



DAYTON SENIOR CENTER
L-R: Contestants in the most patriotic attire contest were Evelyn Wagner, Vickie Dudley, Robert Harville, Susan Bing, and Shawn Francis. Evelyn and Robert took top honors.

Dayton Seniors celebrate America's 250th

DAYTON - On Wed., July 1, area seniors celebrated America's 250th Independence Day early in the Dayton Community Center's Senior Room. The lunch, generously provided by the Dayton Senior Center, Inc., a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, consisted of fried chicken from Chicken Express, along with mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, rolls, and tea. The meal was truly delicious. Sherren Drake and Leora Boullion once again organized the menu.

Some of the decorations were donated in kind by Raymond Wirrick, whose late wife, Janet Bledsoe, previously served as the decorating chairperson. Raymond's contribution was greatly appreciated by all.

Shawn Francis and Marilyn Caughlin, new volunteers, did an outstanding job decorating the senior room, creating a very patriotic atmosphere. These ladies were commended

for their excellent work.

Roni Mabry invited seniors to participate in a history trivia contest, and despite not having studied in over 50 years, participants performed remarkably well.

The drawing for door prizes resulted in Robert Harville,

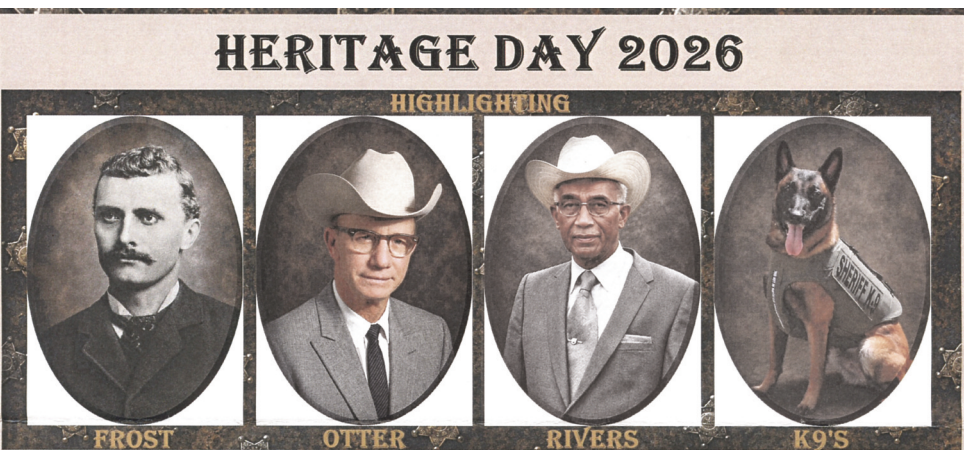
Patsy Lossie and Marie Walker as the winners. The most patriotic outfits were worn by Evelyn Wagner and Robert Harville, as voted upon by the attendees. Everyone looked fantastic in their red, white, and blue attire.

Happy Birthday, America!

by Molly Barkis, submitted by her mom Denise Barkis

Happy Birthday, America! You're 250 years old. Interestingly, I remember celebrating the Bicentennial in my hometown of Liberty, Texas, in 1976 when I was ten years old. There was a parade down Liberty's main street with Governor Bill Daniel, the former governor of Guam, who was the brother of the former Governor of Texas, Price Daniel. Gov. Bill was quite a charac-

ter! He wore a white suit and white hat, complemented by his white hair and beard. He would shake hands with his elbow, as he was cautious about germs. I recall drawing a patriotic picture of Betsy Ross sewing the American flag for a school contest; somehow, I won, and because of that, I had the chance to ride alongside Governor Bill on his white horse in the parade through Liberty. These are memories of a colorful childhood!



Chambers County Museum hosting Heritage Day 2026 in Oct.

WALLISVILLE - The Chambers County Museum at Wallisville will host Heritage Day 2026 on Sat., Oct. 31, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the museum grounds.

This year the event will pay tribute to the men, women, and K9s "Behind the Badge" from the Chambers County Sheriff's Office with special emphasis on Sheriff John Frost, Sheriff Louis Otter, Deputy Sheriff Herman Rivers and the county's K9 program. The public is invited to show their appreciation for the officers, past and present, whose courage, integrity and unwavering commitment have safeguarded the citizens of our community for generations.

A full day of history, celebration and fun is in store. The family-friendly event will include a bounce house for the youngsters, and a kids' hay play. Come hungry and enjoy a barbecue sack lunches, beef or pork, for only \$15. Gumbo cooks are invited to put forth their best gumbo recipe in a gumbo cookoff.

Live and silent auctions will offer a number of great items up for bids. The live auction gets underway at 1 p.m. Bids in the silent auction will close at 2 p.m.

Winners of the drawing will be announced at 2 p.m. Tickets for the drawing which includes, art work, guns, knives and other items may be purchased for \$20 each or 6/\$100.

The museum is currently seeking sponsors and you can lend your support with a sponsorship, by donating items for the live or silent auctions, purchasing prize drawing tickets and/or fish fry dinner tickets.

The museum is located at 20136 IH-10, Wallisville, Texas 77597. If you would like to support the museum and its projects, contact the museum at 409-389-2252. Donations to the Wallisville Heritage Park Foundation, Inc., a Section 501(c)(3) organization, are tax deductible.



We caught a quick photo of Kevin Monk with lovely bride Tram and precious son Ezra at Thrif-Tee Food Center on July 4. Tram is expecting the couple's second baby in just four weeks.



Happy Birthday, America from Captain America and his trusty sidekick Flash

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