

## Texas America250 at Liberty library through Sat., Feb. 28

LIBERTY - The Liberty Municipal Library in Liberty invites the public to view a new temporary exhibit, Texas America250, on loan from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC) through February 28.

Highlighting historically significant Texas Treasures from TSLAC's collections, Texas America250 will be loaned to local public libraries, schools and other community organizations continuing throughout the semi-quincentennial year of 2026. Celebrate and learn our nation's history through your library!

The Texas America250 exhibit highlights historically significant Texas Treasures from the State Archives, encouraging all Americans to explore the story of the Lone Star

State over the past 250 years. From Spanish missions to the space race, the landscape, culture, economy and people of Texas have played essential roles in the development of the United States.

"The future looks to the past for inspiration. We as proud to be able to share this traveling exhibit with our community," said Liberty Municipal Library Director, Amber Ursprung. "This is a great way for Texans of all ages to learn more about the state's role in U.S. history and explore some of our most treasured documents, photographs and artifacts."

TSLAC also invites Texans of all ages to join its statewide Texas America250 Reading Challenge in 2026. Additional resources from TSLAC's

extensive library collections, the Talking Book Program and the Texas Center for the Book will be available later this year. Bookmark [www.tsl-texas.gov/america250/](http://www.tsl-texas.gov/america250/) to stay informed about upcoming America250 programming.

Texas America250 will be on view for free through February 28 at the Liberty Municipal Library 1710 Sam Houston, open Monday through Thursday 9 to 5 p.m., Friday 1 to 5 p.m., and Saturday 10 to 4p.m. For more information, visit <https://liberty.ploud.net/america250-traveling-exhibit> or call 936-336-8901.



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Gary Dennison just couldn't stay away from those tasty pancakes at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church last week.



Liz and Mark Beausoleil had just walked in the door at the St. Stephen's Episcopal Church Pancake Supper last week.



**Syrila Bossert,**  
WHNP-BC  
Clinic Women's Health  
Nurse Practitioner



Syrila is a native of Louisiana and was raised in Abbeville, Louisiana, by her single parent mom, Clementine Thibeaux. She graduated with her BSN from Southeastern Louisiana University. While in nursing school she realized her desire to provide specific care in women's health. She was blessed to start her first year working as an RN on a Labor and Delivery floor. While working and living in Port Arthur, Texas, she had the opportunity and desire to return to school to become a Nurse Practitioner. After years of experience with women on labor and delivery it was a natural segue to specializing as a Women's Health Nurse Practitioner. She received her master's degree from University of Texas Health Science Center-Houston. She and her husband, Dean, live in Dayton and work in Liberty. They have sent three grown children out into the world.

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This lively group was deep in conversation at the St. Stephen's Episcopal Church Pancake Supper last week. From left are Chris West, Susan Simmons and Carol Erat.



You can always count on these glamorous ladies keeping track of the pancake supper tickets at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. Sandra Sterling (left) is joined by her daughter Julie Pitre.

## Prater Scholarship deadline coming up March 1

TYLER, TX - The Glenn and Vivian Prater Memorial Scholarship Fund held at East Texas Communities Foundation in Tyler, Texas, is currently accepting applications online through March 1, 2026, at 5 p.m.

The Glenn and Vivian Prater Memorial Scholarship was established to assist Eagle Scouts in East Texas attending Texas A&M University in College Station. Judge Prater served Liberty County for many years as a DPS trooper, postmaster, City of Dayton Judge, and Justice of the Peace. Most notably, he was a long-time scoutmaster who helped many young men reach their Eagle Scout award. Vivian Prater supported all of the family's scouting activities and was an active member of the Aggie Moms.

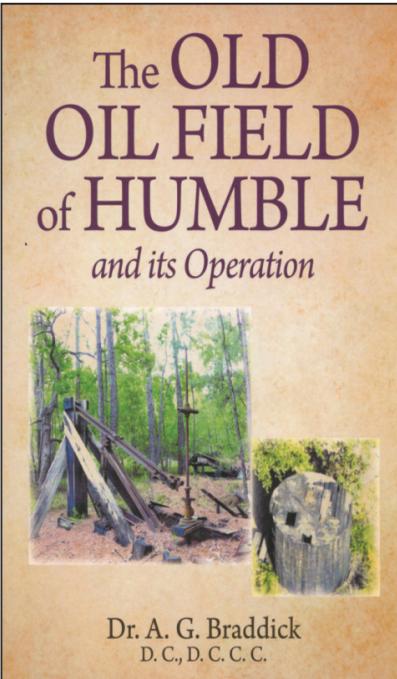
The Prater Memorial Scholarship has historically awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to deserving students. The recipient of the Prater Memorial scholarship must be an

Eagle Scout from Liberty County or from one of the 32 counties served by ETCF accepted to or currently enrolled at Texas A&M University.

Any qualified scholar

interested in the Prater Memorial Scholarship should contact Kathryn Martinez at 903-533-0208 or can apply online at <https://etcf.org/scholarships/available-scholarships/>.

Anyone wishing to contribute to the Glenn and Vivian Prater Memorial Scholarship can make a tax-deductible gift at [www.etcf.org](http://www.etcf.org).



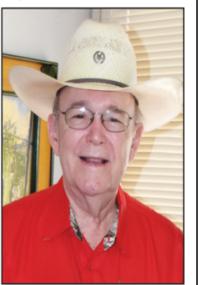
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Dr. A.G. Braddick