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THIS WEEK

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- 4 The Cub Reporter is taking surveys to help get more grants for our community
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- 8 And dry weather brings risks to animals and crops.

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

Vandals hit highway signs in Donley County

Multiple signs were damaged and stolen in Donley County over the weekend along FM 2162 and SH 70.

Donley County TxDOT Supervisor Brian Miller said at least ten signs were damaged with one actually being removed.

"It looks like they just came up to them and pushed them down," Miller said. "It needs to stop."

Most of the signs were on FM 2162 with one stop sign being removed from SH 70 South.

TxDOT reminds the public that damaging and/or stealing roadway signs poses a risk to the traveling public. It's not a harmless prank.

Damaging, destroying, or stealing state property or state traffic control devices including road signs is a Class C misdemeanor if the damage is less than \$100; a Class B misdemeanor if the damage is between \$100 and \$750; a Class A misdemeanor if the damage is between \$750 and \$2,500.

The Class A crime is punishable

by up to \$4,000 in fines and up to one year in jail. If the damage is between \$2,500 and \$20,000, the crime is a state jail felony and is punishable by up to \$10,000 in fines and between 180 days and two years in state jail.

If you have information about the damaged signs, please call the Donley County Sheriff's Office at 806-874-3533.

To report missing roadway signs in the Childress District, contact the Public Information Officer at 940-937-7288.



A highway sign on FM 2162 was in the ditch Monday after a vandals hit several safety markers this weekend.

TxDOT PHOTO

Golf tournament to benefit CHS athletes

The Bronco Booster Club Classic will be held this Friday, August 4, at the Clarendon Country Club.

A \$5 chipping contest will be held at 11 a.m. followed by a \$5 putting contest at 11:30. Registration for the scramble begins at noon with a tee time of 1:00 p.m.

The cost is \$220 per team and includes two mulligans and a dinner. Prizes will be awarded for the top two teams with a maximum of 36 teams allowed.

Additional prizes will be awarded for the Closest to the Pin, Longest Putt, and a Hold in One along with door prize drawings, and raffle prizes.

Proceeds from the Bronco Booster Club Classic will benefit the athletic teams of Clarendon High School. To register, contact Sarah Hatley at 806-670-7643.

New program lets kids adopt Broncos

Kids in Clarendon's pre-kindergarten through sixth grade classes can participate in a new fun fundraiser called "Adopt a Bronco."

For \$40, a student can select a male or female athlete to adopt. The student will get a t-shirt, free admission to home athletic events, and a picture with their Bronco.

Contact the school at 806-310-7655 for a list of athletes, and forms should be returned to the school by Friday, August 18.

A Meet & Greet will be held at Bronco Stadium on August 24 at 7 p.m. where the kids will get their shirts and take their pictures with their adopted Bronco.

Registration starts at Clarendon, Hedley

School days are almost back for kids in Clarendon and Hedley with registration starting up.

Hedley CISD will have online registration on Wednesday, August 2, and Thursday, August 3, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Clarendon CISD returning student registration is August 9 from 3 to 7 p.m. Everyone will enter through the elementary to pick up a folder. Online forms need to be done before August 9 to make registration day go quicker. See the Parent Portal on the school website. There will be different organizations set up this day as well as opportunities to sign up for various activities and purchase shirts from the junior high and high school cheer squads.

New student registration at Clarendon will be August 10 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information about back to school, including sports schedules and calendars, pick up a copy of the ENTERPRISE's Back To School section still available on newsstands this week and at ClarendonLive.com.



Football fever

Shane Hagood runs the ball during Bronco Football workouts Tuesday morning as the team gets ready for its 2023 season. Athletic Director Aaron Wampler says 38 young men reported for two-a-day workouts this week, and he says practice is looking good. The Broncos will host Stratford next Saturday, August 12, at 11 a.m. at home for the first scrimmage of the season.

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Texas sales tax holiday set for Aug. 11-13

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar is reminding shoppers they can save money on clothes and school supplies during the state's sales tax holiday on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 11-13.

State law exempts sales tax on qualified items — such as clothing, footwear, school supplies and backpacks — priced below \$100, saving shoppers about \$8 on every \$100 they spend. The dates of the sales

tax holiday and list of tax-exempt items are set by the Texas Legislature.

"As Texans prepare for the back-to-school bell, this is the perfect time to take advantage of the opportunity to save money on everything from blue jeans to ball-point pens," Hegar said. "As the father of three, I know how these expenses can add up."

The Comptroller's office esti-

mates that shoppers will save \$136 million in state and local sales tax during this sales tax holiday.

Apparel and school supplies that may be purchased tax free are listed on the Comptroller's website at TexasTaxHoliday.org.

During the annual sales tax holiday, qualifying items can be purchased tax free online or by telephone, mail, custom order or any other means (including in-store

purchases) when either: the item is both delivered to, and paid for by, the customer during the exemption period; or, the customer orders and pays for the item, and the seller accepts the order during the exemption period for immediate shipment, even if delivery is made after the exemption period ends.

