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Jackson appointed to TRA Board

AUSTIN - This week, Governor Greg Abbott selected multiple qualified candidates to serve on be-

Local students listed on SNHU Dean's List

MANCHESTER, NH - Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) has named Audrey Aaron of Dayton, Emily Daniels of Liberty and Tina Thompson of Liberty to the Summer 2026 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.

Chrome, Crafts and Catfish benefits Livestock Show

CLEVELAND - It's a car show, a craft show, fish fry and more when Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Houston Metro Go Texan Committee Liberty County Subcommittee presents Chrome, Crafts and Catfish, all in one day, Saturday, Oct. 3, at Cleveland's VFW Post 1839, from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Drive your ride on over and enter the classic car show. Entry is \$25 (\$0 FMV). Registration is open from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Those that want to show off their creative side can rent a craft space for \$40. (\$0 FMV). Spaces are 12x12.

Don't worry about lunch, just bring an appetite and enjoy a fish and chips plate. Each plate includes three pieces of fish with french fries for just \$15 (\$7.50 FMV). Serving is from 12-4 p.m.

A live auction will take place at 2:30 p.m. with numerous items to bid on. A silent auction will also be held with bidding closing at 3:30 p.m. Drinks will be available for purchase but ice chests/coolers are prohibited. An awards ceremony will follow the auction.

Proceeds benefit the scholarship program. In 2025, \$160,000 in scholarships were awarded to Liberty County seniors.

For more information, contact Dawn Sarver at 281-703-7562 or hmglibertycounty@gmail.com. VFW Post 1839 is located at 18 CR 396, Cleveland.

half of Texans. The Governor appointed Rich Lavinski, Steve Barksdale, Tyler Jackson, and Martin Black to the Trinity River Authority Board of Directors for terms set to expire on March 15, 2027. Additionally, he appointed Bruce Bynum, Charles Sartain, and Whit Wolman and reappointed Lewis McMahan, Jeff Bradley, and Cary "Cole" Camp to the board for terms set to expire on March 15, 2029.

The Authority oversees development and conservation of surface water resources of the Trinity River Basin.

Area students achieve SNHU President's List

MANCHESTER, NH - Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) has named the following student to the Summer 2026 President's List. The summer terms run from May to August.

Earning recognition are Brittany Webb of Dayton, Angie Jackson of Dayton, Bobby Skarpa of Liberty, Shelby Reed of Daisetta, Destianie Linkinhoker of Dayton, Jerrica Mitchell of Dayton, Alyssa Presnull of Dayton, Casie Jalufka of Old River-Winfree, and Caylajoyce Carraway of Dayton.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.7 and above for the reporting term are named to the President'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.

FBC FOOD PANTRY

DAYTON - Dayton First Baptist Church Food Pantry will hold its next food distribution Tues., October 13, 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 Nelson 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.

LIBERTY GAZETTE

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Frankly Speaking –

The Atascosito District and Early History of Liberty, Texas

by Frank Jordan

The birth and establishment of the Atascosito District containing present day Liberty and Dayton, originally known as Liberty Hill, was finalized in 1826. Leadership was from two Alcaldes, George Orr and Henry Munson. The first census taken in Texas was "The Atascosito Census of 1826."

Fortunately, the Atascosito District became attached to Stephen F. Austin's colony in August of 1828, enabling the citizens to obtain legal grants and titles to their lands. Anahuac military commander John Davis Bradburn implemented martial law and attempted to dissolve the ayuntamiento in Liberty on December 10, 1831, but the municipality fought back and survived.

The "Opelousas Trail" began in Liberty when James Taylor White, who established the first Anglo-American ranch in Texas, drove his cattle to market in Opelousas, Louisiana, beginning in the early 1820s. White, in cooperation with Jones & Co, had built what was probably the first meat packing plant in Texas on the banks of the Trinity River in Liberty by 1840. Throughout the period Liberty served as a shipping point for plantations and timber operations along the then navigable Trinity River.

