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

St. Mary's to hold Fish Fry this Friday

St. Mary's Catholic Church at 510 E. Montgomery will hold a Fish Fry on Friday, March 28, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$7 for children, and proceeds benefit the church building fund. One dollar 50/50 raffle tickets will also be available.

The church has Dine-in and carry-out options are available, and call-in orders are welcome at 806-874-3910.

The next Fish Fry will be on April 11.

Firefighters, EMS fundraiser Saturday

The Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department and the Associated Ambulance Authority will hold their annual breakfast/lunch fundraiser this Saturday, March 29.

The annual event is held in conjunction with the Clarendon College Invitational Judging Contest.

The event will be held at the Clarendon Fire Hall at 112 S. Sully with burritos and pancakes being served for breakfast from 7:00 to 10:00 a.m. and BBQ sandwiches and french fries being served for lunch from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Dine-in and carry-out are both available. Come support your local first responders.

CC team does well at Houston contest

The Clarendon College Livestock Judging Team competed at the Houston Livestock Contest last week with good results.

CC had the High Team in the Brahman Division. Sydne Victor was eighth High Individual in cattle and fourth high individual in placings. Tayler Thompson was the ninth High Individual Alternate.

Team members include Landry Miller, Paige Davis, Sydne Victor, Ashton Hewitt, Addison Koontz, Kelli Blackwood, Ellie Cameron, Audrey Ivey, Connor Porath, Kendall Mcmillan, Ashtyn Wade, and Taylor Thompson.

Program director Johnny Treichel thanked coach Ty Gillespie for his hard work and dedication to this team.

"I am very proud of these young individuals for their hard work and resilience," he said.



Last dance

Members of the Clarendon High School Class of 2025 gather on the steps of the Donley County Courthouse Saturday, March 22, before traveling to the Rowe Point Ranch Event Center for the Junior-Senior Prom.

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CC contest expects 2,800 contestants

It will be a busy day in Clarendon this Saturday, March 29, when the annual Clarendon College Invitational Judging Contest doubles the community's population with participants from far and wide.

As of Tuesday, 2,801 contestants were registered for the event, which is the biggest single event held each year in the city. The contest regularly attracts high school FFA students and 4-H students from

around Texas and nearby states.

The number of registrations doesn't include the hundreds of parents and coaches who accompany the students to the contest, pushing the total attendance for the day close to 3,000. According to the 2020 US Census, Clarendon has a population of 1,877.

Past contests have had huge impacts on the local economy. Restaurants are typically packed for

the event, and this year will hopefully be equally successful. The day also features the annual breakfast and lunch fundraiser hosted by the Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department and the Associated Ambulance Authority, which feeds hundreds of contest attendees in addition to local residents.

Beyond the one-day economic impact, the event also presents a great opportunity for CC to

showcase its campus, faculty, and programs for prospective students. Johnny Treichel, who is Clarendon College livestock and meats judging coach, said the event is a big recruiting tool for the college.

"This is the only time each year the college has this many potential students on campus," he said. "And we are pleased to have such positive support from the community year after year."

Early sign-ups due March 28 for annual 5K

The early bird deadline for this year's Chance Mark Jones Roar & Run 5K is this Friday, March 28, and organizers are encouraging everyone to sign up early.

Those who register for the event by Friday will be guaranteed to receive the commemorative T-shirt for the event. Registrations will remain open through the day of the event, but those registering after March 28 will not receive a T-shirt.

The 13th annual Chance Mark Jones Roar & Run 5K will be held Saturday, April 26, in front of the Donley County Courthouse. The Clarendon Lions Club is hosting the event again in memory of the late Chance Mark Jones to raise awareness of Child Abuse. Jones passed away in January 2011 as a result of abuse.

The year's 5K will again start and end at the Courthouse and will run through the city, around Prospect Park, and past several historic sites. The race will begin at 8:30 a.m.

Those registering can run or walk the 5K, which is about 3.1 miles, or people can also choose the "Sleep In" option, registering as a donation, getting the T-shirt, but sitting out the event at home.

Registration is \$30 per person and can be done in person at the Clarendon Visitor Center inside Mulkey Theatre or at the Enterprise. Online registration is available at ClarendonTX.com.

Proceeds from the annual 5K support the charitable activities of the Clarendon Lions Club, including hosting the local office of The Bridge - Children's Advocacy Center eyeglasses for local school children, scholarships, the Toys for Joy program, holiday food baskets, and more. For more information, call 806-874-2259.



Chamber Employee of the Month

Garrison Food Mart Jomarie Davison was honored as the Employee of the Month by the Clarendon Chamber of Commerce last Friday, March 21. Davison was nominated for her friendly customer service and always willing to help her customers. Shown here are Chamber Board Member Courtney Monroe, Garrison Area Manager Greg Hendricks, Davison, and Chamber Board Member Richard Green. To nominate a Chamber employee for their outstanding service, visit ClarendonTX.com/employeeofthemonth.

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King bill improves wildfire response

By Jayme Lozano Carver, Texas Tribune

A Texas lawmaker is laying the groundwork to create a statewide system that connects all first responders and government agencies to the same network. The proposal comes as a possible solution to fix communication issues the agencies have encountered during emergencies and amid a rash of new wildfires in the state.

State Rep. Ken King, R-Canadian, filed House Bill 13 this month. The bill would create The Texas Interoperability Council, which would be tasked with creating a statewide strategic plan for governing the use of emergency equipment and infrastructure. King filed the bill in response to the devastating wildfires last year that engulfed the Panhandle, when more than 1 million acres burned and three people died. King, who lost part of his property in the fires, said he found communication problems as he led the investigative committee last year.

"The first responder community will tell you it takes three meetings in the middle of a disaster before everybody starts moving in the same direction," King said in a House committee meeting last week. "When that wildfire is moving 60 miles-per-hour, that's too long."

Since the wildfires last year, lawmakers seem ready to mitigate wildfire risk. King and state Sen. Kevin Sparks, R-Midland, filed a package of bills that address the problems uncovered last year. Their bills would put more oversight on unregulated power lines, increase funding for rural volunteer fire departments and create a database of readily available firefighting equipment.

Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick also signaled that wildfire response is one of his priorities for the session. Last week, Sparks filed Senate Bill 34, which now includes his previous bills about wildfire response and creating the Texas Interoperability Council.

