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DAYTON ROTARY CLUB DRAWING
DAYTON - Dayton Rotary Club members are currently selling \$50 tickets for a drawing and a chance to win one of three \$1,000 Visa gift cards. Proceeds will support community service projects. The raffle drawing is scheduled for December 5, during the Dayton Community Center Nutcracker Market. Contact any Dayton Rotary Club member to purchase tickets.

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HERITAGE DAY 2026

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Heritage Day at Chambers County Museum, Oct. 31

WALLISVILLE - The Chambers County Museum at Wallisville will host Heritage Day 2026 on Sat., Oct. 31, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the museum grounds. This year the event will pay tribute to the men, women, and K9s “Behind the Badge” from the Chambers County Sheriff’s

Office with special emphasis on Sheriff John Frost, Sheriff Louis Otter, Deputy Sheriff Herman Rivers and the county’s K9 program.

A full day of history, celebration and fun is in store. A ribbon cutting for the Memorial Paver Plaza will take place at 11 a.m. The plaza

will be dedicated to the memory of John G. Middleton, museum founder. The family-friendly event will include a bounce house for the youngsters, and a kid’s hay play. Come hungry and enjoy a barbecue sack lunches, beef or pork, for only \$15. Gumbo cooks are invited to put forth their best gumbo recipe in a gumbo cookoff. The live auction gets underway at 1 p.m. Bids in the silent auction will close at 2 p.m.

Winners of the drawing will be announced at 2 p.m. Tickets for the drawing which includes, art work, guns, knives and other items may be purchased for \$20 each or 6/\$100.

The museum is currently seeking support through sponsorships, auction items, or the purchase of prize drawing tickets and/or fish fry dinner tickets.

The museum is located at 20136 IH-10, Wallisville, Texas 77597. Contact the museum at 409-389-2252. Donations to the Wallisville Heritage Park Foundation, Inc., a Section 501(c)(3) organization, are tax deductible.

Insurance denial,

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the age of a house or its roof. Under the rule, companies may still base decisions on the physical conditions of the home or its components, such as roofing, wiring, heating, air conditioning, plumbing or siding, but TDI says they can’t deny or not renew a policy “simply because the house or any of these materials are older.”

This is not a brand-new ban, and it is not final. TDI’s proposed amendment to 28 TAC §21.1006 says the changes clarify the existing prohibition against refusing to write or renew residential property insurance on the basis of the property’s age, and that they “do not change the rule’s meaning or application.” TDI says the amendments are not intended to expand the existing prohibition, so insurers already in compliance will not be required to make any filings.

The proposal reorganizes the rule. Subsection (b) would cover only age: an insurer may not decline to write residential property insurance based on the age of the property or of any of its individual components or materials, including wiring, heating, air conditioning, plumbing, siding and roofing. Siding is newly added to that list of examples. Subsection (c) still bars declining based on a minimum value of the property.

Condition still counts. A new subsection (d) states that the rule does not prohibit an insurer from declining to write coverage based on the physical condition of the property or any of its components or materials. It also keeps the Texas Windstorm Insurance Association’s ability to require different building code standards to qualify for coverage based on the date a structure was constructed, repaired or added to, under Insurance Code Chapter 2210. That is not a blanket exemption for TWIA; it is a building-

code standard tied to when the work was done.

The commissioner of insurance will hear written and oral comments at a public hearing under Docket No. 2874 at 2:00 p.m. Central on November 3, 2026, held remotely and in person at the Barbara Jordan State Office Building in Austin, Room 2.034. Written comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. Central on November 9, 2026, at ChiefClerk@tdi.texas.gov or by mail to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC: GC-CCO, Texas Department of Insurance, P.O. Box 12030, Austin, Texas 78711-2030.

HOMEOWNER CHECKLIST

1. Read the reason on the notice. Texas law requires an insurer that declines a completed and submitted application, cancels, or refuses to renew a home insurance policy to give a written statement of the reasons.

