



Essays, Division I

Winners, front, from left: Haley Benton, Haley Mazac, Matthew Mason, Kelsey Andrejczak, Makayla Wick and Shawn Supak, representing Eric Supak. Back: Marian Balke and Deborah Herring.



Conservation Awards

Winners, front, from left: Ken Kram and Sheila Kram, resident conservationists; Alvina Poenitzsch, Betty Krenek, conservation homemakers; Barbara Ardis, conservation teacher. Back, award presenters: George Poppe, Harry Henkhaus, Deborah Herring, John Polach, Diane Poenitzsch, Judy Winkler.

Colorado County Courthouse Report

Two Suits Filed In District Court

Two civil suits were filed in district court in Colorado County in the past week.

On March 30, LNVN Funding LLC filed suit against Stephanie C. Byrd in a dispute over a credit card account.

The suit claims that \$6,369 is owed on the account.

On March 31, Robert E. Grisham filed suit against the Texas Department of Public Safety and Martha Cowling for damages arising from a traffic accident on Nov. 12, 2005.

The suit claims that Grisham was eastbound on Interstate 10 near the 693 mile marker when he observed a Department of Public Safety cruiser parked on the shoulder of the road, just before a drop in the roadway.

He said he did not see a vehicle operated by Martha Cowling that was disabled in another lane of the Interstate.

Because of the position of the DPS cruiser, Grisham said he was funneled into the lane where the disabled vehicle was located and was unable to stop in time to avoid a collision.

Eight Sentenced In District Court

Eight individuals were sentenced in proceedings in Colorado County District Court before District Judge W.C. (Bud) Kirkendall on April 3.

They included:
 --Jorge Chacon, ordered placed on probation for a third DWI offense that occurred on Sept. 23, 2005. He was also ordered to pay a \$1,000 fine and spend 10 days in jail.

--Gerardo Cruz, forgery on Dec. 24, 2005, ordered placed on probation for three years, with deferred adjudication, pay a \$1,000 fine and perform 240 hours of community service.

--Tobhiyah Fuentes, possession of a controlled substance on Dec. 9, 2005, ordered placed on probation for two years with deferred adjudication, \$500 fine and 160 hours of community service.

--George Harrison Jr., possession of a controlled substance on Nov. 16, 2005, sentenced to seven years in prison.

--Debra Knott, possession of a controlled substance on Sept. 26, 2005, ordered placed on three years probation, with deferred adjudication, \$250 fine, treatment at the Central Texas Treatment Facility and perform 240 hours of community service.

--Maximino Navarro, possession of a prohibited weapon on Dec. 6, 2005, ordered placed on probation for three years, with deferred adjudication, \$1,000 fine and 120 hours of community service.

--Euphemia Lara Roufeil, possession of a controlled substance on Dec. 31, 2005, ordered placed on five years probation with deferred adjudication, \$1,000 fine and 400 hours of community service.

--Anthony Deshawn Wright, burglary of a house on Oct. 3, 2005, ordered placed on probation for five years with deferred adjudication, \$1,000 fine, 30 days in jail, and 400 hours of community service.

Fifteen Sentenced In County Court

Fifteen individuals were sentenced

in Colorado County Court on Wednesday, March 29.

They included:
 --Michael P. Guglielmo, driving while intoxicated, one year probation, \$500 fine.

--Jorge Luis Obregon, driving while license invalid, three days jail, \$300 fine.

--Kimberly A. Roberts, possession marijuana, one year deferred adjudication, \$250 fine.

--Raul Salazar, driving while license invalid, six months deferred adjudication, \$300 fine.

--Christina Belmonte, assault causes bodily injury, 45 days jail.

--Terrance Lee Bromwell, possession of marijuana, 20 days jail.

--Daniel Lynn Cardenas, theft of less than \$500, 180 days jail; burglary of vehicle, 180 days jail; interference with emergency call, 180 days jail.

--Jamar M. Dugat, driving while license invalid with previous conviction, 35 days jail.

--Chase R. Janecka, resisting arrest search or transport, 90 days jail; assault causes bodily injury, 90 days jail.

--Casey Allen Kincheloe, driving while intoxicated, 60 days jail.

--Anthony E. Medellin, driving while intoxicated, one year probation, \$400 fine, interlock device.

--Ruben Medellin Jr., theft of stolen property of less than \$500 by check, three days jail, \$100 fine, \$345.83 restitution.

--Manuel Scott Jr., illegal dumping, 30 days jail.

