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AGENDA

VOLUNTEER AT MAGNOLIA PLACE

LIBERTY - Would you like to make someone happy and be rewarded with smiles? Magnolia Place Health Care is looking for caring volunteers, individuals or groups, who can play a musical instrument, such as a guitar, etc., or who can sing to entertain the residents. There is also a need for volunteers to play games, call bingo, help lift spirits, and assist with activities and crafts. If you have the time to volunteer, call 936-336-8844.

KENEFICK VFD BLOOD DRIVE

KENEFICK - Kenefick VFD is sponsoring a blood drive Sat., August 29, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to benefit UT MD Anderson cancer patients. The mobile collection bus will be on-site at the fire station at 3709 FM 1008. An appreciation item and refreshments will be available for all donors. Photo ID is required. Appointments are strongly encouraged to efficiently coordinate your donation. Schedule your appointment at tinyurl.com/kenefick-vfd0826.

HULL-DAISETTA GOLDEN OLDIES

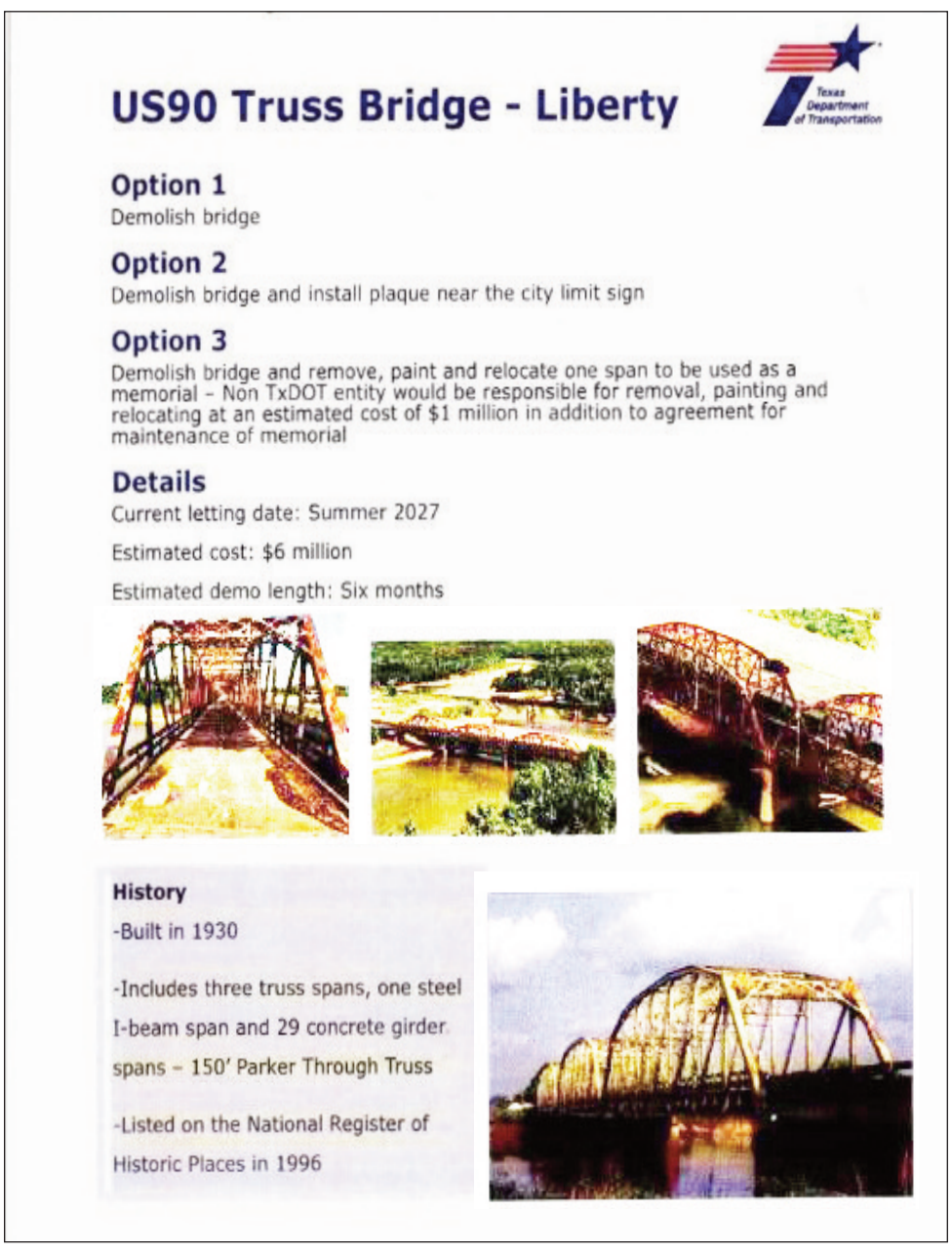
HULL-DAISETTA - The Hull-Daisetta Golden Oldies will once again celebrate Homecoming in Bobcat fashion, Friday, September 4, at the new Hull-Daisetta Community Building. This year, the Class of 1976 will be honored on their fiftieth year of graduation. Brunch will be served at 11 a.m. with a meeting at noon, followed by refreshments at 1 p.m. That evening the Class of 1976 will be introduced at a 6:50 pregame celebration. The homecoming game, against Arcadiana Christian Louise, will be at 7 p.m.

