

2026 OUR MOTHER OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH

EASTER RODEO

TVE Fairgrounds • 321 Wallisville Rd. • Liberty, TX

87th Annual

FRIDAY April 3rd
Gates open 3pm
TIMED EVENT RODEO
Books open 6pm • Start 7pm

SATURDAY April 4th
CALF ROPING
Books open 9am • Start 10am

SUNDAY April 5th
RODEO
Books open 6am • Slack begins 8am
SHOW TIME 3pm
(\$4,500 added money)
Open/STAR Approved

YOUTH EVENTS
Mutton Bustin' • Barrel Racing
Breakaway • Tie Down

MAJOR EVENTS
Tie Down • Steer Wrestling
Bull Riding • Team Roping
Ladies Barrel Racing
Ladies Steer Undercorating

ADDED ATTRACTIONS
"00" Roping • Open Breakaway
Old Timers Breakaway (40+)
Ladies Breakaway
Ranch Bronc Riding

Brian Jack
and The Zydeco Gamblers
SUNDAY, APRIL 5th
After the Rodeo

Admission:
FRIDAY & SATURDAY
Adults \$10/day • Children \$5/day (ages 5-12)
SUNDAY
Adults \$20/day • Children \$5/day (ages 5-12)
WEEKEND PASS
Adults \$30 • Children \$10 (ages 5-12)

NO COOLERS, GLASS CONTAINERS, PETS OR WEAPONS • CLEAR BAG POLICY STRICTLY ENFORCED • SECURITY STRICTLY ENFORCED

All contestants must text to enter: 281-652-7227 • March 30th & March 31st between 8am-8pm

ROPING INFO Ervin Hebert 281-468-1970 Troy Arceneaux 713-446-6608	RODEO INFO Troy Arceneaux 281-652-7227 Chameka Rideau 832-283-4811	Calves Provided By Larry Solomon Cattle Company Rough Stock Provided By R/RJ Rodeo Co. - Ramone Jackson	ANNOUNCERS Tony Parker and Reverend Chris Carter
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Frankly Speaking –

A Celebration of the Eternal vs. Earthly Body

by Frank Jordan



Easter celebrates the resurrection, or return to life after death, of Jesus Christ. With the resurrection of Christ, the world witnessed a new form of resurrected body. A body, represented by the resurrected Christ, without physical pain, decay or limitations of this world, but still recognizable with human-type attributes.

The body of the resurrected Christ is an eternal body, no longer subject to the earthly laws of physics, deterioration and death. This makes the resurrected body promised by Christ different from the human bodies, which were brought back to life through miracles, such as Lazarus, who later died a second physical death.

Christ's new resurrected body had similarities to His earthly body. As with His earthly body, people recognized Him (John 20:20); the wounds of crucifixion were obvious (John 20:25-29) and He had the ability, though not the need, to eat (Luke 24:30-33). Christ also had breath (John 20:22) and the resurrected body had flesh and bones, proving He was not just a spirit manifesting itself (Luke 24:39-40).

However, the changes from Christ's earthly body were dramatic. After resurrection, Christ could enter rooms through walls (John 20:19) and could appear and disappear at will in locations great distances apart (Luke 24:15 and John 20:19). Jesus was no longer limited by the laws of physics, including gravity, as evidenced by the Ascension into heaven (Luke 24:52 & Acts 1-9) witnessed by more than 500 and He had no physical needs such as sleep, food or water.

There are still more changes to be found after the Ascension into heaven, described in more detail in Revelation 1:12-16 written by St. John. St. John tells us when he saw Jesus, Jesus was like a Son of Man, a description that links Christ to His earthly appearance after the Ascension. But there was more, as Christ also radiated glory from His eyes, feet, voice and face. The exciting news is we are told we will be, "like Him." (1 John 3:2)

While the composition and appearance of the body of believers after death are important to us, John tells us to be like Him also means to be pure and righteous without sin, a far cry from our earthly character. Thus, the resurrected state of believers will change our entire being in character, spirit and physical composition.

Frankly speaking, the words of Saint Paul in Romans 8:18-23 comparing now to later, tell us the true message of Easter, a message as comforting today as in the time when written by Saint Paul, ...*what we suffer now is nothing compared to the glory He will give us later. And even we Christians, although we have the Holy Spirit within us as a foretaste of future glory, also groan to be released from pain and suffering. We too wait anxiously for that day when God will give us our full rights as His children, including the new bodies He has promised us – bodies that will never be sick again and will never die.*

The resurrection we celebrate each Easter assures each of us the promises of eternal life through Christ if we only repent and believe. In John 11:25, Jesus tells us who He is and His promise of eternal life after physical death of our earthly bodies, "I am the resurrection, and the life; he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. And whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die."

Have a Happy Easter as we celebrate life both physically today and, if we believe, spiritually for eternity!

