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All this and much more as The Enterprise reports in this week's amazing edition!

City sales tax revenue rises

Clarendon's sales tax revenues grew slightly when Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar distributed local sales taxes earlier this month.

The city's revenue for May was \$52,310.30, up 1.68 percent from the same period last year. Clarendon is now up 4.2 percent for the calendar year-to-date with sales tax revenues of \$216,105.38 so far this year.

Hedley's sales tax revenues dropped for the month, down 8.81 percent to \$1,684.65, which brought the calendar year-to-date figure down 1.28 percent to \$5,989.40.

Howardwick's sales taxes for the month are down 28.63 percent to \$1,327.72, but that city lowered its sales tax rate by 0.25 percent starting in October. Howardwick is down 22.21 percent for the year so far at \$7,627.89.

Statewide, Hegar sent \$1.2 billion in local sales tax allocations for May, 0.4 percent more than in May 2023.

These allocations are based on sales made in March by businesses that report tax monthly and sales made in January, February, and March by quarterly filers.

Stargazing at Jericho June 7

A Stargazing Party is planned at Jericho on Saturday, June 7, as the ghost community prepares for this summer's annual Route 66 Festival.

In addition to telescopes set up by the Amarillo Astronomy Club for gazing at the heavens, a full line-up of fun activities is planned for the evening, which includes live music, vendors, and food trucks.

Frost's Custom Classics will have classic cars showcased at the event, which begins at 5 p.m. and runs until midnight. There is no charge for admission.

Vendor set-up will be from 3 to 5 p.m. Festivities kick off at 5:00, and vendors will close at 9:00 as the Stargazing gets underway hosted by the Amarillo Astronomy Club.

"The evening promises to be a magical experience for all who attend," said Jericho townsite co-owner Blanca Schaefer.

Located north of Clarendon on SH 70, about half a mile south of Interstate 40, the old Donley County community is experiencing renewed interest as Route 66 enthusiasts have started coming to experience the history of the Jericho Gap.

The Stargazing Party is an official TX 66 Festival Event. For more information about this summer's Route 66 festival, go to VisitAmarillo.com/TX66Fest; and for more information about Donley County's Route 66 community, visit Facebook.com/JerichoOn66.



Lady Broncos show their support for TABC Assistant Coach of the Year Kasey Bell.

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Bell receives state coaching award

By Sandy Anderberg

Clarendon High School's Kasey Bell has been honored for her work as the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches Assistant Coach of the Year for the 2023-2024 season.

Bell, who is the Junior Varsity Lady Bronco coach, was nominated by Lady Bronco head coach Korey Conkin and received her award last weekend.

The TABC is a part of Texas Basketball Coaches and has strived to see the sport attain the recognition that other states enjoyed. Since its beginning in 1975, the TABC has focused on boys' basketball, but five years later introduced the association to girls coaches as well. The group is responsible for increasing media attention throughout the state for many years.

Bell has been employed at Clarendon ISD since 2001 as an Elementary Physical Education Teacher and began her coaching career in 2002. According to Bell, she has worked with many good coaches at CISD and has been Conkin's assistant for eight years.

"I have coached with wonderful head coaches over the years, and the last eight years getting to work with a friend and such a talented coach in Korey is a blessing," Bell said.

While in her junior varsity coaching position, Bell has recorded a remarkable 378 wins to 94 losses. Conkin noted that in her eight years working with Bell, she never had a season with under 16 wins.

"Her JV 'Dynasty' has been 2-2A District Champs the past two years and outscored their opponents

1,172-376 in the '22-'23 season with an impressive 22-2 record," Conkin said. "Her '23-'24 season was just as successful and she led her team to a 16-3 record while outscoring her opponents, 962-246.

"Her amazing coaching abilities were definitely showcased when her team came up victorious against 5A Amarillo High JV in an overtime game where the team had two of six girls foul out and finished with four players on the court. Pure joy for her team was the feeling after that big win."

Bell has a huge knowledge of basketball as she played her high school years at Motley County with a lot of success and continued her career at Clarendon College where her teammate was none other than Conkin, who was raised in Clarendon. They were able to begin a friendship that would result in successes as players and coaches.

"Any Clarendon head coach from 2001 would surely agree that she is class, knowledge, passion, support, discipline, fun, and dedication all wrapped up into one," Conkin said. "Her ability to shine her light in many aspects of life, amongst these Clarendon kids is priceless. To have known her all these years, to have a true friend in her, and to have her stand beside me on and off the court has been one of my greatest life blessings. Any Lady Bronco would be sure to say the same. We love our Coach Bell, and she is the perfect candidate to represent all amazing assistant coaches by receiving this award."

"I am extremely blessed to have



Lady Broncos Head Coach Korey Conkin with TABC Assistant Coach of the Year Kasey Bell.

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received this award," Bell said. "I couldn't do this job without my amazing family always helping me out. My record of 378 wins to 94 losses is a testament of the wonderful and talented young ladies that

have come through this program in my 22 years (at CISD)."

Bell plans to continue teaching and coaching in Clarendon where she lives her two boys, Kyler and Brance, and her husband, Jackie.

Pct. 3 runoff voting begins

Early voting began Monday and continues through Friday, May 24, for Donley County voters in Precinct 3 as incumbent Commissioner Neil Koetting faces a runoff election with challenger Greg Wootten for the Republican nomination.

Wootten was the top vote getter in the March primary in the three-person race for Koetting's job, but he did not get more than 50 percent of the vote, which prompted this month's runoff election.

Eligible voters include Republicans who already voted in the Republican primary and other voters who did not cast a ballot in either primary in March. Voters who cast ballots in the Democratic primary cannot vote in the Republican runoff.

Early voting is being held at the Donley County Courthouse Annex from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. through Friday.

Election day will be Tuesday, May 28, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. with Precinct 301 voters casting ballots at the Donley County Courthouse and Precinct 303 voters casting ballots at the First Baptist Church in Hedley.

Check Facebook.com/TheEnterprise for election night results.

Garage sale event deadline is this Friday

Residents who wish to participate in this year's "Trash To Treasures" need to contact the ENTERPRISE before 5 p.m. on Friday, May 24, to sign up.

The 19th annual Trash To Treasures garage sale event will be held Saturday, June 1.

For \$25, each household will get a 50-word advertisement in the Big-E Classifieds and the exclusive "Trash To Treasures" garage sale signs. In addition, the ENTERPRISE will print a city map the week of the event indicating the location of each sale and will promote the county-wide garage sale in area newspapers and radio ads as well as on social media and digital platforms.