Texas' sales tax holiday weekend has been an annual event since 1999.

Jackson, Cruz tout benefits of defense bill

US Rep. Ronny Jackson and Sen. Ted Cruz have issued statements in support of the National Defense Authorization Acts (NDAA).

Both Jacksons and Cruz touted the many benefits to Texas contained in the bill, including \$35 million for an analytic gas laboratory at the Pantex plant near Amarillo.

"The NDAA is one of the most important bills that comes before Congress," Jackson said. "As a former Navy Rear Admiral, I know the vital role this legislation plays for our national security."

Cruz stated: "I'm a firm believer in peace through strength, and a strong, well-equipped military is a necessary component of that strategy."



Employee of the Month

The Clarendon Chamber of Commerce named Carol Richards of the Clarendon Housing Authority as its July Employee of the Month. Richards was nominated for coming in every morning with a smile and treating everyone with kindness and respect. Show here are Chamber President Ashlee Estlack, Chamber Director Tracy Farmer, Carol Richards, and Housing Authority Executive Director Tammy Christopher. Nominations for employee recognition can be made online at ClarendonTX.com/EmployeeOfTheMonth.

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Senior Thang to be held on August 19th

That Senior Thang will return on Saturday, August 19, for the third annual fundraiser for the Donley County Senior Citizens Center at Gorst and Fourth streets from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m.

The event provides old-fashioned family fun for people of all ages. There will be a full concession with everything from BBQ sandwiches, hot dogs and Pulled pork sandwiches to homemade ice cream and watermelon and a County Store full of home baked goodies.

Free street games will include hoops, prize ducks, toy car races, corn hole, ladderball, marbles, and face painting.

Come try your luck at Chicken Drop Bingo, the Silent Auction or the 50/50 Raffle.

For the more adventurous player, there will be Straw Tower Building, Two-on-Two Basketball, Jalapeno Eating, Watermelon Seed Spitting, and Wheelchair Races. Put your team of four together and compete at Water Balloon Volleyball, Texas Skis, or the Balloon Blast. Winners take half of the entry fees.

The Donley County Senior Citizens invites everyone to come join the fun. Remember to BYOC (Bring Your Own Chair).

Route 66 might get new title

A new National Historic Trail could pass through Donley County near Jericho if a new bill before Congress becomes law.

US Sens. Ted Cruz (R-Texas), Tammy Duckworth (D-Ill.), Kyrsten Sinema (I-Ariz.), Alex Padilla (D-Calif.), Eric Schmitt (R-Mo.), and Mark Kelly (D-Ariz.) introduced the bill to amend the National Trails System Act and designate Route 66 as a National Historic Trail. Importantly, this legislation would make the designation without harming Texas and American energy development projects in the areas around Route 66.

Route 66, also known as the Will Rogers Highway, is more than 2,400 miles long, stretching from Chicago, Illinois to Santa Monica, California, and crossing through eight states, including Texas. This legislation was previously introduced in 2022 by now-retired Sen. Jim Inhofe (R-Okla.)

"The great state of Texas is proud to be home to part of the iconic Route 66 and it's an honor to work with my colleagues in a bipartisan fashion to designate this highway as a historic trail," Sen. Cruz said.

"Our bill to provide the designation will ensure this historic route is protected for years to come while doing so in a responsible way, and I'm proud to champion this effort for Texas."

Interest in the old Route 66 is increasing as a gateway for tourism and nostalgia as the Mother Road nears its centennial celebration in 2026.



Uncle Mort talks about migration

My intrepid Uncle Mort does much “huffing and puffing” about state and national politics. At the end of the day, though – when everything is said and done – always more is said than done.

Sometimes he claims to see two imaginary punching bags, one inscribed “Austin” and the other “Washington, DC.” He flails away at them as if his mid-air punches land squarely on noses of ne-er-do wells in both capitals.

“I know I’m biased,” he admits. “But we’ve had occasional statesmen at both levels in bygone years and would be hard-pressed to find any now.”...

He claims to feel sorry for all decision-makers who are frustrated about our border policy.

“Years ago, I kidded about it,” Mort said. “Way back there when federal troops were sent to guard the Rio Grande River, I kidded that national leaders were way off base. Yankees swarming across the Red River through Oklahoma were the bigger problem. Clearly, the troops were guarding the wrong river.”

With most efforts to control illegal migration from Mexico failing, Mort believes the State of Texas initiative – called “Operation Lone Star” – is a 14-carat mess. He thinks a more apt name would be “Operation Blown Star.”...

Mort leans heavily on this modified expression: “Southern born and southern bred, and when I die, I’ll be southern dead.” (He’s kept a couple of apple crates full of Confederate money, just in case.)

