SHEPHERD COMMUNITY NEWS

Rice University Study of San Jacinto County Complete submitted by John Lovett

On Friday, April 28, County Judge John Lovett travelled to Rice University to receive a presentation from two teams of Rice MBA students who were making the final presentation of their semester-long project for a grade before their graduation later this month. The two teams, each consisting of five members, have been studying San Jacinto County as part of the Capstone Course curriculum during the entire spring semester. The students on each five-member team are enrolled in the M.B.A. program at Rice University, Jones Graduate School of Business and are in their final semester before graduation later this month.

The Capstone Course at Rice University's Jones Graduate School of Business brings together teams of Rice MBAs to develop recommendations that help community organizations solve critical strategic challenges, such as major growth or expansion plans, organization turnaround strategies, and new ventures by the organization in need of a business plan. Judge John Lovett, during his first year in office, approached Rice University in the summer of 2015 to inquire about having the University conduct a study of the county as part of its ALPs curriculum (Action Learning Project). After discussion, it was decided that a new program, the Capstone Program, would be more suitable to obtain the desired outcome, but the deadline for application had passed. Judge John Lovett followed up in 2016, made application for the 2016/2017 school year program and was accepted into the Capstone Program. This presentation is the culmination of effort of ten Rice M.B.A. students and can be used by county and civic leaders to plan and manage the growth that our county is experiencing.

The Capstone Course and the ALPs Course are semester long projects in which the students create a Strategic Management Study of the organization. The ALPs Course is aimed at the for-profit market, and the Capstone Course is aimed at the non-profit and community organization market. The program is designed to give these students the skills they need to work in the private sector after graduation. There are consulting companies that perform these studies for a fee. The cost equivalent of the work-product produced in the Capstone Course, if purchased, would be approximately one million dollars. The typical cost range for a detailed strategic management study like the one produced for San Jacinto County is \$750,000 to \$1.5 million. San Jacinto County is very fortunate to get such a detailed product at no cost to the county or taxpayers. With limited resources, the county would never be able to budget for such a study, however, this "outside-the-box" thinking brought to county government by County Judge John Lovett has great benefit and county residents will see benefits from this for years to come.

Judge John Lovett has long thought our county is growing in population and the rate of growth is accelerating. Bringing in these independent and well researched ideas and recommendations will help the county leaders in their decision making and planning to maintain and enhance the quality of life in our county. The two summary studies and corresponding data will be made available to public inspection on the county website when received by Judge Lovett from Rice University. Judge Lovett is coordinating with some of the team members to come back to the county to make

for themselves. An announcement will be made when arrangements are made that details when the presentation will be held. San Jacinto County is the first county ever studied by Rice University, and according to Judge Lovett, no other university has ever completed a similar study on any other county, making San Jacinto County the first county ever to receive the benefits of having a study conducted by the intelligent, motivated and hard-working students in the Rice University M.B.A. program. Additional information on the Capstone Program can be gained by going to: https://business.rice.edu/capstone

another presentation of their findings at a county Commissioners Court meeting so that any interested citizen can see the presentation



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We are so honored to be collaborating w/ Special Needs Sportsmen they are hosting a Special Needs Fishing tournament for youth & Adults. Adding more excitement to this great event/Program.

Special Needs Sportsmen-willstallones04@omail.com

More Information *Activities: 3 day camp out, 3 day youth & adult fishing tournament Special Needs fishing Tournament (Youth & Adults), Harlem Globetrotter Hour, waterslide, swimming pool, Lots of educational booths, Learning skills, Us Army (Rock Wall), US Air Force, Horseshoe Tournament, River Refuge Display, Aztec Dancer, Boy & Girl Scout Fundraiser, Free Meals, Volleyball, Movie in the Woods By Blanket Top Theater, Outdoors skilled exercise activities, scavenger Hunt, Kayak Races Hosted by Dirty South Kyak Anglers, Alligator presentation, Anti-Bully celebrity Panel, Reptile displays, Ducks Unlimited Booth, American Red Cross Booth, Aztec Dancers, LOTS OF ENTERTAINMENT By Shayne Porter, Kenny Cooper, Jay Berglan, Savercool Band, Crafts, Campfire Smores, Hiking, Bike adventures, Boy Scout demonstrations by Troop 95, A 2 Z Dental Booth, Puppet Show By Connie, coloring contest, photo station, Scavenger Hunt,

