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AGENDA

FALL FESTIVAL LIBERTY - North Main Baptist Church will hold its Fall Festival, Wed., Oct. 29, from 6-8 p.m. It's an evening of fun for the entire family that will include games, candy and a hayride. Friendly costumes are suggested. Contact the church at 936-336-7252 for more information. North Main Baptist is located

HALLOWEEN TRUNK OR TREAT

at 4709 N. Main Street.

LIBERTY - It's an evening of fun for the entire family that will include face painting, balloon artist, bounce house, giveaways and of course, candy when **Allison Funeral Service** hosts its Halloween Trunk or Treat. Don't miss out on all the fun Thurs., Oct. 30, from 6-8 p.m. Allison Funeral Service is located at 1101 N. Travis.

TRUNK OR TREAT **DAYTON - There's** a fun time in store Friday, Oct. 31, at Sterling **Funeral Home's Trunk** or Treat from 6-8 p.m. There will be candy, face painting, balloon artist and a bounce house. Wear your costume to add to the fun. **Sterling Funeral Home** is located at 602 N. Main Street. Call 936-258-2678 for more information.

CITIZEN OF THE **YEAR**

NOMINATIONS HARDIN - Hardin Helping Hands is accepting nominations for the 2025 Citizen of the Year. Nominations will be accepted through the month of October. A nomination form is available online at forms.gle/PjmrEQ-NAq3LY3ZCr7. The citizen of the year will be announced during the Christmas Celebration, which will take

PRISCILLA CLUB

place Fri., Dec. 5.

DAYTON - On Sat., Nov. 1, the Dayton Priscilla Club will host a come-and-go tea in celebration of its 115th anniversary as an active club. Join members from 1-3 p.m. at the **Dayton** Community **Center. Dayton Priscilla** Club was organized in 1910. Members have researched and have been unable to find any other active Priscilla Club in Texas. The public is invited to celebrate this special occasion. Check out the vintage Priscilla Club photos on Page A-4 in our History/Folklore section.



Liberty Dayton Regional Medical Center (LDRMC) held a ribbon cutting for the Liberty Dayton Specialty Medical Clinic last week at their 1202 N. Travis location in Liberty. This comes close on the heels of the LDRMC's recent completion of the upgrades to support the emergency and inpatient care teams. Rhonda Campbell, LDRMC CEO and RN of many years, is laser-focused on having our local hospital present a bright, clean and organized appearance to improve the patient experience and level of care.

Pictured at right are Rhonda (right) with Landee Harris, COO of LDRMC.

Humble Oil Field subject of new book

Dr. A.G. Braddick D.C., D.C.C.C., is a chiropractor and self-taught historian with a passion for Texas history. It took him seven years of intense research to write The Old Oil Field of Humble and Its Operation. He spent many hours interviewing retired oil well drillers and roughnecks who worked in the oil fields in the 1930s and 1940s, all of whom had expert knowledge of how oil field production was managed.

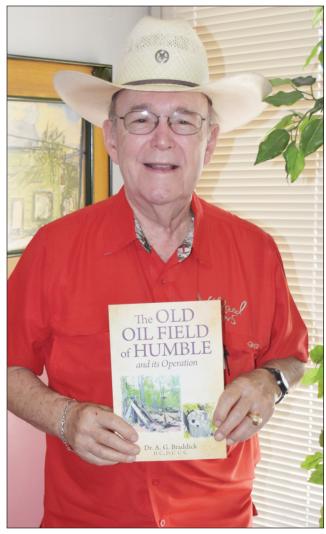
The first sign of oil in Humble was found by a man named Slaughter. He was eating his lunch by the San Jacinto River when he noticed bubbles coming out of the water's edge. Slaughter discovered that it was natural gas by lighting a match to it and the Humble oil boom began.

The Old Oil Field of Humble and Its Operation is a pictorial history of the oil field in Humble, Texas, which was active from 1905 to the 1940s. With photographs, narrative, and drawings, Dr. Braddick describes the equipment that was used to drill the wells and in the production of oil - much of which was invented and built on-site. He describes how the oil field equipment was used, the manner in which the wells were drilled, and even the operation of the oil field production. The collected photos include old oil pumps and storage tanks that were left abandoned in the woods for nearly sixty years.

Readers who are interested in Texas history, engineering, and oil field equipment will be amazed at this glimpse into the past that made Humble the city

Dr. Braddick loves hunting and fishing, and lives in Humble, Texas, with his wife and son.

His book is available at the Gazette office for \$15.



DR. A.G. BRADDICK



Early voting continues through Friday

Last week of early voting Mon., Oct. 27 - Fri., Oct. 31 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

> **ELECTION DAY** Tuesday, Nov. 4 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Acceptable forms of ID Texas Driver License, Texas Personal Identification Card, Texas Handgun License, U.S. Citizenship Certificate with photo, U.S. Military ID with photo, Texas Election ID certificate, U.S. Passport (book or card)

What's on the Ballot

17 Proposed Texas Constitutional Amendments and local Vote by mail requirements

• 65 years of age or older on election day

- Voter is sick or disabled · Expecting to give birth within three weeks before or after election day
- Absent from the county of registration during the early voting period and on election
- · Confined in jail, but otherwise eligible to vote
- · You may qualify if you study abroad or may be recovering from surgery/taking care of someone at home .

Application must be received (not postmarked) by the Elections Department by Friday, October 24. For more information visit co.liberty.tx.us.

Why I'm not voting for these propositions

17 constitutional amendment propositions on the ballot. Since I've also heard murmurings of confusion about what to vote for, I thought I'd list the propositions I will be voting NO on and why. This list could expand later, but right now I'll be voting YES on all other propositions.

Prop 1 would create a permanent fund in our state constitution, which would supposedly be used for the Texas State Technical College system to buy and/or repair buildings, equipment, books, and so forth. However, there doesn't seem to be any sort of real accountability mechanism for the fund, there are far too many corrupt absolutely no need to put a funding source for this college system in our constitution.

Prop 3 requires judges to deny bail for certain criminal offenses. This is meant as a solution to certain judges letting violent criminals out on low bail so they can commit more crimes, but under the terms of the proposition, those same judges need to determine the criminals are either a threat to the community or would simply run away if bail were posted. In other words, this prop does nothing to solve the actual underlying problem, which is that

For this coming election, I which makes it a great way to judges, but rather it actually INticed there are a grand total of launder money. Also, there is CREASES the power of those same corrupt judges. Also, this prop contradicts Section 11 of the Texas Bill of Rights, which requires that "[a]ll prisoners shall be bailable by sufficient sureties, unless for capital offenses[.]" This means the prop is asking us to voluntarily give up a right we are otherwise guaranteed. Finally, Texas judges can already essentially "deny bail" by posting bail at such a high amount the defendant is unable to pay.

> Prop 4 would require one billion tax dollars to be de-

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THE VALLEY PLAYERS FUNDRAISER

LIBERTY - The Valley Players have chosen The Rocky Horror Picture Show as the theme of its November 1 fundraiser. Tickets are \$20 per person. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. at the Humphreys-Burson Theatre, 1710 Sam Houston Street. With your ticket, you'll get a beverage, some nibbles, and a mini swag bag with a few props for the show, which will start at 8 p.m. Some bags will contain prizes, so don't miss this chance to support The Valley Players and see the cult classic celebrating its 50th anniversary.

