables \$5.00 each, 2 end tables \$5.00 for the pair, 2 twin size bed frames \$5.00 each, 1 regular bed frame \$10.00. Shepherd Senior Citizens 936-628-3733
FOR SALE: Cub Cadet mower with 50” deck, \$300.00. 14-5 Briggs Stratton Motor with exchg., \$250.00. Have parts for Ryders. Please call Larry at 281-806-9957.
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Community Calendar

4/22: Monthly Food Truck; 10am-12pmshepherd Community Center
4/25: PIRATEERS READING PROGRAM 9-10AM; Shepherd Primary Parent Center

Church News

DREW’S LANDING BAPTIST CHURCH: We are hosting an Area Wide Youth Rally April 16, 2016 at noon! All church’s invited to participate. Lots of free food, fun, faith & music. Church’s interested call Pastor R. Withers at (936) 239-5367. 161 Thomas Castleberry off 1127 in Shepherd. Looking forward to seeing everyone! Come as you are!
BIG CREEK MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH: We would like to extend a special invitation to come and worship with us at Big Creek Missionary Baptist Church. Please come and be an important part of caring, spirit-filled church of God! You will be truly Blessed. Pastor: Skip Clift—Sunday Morning Services at 11:00 a.m. and Bible Classes are on Wednesday night at 6:00 p.m. Located on FM 2666.
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!
TEMPLE OF FAITH CHURCH: The Temple of Faith Church (1334 Shepherd Tram Road) would like to invite you to our Annual Youth Day Program on Sunday May 1, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. The Rev. Willie Carrington of Galilee BC in Cleveland Texas will be our guest speaker. Come and be blessed.

Community Appreciation Day
PEOPLES STATE BANK wants to THANK the community for their continued support by hosting a
“Community Appreciation Day”
Saturday, April 23rd
10:00-2:00
At our Shepherd, Coldspring, & Livingston Locations
Each location will hold a drawing for a YETI Cooler, Youth BICYCLE, or a Personal SHREDDER.
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