For more information, call 874-2259 or come by the ENTERPRISE office at 105 S. Kearney.

Memorial Day service set for Monday

The Adamson-Lane Post 287 of the American Legion in Hedley will hold its annual Memorial Day service at the Rowe Cemetery, Monday at 10:00 a.m. on May 28, 2024. In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held at the Hedley Lions Club.

The Post members will place American Flags on the graves of 251 Veterans buried in the Rowe Cem-

etry. The Flags will be placed on the graves at 9:00 AM, Saturday May 26, 2024 and remain till Monday, May 28, 2024 in honor of those departed comrades that have served this Country.

The Memorial Day program will be conducted by members of the American Legion that will include the raising of the colors, the National Anthem, Pledge to the Flag and the

ceremony honoring the missing in action and the Prisoners of War still unaccounted for.

The Memorial Day address will be given by Dale A. Rabe, 100th Judicial District Judge. Carlton Turvaville will read the names of the 251 Veterans buried in the Rowe Cemetery. The program will be concluded with the laying of the memorial wreath and the playing of taps.

Memphis man gets 40-year sentence

A Memphis man was sentenced to 40 years in prison when the district court heard a contested hearing on May 5 in Hall County.

District Attorney Luke Inman, along with Assistant District Attorney Harley Caudle, prosecuted the case for the State of Texas, with the Honorable Judge Dale Rabe, presiding.

Joe Martinez, 50, was sentenced to 40 years in prison for the second degree felony offense of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Second degree felonies have a maximum punishment of 20 years. However, this felony was enhanced to a first degree, which

can result in a maximum sentence of life in prison, due to Martinez's prior felony convictions.

Martinez, from Memphis, was arrested on December 25, 2017.

Martinez was originally placed on probation on April 27, 2022. The State filed a motion asking the Court to adjudicate Martinez's probation on November 3, 2023, alleging five separate violations.

At the hearing, Martinez admitted to violating three of the five terms of his probation. One of which was that he committed a new offense, possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine.

On cross-examination, Marti-

nez admitted that he had made a mistake and that he was selling the drugs he possessed while on probation.

At the conclusion, Rabe sentenced Martinez to the 40-year prison term.

Due to the nature of the offense, Martinez must serve at least half of the sentence before becoming parole eligible.

"As illustrated by this defendant, some people will never stop committing crimes," said Caudle.

"We are very thankful that Judge Rabe handed down a sentence harsh enough that we will likely never have to deal with Joe Martinez again."



Halsey competes at state

Avery Halsey was the lone student to represent Clarendon High School at the University Interscholastic League state meet at the University of Texas in Austin last week. Halsey made it to state in 2023 in Copy Editing but did not place in the top six places. Her goal was to make it back to state her senior year and place. She met her goal and finished fifth in the state. What an accomplishment to end her senior year! Congratulations, Avery!

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Recalling past graduations

This weekend, I like thousands of others gathered for college graduations. This is a time of great joy. For myself I watched my oldest son walk across the stage at the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma where I have taught for the past 13 years. Best graduation I have attended. I walked across a similar stage 24 years ago at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia. That prestigious institution awarded its first degrees in 1700, and while in many ways the two graduations looked similar the 300-year time span has also brought about some major changes.

The look is the same as the basic academic regalia has not changed much since before even colonial times. Academic wear in Europe was taken from religious clerical robes worn during the Middle Ages and brought over to the colonies when institutes of higher learning were developed starting with Harvard in 1636 followed by my own William and Mary in 1696.

Over the years the gowns have standardized, allowing for identification of degrees and academic fields. In 1893 several of the Ivies got together and created the Intercollegiate Code on Academic Costume which identified the degree, subject and alma mater. The degree is shown by the robes. The bachelor's degree is the basic black, or school colors, robe everyone is familiar with. The master's degree is the same robe but with long pointy sleeves. The Ph.D. is a much fancier robe and includes velvet strips on the sleeves and velvet down the front. Most robes are black, but some schools do give the option of school colors. The color of the velvet represents the type of doctorate earned, most are blue for the Doctor of Philosophy or Ph.D. The Ph.D. also wears a multi-sided tam instead of the mortarboard.

The hood is much more complicated. The colors represent where and what you studied. My own hood is red and white. Red for the University of Arkansas where I earned my Ph.D. and white for humanities. Some fields are much more specific than history.

Other traditions are much newer. For instance, Pomp and Circumstances was first performed in 1902 to honor the coronation of King Edward VII of Great Britain. The next year Yale invited its composer over to America to award him an honorary degree and so naturally played the song. Once Yale played it everyone else followed suit.

One of the major changes are the ceremonies themselves. Through colonial times and the first 100 years or so of America the ceremony was about celebrating the graduates. As public speaking was seen as one of the most prized attributes of a graduate, they did the speaking. There would be several addresses from graduating students and in several languages showing off their talents and knowledge. In modern times, as oration is less stressed and appreciated, graduation ceremonies changed. To honor graduates, a speaker was chosen to address the crowds. Most were associated with the college in some way, but by the 1960s it was more about the celebrity speaker.

Historically speaking, a few commencement speeches stand above others yet are not recognized as such today. I did several Google searches for the best, most important and most significant graduation speeches and pretty much each search produced the same list: Steve Jobs, Bill Gates, a bunch of actors, Barack Obama and even Taylor Swift.

I recognize that is what the modern students are hoping for, but there were a couple speeches in the 1950s that had an impact and did not make any of the 30 or so lists I saw. The first comes from my favorite Brit, Winston Churchill. In 1946 he was coming off a victory over the Nazis only to lose reelection. When Westminster College, a small college in Fulton, Missouri, reached out to President Harry Truman to ask Churchill to speak, Truman sent a note to his friend encouraging it. Churchill gladly accepted and gave one of the more important foreign policy speeches in history.

During his address Churchill recognized the horrors of the past war but also warned the days ahead might be just as dark with the communists' control growing. Preparing his audience for the upcoming fight he said, "From Stettin in the Baltic to Trieste in the Adriatic, an iron curtain has descended across the continent," and coined the term that would come to represent the divide between the free and communist worlds.

In that same mode, Secretary of State George Marshall gave the commencement speech at Harvard the following year. He also feared the growing threat of communism and worried that with the dismal economic condition in Europe that they may be susceptible. Marshall said, "It is logical that the United States should do whatever it is able to do to assist in the return of normal economic health in the world, without which there can be no political stability and no assured peace. Our policy is directed not against any country or doctrine but against hunger, poverty, desperation, and chaos."

