


**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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## Next Chamber lunch set for Tues., 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., April 4, 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@daytonchamber.com.

# FOR KOLARIK

## COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 4

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- Honesty/Integrity/Transparency
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- 40+ years experience working petrochemical turnarounds for ExxonMobil as both a full-time employee and consultant overseeing work scope development, planning and scheduling, contracting strategies, engineering, milestone compliance, oversight of the work activities
- 15 years of experience on Dayton ISD board of trustees that oversaw the "first wave" of exponential growth to the Dayton area in the 90s and early 2000s
- Will have - 2 years experience as your County Commissioner by year end 2026

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**RUNOFF EARLY VOTING**  
Dayton Community Center  
May 18-22 • 7am-7pm

**ELECTION DAY**  
May 26, 2026 • 7am-7pm  
Box 10 Eastgate: St. Anne's Catholic Church Parish Hall  
Box 21 Kenefick: Southern Baptist Church  
Box 22 Dayton: Dayton Community Center  
Box 25 Tarkington: Tarkington Hi-Way Tabernacle

•Eligible Voters May Vote at Any Liberty county Voting Location.

## Dayton Rotarians learn about Civil Air Patrol

DAYTON - The Rotary Club of Dayton recently welcomed Lieutenant Colonel Don Fisher with the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) as guest speaker. Rotarian Elizabeth Robertson had the program but asked fellow Rotarian Ken DeFoor to introduce their guest speaker. DeFoor told several stories as a former CAP member who served with Fisher then introduced the program.

Lt. Col. Fisher shared the history, mission, and continuing importance of the Civil Air Patrol, the official civilian auxiliary of the United States Air Force. He explained that the organization began just before World War II and played an im-

portant role in coastal patrols, search efforts, and national defense. "Today's cadets are tomorrow's aerospace leaders. Through its Cadet Program, Civil Air Patrol transforms youth aged 12 to 20 into responsible citizens. CAP is the volunteer, non-profit auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force. Its three missions are to develop its cadets, educate Americans on the importance of aviation and space, and perform live-saving humanitarian missions," stated Fisher.

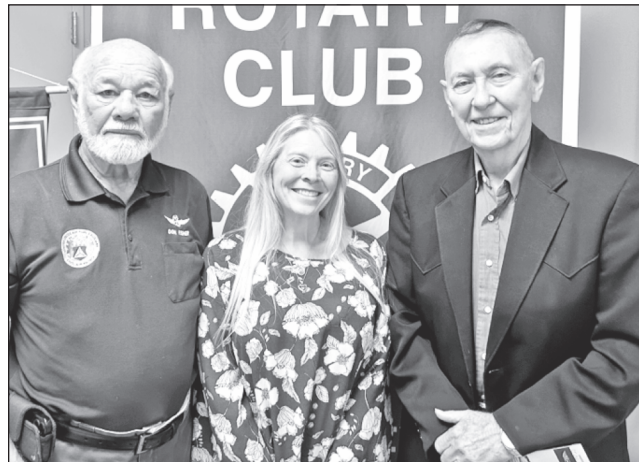
Stories were recounted including one during WWII. The CAP coastal patrols were created to monitor and deter German U-boats, with pilots using

their own or borrowed light aircraft armed with bombs and depth charges. "A German commander admitted that U-boat operations were withdrawn from the US coast because of those little red and yellow airplanes of the Civil Air Patrol."


Today, Civil Air Patrol continues to serve communities across the country through emergency services, search and rescue, disaster response, aerial photography, aerospace education, and cadet programs. Lt. Col. Fisher also spoke about the organization's work with youth, helping cadets build discipline, leadership skills, responsibility, and an interest in aviation and public service.

His presentation highlighted the dedication of Civil Air Patrol volunteers, many of whom give their time, training, and personal resources to serve their communities and country.

The Rotary Club of Dayton appreciates Lt. Col. Fisher for sharing this program and for his continued commitment to service. For more information about the Dayton Rotary Club, contact Elizabeth Robertson at 832-414-9669.



DAYTON ROTARY (L to R): Lieutenant Colonel Don Fisher, Rotarian Elizabeth Robertson, Rotarian Ken DeFoor.



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### 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 organization 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.

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# Up and Down the City Road

by Mike Ely and Linda Street-Ely

If you go far enough back in aviation history, you eventually arrive at a time before airports, before control towers, and well before anything resembling an FBO. What you find instead are open fields, and, occasionally, a pub. Take London's old Eagle Tavern, once a lively stop along City Road. It's immortalized in the British version of the nursery rhyme, "Pop Goes the Weasel": Up and down the City Road, In and out the Eagle. . .

It was a place for gathering, for entertainment, for spending a bit more money than you planned to. And in an era when ballooning was the new marvel in the sky, curious crowds drifted from places like the Eagle to watch a balloon ascent, and maybe even get a ride. The pilot would charge a penny a pound. In those early days, the vehicles of flight weren't hidden away behind fences. They were public, a spectacle that drew the whole community. Sometimes, it was close enough to a pub that the two became part of the same exciting story, such as one from the English countryside, where aviation history left a more literal mark on the map.