Years ago, he drove a tour bus through Civil War battlefields. He pointed out various battles, all won by troops of the Confederacy. One day, a little old lady from Connecticut asked, “Didn’t the Union army win any battles?”

“Not while I’m driving this bus they didn’t,” Mort snapped....

Mort continues his pleas to radio and television news folks to start pronouncing “Uvalde” correctly. He knows that Spanish pronunciation varies from the way most townspeople in the South Texas community pronounce it.

“The news people ought to pronounce it the way the folks who live there do,” Mort maintains. Quite simply, he thinks the accepted pronunciation is “U-val’ (like VALue)-dy,” not “U-vol’ (like VOLume)-dy.”

He commends the distinct minority on radio and TV news who pronounce it correctly and understands the confusion of a visitor who wondered if it is “Hecco” or Hico, “Chee-co” or Chico? (A new TV weather guy in the Metroplex called Lipan (LY’-pan) “Lip’pen” a while back.)....

Slack is understandably cut for radio/tv sports people covering the Tampa Bay Rays. The Rays have two “Lowes,” Joshua and Brandon. They are not related and pronounce their last names differently. The former (whose brother Nathaniel is a star for the Texas Rangers) pronounces his last name like Lowes, the home improvement store. Brandon favors a different pronunciation, rhyming with “How now, brown cow?”

Tampa Bay fans may have other names for this pair, and for the rest of the team, too.

They don’t cotton to the way the Rays played recently in Texas, where they lost all three games to the Rangers....

One of the Texas Rangers great moments (and there are many) occurred when Alex Speas provided critical relief pitching for the final game against the Rays. In the minors for six seasons, he survived Tommy John surgery and COVID 19 pandemic issues before his major league debut against Tampa Bay. The 25-year-old struck out the first three batters he faced. His mother – present in the grandstands – seemed borderline berserk, delighted with her son’s sterling performance. It was fun to watch her dancing around in euphoria.

As the season enters its second half, Texas Rangers fans offer a massive “tip of the hat” to their new manager, Bruce Bochy. A great model for young aspirants who dream of being baseball managers one day, Bochy makes the job look easy.

A paraphrased poem is worth remembering: “Bullfight critics, ranked in rows, crowd the vast arena full, but the only one there who really knows, is the one whose job’s to fight the bull.”...

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the idle american
by don newbury

Remember Texas’ first Czech mass

The First Czech Mass in Texas The Germans came to the Fayetteville, Texas, area in the 1830s, and the Czechs came in the 1850s. The predominantly Catholic Czechs had no priest of their own, so to attend mass they had to go to the Germanic Lutheran church and hear the mass recited in a language which was not theirs. Even worse was their inability to confess sins to a priest in their own native language.

Confessing to the priest through a third party serving as translator did not provide the intimacy and privacy that should attend such personal rites. The situation was eased somewhat by the introduction of a “sin board” on which was written all of the more commonly committed sins. With the Czech confessor and the German priest holding hands, a third person would read a sin from the sin board in Czech, and the confessor would squeeze the priest’s hand the number of times he had committed that sin. The sin board helped, but the Czechs still wanted their own Catholic church with a priest who could conduct mass and hear confessions in their own Czech language. But the Catholics did not have a Czech speaking priest in Texas.

Appealing to Bishop Dubois in Galveston, the Czechs learned of a

young seminary student back home in Moravia who was about to be ordained to the priesthood. Perhaps he would be willing to come to Texas. Upon being contacted, the newly ordained Father Joseph Chromcik agreed to come if transportation would be paid for him.

In 1872, Father Chromcik landed in Galveston and then took a train to Alleyton (near Columbus). But there was no one there to meet him because word of his scheduled arrival had not yet reached Fayetteville. But it so happened that Tom Hruska of Ellinger was in Alleyton that day buying supplies for his business. Tom, who spoke Czech, German, and English saw Father Chromcik standing alone outside the depot, and asked the priest about his situation. Upon learning that the priest was stranded, Tom said, “You come home with me to Ellinger, and then I will drive you to Fayetteville.”

The day was Christmas eve. When the two men arrived at the Hruska home, Mrs. Hruska had a traditional

Christmas eve feast all prepared, and Father Chromcik gladly accepted their invitation to have dinner with the family. After dinner, the Hruskas tried to persuade the priest to stay overnight with them, but Father Chromcik insisted that he needed to go on to Fayetteville so he could celebrate mass in the Czech language on Christmas day for his new parishioners.

In the meantime, while awaiting Father Chromcik’s arrival, the Czechs in Fayetteville had built a crude church building. It had four walls and a roof, but no benches. For an altar, they used a board covered with a sheet. But they at last had their own church, and they had their first mass in the Czech language on Christmas day of 1872.

Father Chromcik loved his parishioners, and they loved him. In addition to providing for their spiritual needs, he made semi-annual trips to other Czech communities to celebrate mass and hear confessions in the Czech language. He is still remembered and revered among the descendents of those early Czech immigrants as the first Czech-speaking Catholic priest in Texas.