In both bills, the governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the Texas House of Representatives each would appoint two members to the council, which would be led by the chief of the Texas Division of Emergency Management. The members would serve staggered six-year terms, with the last term ending on Sept. 1, 2031.

TDEM Chief Nim Kidd called the bill the boldest move he has seen in his career. Kidd, who started his career 33 years ago when he joined **See 'Wildfire Bill' on page 5.**

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USA's cyclical history of foreign policy

Possibly the biggest story of the past week is our involvement with Ukraine. Most Americans' opinion of President Trump's handling of the situation probably has as much to do with their opinion of foreign assistance as it does with the way Trump handled Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy.

In weighing in on this debate, historically speaking, it's worth giving some historical perspective. While Trump is bunking the recent trend, he actually lines up with most presidents historically.



historically speaking
by dr. james fink

The history of the 19th century is one of noninterventionism. It is important to understand the difference between noninterventionists and isolationists. Sometimes these words are used interchangeably, and 19th century presidents are often incorrectly referred to as isolationists. An isolationist wants to cut off all communication and trade with foreign nations as well as military alliances, whereas a noninterventionist wants to trade but not get caught up in alliances that may pull them into conflicts.

George Washington, as seen in his Farewell Address, was a strong noninterventionist. He wrote, "It is our true policy to steer clear of permanent alliances with any portion of the foreign world; so far, I mean, as we are now at liberty to do it; for let me not be understood as capable of patronizing infidelity to existing engagements. I hold the maxim no less applicable to public than to private affairs, that honesty is always the best policy. I repeat it, therefore, let those engagements be observed in their genuine sense. But, in my opinion, it is unnecessary and would be unwise to extend them."

For the next 100 years presidents followed Washington's advice and the only wars we fought were ones we started. Everything changed with the progressives. A large part of progressive ideology was to make everyone else like us. With this philosophy, America went to war with Spain in 1898 and then sent our boys to Europe to fight WWI to make the world safe for democracy. Yet the massive destruction to property and loss of life actually led to the end of the progressive movement, and in 1920 Warren G. Harding won the presidency with the slogan "Return to Normalcy."

During the 1920s and '30s Americans returned to an 'America first' ideology of noninterventionists as we had no interest in going back over to Europe to save them again. Even when Hitler took over Germany in 1933, Americans saw it as a European problem. In 1938 as Hitler began flexing his muscles, other nations were forced to declare war on his Third Reich. Americans remained strictly neutral.

While Americans called for nonintervention, many felt President Roosevelt was steering us towards war. To fight, FDR men like ex-president Herbert Hoover and famous aviator Charles Lindbergh started the "American First Movement." However, after Pearl Harbor, most of the opposition, including Hoover, fell away as Americans prepared to defend Europe for a second time.

Our modern fight between noninterventionism and internationalism came on the heels of WWII when America had to decide between returning home and scaling down the military or remaining in Europe and Asia preparing to fight communists. What became known as the Great Debate pitted President Truman and his pro-NATO allies against Hoover, Sen. Robert Taft and the Fortress America crowd. NATO or the North Atlantic Treaty Organization was an international body of democratic nations committed to supporting each other in the attempt to contain communists to its current borders. A concept that became known as containment. Presidents Eisenhower, Kennedy and Johnson all considered themselves cold warriors and continued with containment as their foreign policy.

President Carter did change our foreign policy some as he believed we should base our support on human rights and not just on anti-communism, but President Reagan picked back up the containment torch when he said, "We must not break faith with those who are risking their lives—to defy Soviet-supported aggression and secure rights which have been ours from birth." It was Reagan who finally defeated the communist threat and saw the end of the Soviet Union.

With the end of Soviets, President Clinton inherited a world with former Soviet bloc nations in shambles and a growing threat of terrorists. After early mistakes in Somalia, Rwanda and Haiti, Clinton began following his "Doctrine of Enlargement" which meant supporting nations when practical with little risk to American lives and low costs. Some scholars have seen Clinton's hands-off approach as emboldening groups like Al-Qaeda to attack America. This of course led to President George W. Bush and 9/11 and the new Bush Doctrine which basically states we must fight terrorist where they live so we do not have to fight them at home.

So what we have seen is that our foreign policy has been circular. For our first 100 years we followed Washington's policy of nonintervention but then decided we could fix the world with the progressives. World War I made us question our choices and we turned to Fortress America and looking out for ourselves until we were attacked by the Japanese. After WWII we debated our role in the world and concluded that like with Spiderman, with great power comes great responsibilities. Trump has proven time and again that he tends to set his own course. Only time will tell how his policies will affect America and our place in the world.

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Orphan trains brought child labor

The Reverend Charles Loring Brace had a revolutionary idea.

Troubled by the large numbers of orphans and abandoned babies in New York City and other eastern cities, this Methodist minister, who had founded the Children's Aid Society of New York, reasoned that many of the problems of caring for these homeless youths in the East could be alleviated by sending them to the western frontier where young and strong bodies were needed for field labor and household chores. In the late 1800s the nuns in New York's Foundling Hospital were finding as many as 1,000 abandoned babies on their doorstep every year, and caring for them properly until their adult years was an impossible task. After their few years of infancy, Brace reasoned, these children could be loved and would be useful to many families out West. Thus, the Reverend Brace conceived the idea of shipping these youths by train to western settlements for adoption by frontier families.

These trains, known as "orphan trains," went almost everywhere from Minnesota down to Texas, and from the 1850s to 1929, as many as 350,000

children made the trip. Stopping in rural areas, the arrivals of these trains were heralded major events in America's westward migration.

"We'd stop in these little towns and get out of the trains, and they'd interview us," recalled Stanley Cornell in retrospect.

"It was kind of like a cattle auction. If they liked us, they'd take us." Cornell and his brother, Victor, rode the trains twice before being "taken" by a family in Wellington, Texas. Having two daughters and no sons, the man wanted and needed some boys.

When Stanley (age 6) and his brother (age 5) passed the interview, which consisted only of "Do you like farms and animals?" the man gave them a bag of jellybeans and took them home.

As an alternative to begging for food in an orphanage with 600 other children, the orphan trains were a sweet second chance for many and a nightmare



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tales of the old west
by george u. hubbard

to others. As might be expected, life with their new families brought mixed reactions.

