John Varela, post commander of Liberty VFW Post 5621, was ready to take his place in the Veteran Suicide Prevention March last Tuesday.

Frankly Speaking –

Wish I Had Said That!

by Frank Jordan

We all use words as the way we communicate facts, feelings and truths. Here are some quotes of others that make me wish I had said that – some of them anyway!

• "We all get heavier as we get older because there's a lot more information in our heads!" ***Anonymous***

• "Not telling the truth is my strongest weakness." ***Politician – her name withheld***

• "You never get a second chance to make a first impression." ***Will Rogers***

• "A government is the only known vessel that leaks from the top!" ***James Reston***

• "Put a federal agency in charge of the Sahara Desert and it would run out of sand." ***Milton Friedman***

• "An advantage of old age is you don't have to worry about dying young!" ***Self***

• "Good judgment comes from experience and a lot of that comes from bad judgment." ***Will Rogers***

• "Well done is better than well said." ***Benjamin Franklin***

• "Always be sincere; even if you don't mean it." ***Harry S. Truman***

• "You know the meaning of the word auditorium, don't you? It's derived from two Latin words - 'audio' 'to hear' and 'Taurus' 'the bull.' "

• "One of the annoying things about believing in free will and individual responsibility is the difficulty of finding someone to blame your problems on." ***P.J. O'Rourke***

• There are two theories to arguing with a woman. Neither works!" ***Will Rogers***

• "See, the problem is that God gives men a brain and a male part, and only enough blood to run one at a time." ***Robin Williams***

• "A zebra does not change its spots." ***Al Gore***

• "I'm at an age when my back goes out more than I do!" ***Phyllis Diller***

• "Live the moment – the calendar is ticking!" ***Richard Haas, a national news correspondent***

• "Don't think there are no crocodiles because the waters are calm." ***Malayan Proverb***

• "Never try to teach a pig to sing: it's a waste of time and it annoys the pig." ***Robert Heinlein***

• "Don't speak unless you can improve on the silence." ***Spanish Proverb***

• "Never mistake motion for action." ***Ernest Hemingway***

• "Never sneeze while leaning your head against a brick wall." ***Anonymous - deceased***

• "Never stand between a dog and the hydrant." ***John Peers***

• "A vegetarian is a person who won't eat anything that can have children." ***David Brenner***

• "You should never bring a girl named 'Bubbles' home to meet your mother." ***Burt Reynolds***

• "I never did give anybody hell. I just told the truth and they thought it was hell." ***Harry S. Truman***

• " 'Virus' is a Latin word used by doctors to mean, 'Your guess is as good as mine.'" ***Bob Hope***

• "If in doubt where to start if only 10 minutes to speak: start in the ninth." ***G.B. Jordan***

• "Creating the world we want is a much more subtle, but more powerful mode of operation than destroying the one we don't want." ***Marianne Williamson***

Frankly speaking, my favorite is from Will Rogers, "When I die, I want to die like my grandfather who died peacefully in his sleep. Not screaming like all the passengers in his car!"

Dayton VFD's Haunted Fire Station two weekends

DAYTON - It's another year of haunts, scares and screams when the Haunted Fire Station opens. The Dayton VFD once again dares you to venture inside when the doors creak open as darkness falls Friday and Saturday the weekends of October 23-24 and 30-31. Ghouls will be waiting to welcome you at the Dayton Fire Station #2 located at 203 Cook Street. If you're up for a good scare, admission is only $12. There will be food trucks, drinks and more.

Proceeds from admission helps the Dayton VFD raise funds to cover the cost of reoccurring maintenance and purchasing new gear/equipment that allows the firefighters keep the community safe in an event of an emergency.

