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Senior Food Boxes at VFW, June 26

LIBERTY - This month's Senior Box Food Distribution Program will take place Friday, June 26, from 8-10 a.m. at Liberty VFW Post 5621. The commodities from the USDA/TDA are distributed through the Houston Food Bank. No new applications are being accepted at this time.

To qualify, senior applicants must be age 60 or above and will be subject to verifying their age, residence and household income. Those unable to make

the distribution can designate a person for pick up. This person must present a written letter (dated and signed) along with a form of the recipient's ID (copy/picture of your ID or apple/food bank card) giving permission for pick up. The designated person must also bring their ID for verification.

The Liberty VFW Post is located at 1520 N. Main Street. For more information, call or text Mike at 936-955-8250.

SHC book drive continues through July 4

LIBERTY - The Sam Houston Regional Library and Research Center (SHC), as part of its Texas America250 programming, will be hosting a book drive through July 4 in support of our military and veterans. The SHC Quarterly Book Club has partnered with Operation Paperback to support active-duty military, veterans and their families with books donated through the club. Club members invite the community to bring book donations to the Sam Houston Regional Library and Research Center at 650 FM 1011 during regular business hours Tuesday to Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Books must be new or gently used, without writing or damage, and can be either paperback or hardback. To ensure

books are in like-new condition, publication dates within the past 5-7 years are preferred. Popular categories include mysteries, action novels, westerns, fantasy and science fiction, but all genres are welcome. Military and veterans also request nonfiction genres, like history, current events and business and investing books.

Club members and Center staff plan to deliver books to the Veteran Affairs Medical Center in Houston for use in clinics throughout Southeast Texas and to ship books through Operation Paperback. By working with Operation Paperback, the club can send books where they will be of most benefit, which may be to troops overseas, wounded warrior programs, military families or hospitals.

Sign up now for School Supply giveaway

RAYWOOD - Pre-register now for Raywood's School Supply Giveaway, hosted by Doris Lang Ministries. The event will be held Sat., July 18, in the Raywood gym from 12-1 p.m.

Children, ages 5-18, will receive free school supplies and student hygiene packs; child must be accompanied by an adult to participate. Families

may receive a free bag of groceries. As always there will be fun and games for the kids, an amazing children's presentation, themed decorations, and door prizes for the parents.

Supplies are limited to first come, first serve, while they last. To pre-register, call 512-762-2610 or email dlangministries@yahoo.com.

Learn about edible native plants with the Big Thicket Association

BEAUMONT - The Big Thicket Association invites the public to attend its upcoming Science Café presentation, "Edible Native Plants: Wild Crafting Plants Native to Southeast Texas," on June 29 at 6 p.m. at the Log-on Café, located at 3805 Calder Avenue, Beaumont, Texas 77706.

The program will be presented by Jaelyn Parker, a Texas Master Naturalist, educator, and native plant enthusiast with extensive experience studying and sharing the traditional and practical uses of plants found throughout Southeast

Texas. During the presentation, Parker will explore the rich diversity of native edible plants that thrive in the region. Participants will learn about the identification, historical significance, medicinal properties, and culinary uses of a variety of native species. The program will also highlight traditional ecological knowledge and discuss responsible wild-crafting practices that promote conservation and sustainability.

"Many of the plants growing around us have provided food, medicine, and other resources for

generations," said Parker. "Understanding these native species helps us connect more deeply with our natural heritage while fostering appreciation for the ecosystems that sustain them."

The Science Café series provides an informal setting where community members can engage with scientists, naturalists, and subject matter experts while learning about topics related to the natural and cultural resources of Southeast Texas.

The event is open to the public, and attendees are encouraged to arrive early to enjoy food and re-

freshments available for purchase from the Log-on Café.

For more information about this and other Big Thicket Association programs, visit bigthicket.org or contact director@bigthicket.org.

About the Big Thicket Association


Founded in 1964, the Big Thicket Association is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting the conservation, education, and stewardship of the Big Thicket region through advocacy, volunteerism, and public engagement programs.

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Joel Berger (left), longtime member of the VFW Post 5621, is joined by good friend Toby Wilburn at the Elks Lodge #2019 Flag Day Ceremony held June 14.

Texas Talent grants benefit Liberty County

AUSTIN - Governor Greg Abbott announced over \$7 million in Texas Talent Connection grants to 27 innovative workforce skills training and job placement programs in communities across the state. These competitive grants administered by the Texas Workforce Investment Council in the Texas Economic Development & Tourism Office support innovative education and workforce skills training programs that lead to successful job placements, increased wages, and improved job retention, as well as serve workforce populations with special needs.

The \$7,002,965 in Texas Talent Connection grant awards for programs and projects for Liberty County are as follows:

Bay Area Houston Technology Consortium: \$207,521 for year two of the High Demand Hidden Careers Connection Program. The program provides training in critical, high-demand occupations in medical research administration to underemployed individuals.

Houston's Capital IDEA, Inc.: \$350,000 for year one of the Skilled Career Pathways: Dental, Trades, and Technical Careers project. This project provides training, apprenticeship, and certification pathways in key growth sectors of dental assistants, dental hygienists, welding, HVAC mechanics and installers, electricians, and telecommunications installers.


SER-Jobs for Progress of the Texas Gulf Coast, Inc.: \$350,000 for year one of the Foundation for the Future:

Texas Skilled Trades Initiative. This program provides low-income and underemployed individuals with training and job placement supported by employers in construction and skilled trades.


United College and Career Success: \$250,000 for year one of the Leap Forward Workforce Innovation Program project. This grant provides training for opportunity youth and young adults ages 16 to 24 to become phlebotomists, medical assistants, and nursing assistants using predictive methods to identify disengagement risk and enable real-time intervention to ensure credential completion.

University of Houston Downtown (UHD): \$344,961 for year one of the UHD Bridging Entry into the STEM Workforce project. This project provides foundational training in laboratory skills to improve workforce readiness and increase successful transition rates into the workforce.

The Texas Workforce Investment Council assists the Governor and the legislature with strategic planning for and evaluation of the Texas workforce system to promote the development of a well-educated, highly skilled workforce for Texas. The more than \$7 million in Texas Talent Connection grants awarded this year by Governor Abbott are Wagner-Peyser 7(b) grant funds allocated to the Office of the Governor by the U.S. Department of Labor to encourage innovation in workforce training and job placement services.




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