

Straight from The Horse's Mouth



Laura St. John

There is more happening in and around THM than ever before.

Take for instance the new group called the "Bawdy Band of Buffalo Business-ees". (BBoBB) This is a fun and creative group of local business owners who's focus is working together to brainstorm new solutions for bringing more trade to Buffalo. If you're a business owner and would like to get to know your fellow entrepreneurs, you are invited to join in. It's a traveling meeting, this month at The Stagecoach Deli at 6:00pm on Monday Feb. 22nd. It's usually a pot luck dinner affair, but Tammy and Merry are looking after the main dish; so, bring something to go along with a pot of soup. Once we get started sharing ideas we have a hard time stopping, it's a passionate group! And the food is

always awesome.

THM's February will be quite a busy one. Our Scrabble Tournament has been moved to the first Tuesday of the month (Feb. 2nd). The Digital Photography Discussion Group will meet this Thursday (the 4th). Feb. 11th the Ooh! Aah! Wow! Art Group will have a Show & Tell night. New members are invited! On the 18th our Writer's Group meets and on the 19th we will host the next Open Mic Night. February 26th is the next Trivial Pursuit Game Night/Pot Luck Dinner. The foodie theme this month, since it's February, is The Foods of Romance. That should be really interesting!

(All events begin at 6:00pm)

With a full schedule of working the store all day, running all the after hours events and raising a new puppy (Java, for those of you who haven't met yet) I am very lucky to have my son, Craig, full time at THM, now. He is training on the espresso machine, doing geeky things like fixing lap tops and home computers, and making life a lot easier for me (until his grad school starts in the fall).

As always, you can give us a call at 903-322-2180 or cruise the web site: www.thehorsesmouth.squarespace.com 'Friend' the Facebook Fan Page: The Horse's Mouth Bookstore and Coffee Shop.

Tales from WannaBea Farm



Joyce Stark

Goat Shock

I went to Ryder Oil a week or so ago to fill some propane bottles and started

to pet their beautiful yellow lab but for some reason he wouldn't have anything to do with me that day. He acted like he wanted to be petted but was skittish for some reason. It kind of hurt my feelings at first because most dogs like me. Then the lady there told me that he was just thumpy because several people had shocked him with static electricity that day.

Poor thing, I know how that feels, as I am always getting shocked myself and it HURTS! I have learned that if I touch something made of wood before touching something that I know will shock me that the electricity will discharge into the wood and I will not get shocked. Please don't ask me how this works because I am scientifically challenged and have absolutely no idea why it works, I just know that it does. For a while after I learned this I carried a small piece of wood in my pocket. Then one of the local businesses gave me a "Wooden Nickel" put out by the Buffalo Chamber of Commerce, and now I always carry it in my pocket. If I am going somewhere that I know is going to be a "shock area", I make sure to reach into my pocket and touch it before touching door handles, metal chairs and such. I can even go to the grocery store and open the frozen food doors without getting shocked, then screaming and otherwise acting a fool, just as long as I touch my magic nickel first.

But it reminded me of something that happened a while back. It was a cool, dry day and I put some crackers in my pocket, pulled on my rubber boots and walked out to the pasture to give "Hershey" a little treat. Hershey is the only one of the goats that I have sort of made a pet

of. She is a little chocolate colored goat, hence the name Hershey, plus she's a "her" and a "she" and that added up to Hershey. Does that make any sense to you? Well, it was perfectly normal for my weird brain.

Anyway, back to my story. Cool dry day, rubber boots and wading through the tall grass all adds up to just one thing. Static electricity. Uh oh! Hershey looked up and saw me and knowing that she would get a treat she came running to me. As she skidded to a stop I reached out to her and knew I had made a mistake as soon as I heard the spark. As I touched her she jumped straight up in the air. She looked almost like a long legged Halloween cat with her hair sticking out all over her and she let out a long drawn out "Baaaa" that sounded amazingly like a curse word. When she finally came to ground she looked at me suspiciously, shook herself, stretched her neck out for a cracker, thought better of it and jumped back away from me. Standing there looking at me she finally decided it was safe and started to try one more time, but again at the last moment she shied away, not certain just what had happened but pretty darn sure that it was all my fault. Finally she made up her mind, she was NOT having any more to do with me and she turned tail and went back to the herd, looking back over her shoulder at me, giving me dirty goat looks. She wouldn't have anything to do with me for days!