With his speech the Marshall Plan was born which gave \$13.3 billion in aid for European recovery following World War II. For many, this aid was responsible for stopping communists' infiltration in Western Europe.

The modern-day commencement speeches are far away from student speeches in Latin or arenas for foreign policy proposals. This does not mean they do not have value as most are intended to inspire students. While Thomas Jefferson, 1762 graduate of William and Mary and not a classmate of mine, may not recognize today's graduation, it is a great time for families and graduates to celebrate their accomplishments.

Congratulations to all the grads out there. I am sure your families are as proud of you as I am of my son.

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Civil War hero made holiday official

By Tom Emery

Memorial Day celebrations began to spring up on local levels just after the Civil War. But a Civil War hero from Illinois was the first to make it official.

Maj. Gen. John A. Logan, one of the great volunteer officers of the war, is credited by many as the first to declare Memorial Day an official holiday. Logan declared an official holiday as commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, the foremost Civil War veterans' organization, in 1868.

Though Logan was the first to establish a national remembrance, there is considerable debate on the site of the actual first Memorial Day commemoration.

"There's a lot of controversy on that," said Michael Jones, director of the Gen. John A. Logan Museum in Murphysboro, Ill., before his death in October 2023. "There was a Memorial Day celebration in Woodlawn Cemetery in nearby Carbondale in which Logan was the keynote speaker, and I believe that played a role."

The Carbondale celebration, on April 29, 1866, is thought by many to be the nation's first community-wide observance. Some 212 area veterans participated in the event.

However, Jones notes a discrepancy on the inspiration for Logan's action even within his own family. In her autobiography *Reminiscences of a Soldier's Wife*, Logan's wife Mary cites her own experience at a cemetery in Petersburg, Va. in 1868.

"Mrs. Logan saw the withered flowers and flags that had been placed in honor of the Confederates buried there," remarked Jones. "She described this to her husband and said he should do something similar, which she says was

the basis for his national declaration. She never mentions the Carbondale event."

Whatever the reason, Logan was moved to take Memorial Day a step further. On May 5, 1868, he issued General Order No. 11, designating May 30 for "the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion."

Logan's order stated that "no form or ceremony is prescribed," but that individuals and communities were left to their own "fitting services and testimonials...cherishing tenderly the memory of our heroic dead."

In the first year of Logan's declaration, an estimated 183 cemeteries hosted observances for Memorial Day, more commonly known as Decoration Day.

A crowd of some 5,000, including keynote speaker and future President James A. Garfield, attended the first Memorial Day ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery that May 30. The following year, the remembrance was marked in over 336 communities in thirty-one states.

While the original order clearly applied to Northern soldiers, informal commemorations in the South became some of the earliest Memorial Day observances. Recent scholarly research also reveals a mass celebration, mostly of African-Americans, in Charleston, S.C. on May 1, 1865.

There, a parade of some 10,000, including black Union infantry units, marched to a local horse track that had been converted to a prison for Union soldiers. Black workmen had re-buried at least 257 Union dead from a mass grave, inspiring the large gathering that included hymns, reading of scripture, and placing of flowers.

In 1864, women in Boalsburg, Pa. decorated the graves of their local dead soldiers, some whom had died at Gettysburg.

On April 25, 1866, just days before the Carbondale celebration, a group of ladies in Columbus, Miss. placed flowers on the graves of Confederates who died at the battle of Shiloh. Noticing some nearby Union graves that had been neglected due to lingering animosities, they also laid some flowers to honor those soldiers.

On May 5, 1866, the town of Waterloo, N.Y. began an annual community event to commemorate war dead. A century later, President Lyndon Johnson and Congress declared Waterloo as the "birthplace" of Memorial Day.

In 1967, Congress officially named May 30 as Memorial Day, though many elderly Americans still refer to the holiday by its traditional name, Decoration Day.

Four years later, the Uniform Monday Holiday Act switched the holiday to the final Monday in May. Though Memorial Day has become a three-day weekend and the kickoff to summer for many, thousands of communities from coast to coast still celebrate the day itself.

Jones sees parallels in today's Memorial Day celebrations and the deeper meaning of Logan's General Order No. 11.

"I think Logan's primary purpose was his fear, which is shared by many of us," remarked Jones, "that all of the veterans would be forgotten. He wanted to ensure that we will still honor the men who died to keep the republic."

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Where in the world do we go now?

Where Do We Go From Here?...

The old hymn declares that we are marching to higher ground. Our prevailing culture, however, suggests otherwise.

Consider a joke making the rounds at the turn of the century when the internet was beginning to take hold. A couple of 10-year-olds were chatting aimlessly during summer doldrums. Something about Washington, DC came up. "What does the 'DC' stand for?" one asked.

"I'm not sure," the other responded. "Maybe Dot Com?"....

We chuckled, half-thinking that even 10-year-olds might "get it right" about the District of Columbia.

Now, let's fast-forward to the here and now. A new set of kids ponders the same question.

"I think I know," one responded, "Maybe Den of Confusion." The other chimed in, "It might be District of Conflict, District of Chaos, or even Dire Consequences." Perhaps we all need to search again for DC's original intent....

For the masses, things seem upside down. We are confounded by multiple challenges leading to much head-scratching.

Sometimes I find news accounts confounding and often trivial. For example, I read the other day that hundreds of species of fish are getting smaller. This is purportedly true; you can look it up.

Scientists claim that warming temperatures and loss of oxygen in the sea are inducing shrinkage of such fish as tunas, groupers and salmon, notably since 1960. It started near the Arctic Circle. Now, nearly three-fourths of

marine fish populations sampled worldwide have seen substantial decrease in body weight, as much as 16% in 64 years....

Should such diminishment continue, some changes seem to be inevitable. Future fishing hooks and grills may be smaller. Game wardens may have to change the length of fish deemed legal to take home.

Tellers of fish tales – and there are many – may have to shorten the distance of outstretched hands used to describe the length of trophy catches. One day they may even brag about catching one "this short," with hands barely separated!

For folks usually seeing fish only in grocery store meat sections, this "news" may seem trivial. For true fishermen, however, most "fishy" topics can find their way into stories worthy of hearing....

One such sportsman was the late David Gilley. His was a well-ordered life. He and Marijane, his wife of some 54 years, raised two sons, Lance and Blake, who became the center of their parents' universe. David, a Cleburne High School graduate who aimed for the stars early on, not only excelled in football, but also was winner of the Kiwanis Club's Sportsmanship Award in 1966.

