

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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Area students named to SNHU President's List

MANCHESTER, NH - Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) recognizes the following students on being named to the Spring 2026 President's List. Area students earn-

Smart earns BA from Spartanburg

SPARTANBURG, SC - Makinnley Smart of Liberty, earned her Bachelor of Arts in Sport Management from Spartanburg Methodist College in Spartanburg, South Carolina. Commencement exercises were held Saturday, May 9.

SHC hosting book drive thru July 4

LIBERTY - The Sam Houston Regional Library and Research Center (SHC), as part of its Texas America250 programming, will be hosting a book drive through July 4 in support of our military and veterans. The SHC Quarterly Book Club has partnered with Operation Paperback to support active-duty military, veterans and their families with books donated through the club. Club members invite the community to bring book donations to the Sam Houston Regional Library and Research Center at 650 FM 1011 during regular business hours Tuesday to Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Books must be new or gently used, without writing or damage, and can be either paperback or hardback. To ensure

books are in like-new condition, publication dates within the past 5-7 years are preferred. Popular categories include mysteries, action novels, westerns, fantasy and science fiction, but all genres are welcome. Military and veterans also request nonfiction genres, like history, current events and business and investing books.

Club members and Center staff plan to deliver books to the Veteran Affairs Medical Center in Houston for use in clinics throughout Southeast Texas and to ship books through Operation Paperback. By working with Operation Paperback, the club can send books where they will be of most benefit, which may be to troops overseas, wounded warrior programs, military families or hospitals.

Historians recognize significance of moon tree

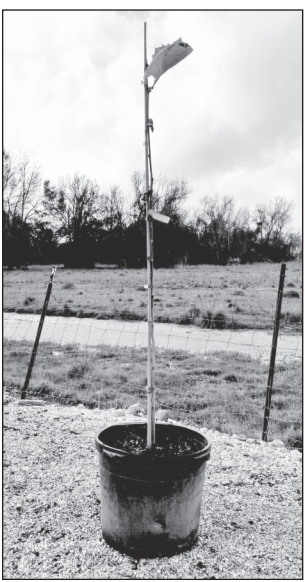
DAYTON - The Dayton Historical Society was the benefactor of a unique gift shortly before Christmas 2021 - a moon tree. Here's the rest of the story: a young man named Stuart A. Roosa from Oklahoma began working for the U.S. Forest Service in 1953 as a smoke-jumper, parachuting into remote areas to fight forest fires. In 1966, he was selected as a NASA astronaut and after rigorous training, was named the Command Module Pilot on the Apollo 14 Moon Mission in 1971. For that mission, the Forest Service teamed with NASA to provide hundreds of tree seeds to send into space that would, upon returning to Earth,

be germinated, grown into seedlings, and planted all around the world. Those trees became known as moon trees.

Second-generation moon trees, which are saplings grown from the seeds of the original 1971 lunar-orbiting trees, have been planted periodically over several decades and Stuart Roosa's son, Chris, was able to acquire a second-generation moon tree for Dayton, a place he fondly remembers from visiting multiple times during his childhood. His family was friends with the Bob Jamison family who hosted their visits. The tree is a sycamore and has a prominent place at the Dayton Community Center.

It was unceremoniously planted on April 14, 2022, because at the time, it was a "stick in a bucket with roots and one leaf." It was put in the expert care of Clayton Bracey, owner of Precision Lawns, who planted the tree, and has lovingly watched over it and made sure it has thrived. Compare the two pictures to see its growth in just four years.

Dayton Historical Society members and others gathered on Arbor Day, April 27, to unveil a plaque telling the significance of the tree and to formally dedicate the moon tree to the Dayton community. It will be a great pleasure through the years to continue to watch the moon tree grow - what a wonderful, unique gift to our city!



Frankly Speaking -

Memorial Day, D-Day and Veterans' Day - A Salute to Heroes and Patriots All

by Frank Jordan

How do you celebrate Memorial Day, this year on May 25th, D-Day in June, and Veterans Day in November? Will you recognize Memorial Day as being much more than just the beginning of summer and a three-day weekend with an outing for personal pleasure? Will you spend even a few minutes remembering and honoring our he-

roes who have made the ultimate sacrifice demonstrating unselfish love of country and their fellowman on these special holidays?

In addition to our military members who have died in service, on Memorial Day we also include fallen policemen, firemen, other first responders and those who have given their lives in the performance of their duties to our cities, states and nation, including those too often viciously targeted today.

Unfortunately, the true meanings of Memorial, D-Day and Veterans' Day have been lost to too many Americans. Our younger generations are no longer taught in depth of the sacrifices of those who have fought the wars that protect our shores and preserve our freedoms.

The Bible tells us in the New Testament there is no greater love than to give your life for another. These honored patriots exhibited that love, as Christ before them, and gave their lives for not just those they knew, but for the millions they did not know, including you.