This was one of the few times I've been the shocker as I'm usually the shockee and then the other goats wouldn't come near me for a few days either. I'm still wondering what she told them about me.

BOB BOWMAN'S EAST TEXAS

A LOOK AT HISTORIC PLACES, PEOPLE AND EVENTS

Laughs with a lawman

I suspect that the best-read column in the Buffalo Press, a weekly newspaper in East Texas, is Sheriff Ralph Billings' report on criminal activity in Freestone County.

When the local 911 dispatcher received a call from a young caller, she told her that her five-year-old brother had shot their Dad with a BB gun, killed him "graveyard dead," and had buried the father in the back yard. The caller wanted someone to come to the home, arrest the five-year-old and dig up Dad.

The 911 dispatcher finally located the boys' mother and found that Dad didn't even live in Texas, and there was no homicide.

Billings reported that seven dead hogs were found on U.S. Highway 84 between the Country Club and the Boyd prison unit. He said a Texas Department of Transportation employee was enroute "to perform graveside services."

Billings also wrote that a young lady reported that her ex-boyfriend called her and wanted to come over. She explained she had company. The ex broke her window and fled on his bicycle.

In another report, Billings commented that Oakwood had a goat problem, but noted that it had been alleviated when six or seven goats were found loose in the downtown area and had been arrested by the chief of police.

A police officer told 911

he was trying to pull over a woman motorist, but she said she would pull over only when she got to a street light at Streetman. Stopped by another policeman, the woman said she would pull over when she got to a service station. "Heard no more on this," wrote Billings, "and assumed she eventually stopped somewhere...further assume it was where she wanted to."

Billings also reported that a lady from Wortham said a possum had gotten into her deep freeze, and wanted to know what to do. Billings advised her to "keep him cold, serve him with potatoes and carrots and onions, cook him at 325 degrees, and serve with combread on the side and Blue Bell for dessert."



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- Grounded Aussie avian
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- King of tragedy
- Wall St. debut
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- Cleanse
- Kramden gulfaw syllable
- Valedictory speaker's cue card?
- Welsh rarebit ingredient
- Brummell
- Run on TV
- The "A" in AD
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- Steam up
- Israeli city near Ben-Gunon Airport
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- UPS alternative
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- Weeder's tool
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- Frozen dessert
- Reunion attendees
- Patricia of "Hud"
- "the ramparts"
- Skilled at citrus farming?
- Like the gray mare
- San Francisco griddler, for short
- Hardly windy
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- Move, to Realtors
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- Banjo's spot, in song
- "A Bug's Life" bug
- Org. with bomb-sniffing dogs

DOWN

- Give a talking-to to
- Hide-covered home
- Bug persistently
- Starbucks order
- Many an August birth
- Capital of Taiwan
- "I'm your tricks!"
- Prefix with lateral or verse
- Video recorder brand
- Transparent, informally
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Ephesus Baptist Church invites you to a service of praise with one of the most exciting groups emerging on the scene in the southern gospel music, David's Song, on Feb. 13 at 6 pm.

The first team captian meeting for this year's Relay For Life of Leon County will be Tuesday, February 9th at 6:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Buffalo Family Life Center. Anyone interested in having a team participate in Relay For Life of Leon County is encouraged to attend. This year's Relay For Life of Leon County will be April 16-17 at Buffalo ISD's Brewer Stadium. If you have any questions please contact Teams Co-Chair Allison Best at (903) 388-4525 or leoncountyrelay@yahoo.com.

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9	7		1
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