



LIBERTY COUNTY CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT



is soliciting applicants for the
APPRAISAL REVIEW BOARD

Requirements:

- **Must be a resident of Liberty County for at least 2 years**
- **No delinquent taxes owed***

Please contact
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If you would like to submit your
application, please send it via email to
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American history on display at SHC through September

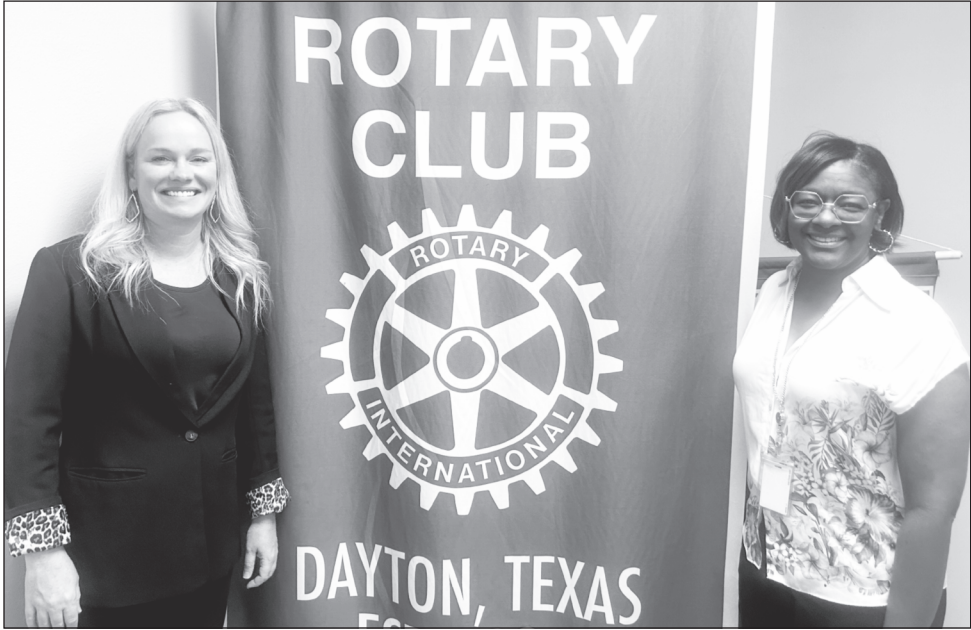
LIBERTY- The Sam Houston Regional Library and Research Center (SHC) continues commemorating the nation's 250th anniversary with temporary exhibits highlighting American history. Declaration 1776: The Big Bang of Modern Democracy and Becoming the United States: Colonial America to Reconstruction are on 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.

The exhibits are available 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.

Edwards graduates from U of M Global Campus

ADELPHI, MD - Shelly Ann Edwards of Dayton, earned a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from University of Maryland Global Campus in spring 2026.

Edwards was one of more than 7,300 students worldwide who earned degrees from UMGH in the spring 2026 term.



DAYTON ROTARY
L-R: Guest speaker Roxie Asbill and Rotarian Livia Callahan.

DISD students partner with Lee College for great savings

Rotarian Livia Callahan introduced Dayton ISD Administrator Roxie Asbill as the weekly program speaker. The Dayton Rotary Club learned about numerous opportunities for students and parents to save money while earning college credits before high school graduation. Dayton ISD has a long-standing partnership with Lee College, among other universities, which has enabled families to save costs and earn college credits simultaneously in high school.

The first program Asbill discussed is called FAST (Financial Aid for Swift Transfer). Asbill explained, "The Texas Administrative Code provides funding to participating public institutions. For DISD, that is Lee College, which can offer dual credit courses at no cost to economically disadvantaged students. Colleges can choose whether to participate, and we are grateful that Lee College participates in this program."

Asbill then described how the FAST program functions. A student can enroll in Lee College dual credit courses during high school and, if they are eligible for the free or reduced lunch program, the courses are provided at no charge. DHS offers several dual credit courses, and taking six of these courses can provide students with 18 college hours – translating into savings for families.

Asbill shared current costs for college credit hours at Texas A&M and the University of Texas – at \$308 per credit hour for A&M and \$542 per hour for UT – totaling \$5,544 and \$9,756 respectively. The presentation also highlighted how students can save thousands of dollars by earning college credits through Lee College, Advanced Placement (AP) courses, and OnRamps, a dual-enrollment program developed with The University of Texas at Austin. These programs enable students to complete college



Frankly Speaking –

Employees and Employers We Know or Are!

by Frank Jordan

At some time in our lives we have all had a job or employment evaluation. You always wonder how you have done and can think of several things you could have done better.

But rest easy because it could have been worse! How do we know? Because several excerpts from actual Federal Government Employee Performance Evaluations have been released to make us all feel better and perhaps describe someone we have worked with in the past or present:

- "This employee should go far and the sooner he starts the better."
- "I would not allow this employee to breed."
- "This employee is really not so much of a has-been, but more of a definite won't be."
- "Works well when under

constant supervision and cornered like a rat in a trap."

- "When he opens his mouth, it seems that it is only to change feet."
- "This young lady has delusions of adequacy."
- "Since my last report, this employee has reached rock-bottom and has started to dig."
- "He sets low personal standards and then consistently fails to achieve them."
- "This employee is depriving a village somewhere of an idiot."
- "A gross ignoramus – 144 times worse than an ordinary ignoramus."
- "He doesn't have ulcers, but he's a carrier."
- "He would argue with a signpost."
- "He brings a lot of joy whenever he leaves the room."
- "When his IQ reaches 50, he should sell."
- "If you see two people talking and one looks bored, he's the other one."
- "A prime candidate for natural de-selection."
- "Gates are down, the lights are flashing, but the train isn't coming."
- "He's got two brain cells; one is lost and the other is out looking for it."
- "If you stand close enough to him, you can hear the ocean."
- "It's hard to believe he beat out 1,000,000 other sperm."
- "One neuron short of a synapse."
- "Some drink from the fountain of knowledge; he only gargled."