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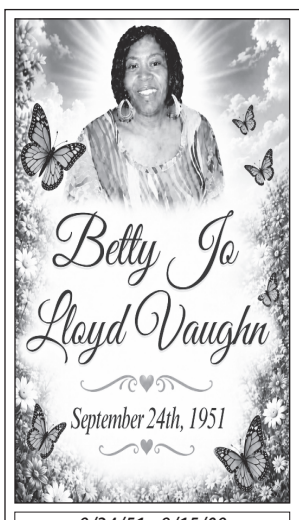

9/24/51 - 8/15/09
Seventeen years have passed.

They say there is a reason, they say, that time will heal but neither time nor reason will change the way we feel about you. For no one knows the heartache that lies behind our smiles. No one knows how many times we've broken down and cried. You're so wonderful to think of, but so hard to be without. Remembering you is easy, we do it everyday. Missing you is the hardest part, as it never goes away. To hear your voice, to see your smile, to sit with you and talk for a while would be our greatest wish. Today, tomorrow, our whole life through, we will always love you and remember you.

Love always,
Betty Lou (mother), Harvey (father), Cassandra, Veronica, and Jessica (daughters), Laurice Jr. and Issac (sons), Willie (husband), Dorris and Gwendolyn (sisters), Charles, Oscar, Allen Sr., and Earnest (brothers), and grandchildren.

Fall Book Sale in Liberty, Oct. 10

LIBERTY - Big stories for small prices at the Friends of the Liberty Municipal Library Fall Book Sale on Saturday, October 10, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., on the second floor. Browse a variety of formats including hardbound and paperback books, magazines, DVDs, audio books and music. There are hundreds of new and used books ranging from science fiction and moving romance to engaging historical accounts and children and youth books. There is also a small collection of Spanish and Bilingual materials for sale. All proceeds support Friends of the Library sponsored library programs and events. Price ranges from $0.25 to $3. There is also a collection of older books for sale that you can make an offer on. Magazines are $0.05 each.

Friends of the Library is a 501(c)(3) non-profit volunteer group dedicated to encouraging participation and interest in the library through contributions and personal service. Membership is open to individuals, families, students, and organizations interested in promoting the materials, services, and programs of the Liberty Municipal Library. Funding raised through memberships, book sales, and the spring "Bakeless" Bake Sale provide resources for scavenger hunts, Summer Reading programming, holiday events, and more.

For more information, contact the library at 936-336-8901. Library hours are Monday-Thursday, 10-6 p.m., Friday, 1-5 p.m., and Saturday, 10-4 p.m.

Lutheran ladies nominated for award for donations to Child Welfare Board

The Liberty County Child Welfare Board recently submitted the Lutheran Women in Mission organization of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Cleveland as a nominee to the Texas Council of Child Welfare Boards 2025-2026 Award for Outstanding Community Resource Leader. This week, they were notified by the awards committee that the organization was selected for the award due to their service in the community, creativity and hard work. They will be recognized at the awards luncheon on October 9 in Austin.

This talented group of ladies has crafted homemade blankets for the foster children of Liberty and Chambers Counties for over 12 years. They have donated over 863 blankets, various hygiene products for the Rainbow Room, knitted caps and scarves, and made pillowcases. Through countless hours of volunteering their time, resources, and talents they have created keepsakes and lasting memories for children navigating the foster care system.

BLANKETS FOR FOSTER KIDS

L-R: Jennie Frank, Verna Morrow, Liberty County Child Welfare Board President Cyndie Abshire, Dianna DuBose, Pat Lightfoot, Sigrid Pair, Judy Traughber, Peggy Ellenberger.

Medicare help in Liberty on Thursday

LIBERTY - On Thurs., October 1, a service regarding Medicare eligibility and benefits comes to the Liberty Municipal Library. Zelda Earvin, a benefits counselor with the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) Area Agency on Aging, will be at the library from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1-3 p.m. She will explain the difference between traditional Medicare and Medicare Advantage Plans (Medicare Part C), and provide information Part D prescription plans available to beneficiaries. The service is offered at no cost to area seniors. The Liberty Municipal Library is located at 1710 Sam Houston Street. Call the library at 936-336-8901 for more information.

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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