George U. Hubbard is an author and former resident of Clarendon.



vignettes
tales of the old west
by george u. hubbard



Making housing markets work better

By Kenny Parcell

More than a quarter of Americans have a disability of some kind. Yet less than 5% of housing in this country is accessible for people with moderately limited mobility. And less than 1% is accessible to those who use wheelchairs.

These are big problems for prospective homebuyers who are disabled. But the market is beginning to change for the better, thanks, in part, to the efforts of real estate agents who are Realtors®.

Everyone deserves access to affordable, livable homes. The Fair Housing Act explicitly prohibits disability-based discrimination in the rental, sale, or financing of residential property. The Americans with Disabilities Act prohibits discrimination in other areas, like access to business, jobs, and public transportation.

Despite these legal protections, many people with disabilities remain at a disadvantage in the real estate market.

Part of the problem is financial. People with disabilities face systemic hurdles that make saving for a down payment harder. Full-time workers with

a disability earn just 87 cents for every dollar that people without disabilities earn, according to the U.S. Census. A person with a severe disability risks losing supplemental Social Security income if they earn more than \$2,000 every month.

Securing transportation to an open house or home visit can prove challenging, too. People with disabilities are less likely to have access to a car and more likely to rely on someone else to drive them.

In recent years, members of the National Association of Realtors® have made dismantling barriers like these a nationwide priority.

The National Association of Realtors® has launched educational initiatives including the At Home with Diversity® certification, which is designed to educate NAR members on the subtleties of fair housing laws while promoting best practices for serving clients with disabilities. In addition, the association has worked to teach its members how to more effectively and efficiently ensure that their offices and

websites are ADA-compliant.

NAR members are also advocating for policy changes that would make homeownership more attainable for people with disabilities -- like the adoption of more accessible building codes and new tax incentives for accessibility renovations.

Some states have already heeded that advocacy -- by offering loans and grants to help people with disabilities fund a down payment or pay for accessibility modifications. States have also created tax-advantaged savings programs that can empower people with disabilities to set aside money for qualified disability expenses.

Ensuring that people with disabilities have access to this wealth-building tool on equal terms with their non-disabled peers is essential. Making the housing market more equitable -- across all demographic categories, including disability status -- is not just right but beneficial to all Americans. Kenny Parcell is 2023 President of the National Association of Realtors® and a Realtor® from Spanish Fork, Utah. He is broker-owner of Equity Real Estate Utah.

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Prescribed fire grant applications due soon

Texas A&M Forest Service is now accepting grant applications for the State Fire Assistance for Mitigation - Plains Prescribed Fire Grant through August 15, 2023.

The grant will provide nearly \$92,000 in funding for prescribed burns.

Prescribed fire is the planned application of a low-intensity fire to the landscape by fire and fuel specialists. The practice is a strategic, planned land management tool that uses fire to achieve set goals that are in accordance with applicable laws, policies and regulations.

"Prescribed burning is one of the most commonly used tools for managing hazardous fuel builds because of its relatively low cost per acre," said Jake Gosschalk, Texas A&M Forest Service Fuels Program Specialist IV. "Reintroducing fire to the landscape also improves wildlife habitats and rangeland conditions for grazing."

Properties near communities in the panhandle, northwest, west and south Texas at a risk for loss during a wind-driven wildfire are eligible. The application process is entirely online which allows landowners to work directly with the certified pre-

scribed burn manager of their choice to complete the application, burn plan and map requirements.

"This year, we have adjusted the program to allow recipients a full 12 months to complete the burn, running September 15, 2023, through September 15, 2024," said Gosschalk. "By extending the burn window for landowners, they'll have the opportunity to conduct both cool-season and warm-season summer burns."

Grant recipients will be reimbursed actual per acre costs associated with conducting the prescribed burn up to \$30 per acre with a limit of 800 acres per recipient. The burn must be conducted by either a private or commercial Certified and Insured Prescribed Burn Manager, which landowners must identify on the grant application.

Priority will be given to treatment sites that provide protection to the highest-risk communities based on the Texas Wildfire Risk Assessment Portal, are located near homes and contain ecosystems that will benefit from prescribed fire.

Find more information here: <https://tfsweb.tamu.edu/Prescribed-FireGrantsApplication/>.

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August 4 & 5
Oppenheimer • Sandell Drive In
• Grill opens at 6:30 p.m. • Movie starts at dusk

August 4 & 5
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem • 7:30 p.m. • Mulkey Theater

August 6
Oppenheimer • 2:00 p.m. • Mulkey Theater

August 11 & 12
Oppenheimer • Sandell Drive In
• Grill opens at 6:30 p.m. • Movie starts at dusk

August 11 & 12
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem • 7:30 p.m. • Mulkey Theater

August 12
Broncos v Stratford • 11:00 a.m. • Home

August 13
Oppenheimer • 2:00 p.m. • Mulkey Theater

August 18
Broncos v Childress • 5:00 p.m. • Away

August 19
That Senior Thang Games, activities, and food booths for the whole family. Donley County Senior Citizens Center

August 25
Broncos v Panhandle • 7:00 p.m. • Home

September 21
Donley County Senior Citizens Bingo Night. 5:30 p.m.

