

Hours for sports facilities

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4:00-12:00 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday
1:00-6:00 p.m.

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4:00-12:00 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday
8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

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Monday-Friday
7:00-10:00 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday
3:00-5:00 p.m.

Swimming Pools
Sept-Nov
Mar-May
Monday-Friday
12:00-1:30 p.m.
3:00-6:00 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday
1:00-6:00 p.m.
Nov-Mar
Monday-Friday
12:00-1:30 p.m.

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
7:00-10:00 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday
1:00-6:00 p.m.

June-Aug
Monday-Friday
11:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday
1:00-7:00 p.m.

Tennis Courts

Monday-Friday
4:00-12:00 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday
All day

Horseshow Pits
All Day
Softball Fields
All Day
Track (Kyle Field)
All Day

Other facilities are available through sports club programming. Example: Wrestling, Gymnastics, Weight Lifting, etc.

Times are subject to change due to Physical Education, Athletics and Intramural usage.

Truck strikes bull elk

AMARILLO — Hunters usually travel to Rocky Mountain states in search of elk. In Texas the animals seldom are seen outside their deep West Texas mountain habitat.

One can hardly imagine the surprised look of a tandem truck driver near Amarillo recently when a huge

bull elk ran in front of his rig.

The driver, unable to halt his rig, struck and killed the large animal, whose antlers measured six points, eastern count (three points, western count). The 18-wheel rig sustained minor damage, while the driver escaped unhurt.

I'm not the quarterback ... I'm not even the sports editor

By KEVIN VENNOR
Battalion Staff

Wow! This is my big chance . . . acting sports editor . . . just think of the possibilities.

The first person singular can be used. "I"-oh that feels good. I'll have to use lots of them. I can be an integral part of the story and best of all I become an expert, or at least I will write like an expert, who will know the difference? After all, the players will know what I'm talking about.

I am now part of an elite class. I can make predictions, such as, this is "the" year for the Aggies. The year for what you ask? Well, that is another advantage of being a sports writer. If you study this prediction carefully, you may realize that I am protecting myself. Hey, I'm learning this sports stuff pretty quick.

Coining words . . . ah yes, I must coin a word or phrase for this year's football season. Let's see, two years ago it was "wait 'til next year," then "next year's here" and now . . . are you ready? . . . it has to be original . . . wow, there is more to this sports writing than meets the eye. How about, "the year after next year, which was last year, is finally here." If you think that sounds bad, what do you think about, "wait 'til next century."

Yes, sports fans, I write about jocks and I can let my bias show because I know some of the meanest, ugliest and toughest people on the face of this earth. They are my friends so I can support what I write, with the help of my athletic supporters, of course.

Do not let it be said that sports writers are not imaginative. I have often wondered why they were not called athletic poets. The inventiveness of some of these muses so outshines the physical abilities of those whom they write about that they could be termed "bard stars." So, as not to disappoint anyone, I, too, will invent a word that will be entered into that long list of greats: caneck, chig-gar-roo-gar-rem and maggie. As a matter of fact, I feel so imaginative at 3 a.m. that I came up with two new words for our football terminology. The first biggie is Emoroons, used to describe the Aggie offense. Notice how cleverly Emory is integrated into maroon. The Aggie defense was much easier to invent a word for. I was looking through some old Battalions and it almost jumped off the page and hit me in the face (sports writers can also personify inanimate objects with no great difficulty). Paul McGrath gets partial credit for this classic because "Maraulers" is a derivative of McGrath's description of

the Aggie defense, Maroon Maulers. Thank you, Paul.

Now we are down to the nitty-gritty aspects of sports writing and reading. Cliches . . . you have to know the cliches if you are to even get an inkling of what is being talked about. And if you are not following this story, it is probably because you do not savvy the oodles and gobbs of cliches that yours truly has been tossing at you. I hope you are a good catch because I'm going to reach into my kit-and-kaboodle-kit to test your prowess. Be alert, I have enough to fill a cliché stadium.

To do this, I will simulate an Aggie game as transposed by a sports writer who is on the ball.

Please keep in mind that neither of our teams will lose or win. One may be conquered, downed, smashed, upset, dumped, plastered, sunk, trounced while the other overcomes, prevails, triumphs, carries the day, gains, disarms and brings the bacon home, but they seldom just win or lose.