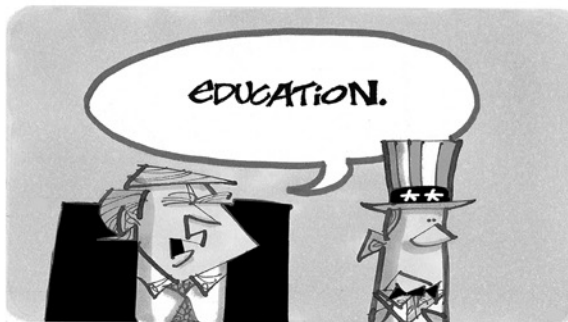
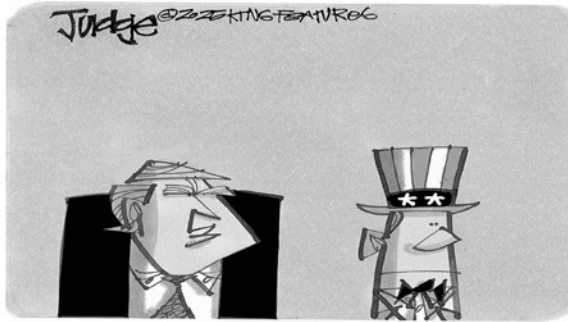
Dorothy Sharpley recalls being rejected by her first adoptive family. "I was sent back to New York only to ride the train again.

My mother loved me, but all my father cared about was how much farm work I could do."

Stanley and Victor Cornell had a similar experience. Taken in by a family in Coffeyville, Kansas, on their first trip, Stanley remembered that "they were kind, and we liked them, but after a couple of months they sent us back. I still don't know why." Their subsequent adoption in Wellington, Texas, turned out to be a happy and permanent arrangement.

Today only a scant few orphan train riders are still alive. Six of them attended a reunion recently in Lakewood, Colorado, and relived that adventuresome and traumatic period of their lives.

George U. Hubbard is an author and former resident of Clarendon. His book, *The Humor & Drama of Early Texas*, is available at fine booksellers everywhere.



The only constant in life is change

The ballyhoo about "no free lunches" was first banded about in the 1880s and today, Southwest Airlines' "bags fly free" death bell is on the verge of gonging.

Long known for allowing passengers to check two pieces of luggage "free," SWA is altering its policy and there's more story-spinning underway than a 10-year-old pulling the string from a new top.

Policy changes confuse mere mortals, but a couple of truths are emerging: SWA stockholders expect stronger returns on their investments, and the uniqueness of the "airline that LUV built" will occur again only when pigs fly, if then....

Researching the "no free lunches" thing is mind-boggling, but really nothing new. One 1880 come-on offered "free" lunches with alcohol purchases - IF enough of the devil's brew was ordered. Asterisks explaining detailed restrictions have been with us forever.

Josephine Pollard's poem "Somebody Pays" - written more than a century ago - seems to "fit" today as well, reading: "Free lunches, free passes, they have at command, Rich gifts that to others are lost, And gaily they feast on the fat of the land, And travel regardless of cost. But for all the fine banquets, The wear and the tear, Of public or private displays, Though you may go free, 'tis as sure as can be, That somebody pays."...

I commend SWA story-spinners for their efforts to help the medicine go down.

The two best-known figures in SWA history - co-founder Herb Kelle-

her and Colleen Barrett, first woman president of a major airline - might have fought to the death for the "bags fly free" policy, working into the night until their eyes either crossed and/or had bags under them. But, circumstances change. Sadly, the current "hubbub" is symbolic of our overall cultural funk: Instead of "something special in the air," we're gripped by "something dismal in despair." Oh, 'tis true, 'tis true.

SWA social media folks are churning out messages at warp speed for damage control. No doubt, they preferred bygone days when their aim was to keep SWA in the news and off the front page. I still consider it the airline of choice, as long as my SWA credit card allows me to check one bag free. (It'll be packed to the last ounce.)....

All this airline stuff lead me to aviation research once more. I've learned that the first motor-powered flight faced the prospect of splashing down rather than gliding in, since Kitty Hawk, NC, is in fact on an island.

The Wright brothers' first "flight" spanned 120 feet and finished 12 seconds later, having attained an altitude of eight feet!

Taking turns in the pilot's seat, Wilbur and Orville completed a total of four flights on that December day in 1903, the final one climbing to 20 feet and measuring almost a thousand feet.

Alas, the plane sustained damage each flight, winding up on the scrap heap at day's end....

Further, I learned about Brown County aviation history. I lived there for 40 years, remembering four flights daily by Trans Texas Airways, its DC-3 "blue goose" flying over our farm home in the 1950s.

Planes flew there as early as 1913. The postal department approved "Route Number 650.003, 'aeroplane' mail service between Brownwood and Comanche," 25 miles away, during the four-day "Brownwood Free Fall Fair" in October, 1913. Katherine Stinson, then the world's youngest aviator, carried passengers "up into the clouds" for \$25. (Free Fall?)

Numerous airlines served Brownwood for some four decades, ending in the late 1980s when government subsidies helping remote airports to attract scheduled airline service dried up. For about 20 years, Trans Texas Airways' flight schedules included daily service from Brownwood to San Angelo and Dallas. Later, the company name changed to Texas International Airlines. Still, playful TTA monikers abounded, including "tree-top airlines, tinker toy airlines and trick-or-treat airlines" (a trick to get on and a treat to get off).

One last thing: Rumor has it that some Southwest Airlines flight attendants are claiming "at least we didn't fire Luka."....

Dr. Newbury, longtime university president, continues to write and speak. The Idle American, begun in 2003, is Texas' longest-running syndicated column.

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Extension expert shares tips for healthy flock

With the rising cost of eggs, more people may be considering raising backyard chickens for fresh, homegrown eggs. However, caring for a flock requires more than just setting up a coop.

Greg Archer, Ph.D., Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service poultry specialist and associate professor in the Texas A&M Department of Poultry Science, Bryan-College Station, shares what aspiring backyard chicken owners should know before getting started.

Raising chickens requires a significant investment of time and money. Before bringing home your first chicks, consider how much time, effort and money you want to invest.

