

# THE LIBERTY GAZETTE

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## AGENDA

### SWAP AND SHOP

**RAYWOOD** - On Saturday, May 30, it's a Swap & Shop time at Encounter where everything is free. Come shop through a large assortment of items, but leave your money at home. Select from clothing for men, women and kids, all gently used. You'll also find household and kitchen items, baby items and much more. The shopping gets underway at 7:30 a.m. Swap and Shop is a ministry with a heart to help others. Encounter is located at 15610 FM 2830 S. (across from the Liberty Airport entrance). Need more information? Call 409-678-3339.

### MEDICARE ASSISTANCE

**LIBERTY** - On Thurs., June 4, a service regarding Medicare eligibility and benefits comes to the Liberty Municipal Library. Zelda Earvin, a benefits counselor with the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) Area Agency on Aging, will be at the library from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1-3 p.m. She will explain the difference between traditional Medicare and Medicare Advantage Plans (Medicare Part C), and provide information Part D prescription plans available to beneficiaries. The service is offered at no cost to area seniors. The Liberty Municipal Library is located at 1710 Sam Houston Street. Call the library at 936-336-8901 for more information.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**Mt. Calvary Baptist Church-Marysee** will host Vacation Bible School, June 8-12, from 6-8:30 p.m. This year's theme is "Tropical Trek," a tropical theme where children learn how Jesus came to seek and to save! Students who have completed Pre-K through 5th grade are welcome to attend. The church's physical address for GPS purposes is 2988 Hwy. 105 East, Hull 77564; however, it is actually located three miles east of the Moss Hill intersection. For more information, call 936-346-6244 or 832-344-7378.

### FBC FOOD PANTRY

**DAYTON** - Dayton First Baptist Church Food Pantry will hold its next food distribution Tues., June 9, from 9-11:30 a.m. The pantry will only be able to serve those with a Dayton 77535 zip code; proof of residence will be required. This will be a walk-in pantry, so please park and come into the food pantry entrance on the north side of the Family Life Center on Nelton Street. Picking up for others will not be allowed except under dire circumstances. The food distribution will be available the second Tuesday of each month.



The Singo Bingo benefit for Southeast Liberty County Meals on Wheels Sat., May 16, attracted a large, lively group for a fun evening at the Dayton Community Center. Above, Kathy Holt (left) and K Cullars were all set to go at the Dayton Electric table. At right, Director Kim Stegall was putting last minute touches on her speech to the group. Meals on Wheels of Southeast Liberty County is always in need of volunteers in all of their service areas. Drivers are needed for all routes and it only takes 1.5 hours to deliver hot meals to area seniors. If you have time to lend, call 936-641-2846.

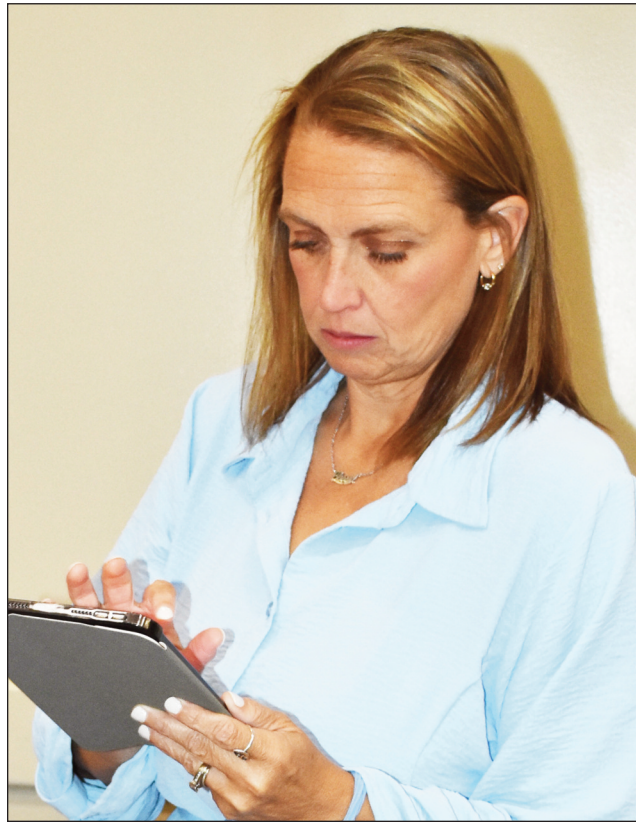
## Next TVCC luncheon coming up June 9

**DAYTON** - Join the Trinity Valley Chamber of Commerce on Tues., June 9, as Entergy Texas presents the annual Hurricane, Hazards & Emergencies Luncheon. Area experts on home, business/family preparedness and emergencies will include personnel from Liberty County of Emergency Management along with a guest meteorologist from NOAA.

