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Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce December mixer Dec. 13

The Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center will have a December mixer at 6 p.m. Dec. 13 at the Dayton Valley Golf Course and Country Club.

The event will feature an ugly sweater theme, mix and mingle with other local businesses and hors d'oeuvres. Attendees are encouraged to bring their business cards and there will be raffles and prizes.

RSVP to sthurindacc@yahoo.com or call the Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center at 775-246-7909.

Pioneer named Nevada state finalist in Samsung contest

Pioneer High School is among the nation's 250 state finalists in the Samsung Solve for Tomorrow Contest — a nationwide competition challenging students in grades six to 12 to apply science, technology, engineering and math skills to find creative solutions to real-world issues impacting their local communities.

Out of thousands of schools that entered the contest, the 250 state finalist classrooms — five from each state — were chosen based on their creative and strategic

proposals to solve complicated issues that affect their communities by using STEM learning. All 250 teachers selected as state finalists will receive one Samsung tablet for their classrooms and have the opportunity to advance through future phases of the contest to win additional prizes and educational opportunities.

"The Samsung Solve for Tomorrow Contest showcases the talents of student innovators who are identifying and addressing issues impacting their individual communities," said Ann Woo, senior director of Corporate Citizenship at Samsung Electronics America. "We are inspired by the desire of these students to ignite lasting change in their communities and look forward to seeing how their STEM projects unfold in the coming months."

With \$2 million in technology on the line, the 250 state finalists will submit a lesson plan detailing how students will execute the proposed STEM project and how it address the identified community issue.

John Corbitt, Pioneer math teacher, submitted the project idea and will be awarded with a Samsung tablet for achieving state finalist status. Corbitt and his students identified a need for a water bottle refilling station to provide cost free fresh water to Pioneer students as well as other community members in need. In the months ahead, Corbitt and his students will work on the proposed project. It will require skills from the areas of engineering, mathematics and art.