More being added. WE are working on some surprise celebrities

*This event was created in 2010. When I Brenda Myers was at a local grocery store and a little boy came out and seen me putting my fishing gear together and he asked his dad to take him fishing. The father replied " son you know we cant do that". I Approached the vehicle, tapped on the window and said to the father, " I Am not trying to mind your business but why can't you take him fishing?"The man said I have 5 children and by the time you buy gas, food, bait, and supplies your looking at about \$200.00 and I just cant afford it. Our board got together the very next day and the first year we took 79 children & family members on a 3 day camp-out, fishing tournament, including Specia Needs Torunament, with educational groups, 2014 we had 868 participants in 2015 we had, 1682 in 2016. This event has capture the hearts of celebrities, businesses owners, corporate CEO's and hundreds being one of our ANNUAL SPONSORS- TAX



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County Judge John Lovett Makes Statement Regarding Vehicle Accident on 2666

"I am very sorry for the accident that occurred on FM 2666 on Monday, May 1, 2017. I am grateful that the young lady in the other car was not hurt. Immediately after the accident, I stopped my vehicle and pulled over to the shoulder of the road, I called 911, the next vehicle travelling the road was a DPS trooper, which I flagged down and made aware of the accident, I drove my vehicle a short distance back to the other vehicle, I spoke with the other driver who was being attended by witness and other drivers who had stopped, I spoke with the DPS trooper, I spoke with the other drivers mother and sister when they arrived at the scene, I spoke with emergency medical personnel, and I stayed at the scene until it was cleared by DPS troopers. I fully cooperated with the officers' on-scene, and voluntarily asked for a blood test to prove that there was no impairment in an effort to avoid rampant speculation. The test results should be back in thirty to sixty days and will put an end to the ongoing rampant speculation on social media.

When the accident occurred, I had crossed over the center line because I was trying to arrange for an emergency mental health detention warrant as part of my official duties, and was on my way to the courthouse to interview the applicant. I deeply regret this error. I was not texting and driving, but I was distracted by my phone and trying to dial, and this was a mistake on my part. Regarding the questions of insurance coverage. I have had continuous insurance coverage on my vehicle; going back before the state law change made this a requirement. I recently changed carriers and set up insurance coverage with a local agency on April 12 to combine my auto policy with my homeowners policy, but for some reason, that policy had not yet been submitted and bound. I have taken immediate steps to remedy this. My political foes have already tried to capitalize on this accident - it is no surprise that Channel 13 and Channel 11 TV News from Houston showed up to cover an accident in which both parties, fortunately, walked away and one vehicle drove away. That is unfortunate, but that's politics. I just hate that this poor young woman is being dragged into it. It is bad enough to be involved in a car accident that is not your fault when you are only seventeen just started driving, but worse to have it all over the news. Folks can take shots at me all they want, but please don't send the news media to hound this young woman or her family, who are blameless."

This article was submitted by County Judge John Lovett for informational purposes. McClain's Food Market is impartial and has no affiloiation with this case.

Shepherd ISD Media Release

The Shepherd ISD is participating in the Seamless Summer Feeding Program. Meals will be provided to all children 18 and under without charge and are the same for all children regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service.

Meals will be provided at the sites and times as follows: Shepherd Intermediate School and High School Camps.

June 5 – June 22 Monday - Thursday Breakfast: 7:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Lunch: 10:50 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Shepherd ISD está participando en el Programa de Alimentación Seamless Summer. Las comidas serán proporcionadas a todos los niños menores de 18 años sin costo alguno y es lo mismo para todos los niños sin distinción de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo, edad o discapacidad. No habrá ninguna discriminación durante el servicio de comidas. Las comidas serán proporcionadas en los sitios y horarios de la siguiente manera: Escuela Intermedia de Shepherd y High School Camps.