Mark your calendar for Macho Bingo

DAYTON - Mark your calendar and get ready for one of the most anticipated events of the year - Macho Bingo. Bridgehaven Children's Advocacy Center brings back the ever-popular night on October 3 to the Dayton Community Center. Saddle up, win big, give big and play bingo for the night. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Game play begins at 6 p.m. for those 18 and over. Tables for 10 are \$650 with dinner and drinks included.

It's going to be an unforgettable Western-themed night full of games, auction items, good food, and big fun, all in support of Bridgehaven Children's Advocacy Center and the children served across Liberty and Chambers counties. Every dollar raised at Macho Bingo helps continue Bridgehaven's mission to bring hope, healing, and justice to children who are victims of abuse.

Sponsorship opportunities are open and you can show your support in a big way with any of the multiple sponsorship opportunities available. By sponsoring this event, your business will receive valuable recognition, all while supporting a cause that matters.

Make a lasting impact in the community with your support by becoming a sponsor today. Go online to givebutter.com/macho2026 or contact jmcginnis@bridgehavencac.org.

This year's event sponsors are Cowboy's Ready Mix and 146 Sign Co.

Texas heroes and freedom fighters made the Liberty area home. William B. Travis (Alamo Commander), Sam Houston (Texas President), and David Burnet (Texas President) all practiced law in Liberty. Sam Houston practiced law in Liberty from the 1830s to the 1850s, maintaining two plantation homes in Liberty County until his death. The Liberty Volunteers were organized in 1835 by Andrew Briscoe to fight in the Texas Revolution. The Liberty Volunteers fought at the siege of Bexar and the battle of Concepción.

Did you know one of William B. Travis' letters requesting reinforcements

ESD No. 7 receives \$10,000 grant

COLLEGE STATION - Texas A&M Forest Service recently approved nearly \$5 million in funding for grants to 118 rural Texas volunteer fire departments through the Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program. Locally, Liberty County ESD No. 7 Hardin

at the Alamo was delivered to Liberty in February 1836 by Joseph Dunman? Some 50 Liberty citizens fought in Battle of San Jacinto in 1836, when Texas won its independence. Then Liberty was granted a post office in 1836.

After the victory at San Jacinto, captured Mexican officers were held for a time in Liberty at William Hardin's homestead, afterwards known as Mexican Hill. Liberty was incorporated and became the county seat in 1837.

The town then functioned as an important port, with steamship transportation of passengers (First United Methodist Church still rings a Trinity

Fire/Rescue was awarded \$10,000 for training aids.

The assistance was awarded during the fifth and final round of fiscal year 2026 in which the Texas A&M Forest Service awarded over \$227 million through the program to support 1,229 volunteer fire departments across the state.

steamship bell). Trade and mail to and from Galveston with access to stage routes and ferry service across the Trinity helped the area flourish.

A school was founded in 1838 while the population grew to 200 in 1845, with the town cemetery established in 1848. In the 1850s, as the community expanded, additional industry developed with gristmills, cattle shipping docks and two sawmills. The Liberty Gazette was published as early as 1855, while the Vindicator began in 1887. Liberty expanded as a shipping point when the Texas and New Orleans Railroad arrived in 1858.

Frankly speaking, we consider these events as ancient history, but the years since is only two to three generations during which we have seen incredible advances and change. Wars, health challenges and test of our resolve as area citizens have been many, but we will succeed in the future as we have in the past to become better each day in the name of Liberty!

American History exhibit at SHC until Sept. 30

LIBERTY - The Sam Houston Regional Library and Research Center (SHC) continues to commemorate the nation's 250th anniversary with temporary exhibits highlighting American history now on view at the Center during regular business hours, Tuesdays through Fridays, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m.-4 p.m. through September 30.

Trace the development of the new country through the American Revolution to the 20th century with timelines, captivating narratives and fascinating stories of individuals and moments that shaped the future and led us to the present day. The exhibits offer educational opportunities for students of history. TSLAC's own Texas America250 pop-up

exhibit is also included in the temporary display.

For more information,

contact SamHoustonCenter@tsl.texas.gov or (936) 336-8821.



We're not sure that Gloria Andaverde was old enough to attend the American Legion's Medicare Educational Event. Maybe she was just planning ahead.



Mark Thompson was all set to learn some new information about Medicare at the American Legion's Medicare Educational Event.



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