“A lot of time and labor get put into raising backyard chickens, as well as supplies,” Archer said. “People don’t necessarily think about how much that may cost.”

Between feed, coop materials, bedding and potential medical costs, raising chickens can add up. The idea of saving money on eggs can be appealing. However, buying eggs at the store may be a more cost-effective option for many.

If you’re serious about raising your own backyard brood, take a look at AgriLife Extension’s online resources to help you get started.

Choosing the right chicken breeds and caring for chicks is important.

Backyard flocks often start with baby chicks, which require special care in their first few weeks. Archer suggested starting them out in a warm, draft-free brooding area, especially during the winter.

“You have to consider the time of year when you are getting your chicks,” he said. “Will it be warm enough for you to keep them outside? Would they be warmer in your garage? I’ve even heard of some people putting them in the bathtub.”

Because chicks cannot regulate their body heat for the first two to three weeks of life, they need a heat source such as a heat lamp or brooder plate, Archer said. Chicks should be kept cozy, at around 90-95 degrees their first week. After that, the temperature should be lowered by five degrees each week.

The transition to outdoor living depends on their age, how soon they grow their adult feathers and climate.

Speaking of climate, it is a key consideration when choosing the right chicken breeds. Many chickens are tough and can survive a wide variety of temperatures, which is vital in the Texas climate.

Some breeds suitable for Texas include Leghorns, Plymouth Rocks, Wyandottes and Orpingtons, Archer said. On the other hand, heat-sensitive breeds like Jersey Giants don’t thrive under the hot Texas sun. Be sure to select chickens that are well suited to your location.

Proper coop setup and care for adults are also important. Backyard chickens need a safe, spacious and well-ventilated coop. A good rule of thumb is approximately 2 to 4 square feet per bird, at a minimum. Choose a sturdy base material, such as wire, strong enough to protect the birds from predators. Stay away from using porous or painted material for the base, as they’re harder to sanitize. Metal bases should have a thermal break between the material and your birds.

They’ll also need a roosting area with an elevated perch in a chicken coop. Perches should ideally be around 18 inches high, where chickens naturally prefer to sleep.

Once set up, good coop maintenance practices include: Clean bedding: Replace shavings weekly and keep the coop dry. Daily cleaning: Shovel waste and refresh food and water. Fresh feed: Buy feed one bag at a time to maintain freshness.

Maintain Chicken safety and protection from predators and disease. Before bringing a flock home, it is important to learn as much as you can about predators and disease prevention in poultry.

“I tell people to think, ‘what can go wrong, and how can I prevent that?’” Archer said.

He offered advice on predators and disease – major health and safety risks that flock owners should prepare for.

Both backyard chickens and their eggs attract nearby predators who eat one or both, such as raccoons, foxes and even household pets. A secure coop and run help deter unwanted visitors.

Additionally, avian influenza, HPAI, remains a significant concern for poultry owners. Since 2020, the virus has impacted both commercial and backyard flocks.

“People need to know it’s going to be around for a while,” he said. “Unless we can figure out how to stop it, it’s not going anywhere.”

To protect your flock against illnesses like avian influenza or other common diseases like salmonella, Archer suggests: Limit contact with wild birds, especially migratory waterfowl. Secure feed and water from wild birds to prevent contamination. Practice good hygiene, including frequent handwashing after touching chickens or collecting eggs.

Have fun and be responsible with your backyard flock. Archer’s final parting thought is while, yes, backyard flocks are often a lot more work than people may realize when they first start, they can be incredibly rewarding.

“They can be really fulfilling, and you can have fun with it,” he said. “Many people enjoy caring for their own flock, whether for egg production, sustainability or a fun family activity.”

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Program focuses on food insecurity in the Panhandle

As part of the Mary E. Bivins Foundation’s Senior Food Insecurity Forum, Panhandle PBS will host a preview screening and panel discussion on the upcoming series “Broken Bread: Examining Senior Food Insecurity in the Texas Panhandle.” This free, public portion of the forum will be from 6:15-7:15 on Thursday, March 27 at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Jerry H. Hodge School of Pharmacy in the Sybil B. Harrington Lecture Center at 1300 Coulter St. in Amarillo.

“Broken Bread: Examining Senior Food Insecurity in the Texas Panhandle” is a three-part Panhandle

PBS series covering causes, regional disparities, and diverse impacts of food insecurity among older adults and seniors in the area. As the local population ages, more seniors are struggling to access nutritious food, often facing this crisis without adequate resources or support. Through personal stories, expert insights and local solutions, this series sheds light on both the challenges and opportunities within our broken food access system.

“Broken Bread” will premiere as three chapters on Thursdays, April 3, 10, and 17 at 7 p.m. on Panhandle PBS and the Panhandle PBS

YouTube channel. The series will rebroadcast on Sundays, April 6, 13, and 20 at 1 p.m. Following the series premiere, Panhandle PBS will continue a multifaceted media effort through 2025 including animated content, video diaries, and more.

Support for “Broken Bread: Examining Senior Food Insecurity in the Texas Panhandle” is provided by the Mary E. Bivins Foundation. For more information on the series, visit panhandlePBS.org/BrokenBread or call at (806)371-5479. For more information on the Mary E. Bivins Foundation’s Senior Food Security Forum, call (806)369-9400.

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- March 28 & 29**
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- March 30**
Snow White • 2:00 p.m. • Mulkey Theater
- April 1**
Broncos Baseball v Wellington • Home • 4:30 p.m.
- April 26**
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Menus

March 31 - April 4
Donley County Senior Citizens
Mon: Baked chicken & dumplings, peas & carrots, garden salad, strawberry shortcake, iced tea/2% milk.
Tues: Soft tacos, Spanish rice, ranch style beans, garden salad, baked apples, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Chicken spaghetti, broccoli, garden salad, garlic toast, chocolate pudding, iced tea/2% milk.
Thurs: Mushroom steak, baked potatoes, green beans, whole wheat roll, chocolate cake, 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: Beefy tater tot casserole, baked sweet potato, buttered corn, apple cobbler, whole wheat buttermilk biscuit, iced tea/2% milk.
Tues: Baked macaroni & cheese w/ham, roasted sweet potatoes, mixed greens, fruit salad, oatmeal cookies, whole wheat buttermilk biscuit, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Chicken fried steak w/ country gravy, cheesy mashed potatoes, baked beans, buttered carrots, cobbler, whole wheat roll, iced tea/2% milk.
Thurs: Beef, beans, & cheese burrito, refried beans, mixed green salad, mixed fruit, chocolate chip brownies, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Breaded steak fingers w/ gravy, crispy French fries, mixed green salad, fruit, butterscotch bars, whole wheat buttermilk biscuit, iced tea/2% milk.

