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AGENDA

AUTHOR MEET & GREET

DAYTON - The Jones Public Library and Friends of Jones Library invite the public to meet authors Lagin King and Nicole Krashin at an Author Meet & Greet, Saturday, May 16, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the library's Kid Zone. Come hear the author's stories, do a craft and enjoy a snack. The library is located at 801 S. Cleveland.

SINGO BINGO

DAYTON - Are you ready to play a fun and exciting musical spin of the traditional game of Bingo while you support a worthwhile cause? It's Singo Bingo benefitting South Liberty County Meals on Wheels and it's coming to the Dayton Community Center, Saturday, May 16, at 6 p.m. featuring DJ Mark. For tickets, call 936-641-2846 or 832-527-4442.

SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE

LIBERTY - On Saturday night, May 16, from 7-11 p.m., Liberty VFW Post 5621 will welcome tribute artist Colin Dexter. He will be performing some of the country classics and rockabilly music from the 50s through the 80s. There is a \$5 cover charge. The VFW Post is located at 1520 N. Main Street.

BLOOD DRIVE

LIBERTY - First United Methodist Church Liberty, along with Life Share Blood Centers, will be hosting the second blood drive of the year, Thursday, May 21, from 3-7 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall, 539 Main Street, Liberty. Anyone who has not donated whole blood in the last 56 days, or double red cells in the last 112 days is eligible. By donating blood, you are truly giving the gift of life. If you have any questions, contact Tom Richert at 936-346-4575.

BLUE ZEBRA MUSEUM

MOSS HILL - The Blue Zebra Museum will hold its grand opening Saturday, May 23, beginning at 11 a.m. Owner/manager James Rightmire Jr. has amassed a collection of license plates from across the U.S. and beyond along with automotive memorabilia for any enthusiast to enjoy. Classic cars from Liberty will be on display and a bounce house will keep the youngsters entertained. Visitors can munch on hamburgers, hotdogs, chips, sodas and a crawfish boil. All free, but donations will gladly be accepted. The museum is located at 15876 Hwy. 146 N. (five miles north of FM 834 or two miles south of Hwy. 105). The Blue Zebra Museum is Christian-based, veteran-owned and non-profit. For more information, contact James at 713-732-8363.



Talented local artist Larry Wilburn (center) created and donated one of his works to James Rightmire, Jr. (right) to place in his museum which will soon open in Moss Hill. Rightmire had requested a work recognizing his own Purple Heart that he received following many years of service to our country. Rightmire's new venture Blue Zebra Museum will have a grand opening Sat., May 23, 11 a.m., and will feature his massive collection of license plates from across the U.S. and beyond. Classic cars will be on display with plenty of food and activities and fun for all. Full details are listed at left in Agenda. Larry's brother Toby Wilburn joins the group at left.

Liberty County May 2 election results listed

LIBERTY COUNTY - Voters across Liberty County were asked to decide city, school board, and county elections along with a bond referendum. The following are results from the May 2 general election in the contested races only.

City of Ames

Council Position 4: Alfred Lee Freeman Jr. 32; James Dugat III, 23

City of Dayton

Mayor: Andy Conner, 367; Martin Mudd, 129

City of Liberty

Mayor: John Hebert Jr., 542; Tommy Brents, 427

Council members (3 to be elected): Ross Ward, 539; Betty Wells Runkle, 359; Ed Seymour, 428

Dayton ISD

Trustee Position 3: Thomas

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Lafitte topic of History & Then Some

WALLISVILLE - The Chambers County Museum at Wallisville's next presentation in its series History & Then Some will welcome Jim Nonus who will present information on the history of Jean Lafitte. The presentation will take place Thursday, May 21, from 6-7 p.m.

Jim Nonus, a fifth generation Galvestonian, co-founded the Lafitte Society in Galveston

in 1994. His Lafitte journey started in his childhood when pirate dreams filled his head and heart.

Admission is free, but seating is limited. Please make a reservation by calling the museum at 409-389-2252. This year's series of lectures, focusing on Chambers County history as it relates to Texas history, is sponsored by Occidental Petroleum Corporation.

DHS seniors join the military

Eight graduating seniors from Dayton High School were recognized for their decision to serve in the United States Armed Forces during the school's Scholarship Night held Thursday, April 30.

The recognition, part of the evening's broader program, also served as the kickoff for next year's Department of Texas VFW Auxiliary Youth Activities Statewide Project, which will be presented by 2026-2027 Youth Activities Program Chairman Marsha Tousha.

Members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary and VFW Post 5621 joined other local organizations in honoring the students, demonstrating strong community support for

their commitment to military service.

Auxiliary President Marsha Tousha and Post Commander Matt Cooper took part in recognizing the recruits, commending their courage and dedication. Among the eight seniors were three enlisting in the Marine Corps, three in the Navy, and two in the Army.

Representing the Auxiliary, President Tousha presented each recruit with a certificate of recognition. Commander Cooper, on behalf of VFW Post 5621, presented each student with a specially designed challenge coin unique to the Liberty VFW. The coin, engraved with the name Nolan D. Pickett, symbolizes service, sacrifice, and local legacy.



Devers City Secretary Kristi Ayers will have her last day at the City of Devers May 15, whereupon the City Council will select a replacement for her. That's Devers Mayor Steve Horelica at right. Kristi has worked for the city since 2015 and admits that her transition will be bittersweet. She says she will miss the many friends she has made during her service for the City of Devers.



DAYTON SENIORS ENLIST

Pictured (l-r): VFW Post Commander Matt Cooper, Justin Albarran (Navy), Peyton Michael Burr (Marines), Joshua Isaac Esquivel (Marines), Eli Carter Harpster (Navy), Jacob Quincy Smith (Marines), Luis Andres Torres (Army), Tucker Laray Tremmell (Army), and Auxiliary President Marsha Tousha. Not pictured is Noah Haden Miller (Navy).

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