How did Memorial Day become a holiday? Memorial Day was first proclaimed as Decoration Day by General John Logan

and first observed on May 30, 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers in 183 cemeteries in 27 states.

After Memorial Day, we celebrate another anniversary of D-Day that occurred on June 6, 1944, when U.S. and allied Forces stormed the beaches of Normandy in northern France against entrenched German troops and fortifications, with thousands giving their lives for the cause of freedom. D-Day saw thousands of troops, ships and aircraft attack the Germans to begin the U.S. and Allied march across Europe to defeat Adolph Hitler, regrettably with huge loss of life.

As the kin of a fallen soldier once sagely stated, "Each loved his life as much as we love ours. Each had a place in the world, a family waiting and friends to see again. They thought of the future just as we do, with plans and hopes for a long life. But they left it all behind when they went to war, and parted with it forever when they died so that you and I might enjoy freedom today."

Our neighbor veteran from Hull, Texas, Edgar Miller, now deceased, was an individual hero

at the raising of the flag in Iwo Jima on February 25, 1945. Edgar was only one of thousands to be saluted as U.S. Military Veterans each Veterans' Day with the awareness of those who served in both combat and support positions, who created a military force arguably unequalled in the history of mankind in dedication, perseverance, sacrifice and patriotism. We are free today because of their bravery and sacrifice, with Veterans' Day being a day to reflect our gratitude for their service.

Frankly speaking, the time is now on Memorial Day, D-Day and Veterans' Day to show we care and honor those men and women who have defended our cities and nation not for glory, honor, or fame, but voluntarily placed themselves in harm's way to protect our freedom and in that service have too often sacrificed with their lives.

Let us pledge that on Memorial Day, D-Day and Veterans' Day we will honor those who served who live or have lived among us and the thousands who made the ultimate sacrifice, recognizing these patriots will be our heroes now and hereafter; always saluted and never to be forgotten.

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DAYTON ROTARY SERVES UP HOT DOGS

The Dayton Rotary Club partnered with Chartwells for their latest community service initiative. Rotary President Dr. Luke Chachere, DISD Superintendent and Rotarian Dr. Travis Young, and Chartwells Director Carlton Robertson coordinated the event. Club members served a hot dog supper to FFA and 4H students participating in the annual Dayton FFA Livestock Show. This was the first year the Dayton Rotary Club provided the hot dog supper for livestock show exhibitors, and they plan to continue this service in the future. The club has a long-standing tradition of supporting the Dayton FFA Show through the 100 Club program and looks forward to continued involvement with this event. Pictured, left to right, are Rotarians Bill Monk, Jennifer Perkins, James Perkins, Elizabeth Robertson, Geoff McCracken, Michelle Hampton, and Tami Pierce preparing to serve the hot dog supper.

SHC hosting special event on WWI and Southeast Texas

LIBERTY - The Sam Houston Regional Library and Research Center (SHC), part of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC), will host a special event on World War I and Southeast Texas on Thursday, May 28 at 7 p.m.

Come join SHC staff in honoring fallen military personnel the week of Memorial Day when guest speaker Stephen Cure will explore the role of Southeast Texas in World War I, providing insight into the war, its impact on Southeast Texas, the experiences of those who lived it and how it has been commemorated. Cure is the author of A Centennial Perspective on Texans in the Great War and will be signing his book, with all proceeds from book sales benefiting the Friends of the Texas Historical Commission.

In addition, visitors can experience a special display of historic items related to World War I from the collections of the Sam Houston Center and the Texas State Library and Archives Commission in Austin.

Stephen Cure is an eighth generation Texan and United States Army veteran who holds a bachelor's from the University of Texas at Austin and master's from the University of North Texas. Cure currently serves as chief historian of the Interpretation, Exhibits and Planning Division of the Texas Historical Commission. From 2004-2018, he served as director of education for the Texas State Historical Association, where he directed most of the Association's World War I com-

memorative efforts.

Cure's author talk and book signing is part of SHC's commemoration of America's 250th anniversary in 2026. Projects

and events throughout the year will recognize the region and state's contributions to the development of our nation.

This event is free and open

to the public. No registration is required. Contact the Center at (936) 336-8821 or samhouston-center@tsl.texas.gov for more information.

Report suspicious activity with DPS iWatch Texas

AUSTIN - The Texas Department of Public Safety's (DPS) iWatchTexas program is a resource anyone can use to report suspicious activity or behavior in schools and communities. The iWatchTexas program allows Texans to report any suspicious activities or behaviors that may indicate criminal, terroristic or school safety-related threats.

The iWatchTexas app is

available at no cost to

iPhone users on the Apple App Store (iWatchTexas) and for Android users on Google Play (iWatchTexas). Texans are urged to download the app now.

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