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Mon: Breakfast sandwich, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Tues: Cheese omelet, toast, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Wed: Breakfast sandwich, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Thu: Breakfast pizza, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Fri: French toast, sausage, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Lunch
Mon: Meat & cheese chalupas, beans, corn, salsa, pudding, fruit, milk.
Tues: Sloppy Joe sandwich, veggie cup, potatoes, fruit, milk.
Wed: Chicken nuggets, mac & cheese, carrots, squash, fruit, milk.
Thu: Cheeseburger, tomato cup, garden salad, fruit, milk.
Fri: X-treme burrito, cucumbers, corn, dessert, fruit, milk.

Hedley ISD
Breakfast
Mon: Sausage kolache, bananas, fruit juice, milk.
Tues: Cheese omelet, toast, fruit juice, milk.
Wed: French toast, sausage, fruit juice, milk.
Thu: Breakfast pizza, fruit juice, milk.
Fri: Croissant ham & cheese, fruit juice, milk.

Lunch
Mon: Meat & cheese chalupas, beans, corn, salad, orange, milk.
Tues: Cheese chili tochos, veggie cup, roll, strawberries & bananas, milk.
Wed: X-treme burritos, corn, cucumbers, rosy applesauce, cookie, milk.
Thu: Hamberger, chips, tomato cup, garden salad, pears, milk.
Fri: Pizza, carrots, squash, grapes, milk.



Masons Hold Luncheon

Clarendon Lodge #700 A.F. & A.M. celebrated its 135th anniversary Sunday, March 23, with a luncheon honoring Past Masters and Widows of the Lodge. Shown here are Worshipful Master Jarrod McDaniel, Secretary and Past Master Russell Estlack, Past Master Larry Hicks, District Deputy Grand Master Chris Wilson, Beth Johnston (the wife of the late Past Master Ernie Johnston), Past Master Roger Estlack, and Past Master Jim Owens.

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District Deputy Grand Master Chris Wilson presented 25-year pins to several Clarendon Masons. Shown here are Russell Estlack, Larry Hicks, DDGM Wilson, Roger Estlack, and John Tom Morrow. Also recognized but not present was John Lockhart.

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Book signings

The Burton Memorial Library hosted authors Dianne Smithwick-Braden, Taylor Moore, and Linda Broday for a book signing last Friday, March 21. All three authors have books for the Texas Panhandle and have books in the local library.

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Wildfire bill: King works to improve response

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the volunteer fire department in La Vernia, told lawmakers he often paid for his own equipment and training. He mentioned that when he worked for the San Antonio Fire Department, the police, fire and EMS crews were responding to the same incident on three different radio channels that were all labeled the same.

A network that connects all first responders and state agencies is important, he said, as several agencies respond to the same incident but aren't able to talk to each other.

"This council will set up an organization structure to bring in over 50 independent operators of radio systems on to the same place," Kidd said.

This month has been a test of preparedness. As the committee discussed the bills, most of Texas was under wildfire risk. A combination of weather conditions – including hurricane-force winds and drought – hit the Panhandle and South Plains. Gov. Greg Abbott directed

the TDEM to ready state emergency response resources.

Jordan Ghawi, a reserve firefighter and a leader for the state emergency medical task force, testified in favor of HB 13. Ghawi told lawmakers he has been deployed to numerous disasters, including the Robb Elementary shooting in Uvalde and hurricanes. He said in every response, the lack of communication and interoperability has been a problem.

"When seconds matter," Ghawi said, "the ability for our first responders, whether its law enforcement, fire, EMS or state agencies to communicate seamlessly can mean the difference between life and death, or property preservation or property loss."

The bill states the strategic plan must include plans to develop any necessary communication infrastructure and training programs. It must also have a plan to make sure first responders have communication

equipment that is interoperable with other equipment, and another plan to ensure any new emergency equipment and infrastructure can be integrated into the existing equipment.

The council would also administer a grant program to assist local governments in getting emergency communication equipment that connects them with other emergency responders and the emergency infrastructure in the state. The grant also would go toward building more emergency communication infrastructure in the state.

A Texas 2036 study with state climatologist John Nielsen-Gammon found that the wildfire season – late winter and early spring – is expected to get longer. The study also states that while almost all of the wildfires occur in the western half of the state, other portions of the state will likely be susceptible to wildfire risk.

This article originally appeared in The Texas Tribune at <https://www.texastribune.org/2025/03/19/texas-legislature-bills-wildfire-response/>.

Retired teachers to meet March 31

The Donley County Retired School Personnel Association will hold its bi-monthly meeting on Monday, March 31 at 12:15 p.m. at the Donley County Senior Citizens Center.

The program will be presented by Carlton and Susan Turvaville about their recent trip with other retired Texas teachers to the State Capital. All members attend and bring a recently retired teacher with you. Some very important items will be discussed.

Head Start sign-ups to begin on April 2

April 2-3 will be application days for the Clarendon CISD Head Start program for the 2025-2026 school year.

If your child will be 4 or before September 1 and meet the qualifications, they will be eligible for the program. Your child will need the following:

Birth Certificate, a copy of their most current well-child exam, a copy of your child's most recent dental record, up to date shot record, and any public assistance.

Call the elementary school at 806-310-7760 or Melissa Hatley at 806-664-1545.

TxDOT holds Rodeo

Matt Woolsey of Mator and Lonnie Guerrero of Paducah will represent the TxDOT Childress District at the state Dump Truck Rodeo in April following the district competition earlier this month.

The local competition was comprised of various driving skill events as well as vehicle/load and tie-down inspections. Woolsey and Guerrero garnered the two highest scores across the district.

Rhett Caison and Derek Shields represented Donley County in the contest.



The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting March 25, 2025, with Boss Lion Richard Green ringing the bell.

We had nine Lions present, four attending virtually, and Sweetheart Lauren Ceniceris this week.

