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donation information.

The event will be held December 12, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the TVE Fairgrounds, 321 Wallisville Road in Liberty. Volunteers are needed to help with toy collection, sorting, organization and distribution of the toys on the day of the event.

To reach the area coordinator for Liberty County with questions, to volunteer, place a toy donation box at your business or location, or to request toys, email liberty.tx@toysfortots.org, call 936-346-2862 or use the QR code below.

The Marine Toys for Tots Foundation, is an IRS recognized 501(c)(3) not-for-profit public charity which was created at the behest of the U.S. Marine Corps in 1991. 97% of every donation goes directly to providing toys to children.

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PRISCILLA CLUB MUG SHOT

Shown in the "Mug Shot" is Cindy Miller, president of Dayton's Priscilla Club, who presented an informative and interesting program about the 125-year-old organization to the Dayton Historical Society Monday evening, October 26. Several other Priscilla Club members in attendance were Barbara Harris, Vivian Harris, Cynthia Miller, and Debbie Griffin.

Organized on November 4, 1910, the Priscillas carry on the legacy on which it was founded, embracing many community projects and supporting local institutions such as the fire department and public library. DHS wishes this wonderful group another successful 125 years!

Liberty Church of Christ


Bryant Perkins, Minister

Join us this Sunday for Bible Classes for all ages at 9 a.m. and stay for Worship at 10 a.m.

We meet Sunday night at 5 p.m. and Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

We meet at 3201 North Main Street and have a parking space just for you.

We'd love to see you soon. We've saved you a seat!

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Frankly Speaking –

Hope and Success!

by Frank Jordan

"Hope" is essential in seeking and attaining success and even greatness. How is your "Hope" level? The answer is up to us both individually and as a collective citizenry willing to step up to attain successes and avoid our excesses while maintaining hope in our quests.

Victory in life teaches there will be successes, but also setbacks, disappointments and even defeats. We must have faith in the fact we can do it and learn, especially from setbacks, why we failed so we can jettison the seeds of our failures while accenting the positives needed to soar to victory in the future. To succeed life does not allow us to quit while there is still time in the game.

The ability of teams and persons to never quit and come from behind, even when pummeled and bent in apparent defeat, is celebrated because everyone admires tenacity and savors victory. The spirit of enthusiasm and support for those challenged is an integral part of creating and sustaining positive emotions, setting aside complaining and a "no way" attitude. The words "You can do it," give hope and inspiration essential for victory. Cull negative attitudes personally and from associates.

Sadly, too often our children, spouses, co-workers and acquaintances with a big test or challenge will not hear the encouragement of our words, "You can do it!" There is a huge difference in inspiration by the words, "Are you prepared?" versus "You can do it!" One questions readiness while the other affirms the ability to succeed. We all need and appreciate affirmation.

What about you? Have you affirmed your own and others' ability to succeed and come back from life's setbacks and disappointments? Set aside self-criticism and lack of confidence. A few words of encouragement cost nothing and sow seeds of success for our children, friends, associates and all those we encounter. Know you are not alone in addressing and overcoming personal negatives.

One of my favorite stories is set in a concert hall where a master pianist was to perform. When the house lights dimmed and the concert was about to begin, a mother found her assigned seat and discovered her child was missing. Suddenly, the curtains parted and spotlights focused on the magnificent grand piano on stage. In horror, the mother saw her little boy sitting at the piano keyboard, innocently pecking out "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star."

At that moment, the great pianist Paderewski made his entrance, quickly moving to the piano, and whispered in the boy's ear, "Don't quit. Keep playing." Then, leaning over, Paderewski reached down with his left hand and began filling in a bass part. Soon his right arm reached around to the other side of the child, and he added a running obbligato.

Together, the old master and the young boy transformed what could have been an embarrassing situation into a wonderfully creative and magnificent experience. The audience was so mesmerized they couldn't recall what else the great master played that recital except, blazed in their memories, the impromptu version of the classic, "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star" with the small child!