Sign up now for Liberty library's free computer classes

LIBERTY - The Liberty Municipal Library will offer free adult computer classes this spring with volunteer Ann Rogers, instructor. Classes are usually held from 1:30-3 p.m. but 5-6 p.m. is available by request.

Beginning Computer: April 14-15. For the true beginner and there are no prerequisites for this class. Class goes at the student's own pace, which is good for those with limited English.

Microsoft Word: April 21-23. Students must have basic computer skills. Topics will include typing documents, editing, saving, and sending documents.

Printers: April 28. Installing, using, and getting the most out of a printer. Learn how to save on ink, select correct paper types, print pictures and greeting cards, and troubleshoot. (Attendees will need to know their home computer's operating systems.)

Laptops: April 29. Learn how to choose a laptop computer, add peripherals, disable the camera, etc. This is a "round

table" discussion, so bring your own laptop if you have any questions about it.

Internet: May 5. Basic computer skills required. Class covers antivirus programs, finding information on websites, browsers, and privacy issues. E-mail will not be covered.

Other classes available by special request include PowerPoint, Excel, and Certificates & Greeting Cards with openings on May 6, 12, and 13. For more information on these classes, email: annr@wt.net.

Classes will be taught using Windows 7, 10, and 11 to accommodate students' own operating systems. Classes will be held in the upstairs library computer lab. Class size is limited to four students. There is elevator access to the classroom.

Students must register with Jill now at the library's information desk. Signups are on a first-come, first-served basis. Since class size is limited and there is usually a waiting list, registered students are asked to let the library know if they cannot attend so someone else can take that opening.

For more information on the classes, call the library at 936-336-8901. The library is located inside the Geraldine D.

Humphreys Cultural Center at 1710 Sam Houston Street, across from the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Hours are: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 1 to 5 p.m. on Friday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Liberty Municipal Library will provide reasonable accommodation for persons attending and/or participating in this event. To better serve you, requests must be made at least 24 hours prior to the event. The building is wheelchair accessible with parking available on the north and east sides of the building.

Dayton Ole Tyme Days rapidly approaching

DAYTON - The Dayton Ole Tyme Days Festival returns to downtown Dayton April 10-12 for three days of family fun, entertainment, interactive activities, exciting carnival rides and games, vendor booths and more. All festival events take place in Dayton's downtown Main Street area. Festival proceeds are used to provide scholarships for Day-

ton High School's graduating seniors, something the Dayton Ole Tyme Days Festival Association, Inc. has been doing since 1997. Last year the festival awarded \$36,000 in scholarships. Festival hours on Fri., April 10, are from 6-10 p.m. with carnival hours from 6 p.m. to 12 midnight. On Sat., April 11, the festival gets underway at 9 a.m.

and continues through the evening until 10 p.m. The carnival opens at 9 a.m. and closes at 12 midnight. Sun., April 12, the festival and carnival open at 9 a.m. and close at 5 p.m. Food and craft vendor applications are currently being accepted. Entry fees range from \$250 to \$650 contingent on space size. Contact Sheree, vendor chair, at 281-224-2975.

The ATV/UTV Show is set for Sunday, April 12, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. To participate, contact Jamie at 281-610-3918. There is a \$25 entry fee.

Fairytale Fantasy is this year's theme for the Lil' Miss and Lil' Mister Pageant. The pageant will take place Sat., April 11. Entry is open to ages 12 and under with a \$30 entry fee. Contact Julie Campbell at 936-258-4339.

A fun cooking competition, the Jr. Chili Cookoff, is open to anyone ages 5 to 18. The competition will be held Saturday during the festival at the Crossroads Plaza from 8 a.m. until 12 noon. There is a \$25 entry fee per team.

Entries for the Barbecue Cookoff are being accepted through April 10. Teams are required to participate in a minimum of four categories.

Participants can register now for the Bike, Car and Truck Show. Vehicles will be on display Sat., April 11, from 8 a.m. until 12 noon. There is a \$25 entry fee per vehicle. Contact Weslee Woodard, event committee chair, at 713-553-9705 for information.

Complete festival and registration information can be found on the festival website at daytonoletymedays.

Ely Air Lines –

Still Flying – Just on a Different Heading

by Mike Ely and Linda Street-Ely

Linda: Indulge me, if you will – a proud wife. When we met, I knew he was mine. We were in an online group of pilots, just talking about flying. I was working on my instrument rating, and he was flying a jet around the globe. After five months of long-distance getting-to-know-you, he finally had a weekend off and chose to fly to Houston. And then he proposed. That was twenty years ago, and every day, my love and gratitude grow stronger.



run outside every time he heard an airplane overhead. They got so used to it that they finally gifted him a new, better pair one Christmas. He'd shove open the doors of the family VW Bus when they'd pull onto the driveway, and with dramatic effect, gleefully make like he was falling out, shouting, "I'm jumping out of an airplane!" When a friend of his older brother's offered to take him flying, his mother decided it would be good – to help him "get it out of his system." But the aerobatics the pilot-friend demonstrated for him only solidified his commitment to the dream.

