

Liberty Hill Cemetery Association

P.O. Box 73, Liberty Hill, TX 78642

Dear Association Members, Friends & Guests,

Your Board and Officers want you to know that **it has been 72 years since our association was formed in 1952.** The people who formed it were dedicated to our community and the important place that the cemetery occupies in its past and present. As we walk around our beautiful grounds, we see the names of important figures that played a role in the development of our beloved state, Williamson County, and Liberty Hill. We see the resting places of our ancestors, of people whom we have known and loved. **It is time for our annual reunion** and the opportunity to share some special time with one another.

The growth and energy in Liberty Hill continue to be phenomenal. The school district is the envy of the central Texas area. Businesses are growing and new ones are starting up weekly. Let's make this annual reunion special and talk about ways we can keep its special character alive and even more relevant for those of us whose roots are here. Especially, we also want to share it with the folks who have recently joined the community and welcome them in.

TIME: MAY 5, 2024. RAIN OR SHINE. This year we are five Sundays after Easter and one Sunday before Mother's Day. We also hope it will not conflict with end of school events. We will hope for beautiful weather.

FOOD: BARBEQUE will be by HILL COUNTRY SMOKEHOUSE: Brisket, sausage, potato salad, beans, coleslaw, pickles, onions, DESSERT, iced tea and water. Plates are \$19.

MEMORIALS: Kenneth Cousins, Vice President of the Board, will continue our tradition of reading the names of those who have passed since our last meeting.

MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT: Special talent for this year will be **Cade Baccus & Crew** providing the musical the entertainment!

CHILDREN'S FACE PAINTING & BALLOON ART!!! We love to see young ones at the reunion because they will carry the memory of it and perhaps be a part of carrying on our tradition.

GUEST SPEAKER:

This year's speaker will be Ken Anderson, author of **Dan Moody, Crusader for Justice**. He will tell the story of an epic chapter in Williamson County history---the trial of the Ku Klux Klan in the 26th District Court---the indictment of members of a group of "virtue vigilantes" which flogged, tarred and feathered a traveling salesman for dating a widow. Two jury trials followed in the early 1920s resulting in a national and international news story set at the height of the Klan's political power in the United States. Moody went on to become the youngest Attorney General and Governor of the State of Texas, held in the highest esteem for his true moral compass and devotion to justice.

DISPLAYS:

Gary Spivey and his daughter Kandice Spivey Wright will display delightful photographs from days gone by of "old" Liberty Hill. Kandice will check with Gary to see if they have anything special to surprise us with, as they have in past years.

BOOKS: **The Culture of the Shin Oak Ridge Folk** by J. Gordon Bryson and **Recollections and Observations of Judge C. L. Chance** by Joseph E. Chance will be available for purchase, as well as **The Cedar Choppers**, by Ken Roberts detailing the enormous contributions of these families to the growth and vitality of the Hill Country. **Dan Moody, Crusader for Justice**, by Ken Anderson will also be available.

History is often lost in a fast-growing community such as ours without the dedication of individuals who support its preservation. These books should be in your library. You will enjoy them.

DONATIONS: *Donations are always welcome, and we need them to keep the Cemetery in beautiful condition. However, we have been especially challenged with the pandemic, and brutal weather events causing loss of trees and damage to our roads and infrastructure for two years in a row. Your help will be appreciated.*

Please make your generous contribution payable to the **Liberty Hill Cemetery Association**. If you are not able to attend, but would like to donate, please send donations to P. O. Box 73, Liberty Hill, TX 78642.



Judge Billy Ray Stubblefield, for the Board