Each season of life brought new blessings for the Gilleys, who jointly

made in doing "all things family."

He coached his sons in both YMCA football and Little League baseball, and was a board member for years of Western Little League. Later, he and Marijane supported both sons in junior high school and at San Angelo Central High School, both on and off the playing fields.

And did they ever value summers, immersed in water sports. He taught his sons (and numerous others) how to water ski and was a proud member of the Concho Bass Club. In 1998, David caught a Lake Nasworthy bass that weighed in at 12.43 pounds, a record catch....

All this to say that this Christian gentleman, with a 41-year Santa Fe Railroad career, learned early on what was important, always treading the trail of giving back. That's what he did for his wife and family, including five grandchildren and legions of others he guided and befriended.

A true sportsman, he shared the story of his prized fish catch many times, gesturing it to be "this long!" Now, here's ironclad proof of his love for both family and fishing. He bragged that his record fish was bigger than his first grandbaby who was born three months later!

Kiwanians recognized this true sportsman nearly 60 years ago. Thousands of others he taught along the way fully agree....

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'Tis the season for wildlife encounters

Whether hiking remote trails or backyard gardening, 'tis the season for Texans to encounter the offspring of many wildlife species.

While concern for the safety of these seemingly defenseless creatures — oftentimes found alone — may motivate citizens to handle or move the animals, experts with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service warn these well-meaning actions more often cause harm than good.

"It's important to realize that the natural adaptations and behaviors we may see juvenile wildlife display can be easily misinterpreted," said Jacob Dykes, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension wildlife specialist, Corpus Christi. "This time of year, we hear of so many human and wildlife encounters that are not only unnecessary and potentially detrimental to the wildlife but are against the law."

According to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, the state agency responsible for managing and protecting wildlife and wildlife habitat, possessing wildlife without a permit is unlawful.

"As biologists, even we are required to possess proper permits to handle wildlife for research," said Dykes, who also serves as an assistant professor in the Texas A&M College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Department of Rangeland, Wildlife and Fisheries Management. "This is especially true for species that are state or federally threatened and protected under the Endangered Species Act."

To avoid these potential legal infractions and benefit wildlife altogether, Dykes said citizens should educate themselves on what to do if they encounter juvenile wildlife.

While it may be unthinkable for a human to leave a child unattended for hours at a time, it's common practice for wildlife.

Many species spend time away from their young for various reasons, including to search for food and prevent their presence from attracting predators.

A prime example is white-tailed deer.

"Within 10 hours of birth, a doe will move the fawn to another area, and the fawn will instinctively bed

down in vegetation," Dykes said. While the fawn is concealed, the doe will venture away to not only forage, but prevent her presence from attracting attention to her young.

"This is a key predator-avoiding strategy and the one likely responsible for the 'abandoned' fawn idea," he said. "In fact, for the first few weeks of life, the doe and fawn spend most of their time apart."

Even if someone encounters a lone fawn, Dykes said it's likely that the mother is nearby, as she returns throughout the day to nurse and consume any waste produced by the fawn — yet another way to prevent predators from detecting the fawn.

Unfortunately, humans often misinterpret this behavior.

A state-certified wildlife rehabilitator study found, in some years, 40% or more of the fawns referred to them for care were not orphaned or injured, but inadvertently taken from their mothers. Based on anecdotal data, they believe the situation for baby birds is similar or worse.

"Many believe that mother birds never leave their nest unattended, but that's just not the case," Dykes said.

In fact, if a killdeer, which is a large plover bird often found along shorelines, senses that a potential predator is getting too close to the nest, she will feign an injury away from that area to distract attention from her young, Dykes said.

Just like human young, juvenile wildlife also must learn to navigate the world. And, just like humans, this learning period isn't always graceful.

Young birds develop wing feathers large enough for flight as fledglings. During this time, they also make their first attempts to leave their nest.

"Baby birds can and do leave their nest before they can successfully fly," Dykes said. "They almost always end up on the ground hopping around for a while before they get the hang of things."

During this time, avian parents will continue to monitor and provide the young with food.

Dykes said it is a myth that the scent of a human will cause wildlife

to abandon their young, so if someone does touch the bird to place it back in a nest, it will not be negatively impacted. However, Dykes said doing so is neither ideal nor necessary.

"The young of many wildlife species will not retreat when approached but rather hunker down," he said. "This can lead to the misperception that they are abandoned or in need of assistance."

Dykes said people should also consider the potential human health risks of contact with wildlife. There are concerns of possible disease or parasite transmission from wildlife to humans, livestock and pets.

"For example, all mammals, including us, are susceptible to rabies. Critters such as raccoons, which are often 'rescued,' are one of the most common wildlife carriers of the disease," Dykes said.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, more than 90% of reported rabies cases in the U.S. occur in wildlife. Other common zoonotic diseases include brucellosis, trichinosis and Lyme disease, which is carried by ticks.

Around a home, residents who find a fawn bedded down in a flower bed or a bird out of its nest should leave the animal alone and secure any pets, such as dogs, that might harass the young or prevent the mother from returning.

When wildlife are in a place where they might be harmed or put people at risk, witnesses should notify a game warden.

"For example, if you find a fawn in a parking lot or place of business, contact a game warden so the fawn can be safely removed," he said. "In cases warranting intervention, game wardens should always be the first point of contact for concerned residents."

Texans can identify the game wardens who serve their county to have this information on hand.

"We all have a soft spot for wildlife," Dykes said. "Let's work together to ensure they have the best chances of survival."

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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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ANSWER:

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Run-off Election May 28

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the lion's tale
by roger estlack

The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting May 21, 2024, with Boss Lion Pro Tem Richard Green in charge.

We had 14 members present, one member attending virtually, and two guests this week.

Our program this week was brought by Bret Franks, who coaches the Clarendon College rodeo program. Franks grew up in Guymon and attended Panhandle State University, where he also later ran the rodeo program there. For the last several years, he has led the CC program. Franks talked about his life and his philosophy for teaching kids. He said CC typically gets students who truly want to improve themselves and said graduation rates prove that. The CC rodeo program competes in the largest and toughest regions in the nation, which improves their chances when they advance to the national competition. Franks said that he has taken the CC men's team to nationals three times and won it twice now. There are about 25 on the men's team and 15 on the women's team, with additional students participating in ranch horse and other programs.

Lion Roger Estlack reported on a successful State Lions Convention, which attracted about 370 Lions to Amarillo last weekend. Lion Ashlee Estlack chaired the event and several other Clarendon Lions helped make it a success, including Lions Anndria Newhouse, Lauren Graves, Landon Lambert, and David Dockery in addition to Sweetheart Emma Roys and Junior Lions Matthew Newhouse, Monroe Newhouse, Ben Estlack, and Ella Estlack.

