

PJs Getting Ready For Production

For the first time an English pantomime is to be performed by PJ's, the Prairie Edge young actors of Eagle Lake.

The pantomime, Dick Whittington, is based on a true person. Dick was born around 1350 and went to London to find his fortune. He married Alice Fitzwarren, a daughter of an Alderman, and became Lord Mayor of London in 1397 and later again in 1406 and 1419.

An English pantomime always has a good and a bad character and we have a good fairy called

Dizzie and a bad King Rat.

Come and join in the fun and buy your tickets to support the Prairie Edge Museum and its young players.

Show time is Saturday, February 24 at 7 p.m. and on Sunday, February 25 at 4 p.m. Tickets are now on sale at the Museum, the Wintermann Library, Furniture Shoppe and Eagle Lake Dental Associates. Tickets cost \$5 for an adult and \$3 for a child (under 15 years old). All proceeds go towards the upkeep of the Museum.



The PJ's are preparing for their next production on Feb 24 and 25. Pictured above are most of the cast and crew members. Front left to right: Carlee Vandermark, Ariel Quenneville, Paige Vandermark, Simon Suarez, Tyler Garza, Sophie Kelley, Maisyn Stancik, Farah Ellenbogen. Second row left to right, Ashley Cook, Hunter Adkins, Genny Quenneville, Dallas Garza, Jill Nava, Leslie Cavazos, Tina Little. Third row left to right, Mallory Thomas, Brendon Garbee, Madisyn Stancik, Emma Kelley, Lindsey Wesselski. Back row left to right, Valerie Loveday, Garrett Garbee, Lydia Garbee, Shaina Bowen, Gregory Wesselski, Daniel Goodwin, Brynna Lucas, Brooke Rodriguez. Not pictured: Brittany Vasquez, Selena Perez, Tena Mittel, Christopher Pennington, Christina Lopez, Alyssa Struss, Danielle Lopez, Savannah Vasquez and Anthony Ramirez.

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400-500 lbs	114-130	100-112	
500-600 lbs	105-117	95-104	
600-700 lbs	92-105	84-91	
700-800 lbs	86-95	78-85	
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	#1	#2	
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300-400 lbs	115-125	105-114	
400-500 lbs	105-115	90-104	
500-600 lbs	95-104	85-94	
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Texas Crop Weather Report

Agricultural Summary
 The Lower Valley received the majority of the rainfall with mostly traces to 1.5 inches. The Southern Plains, Northern Low Plains, and Southeastern Texas received mostly traces of rainfall, though isolated showers brought 0.25 inches to small sections. The remaining areas of the state were mostly dry.

Field Crops Report
 Small Grains: In the Northern High Plains, soil moisture remained good for wheat. Although wheat in the Southern Low Plains benefited from recent moisture, producers only experienced minimal growth. Wheat remained mostly dormant. Moisture levels remained good for wheat in the Blacklands, and producers expect rapid levels of growth as temperatures begin to rise.

In North East Texas, fertiliz-

ers were applied to small grains. Recent cool weather allowed for the progression of wheat and oats in South Texas. Wheat and oat condition was mostly fair to good statewide. Cotton: Field activities were halted in the Southern High Plains due to persistent wet conditions. In the Northern Low Plains, conditions allowed for some harvesting. Also, land preparations for spring planting continued in the Northern Low Plains. Corn: Wet conditions prevented all activities in the Blacklands. Producers in South Central Texas and along the Coastal Bend

expect planting to begin in the next week or two if soils continue to dry.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crop Report
 Harvest of cabbage and spinach resumed in both the Edwards Plateau and South Texas. Planting of potatoes neared completion in South Texas. Producers in the Lower Valley continued to harvest sugarcane, vegetables, and citrus. **Livestock, Pasture and Range Report**
 Supplemental feeding continued across most areas of the state. The combination of recent precipitation and warmer tem-

peratures contributed to pasture growth in the Southern High Plains. In the Southern Low Plains, pasture condition declined due to prolonged cool weather. Stock tanks for livestock water remained low in the Cross Timbers. Producers in North East Texas received favorable weather conditions for winter pasture growth. Improved soil moisture allowed for the progression of winter annuals in South Texas, but body condition of livestock continued to decline due to poor forage quality. Statewide, range and pasture condition was mostly fair to poor.

