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AGENDA

FBC FOOD PANTRY

DAYTON - Dayton First Baptist Church Food Pantry will hold its next food distribution Tues., December 8, from 9-11:30 a.m. The pantry will only be able to serve those with a Dayton 77535 zip code; proof of residence will be required. This will be a walk-in pantry, so please park and come into the food pantry entrance on the north side of the Family Life Center on Nelton Street. Picking up for others will not be allowed except under dire circumstances. The food distribution will be available the second Tuesday of each month.

GRACE INITIATIVE MEALS ON WHEELS

LIBERTY - Liberty and Dayton seniors – are you 60 or older in need of a hot meal? GRACE Initiative Meals On Wheels provides home-delivered meals to eligible seniors who have difficulty preparing meals on their own. Sign up for Meals on Wheels by calling 936-641-2846.

Drivers are needed for all routes in the Liberty and Dayton areas. It only takes approximately 1.5 hours to deliver hot meals. Sign up anytime by calling 936-641-2846, emailing holly@libertymeals.com.

JANIS HOLT DISTRICT OFFICE

LIBERTY - State Representative Janis Holt has officially opened of her District Office at Liberty Central, 1023 North Main, Suite 103. This office will serve as a resource for constituents across House District 18. The district office phone number is 936-810-5035, and residents can call to schedule an appointment or learn more about available services.

MEDICARE ASSISTANCE

LIBERTY - On Thurs., December 3, a service regarding Medicare eligibility and benefits comes to the Liberty Municipal Library. Zelda Earvin, a benefits counselor with the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) Area Agency on Aging, will be at the library from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1-3 p.m. She will explain the difference between traditional Medicare and Medicare Advantage Plans (Medicare Part C), and provide information Part D prescription plans available to beneficiaries. The service is offered at no cost to area seniors. The Liberty Municipal Library is located at 1710 Sam Houston Street. Call the library at 936-336-8901 for more information.



(L-R): Jim Smesny, Frank Smesny, Cynthia Smesny Norwood, Andrea Jenkins Smesny, Joe Smesny and Peggy Flurry Smesny.

Smesny Family to be honored through naming of future elementary school

DAYTON - Dayton Independent School District is excited to announce a significant opportunity for future growth following a presentation by representatives of Arabella by Paul Hayden Developments during the district's November Board of Trustees meeting.

Representatives Jorge Garza and Paul Garza shared plans for Arabella by Paul Hayden Developments, a new master-planned community along FM 1960, including a proposed donation of 15 acres of land to Dayton ISD for the future development of an elementary school.

The proposed donation reflects a collaborative effort between the developer, district leadership, and community stakeholders to prepare for continued growth while supporting the long-term educational needs of Dayton ISD students and families.

"This is an exciting opportunity for our district and the future of our community," said Dr. Travis Young, Superintendent of Dayton ISD. "As Dayton continues to grow, it is important that we plan responsibly and remain focused on providing quality educational opportunities for generations to come. We are grateful to Paul Hayden Developments for recognizing the importance of investing in public education and working alongside our district to help prepare for the future."

The proposed school site is strategically located within Arabella by Paul Hayden Developments near two planned roadways, Community Boulevard and Legacy Lane. The development is expected to include approximately 3,000 homes, commercial spaces, recreational amenities, and infrastructure improvements designed to support the growing community.

A particularly meaningful aspect of the proposal is the developer's intention to honor the Smesny family's five-generation legacy in Dayton through the naming of the future elementary school. The family has longstanding roots in the community, and the proposed recognition would celebrate their contributions while connecting Dayton's rich history to its future.

"I want to emphasize that this is an opportunity to plan for a future school, not one we will begin building tomorrow," said Dr. Luke Chachere, President of the Dayton ISD Board of Trustees. "This is about being proactive and laying the

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Spirit of Christmas, Nutcracker Market, Dec. 4-5

DAYTON - There is plenty for families to enjoy as the City of Dayton presents its annual Spirit of Christmas events and the Nutcracker Market. This is a great way for families celebrate the holiday season right here at home December 4-5. Hours on Friday are from 5-9 p.m. and on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Visit the Nutcracker Market during both days of the Spirit of Christmas at the Dayton Community Center. Stroll through the vendors to find those unique Christmas gift items, Christmas décor, gift baskets, toys, jewelry, home and outdoor décor, food and more.

Saturday, the parade gets underway at 6 p.m. (staging and starting point is at Bronco Stadium). The lighting of the Christmas tree will follow at 7 p.m.

Whether you represent a local business, church, school group, civic organization, or neighborhood crew, you're invited to participate in this year's parade! For more information regarding the parade or securing a vendor space, contact the Trinity Valley Chamber of Commerce at 936-257-2393.

Hurry! Time's a-wastin'!

DAYTON - The Dayton Rotary Club's drawing is quickly approaching. Rotary members are raffling off three $1,000 VISA gift cards just in time for the holiday season. Each ticket costs $50 and provides the purchaser with three chances to win one of the gift cards. Each year, the Dayton Rotarians hold a major fundraiser that supports community services, student programs, and scholarships for graduating seniors.

The drawing will take place at the upcoming Spirit of Christmas and Nutcracker Market on December 5 at the Dayton Community Center. The Rotary Club will have a booth at the Nutcracker Market on both December 4 and 5 leading up to the drawing. There are three ways to purchase tickets: (1) contact any Rotarian or Rotary President Elizabeth Robertson at 832-414-9669, (2) visit https://live.givebutter.com/c/visa-gift-card-raffle-ypkegb, or (3) use the QR code.

The Dayton Rotary Club thanks the community for their continued support as they uphold the motto, "Service Above Self." You do not have to be present to win! Good luck to all participants!



DAYTON ROTARY DRAWING

Rotarian Dr. Luke Chachere and Rotarian Jeff Jones work the Rotary booth at the L.J. Chachere Memorial Livestock Show and assist a hopeful winner as she purchases a ticket.

Lights In Liberty's lighted parade Thurs., Dec. 3

LIBERTY - Downtown Liberty comes alive once again with Lights In Liberty with more holiday celebrations December 3 and 10. The community celebration will honor the heroes who serve our community, our first responders. Area residents are encouraged to be part of honoring those who protect and serve our community while celebrating the traditions that make our small town so special. Twinking lights, holiday decorations, the beloved old fire truck and activities will all bring that special holiday spirit, nostalgia, hometown pride, and Christmas joy to downtown Liberty.

On Thursday, December 3, at 6:30 p.m., the lighted Christmas parade will travel down the streets with lighted entries, marching groups and bands playing Christmas songs all bringing a joyous and festive feel to the evening. After the parade, the jolly old elf himself, Santa, will be busy as young and old alike stop by for that special moment. Bring your camera for those unforgettable photos. The Valley Players will present "The Toy Store" at the Vara Faye Martin Daniel Pavilion and a live nativity will be at Cornerstone Church from 5:30-8:30 p.m. for public viewing. The Liberty Prancers will perform and you can make a Make & Take Craft from 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 10, will feature churches and non-profit booths, which open at 5:30 p.m. The live nativity at Cornerstone Church will be welcoming guests once again. Local entertainment at the Vara Faye Martin Daniel Pavilion will feature LHS Drama students who will present "The Velveteen Rabbit." The LHS National Honor Society art display will be available for viewing; there will be more fun with Make and Take Crafts. All activities take place from 5:30-8:30 p.m. and be sure not to miss the wagon rides on luminary lighted streets. This will be offered on December 10 only.

Come stroll beneath the lights, enjoy the festivities, support our community, and make a few new holiday memories along the way.

For detailed information, visit the website: lightsinliberty.org.