Sign-ups were held for Lions helping with the flag service this year, and plans were made to set flags out at Citizens Cemetery for Memorial Day. Lions were also encouraged to help with the Senior Thang on June 1.

There being no further business, we were adjourned.

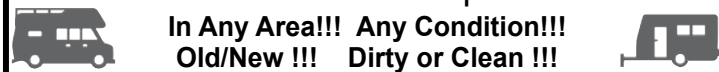
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We will be closed Monday, May 27, 2024.



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May 24 & 25
Double Feature • The Garfield Movie & If • Gates open @ 6:30 p.m. • Movie starts @ Dusk • Sandell Drive In Theatre

May 25
Clarendon Aquatics Center Season Opening • 1:00 p.m.

May 26
The Fall Guy • 2:00 p.m. • Mulkey Theater

June 1
Trash to Treasures Garage Sale Event. Multiple garage sales in and near Clarendon starting at 8 a.m. • Maps available at ClarendonLive.com the week of the event. Sales must register by May 24 • Call 874-2259 to sign up.

June 1
That Senior Thang Games, activities, and food booths for the whole family • Donley County Senior Citizens Center

June 7
Route 66 Festival - Jericho Star Party Food trucks and vintage cars gather on the old Mother Road in Jericho starting at 8 p.m. for stargazing.

Menus
May 24 - 26

Donley County Senior Citizens
Mon: Closed
Tue: Meatloaf, pinto beans, side salad, cornbread, cherry cobbler, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Baked chicken, bow tie pasta, green beans, whole wheat roll, peach cobbler, iced tea/2% milk.
Thurs: Chili dog on a bun, baked beans, marinated cucumbers & onions, oatmeal raisin cookie, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Pulled pork sandwich, hoagie roll, French fries, coleslaw, melon, peanut butter cookie, iced tea/2% milk.

Hedley Senior Citizens
Mon: Closed
Tue: French onion porkchop, mashed red skin potatoes, buttered carrots, ginger molasses cookies, whole wheat roll, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Chicken fried steak, country gravy, homemade mashed potatoes, brown rice, California blend vegetables, banana pudding, whole wheat buttermilk biscuit, iced tea/2% milk.
Thurs: Beef brisket, scalloped potatoes, chopped spinach, carrot cake w/cream cheese frosting, whole wheat buttermilk biscuit, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Sloppy Joe, onion rings, coleslaw, banana, iced tea/2% milk.

Jaramillo graduates from Wayland Baptist

Aubrey Jaramillo of Clarendon has graduated from Wayland Baptist University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Sociology. Wayland graduates received their diplomas during ceremonies held Saturday, May 18, 2024, in the Hutcherson Center on Wayland's Plainview campus. Dr. Cindy McClenagan, Vice president for Academic Affairs, presented the candidates for degrees to Dr. Bobby Hall, President, who conferred degrees. He was assisted by Mark Jones, chair of Wayland's Board of Trustees.

Hall gave the President's Charge, and Luke J. Brockway, a graduating senior from Kilgore, presented the Student Address. Dylan Lee Jerden, a graduating senior from New Deal, read Philippians 1:6 from the Bible. Dr. Sarah Herrington, Assistant Professor of Music Education and Director of Choral Studies, directed the singing of Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing and then later the sing of the Alma Mater.

Following an invocation by Paten Czarina Denton, a graduating senior from Conway, AR, Hans Christian Doughtie, a graduating senior from Houston, led the "Pledge to the United States Flag" and the "Pledge to the Christian Flag." Jaramillo gave the benediction.

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Law enforcement to step up seat belt ticketing

In the time it takes to read this sentence, Texans can click their seat belt and save themselves from an early grave – and save their loved ones from the sorrow of preventable loss.

While millions wear their seat belts every day as drivers or passengers, unbuckled drivers and passengers accounted for 1,183 – that's 28 percent – of the more than 4,200 lives lost on Texas roads last year, and nearly half of all fatalities where someone could have worn a seat belt.

The harsh reality is that life can be ripped away from our loved ones in the blink of an eye – especially if they're not wearing a seat belt.

"If only David had buckled up that day, he'd still be with us," said Doreen Palestrant, the mother of a 17-year-old Kerrville high school football player who lost his life in a November 2021 rollover crash that took his life. David, who was unbuckled in the back seat, died at

the scene when the pickup he was riding in rolled several times.

"There's not a day that goes by that I don't think about my son," she said. "In my son's memory, I encourage all Texans to always wear their seat belt, whether for a short trip around the block or a longer trip across town."

TxDOT's annual Click It or Ticket campaign aims to save lives by getting drivers and passengers to wear their seat belt 100 percent of the time.

"Buckling up is both the simplest and most effective safety decision that most of us make every day," said TxDOT Executive Director Marc Williams. "No one ever expects to be in a crash, and that's why it's so important to always put your seat belt on every time you get in a vehicle. The one time you skip it could be the time you pay the price."

In addition to conducting educational outreach, the campaign

partners with Texas law enforcement around the state to step up enforcement of seat belt and car seat laws from May 20 through June 2, including Memorial Day weekend.

Texas law requires everyone in a vehicle to buckle up or face fines and court costs up to \$200. Children younger than 8 years old must be in a child safety seat or booster seat unless they're taller than 4 feet 9 inches. If they aren't properly restrained, the driver faces fines up to \$250 plus court costs. TxDOT offers free safety seat inspections across the state. TxDOT's Click It or Ticket campaign is a key component of #EndTheStreakTX, a broader social media and word-of-mouth effort that encourages drivers to make safer choices while behind the wheel to help end the streak of daily deaths. Nov. 7, 2000, was the last deathless day on Texas roadways.



The Golden Needles Quilting Club finish work on this Arkansas Crossroads quilt to raffle at the Senior Thang. COURTESY PHOTO

Golden Needles work on quilt for raffle

The Golden Needles Quilting Club met last week and finished a beautiful quilt top that came from the late Tiny Alderson.

This quilt is titled Arkansas Crossroads and is an eight-patch scrappy block pattern with white "cross road" blocks alternating. This awesome hand quilted quilt will be raffled off with funds going to

the Donley County Senior Citizens Center.

Get your tickets at the center or buy them that day at the Senior Thang on June 1.

Members attending last week were Francis Smith, Gay Cole, Janan Koontz, Louella Slater, Dortha Reynolds, Annis Stavenhagen, and Allene Leathers.



