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## Jones Library completes Summer Reading Program

DAYTON - Jones Public Library completed its yearly Summer Reading Program on Sat., July 13, with a finale party attended by approximately 300 patrons. This was a wonderfully successful year with approximately 3,800 materials checked out, and approximately 1,500 participants attending miscellaneous events throughout the program.

The Jones Public Library would like to acknowledge with appreciation the following sponsors without whom this program would not be possible: Mainframe 24hr Wrecker Service, Pizza Hut, Smoothie King, Walmart/Sam's Club, Brookshire Bros., HEB, Fresh Pressed Lemonade, The Mixed Martial Arts Center, Williamson and Till families, Cardinal Dental Group, Bouncin Lil' Rasicals, Ali Cats Salon, Randel

Arnold State Farm, GGG Painter & Remodeling, A Conner Realty, All Star Kids Family Dental, AM Donuts, Lambda Alpha Sigma, Rave, Chachere Veterinary Clinic, and Friends of the Jones Library.

Once again thanks to the generous sponsors, incredible volunteers, and the entire community for joining the staff of the Jones Public Library for another successful Summer Reading Program.

## Dayton FFA represents at state convention

DAYTON - The Dayton FFA Chapter was proudly represented by 17 members at the 96th Annual Texas FFA State Convention held in Houston the week of July 8-12. The convention brings 10,000-plus members and advisors together each year.

A highlight of the conference was when six of the DHS students, Alli Ames, Savannah Ballinger, Madysen Edwards, Mizael Lopez, Wesley Salas and Addison

Wise, walked across the stage to receive the Lone Star Degree. The Lone Star Degree is the highest degree bestowed upon an FFA member and is the culmination of three years of dedication to the FFA program. These members competed in Leadership Development and Career Development events, participated in community service events and worked in their Supervised Agricultural Experience.

## OBITUARY

### • DAVID HARGIS

LIBERTY - David Ronald Hargis, affectionately known as "Super Dave" or "CD," passed away Sat., July 13, 2024, just two days before his 68th birthday. He was born July 15, 1956, in San Angelo, TX, to the late Elmo Ronald and Mary



Kathryn Crowley Hargis; he most recently resided in Liberty. David had a passion for music and was a devoted fan of David Phelps, Steve Green, and The Moody Blues. He possessed a unique singing voice reminiscent of Jim Nabors and a speaking voice akin to Gomer Pyle. David also deeply loved Mexican food and enjoyed indulging in his favorite dishes. Nothing was more important to David than his wife and their beloved fur babies. Home was his favorite place in the world, where he found solace in watching TV shows like The Andy Griffith Show, Gunsmoke, and The Rifleman. As a football enthusiast, David was a loyal Dallas Cowboys fan. David attended McAllen High School, graduating in 1974. He later pursued higher education at East Texas State University and Pan Am University. Profession-

ally, David worked as an oil field pumper and ultimately became a foreman at Denbury Resources, where he achieved great success. In his spare time, David was actively involved in his community. He regularly donated blood and helped lead worship at First Baptist Church in Liberty. He spent the last 20-plus years in many Valley Players' musicals. He played many memorable, endearing characters. David was preceded in death by his parents, Elmo Ronald Hargis and Mary Kathryn Crowley Hargis, and brother-in-law, Weston Lee Herndon. He is survived by his adoring wife of 37 years, Holly Hargis; his brothers, Steve Hargis (Donna) and Sam Hargis (Gay); his nieces, Shelly Lynn Hargis, Lindsey Hargis, Mary Kathryn Heinz, Claire Carpenter, Bailee Patterson, Savannah Herndon; his nephews, Reese Herndon, and Ethan Herndon. He leaves a legacy of love, generosity, and a beautiful smile that brightened the lives of those around him. Although David had five children waiting for him in heaven, his heart was always filled with love for the countless pets he cared for. His current pets, Hannah, Cassie, Georgia, Max, Petunia, Sissy, Lilly, JJ, and Pepper held a spe-