5 de junio al 22 de junio de Lunes - Jueves

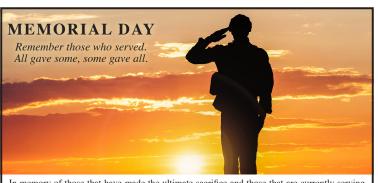
Desayuno 7:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Almuerzo 10:50 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

To file a complaint of discrimination, write or call immediately to: USDA Director, Office of Civil Rights 1400 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 (800) 795-3272 or (202) 720-6382 (TTY) USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Happy Arbor Day!



Miss Boyd's First Grade class celebrated Arbor Day by planting two trees with Texas Forest Service.



In memory of those that have made the ultimate sacrifice and those that are currently serving our great country, First State Bank would like to invite our community to participate in a card drive for our military personnel. Drop by one of our locations and sign a card to show your

support or bring in your own card May 4th - May 26th. All cards received will be sent out in care packages provided by Faith Military Support Group

112 West Polk Livingston, TX (936) 327-5211 6320 Hwy. 59 South Shepherd, TX



2300 US Hwy. 190 West Livingston, TX (936) 327-5211 14200 Hwy. 190 West Onalaska, TX (936) 646-6600

(936) 628-3347 www.fsblivingston.com

is hosting a blood drive at the church on

Saturday May 20, 2017

Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center will collect

blood from **9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.** All donors will receive a T-shirt!

For an appointment, call Jean (281) 592-7002. Walk-ins welcome also.

901 Plum Grove Rd Cleveland, TX

NEFIT for Patricia Watson

Creek Side off Road/ATV Park Splendora, TX **May 27, 2017**



SILENT AUCTION 50/50 RAFFLES BBQ PLATES



Justin & Wesley Fulcher Live Music 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Support Trisha in kick'n Cancer's Butt & Having Fun Sling'n that Mud for Our Girll

Patricia Watson was been diagnosed with Uterine Cancer in March 2017. Many know her as "Trisha - Glen's sister and Owner of Down South Mudders Offroad". She had experienced some severe pain and bleeding unexpectedly. She went to the emergency room and upon her exam and couple of procedures - she and her husband, Kenneth were informed of the tragic news. With that being said, an ER oncologist confirmed what the ER doctor said. She has been referred to an oncologist at MD Anderson. This was not even a thought in her mind as she went to the ER. If you know Patricia as many of us do - you know her calm spirit, faith and big heart for helping other people within her community and co-workers. The plan for treatment is in discussion, but as you all know that is overwhelming in itself. She will not be able to work while receiving treatment. She and her husband work for the correctional prison facility in Livingston and even with insurance he cannot cover the costs on his own which include but are not limited to parking, multiple medications to help her cope with the effects of the treatment, doctor visits multiple times a week, which will continue to grow in cost rapidly. In addition to this they still have their home responsibilities and medical bills that are already piling up from the ER and procedures on top of lost work time. Patricia continued to help families in need within surrounding communities until this life-changing event. She has been there as a supportive friend, volunteering her time and donating at every benefit she attended.

> Let's Support Her Now and Pay it Forward As They Would Do for You and Yours!

Mark Your Calendars Show Patricia Watson Your Support! She is Not Alone!

For any questions or comments - Please contact: Lisa Hoffart: (832) 465-1212 or Pat Jones: (936) 727-8879 BY YVONNE RYBA

Well, Mother's Day has passed and I hope everyone had a happy time with friends and family. The Women's League of San Jacinto County lunch last week celebrated this event by decorating the tables with photos of their mothers. It was the last meeting of the year for them. The next year begins in September. Once a month a catered lunch by The Church Ladies, is followed by a guest speaker. The venue is Coldspring Community Center on the second Thursday of every month. If you would like to know more about them look them up in the www.sanjacintocountybulletinboard.com

There are some interesting events in our area this month. You will have read articles about the 'Hug a Tree/ Kiss a Fish' event, this free 3 day outdoor camping meet is organized by the Community and Children's Impact Center headed by Brenda Myers and her Board members. This year it is being held at the Alabama-Coushatta Reservation Lake Tombigbee Campgrounds, which will allow for expansion and a chance to join in with the many celebrities who are supporting this very worthwhile event. Make some time to visit on May 19, 20 and 21! Call (936) 499-2632 or go online to www.impactcenter.vpweb.com.