John Molder

Molder marks 33 years with city

Clarendon Public Works Director John Molder celebrated his 33rd anniversary as a city employee Monday, May 20.

Molder started with the city May 20, 1991, and was promoted to Director of Public Works after the loss of former city superintendent Jim Roberts in July 2009. In all that time, Molder has spent many late nights and early mornings dealing with repairs to water and sewer lines in addition to his "regular hours" job of keeping the city's infrastructure in working order.

He has helped several administrators learn about the city's systems, and he's the only person who knows the in's and out's of the city's infrastructure like the back of his hand.

The citizens of Clarendon owe him their thanks for his services and for the many things he does behind the scenes to keep this town running smoothly.

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Four pleas heard last week in District Court

One Donley County was among the four pleas heard by the 100th Judicial District Court when it met Monday, May 13, in Carson County.

District Attorney Luke Inman, along with Assistant District Attorney Harley Caudle, prosecuted the cases for the State of Texas, with the Honorable Judge Dale Rabe presiding.

Janette Dichell Porter, 38, from Temple, was placed on ten years' probation for the third degree felony offense of assault on a public servant.

Porter was arrested on April 18 by Donley County Sheriff's Deputy Bernard Rivera. Porter pleaded to an information filed by the State on May 13.

Porter was also ordered to pay a \$500 fine, \$450 in attorney fees, \$290 in court costs, and complete 200 hours of community service.

If her probation is revoked, Porter faces up to ten years in prison.

Justin Dale Crain, 53, from Amarillo, was sentenced to five years in prison for the third degree felony offense of prohibited substance or items in a correctional facility.

Crain was arrested on March 13 by Carson County Sheriff's Deputy Ethan Derrick. Crain pleaded to an information filed by the State on May 13, 2024.

Crain was also ordered to pay \$81,695.25 in restitution, \$180 in lab fees, and \$340 in court costs.

Elizabeth Ann Sharp, 40, from Peryton, was placed on 10 years of probation for the third degree felony offense of evading arrest in a motor vehicle.

Sharp was arrested on March 20 by Carson County Sheriff's Deputy Matt Wadsworth. Sharp pleaded to an information filed by the State on

May 13.

Sharp was also ordered to pay a \$10,000 fine, \$340 in court costs, \$450 in attorney fees, and complete 200 hours of community service. If her probation is revoked, Sharp faces up to ten years in prison.

Alamm Rueben Estrada, 34, from Borger, was placed on four years' probation for the third degree felony offense of possession of a controlled substance, cocaine.

Estrada was arrested on October 26, 2023, by Carson County Sheriff's Deputy Lonny Leinenweaver. Estrada pleaded to an information filed by the State on May 13.

Estrada was also ordered to pay a \$4,000 fine, \$340 in court costs, \$450 in attorney fees, \$180 in restitution, \$180 in lab fees, and complete 200 hours of community service. If his probation is revoked, Estrada faces up to ten years in prison.

CISD Board of Trustees accept resignations

The Clarendon CISD Board of Trustees met May 13 to hire new faculty and to accept resignations from retiring teachers and personnel taking jobs elsewhere.

After meeting in closed session for less than an hour, the board returned to open session to accept resignations from the following employees: Trae Hannon, Boston Hudson, Tina Lacey, Terri Luna, Brandi Moffett, Carrie Moss, Tyson Pate, and Leslie White.

The board then approved a motion to offer contracts to Harley Schafer, Nate Hennington, and Chrislyn Farris.

In other business, the board heard administrative reports from Athletic Director Aaron Wampler, Elementary Principal Cynthia Bessent, CJH Principal Jenifer Pigg, CHS Principal John Moffett, Counselor Jenae Ashbrook, Federal Programs Director Jen Bellar, and Superintendent Jarod Bellar.

Election results of the May bond and school board elections were canvassed by the board, and the Oath of Office was administered to Wayne Hardin and Taylor Shelton.

Trustees accepted a roofing proposal from M&R Roofing and Construction through the Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS) as presented, and the board acknowledged the Dual Credit Handbook as presented for the 2024-2025 academic year.

Most operators complying with groundwater rules

In December of 2018, the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District Board (PGCD) of Directors, changed the implementation of the one acre-foot production rule to require all permitted wells producing more than 35 gallons per minute to be metered and to certify contiguous acreage.

The one acre-foot rule is the longstanding production rule adopted by the District's Board of Directors in 2004 to ensure the District would conserve and preserve the Ogallala Aquifer.

The change in implementation became the District's new Operating Permit process. In 2019, the District worked with operators across its eight counties to get these Operat-

ing Permits in place. The District was considerate, fair, and impartial to all permittees by giving time to meter wells and allowing production to be calculated on a 4-year average, which allowed every operator to be measured in the same period with the same metering and permitting criteria.

The year 2023 marked the end of the first four-year reporting period. District Staff recently completed its evaluation of the 4-year average and is proud to announce that 98 percent of operators are in compliance with the 1 acre-foot rule. The District would like to congratulate operators on their efforts to conserve our groundwater.

District General Manager

Britney Britten is pleased with the results and looks forward to continuing to work with water users. She said, "PGCD Board has set a reasonable and impartial policy that holds all operating permit holders accountable. One of the great successes of this new permitting system is working with individual operators. I know our Staff and Board have learned a lot through this process. The data collected from these meters not only helps the Board make well-informed decisions, but it also helps us better educate all water users."

For more information, questions, or concerns, please contact: Britney Britten at 806-883-2501 or by email at britney@pgcd.us

Bill would rename Fritch Post Office for fallen chief

WASHINGTON, DC — US Rep. Ronny Jackson (TX-13) introduced legislation last week to rename the U.S. Post Office in Fritch the "Chief Zeb Smith Post Office."

Fire Chief Zeb Smith lost his life while in search of a family whose house was on fire. This tragedy occurred during a time when Fritch and the surrounding communities in the Panhandle were witnessing record-breaking wildfires that destroyed over 1.2 million acres of land, claimed multiple lives, and killed thousands of head of cattle.

Senator Ted Cruz is leading the companion legislation in the Senate.

"Fire Chief Zeb Smith paid the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty during the devastating wildfires that scorched the Panhandle," Jackson said. "He left this world far too

soon and is leaving behind a legacy as one of Fritch's bravest and finest firefighters. Zeb's heroism was without exception, and I am extremely proud to introduce this legislation appropriately naming the Fritch post office after somebody who was so selfless and brave in the communities he spent years protecting and serving. I also want to thank Chief Zeb's family and the community for supporting this renaming, and I look forward to seeing this legislation passing out of the House of Representatives and the residents of Fritch utilizing the mail services at the "Chief Zeb Smith Post Office."

