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AGENDA

ANNUAL PANCAKE SUPPER

LIBERTY - It's that time of year again when people start to think about what to "give up" for Lent. Before giving anything up, come and enjoy an all-you-can-eat supper at the Annual Pancake Supper at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Tues., Feb. 17, from 5-7 p.m. Tickets are \$12/person.

To purchase tickets or for more information, contact the church office at 936-336-3762 or contact a church member. Tickets can also be purchased at the door.

LENTEN FISH FRY

DAYTON - The Knights of Columbus and Catholic Daughters of St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church will be hosting their annual fish fry Ash Wednesday, February 18, and then each Friday during Lent through March 27. They offer dine-in or drive-thru options from 5-7 p.m. each night at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 806 S. Cleveland Street. Plates are \$13 (cash/check) or \$15 (card) and include fish, fries, coleslaw, hush puppies and dessert.

DAYTON ROTARY GUMBO LUNCHEON

DAYTON - The Dayton Rotary Club will host its annual All-You-Can-Eat Gumbo Luncheon on Friday, February 20, in the Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. The chicken-sausage gumbo will be served from 10:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. or until sold out. Take-outs are available. Tickets can be purchased from any Dayton Rotary member or pay at the door. Proceeds benefit the scholarship fund and their other community efforts.

FARMERS & VENDORS MARKET

DAYTON - The Farmers and Vendors Market takes place this month on Sat., Feb. 21, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Crossroads Plaza, 111 N. Church Street. Here you will find vendors offering their locally sourced, individualized products that includes farm products, cottage foods, backyard garden produce, farm fresh eggs, artisan/crafts, local honey and more. For more information or to become a vendor, call 936-258-6630.

CLOTHING DONATIONS

HULL - Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, 2988 Hwy. 105 East, (3 miles east of Moss Hill intersection) is accepting donations of used student clothes for its annual clothing giveaway in July. Call 936-346-6244 to arrange drop-off of your donations. Many families will be blessed by your donations.

Black Excellence Day @ The Museum, Saturday

DAYTON - The Colbert-Rosenwald Corporation invites the public to attend 2026 Black Excellence Day @ The Museum, a community celebration honoring educators and connecting generations through history, service, and legacy, held in celebration of the 100th observance of Black History Month.

Originally established in 1926, Black History Month marks 100 years (1926-2026) of recognizing and celebrating Black achievement, heritage, and contributions in the United States.

The event will take place Saturday, Feb. 21, 2026, at the Colbert Gymnasium in Dayton. On-site registration begins at noon, with the official program starting at 1 p.m. Admission is free, and door prizes and refreshments will be provided.

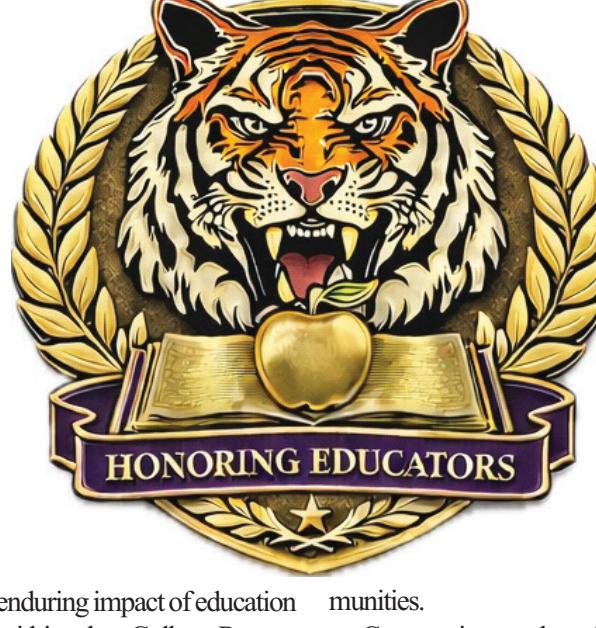
This year's theme, "Honoring Educators. Connecting Generations," highlights the

Local authors to be featured at Jones Library, March 7

DAYTON - Jones Public Library is hosting a community event that will bring together over 35 local authors. The event is set for Saturday, March 7, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Dayton Community Center, which houses the library.

The public will have the opportunity to meet and support authors from across the area. A variety of books in various genres will be available for purchase. There will also be

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enduring impact of education within the Colbert-Rosenwald community. The event will recognize three important groups:

- Former educators of Annie E. Colbert School, a historic Rosenwald School

- Alumni who pursued careers in education

- Descendants of alumni who followed the call to teach

Together, these individuals represent a powerful continuum of educational excellence that shaped generations in Dayton and beyond.

The Annie E. Colbert School served the community from 1929 to 1970, standing as a beacon of opportunity during an era of limited educational access for African American children. As one of the Rosenwald Schools established to uplift Black communities through education, the Colbert School remains a lasting symbol of resilience, leadership, and hope.

The program will feature keynote addresses by Mrs. Alpha Wright-Henderson, Ms. Betty Maxie Woods, and Dr. Travis O. Young, each offering personal insight and historical perspective on the transformative role of education in shaping lives and com-

munities.

Community members, former students, families, educators, and supporters of local history are encouraged to attend and participate in this meaningful celebration. Alumni and legacy educators are especially invited to register in advance to be formally recognized during the program.

Registration is available online at <https://bit.ly/3M4qRfm> or by scanning the QR code.

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Black Excellence Day @ The Museum promises to be a powerful afternoon of remembrance, recognition, and inspiration honoring those

who taught, those who learned, and those who continue the legacy.



Donkey Ball next Monday in Hardin

ing halftime of the show.

Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. 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.

In addition to the sidesplitting 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 dur-

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.

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