

Ely Air Lines –

Terminal Required

by Mike Ely and Linda Street-Ely

Mike: As a young adult, when I wasn't flying over the Southwestern deserts, and over mountain ranges, I was hiking and climbing peaks. Or panning icy streams for gold. Or fly fishing. Other than flying, my passion is the great outdoors. My favorite backyard of those years was the Sierra Nevada.

For nearly 200 miles, the range follows the eastern state line between California and Nevada, far removed from the craziness of the cities on the coast. The floor of the Owens Valley, the gateway into the eastern Sierra looks mostly flat, but it gently climbs from an elevation of 2,500 feet above sea level near Inyokern to about



4,000 feet at Bishop, all the while accompanying the 13,000- and 14,000-foot peaks along the Sierra Crest. Conservationist John Muir called the Sierra the "Range of Light," due to alpenglow, the unusual visual effect of sunsets on barren peaks.

Nested high up are long,



Pastor Edwin S. Hardy

Leading the Children of God,
by the Spirit of God

Minister Edwin Hardy became pastor of St. John Missionary Baptist in 2004. He has faithfully shepherded the church with a steadfast commitment to preaching the Gospel. Sunday after Sunday, Rev. Hardy has delivered inspiring, encouraging, and truthful words from God. Words spoken not only to his flock but to himself as well.

Pastor Hardy is a man who has a heart for God. During crisis when other local churches were closed, he was at the church keeping the doors of St. John open for all who wanted to attend. Yes, St. John was open for church service even through Covid. That's how strong Rev. Hardy's faith is in God. He has enough faith to believe that the God we serve is bigger than any disease. That's faith in action.

Rev. Hardy truly answers God's command to "feed my sheep." His Wednesday night biblical teachings are insightful, meaningful, and thought provoking. He often tells us that if we miss heaven, it won't be on him. I have given you the Word of God in my teaching. Plus, I have encouraged you not to take my word but open your Bible and read it for yourself.

As we the members of St. John reflects on his years of service, we have nothing but love for our Pastor. We want to say, "thank you for your love and unwavering devotion to God's calling."

Well done, good and faithful servant. (Matthew 25:23)

– Submitted by Debrah Hill

MCCS Marksmanship Challenge Aug. 23

CONROE - Register now to participate in the upcoming Marksmanship Challenge sponsored by Multi-County Crime Stoppers. The Challenge will take place Sunday, August 23, at the Saddle River Range, 4280 FM 1488. Participation will be limited to a maximum of 30 team with novice and experienced competitors welcome.

Check-in begins at 4:30 p.m. followed by the opening ceremony and safety briefing at 5:30 p.m. Competition gets underway at 6 p.m. The event will

conclude with dinner and awards at 8 p.m. Due to limited space, only registered competitors may attend.

Entry is \$500 per two-person team or \$250 per individual.



ual. Ammo, gift bag, dinner and beverage are included. Competitors may provide their own pistols (center fire) or pistol rentals will be available at the Saddle River Range.

Sponsorship levels ranging from \$250 to \$10,000 in support of the event can be found online along with competition registration. Visit multicounty-crimestoppers.org.

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winding valleys where streams and rivers flow with snowmelt from the high peaks. One such place is Monache Meadows, where the fast waters of the Eastern Kern River burble and meander down through the valley. Camping along its banks near a hill called Deer Island on government topographical maps, I've laid back in the evening and watched bats dart about catching their supper, and bald eagles perch high on a weathered tree branch, majestically surveying their realm. I've witnessed the light display on the granite peaks as the sky fades from bright blue to black, illuminated by a vibrant display from one end of the heavens to the other. Yet, on the ground, in that valley, no other light except our camp stove showed for miles in any direction.

The only way to get into Monache Meadows was to hike 25 miles over a 10,000-foot, often snow-choked pass or via guided pack mule trips. Government-operated trips used four-wheelers, which bounced along unmaintained roads. There was also an airstrip.

When the Wilderness Act took effect in the early 1970s, the airstrip was closed. Squished between the Golden Trout and the Southern Sierra Wilderness was a small patch of private land. The Bureau of Land Management acquired it, but technically it isn't part of either wilderness.

Now, after nearly a decade of work by a group of volunteers from the Recreational Aviation Foundation working with the BLM to recondition the strip, it has been reopened for use. Due to limited airplane performance at this elevation, the airstrip is only usable for a few hours a day. Or if it's too hot, not at all.

With the airstrip now open again, there are more possibilities for people to visit who may not physically be able to hike or ride into the wilderness. They can camp beside the Kern River, as I have, listen to the bats hunt overhead, watch the bald eagles keep their silent vigil, and wait for the granite peaks to reflect the fire of the evening sun. The airplane gets you there, and nature does the rest.