He started flying at 15 and has flown for nearly 50 years (I see the Wright Brothers award coming soon!). He holds an Airline Transport pilot certificate, Certified Flight Instructor certificates for glider, single and multi-engine airplanes, a commercial seaplane certificate, and nine jet type ratings that give him license to fly oodles and oodles of different aircraft: various models of Lear, Gulfstream, Hawker, Embraer, Challenger, ATR, and more – proficiency in over 60 different kinds, evidenced in a tall stack of logbooks.

So today, as tribute, I say, Congratulations on your retirement, my Love! Well earned!

Now he has more time to fly – on his own schedule. I wouldn't be surprised if he ends up flight instructing locally. If you're looking to learn... I know a guy. He's really good.

Today, March 31, 2026, Mike Ely makes his last long drive toward Hobby Airport and will leave Flight Safety International for the last time as an employee. Tomorrow, his time is his own – or, it's mine, depending on how you look at it.

He's always been passionate about teaching people to fly. His hefty bag of instruction tools overflows with his wealth of knowledge and experience. So many people have benefited. From would-be student pilots taking that first discovery flight to seasoned military, airline, and corporate pilots, they find him meeting them right where they are and taking them further. Evaluations from his professional pilot clientele express their awe. He was voted Flight Safety's "Best of the Best," but I could have told anyone that without a vote. Even though it's a Berkshire-Hathaway company, they could never afford to pay him his true worth. They were dam lucky he made the decision to return to teaching, which he did when we married so that he could be home every night (because, you know, the bigger the airplane, the bigger the suitcase).

As a young child, Mike would grab the family binoculars and

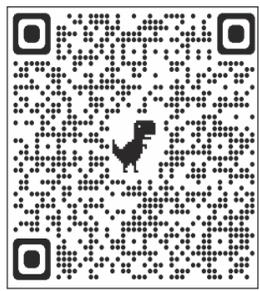
LIBERTY - Liberty Elks Lodge #2019 will bring an evening of fun and fundraising when they host the Dairyland Donkey Basketball Show. This event will take place Saturday, April 11, at the TVE rodeo arena beginning at 7 p.m. This family-friendly event features

local participants playing basketball while riding real, live donkeys.

First up, the Liberty Elks Lodge will face Line Camp Cowboy Church followed by the City of Liberty police and fire departments vs Acadian EMS. The winners will face off

in a championship round. It is always a lively, entertaining evening that brings the community together in support of local programs. All proceeds from the event will benefit the community activities sponsored by the Liberty Elks Lodge.

Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door, with concessions available. Advance tickets may be purchased by using the QR code below.



Art Show in Dayton set for April 20-24

DAYTON - The Dayton Community Exhibition Art Show will open to the public April 20 through April 24 in the halls of the Dayton Community Center. In conjunction with the Art Gallery Wall at the Jones Public Library, visitors will view all mediums of art including paintings, drawings, photography, sculptures, mixed media, digital art and more. There is no

admission charge.

All art types will be considered for the event for area artists that would like to participate. A closing reception will take place April 26 from 4-6 p.m. with refreshments provided by the Dayton Enhancement Committee.

For more information, call 936-258-6630 or community-center@daytontx.org.

Liberty Rotarians plant oak trees in City Park to recognize 100 years

LIBERTY - Over the last 100 years Liberty Rotary Club is well remembered for oyster suppers, dictionaries for local students, scholarships for graduating seniors, multiple pocket parks around town and additions and maintenance to those parks.

Now, to recognize the club turning 100 years, eight live oak trees have been planted around the pond at the Liberty Municip-

pal Park. In addition to the live oaks, a grouping of crepe myrtles will be planted around the parking lot of Liberty City Hall.

The City of Liberty has helped immensely with the planting and care of the live oak trees. The Rotary Club is appreciative of the city's ongoing support and looks forward to the years of enjoyment and beauty these trees will bring to

current and future community members.

Another recent project, from the club's yearly grant request, is the addition of a senior room at the Liberty Municipal Library. This provides a variety of games senior citizens can use alone or with a group while at the library.

Rotary's motto is "Service Above Self." As a club, as well as

individual members of the community, Rotary members try to live out this motto in all they do.

Anyone is welcome to visit or join. The club meets at noon on the second through last Tuesday of the month at Calhoun's On the Green restaurant. The first Tuesday of the month a social time locally is held at 5:30 p.m. For more information, contact Susan at 281-451-4008.



Liberty Rotary Club members and City of Liberty employees with newly planted live oak trees.