- "Takes him 2 hours to watch 60 minutes."
- "The wheel is turning, but the hamster is dead."
- "If you give him a penny for his thoughts, you'd get change."
- "If he were any more stupid, he'd have to be watered twice a week."

Employers can also be excessively tough in employee rules as evidenced by these posted signs:

- **SICK DAYS:** "We will no longer accept a doctor statement as proof of sickness. If you are able to go to the doctor, you are able to come to work."
- **PERSONAL DAYS:** "Each employee will receive 104 personal days a year. They are called Saturday and Sunday."
- **RESTROOM USE:** "Entirely too much time is being spent in the restroom. In the future, at the end of three minutes, an alarm will sound, the toilet paper roll will retract and the stall door will open!"

The winner for worst employee rule was posted as:

- **OUT DUE TO YOUR OWN DEATH:** This will be accepted as an excuse. However, we require a least two weeks notice as it is your duty to train your own replacement!
- Frankly speaking, now you know there are those who make you appear as a genius and employers that could be much worse than what you've got. Count your blessings – you're better than you think!

Master Gardener meeting Mon., Aug. 17

LIBERTY - Texas A&M Agrilife Extension is offering you the opportunity to become a Certified Master Gardener by attending the upcoming Master Gardener Training Class. The orientation/registration meeting will take place Monday, August 17, at 6 p.m. at the Liberty County Extension Office, 501 Palmer Avenue.

Master Gardeners are volunteers trained to assist the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension in reaching its mission to bring relevant, researched-based information in horticulture to the public. Classes will cover Plant Growth and Development, Earth-Kind Gardening, Turf-

grass Management, Entomology and IPM, in addition to value information pertaining to vegetables, herbs, fruit and much, much more.

Registration is \$150 and includes the Texas Master Gardener Handbook and all supplies/materials associated with classes. Classes will be held Monday evenings, from 6-9 p.m., September 14 through November 30 at the Liberty County Extension Office. Payments can be made by cash or check only.

For more information, call 936-334-3230 or email: liberty-countymga@gmail.com.



TEXAS MASTER NATURALIST PROGRAM

Nolan Dishongh, member of the Texas Master Naturalists Lower Trinity Basin Chapter, does some volunteer work in the pollinator garden at Trinity River National Wildlife Refuge.

If you enjoy the outdoors like Nolan and want to learn more about Texas' incredible ecosystems and are looking for a meaningful way to give back to the community, why not explore the Texas Master Naturalist Program? The Lower Trinity Basin Chapter is currently accepting applications for its next training class, which starts September 2.

Learn more by visiting the website txmn.org/lowertrinitybasin or email lowertrinitybasin@gmail.com. The program sponsored by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.

Ely Air Lines –

Flash Gordon to the Rescue

by Mike Ely and Linda Street-Ely

If you grew up with Flash Gordon, you probably remember Ming the Merciless waving around a terrifying ray gun. It was the ultimate science-fiction weapon, conceived by the comic strip's creator and artist, Alex Raymond, alongside writer Don Moore. Point, shoot, and your enemy vanished. It seems the British government wanted to recruit the superhero, because they wondered out loud if something like that might actually be possible.

In the mid-1930s, with war in Europe, all the countries' leaders were desperate to develop something that would protect their citizens. At Orford Ness, England's own Area 51, British scientists were asked to investigate whether radio waves could be turned into a weapon powerful enough to destroy enemy aircraft. The idea sounds literally comical today, but at the time, governments around the world were chasing futuristic super-weapons. Britain even offered a £1,000 reward to anyone who could demonstrate a "death ray" capable of killing a sheep from 100 yards away.

The sheep survived; the scientists couldn't build the death ray. However, what they discovered turned out to be far more valuable. While experimenting with radio transmissions, they



found that aircraft passing through the beams triggered a return signal. Very quickly, they realized that while they wouldn't be using the weapon of Flash Gordon to destroy airplanes, they could detect them long before they could see or hear them.

That accidental breakthrough became radar, the discovery that allowed Britain to detect incoming German bombers during the Battle of Britain, giving precious minutes of warning before the Luftwaffe arrived. Those extra minutes gave fighter squadrons time to fly to where they were needed instead of flying around, hoping to find the enemy beyond the next cloud.

Radar was one of Britain's greatest advantages during the battle. Defending the skies over southern England might not have been possible without it. But do you realize how close the

story came to never happening? The scientists failed at the mission they had been assigned; they never produced the dramatic death ray everyone imagined. If success had been measured only by whether they built the weapon they were asked to build, the project would have ended right there. Instead, someone noticed an unexpected result and asked, "What if this is useful?" Taking the next step by asking that question helped save Britain.

Indeed, the innovation didn't turn out to be what everyone held their collective breath for. But at a time when Britain was underinvested in defense, a work of fiction and fantasy inspired them, and out of it came both failure and the saving of civilization, because someone made a priceless observation, as priceless as life itself.

Keep that in your side pocket for the next time someone tells you an idea didn't work, and think about all those disappointed scientists who couldn't kill a sheep with a particle gun. How they must have celebrated with awe and amazement that they'd accidentally invented an early warning system – one of the most important defensive technologies in history.

ElyAirLines.substack.com

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936-336-6416

Join us this Sunday for Bible Classes for all ages at 9 a.m. and stay for Worship at 10 a.m.

We meet Sunday night at 5 p.m. and Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

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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