2. If the only reason given is how old the house or roof is, compare it with what TDI says in its Sept. 29 release: companies can’t deny or not renew a policy simply because the house or its materials are older.

3. If the notice points to condition, ask the company what condition it found, and gather records of your home’s actual condition, such as repair invoices, inspection reports and dated photos; condition remains a lawful basis for a decision under the proposal.

4. If you are applying for windstorm coverage through TWIA, expect that building-code standards based on when your home was built or repaired can still apply.

5. To weigh in, send written comments by 5:00 p.m. Central on November 9, 2026, or take part in the November 3 hearing on Docket No. 2874.

6. Questions can go to the TDI Help Line at 800-252-3439.

Ely Air Lines –

Dinner with Patton

by Mike Ely and Linda Street-Ely

Lt. Rudy Froeschle had been free from a German prison camp for approximately one day when he had dinner with General George S. Patton.

After 18 months as a POW, Rudy weighed 110 pounds and had lice, fleas, and a beard and was wearing clothes he said looked like leather because they hadn’t been washed in months.

When American forces liberated Stalag VII-A in April 1945, Rudy walked out of camp and headed for town. He found the nicest house he could, learned it belonged to the local Nazi Party leader, who had fled, and informed the man’s wife that he was staying there.

First, however, Rudy found a barber.

By the time he returned, freshly deloused, shaved and shorn, his hostess had washed his clothes. Then an American lieutenant colonel appeared looking for a house to use as headquarters that night. Rudy assured him there was plenty of room.

That evening, a staff car pulled up, and out stepped General Patton, accompanied by two other generals and several officers.

The Americans brought rations, and the German woman cooked them.



Rudy volunteered to taste everything first, just in case anything was poisoned. And that is how a recently liberated POW from Hazen, North Dakota, found himself sitting down to dinner with General Patton.

Rudy told this story himself, and it is available for viewing on YouTube (“Rudy Froeshle – WWII Veteran”). He said that Patton mostly listened while the other officers questioned Rudy about being shot down and captured. He also described spending the next three weeks exploring Europe and collecting wartime artifacts. Unfortunately, he entrusted his collection to someone who offered to ship it home, and he never saw it again.

Back in America, Rudy learned that surplus B-17s could be purchased from the government for \$350, provided they were used for educational or memorial purposes. Having had his second mission interrupted and his career re-

routed by enemy fire, Rudy knew firsthand what a B-17 represented. He wanted future generations to know, too: all that important history needed to be passed down to the generations after him. This was one way he could contribute to that. To that end, he persuaded the Hazen school board to buy one and offered to fly it home.

However, the government paperwork took so long that he was already in medical school when the airplane was ready. Another pilot delivered it, landing in a field outside Hazen. The wheels sank into the sod and the great bomber promptly tipped onto its nose. They had to call on some local boys to help pull it back down by the tail.

The bomber remained in Hazen for several years. It was a patriotic reminder that freedom isn’t free. Many paid with their lives. Eventually, it launched again for a varied career that included aerial surveying and firefighting before undergoing extensive restoration.

Today, Rudy’s \$350 B-17 is displayed as the City of Savannah at the National Museum of the Mighty Eighth Air Force in Georgia.

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LIBERTY GAZETTE

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Dedicated library volunteers Stacy Sundgren (left) and husband Gary posed up with Liberty Municipal Library Director Amber Ursprung at the Fall Book Sale Sat., Oct. 10. Stacy and Gary’s son Joshua, a frequent volunteer at the library in past years, is working on his Ph.D. in paleontology.



This panel was ready to take questions about the LAMP (Liberty American Manufacturing Park) Texas Project going on in Raywood. From left are Alan Nguyen of BaRupOn; Nathan Green, Liberty County fire marshal; Jay Knight, Liberty County judge; Matthew Poston, Liberty County attorney; and Bruce Karbowski, commissioner Precinct 1. Attendees were assured that a data center is not part of this project.