In 1784, a young physician



named Edward Jenner launched a hydrogen balloon from Berkeley Castle. The balloon traveled about 24 miles before landing near a roadside inn in the village of Birdlip. (The Brits have such interesting village names!) So, the inn was renamed in honor of the event, first "The Balloon," and later, "The Air Balloon," which is still its name today.

Birdlip sits along the Cotswold escarpment, an area with rising air and perfect conditions for ballooning. These days, we have more control over our flight, but ultimately, gravity always wins. Back then, with less control, a flight ended wherever gravity decided it should. If the pilot was lucky, it might end near a welcoming door and a warm meal. Ideal for a story

waiting to be told. The late 18th century balloonist, dusty, wind-blown, and full of adrenalin, might walk into a pub and regale fellow patrons with stories of adventure, while the locals tried to decide whether to believe them.

Times have changed, somewhat. Modern aviation is built on discipline, regulation, and safety. But the spirit of those early days hasn't disappeared entirely. We may not gather at roadside inns after a balloon landing, but hangars, fly-ins, and airports are where stories are often shared and friendships are built. Aviation has always been as much about people as it is about machines.

Long before runways and radio calls, there were moments of wonder, shared in places where people naturally came together. A balloon overhead. A crowd below. And somewhere nearby, a place where the story could be told again, perhaps with a few added details each time. Which, if we're being honest, is still very much a part of aviation today. Perhaps that's one thing aviation has never outgrown. The need to land somewhere. . . and tell someone about it.

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## SHC partners with Operation Paperback to collect books

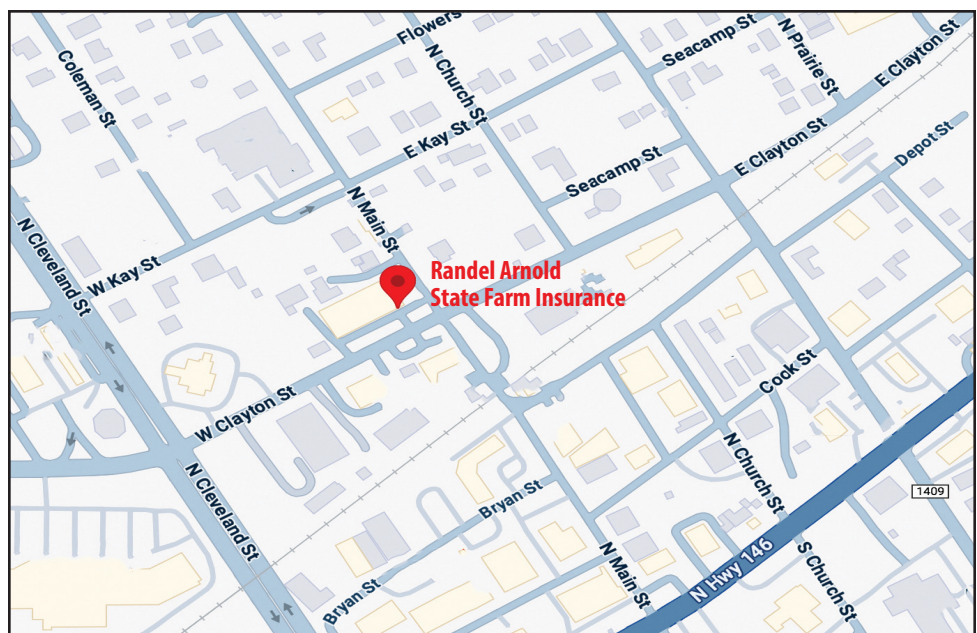
LIBERTY - The Sam Houston Regional Library and Research Center (SHC), as part of its Texas America250 programming, has announced a new book drive in support of our military and veterans. The SHC Quarterly Book Club has partnered with Operation Paperback to support active-duty military, veterans and their families with books donated through the club. Books must be new or gently used, without writing or damage, and can be either paperback or hardback. To ensure books are in like-new condition, publication dates within the past 5-7 years are preferred. Popular categories include mysteries,

action novels, westerns, fantasy and science fiction, but all genres are welcome. Military and veterans also request nonfiction genres, like history, current events and business and investing books. Club members and Center staff plan to deliver books to the Veteran Affairs Medical Center in Houston for use in clinics throughout Southeast Texas and to ship books through Operation Paperback.

By working with Operation Paperback, the club can send books where they will be of most benefit, which may be to troops overseas, wounded warrior programs, military families or hospitals. Club members in-

vite the community to bring book donations to the Sam Houston Regional Library and Research Center, 650 FM1011, during regular business hours Tuesday to Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Books will be collected through July 4.

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### HELLO SUMMER FUN DAY


DAYTON - On Thursday, May 21, from 1-4 p.m., all Dayton students released early release school can head on down to the Dayton Community Center for some end of school fun. There's a rock wall, foam party cannons, food, face painting, obstacle courses and ax throwing. All activities will be held outside. Need more info? Call 936-258-6630 or email communitycenter@daytontx.org.

### 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.

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