



BOOKS PURCHASED WITH TEXAS BOOK FESTIVAL GRANT
In July, the Jones Public Library was the recipient of a Texas Library Grant from the Texas Book Festival in the amount of \$2,500. This grant was utilized to purchase new Spanish and bilingual children’s books. The Jones Public Library was one of 50 Texas libraries to receive this grant. Using the awarded funds, the library purchased 270 books to develop the Spanish and bilingual children’s section. This purchase included board books, picture books, middle grade chapter books, and graphic novels. The books are now available to the public.

Hardin’s annual Christmas Celebration Fri., Dec. 5

HARDIN - As the Christmas season approaches, Hardin Helping Hands is excited to host its annual Christmas Celebration, a tradition in the community. The event aims to bring joy and a festive spirit to residents in Hardin and the surrounding areas. This is a free event and open to the public.

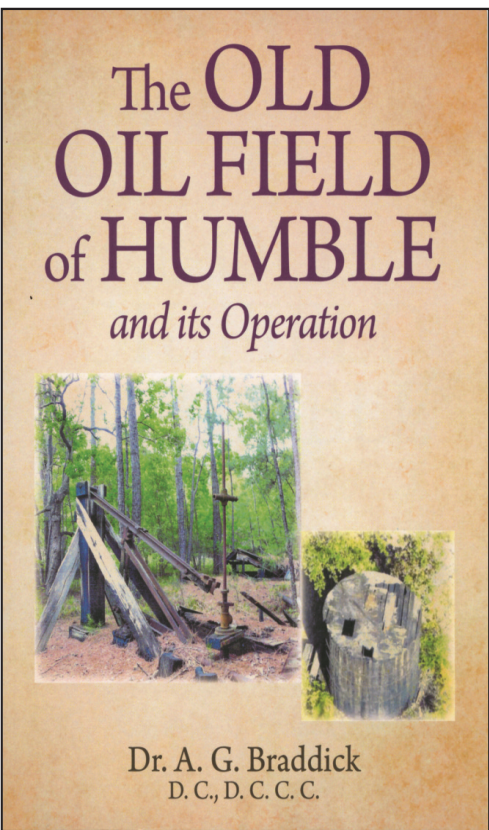
This year’s event will be held Fri., Dec. 5, at 5:30 p.m. on the Hardin Elementary School campus. The event will feature a festive parade and the annual Christmas tree lighting. A special announcement will reveal the recipient of the 2025 Hardin Citizen of the Year award. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be stopping by for a visit and there will be photo opportunities and activities for the children to enjoy.

Local businesses, clubs, organizations, and churches will host booths offering merchandise for sale, giveaways, and information about their services. Attendees can enjoy free hot chocolate, cookies, and much more. It’s a perfect opportunity to enjoy quality time with family, friends, and neighbors.

To register for the parade visit: forms.gle/fU79NiwFbf7T7jTx6 or contact Kali Spurlock at 281-593-9164. For booth registration visit: forms.gle/iVa6NdrycWx9EQdt6 or contact Carrie Yarbrough at 409-267-7407 or Naomi Lloyd at 936-346-6878.

Hardin Helping Hands is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

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DAYTON YARN CLUB
DAYTON - If you love to crochet or knit, quilt, cross stitch, embroider or just like to be crafty, the Dayton Yarn Club invites you to join them Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m. at the Dayton Community Center. Bring a friend or two or more. For questions, call 936-258-6630.



\$15.00
Available at the Liberty Gazette and R.A.Smith Gifts

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 photos, narratives and drawings, Dr. Braddick describes the equipment and how it was used, how wells were drilled and oil field operations. Readers interested in Texas history, engineering and oil field equipment will have a glimpse into the past that made Humble the city it is today.



Dr. A.G. Braddick

Decorated trees accepted at Liberty library through Dec. 1

LIBERTY - The Liberty Municipal Library once again invites families, businesses, and organizations to express their holiday spirit by participating in the Liberty Municipal Library Tree Decorating Event. Tree setup continues through December 1, at 4:45 p.m.

Participants must provide their own trees and are encouraged to decorate them in their unique, family-friendly, holiday style. Trees cannot be taller than 7’ with a maximum width of 50”, must be self-supporting with a tree stand, and include a sign identifying the creator.

The library staff is hopeful for many unique entries this year. A winner will be chosen by patron votes online and in person starting parade night. The winner will be announced in local newspapers and online at the library’s Facebook page, www.facebook.com/Liberty-MunicipalLibrary/.

The Liberty Municipal Library is located inside the Geraldine D. Humphreys Cultural Center at 1710 Sam Houston in Liberty, across the street from Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Library hours are Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday 1 to 5 p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, contact the library at 936-336-8901.

Big Christmas Giveaway Dec. 20

RAYWOOD - In the spirit of Christmas, Doris Lang Ministries is hosting Raywood’s Big Christmas Giveaway. The event will be held Sat., Dec. 20, from 12-1 p.m. in the Raywood gym. Toy registration is required.

Free Christmas toys will be handed out to youngsters ages 3-14 who are pre-registered. Each child must be accompanied by an adult to receive

a toy. A free bag of groceries will be available for each household (limit one) and there will be Christmas message door prizes. Everything is available on a first-come, first-serve basis with a maximum of four registrations per household.

To register for the event, call 512-762-2610 or email: dlangministries@yahoo.com.

Christmas Jamboree at River Ranch

DAYTON - River Ranch will embrace the holiday spirit with a holly jolly Christmas Jamboree featuring a full day of festive fun for the entire family, noon to 9 p.m. Sat., Dec. 13, at 15 River Ranch Boulevard in Dayton. The public is invited to attend this free holiday celebration.

During the day, guests

will be treated to holiday-themed bounce houses, craft stations, face painters, balloon artists, reindeer food-making, letters to Santa, cookie decorating and more. Santa, his elves, and Frosty the Snowman will be available for selfies. Once the sun sets, there will be Christmas light displays and movies to enjoy.

TVCC’s Cookie Crawl Fri., Dec. 5

DAYTON - The Trinity Valley Chamber of Commerce will host its Annual Cookie Crawl Fri., Dec. 5, from 5-9 p.m. Businesses in Dayton, Liberty and the surrounding areas are invited to share cookies with the community at their storefront.

Dayton businesses without a storefront may set

up at the Dayton Community Center. Liberty businesses without a storefront may set up at the Vara Faye Martin Daniel Pavilion. Businesses should register by 5 p.m., Monday, December 1.

For more information, please contact Jazmin Morua at 936-257-2393 or jazmin@trinityvalleycc.com.

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