September 23
Col. Charles Goodnight Chuckwagon Cookoff Authentic chuckwagons compete for top prizes • Live entertainment, trade show, and museum tours • See SaintsRoostMuseum.com for information and tickets

Menus

July 31 -Aug. 4

Donley County Senior Citizens

Mon: Stroganoff, black eyed peas, spinach, whole wheat roll, strawberry short cake, iced tea/2% milk.

Tues: Oven fried chicken, potato salad, coleslaw, cornbread, cherry, iced tea/2% milk.

Wed: Salisbury steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans. Whole wheat roll, apple cobbler, iced tea/2% milk.

Thurs: Cheeseburger, potato wedges, melon, sugar cookies, iced tea/2% milk.

Fri: Baked tilapia. Baked potatoes, peas & carrots, hushpuppies, peach cobbler, iced tea/2% milk.

Hedley Senior Citizens

Mon: Homemade meatloaf, baked macaroni & cheese, carrots & cheese, coconut macaroons, Peaches, buttermilk whole wheat biscuit, iced tea/2% milk.

Tue: Herb roasted chicken, parmesan potatoes, brown rice, creamed spinach, cherry crisp, wheat roll, iced tea/2% milk.

Wed: chicken fried steak, country gravy, mashed potatoes, country green butterscotch bars, whole wheat roll, iced tea/2% milk.

Thurs: BBQ ribs, baked sweet potato, broccoli parmesan, orange cake, iced tea/2% milk.

Fri: Bacon cheeseburger on whole wheat bun, crispy tater tots, coleslaw, iced tea/2% milk.

Donley County Retired School Personnel met

The bimonthly meeting of the Donley County Retired School Personnel Association met Monday evening, July 24, at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

President Carlton Turvaville opened the meeting by leading the group in the pledge to the flag followed by an invocation by Eddie Hankins. Carrol Duncan read some interesting excerpts about life in the 1930s and 1940s from a book entitled Golly Bum, What Happened by John Clark.

The meeting consisted of a discussion of the bills concerning retired teachers' COLA or Cost Of Living Adjustment and a stipend which were passed by both houses of the Texas Legislation this session. The ten members present enjoyed homemade ice cream and cookies before the meeting was dismissed.

The next scheduled meeting will take place on September 25 at 6:00 p.m.

Surveys will help get grants for community

This past week my friend Mason and I started doing surveys again.

If you missed the last time I talked about this, the surveys are five short question that are basically just a miniature census. The survey's job is to get an idea of the economic status of our town and to show how our town would benefit the most from more federal grants for things like new roads.

These surveys would also help

qualify our county for new emergency services vehicles like new ambulances. Basically, if we can give a better picture of our community's economic status, we can get more grants.



the cub reporter
by benjamin estlack

I figured this week I could use

my column to help tell about what the surveys are and what they're for.

In addition to that, I also am writing this column to hopefully convince more people to be more open to taking the survey when we do come to their house. We have had many people refuse to take it, and I was hoping that this column could help persuade the citizens of Donley County to be more open to filling out the survey, because it's for a good cause and it could benefit all of us.

Discovery Center program on the 'science of fiction'

The Don Harrington Discovery Center's program Coffee and Cuties is happening Friday, August 4, with three different time slots for caregivers to choose from at 9:45, 10:45, or 11:45 a.m.

Following storytime, guests will do a craft, activity, or have a hands-on animal encounter with one of the DHDC's critters related to the theme of the month. Caregivers are invited to participate with their

explorers five and under or to enjoy a cup of coffee in the DHDC's seating area.

For August, the theme is the Science of Fiction, and will have Robots, Robots Everywhere by Sue Fliess read for storytime. Activities will include climbing robots and magnetic slime monsters, while exploring the science behind practical special effects seen in science-fiction movies.

Coffee and Cuties happens the first Friday of each month. The intended audience is explorers age five and under with a caregiver. This program is included with DHDC membership or general admission. Admission is \$14 for adults, \$9 for children ages 2-17, and free for children one and under.

For more information on programs, visit DHDC.org or follow the Discovery Center on Facebook.



the lion's tale
by scarlet estlack

The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting August 1, 2023, with Boss Lion David Dockery in charge.

With the air-conditioner still out at the Lions Hall, the club met at the Masonic Lodge with ten members in attendance and two attending virtually.

The Boss Lion discussed bringing back the weekly program of the past and encouraged members to bring guests each week.

