



Dos Amigos Fire Casualty! A deer camp on the Copeland Ranch was destroyed last week by the Dos Amigos fire.
Photos by Tom Sawyer

achieve one's goals. Teamwork produces a sense of belonging, which leads to self-esteem, and an appreciation for one's own talents and those of others. Athletes learn to play by the rules. They learn sportsmanship. They develop a knowledge of what it takes to win, and how to deal with setbacks. They learn to correct mistakes and make efforts to improve. They learn to proceed with determination and persistence. Worthy outcomes, all.

Athletes must maintain acceptable grades in order to participate, and they must prioritize, make good personal choices, and work hard in order to succeed.

Physical training produces physical fitness; the athletic program produces responsible citizens.

So, "Concerned Alumni," I hope that whoever you are, whatever your ages, as you continue to pursue your goals, that you do so with dignity, integrity, determination, and persistence, but not with offensive ads.

Ann Hamilton
Former Bronte ISD teacher

Livestock suffer from fires

Livestock caught in the path of the recent wind swept fires across the state of Texas could suffer death, severe damage from burns and smoke inhalation.

Smoke from fires can cause breathing problems for cattle, even if they are not actually caught in the fire. Texas AgriLife Extension Service personnel advise cattle owners to have their animals checked out by a veterinarian.

Since April 6, Texas Forest Service has responded to fires that have burned more than 1 million acres. Untold numbers of livestock were left injured or dead in the wake of the fire.

"Locate them, provide adequate nutrition and then consult your veterinarian," said Dr. Robert Sprowls, assistant agency director of the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory in Amarillo. "If they can be moved to unburned ground, it is best," Sprowls said. "Get them to fresh water and then rotate their feeding area to prevent the build-up of pathogens."

Texas AgriLife Extension

Service personnel advise cattle owners that it is important to get cattle that have been stressed by wildfires to fresh feed and water and to have them checked out by a veterinarian. The most important thing is to provide livestock with high-quality forage that includes a protein and mineral supplement and good water, Sprowls said. If the livestock don't get adequate nutrition and water immediately, their health can deteriorate rapidly.

The fires came at a very inopportune time for ranchers who are in their calving season, said Dr. Ted McCollum, AgriLife

Extension livestock specialist. Not only will there be damage to the animals, but the dry soil profile doesn't promise any recovery of those rangelands anytime soon, unless significant rain falls.

"We probably had a lot of calves that were laying out susceptible to the fire, as fast as it was moving across there," McCollum said. "They had no place to go. Also there will be a lot of mothers with potentially scorched udders. The calves that survived won't be able to suckled the mothers who have sore udders."

Analyzing injuries to cat-

tle following a wildfire is important to minimize losses, said Dr. Floron "Buddy" Faries, AgriLife Extension veterinarian in College Station. "It might look like they've made it and there was no visible physical damage," Faries said. "However, it's important to have them looked at by a veterinarian as soon as possible because there could be secondary problems that lead to infections and further problems."

Health disorders, such as burned eyes, feet, udders, sheaths and testicles, as well as smoke inhalation with lung inflammation and edema, are

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