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AGENDA

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 6:30 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.

VETERANS' HEALTH AND RESOURCE FAIR

DAYTON - A Veterans' Health and Resource Fair is scheduled for Thurs., June 11, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at American Legion Post 512. This event is especially important to the veteran community and to Liberty County. The fair brings together health services, benefits information and community resources in one accessible location to help veterans connect with essential support, while strengthening partnerships among local organizations committed to serving those who have served our country. All area veterans are encouraged to attend. American Legion Post 512 is located at 2315 Hwy. 146.



DEVERS NJHS HOSTS DIAPER DRIVE FOR RAINBOW ROOM

On behalf of the Liberty County Child Welfare Board, we thank Lori Stephenson, sponsor, along with the Devers National Junior Honor Society for generously hosting a diaper drive to benefit the CPS Rainbow Room. Their support makes a meaningful difference for the children and families we serve, and we are deeply grateful for their kindness and continued commitment to helping our community thrive.

Pictured (l-r): DNJHS Sponsor Lori Stephenson, Lexi Cessna, Yosgart Lazo, Dean Schilling, LCCW Board Vice President Donna Hebert with granddaughter Nova Hebert, Connor Brownlee, and Logan McNeil.

Children's Museum unveils six new exhibits

MONT BELVIEU, TX - The Chambers County Children's Museum is thrilled to announce the grand opening of six dynamic new exhibits as part of a brand-new 4,000-square-foot expansion to the museum, which first opened its doors in 2023. Designed to spark curiosity, creativity, and hands-on discovery, the expansion introduces two new meeting rooms alongside immersive exhibit ex-

periences centered around kinetics, music, cardboard creation, LEGO cars, Carbon Capture and Storage, and nature exploration. The new expansion officially opens to the public on June 2.

"The new exhibits are the result of a year and a half of research, fundraising, planning, and hands-on building," said Kathy Harrison, executive director of the Chambers County

Children's Museum. "Our hope is that every child who visits leaves feeling inspired, empowered, and excited to continue exploring the world around them through these engaging new experiences."

The expansion was made possible through the generous support of community partners and philanthropic organizations, including Houston Endowment, ExxonMobil, Barbers Hill Education Foundation, 1PointFive, Moody Foundation, CenterPoint Energy, Community Auto Group, Shell, First Liberty Bank, OneOK, McDonald's of Mont Belvieu, Accent Compliance, Energy Transfer, H-E-B Tournament of Champions Charitable Trust, Targa Resources, Strake Foundation, Sjolander Interests, TGS Cedar Port, and the Albert and Ethel Herzstein Foundation. Together, these organizations fully funded the construction and development of the new exhibits and expansion space.

Located at 10955 Eagle Drive in Mont Belvieu, the Chambers County Children's Museum welcomes visitors Tuesday through Sunday and continues its mission of inspiring learning through play, exploration, and imagination for children and families across the region.

Reserve now for TVCC luncheon next week

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.



God Bless Our Beautiful America!

Our dear friend Ken DeFoor ran across this wonderful essay he wrote 12 years ago in remembrance of his two Navy pilot brothers lost in WWII. The original version of this was an audio recording where Ken played "America the Beautiful" softly on two recorders in the background. Unfortunately, he has been unable to locate that audio recording but the printed version of his original essay was found and shared with us.

America IS a land of beauty, given to us by our ALL mighty God. It's also a land of patriotism, pride, courage, resolve and resilience that has stretched from the halls of Montezuma and shores of Tripoli. From the beaches and skies of Iwo Jima to the bloody beaches of Normandy and the beaches, fields and hills of France. We ARE Americans.

We have fought and died for our religious and political freedom from foreign lands as the red, white and blue flew PROUDLY over the battlefields of the Revolutionary War, World War I and, we prayed, the war to end all wars, World War II. But, even today terrorism threatens our beautiful America but she will always persevere because we ARE Americans.

America has suffered and grown through the Civil War and Valley Forge, we wept at the Alamo and we were shocked and wounded at Pearl Harbor and again on 9/11, but America has ALWAYS come back to be a better and stronger nation - a nation of values, strong and proud and a GODLY hope for the future and a stronger and better America.

From America's majestic mountains to the river, lakes and seas. From the meadows, fields and valleys to the gold sunsets and shimmering moonlight shining down upon our great cities, towns and industrial complexes, our people have stood tall, shoulder to shoulder, proud and at the same time, humble, because we're blessed to be Americans.

And, as long as our God keeps his protective hand upon our America, she will continue to be the beautiful nation we have all known and loved. America IS strong, America IS benevolent, America IS truly the home of the brave and the land of the free. So we cast our eyes to the heavens above and we pray, God bless our BEAUTIFUL America, forever and a day.

By Ken DeFoor
June 17, 2014

Taste of South Liberty County Thursday

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

browse the Expo and sample creative and patriotic-themed dishes at each booth.

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.

Contact the Dayton Chamber of Commerce at 936-257-2393.

Liberty County runoff election results

Republican Party
Senator: Ken Paxton, 5,263; John Cornyn, 1,894
Representative, District No. 9: Alex Mealer, 4,900; Briscoe Cain, 2,287
Attorney General: Mayes Middleton: 4,851; Chip Roy, 2,211
Railroad Commissioner: Jim Wright, 3,345; Bo French, 3,338
Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 3: Alison Fox, 2,958; Thomas Smith, 3,347
District Judge, 75th Judicial District: James "JD" Chandler, 4,039; Michelle Merendino, 3,106
County Commissioner, Precinct No. 2: Wade Brown, 1,560; Greg Arthur, 1,074

County Commissioner, Precinct No. 4: John Headrick, 663; Gerald Kolarik, 1,078
Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 5: Joe Williams, 525; Joe McAnally, 768
County Chair: Craig McNair, 3,024; Ryan Taylor 3,734

Democratic Party
Lieutenant Governor: Vikki Goodwin, 361; Marcos Isaias Velez, 157
Attorney General: Joe Jaworski, 252; Nathan Johnson, 266
Member, State Board of Education, District No. 7: Tiffany Perkinz, 287; Debra Drake Ambrose, 225

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