A discussion was held about options for repairing or replacing the air conditioning at the Lions Hall. No action was taken this week, but donations are welcomed at Clarendon Lions Club, PO Box 1081, Clarendon, TX 79226 or by Venmo at @ClarendonLions.

There being no further business, we were adjourned to spread Lionism throughout our fair county.

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3	9	7	6	1	4	5	2	2
5	2	9	7	4	5	8	6	3
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Water well owners: Don't get left high and dry during drought

The heat wave that has swept across the state has taken a toll on many water wells in Texas, which were already affected by extended drought conditions.

With a lack of moisture and record-setting temperatures, people who rely on well water need to be aware of the signs that their well may run out and take steps to prevent that from happening.

Joel Pigg, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service specialist and coordinator for the Texas Well Owner Network, or TWON, Bryan-College Station, doesn't want Texans in rural areas to be left high and dry. He shares some useful tips for anyone who depends on groundwater for their everyday needs.

If your well starts to sputter, loses pressure or if your water looks anything less than clear, it's a problem. If your pump is rapidly cycling on and off, turn it off, Pigg said. If your pump sounds like it is sucking air, let it rest.

Low or slow-recovering water levels will make your pump cycle rapidly and can burn out the motor, he said.

Low water levels also can cause submersible pumps to overheat and damage PVC pipes. If the water level doesn't rise, you may need to reduce your pumping rate or lower the pump. If the water level drops below the point of your pump intake, the pump could burn up.

There are warnings for well owners that their water level is dropping and may go dry. The well may begin to produce sand and air bubbles. Watch for sand in the toilet tank and cloudy-looking tap water that clears up after a while.

Most people take for granted that if they turn on a faucet in their home, water comes out, Pigg said. But people may not always think beyond that until that tap dries up or water starts coming out with a funny taste, smell or cloudiness.

People, especially new home or landowners, need to make sure they know if they have a water well, a city water supply or are on a water system.

"A lot of people who are buying properties in more rural areas don't know that and don't think to ask that question," Pigg said. "Folks with a piece of property that they may not have owned for very long, or if it is their secondary vacation property, may not consider what being on well water entails and requires."

During droughts, people rely more heavily on groundwater, which is the water held underground

in aquifers. When more water is pumped out of the aquifer than is replenished by rain or other water sources, it becomes depleted.

Low pressure from a well may leave you needing to space out things that require water, such as showering or washing dishes or clothes.

"Essentially that aquifer needs time to fill back up," Pigg said. "You do not want to run it down so low that you are sucking air or sediments into your pump."

A pump without water can burn up and lead to costly repairs, he said. You may also want to consult with your neighbors on a schedule to distribute heavy water use over the week to help individual wells recover and to maintain the water supply for everyone in your area.

During drought, it is also important to prioritize what you'll use water for and when. You may also want to add a pumped-water storage tank. This type of tank can help meet peak demand when you need more water than your pump can produce.

Implementing native landscapes can reduce irrigation demands during summertime, Pigg said.

"If you're coming out of Austin, San Antonio, Houston or a metro area and buying a private place in somewhere like Rock Springs, which has rocks on the ground and not green, lush grass, that is telling you something," Pigg said.

Don't try to get the lush grass that you're used to having in your city yard when you are on a well, he said, because it's just not meant to be.

Pigg said to look at native landscaping and utilize what belongs and can survive in your area. Plus, he added not having to mow is a bonus of not having the perfect green lawn aesthetic that many people think they need.

"Basically, it comes down to conservation and common sense when you're in the drier parts of our state — the closer to a natural state your yard is in, the better for saving water," he said.

A rainwater harvesting system is a good way for catching and storing water to use for purposes such as watering plants in a garden or washing your car.

You don't need rain for a catchment system to work. Even a slight amount of dew on your roof overnight helps, but a 1-inch rain can produce 620 gallons from a 1,000-square-foot roof that can be stored as water for future use. In Texas, every drop counts.

Water well repairs are not a DIY-project. Call a Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation professional when you start to have issues; often it is something that can be fixed and is better addressed sooner rather than later.

"It is important with your pump to know what's happening underneath the ground, because nine times out of 10 it's a submersible pump that is inside your well," Pigg said. "Which means it is not something you can just readily look at."

The inability to see a pump makes it hard to troubleshoot. Pigg said homeowners may need to utilize local drillers or pump installers to fix situations.

"Hopefully, whenever your well was initially put into the ground, they did not put your pump all the way down to the bottom of the hole," he said. "So typically, you should have a little bit more room to add more pipe to your pump and be able to go down further into the aquifer to get water."

Adding 10-20 feet of pipe to a well can make more water available to your home.

Pigg said residents with water wells should also test their well water quality regularly, especially during and after times of drought.

As the water levels drop, air enters the aquifer and changes its chemistry. Oxygen in the aquifer will increase concentrations of naturally occurring contaminants such as arsenic.

