THE LIBERTY GAZETTE

Veterans' Day
November 11

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AGENDA

DVFD SMOKED TURKEYS

DAYTON - The Dayton Volunteer Fire Department 2026 Smoked Turkey Pre-Sale Fundraiser is underway! This is pre-sale only with a cut-off date of November 16. Turkeys will be 10-12 pounds. The cost is $70. Pick-up will be November 23 at Station 1 located off Hwy. 321. To order, contact Brett Alley at 936-402-3718, Austin Becker at 936-402-2242 or any DVFD firefighter. Thank you for the continuous support!

DVFD BLOOD DRIVE

DAYTON - Dayton VFD is sponsoring a blood drive Sat., November 21, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The mobile collection bus will be on-site at The Crossroads at 111 N. Church. T-shirts will be available for donors, while supplies last. Please bring a picture ID. Make sure you are feeling well on the day of your donation and have plenty to eat and drink before and after you donate. Appointments are strongly encouraged to efficiently coordinate your donation. Schedule your appointment at mdanderson.org/bloodbank or call 713-792-7777.

TRBA FOOD PANTRY

LIBERTY - The Trinity River Baptist Association Food Pantry will be open Tues., November 17, beginning at 9 a.m. until all goods are distributed. The pantry is located at 2401 Grand Avenue. Identification is required for each family.

FUMC BLOOD DRIVE

LIBERTY - First United Methodist Church Liberty, along with LifeShare Blood Centers, will be hosting its third blood drive of the year, Thursday, November 19, from 3-7 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall at 539 Main Street. Anyone who has not donated whole blood in the last 56 days or double red cells in the last 112 days is eligible. By donating blood, you are truly giving the gift of life. If you have any questions, contact Tom Richert at 936-346-4575.

LIBRARY BOARD

DAYTON - The City of Dayton is seeking dedicated individuals to serve on the board of the Jones Public Library. Apply at cityofdaytontx.com.



These ladies and one gentleman were up before the crack of dawn on Election Day to work the polls at the Dayton Community Center, making sure all voters were properly taken care of. Candy Rucka (front row, far left) told us she returned home that evening at 9:45 after all the election chores were done. Their matching shirts really captured our attention and likely boosted morale too. Pictured above (l-r, front row): Candy Rucka, Cookie Johnson, Brenda McDaniel, Mona Ward and Lurleen Eddleman. Back row, l-r: Grezelda Ligons, Angela Yeager, Leatha Espree, and Stevea Smith. Not pictured are Frank Drabbant, Bailey Ward, Sandra Bartram, and Susan Giberson.

Tickets available for Valley Players' musical

LIBERTY - The Valley Players will present ***Always… Patsy Cline***, a heartfelt musical play based on the true friendship between country music legend Patsy Cline and her biggest fan, Louise Seger. Under the direction of Jerré Delaney, performances will take place Friday and Sat., Nov. 13-14, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 15, at 2 p.m. at the Humphreys-Burson Theatre, 1710 Sam Houston. Tickets are $10 per person at buy.ticketstothecity.com/venue.php?org_id=662 or by scanning the QR code below.

Created and originally directed by Ted Swindley-based on a true story. Musical clearances secured and used by permission. Any taping, filming, recording or broadcast of this play (musical or otherwise) is strictly prohibited.

Lights In Liberty to feature chili cook-off, Nov. 21

LIBERTY - Lights In Liberty will bring the holiday season to downtown Liberty on Sat., November 21, with a chili cook-off on the courthouse grounds. The contest is open to youth and adults. This festive event will include food, music, family fun and more. The competition gets underway at 10 a.m. when the cooks set up and the competition gets underway.

Prizes will be awarded to first, second, and third place finishers in multiple categories. Youth will turn in their best efforts at 3:30 p.m. Adults will follow at 4:30 p.m. Judging will take place at 5 p.m. with the awards presentation at 6 p.m.

Start a new family tradition. To enter contact, Toby Wilburn at 281-212-7020 or Joshua Burk at 936-346-7959.



DAYTON ANIMAL SHELTER NOW OPEN

The City of Dayton celebrated the opening of its new animal shelter on Wednesday, Nov. 4. The new facility is located at 2111 Waco Street, with hours of operation set for Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. If you plan to part ways with a pet, save abandoned animals in your area or would like to adopt a new family pet, please contact the shelter at 936-258-7621. Cutting the ribbon above (l-r) are Dayton Police Chief Shane Burleigh, Animal Control Officer Mykala Darbonne, Dayton Mayor Pro Tem Tonya Smikal, Animal Control Supervisor Danyell Trousdale, Lt. Eric Ibarra and City of Dayton Human Resources Director Tammy Alexander.



SAM HOUSTON CENTER BOOK CLUB PROVIDES BOOKS FOR AMERICAN TROOPS, VETERANS

LIBERTY - "The War Librarian" by Addison Armstrong, a novel focused on the American Library Association's efforts in World War I to raise funds and collect books for camp libraries, military hospitals and similar locations, generated interest among Liberty's Sam Houston Center (SHC) Quarterly Book Club members to take a similar action. Launched as a Texas America250 initiative, the club began collecting books in early 2026. SHC staff coordinated with Operation Paperback, a national non-profit that connects volunteers with American troops, veterans and families. Volunteers and staff shipped 565 books to troops, veterans and their families at destinations across the country and around the world. Books for all ages, including a vast array of genres ranging from poetry to biography and classic literature to fantasy, were mailed. The SHC Quarterly Book Club meets in January, April, July and October of each year. Pictured (l-r) are book club members Cathy Harbour, Debbie Griffin, Eleanor Fregia, Sandy Pickett, Alana Inman, and Linda Ely.

Next Bird Club meeting in Mont Belvieu, Nov. 12

MONT BELVIEU - The November meeting of the Lower Trinity Valley Bird Club will be held Thursday, November 12, at 6:30 p.m. at Mont Belvieu Methodist Church. The meeting will be held in the fellowship hall located at the rear of the church. Come early for the Birder's Chat time.

Gary Holmes will present "Why Birds Matter: Wonderful & Unique," which will explore birds' remarkable adaptations for intelligence, flight, and global migration. He will also emphasize Texas' vital role as a migration corridor and explain how people can help protect wild birds.

For more information or questions, contact Gary Holmes, club president, at 713-366-1722 or email: geholmes52@gmail.com