Lion Larry Capranica reported the Donley County Ministerial Alliance will hold its annual Palm Sunday service on Sunday, April 13, at Community Fellowship Church at 6 p.m.

Lion Roger Estlack reported on the annual Chance Mark Jones Roar & Run 5K, which will be held April 26. The early bird sign-up deadline to get the T-shirt is coming up this Friday, March 28.

Lion Landon "L Jefe" Lambert reported the club built two ramps in Clarendon last Saturday in conjunction with the Texas Ramp Project and Lions from the Amarillo Downtown Lions Club. L Jefe proposes holding another ramp build following this year's 5K.

Lion Chris Reuter reminded everyone about the fire department and EMS fundraising breakfast and lunch this coming Saturday at the fire station.

Donley 4H Competes in Houston



Donley 4-H had seven members show at the Houston Livestock Show and four of them placed high enough to make the sale. Trigg Harper (top photo) showed the 1st Place LW Simmental steer, Maloree Wann (second photo) showed the 3rd place Duroc, Hudson Howard (third photo) had the 7th place Cross barrow, and Jase Conway showed the 11th place Spot barrow.

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| 11. Supervised release from prison | 40. Releasing hormone |
| 12. Greeting | 41. Makes up |
| 14. Type of drug | 42. Fastens |
| 15. ___ Sagan, astronomer | 48. Exists in large numbers |
| 16. Every year | 50. A connecting word |
| 18. Nasal cavities | 51. A phase of the heartbeat |
| 22. Nova __, province | 52. Northern Ireland county |
| 23. In an inactive way | 53. An independent ruler or chieftain |
| 24. Cream-colored root | 54. Pacific sea bream |
| 26. Nervous system disease | 55. Commercial |
| 27. Guitarist Clapton | 56. Azure |
| 28. Three came to see Baby Jesus | 58. Doctor of Education |
| 30. Lebowski's nickname | 59. Protected oneself against loss |
| 31. Play a role | 60. Car mechanics group |
| 34. Not fresh | |

CLUES DOWN

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| 2. Acquire | 31. Ethnic group of Nigeria |
| 3. Heralds | 32. Longtime NY Times film critic |
| 4. News group | 33. Beginners |
| 5. Exact copies | 35. Makes a trade |
| 6. Particles | 38. Sleep |
| 7. Noted 20th C. performer Lena | 41. Not moving |
| 8. Tempted | 43. Popular drink: Pina ___ |
| 9. Midway between north and east | 44. Potential benefits |
| 12. Slotted, hinged metal plate | 45. A place you can get stuck in |
| 13. South American hummingbird | 46. Ancient Greek City |
| 17. Neither | 47. Chalcedony |
| 19. Walk with confidence | 49. Rover |
| 20. Omit when speaking | 56. Digraph |
| 21. Imperial Chinese currency | 57. Investment vehicle |
| 25. A bakery specializing in French pastry | |



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Broncos clobber Valley, Lockney

By Sandy Anderberg
The Bronco baseball team is taking care of business and beginning to rack up wins this season. Their latest wins came against Valley and Lockney last week.

This week, the Broncos will face off against Floydada on the road March 28 and Wellington at home April 1.

The team defeated Valley 20-2 with senior Mason Allred on the mound. Allred pitched four innings and allowed zero hits, two runs, six walks, and struck out eight hitters. He threw 41 strikes out of 88 pitches in his time on the mound. Braylon Rice stepped in as relief for one inning and allowed one hit and two runs, while striking out two hitters.

The Broncos performed well at the plate with Mason Sims and

Shane Hagood both hitting the long shot. Sims slammed two nice homeruns in the game. His first came in the first inning that scored Klay Wilkins and his second was a solo HR that came in the third inning.

Hagood posted one single before his homerun that came in the third inning as well. Hagood finished with one single, homerun, RBI, and two runs and two stolen bases. Sims had three RBI and two runs to go with his to big hits.

The Broncos had their bats moving against the Patriots but also were speedy around the bases. The team posted 18 stolen bases against Valley with Dakotah Jameson leading the way with four, Colton Caudle stealing three and Creed Robinson grabbing two. Wilkins had a single, a double, two RBI, two runs, and two

stolen bases, while Hayden Moore racked up two runs, and one stolen base.

The Broncos hosted Lockney last Friday and had no problems getting the 20-16 win despite a slow start. The Broncos were tied at five all with the Longhorns after one full inning but went ahead for one inning. The teams shared the lead until the Broncos broke it open in the fifth a sixth innings.

Colton Caudle got the call to pitch and did a good job for just over three innings. Caudle had 90 pitches with no hits but allowed six runs and walked seven. He was able to strike out six hitters. Sims came into the game in relief for two innings and struck out six hitters. Rice went one inning and Moore cleaned it up in the sixth.



Shane Hagood slides into third base last week against Lockney.

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Lady Broncos improve record to 14-4

By Sandy Anderberg
The Lady Broncos have an impressive record this season and their last two games gave them a huge boost as they begin to wind down their regular season. The latest wins came from Quanah at 26-3 and Lockney at 15-0 in three innings.

Kennadie Cummins, who makes up half of the Lady Broncos' pitching duo was on the mound and was impressive with only three hits and as many runs with only two walks and six strike-outs. Cummins threw 55 pitches and recorded 33 strikes in the game. Hayden Elam