cial place in his heart. David will be remembered for his cheerful and upbeat demeanor, giving nature, and profound impact on others through his work and music. He will be greatly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him. Reese Herndon, Gene Corral, Tom Richert, Chuck Smesny, Rob Haberle, and John Harrelson honored the family by serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers were Lee Garner, Paul Stewart, and Bob Lawrence. A funeral service was held at 3 p.m. at First Baptist Church Liberty, Fri., July 19, to celebrate David's life, allowing friends and family to unite and honor his memory. A graveside service and committal was in Cooke Memorial Cemetery in Liberty. The family would like to thank the wonderful employees at Harbor Hospice: Shannon, Kristy, Sandra, and Michelle. Your compassionate care and unwavering support during this challenging time were deeply appreciated and will never be forgotten. Thank you for your dedication and kindness. The family kindly requests memorial donations may be made to First Baptist Church of Liberty, The Valley Players of Liberty, or ThisIsHouston Animal Rescue.



Darlene Chamberlain



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## Sam Houston Center Book Club next meeting August 27

LIBERTY - The Sam Houston Regional Library and Research Center in Liberty welcomes readers to participate in the next installment of the SHC Book Club on August 27, when the topic will be The Lions of Fifth Avenue by Fiona Davis.

The stately main branch of the New York Public Library provides the setting for this historical novel involving a curator in its Berg Collection and her grandmother. The curator lives in the 1990s and is working on an exhibit when she discovers items have gone missing. Her grandmother lived in an apartment in the library in 1913, as she was married to the superintendent. Explore the connections between their lives and the struggles they faced while learning more about life behind the scenes in a major American library with this book.

Featuring fictional works with a connection to the world of museums, archives and libraries, the Sam Houston Center Book Club is open to all. Remaining 2024 meetings will take place from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. on the

fourth Tuesday in August and November, meeting in the Center's main building at 650 FM 1011 in Liberty. Home to extensive archival holdings documenting Southeast Texas, a library collection and a museum, the Center offers an ideal setting for discussions about novels tied to these fields. Each meeting will be led by SHC staff.

Interested participants may obtain a copy of the novels through their local library or favorite bookstore to prepare for the conversation. For more information, contact SHC

staff at (936) 336-8821 or via email at SamHouston-Center@tsl.texas.gov.

The Texas State Library and Archives Commission provides Texans access to the information needed to be informed, productive citizens by preserving the archival record of Texas; enhancing the service capacity of public, academic and school libraries; assisting public agencies in the maintenance of their records; and meeting the reading needs of Texans with disabilities. For more information, visit [www.tsl.texas.gov](http://www.tsl.texas.gov).

## LibertyDayton REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

**Amanuel Abreha, MD**  
Hospitalist



Amanuel Abreha, M.D. joined LDRMC in 2005. Dr. Abreha serves as Director of Medical and Respiratory Services, LDRMC Vice Chief of Staff, Liberty Dayton Medical Clinic Provider, Emergency Room Provider and Inpatient Hospitalist.

Dr. Abreha's desire to practice medicine started in his early teen years as he grew up in Eritrea, Africa, where he witnessed a significant need for doctors, nurses, and medical facilities to reduce deaths in his country. He received his M.D. at Addis Ababa University School of Medicine. After practicing medicine in Ethiopia for more than 6 years, Dr. Abreha and his family moved to the United States in 1994 to further his education. He completed his residency in Internal Medicine at Mount Sinai Health Services at Queens Health Network in June 2000. Dr. Abreha continued working as faculty for Mount Sinai for 5 years. He worked in the department of ambulatory care and as an Associate Program Director of the Residency Training Program.

Dr. Abreha brings more than 30 years of clinical experience to LDRMC. His compassion for his patients shows in his medical practice as he says, "I love my patients and bond to them immediately like my own family members."

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