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Frankly Speaking –

Liberty Sought by the World and All People

by Frank Jordan

Who was the founder of Liberty? “The God who gave us life, gave us liberty at the same time.” **Thomas Jefferson**

Where was our great nation, the United States first conceived? “Fourscore and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in liberty...”

Abraham Lincoln Benjamin Franklin explains where Liberty is to

the unknowing. “Where liberty is, there is my country.”

Davy Crockett summed up how long Liberty is to be cherished. “Liberty and independence forever!”

Some have reacted emotionally when told they couldn’t come to Liberty! “Give me liberty or give me death!” **Patrick Henry**

How important was Liberty’s success to former President **John F.**

Kennedy? “Let every nation know, . . . that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe to assure the survival and the success of liberty.”

Are you aware among your unalienable rights is the right to experience Liberty? “We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.” **Thomas Jefferson**

What does excitement about Liberty do for you? “There is a certain enthusiasm in liberty, that makes human nature rise above itself, in acts of bravery and heroism.” **Alexander Hamilton**

Abraham Lincoln made clear to preserve the American spirit, the importance of Liberty to all men everywhere must be recognized. “Our defense is in the preservation of the spirit which prizes liberty as a heritage of all men, in all lands, everywhere.”

Did you know **Thomas Jefferson**, author of the Declaration of Independence, insisted all Americans be told about Liberty so it can be preserved? “Educate and inform the whole mass of the people... They are the only sure reliance for the preservation of our liberty.”

Should the citizens of Liberty seek economic development for success? “There can be no liberty unless there is economic liberty.” **Margaret Thatcher**

What are the reactions of those that experience Liberty nationwide, according to **Andrew Jackson?** “The planter, the farmer, the mechanic, and the laborer... form the great body of the people of the United States, they are the bone and sinew of the country men who love liberty....”

How important did founding father, **James**

Madison, consider Liberty? “I would rather belong to a poor nation that was free than to a rich nation that had ceased to be in love with liberty.”

What is always present where the spirit of the Lord resides? “...Where the spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.” **Donald Trump** quoting 2 Corinthians 3:17 (King James) at Liberty University.

Even **Moses** in the Bible wanted to publicize Liberty to the World and all people! “Proclaim Liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof.” Leviticus 25:10

Frankly speaking, join with those who have spoken about Liberty and what it meant in their lives in a dedication to preserving that liberty fought for by patriots in the past so that we may live in liberty today.

Smith named to President’s Honor Roll at UT-Tyler

TYLER, TX - The University of Texas at Tyler has announced Landon Smith, Soules College of Business, of Dayton was named to the fall 2025 President’s Honor Roll.

To qualify for the President’s Honor Roll, a student must have completed, in one term, 12 or more credit hours of undergraduate college-level credit with a grade of A in all courses. The President’s Honor Roll is awarded only in fall and spring semesters to students pursuing a baccalaureate degree.

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OBITUARY

• SHARON ANN SHRADER KEMPER

Sharon Ann Shrader Kemper was born in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on June 20, 1940, to her parents, M.E. “Hank” and Alma King Shrader, and went to be with her Lord on February 16, 2026 in Fulshear, Texas. Sharon was a graduate of Liberty High School where she was honored to be the FFA Sweetheart and a member of the first Panther Drill Team.



organization that needed the warmth and attention of a loving and caring person. She devoted her time to Meals on Wheels, Friends of the Library, Spirit of Sharing, Divine Integrity, and Chamber of Commerce events, and many other community efforts. Her love of flowers and friends made her a cherished member of the Liberty Garden Club. She showed her love through action, reliability, generosity, and quiet strength. Above all, her family was her greatest pride.

Sharon often called herself a “gypsy” having lived in California, Galveston, Katy, The Houston Heights, Northshore, and NASA Bay Area, yet Liberty was always her home. After many years away, she returned and moved back into her childhood house – a full circle moment that brought her deep joy.

Sharon was preceded in death by her parents, her brother, M.E. “Buddy” Shrader Jr., and her daughter, Stacy Carson. She is survived by her daughter, Shari Reynolds; her sister, Sandra Sterling and husband, Jim; her grandchildren, Haley Reynolds, Dylan Downing, Jett Carson, and Cooper Carson and great grandchildren, Emery, River and Mason Downing.

Her faith and community became central to her life. At Saint Stephen’s Episcopal Church she served on the Vestry, the Altar Guild, and the Inreach and Outreach Committees. She taught Sunday School, supported Friends-n-Deed and any or-

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Divine Integrity, Grace Initiative Meals on Wheels, or Friends of the Liberty Library.

She will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered.

Bridgehaven’s Bunny Bingo, March 28

DAYTON - It’s a fun-filled morning when Bridgehaven Children’s Advocacy Center hosts Bunny Bingo. The doors open at 9:30 a.m. on Sat., March 28, at Cedar Bayou Farms, 2466 CR 486 in Dayton. This exciting morning will include games, prizes, snacks, and plenty of family fun – all while supporting a meaningful cause.

Kids will enjoy playing 10 rounds of bingo, with the chance to win exciting prize-filled baskets in each game. From candy and toys to themed surprises, every basket is brimming with joy! Proceeds from Bunny Bingo directly benefit the Bridgehaven Children’s Advocacy Center, helping children in need find hope and healing. Don’t miss this egg-citing

day of fun and prizes! Bring the whole family for a day of bingo, laughter, and giving back.

There is still time to get involved by reserving a table or becoming a sponsor. Sponsorships from businesses and community partners who would like to be part of this special occasion are still available. Visit givebuter.com/bunnybingo26 to reserve tables or for sponsorships.

If you would like to volunteer for this event, please reach out to ascruggs@bridgehavencac.org.

For additional information, contact jmcginnis@bridgehavencac.org. Thank you for supporting the children in our community – we hope to see you there!



Hailey and Luke Harris took a moment away from their three precious children, Charlie, Hank and June to enjoy Casino Night, an annual fundraiser for the Liberty ISD Education Foundation.



Margaret Gardzina and Barbie Kelly greeted guests at Liberty ISD Education Foundation’s Casino Night Sat., Feb. 28. Both of these ladies are on the Foundation’s board of directors and Barbie also serves on the LISD School Board.



PRECISION LAWN DONATES TREE FOR ROTARY’S 100th YEAR
Thank you to Clayton Bracey & Precision Lawns Landscaping for the donation of the newly-planted live oak tree and bench slab at the Dayton Community Center in honor of Rotary’s 100th Year Anniversary.

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.

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