Buck Registration Winners Named By TPWD

Six counties in this area had an experimental deer antler regulation for three hunting seasons (2002-2004). They include Austin, Colorado, Lavaca, Fayette, Lee and Washington. Starting with the 2005 season, these regulations became permanent in these as well as in an additional 16 central Texas counties. The regulation included 61 counties for the 2006 season. A second buck, which has to have an unbranched antler, is now allowed in the bag limit in these counties. To evaluate this increase in the bag limit, the Parks and Wildlife Department continued to have

volunteer check stations in the original six counties where hunters could register their bucks. The antler and age information collected from the deer brought to the stations has assisted TPWD in evaluating the results of this regulation. Every hunter that brought a deer to a check station had their name entered into a drawing for 14 prizes that was donated by local merchants and organizations. This year's drawing was held February 3 at the Fayette County Wildlife Management Association meeting at LCRA's Cooper Farm in Fayette County. The winners included Jerome Kocian of San Antonio who won

the Lifetime Hunting and Fishing License donated by the Texas Sportsman Association. Cameron Kaley of Columbus and Clint Kupka of Hallettsville each won a Remington 700 BDL .270 Rifle donated by the Lee County Wildlife Management Association and M-G, Inc. of Weimar. Ty Iselt of Giddings and Carl Wendler of Schulenburg each won a Remington 700 BDL .22-250 rifle donated by Lavaca County Wildlife Management Association and Drymalla Construction Company of Columbus. Chad Huebner of Columbus won a Remington Model 7 .270 WSM rifle donated by Ron and Estelle Mostyn of Weimar. Richard Grobe of Columbus won a 20 gauge 870 Express Magnum shotgun donated by the First State Bank of Columbus. Joshua Mika of Hallettsville and Logan Ramirez of Weimar won a Marlin 17 MHR bolt-action rifle that was donated by the Colorado County Wildlife Management Association and Market Realty, Inc. of Brenham. Mike Booker of Columbus and Charles New of Sante Fe each won a Ruger 10/22 donated by Hoffer's Drive In Grocery of Hallettsville and Bill Johnson and Associates Real Estate of Bellville. Mike Westbrook of Dime Box won a custom made hunting knife donated by Knives by Charlie of Sheridan. Clay Reed of Dripping Springs won a corn feeder donated by LAMCO, Inc. of El Campo and Gary Love of Houston won an All Seasons broadcast feeder donated by Capital Farm Credit of La Grange. Texas Parks & Wildlife Department would like to thank the organizations and businesses that donated these excellent prizes. The Department would also like to thank all of the hunters who brought deer to the check stations.

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Treatment For Rheumatoid Arthritis
 Rheumatoid arthritis (RA) is an autoimmune disease, which means that antibodies of the immune system mistakenly attack a person's joints. The cause of this condition is unknown, however it may be due to an infection, or it may be caused by genetics. Rheumatoid arthritis may develop in any person, however is two to three times more likely to occur in women, and usually begins between the ages of 30 and 50 years. Persons who smoke are at an increased risk for developing RA. Signs of rheumatoid arthritis include painful, swollen, and stiff joints, fatigue, body aches, fever, and lack of appetite.

Over-the-counter medications such as aspirin, ibuprofen, and naproxen reduce inflammation and can help to improve the symptoms of RA. Pain relievers such as acetaminophen also may provide relief. Prescription pain relievers and nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) help reduce pain and swelling, however do not slow the progression of joint damage. Steroids, such as prednisone, may also be prescribed for pain and swelling, however may only be used for a limited time due to their serious side effects and reduction in effectiveness over time. Antirheumatic medications, such as methotrexate (Rheumatrex) and hydroxychloroquine (Plaquenil) may help to slow the damage to joints if they are started early.

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