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## WELCOME TO THE LAKESHORE REPORT

*A Newsletter  
for the Lakeshore  
Residents*

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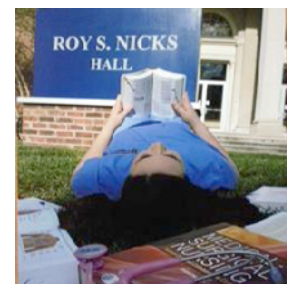
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## Social Media Safety

Social media has many benefits—it allows you to maintain connections with friends, make new contacts, build support networks, express yourself and share your interests. However, information should be shared with caution to protect yourself and your family. Here are seven top tips for social media safety:

1. Your personal information should be just that—personal. As hackers become more and more sophisticated, identity theft becomes a greater risk. And while it may be tempting to post pictures of your fabulous vacation, bear in mind that you're also letting others know you're away from home—making you vulnerable to a break in.

2. Use privacy and security settings to limit who can see what you share online. You wouldn't give details of your private life to complete strangers in person, so don't do it online either.

3. Remember that what you post online will stay online, so consider the long-term consequences. Could your social media presence prevent you from securing a job in the future? Would you want your coworkers to see this side of you?

4. Let your social network know your boundaries. For example, if you don't want images of yourself or your children posted online, let your friends and family members know.

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5. Know what to do if someone is making you feel unsafe online. Some steps you can take include blocking the offender, reporting the person to the site administrator and removing him or her from your friends list.

6. Social media doesn't just spread information, it can also spread viruses and other risks to your computer. Defend your system by using the latest security software and web browser and installing updates regularly.

7. Protect your social media accounts by using password best practices. Long combinations of letters, numbers and symbols are the most secure, and separate passwords should be used for each account.



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## BALLOONS ARE DANGEROUS!

By Cheryl Conley, TWRC Wildlife Center

Really?

I can remember in grade school how we all attached notes to balloons before letting them go in hopes that the balloon would be found by someone far, far away. It was exciting to think that maybe someone from New York or California would find it and contact me. It never happened. I've been to weddings and graduations where helium balloons were let go as part of the celebration. What I didn't know is the enormous amount of damage these balloons can do to our environment. I know now. If you think about it, helium balloons are nothing more than floating litter. Would you throw a deflated balloon with string on the ground? Most people would not. It makes for ugly trash especially on our beaches.

According to an article in February of this year on the Huffington Post website, balloons are among the top 3 most harmful pollutants threatening marine wildlife but they also harm domestic animals such as cattle, dogs and sheep.

Seabirds are most at risk. Deflated balloons are mistaken for jellyfish or squid and are eaten by the birds. Not able to digest the balloon, it will clog the bird's stomach and the bird will eventually die of starvation. Choking is also a threat.

The ribbons or strings that are attached to the balloon are a hazard to birds because they can become entangled in them when the balloon lands in a tree. They may also use the materials to build a nest causing a risk factor for the hatchlings.

In its natural state, latex is biodegradable but when processed for balloons and treated with chemicals, plasticizers and dyes, it can no longer be classified as natural. It can take a balloon from 6 months to 4 years to decompose. Think of the damage it can cause in that time. Shiny mylar balloons can take even longer.

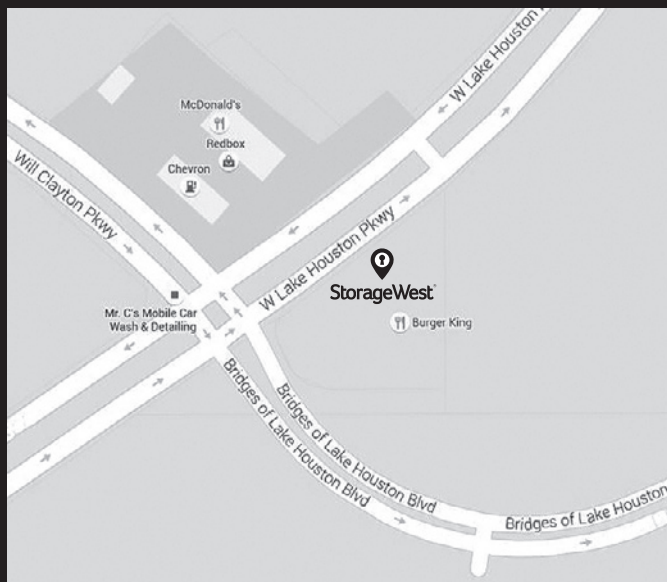
How can you help? Explain the dangers of releasing helium balloons to your children. Don't plan balloon releases at any of your celebrations and if you know of someone who is planning this, please discourage them from doing so.

