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AGENDA

MEDICARE BENEFITS COUNSELOR

DAYTON - On Wed., July 8, Benefits Counselor Zelda Earvin with the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) Area Agency on Aging will be at the Jones Public Library from 1-3 p.m. to meet one-on-one with disabled and older Texans. She will provide information regarding traditional Medicare, Medicare Advantage Plans (Medicare Part C), and Part D prescription plans that are available to seniors. This service is offered on a first come first served basis free of charge to area seniors. The Jones Public Library is located at 801 S. Cleveland Street. For more information, call the library at 936-258-7060.

LIBERTY COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS

LIBERTY - Are you looking to plant a fall garden this year? The Liberty County Master Gardeners can help you out with those nagging questions on how to have a successful harvest when they hold their monthly meeting Thursday, July 9, at 501 Palmer Street. Come learn all about Planting a Fall Garden with Certified Master Gardener Kay Coffey. There's a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. followed by the program, which gets underway at 7 p.m. For information, call 936-334-3230.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

DAYTON - This summer travel along on the road to adventure! The "Roman Road" is the theme of this year's Vacation Bible School at Trinity Baptist Church (FM 1960 across from Thrif-Tee Food Center). VBS takes place July 13-16 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. All children in K4-6th grade are invited to enjoy four fun filled days of songs, Bible lessons, crafts, games, snacks, contests and prizes. Come along for a great time. For more information or to pre-register, call the church at 936-681-8161. Registration will also be available July 13-16 starting at 8:30 a.m.

FBC FOOD PANTRY

DAYTON - Dayton First Baptist Church Food Pantry will hold its next food distribution Tues., July 14, 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.



Knights of Columbus, Liberty Council 3201 awarded an impressive ten scholarships to area high-achieving students last week. Scholarship winners for the 2025-2026 school year were Kylie Roth, Hardin High School; Emily Hebert, Liberty High School; Emilia Carranco, Dayton High School; Nathalie Venegas, Liberty High School; Cameron Young, Liberty High School; April Guzman, Liberty High School; Emmaly Montoya, Hardin High School; Krystabel Ibarra, Liberty High School; Celeste Aguilar, Dayton High School; Victor Urvina, Liberty High School. Not satisfied with these magnimous gifts, the Knights also awarded soccer medals at the district level, essay prizes (\$100 each) and poster awards (\$75 each). Seven of the scholarship winners are pictured above with Grand Knight Lonnie Delahoussaye at left and Mychal English, District Deputy #126, Texas State Council at right.



The Knights of Columbus, Liberty Council 3201 presented their annual John J. Hebert Volunteer of the Year award to Toby Wilburn. Toby is a tireless volunteer for at least six local organizations, even cooking the food for the Knights' event last week where he was the award recipient. Pictured above from left are Grand Knight Lonnie Delahoussaye, Past Grand Knight and current One Year Trustee John Burk, Award Recipient Toby Wilburn, three representatives of the Hebert family – Julie, Emily and Stephen – and District Deputy #126, Texas State Council Mychal English.

Public meeting scheduled for proposed Raywood chemical plant

Submitted by Arthur Dent

The company QYK Brands LLC is attempting to build a temporary concrete batch plant in Raywood, and to that end they applied for an Air Quality Standard Permit with the TCEQ. A public meeting has been scheduled for Monday, July 27, at 7 p.m. regarding this application, and it will be held at the Elks Lodge at 650 Wallisville Road in Liberty.

The meeting will consist of two parts: an Informal Discussion Period and a Formal Comment Period. During the Informal Discussion Period, the public may ask questions of both the QYK representatives and TCEQ staff about the permit application. During the Formal Comment Period, the public may verbally present comments about the application that will be entered into the of-

ficial record, and those comments must be considered by TCEQ before reaching a decision on the application.

Comments may also be submitted online by going to <https://www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/> and using the permit application number 183195L001. Reportedly, the deadline for submitting online comments is end of day on July 27.

The application and TCEQ's preliminary decision are available for viewing and copying at the Liberty Municipal Library.

For more context, QYK Brands is a company that was formerly located in California and which is now ultimately trying to build a methacrylic acid plant in Raywood. Methacrylic acid can be used as a reagent to manufacture paints, drug tablet coatings, plastics,

and other things.

The funding for that project comes from a contract with the Department of Health and Human Services that was awarded in 2023. The contract is valued at \$48,315,610 and its current end date is December 15, 2026. More information about the contract can be found at usaspending.gov by searching for 75A50424C00001, which is the contract's ID.

Reportedly, QYK Brands is a subsidiary of BaRuPon LLC, which is trying to build an "innovation campus" in Raywood that would also house QYK's methacrylic acid plant. The website for the "innovation campus" can be found at lamp-texas.com.

At one point in time, QYK Brands advertised and sold

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DAISETTA COMMUNITY CENTER GRAND OPENING POSTPONED; NEW DATE FORTHCOMING

Due the inclement weather on Wednesday, June 17, officials with the City of Daisetta made the decision to cancel the grand opening and ribbon cutting of the new Daisetta Community Center. Officials are planning to reschedule the event at a future date and more information will be forthcoming.

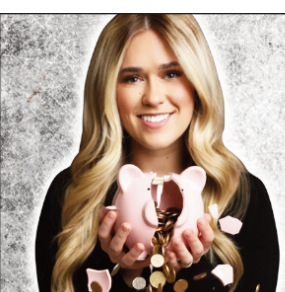
Sign up now for School Supply Giveaway

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.



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