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AGENDA

RED, WHITE & BOOM

LIBERTY - Begin your Independence Day celebration early when the City of Liberty hosts its annual Liberty Independence Day Celebration on Friday, July 3. The celebration will take place at the Liberty Municipal Park with vendor activities taking place from 5-9 p.m. At 9:15 p.m., all lights will be turned out at the park to allow for a spectacular view of a dazzling fireworks show that will light up the night sky. Interested in becoming a vendor? Applications are available on the City of Liberty website at cityofliberty.org.

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.

BOTTLED WATER DRIVE

LIBERTY CTY. - In a community effort to provide Dayton firefighters with much needed hydration during the very hot summer months, the public is encouraged to bring bottled water or Gatorade and drop them off at the Dayton VFD Station #1 at 1001 Bill Moreau Dr. Your donation of bottled water helps our firefighters stay hydrated and our community stay strong during emergencies, training and long days of service. The hard working volunteer men and women who protect your lives and property greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness.

FBC FOOD PANTRY

DAYTON - Dayton First Baptist Church Food Pantry will hold its next food distribution Tues., July 14, 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.



Attendance is increasing every year at the June 14 Flag Day Ceremony at the Liberty Elks Lodge #2019 and this year's event featured a nice complement of law enforcement, veterans and first responders joining the Elks to commemorate our nation's flag. These folks are standing in front of six of America's flags that are part of our history. During the ceremony, VFW Post 5621 showed attendees how to properly fold an American flag which had been placed on display. The VFW veterans then gifted the meticulously folded flag to the Elks.

Independence Day celebration at SHC, June 27

LIBERTY - The Texas State Library and Archives Commission invites the community to celebrate Independence Day early and come out to the Sam Houston Regional Library and Research Center (SHC) on Saturday, June 27, for a fun-filled and free patriotic event commemorating the country's 250th birthday. Doors open at 10 a.m. with an ongoing slate of family-friendly attractions and activities until 3 p.m.

Crafts for kids, engaging presentations from guest speakers, documentary film viewings, storytime for the little ones and other entertainments are

planned, as well as self-guided tours of the historical buildings on the grounds for guests of all ages. Members of the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas will provide craft demonstrations and information on tribal history. Guest speakers include Thomas Jackson, Dr. Carolina Castillo Crimm, and Larry and Barbara Stevens.

In addition to the scheduled program of events, visitors may explore the Center's state-of-the-art museum where a new special exhibit, Patriotism Lives in Liberty: The 1976 American Bicentennial, will be on display

along with the permanent exhibit, Atascosito: The History of Southeast Texas. For this occasion, select items from the archives in Austin and Liberty will also be on view.

The Center's grounds are home to several preserved historic buildings such as the Hull-Daisetta Rotary Building, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Gillard-Duncan House and the Norman House. Grab an event passport and "travel" from site to site to participate in a range of activities—complete your set of stamps to earn a prize! Refreshments will also be available throughout the day.

See the full schedule of events planned for this special celebration at www.tsl.texas.gov/america250/shc. Contact the SHC at samhoustoncenter@tsl.texas.gov or (936) 336-8821 for more information.

Supporters include the Atascosito Historical Society; City of Liberty, including the Fire Department, Police Department and Liberty Municipal Library; First Liberty Bank; Liberty Lions Club; Liberty High School Art and Woodworking; and the Texas Library and Archives Foundation.

The Sam Houston Center is a component of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission and serves as the official regional historical resource depository for the 10 Southeast Texas counties of Chambers, Hardin, Jasper, Jefferson, Liberty, Newton, Orange, Polk, San Jacinto and Tyler. The Center's primary mission is to collect, preserve and provide access to historically significant state and local government records and publications of the designated region and secondarily to serve as a library of Texana and genealogical resources.

The Texas State Library and Archives Commission provides Texans access to the information needed to be informed, productive citizens by preserving the archival record of Texas; enhancing the service capacity of public, academic and school libraries; assisting public agencies in the maintenance of their records; and meeting the reading needs of Texans with disabilities. For more information, visit www.tsl.texas.gov.

DAISETTA COMMUNITY CENTER GRAND OPENING POSTPONED, NEW DATE FORTHCOMING

Due to the inclement weather on Wednesday, June 17, officials with the City of Daisetta made the decision to cancel the grand opening and ribbon cutting of the new Daisetta Community Center. Officials are planning to reschedule the event at a future date and more information will be forthcoming.

Last chance to sign up for Purse Bingo

DAYTON - Casino Royale Purse Bingo benefiting Bridgehaven Children's Advocacy Center takes place Friday, June 26, and Saturday, June 27, at the Dayton Community Center. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. both nights with bingo from 7-9 p.m.

It's two nights of entertainment with designer purse bingo games, food, drinks, silent auctions, and incredible prizes throughout the night. Dress in your cocktail best and prepare for a high-stakes night filled with glamour and giving.

Friday night's event is limited to those 18 and older, while

Saturday night is open to all ages. Friday night tickets are available at <https://givebutter.com/2026casinoroyalebingofri18-only>, and Saturday night tickets can be purchased at <https://givebutter.com/2026casinoroyalebingosat>.

This year's event is brought to you by CRM Cowboy's Ready Mix. Table sales and sponsorship opportunities are still available.

For additional information and sponsorship details, contact Jo McGinnis at (936) 258-0400 or jmccginnis@bridgehaven-cac.org.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH DAYTON

DAYTON - Students who are entering kindergarten to completed fifth grade are invited to attend Vacation Bible School at First Baptist Church Dayton from June 29-July 2, each day from 9 a.m. to noon. This year's theme is Illumination Station - Shining a Light on Who Jesus Really is. Register online at fbcd Dayton.com/vbs2026. For more info call the office at 936-258-8321.

HARDIN BAPTIST CHURCH

HARDIN - Hardin Baptist Church will host Vacation Bible School Monday, June 22,

through Friday, June 26, from 9 a.m. -12 p.m. Pre-registration is available on the church Facebook page or use the link: forms.gle/wktEDnZj6zefDbmx7.

SOUTH DAYTON BAPTIST CHURCH

DAYTON - South Dayton Baptist Church will host Vacation Bible School, June 22-26, from 5:30-8 p.m. This year's theme is "Illumination Station" where kids explore how light reveals who He truly is. Students who have completed Pre-K through eighth grade are welcome to attend. Dinner will be served. The church's physical address is 4691 FM 1409. For more information, call 361-815-2147.



Yep, that's Winn Skidmore, looking gorgeous as usual on the occasion of her 92nd birthday. All the more amazing since scant months ago, she took a tumble and injured her arm which required a serious surgery to repair. Three days post surgery she was in physical therapy and now enjoys an amazing range of motion with that arm. As if that's not enough, she also walks two miles a day.



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