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## KEEPING POOL WATER SAFE

Your backyard swimming pool may look refreshing, particularly on a sweltering hot day. But if it's not properly monitored, the water can harbor bacteria, viruses and parasites that can cause what the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) call recreational water illnesses. Instances of these ailments, which include ear and eye infections and respiratory, intestinal and skin diseases, are dramatically on the rise according to the CDC; reported cases have more than tripled in the past 20 years.

If your home includes a backyard swimming pool, hot tub or wading pool, take the following steps to minimize outbreaks of infections:

- Be diligent about hygiene.
- Change diapered children well away from the pool and its surrounding deck, and make sure all swimmers take frequent bathroom breaks.
- Remind swimmers not swallow pool water and to shower with soap each time they enter or leave the pool.
- Don't allow pets in the water.
- Don't allow anyone who has an infection or illness to enter the pool area. And have a plan—and implement it immediately—if anything occurs that contaminates the water.

Visit [www.cdc.gov/healthywater/swimming/protection/pool-user-tips-factsheet.html](http://www.cdc.gov/healthywater/swimming/protection/pool-user-tips-factsheet.html) for more information about pool water safety.

**Be Aware.** Check the water pH and chlorine levels regularly—or have it monitored regularly by a professional pool service—particularly during times of heavy use. The CDC website says the following signs can indicate whether or not pool water is safe:

- Water should be clear enough that you can see any painted stripes and the bottom of the pool.
- The sides of the pool should be smooth and not sticky or slippery.
- A well-chlorinated pool has little odor, while a strong chemical smell indicates a maintenance problem.
- Make sure the pool pumps and filtration systems are in good repair and operating as they should.

**Be Informed.** The chemicals used to sanitize pool water are themselves toxic if used, stored or applied improperly, so make sure you know how to handle them or have a professional pool service do it for you on a prescribed schedule.

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## CHIGGERS

Chiggers are the immature stage of a mite. They climb onto people walking through infested areas, crawl upwards, and wander around the body seeking a good site to settle down and feed. Feeding preference for these mites is in areas where skin is thinnest or where clothing fits tightly, such as the ankles, waist, behind the knees, and the groin area.

Chiggers do not burrow into skin as many people believe, so “smothering” them with nail polish is useless. When chiggers feed, they inject a digestive enzyme that breaks down skin cells which are then eaten. Itching and redness is caused by our body reacting to the enzymes injected into our skin. Itching typically begins 3-6 hours after being bitten, peaks at 24 hours, and can last up to two weeks.

**The best way to avoid getting chiggers is to avoid infested areas. Since this is not always possible, here are some other things to try:**

- Wear protective clothing- tightly woven items that fit loosely; including long sleeves & pants; shoes or boots
- Tuck pant legs into boots
- Avoid sitting on the ground
- Remove & launder clothing ASAP after being in infested areas
- Shower/ bathe after being in an infested area; scrub vigorously

with a washcloth

- Use an insect repellent with DEET or picaridin

**To treat chigger infestations around the home try the following:**

- Keeping lawn trimmed
- Maintain vegetation; do not allow weeds to grow up & keep brush cleared
- Targeted residual pesticide sprays, usually pyrethroids

**For chigger bites:**

- Do not scratch pustules; opening pustule might lead to infection
- Oral antihistamines or topical anti-itch creams to relieve itching sensation

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512.854.9600. Check out my blog at [www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com](http://www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com)