The luncheon gets underway at the Dayton Community Center at 11 a.m. for networking

with lunch at 11:30 a.m. Admission is \$25/member and \$30/non-member. Tables for 10 can be reserved for \$225 (member) or \$300 (non-member). Kindly register prior to the registration deadline Fri., June 5, in order to ensure enough food is prepared. Those registering at the door will be charged an additional \$10.

Multiple sponsorship opportunities are available. Contact the chamber at 936-257-2393 or jazmin@daytontxchamber.com.



## Taste of South Liberty County Business Expo set for June 4

**DAYTON** - One of the most enjoyable events of the summer is fast approaching. The Taste of South Liberty County Business Expo, formally known as The

Taste of Dayton, is returning to the Dayton Community Center, Thurs., June 4, from 3-7 p.m. In honor of our country's 250th birthday this year, the theme is "Stars, Stripes and Freedom Bites!"

Presented by Liberty Dayton Regional Medical Center, this year's event looks again to expand boundaries with businesses from restaurants, to automotive repair, real estate, development services, boutiques and more offering something of interest to everyone. Attendees can browse the Expo and sample creative and patriotic-themed dishes at each booth to get a "taste" of the goods and services available from businesses all across South Liberty County.

Admission is \$5/adult and \$3/children 3-12 years. As an added bonus, once again this year Bear Plumbing will be sponsoring free admission for

the first 100 children (12 and under) that register. Register your family today!

Reservations for vendor booth spaces are currently being accepted. Chamber members can reserve a standard 10'x10' booth space for \$175, premium 10'x10' space in front of the ballroom for \$225 or a 10'x15' corner booth space for \$275. Non-chamber members can reserve a 10'x10' space for \$300.

Participants are encouraged to be as imaginative as possible to showcase their creativity. Festive and patriotic attire is encouraged to add to the spirit of the Expo. Awards will be presented for the Best Decorated Booth, Best Food and Best Door Prize. The Uncle Sam award will be presented for Overall Attendee Favorite.

Reserve your space now. Contact the Dayton Chamber of Commerce at 936-257-2393.

## Dayton Rotarians announce scholarship recipients

**DAYTON** - The Dayton Rotary Club proudly recognized several outstanding Dayton High School seniors during its recent meeting held at the Dayton Community Center. The students were honored for their academic achievements, leadership, community involvement, and future educational goals. The four DHS seniors each received a \$1,000 scholarship.

Dayton High School Principal Mrs. Shayann Johnson introduced the scholarship recipients and thanked the Rotary Club for its continued investment in local students and education. Mrs. Johnson shared

that Dayton High School Class of 2026 has earned approximately \$3 million in scholarships this year among the 376 graduating seniors.

Students recognized by the Rotary Club included Brady Vauter, Kaylen Diehl, Domnick Negron, and Joy Shumaker.

Brady Vauter, recipient of the inaugural Bill Buchanan Scholarship, was recognized for his involvement and leadership in FFA, HOSA, National English Honor Society, and student leadership activities. Vauter also achieved eighth place nationally in Science Fair competition and plans to attend the University of

Oklahoma to study Finance and Aviation with the goal of becoming a commercial pilot.

Kaylen Diehl was recognized for her participation in TAFE, FCCLA, and BPA, where she became a national finalist. Throughout her high school years, she was actively involved in numerous competitions. She plans to attend Texas State University to study Advertising and Communications.

Domnick Negron plans to attend Lamar University majoring in Mechanical Engineering with a minor in Electrical Engineering.

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### DAYTON ROTARIAN SCHOLARSHIPS

Pictured (l-r): Rotarian Elizabeth Robertson, Rotarian Tami Pierce, Brady Vauter, Kaylen Diehl, Joy Shumaker, Rotarian Dr. Travis Young, Domnick Negron, Principal Shayann Johnson, Rotarian Rachel Ansley, Rotary President Dr. Luke Chachere.

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