--Christopher John Shaffer, disorderly conduct discharge, 60 days jail; possession of marijuana, 60 days jail;

criminal mischief of less than \$500, 60 days jail.

--Don McGuirt, possession of marijuana, seven days jail.

Divorces Filed

Cynthia C. Preather and Daniel Lee Preather, March 29.

Stephen Wayne Pierce and Janice Michelle Pierce, March 29.

Anthony Wilfred Cain and Carla Ruth Cain, March 30.

Marijuana License Issued

David Allen Stevens and Mary Victoria Villarreal, March 31.

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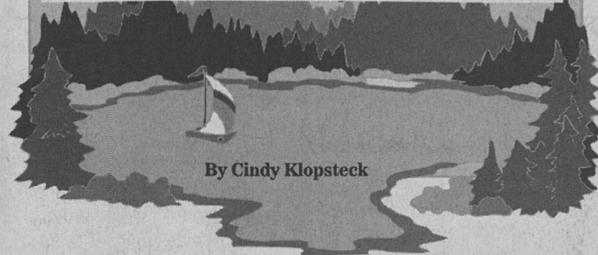
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700-800 lbs	95-109	84-94

HEIFERS	#1	#2
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300-400 lbs	138-148	120-135
400-500 lbs	128-140	112-124
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Views Around the Lake



By Cindy Klopsteck

Pushing The Right Button

It if were only so easy.
 You've probably seen the commercial for a certain office supply store. People are shown with immediate needs – they need this by 9 a.m. and that by 2 p.m. and this other thing NOW. It could all be extremely difficult, but they have access to a giant red button that says “easy” and they push it to get a fast and easy solution to their problems. Nice idea – wish it could work in the real world. If it were only that easy.

My magic button is on the computer. It works for me there, but so many times in the day-to-day bustle and stress of life I wish I had an identical giant button at ready access to solve my most immediate and looming problems. The giant button would read, “escape”. It works so well when needed at my work station on my computer.

Why can't we have a key or button in real life that allows us to “escape”?

I've tried all the available temporary escapes. I drink the right kind of coffee that's advertised to help me sit back and merely “celebrate the moments of my life.” I soak in the right bath oils that are supposed to just “take me away...” I read books that literary critics and see movies that film critics promise will take me out of my current crazed existence and ease me into a temporary, fantasy world of light and illusion. But only temporary it is...

When I was younger I remember the popular phrase “don't push the panic button”. At that time, in high school, I thought panic was rushing to get homework done, preparing for the big basketball game, securing a date for the prom...if we had only known then what true panic is. My youngest daughter has just gotten into the workforce after college graduation. She's realizing the daily rush of the working world and would love to have that “easy” button or find a good “escape” now and then. She finds it a daily challenge not to “push the panic button.”

Of course, sometimes that escape button doesn't work anyway. I confess

“escape”, “delete”, ANYTHING to get her out of a locked computer. She had mistyped a website and discovered some pretty racy material on her computer screen. She tried every escape route she knew to clear the screen, but no magic button worked. Knowing her job could well be at risk if she didn't clear the screen – FAST – she crawled under the desk and unplugged the computer. Thankfully, she and her boss shared a laugh later as she described the scene. Sometimes you just have to resort to old, basic –practices – going straight to the energy source – to solve your problems.

We can look for escapes and easy-outs in our daily routines, but just don't forget your original source for energy, power and strength in your life.

All this realization came to me on a weekend, and I'm putting it all on paper this Monday morning. Can you hear that quiet tapping turn into a louder, incessant noise? It's Monday – early Monday morning, I'm not ready for a new work week. To no avail, I'm pounding and pounding on that “escape” key.

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TOOTH LOSS IS MORE COMMON IN SMOKERS
 Smokers are about twice as likely to lose their teeth as nonsmokers according to the results of two separate 30-year studies at Tufts University in Boston. Male and female smokers who smoked one pack a day for 10 years lost an average of nearly 3 teeth—more than twice as many as non-smokers.

Why does smoking lead to periodontal (gum) disease, which leads to tooth loss? One theory is that tobacco may restrict the blood flow to the gum tissues, which would limit the nutrients necessary to maintain the bone and periodontal support of the teeth. Another theory is smoking causes a chain of events in the mouth, which starts with plaque build-up, which linked to tartar build-up, which can cause gingivitis. From there, the smoker develops periodontal disease. The final result is tooth loss. The chain can be broken by flossing and brushing regularly and by stopping the use of tobacco.

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