



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

Are You Animal Smart?

by Frank Jordan

Animals are unique in many ways such as why does a Zebra have bright white and black stripes? Would you believe camouflage to confuse a predator attacking a running herd and to look like the tall grasses when the lion, its

chief enemy, pursues, but is colorblind? Of course you knew that.

If animals that eat other animals are carnivores and animals that eat plants are herbivores, what kind of animal is an omnivore? One that eats anything that doesn't eat it – animal or plant!

Are animals left or right handed? Yep! Dogs and cats are in this group, while elephants are like humans in usually being right "handed." Polar bears are always "left handed" and ferocious fighters able to conquer the king of the jungle. (How do they know this? Ever seen a polar bear in the jungle?)

How many bones in a giraffe's neck? Seven – just like a human surprisingly. In fact, all mammals have seven except the sloth that has six. Did you know you could sex a giraffe by looking at its horns? If bald on the horn tips you have a male while a female has small tufts of hair. Yes, they know there are other ways, so don't start thinking you're an animal Einstein!

If you see a smooth, elongated body with rounded curves moving gracefully through the water are you seeing a swim model from Sports Illustrated? More likely a hippo with eyes and ears positioned above the water line for streamlined swimming. You aren't a "hippocrat" are you?

The hippo also makes its own sunscreen from a glandular secretion while aided by a hide about two inches thick. Pigs, walrus and light colored horses aren't so lucky and sunburn easily. Have you ever seen a cow sweat? The reason is a cow has its sweat glands in its nose, but then you probably didn't know a crocodile can't stick out its tongue either.

If you think that's weird, are you aware a mosquito literally bites you with 47 teeth! What about that buzz that drives you crazy? They have wing movement of 450-600 times per second and can

drive a sleeping human crazy after thousands of wing flaps in the dark! Ever slapped yourself trying to get one of those devils in the dark?

You know about herds and litters, but what animals are associated with "mobs," "parliaments" and "blessings"? You get A+ if you know these three groups of animal newborns as baby kangaroos born about an inch long, owls and unicorns respectively. Why are geese a "gaggle" on the ground, but a "skein" in the air?

If you like blue-eyed pets, get a scallop that has 35 always-blue eyes. Why do goats have rectangular eye pupils? For a strong-willed pet, get a caterpillar with 248 muscles in its head, or a cat with 32 in each ear! Do pets have favorite foods? The most surprising discovered is the favorite fruit of the reindeer is the banana. Don't

know where they get bananas at the North Pole, but then Santa does do amazing things!

Armadillos are a nuisance digging up a yard, but you must appreciate they are the only animals that can literally walk under water. Armadillos are strange breeders that reproduce with either four boys or four girls – always identical quadruplets. In case you wondered, the tongue of a blue whale weighs more than a grown elephant and a blue whale in total weighs more than three Greyhound buses.

Many puzzles remain such as why are chows the only dogs without pink tongues, or why are the taste buds of butterflies in their feet? Frankly speaking, just so you know this is a sophisticated treatise, the sentence, "The quick brown fox jumps over a lazy dog." uses every letter of the alphabet. Check it out!

Stargaze with expert Alex Stamatis, Friday evening

LIBERTY - The Sam Houston Regional Library and Research Center (SHC), invites you to stargaze with an expert Friday evening, Sept. 19, at the Center's Amateur Astronomy Night. Village Creek State Park Interpreter Alex Stamatis will lead visitors on a tour of the night sky from 8:30 p.m. until approximately 10 p.m.

Learn to locate constellations and view some of the season's most fascinating celestial objects using telescopes, binoculars and the naked eye. Not only does the SHC

offer a terrific vantage point from which to view celestial objects away from bright city lights, but the event date should be an ideal time to observe the rings of Saturn. Visitors are encouraged to bring along flashlights, especially red-light flash-

lights, and join the fun on the Center's grounds at 650 FM 1011 in Liberty.

In the case of inclement weather or poor viewing conditions, the event will be moved to Friday, Sept. 26. For more information, email SamHoustonCenter@tsl.texas.gov.



ALEX STAMATIS

Two area students named to SNHU Dean's List

MANCHESTER, NH - Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) has named Emily Daniels of Liberty and Mathew Abraham of Dayton to the Summer 2025 Dean's List. The summer terms run from May to August.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 for the reporting term are named to the Dean's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

RU OK? PROGRAM

LIBERTY - RU OK? is a free service provided through the Liberty Police Department to check on the welfare of senior residents who live alone or may not have someone to check on them. Personnel from the Liberty Police Department will call at regular intervals to check to make sure all is well with the resident. To sign up for the program, contact Officer Whitehurst with the Liberty Police Department at 936-336-5666 or mwhitehurst@cityofliberty.org. The program is offer to all senior residents of Liberty.