If your well normally contains low concentrations of arsenic, you can expect it to increase during a drought. The concentrations of other contaminants, such as total dissolved solids or salt, can also change.

It is important that people and their pets don't drink well water that has changed or hasn't been tested recently. If it smells, tastes or looks funny, do not consume it.

Utilize educational resources AgriLife Extension, TWON, Texas Water Resources Institute and regional water districts can all assist homeowners with water conservation and well questions.

TWON offers fact sheets on many common well questions and issues and offers educational events including trainings.

Some AgriLife Extension county offices can also aid with well water testing. Those counties that don't have a testing program in place can connect you to local testing facilities and point Texans in the right direction to make sure all is well with their wells.

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- 10. 007's creator
- 11. Adult male
- 12. Scandinavian god of battle
- 13. Cloths spread on a coffin
- 15. Breeze through
- 16. Ladyfish genus
- 19. It's good to take them
- 21. Noble-governed territory
- 23. Members of U.S. Navy
- 24. Card game resembling rummy
- 25. Affected by injury
- 26. Member of a Semitic people
- 27. Left
- 30. Woman's cloak
- 34. S. American plant
- 35. Prohibit
- 36. Offense
- 41. Dish soap brand
- 45. Ottoman military commanders
- 46. Ancient Greek City
- 47. Makes unhappy
- 50. Discuss again
- 54. Medical instrument
- 55. Promote
- 56. A beloved carb
- 57. Tag the base runner to get him out
- 59. Prehistoric people
- 60. Large African antelope
- 61. Vehicle
- 62. Georgia rockers
- 63. Scientific instrument (abbr.)
- 64. A major division of geological time
- 65. Attempt

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Plant of the nettle family
- 2. Fit to be sold
- 3. Rather
- 4. Collected
- 5. A baglike structure in a plant or animal
- 6. Patella
- 7. Ageless
- 8. Lists of course requirements
- 9. Pokes at
- 13. TV network
- 14. They ___
- 17. Cooking hardware
- 18. U.S. Army title
- 20. Iron-containing compound
- 22. Swiss river (alt. spelling)
- 27. Former French coin
- 28. Electronic countermeasures
- 29. Taxi
- 31. Helps little firms
- 32. Woeful
- 33. Midway between northeast and east
- 37. Glowing
- 38. Tasks which should be done
- 39. An informal body of friends
- 40. Intrinsic nature
- 41. Neural structures
- 42. Brews
- 43. Where ships unload cargo
- 44. Singer
- 47. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
- 48. Southwest Scotland town
- 49. Most worthless parts
- 51. Viscous
- 52. Put to work
- 53. Old world, new
- 58. Swiss river



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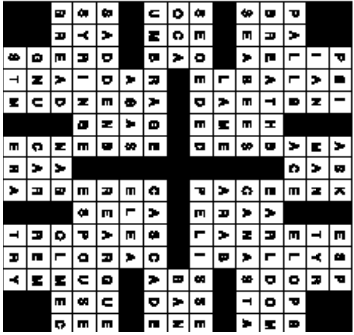
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Does it feel like the warm summer days are flying by too quickly? There's still time to make your summer even sweeter! Here's a whole page of exciting places to go and cool things to do. You'll be having more fun and enjoying a sweet summer you'll always remember.

Are you looking for something new to do? Head into the city or country for fun adventures and activities. What will you be visiting when you are...

- finding a favorite painting or sculpture, trying a science experiment or asking a scientist about his display?
- enjoying plays, movies or magic acts?
- watching sea creatures, and touching and holding small sea animals?
- going on rides, eating cotton candy and screaming in the fun house?
- cheering ball players and eating hot dogs?
- gliding on swings, playing tennis on courts or picnicking?
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- reading up a storm or learning new computer programs?
- "seeing" the past by visiting homes once owned by famous Americans?
- learning about plants and animals in their surroundings; hiking in woods?

Swing into action. Use these letters to fill in fun things to do at a playground:
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w c l s r

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2. _ kate _ oarding
3. s _ esa _ ing
4. t _ ain _ ide

5. i _ e _ ream
6. bi _ y _ le ride

7. I love aquariums! Wow! Look at that seahorse!

8. Tennis anyone?

9. Find and circle 15 words that start with the letter "s."

10. I love aquariums! Wow! Look at that seahorse!

theaters
sports stadiums
lakes
amusement parks
nature centers

parks
libraries
aquariums
museums
historical houses

As weather gets dryer, crops at risk

By Jayme Lozano Carver, The Texas Tribune

LUBBOCK – May brought an unusual sight to the arid High Plains – rain, and lots of it.

Parched lands that previously begged for water welcomed the downpour. Farmers, who were still recovering from the drought-ridden season before, could finally sigh in relief.

Then came the cruel irony – the rain didn’t stop for weeks. The same water people prayed for all year was now flooding farmers out of their fields and stopping them from planting their crops on time.

