



MONTGOMERY COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MONTGOMERY COUNTY, TEXAS

NEWS RELEASE

The Montgomery County Historical Commission is pleased to announce its 9th annual ***HISTORY ROAD RALLY*** in Magnolia, Texas on Saturday afternoon, January 29. Chairman Larry Foerster describes the event as “*a fun history scavenger hunt for family and friends, designed to educate and promote local community history as each year it features the history of a different section of the Montgomery County.*” Last year the History Road Rally was held in the Willis and old Danville communities while this year it will focus on the greater Magnolia area.

This year’s event will be held at the Magnolia First Baptist Church on FM 1488, with the best entrance off of Buddy Riley Boulevard across from Tractor Supply. Teams of friends and families have two hours to solve written clues of the history of West Montgomery County by driving to various historic sites in the area, writing down the answers to the clues found at each site, photographing the site to confirm they went to the site, and then returning within two hours. The use of computer tablets, smart phones and other research tools are encouraged.

Each participant will receive a “History Road Warrior” souvenir button which features a photo of 102-year old Celeste Graves, who Chairman Foerster describes as the “Matriarch of Magnolia.” Ms. Graves has written a number of books, one of which is the history of Magnolia. Several years ago Magnolia ISD named its Education Support Center in her honor.

In addition to the souvenir buttons, free food and drinks will be provided to returning team participants as part of the entry fee. Trophies and prizes will be given to the three teams with the highest scores. Photos of each team will be available.

The pre-registration fee is \$30 per vehicle in advance and \$40 per vehicle the date of the event. Participants are urged to arrive at the Magnolia Baptist Church between noon and 1pm that Saturday afternoon to complete final registration and receive instructions. Beginning at 1:30pm each team will leave in its vehicle in two minute intervals with the written set of clues and should return within two hours. Points are assigned to each clue and each photograph. The History Road Rally should conclude by 4:30pm that afternoon. The event will be held rain or shine.

For more information about the Magnolia History Road Rally or to pre-register, contact Annette Kerr at 832-392-4312 or Larry Foerster at 936-537-9070. The Historical Commission thanks Gullo Ford; Gullo Mazda; and Gullo Toyota of Conroe for helping sponsor the annual History Road Rally.