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AGENDA

TEXAS CENTER FOR THE BOOK VIRTUAL DISCUSSION

AUSTIN - Join the Texas Center for the Book on Wednesday, Sept. 23, from 10-10:30 a.m. for a fun virtual discussion with children's book author and illustrator C.S. Jennings. His new picture book, *My Big Book of Texas*, celebrates the Lone Star State. This webinar is free and open to the public. Register at: www.tsl.texas.gov/tx-bookchat.

DVFD BLOOD DRIVE

DAYTON - Dayton VFD is sponsoring a blood drive Sat., September 26, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The mobile collection bus will be on-site at The Crossroads Plaza Farmers Market at 111 N. Church. An appreciation item and refreshments will be available for all donors. Photo ID is required. Appointments are strongly encouraged to efficiently coordinate your donation. Schedule your appointment at tinyurl.com/daytonvfd0926.

PUMPKIN PATCH
DAYTON - First Methodist Dayton will open its Pumpkin Patch Thurs., October 1. The patch will be filled with pumpkins for the choosing and fall photo settings that will provide great photo opportunities for family memories. Hours are Thursday and Friday from 1-7 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. The pumpkin patch is located at 106 S. Cleveland Street. For more information or to schedule a field trip, contact Kelsey Conner at 409-679-4946.

4-H ANNUAL PECAN SALE FUNDRAISER

LIBERTY - Good for snacking or holiday baking, either way, Liberty County 4-H has begun its annual 4-H Pecan Sale fundraiser. The pecans come shelled in one-pound bags and can be purchased for \$12. Choose pieces or halves. Contact your local 4-H Clubs: 4-H Hot Shots, Dayton 4-H, Dolen 4-H, Forever 4-H, Hardin 4-H, Hope 4-H, Plum Grove 4-H, Tarkington 4-H, Trinity Trailblazer 4-H or contact the Liberty County Extension Office at 936-334-3230. Proceeds from sales will support the 4-H program.



CITY OF AMES RECEIVES \$5 MILLION AWARD

L-R: Alfred Freeman Jr., Eddie White, Project Manager Justin Meyer, Mayor Barbara Domain, Tiffany Burgos, Dwight Webb, and Barbara Victorian

City of Ames receives \$5 million award for new wastewater treatment plant

AMES - The City of Ames has received a \$5 million award through the Texas General Land Office's Local Communities

Program, known as LCP, to support construction of a new wastewater treatment plant.

The award represents a

major step toward providing Ames with an independent, modern wastewater treatment system that will better serve residents,

strengthen the city's infrastructure, and support the community's long-term resilience and growth. The project will also allow Ames to transition away from its current reliance on the City of Liberty's wastewater treatment system.

The project is a significant win for Ames and will also benefit the City of Liberty by reducing the demands associated with serving Ames through Liberty's wastewater system. Together, the communities will benefit from

improved wastewater infrastructure and greater long-term capacity.

The project was developed through a collaborative effort led by the City of Ames, LJA Engineering and Traylor & Associates' Project Manager Justin Meyer who assisted the City through the grant application and will implement the grant funding.

City officials recognized the award during a presentation of a ceremonial \$5 million check at Ames City Hall on September 14, 2026.

LeadHERship Summit for ladies next Tuesday, Sept. 29

DAYTON - The dynamic event and premier gathering of area women is only days away. The LeadHERship Summit takes place for Tues., Sept. 29, from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the Dayton Community Center. All area ladies are invited to take part. The summit offers a platform for education, connection and inspiration through keynote presentations, interactive workshops and strategic networking opportunities.

The event will open with a networking hour at 8 a.m. followed the summit from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The cost is \$100/individual. Chamber

members can reserve a table for 10 for \$900 or non-chamber members for \$1,000.

The event, hosted by the Trinity Valley Chamber of Commerce, is sponsored by

Lee College, Entergy and Liberty Dayton Regional Medical Center. Visit the chamber website at trinityvalleyccc.com or contact Sherri Schmidt, event chairman, at sschmidt1305@gmail.com.

Cowboy historian at SHC, Thursday

LIBERTY - The Sam Houston Regional Library and Research Center (SHC) will celebrate a Texas tradition – the cowboy. Author and historian and real-life cowboy J.L. “Jim” Hodges will present “The Great American

Cowboy: From Egypt to the Present” at 7 p.m. on Thurs., Sept. 24. The program is free and open to the public. No registration required.

Hodges will explore

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James Sinclair's neighbor Jeanie Brooks came along with him to the American Legion's Medicare Educational Event last week.



James Sinclair's beautiful patriotic shirt really caught our eye when we first walked into the American Legion's Medicare Educational Event.



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