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Temporary exhibits at SHC until Sept. 30

LIBERTY - The Sam Houston Regional Library and Research Center (SHC) continues commemorating the nation's 250th anniversary with temporary exhibits highlighting American history. Declaration 1776: The Big Bang of Modern Democracy and Becoming the United States: Colonial America to Reconstruction are on view at the Center through Sept. 30. Each exhibit contains seven pop-up panels detailing significant episodes from the past using images from historical collections at the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History.

Trace the development of the new country through the American Revolution to the 20th century with timelines, captivating narratives and fascinating stories of individuals and moments that shaped the future and led us to the present day. The exhibits offer educational opportunities for students of history and anyone curious about topics like the Declaration of Independence and Colonial America. TSLAC's own Texas America250 pop-up exhibit is also included in the temporary display.

The exhibits are available

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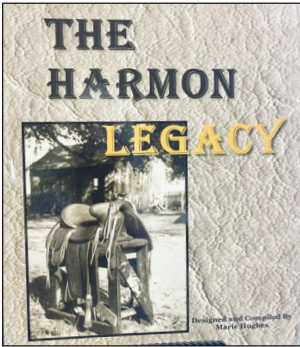
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during regular business hours at the Center, Tuesdays through Fridays, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information, contact SamHoustonCenter@tsl.texas.gov or (936) 336-8821.

The Sam Houston Center is a component of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission and serves as the official regional historical resource depository for the 10 Southeast Texas counties of Chambers, Hardin, Jasper, Jefferson, Liberty, Newton, Orange, Polk, San Jacinto and Tyler. The Center's primary mission is to collect, preserve and provide access to historically significant state and local government records and publications of the designated region and secondarily to serve as a library of Texana and genealogical resources.

LIBERTY GAZETTE

936-336-6416

Suspects sought following vehicle pursuit in Precinct 4

LIBERTY COUNTY - The Liberty County Pct. 4 Constable's Office is seeking the community's cooperation in identifying three suspects who eluded narcotics investigators and patrol deputies recently.

On the afternoon of Wed., July 29, Pct. 4 narcotics investigators were conducting a covert surveillance in the Woodway Subdivision located off FM 1409 in Dayton.

Pct. 4 investigators observed a white Chevrolet four door passenger car, driven by a white male, enter the subdivision and meet up with two white male pedestrians. Observations made led investigators to suspect that a drug transaction was being conducted.

The two pedestrians got into the passenger car, which drove away, and the narcotics investigators began following in an unmarked surveillance vehicle.

The passenger car began traveling towards the City of Dayton on FM1409 and Pct. 4 patrol deputies were radioed to intercept.

The suspects detected that they were being followed and began to attempt to shake the investigators' surveillance.

Shortly thereafter, Pct. 4 deputies intercepted the suspects in the City of Dayton, and the driver of the passenger car began to evade, resulting in a pursuit that ultimately proceeded back south bound on

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LeadHERship Summit for ladies, Sept. 29

DAYTON - Area ladies are invited to Step Into Who You Are Meant to Be at this year's LeadHERship Summit set for Tues., Sept. 29, from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the Dayton Community Center.

The event, hosted by the Trinity Valley Chamber of Commerce, is a premier gathering of visionary women and allies dedicated to advancing the influence, impact and innovation of women across the business landscape.

This dynamic event will bring together female executives, entrepreneurs, thought leaders and change makers from a wide array of industries to engage in meaningful dialogue, share bold ideas and ignite transformational leadership. The event will open with a

networking hour at 8 a.m. followed the summit from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The cost to attend is \$100/individual. Tables for 10 are available for Chamber members can reserve a table for 10 for \$900 or non-chamber members for \$1,000. Tickets are on sale now. Secure your seats now by visiting the chamber website at trinityvalleyccc.com.

Multiple sponsorship levels, ranging from \$250 to \$5,000, are available for those who would like to lend support to this worthwhile endeavor. For additional information, contact Sherri Schmidt, event chairman, at sschmidt1305@gmail.com.

The summit is sponsored by Lee College, Entergy and Liberty Dayton Regional Medical Center.

FM 1409. The Dayton Police Department and the Liberty County Sheriff's Office joined in on the pursuit as well.

The suspects led the pursuit down CR442 and then abandoned the vehicle deep into a wooded Federal hunting area at the dead-end of the road with a search of the woods commencing.

The Mont Belvieu Police Department provided drone support, and the Chambers County Sheriff's Office provided K9 support during the search of the woods.

Despite a lengthy search of the area, the suspects were not located but the vehicle was recovered.

No contraband was in the

vehicle, and no immediate identifiers of the suspects were readily revealed. The vehicle is being processed in an attempt to identify the occupants.

Although the suspect's vehicle's registration did not reveal a local address, Pct. 4 narcotics investigators are confident that the suspects are residents of the FM1409 area of Dayton.

Pct. 4 Constable Robby Thornton asks that anyone having information about the suspects' identity are asked to contact the Liberty County Pct. 4 Constable's Office at 936-258-4711 or by emailing robbyt.thornton@co.liberty.tx.us

All information given will remain confidential.