Fritch City Manager Christina Athey said the city is grateful to Chief Smith for his service and dedication to the community, and she thanked Jackson and Cruz for honor-

ing him.

Smith was born on November 14, 1983. He grew up in Borger, Texas, and went to Borger schools where he graduated in May 2002. He became a firefighter in 2016 at the Borger Chevron Phillips Fire Service.

He then joined the Fritch Volunteer Fire Department the following year. In May of 2020, he became the FVFD Chief, and he played a vital role in fighting the historic wildfires that engulfed the Texas Panhandle in 2024.

Zeb is survived by his two sons Zane Smith and Braylan Brown, parents Joe and Lisa Smith, siblings Jennifer, Jessika, Matt, and Cody, Grandma Winnie Litterell, and 10 nieces and nephews.



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| 10. Able to make amends | 36. Before |
| 12. Tight-knit group | 37. Actor Nicolas |
| 13. Gland | 38. Not hot |
| 14. Intestinal pouches | 39. Talk |
| 15. Fungal spores | 40. Pledge |
| 16. Erstwhile | 41. Abandon a mission |
| 17. Engine additive | 44. Trims by cutting |
| 18. Nasal mucus | 45. Aspects of one's character |
| 19. Fit a horse with footwear | 48. Boxing GOAT's former surname |
| 21. Consumed | 49. Holy places |
| 22. Settle | 50. Body art (slang) |
| 27. Larry and Curly's pal | 51. Attributes |
| 28. Basketball's GOAT | |

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| 2. American Nat'l Standards Institute | 26. Santa's helper |
| 3. Information | 29. Rapper __ Rule |
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| 5. Keyboard key | 31. Word formed by rearranging letters |
| 6. Born of | 32. Nullifies |
| 7. Choose to represent | 35. Young woman ready to enter society |
| 8. Small European freshwater fish | 36. Unemployment |
| 9. Everyone has their own | 38. Weight unit |
| 10. Line from the center of a polygon | 40. Formal party |
| 11. Lebanese city | 41. Computer language |
| 12. Type of watercraft | 42. Residue formula in math |
| 14. A way to twist | 43. Duty or responsibility |
| 17. Soviet Socialist Republic | 44. Part of (abbr.) |
| 18. Greek island | 45. Time zone |
| 20. Medical practitioner | 46. Body part |
| 23. __ DeGaulle, French President | 47. Nucleic acid |
| 24. Partner to "oohed" | |



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Ropes ends Broncos playoff run

By Sandy Anderberg

The Clarendon Broncos had a great season and played hard in the playoffs but exited early with two losses to Ropes in Plainview last week finishing with an 18-3-2 record.

The first game of the best of three series was a hard-fought battle by both teams, and the pitchers were able to manage the game strategically. Ropes won 1-0. Bronco senior Harrison Howard was at the helm in the first game and threw for five and a third innings. In his time on the mound Howard allowed four hits and one run. He posted nine strikeouts. Fellow senior Easton Frausto took over the duties for the final innings and faced six batters striking out two.

Both teams struggled to get

anything going until the third when Ropes earned their first run of the game. The Broncos only recorded two hits in the game. Levi Gates hit a single and Howard knocked down a double. The final four innings produced no runs for either team and the Eagles went one game up over the Broncos.

The second game ended in seven innings with Ropes taking the win at 5-0. Jared Musick was on the mound for the Broncos just under six innings and allowed four hits, five runs, and had two strikes as he went the distance and posted five Bronco strikeouts.

The Eagles got things going in the opening inning when a batter was hit by a pitch with all three bases loaded to score one run. The Broncos were not able to get anything going

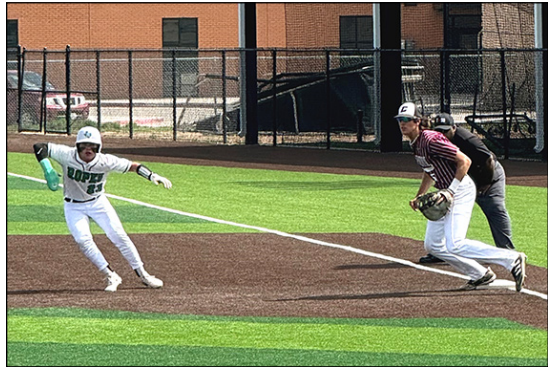
the first inning. Musick was able to go three up, three down in the second and third innings, but Ropes came to home plate determined to put runs on the board in the fourth. With two outs on the board, Musick walked two batters before a hit brought one Eagle home. A couple of errors in the field allowed Ropes to get two more runs before the inning was over. They were able to score their final run in the sixth inning. The Broncos were able to put runners on the bases, but a double play ended their chance at extending their post-season play.

The Bronco seniors will be missed next year as they all have played an important role in their four years in high school. Congratulations to seniors Easton Frausto, Jared Musick, Levi Gates, Waite Dushay, and Harrison Howard.



Senior Jared Musick was on the mound in game two against Ropes in Plainview last Friday.

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First baseman Levi Gates tries to catch a Ropes runner trying to steal.

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Bronco Harrison Howard catches for the Broncos last week in Plainview

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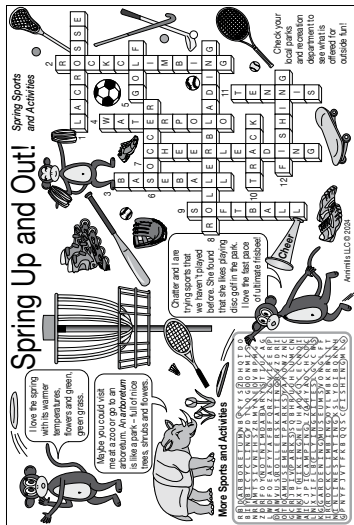
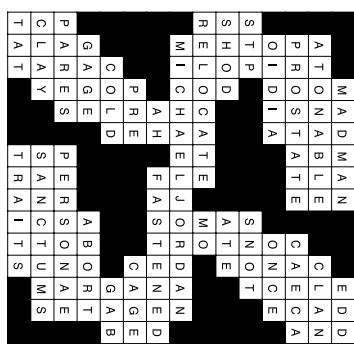
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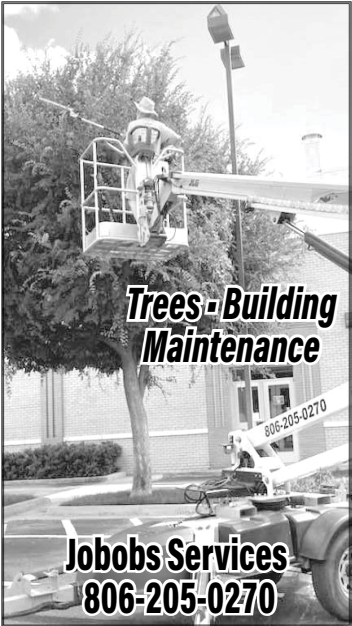
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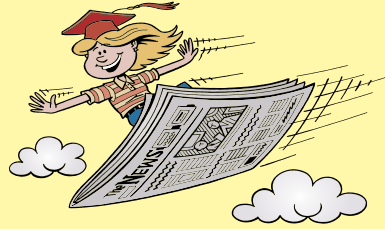
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Mosquito season: How to control and prevent bites