The Impact Center is having a very busy month! Not only is it organizing this huge weekend event but it has taken a new place for its resale shop in Shepherd. It will still be on Loop 424 but in

> This is a free service. Bob will help with any business problemyou 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

www.greatershepherdchamberofcommerce.org

Call your nearest Chamber for an appointment to talk with Director Bob Barragan of Sam Houston State University S.B.D.C. **Coldspring - San Jacinto Chamber of Commerce** 31 N. Butler, Coldspring 77331 936) 653-2184 www.coldspringtexas.org

a much larger building, what was the Feed Store across from

the Court Annex. There will be a lot more room for the resale

store and also other events. Watch out for more news on this!

and Light show, and before that there will be games for the children,

food and drink, music and vendors of all kinds, both indoors at the

Community Center and outside under the Pavilion roof. If you

would like to be a vendor, go to the web site listed below and decide

which space suits you. Spaces inside the Community Center are \$35,

outside costs \$25. Food vendors will be charged \$45 and non-profit

Thank you Happy Days Diner for the Shepherd Chamber decals! The

I noticed two interesting and free resources advertised in Shepherd

this week. Blessed Assurance Homehealth Care Inc. offer free blood

pressure screening at their office on Thursdays from 11:00 a.m. until

3:00 p.m. Blessed Assurance's office is located at 11231 Hwy 150,

Dancing lessons on Tuesdays at 5.45 p.m. Located at 71 Spring Ave in

Coldspring Chamber will hold a ribbon cutting at the Chamber for a

new member Lonestar UAS on May 16 at noon. This company does

real estate photography, including video and aerial, and I hope to give

Shepherd, all that is needed is 'respect and commitment'.

Shepherd Methodist Church is offering free Hawaiian (Hula)

Suite A, or call them at (936) 499-2632.

you more information soon.

restaurant owner Regina made up these decals for Chamber use. Call

into the Library if you are a member and want one for your window.

organizations pay \$10. Call Shepherd Chamber for more details.

Shepherd will celebrate Independence Day on July 1 with Fireworks

Shepher's Senior Citizen's Lunch Menu May 2017				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
15	16	17	18	19
MEATLOAF POTATOES & ONIONS CORN CASSEROLE ROLL, SALAD, FRUIT	CHICKEN ENCHILADAS RICE & GREEN CHILIIES PINTO BEANS SALAD,FRUIT	BEEF LIVER & ONIONS BROWN GRAVY, MASHED POTATOES SQUASH & ONIONS CORNBREAD MUFFINS, SALAD, FRUIT	CHICKEN & SAUSAGE GUMBO RICE FRIED OKRA CRACKERS, FRUIT	BEEFY CORNBREAD CASSEROLE LIMA BEANS CANDIED CARROTS SALAD, FRUIT
22	23	24	25	26
FRIED FISH HUSH PUPPIES BAKED POTATO SALAD COLESLAW SALAD, BANANA PUDDING	PORK LOIN GRAVY & ONIONS MASHED POTATOES NORTHERN BEANS CORNBREAD, SALAD, FRUIT	BEEF PATTY ONIONS & GRAVY MASHED POTATOES CABBAGE CORNBREAD, SALAD, FRUIT	GRILLED HAM BUTTERED YAMS NORTHERN BEANS TOSSED SALAD & DRESSING CORN MUFFINS, FRUIT	BAKED GARLIC PARMASEAN CHICKEN PASTA SALAD PEAS ROLL, SALAD, FRUIT
29	30	31		
CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY	BAKED POTATO STUFFED WITH BBQ PULLED PORK TOSSED SALAD & DRESSING COLESLAW, FRUIT	FRIED CHICKEN MACARONI & CHEESE GREENS, CORNBREAD SALAD, FRUIT		



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- Make strawberry sauce. In a small saucepan, over medium heat chopped strawberries, lemon juice, sugar and corn starch until the sauce is thickened. Remove from heat and set aside. • Roll out the crescent rolls into two rectangles. Spread
- cream cheese onto the dough, and roll the dough. Cut the dough into rolls. Place the rolls 1 inch apart in a baking dish or pie pan. Bake according to the instructions on the container. Remove from the oven and let cool.
- Prepare the glaze by mixing ingredients. Drizzle strawberry sauce and glaze over the rolls.