In this case, since our first game is against an adversary who has never engaged the A&M forces on the field of battle, hail Virginia Tech, we will also use this illustration as a prediction.

How's that for imagination?
Oh, by the way, some sports writers confer with the Great Sportsman in the sky . . . He knows the odds. Thus, they can get by with the use of "we."

Our headline will read, "A&M gridders strike paydirt."

The Aggies were hot on the gridiron yesterday, blistering the Gobblers of Virginia Tech in College Station, 31-10.

Locomotive-man, George Woodard, burned extra coals and rushed for an impressive 176 yards in 25 carries. This included a 43 yard jaunt from scrimmage which terminated in his rivals' end zone for the Aggies' only TD in the first half.

The Gobblers managed to get the first and only points on the scoreboard during the first quarter of play. The turkeys trotted down the field as if they were going down Broadway in a Thanksgiving Day parade, but the Aggie Maraulers (I just had to use it) jammed the street and Virginia Tech had to detour and kick a three-pointer.

The defenses were equally overbalancing the weight of each other's offense, but the Aggies came out in the second half with the oven warming, tilted the scales, butchered the gobblers and slowly roasted the turkeys before 46,000 hungry fans. The Aggies ate it up.

The Emoroons wasted no time putting the ingredients together. They received the pigskin on a silver platter. The Virginia Tech kicker miscued and the table was set. The hors d'oeuvre was served to Billy Lemons on the A&M 40 yard line. He carried the tidbit to the Aggie 49 yard line before he was forced to eat it.

The Aggie offense then proceeded to mince their foe, slicing through them with eight strokes for 51 yards and a 14-3 dessert.

The Maraulers contained the gobblers on the ground, but the turkeys managed to advance their egg by taking to the air. Had it not been for A&M's excellent secondary, who plucked feathers and a total of six interceptions from Virginia Tech, the Aggies may have laid an egg themselves.

David Shipman shot the projectile 20 yards to Mike Floyd with two minutes remaining in the third period.

Floyd caught the bullet in the chest and was immediately felled, but he was into the end zone to put the Aggies up, 21-3.

It was the second and third which pulled the load for the remaining 25 cents worth. They carried their weight well and contributed points to the pot, although a minor error cost them seven points. A turkey flew behind the second undetected by Aggie radar, landed for seven to end the game scoring.

Next week the Aggies play a different kind of animal and must be full not to fall prey to the Wildcat Kansas State.

Well, so much for my banality is definitely working trying to come with trite phrases. . . I took all day doing it. I'll be a happy man if our sports editor gets back to town.

I will close this column with words, which are repeatedly around this part of the country, they are words that do not strike during football season with crowd of enthusiastic Aggies. I would please join in . . . ceebs, GIG 'em Aggies!

Bay buoys tell of fish below

SEABROOK — Big orange-and-white invitations to good fishing, courtesy of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, are a new sight bobbing in Galveston Bay. Thirteen buoys have been placed to mark oyster reefs, indicating to sportfishermen where game fish are likely to concentrate.

Experienced bay fishermen long have known that fish are attracted to the reefs, and the experts know how to locate the reefs without navigational aids. But Lynn Benefield, P&WD biologist at Seabrook, explained that many newcomers to the area have hardly any knowledge of oyster reefs or how to find them and the new markers will be helpful to these people.

"The buoys are strictly to benefit sportfishermen," he said. "We have had a lot of inquiries, and hope that with this method we can assist them to catch more, or at least to get them to the right place."

All the buoys were in place by August 3, in the following locations:

In Trinity Bay: Fisher's Reef; Beezley's Reef; Dow Reef; Lost Reef; Dry Hole Reef.

Upper Galveston Bay, on the side: Red Bluff Reef; Bent Reef; San Leon Reef.

In Dickinson Bay, on west side: Galveston Bay; Dickinson Reef.

In Galveston Bay, just off the Lake hurricane protection levee: Levee Reef.

Just north of Texas City: Half Moon Shoals.

In east Galveston Bay: Mar Reef; Frenchy's Reef.

These buoys are some 45 feet tall and a foot in diameter. They are white, with orange stripes near bottom and top, are unlighted, each have a P&WD decal on the reef.

It should be emphasized that buoys are not to be used for tying boats. That is not their purpose, such a strain could pull them down.

If anyone should see a buoy missing from its moorings, or find one has disappeared from a known location, local P&WD officials would appreciate being informed, so the markers can be restored.

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