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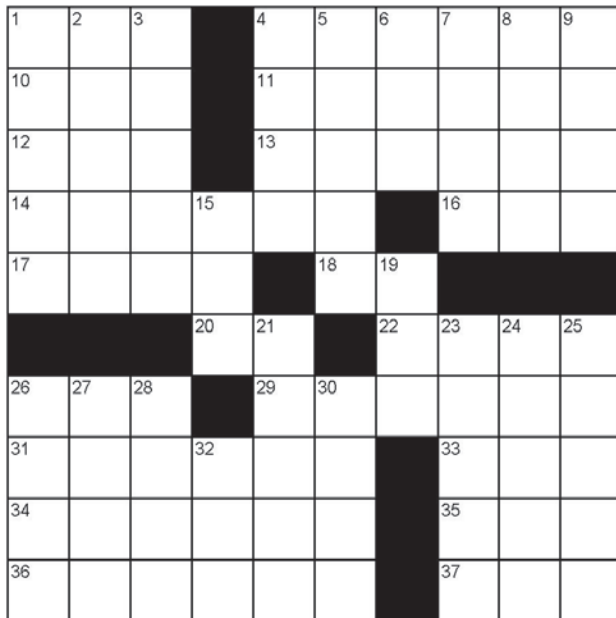
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4. Hype
10. Really cool
11. Hateful
12. Sailor's yes
13. Dissolved substance
14. Replacement car
16. British drink
17. Flower start
18. Book of Samuel abbr.
20. Arkansas
22. Fish lifting hood
26. Popular president's initials
29. Portugal's peninsula
31. Elicit
33. Titan
34. Destroyer
35. Single
36. Stretched circle
37. Little bit

### DOWN

1. Toothbrush brand
2. Marsh
3. Utopian
4. Tights
5. Bad smells
6. Lube
7. Mope
8. Stringed instrument
9. At sea
15. BB association
19. Stage of life
21. Got up
23. Jargon
24. Female singer \_\_\_\_ Apple
25. Colorless
26. Gambling game
27. Beat severely
28. Churn
30. Floating ice
32. Card game

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## NATURE WATCH

### DISCOVERING BLACKLIGHTING

by Jim and Lynne Weber

Lepidoptera is the order of insects that includes both butterflies and moths. While over 180,000 species of these insects have been identified worldwide, recent estimates suggest that this order may have more species than previously thought, and is among the four most speciose orders, along with Hymenoptera (sawflies, wasps, bees, & ants), Diptera (true flies, mosquitoes, gnats, & midges), and Coleoptera (beetles). Of the approximately 180,000 known Lepidoptera species, some 160,000 are moths, with nearly 11,000 of them found in the United States, and many are yet to be described.



*Polyphemus Silk Moth*

With such huge numbers and such a diversity of species, how does one go about studying moths? A good place to start is while knowing that most moths are creatures of the night, they are also attracted to light.

The reason for this behavior is unknown, although one theory is that moths use a form of celestial navigation called transverse orientation. They attempt to maintain a constant angular relationship to a bright celestial light, like the moon. But since the moon is so far away, and the angle change is negligible, the moth appears to travel in a straight line. This theory is tested when moths fly near much closer sources of light, such as a porch light or a campfire. The angle to the light source changes constantly as the moth flies by, so the moth instinctively attempts to correct it by turning toward the light, thereby producing its erratic, sometimes circular flight.

One way for the moth to keep a constant angle to a stationary light

source is by becoming stationary itself, effectively being 'trapped' by the light rather than 'attracted' to it. Those interested in studying moths have taken advantage of this fact, and have developed a method called blacklighting to attract and photograph moths. The first step is to set up a light source, and either an ultraviolet light (also known as a blacklight) or a mercury vapor light can be used. Mercury vapor is now the preferred source, as it provides a different spectrum of light than a blacklight, although a blacklight emits a broader spectrum of light. Moths can see waves of light that humans cannot, so providing them with different spectrums will generally produce the greatest response. The light is carefully hung or positioned in front a vertical white sheet, which the light bounces off to produce a big, concentrated, glowing mass, while providing a safe surface for the moths to land.



*Small Heterocampa Moth*

The blacklighting setup is positioned out of the wind and typically near a boundary between wooded and open areas. The light is turned on at dusk and left on all night, as different species of moths are most active at different times. After taking the desired photographs with a digital SLR with a macro lens and flash, the light is turned off and the sheet is given a vigorous shake to scatter the remaining moths. After all that was done to 'capture' them with light for observation and photography, it would be a shame for them to become easy morning quarry for insect-eating birds or other predators!

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## Tips & Tricks to Prepare for Back to School

**Schedule doctor's visits, physicals and make sure all vaccinations are current.**

**Sort through clothes and donate anything that no longer fits.**

**Purchase wardrobe, backpacks, lunchboxes and supplies.**

**Reinstate the school year bedtime routines early.**

**Stock up on non-perishable items, napkins, sandwich bags, dry snacks, etc.**

**Make a schedule on a family calendar with any school events and holidays.**

**Make a lunch plan for the first week and grocery shop.**

**Make sure the camera is full charged and grab your tissues for the first day back!**



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