Holt announces run for re-election

SILSBEE, TX - Janis Holt has formally announced her intention to run for re-election as House District 18 State Representative. Holt, a member of the Texas House Freedom Caucus, who ran on a platform of reforming the Texas House, stated, "I promised that I would be a voice for our district's conservative principles and for the priorities of the Republican Party of Texas. I have kept that promise. I supported the conservative choice for Speaker, and voted for legislation to prevent hostile foreign ownership of land, ban red flag laws, prohibit DEI and social transitioning of children in public schools, protect women's privacy, and ensure that local law enforcement is communicating with ICE to help increase deportations of those here

illegally, through the 287(g) program.

"I authored multiple bills aimed at resolving the Colony Ridge fiasco, which were killed by special interest groups and liberal Republicans behind closed doors. I will not accept defeat on this issue and will be fighting for these bills until they are finally passed."

Holt's performance as a legislator has been ranked by two of the top conservative scorecards. She was named a "Taxpayer Champion" by Texans for Fiscal Responsibility and has consistently sided with Republicans on key issues and authored legislation like her bill to penalize those who commit public assistance fraud.

Holt continued, "It has been an honor to serve the people of House District 18. I return to this next session with a renewed focus on providing real property tax relief and on combating the impacts of illegal immigration."

Janis Holt is a Christian, wife, mother, and grandmother from Silsbee, Texas. She sits on the Committees on Homeland Security, Public Safety, and Veterans' Affairs and Pensions, Investments, and Financial Services. She and her husband, Alton, own an air purification business. In her spare time, you can find her spending time with her grandchildren, volunteering at her church, or bottling fresh honey on her family's land.

Fall induction at Sports Hall of Fame

DAYTON - On Sat., September 27, at 10 a.m., Dayton ISD Sports Hall of Fame (HoF) will hold its annual fall induction of athletes, successful varsity teams and outstanding Bronco fans from across the years. The ceremony will be held at the Dayton High School Performing Arts Center. On Friday evening, Sept. 26, these athletes, teams and boosters will be recognized during pre-game activities of the Dayton Bronco football game.

This year's outstanding athletes who made their mark and impact through their athletic prowess within Dayton ISD are Michael Asbill, Brian Clark, David Godfrey, Jolee Kennard, Lloyd Ligons, Kharylake Martin, Chance McCormack, Kristen Reno, Mike Ripkowski, Andrew Walker, Ryan Williams, and Jeremy Winters. These gifted athletes will be individually honored.

Also being recognized is

the unbeaten 1978 girls' track team who was district champion and sent numerous members to the regional and state meets. Coach Louie Johnson coached these speedy athletes in the spring of 1978 track season.

This year the Sports HoF directors will honor two separate boosters. First to be honored are Eddie and Dorothy Goulder, who were longtime and active supporters of the Broncos. The second booster to be recognized is Wendell Neal, who spent his high school years in sports training and went on to become a leader in the sports world at the college level until his recent retirement.

Everyone is welcomed to attend Friday's pre-game activities and cheer on the Broncos. Admission to Saturday's induction ceremony is free.

The HoF directors make selections from applications that are submitted and meet specific criteria.

Liberty's National Night Out, Oct. 7

LIBERTY - Liberty Police Department and Liberty Fire & EMS will host National Night Out at the Liberty Municipal Park, Tuesday, October 7, from 5-8 p.m. The public is encouraged to attend this annual free event.

National Night Out is designed to promote police-community partnerships and strengthen neighborhood spirit, while encouraging neighbors to connect with each other and with local law enforcement in an effort to foster safer communities.

A fun and informative evening with live music and entertainment, give-

aways, and a petting zoo is in store for those who attend. Residents can interact with members of the Liberty Police Department, Liberty Fire Department and other public safety partners. Cool off with a sno-cone or enjoy a hotdog courtesy of the Liberty Fire Department. A bike ride-along with the Bike Patrol Police will also take place.

Sponsors play a crucial role in ensuring the success of any event and this event is no exception. If you would like to get involved, contact Donna Smith at 936-336-5666 or dsmith@cityofliberty.org.



Twelve-year-old Trinity Davis joined her mom Marsha Tousha at the VFW Post 5621 Patriot Day event, Sat., Sept. 6. Marsha is a great driving force behind the good works of the Auxiliary and still finds time to be an involved mom to her four children.