We often in ability are like that little boy at the piano. What we can accomplish on our own is hardly noteworthy. We try our best, but the results aren't always harmonious and beautiful music. However, when joined with the helping hands of the Master, our life's work can truly be bountiful and beautiful. The Master of all is God, but you too can be a human master supporting and bettering the lives of those around you by encouragement, support, inspiration and a spirit of "You can do it!"

With the help of the Master it is time we turn our limited abilities acting alone into true masterpieces composed of hope, preparation, participation, dedication and faith in our success, even while learning from past defeats. Frankly speaking, A "can do" spirit enables us to gain and sustain victory. With participation from the Master our little stars too can twinkle to give light, guidance and beauty in not only our lives but those of our families, friends, co-workers, communities, nation and even the world.

Chili cook-off at Lights In Liberty, Nov. 21

LIBERTY - Lights In Liberty will bring the holiday season to downtown Liberty on Sat., Nov. 21, with a chili cook-off on the courthouse grounds. The contest is open to youth and adults. This festive event will include food, music, family fun and more. The competition gets underway at 10 a.m. when the cooks set up and the competition gets underway.

Prizes will be awarded to first, second, and third place finishers in multiple categories. Youth will turn in their best efforts at 3:30 p.m. Adults will follow at 4:30 p.m. Judging will take place at 5 p.m. with the awards presentation at 6 p.m.

Start a new family tradition. To enter contact, Toby Wilburn at 281-212-7020 or Joshua Burk at 936-346-7959.

Local fire departments receive funding

COLLEGE STATION - Texas A&M Forest Service awarded nearly $20 million to 518 rural volunteer fire departments across the state to support firefighting equipment and emergency response capabilities. Funds awarded will allow departments to purchase firefighting apparatus, fire and rescue equipment, protective clothing and other essential resources needed to safely and effectively respond to emergencies in their communities.

Four departments across Liberty County will benefit from the funding. Both ***Devers VFD*** and ***Kenefick VFD*** were awarded $30,000 for personal protective equipment. ***Hull-Daisetta Raywood Fire & Rescue*** was the recipient of $15,000 for training aids. ***Liberty County ESD No. 7 Hardin Fire/Rescue*** will receive $45,000 for the purchase of a slip-on unit.

Rural volunteer fire departments provide essential emergency response services across Texas and are often the first to respond to wildfires and other emergencies. Funding through the program helps departments maintain and improve their response capabilities while providing firefighters with the equipment and resources needed to protect lives and property.

Come join Friends of the Liberty library!

LIBERTY - Friends of the Liberty Municipal Library welcome anyone to come join them in supporting the library. Funding by the Friends supports Children's Summer Reading Program, Story Time, Lost Arts Club, Great Pumpkin Bash, Visits with Santa, computer literacy classes, author book signings, the purchase of books and equipment along with so much more.

Joining the Friends is simple and there are several membership categories: Individual $5, Family membership $15, Business $25, Supporter $50, Patron $100, and Life membership $1,000.

Membership may be paid by cash or check (made payable to Friends of the Liberty Municipal Library) and mail to: Liberty Municipal Library, P.O. Box 8004, Liberty, TX 77535 or drop it by the library during regular operating hours.

Your support and participation will contribute to the success of the library's public programs. All are welcome to attend meetings held the second Monday of each month, September through May, at 10 a.m. at the library.

The library staff can always use a little extra help with daily activities and volunteers are alway welcome to assist with shelving, arts and crafts, filing, fundraising and assisting with programs and activities for library patrons.

For more information about the Friends of the Liberty Library, call 936-336-8901. The Liberty Municipal Library is located inside the Geraldine D. Humphreys Cultural Center, 1710 Sam Houston Avenue. The Friends are a 501(c)(3) organization and contributions are tax-deductible.

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the open Texas sky.

Come pull up a seat by the fire and experience a taste of the cowboy way of life. Admission is free but seating is limited. Make your reservation today. Call the museum at 409-389-2252.

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