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Dairyland Donkey Ball coming to Hardin High School

HARDIN - Are you ready to be entertained? Dairyland Donkey Ball is coming to Hardin High School. Don't miss out on the fun Monday, February 23, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the high school gym.

In addition to the side-splitting fun, there will be

both a live and silent auction where good stuff awaits. Donations of any kind are being accepted. The live auction will take place during halftime of the show.

This event is a standing tradition and the largest fundraiser of the year. Come out and help the

Class of 2028-2029 raise proceeds for the junior-senior prom. For information/donations contact, Amanda at 936-334-4252, Kayla at 936-346-1314, Trish at 936-402-8574 or Kristi at 832-683-1996.

Plans for Dayton Ole Tyme Days already coming together

DAYTON - The Dayton Ole Tyme Days Festival returns to downtown Dayton April 10-12 for three days of family fun, entertainment, interactive activities, exciting carnival rides and games, vendor booths and more. All festival events take place in Dayton's downtown Main Street area. Festival proceeds are used to provide scholarships for Dayton High School's graduating seniors, something the Dayton Ole Tyme Days Festival Association, Inc. has been doing since 1997. Last year the festival awarded \$36,000 in scholarships.

Festival hours on Fri., April 10, are from 6-10 p.m. with carnival hours from 6 p.m. to 12 midnight. On Sat., April 11, the festival gets underway at 9 a.m. and continues through the evening until 10 p.m. The carnival opens at 9 a.m. and closes at 12 midnight. Sunday, April 12, the festival and carnival open at 9 a.m. and close at 5 p.m.

Food and craft vendor

applications are currently being accepted. Entry fees range from \$250 to \$650 contingent on space size. Contact Sheree, vendor chair, at 281-224-2975 for more information or visit the festival website.

The ATV/UTV Show is set for Sunday, April 12, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. To participate, contact Jamie at 281-610-3918 or shownshine@daytonoletymedays.com. There is a \$25 entry fee.

Fairy Tale Fantasy is this year's theme for the Lil' Miss and Lil' Mister Pageant. The pageant will take place Sat., April 11. Entry is open to ages 12 and under with a \$30 entry fee. Contact Julie Campbell at 936-258-4339 or visit the festival website.

A fun cooking competition, the Jr. Chili Cookoff, is open to anyone ages 5 to 18. The competition takes place on Saturday during the festival at the Crossroads Plaza from 8 a.m. until 12 noon. There is a \$25 entry fee per team. Visit the fes-

tival website to register.

Entries for the Barbecue Cookoff are being accepted through April 10. Teams are required to participate in a minimum of four categories. For more information, categories and entry fees, visit the festival website.

Participants can register now for the Bike, Car and Truck Show (register prior to March 20 to receive a free event t-shirt). Vehicles will be on display Saturday, April 11, from 8 a.m. until 12 noon. There is a \$25 entry fee per vehicle. Contact Weslee Woodard, event committee chair, at 713-553-9705 for information.

Visit the festival website at daytonoletymedays.com for complete festival information.



Statewide reading challenge has begun

AUSTIN - The Texas Center for the Book and the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC) invite Texans of all ages to participate in the statewide Texas America250 Reading Challenge, which launched Jan. 1 and continues through the end of the year.

From Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2026, Texans are invited to log 2,500 minutes (41.6 hours) of reading, state parks visits and/or service activity as part of the national America250 America Gives initiative, in honor of our nation's 250th anniversary.

Upon completion of the Reading Challenge, participants are eligible to receive a special certificate signed by Governor Abbott from their public or school librarian. Librarians are invited to register using the QR code (certificate) to gain access to an online portal where they can print the certificates. Participants can log their time:

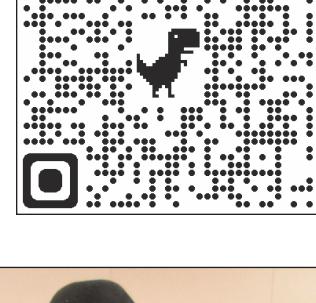
- Reading books and/or listening to audiobooks.

The Texas Center for the

Book especially encourages reading about Texas and American history, as well as Texas and American nature, wildlife and space exploration topics.

- Attending library storytimes or other library events.
- Volunteering in their local communities.
- Visiting a Texas State Park.

The Texas America250 Reading Challenge is self-reported. Participants can track their time using the "Mosey along the reading trail" Reading Log Map, or with their own reading log or other method. Reading logs do not need to be submitted to TSLAC. These and many more resources are available at the Texas State Library website, using the QR code provided below, or searching texasamerica250.com.



Showing support for family member Kim Harris' campaign at the GOP's Candidate Meet & Greet, husband Matt Harris convinced precious grandson Charlie Harris to pose for a photo. We are informed that Charlie's brother Hank is the shy guy and declined to join his brother in this endeavor.

City of Dayton General Election May 2

DAYTON - The City of Dayton will hold a General Election on Saturday, May 2, for the positions of Mayor and City Council Position #3. Candidate packets are now available from the city Secretary's office, 801 South Cleveland Street, for anyone interested in

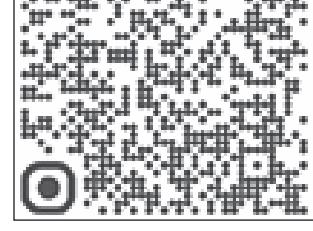
serving the community. Office hours are Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Filing dates are continue through Fri., Feb. 13 at 5 p.m.

For more information, contact the City Secretary's office at 936-258-2642, ext. 1117.

Rice Recipe Contest seeks entries

Choose a favorite category and enter the Texas Rice Recipe Contest. Contest categories include recipes for Cracked Rice, Family Recipe and Dessert. Winners in each category will earn \$100. Contest is an initiation of Timsel27LLD. Scan the QR Code to submit your recipe, learn about research and commu-

nity outreach, sign up to be a recipe judge, or learn about ways to get involved. Entry deadline is Sun., April 5.



It was good to see Winn Skidmore and friend Toby Wilburn at the GOP's Candidate Meet & Greet last week. Winn had a little mishap back in September and she's doing well with her new bionic arm.



Heather Reed, PA-C



Heather Reed, PA-C joined LDRMC in May 2018 as a practitioner in our Rural Health Clinic. She was raised in the Houston area and attended UTMB Galveston to obtain her Physician's Assistant degree. Heather brings 19 years of experience to our clinic and enjoys treating patients of all ages and stages in life.

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