Now, as the entire state sees blazing temperatures that only keep climbing, farmers are questioning if the whiplash-inducing weather will lead to another busted year.

“We’re better than we were last year because of the rainfall,” said Calvin Trostle, an agronomist with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension in Lubbock. “The question now is what will our rainfall look like the rest of the year? That could make or break a lot of crops.”

The heat has been unrelenting across the state. Last month, there were an unusually high number of days when temperatures were above 100 degrees.

What’s going on in the High Plains is just as strange. The astounding amount of rain – 200% of the normal rainfall in the Panhandle and 130% in the Lubbock area – helped keep the region slightly cooler than the rest of the state at the start of the summer. The current U.S. Drought Monitor shows most of the region is clear from drought. But sweltering heat waves are sapping the moisture from the ground.

“Unless some rainfall appears soon, these high-temperature anomalies will increase through the end of July,” said Victor Murphy, climate service program manager with the National Weather Service.

This would be devastating for the High Plains. The region’s economy took a big hit last year when the drought caused billions of dollars in losses, which has pushed farmers to lobby for additional disaster assistance in the 2023 Farm Bill. With Farm Bill discussions underway, Sen. John Cornyn visited Lubbock to talk about the high-stakes legislation that pays for crop insurance as well as the USDA’s rural development programs and the nation’s food

subsidy program known as SNAP. The massive legislation is projected to reach \$1 trillion.

Garrett Coutts with the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce emphasized how important agriculture is to the region that sits right below the Texas Panhandle. In Lubbock County, there are more than 1,000 farms and 530,000 acres of farmland that people depend on.

“Everybody and every single industry on the South Plains, even if it isn’t directly involved in agriculture, is most certainly impacted by it,” said Coutts, the agriculture committee chair for the chamber who has worked on a Farm Bill before.

Cotton is the backbone of agriculture in the High Plains region and supplies 30% of the nation’s cotton, but it has not been spared from the unhinged Texas weather.

After the pressure of the insurance deadline forced many cotton producers to plant late, the crop is now dependent on the rain from a month ago to bloom in the peak of the summer.

“All the fields behind me are yet to bloom and once we go into that, your water use increases dramatically,” said Mark Brown, director of field services for Plains Cotton Growers. “Cotton can sit there and hang on until the rainfall, but if it waits too long then the potential of the crop is limited.”

There are also concerns about how crops and livestock aren’t getting relief from the heat at night. According to Murphy with NWS, the average low nighttime temperature for Lubbock this month has been 71.2 degrees Fahrenheit, about 2.4 degrees warmer than normal, making it the ninth-warmest period on record.

This is a warming trend seen nationwide. In the last 30 days, there have been more than 2,800 times a city or town’s coolest nighttime temperature was hotter than previous records. During the same time, NOAA found about 683 times when the hottest nighttime temperature was cooler.

Murphy said this ratio has been consistent over two decades.

“One of the prevailing wisdoms with climate change is that the biggest impact, at least initially, will be felt in warmer nighttime temperatures,” Murphy said. “It’s especially difficult on cattle and livestock, they have a difficult time cooling off at

night.”

Murphy said the onset of the U.S. summer monsoon season usually occurs in mid-July, which typically ends extremely hot temperatures, but there are no signs of this happening through Aug. 1. According to a NOAA outlook, the abnormally hot days are going to continue across the U.S for the rest of the month.

Data from NOAA shows there are low chances for rain through the end of July, but the rain that did fall last month is helping for now because it’s stored in the soil. Trostle with A&M AgriLife likened soil to a reservoir, saying its ability to hold water is strong but can only withstand so much.

“The soil can be full of water or empty,” Trostle said. “If it’s running low and not getting refilled, it can’t sustain those plants on a hot day.”

Trostle said an important management strategy in the future might be changing when crops are planted as a way to avoid exposing crops to the extremes of summer heat. He has seen this be an effective strategy for some corn and sorghum farmers in Central Texas.

“If climate change becomes an issue that does begin to affect planting decisions, then it’s possible going forward we could see farmers plant a crop a week earlier than they would have in the last decade,” Trostle explained.

Until then, he said, crops will continue to be vulnerable to whatever Mother Nature throws at the farmers who manage them.

“It’s like a person, we know what it feels like to be sapped by walking outdoors into a furnace, and we need to eat and drink water to maintain the status quo,” Trostle said. “But crops don’t get a choice to turn on the AC or get a drink – they’re stuck with whatever’s available.”

The deadline for the Farm Bill is Sept. 30, though Cornyn said at the Lubbock event that his colleagues are indicating they may need more time. Cornyn said crop insurance funding is one of his priorities for the legislation.

“We know Mother Nature can be fickle, and so many of these folks depend on that safety net,” Cornyn said. “It’s a high-risk proposition in any event, but it just makes things more difficult when you don’t have that safety net.”

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