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AGENDA

MEDICARE ASSISTANCE

LIBERTY - On Thurs., March 5, 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.

FBC FOOD PANTRY

DAYTON - Dayton First Baptist Church Food Pantry will hold its next food distribution Tues., March 10, 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.

SHRED AND RECYCLING EVENT

LIBERTY - The City of Liberty will hold a FREE Community Shred & Recycling Event on Saturday, March 21, from 9-11 a.m. at 1829 Sam Houston Street. The event will allow citizens to safely dispose of sensitive documents (tax returns, bank statements, etc.) and unwanted electronics (laptops, desktops, cell phones, etc.). All documents will be shredded on site by Texas Security Shredding Company. Appliances and TVs will NOT be accepted at this event.

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 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.



Former Dayton ISD Superintendent Greg Hayman shared memories of his time at DISD with friend Brenda Trahan who continues to be an active supporter of the Colbert-Rosenwald Museum. They attended Black Excellence Day@The Museum Sat., Feb. 21, at the museum. Hayman recalls while he was superintendent of DISD that the building where the museum is now housed had actually been condemned when Jo Ann Paul approached him with a magazine article telling of the history of this handsome brick edifice. Hayman had no idea of the historical significance of this structure and he immediately did an about-face and resolved to save it. He recalls that during the renovation process, he went over to the (now) museum and scaled a not-insignificant ladder to have a look inside the attic. He noted that the rafters in the structure still had the bark on the lumber. Julius Rosenwald provided the seed money for this school, but local community members (and doubtless a certain number of students) had to pitch in to actually construct it. So few of the old Rosenwald schools nationally were brick and still survive today that Dayton's Colbert-Rosenwald School is certainly a treasure.

Linney-Acie group to meet Sat., March 7

DAYTON - The annual business meeting of the Linney-Acie Cemetery Association will be held Sat., March 7, at 10 a.m. This year's meeting will take place at Parker Hall, 201 S. Hill Street, located behind the Dayton Historical Society's Old School Museum.

The Linney-Acie Cemetery Association is a 501(c)(13) nonprofit organization, which means your generous charitable donations are tax-deductible. There are two easy ways to donate:

- **Online via PayPal:** Visit www.linneyacie.com, click the menu in the top right corner, and select the Donate tab.

- **By check:** Please make checks payable to:

Linney-Acie Cemetery Association
399 N. Colbert St.
Dayton, TX 77535

If you have any questions, please contact Judy Headrick, president, at 936-334-6569.



Charles and Jo Ann Wiggins, along with a few select friends, welcomed into their home some special visitors from France last week. Pictured above, l-r, are Céline Croise, Marie-Claire Morlat, friend Denise Barkis and Marc Morlat. Charles and Jo Ann's daughter Tami and her husband Mike Racine, currently living in Albuquerque, New Mexico, connected with these fine folks a few years ago, and a special international friendship evolved, now including Charles, Jo Ann and their son Karl.

In the photo above Céline and Marc (black t-shirts) are engaged to be married soon with Marc's dad, a 44-year veteran of the local city council, officiating. Marie-Claire (striped top) is Marc's mom who joined the younger set on this trip. Marc lives next door to his mom and dad.

Marc is a longtime English teacher in Combleux, a quaint village on the Loire River just outside Orléans. He has instructed literally hundreds of students over the years in areas such as communications. (His English is excellent, of course.) He shared that his students in France seem to have the same uncertainties about their lives going forward as American students do. He attempts to assist them by having former students come speak about their own choices and progress.

A photo of Charles and Jo Ann Wiggins appears on Page A-2.

Local Author Event Sat., March 7

DAYTON - The Jones Public Library, in partnership with the Friends of Jones Public Library, invites the community to attend a Local Author Event on Saturday, March 7, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the library, located at 801 S. Cleveland Street, Dayton, Texas.

This free, family-friendly community event will bring together talented local authors representing a variety of genres. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet authors, purchase

books, and learn more about the local writing community while enjoying complimentary refreshments and a bookmark craft.

The event is designed to celebrate local creativity, encourage reading, and strengthen community connections by showcasing authors from across the region.

Community members are encouraged to stop by anytime during the event to meet writers, discover new books, and enjoy a day at the library.

CCA of Texas banquet set for Thursday

DAYTON - The 14th annual Coastal Conservation Association (CCA) of Texas banquet is set for Thurs., March 5, at the Dayton Community Center. Doors open at 6 p.m. It's an evening of good food, a shrimp and sausage boil by Cajun Country Cookers, along with drinks, auctions, raffles and good old fundraising fun.

Tickets are \$60/individual or \$100/couples or gather your friends and purchase a table for eight: Redfish Table (\$1,000), Trout Table (\$750) or Flounder Table (\$600). Reserved tables include CCA memberships, koozies or tumblers and more.

For more information contact John Hebert Jr. at

936-334-2528 or Larry Hanson at 713-447-1918. Tickets are also available at ticketstripe.com/TrinityValleyCCA2026. The event is sponsored by Academy Sports & Outdoors.

The Coastal Conservation Association is a non-profit marine conservation organization. It is comprised of 17 coastal state chapters spanning the Gulf of Mexico, the Atlantic seaboard and the Pacific Northwest dedicated to conservation and restoration of coastal marine resources. The Trinity Valley Chapter is composed of Crosby, Dayton, Sour Lake, Nome, Batson, Cleveland, Kountze, Hull, Raywood, Thicket, Hardin, Rye, and surrounding areas.

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