Make it a Meal Serve with diced breakfast potatoes (3lb gold potatoes on sale 2/\$3.00!) and bacon or sausage patties (Purnell roll sausage 16oz. on sale 2/\$5.00!) Recipe found at www.makethebestofeverything.com





Happy Birthday Bobbie Davis! The Shepherd Senior Center also wishes Joan Arrendell, Margaret Bowlin, Pat Cook, Barbara Culver, Edgar Hensley, George Leutert, Jack Long. and Stephanie Silcox a Happy Birthday!

Ingredients:

Strawberry Sauce

- 1lb container strawberries
- 1/4 cup of sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon corn starch • juice of 1/2 lemon
- Glaze

• 1/2 cup powdered sugar

• Juice of 1/2 lemon

Rolls

• 1 package of crescent rolls

(Parade crescent rolls 8ct. on sale 2/\$3.00!)

• 4 ounces of cream cheese

(Crystal Farms cream cheese 80z. on sale \$1.88!)





xXx: Return of Xander Cage (PG-13) action/adventure: Xander Cage is left for dead after an incident, though he secretly returns to action for a new, tough assignment with his handler Augustus Gibbons.

Starring: Vin Diesel, Donnie Yen, Deepika Padukone

Resident Evil: The Final Chapter (R) action/horror: Alice returns to where the nightmare begins: The Hive in Raccoon City, where the Umbrella Corporation is gathering its forces for a final strike against the only remaining survivors of the apocalypse. Starring: Milla Jovovich, Iain Glen, Ali Larter



The Space Between Us (PG-13) adventure/ drama: The first human born on Mars travels to Earth for the first time, experiencing the wonders of the planet through fresh eyes. He embarks on an adventure with a street smart girl to discover how he came to be.

Starring: Gary Oldman, Asa Butterfield, Carla Gugino McClain's does not maintain Cajun DVD movie kiosk

and therefore cannot guarantee all movie releases



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PART TIME HELP WANTED: Part Time City Maintenance Worker to read and install meters. Other job duties could include assisting with water connections, street repairs, mowing, and completing work orders. Pre-employment physical and drug test may be required. Applications are available at Shepherd City Hall, 11020 Hwy 150, Shepherd, TX 77371. Applications must be received by May 31, 2017. We are an equal opportunity employer and all qualified applicants will receive consideration for this position. If there are any questions, please call 936-628-3305.





5/16: Republican Women of SJC dinner meeting; 6:45PM www.RWofSJC.org or call 832-259-6812

5/19: Friday Senior Resale Shop Bag Day

5/26: Food Truck

5/15: School Board Meeting, 7pm

5/31: Bridge of hope community church "Community Fellowship Dinner", Shepherd Middle School, 7PM.

*Every Monday & Tuesday: SISD Bilingual Parent Involvement, 6-8pm at middle school library.



preaches the message of the Cross. 793 Thomas Castleberry Rd., Shepherd S.S. 9:30a.m., Services 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Thursday, 7:30 p.m. (936) 628-1059 All are welcome! **SPRING HILL BAPTIST CHURCH:** Old Time Religion on Sunday, May 28, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. Theme: Psalms 93:1 "The Lord reigneth, he is clothed with majesty; the Lord is clothed with strength, wherewith he hath girded himself: the world also is stablished, that it cannot be moved." KJV. Message to be brought by: Rev. J. W. Horton, Pastor of Greater Sunrise Baptist Church, Houston, Texas. Reverend Frank Mason, Pastor; Evelyn Mason; Douglas Jackson, Associate Minister; Sheila Jackson, Prophetess; Sister Rosie Reed, Program Specialistcontact at (936) 653-4531 or contact the Church at (936) 767-8421.