RURAL RALLY FOR SETX

LIBERTY - Meet the Democratic candidates in the upcoming election at the Rural Rally for Southeast Texas taking place Saturday, Sept. 5, at 1 p.m. at the A.J. "Jack" Hartel Building, 318 San Jacinto Street. Slated to appear are Gina Hinojosa, candidate for Texas Governor; Leticia Gutierrez, candidate for US Congress District 9; Valorie Barton, candidate for Texas House District 18; Bobby Tillman, candidate for Texas Senate District 3; Tiffany Perkinz, candidate for Texas State Board of Education District 7, along with others to be announced. This event is presented by the Liberty County Democratic Party.

Sadly, our wonderful Parker 3-truss bridge will be taken down some time in 2027 by TxDOT. Circa 1930, so just short of her 100th birthday. We have had many meetings over the last 15 years to try to salvage this part of our history. It would cost 20 million upwards. We discussed salvaging one of the trusses to place somewhere in Liberty but that would be a one million dollar salvage. There are no funds available in the county or city coffers for this project and any funding by TxDOT would be deducted from our annual budget to repair roads and highways so here we are. I know the bridge is a special part of our history and loved by all. We will lose the coveted National Register of Historic Places designation. That really hurts.

– Linda Jamison, Liberty County Historical Commission chair



US90 Truss Bridge - Liberty

Texas Department of Transportation

Option 1
Demolish bridge

Option 2
Demolish bridge and install plaque near the city limit sign

Option 3
Demolish bridge and remove, paint and relocate one span to be used as a memorial - Non TxDOT entity would be responsible for removal, painting and relocating at an estimated cost of $1 million in addition to agreement for maintenance of memorial

Details
Current letting date: Summer 2027
Estimated cost: $6 million
Estimated demo length: Six months

History
-Built in 1930
-Includes three truss spans, one steel I-beam span and 29 concrete girder spans - 150' Parker Through Truss
-Listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1996

TxDOT plans for the Hwy. 90 Truss Bridge

FLB Title opens new Liberty office

LIBERTY - First Liberty Title Company is pleased to announce that customers can now access title and closing services from its office located inside First Liberty Bank's Liberty location, joining the company's established Dayton headquarters and Cleveland office.

With multiple locations serving the region, First Liberty Title Company continues to make real estate transactions more convenient and accessible for customers, realtors, lenders, and businesses throughout Southeast Texas. Whether closing on a home, refinancing, or completing a commercial transaction, customers can choose the location that best fits their needs while receiving the same personalized service and local expertise.

"First Liberty Title has always been committed to meeting customers where they are," said Kelley Smart, Supervisor of First Liberty Title Co. "In addition to our Dayton office and new Cleveland location, which opened in January, we're excited to now offer title services from Liberty, giving customers another convenient option when completing their real estate transactions."

Beyond its dedicated office locations, First Liberty Title Company can coordinate closings at First Liberty Bank locations across its service area, delivering enhanced convenience and flexibility to customers throughout the communities served by the First Liberty family.

"Our focus isn't simply on growing our footprint – it's on making the closing process as easy as possible for our customers," said Charles McGuire, Chairman of First Liberty Bank and First Liberty Title Company. "Whether a customer visits us in Dayton, Cleveland, Liberty, or another First Liberty Bank location, they'll receive the same hometown service, responsiveness, and expertise from our team."

First Liberty Title Company offers residential and commercial title insurance, escrow, and closing services

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Dayton VFD golf tournament to honor fallen 9/11 heroes

DAYTON - Several years ago, members of the Dayton Volunteer Fire Department began planning a golf tournament fundraiser; however, due to inclement weather, the event was unfortunately unable to take place. This year, members have once again come together to plan and schedule the tournament to finally make it happen.

In honor of the 343 firefighters who lost their lives on September 11, 2001, this year's event will be called the DVFD/343 Memorial Golf Tournament. The tournament serves to honor the bravery and sacrifice of those fallen heroes.

The tournament will be held September 12, at Liberty Municipal Golf Course and will feature a four-man scramble format with a $500 per team entry fee. Each player will receive three drink tickets, a goodie bag, breakfast and lunch. Players will tee off at 7 a.m.

Sponsors are welcome to participate in this special event. Sponsorship options include:

Hole Sponsor ($200): Yard sign at tee box. Can set up a tent and pass out items at the tee box and network. (e.g. Swag/Giveaway Tent)

Closest to the Pin ($500): Yard sign at tee box. Can set up a tent and pass out items at the tee box. Monitor closest to the pin challenge and interact with all participants (network). Can provide an award for closest to the pin competition.

Longest Drive ($500): Yard sign at tee box. Can set up and pass out items at the tee box. Monitor longest drive challenge and interact with all participants (network). Can provide an award for longest drive competition.

Driving Range ($500): Allows golfers to warm up before their round. Yard sign at driving range. Can set up

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