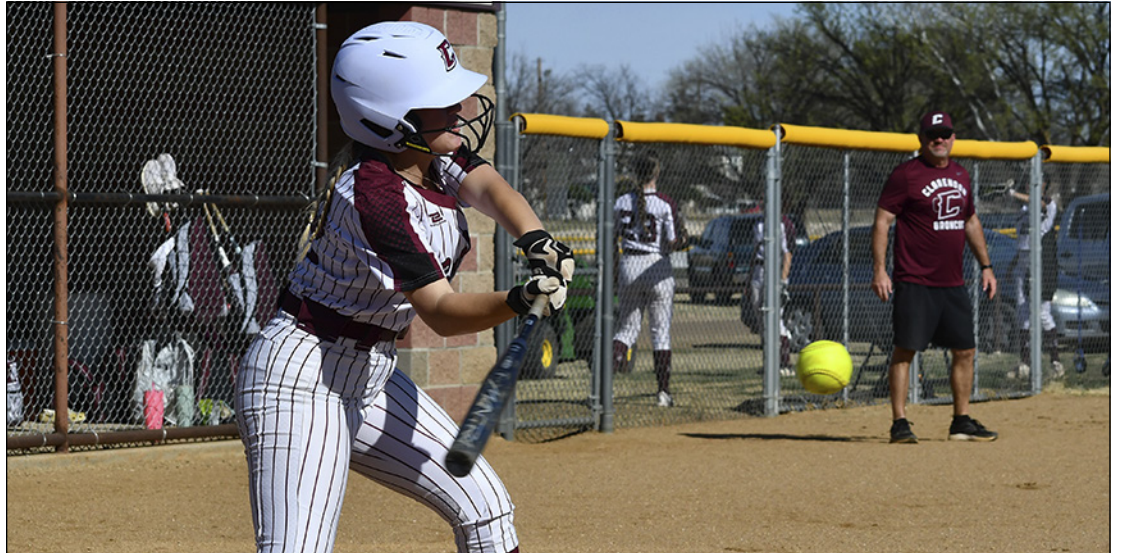
was behind the plate.

The Lady Broncos were sharp offensively with Kennadie and Tandie Cummins connecting with three home runs for the day. K. Cummins nailed a winner in the second inning that was a line drive to left field for an in-the-park homerun that scored three. She was able to turn around in the third to earn a grand slam to put the ladies way ahead of the Lady Indians. T. Cummins stepped up to the plate with one runner on in the third and sent her homerun ball to the deep outfield.

Overall, the Lady Broncos are

playing great defense with a strong infield and can get the ball around quickly. Lockney was able to connect with a hit hoping to get out of the infield, but short stop T. Cummins got ahold of the ball and was able to flick it to Elliot Frausto who in turn mailed it to first baseman Maloree Wann for the double out. The Lady Bronco outfield is solid as well as they were able to shut down anything that Lockney could muster to get the shut out.

The Lady Broncos will travel to Floydada, March 28, and take on Randall Junior Varsity on March 29.



Shelbi Coles bats for the Lady Broncos last week at home.

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Ybarra just off the pace in the 3200m race

By Sandy Anderberg
Clarendon High School's Tristen Ybarra was on his game at the Gruver Relays last week and earned a second-place finish in the 3200m race with a time of 11:52.03.

Ybarra's time was only seven seconds behind the first-place runner.

Kaleb Mays was fourth in the 100m at 11.36 and fourth in the 200m with a time of 23.30. Shane Hagood was ninth in the 100m at 11.97, and Kyler Bell was 14th in the 400m with a time of 59.79. Bryce Williams ran a 5.37.06 for seventh place in the 1600m run.

The Bronco 400m relay was fifth at 46.47 and was run by Brice Wagner, Caleb Herbert, Hagood, and Mays. The time of 44.15 took first place.

Don'Jae Orr ran for the junior varsity Broncos and took first in the 100m at 11.56, and Markael Anderson was second with an 11.73. Orr also won the long jump with a distance of 18'4½", and Anderson was second with a leap of 18'¾". Anderson also won first in the 200m with a time of 24.99. Tyler Cavanaugh was ninth in the 400m run at 102.23, and Dakotah Jameson was fourth in the 110m hurdles at 24.28.

The 400m relay was run by Orr, Cavanaugh, Anderson, and Jameson finishing third with a time of 49.18.

The Broncos will compete in the Bobcat Relays in Childress March 27 before the District meet which will be April 3 in Panhandle.

Benson takes 800m in Gruver

By Sandy Anderberg
Clarendon High School junior Madi Benson is a solid runner for the Lady Broncos, and she was victorious in the 800m run at the Greyhound Relays last week in Gruver.

Benson ran the race in a time of 2:30.71. Emmarie Holland was third in that race with a time of 2:46.22.

Addy Havens has been running well and placed third in the 400m at 1:08.36. and Holland was sixth in the 400m with a time of 1:09.33.

Sequoia Weatheron was 11th in the 200m at 30.43 and 19th in the 100m dash crossing the finish line in a time of 14.68.

The 400m relay was fourth with a time of 56.51 and was run by Gracie Ellis, Jayla Woodard, Kenidee Hayes and Berkley Moore. The 800m relay was also fourth with a time of 1:56 and was run by Benson, Ellis, Hayes, and Moore. The Lady Broncos finished fifth as a team.

The Lady Broncos will participate in Childress in the Bobcat Relays March 27 and compete at the district meet April 3 in Panhandle.

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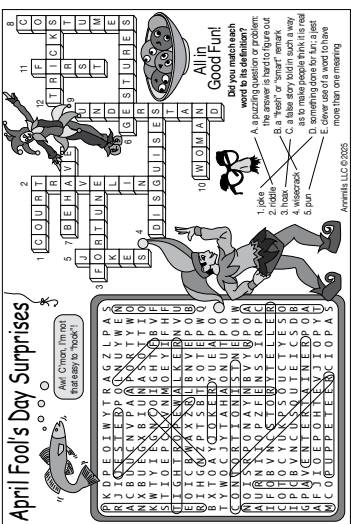
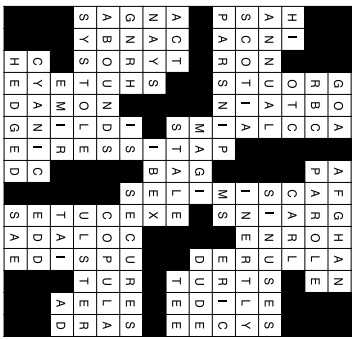
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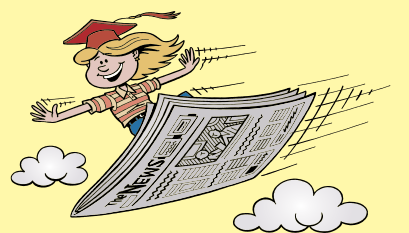
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April Fool's Day Surprises

The first day of April is April Fool's Day. It is a time for lots of fun. People like to play harmless jokes and pranks. One favorite trick is to point out something that's not really there! April Fool's Day used to be called All Fool's Day. It is thought to have started in France. A long time ago, March 21st was the date of the New Year. A little over a week of parties and fun followed. On the last day of the festivities, April 1st, formal visits were paid and gifts exchanged.