That familiar buzz and bite means mosquito season in Texas is here, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife entomologist.

Sonja Swiger, Ph.D., Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service entomologist and professor in the Texas A&M College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Department of Entomology, Stephenville, said biting mosquitoes are a seasons-long problem that often changes based on the environment.

Swiger said the species present and whether mosquitoes are simply a nuisance or a disease vector likely depends on the environmental conditions.

Temperature plays a role in mosquito emergence, but water availability is a major contributor to what mosquito species might be reproducing around your home.

Rainfall, especially with multiple storm systems that have saturated and flooded areas around the state, can significantly contribute to a boom in mosquito populations, Swiger said.

Swiger divides mosquitoes into three categories – floodwater, container and stagnant – with emergence related to the environment they prefer.

Some mosquitoes prefer clear floodwater that collects in ditches. Others prefer to develop immature larvae in water that collects in items around the house like wheelbarrows, buckets and birdbaths. Stagnant puddles in hot, dry weather are the preferred developmental environment for other mosquitoes, including species that carry diseases like West Nile virus.

“Mosquitoes come in waves and can overlap as the season progresses,” she said. “It can help to understand what type you are dealing with, how to do your part to control them around your home, and how to protect yourself and your family because we are in mosquito season.”

Floodwater mosquitoes are the first to emerge after rain events, Swiger said.

Heavy rains leave the ground saturated and create standing puddles in ditches and low spots in fields and lawns. Floodwater mosquito larvae emerge quickly after water becomes available. Eggs are placed there by females and wait for water, sometimes two to five years before rainfall reaches them depending on the species, Swiger said.

Floodwater mosquitoes are typically larger and more aggressive. These types of mosquitoes are often the persistent biters from dawn to dusk, Swiger said.

“The potential for standing water could make their habitat more

widespread, which will make them a greater issue for more people than normal,” she said. “Any location that is holding water, even in saturated grassy areas, could be a breeding ground.”

Swiger said females lay more eggs in the moist soil around puddles, and either more larvae emerge or they go dormant and wait for water to return. Subsequent rains can wash larvae downstream but can also trigger dormant mosquito eggs.

Container mosquitoes, which include the Aedes species identified by its black and white body and white striped legs, typically emerge next. Female mosquitoes lay eggs in anything holding water – from tires, buckets and wheelbarrows to gutters, unkept pools and trash cans. They prefer clearer, fresher water, and females are constantly looking for good sites for larvae to develop.

Container mosquitoes like Aedes are daytime feeders but can be opportunistic at nighttime when large groups of people gather, Swiger said.

Culex, a mosquito species that prefers stagnant pools of water with high bacteria content, typically emerge as waters recede and dry summer conditions set in and create development sites in low-lying areas. These are the disease carriers that concern the public and health officials, Swiger said. It is not easy to forecast their emergence because their ideal environment can be washed away by additional rains or dried up by extreme heat and drought, Swiger said.

In rural areas, bogs, pooled creek beds or standing water in large containers such as barrels, trash cans or wheelbarrows can make a good habitat for Culex. In the city, mosquitoes can develop in small pools in dried up creeks or other low spots, but most urban issues occur underground in storm drains where water can sit and stagnate.

“It’s difficult to predict when or where these mosquitoes might become a problem,” she said. “Widespread heavy rain makes it even more difficult to predict.”

Swiger said reducing mosquito numbers in your location and the use of spray repellents are a good start when it comes to protecting yourself from bites. Covering exposed skin with long-sleeved shirts and long pants help as well.

Making recommendations for protecting people or locations from mosquitoes can be tricky, Swiger said. She does not recommend any repellents or mosquito repelling products that are not approved by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Anecdotal evidence exists that alternatives like essential oils repel mosquitoes, Swiger said. Spatial repellent devices like Thermacell are popular, however some people may balk at the chemical particles the units emit to create a barrier around a person or space.

Plants like citronella, geraniums, lemongrass, lavender, lantana, rosemary and petunias have been shown to repel mosquitoes, but Swiger said the distribution limits effectiveness for protecting a space. The number of plants and the location among other factors would weigh heavily into their effectiveness.

Candles and other smoke-based repellents fall into a similar category as plants, Swiger said.

“Protecting yourself with any spray-on, CDC-approved repellent like DEET, picaridin or lemon eucalyptus oil is my best recommendation anytime you go outside for an extended period,” she said. “Personal protectants are the only certainty against bites.”

Swiger said pets should be removed from areas with mosquito infestations. Small children should not be taken outdoors for long periods if mosquitoes are an issue because they can have adverse reactions to mosquito bites, and spray products should be used sparingly on them, especially babies. There are age restrictions for most repellents; no repellents on babies less than 2 months old and do not use lemon eucalyptus oil on children 3 and under.

“This time of year, it’s just best to limit their exposure to mosquitoes,” she said.

Controlling mosquitoes after widespread, heavy rains is difficult because their habitat can be so unpredictable, Swiger said. Container mosquitoes are a bit easier – remove the habitat by dumping the water or treat the water with granular or dunk larvicides.

Sprays or barrier treatments that kill adult mosquitoes are another option, but effectiveness is limited, Swiger said. Products that homeowners can apply only last 24 hours. Professionals can apply longer-lasting barrier products – typically pyrethroid-based or organic products – but their effectiveness degrades with time.

Some groups and municipalities initiate mosquito abatement programs, especially when major outbreaks occur or mosquitoes become a health risk, but they are temporary as well, Swiger said. They typically spray at night to kill adult mosquitoes, and the residue burns off in the sunlight after dawn.



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