In the 16th century, the Gregorian calendar was introduced. March 21st was no longer New Year's Day and April 1st was no longer the right day to visit and give gifts. News traveled slowly in those early times, so many people continued to celebrate April 1st as the last big day of the holiday season. Many others did not like the change of date and refused to change their ways. People who clung to the old ways were called "April fools."

Today, on April 1st, you might hear someone call out, "Poisson d'Avril!" They have fooled someone and are calling them an "April fish." The person took the "bait" and was easily "caught." April Fool's Day is a day for tricks that hurt no one. It is a time for laughter.



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I put "eyes" on all of the fruit to freak out my brother.

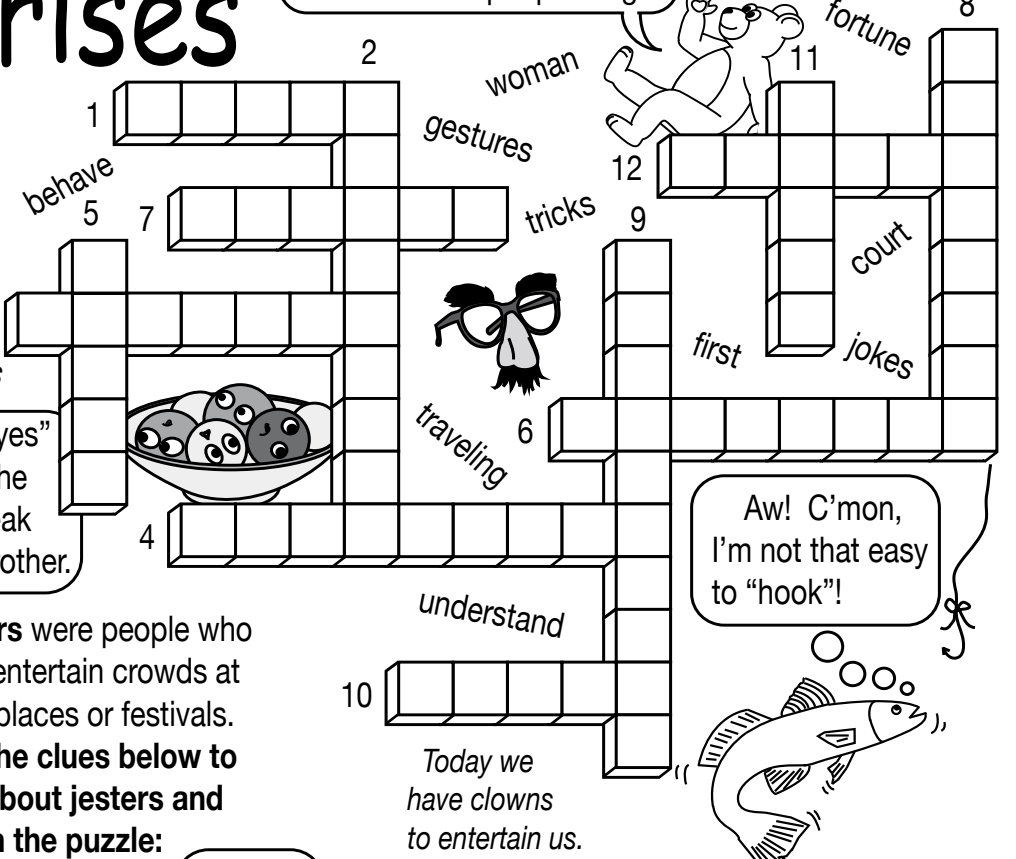
Jesters were people who would entertain crowds at marketplaces or festivals. Read the clues below to learn about jesters and to fill in the puzzle:

- _____ jesters entertained the king
- _____ jesters entertained crowds of people in marketplaces or at festivals
- some people thought jesters were "unlucky" and others thought they would bring good _____
- jesters might wear _____ to surprise people
- they told stories and _____

We put a rubber ducky in the fridge.

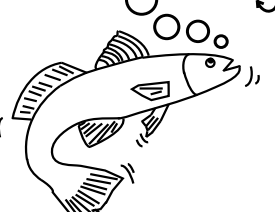


I love to make people laugh!



Today we have clowns to entertain us.

Aw! C'mon, I'm not that easy to "hook"!



- some jesters used _____ or props
- sometimes they were allowed to _____ in ways that were not allowed for other people
- dressed in many kinds of _____
- sometimes they helped people or a king to _____ what was going on by telling stories
- a man or a _____ could be a jester
- the _____ day of April is April Fool's Day
- it is a day to play fun, harmless _____



CVFD responds to grassfire

The Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department responded to a grassfire near the southeast edge of Clarendon last Tuesday, March 18, and quickly extinguished it.

CVFD PHOTO

TxDOT combating rising pedestrian, cyclist deaths

On his 10th birthday in 2020, Victor Peterzen received a brand-new bicycle. Just three months later, his life was tragically cut short in a crash while riding his bike through his northwest Houston neighborhood.

Sadly, similar tragedies continue to plague our state. In 2023, 914 bicyclists and pedestrians died in traffic crashes in Texas. It's part of a rising trend in recent years as pedestrian deaths went up 22 percent and bicyclist fatalities increased 58 percent from 2019-2023.

Nearly five years after his death, Peterzen's family is work-

ing with TxDOT's "Be Safe. Drive Smart" campaign this spring to remind Texans to follow traffic laws and share the road safely with people walking and biking.

"Pedestrians and cyclists are among our most at-risk road users, and too many of them are killed or injured in our communities each year," TxDOT Executive Director Marc Williams said. "If everyone looks out for each other and follows the rules of the road, we can help prevent these terrible crashes."

TxDOT's campaign aims to raise awareness among all Texans—drivers, pedestrians, and cyclists

alike—of the shared responsibility to help everyone get where they're going safely. To support this goal, the "Be Safe. Drive Smart" campaign is sending teams of "walking billboards" around the state to share vital safety messages in crash-prone areas.

Know the rules. Save a life. If you're driving: Stop and yield for pedestrians, bicyclists and other vulnerable road users in crosswalks. Give bikes space and pass at a safe distance. Yield when turning and always check for pedestrians and cyclists. Follow the speed limit and adjust for conditions.

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