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## Local Filmmaker Meets with La FERIA ISD Audio Visual Class



By Mike Villarreal

The AV (Audio Visual) students had the privilege of hosting Rodrigo Moreno-Fernandez, an award-winning film writer, director, and producer from South Texas. He shared his experiences with his

latest film, "El Lloron," and provided an overview of the entire filmmaking process, from pre-production to the final cut. His presentation offered a genuine, real-life perspective on the complexities of writing, directing, and producing a film.

Rodrigo Moreno-Fernandez was born in Matamoros, Mexico, and is currently based in South Texas. He immigrated from Mexico in 2006 and is a self-taught filmmaker. His directorial debut was with the indie feature "The Whole." He received the

"Best Screenplay" award at the Reel East Texas Film Festival and the "First-Time Director Award" from the London Independent Film Awards. His short film "Ramona" also received accolades and awards.

Rodrigo managed to secure deferred action status during the Obama administration, allowing him to stay in Texas and work after spending seven years as an undocumented immigrant. At that time, he was married and had a three-year-old child with no money or legal documentation, making it impossible for him to attend film school. However, he did not let this deter him from his dream. He taught himself the craft by listening to other filmmakers discuss their processes and by reading everything he could find about filmmaking.

Despite his circumstances, Rodrigo saved enough money to purchase a second-hand

camera and began making videos for himself and anyone willing to hire him. He learned by trial and error how to shoot, light, and block scenes, as well as how to write scripts. His commercial work eventually started winning awards. After discussing it with his wife, he used their life savings to make a film, and she agreed to become his producer. Together, they have produced two short narratives and one feature film.

Rodrigo's hard work and dedication have paid off, as his films have been screened at festivals around the world. He recalls a time when he didn't have a work permit and could not confirm his attendance as a director for his first festival invitation. Today, he proudly holds 14 awards for his work, but more importantly, he can now call himself a filmmaker.

Photos from the La FERIA ISD Facebook page

## Cineasta local se reúne con clase audiovisual de La FERIA ISD

Los estudiantes de AV (Audio Visual) tuvieron el privilegio de recibir a Rodrigo Moreno-Fernández, un galardonado escritor, director y productor de cine del sur de Texas. Compartió sus experiencias con su última película, "El Llorón", y brindó un panorama de todo el proceso de realización cinematográfica, desde la preproducción hasta el montaje final. Su presentación ofreció una perspectiva genuina y real de las complejidades de escribir, dirigir y producir una película.

Rodrigo Moreno-Fernández nació en Matamoros, México, y actualmente reside en el sur de Texas. Emigró de México en 2006 y es cineasta autodidacta. Su debut como director fue con la película independiente "The Whole". Recibió el premio al "Mejor Guión" en el Festival de Cine Reel East Texas y el "Premio al Director Primerizo" de los London Independent Film Awards. Su cortometraje "Ramona" también recibió reconocimientos y premios.

Rodrigo logró obtener el estatus de acción diferida

durante la administración Obama, lo que le permitió permanecer en Texas y trabajar después de pasar siete años como inmigrante indocumentado. En ese momento estaba casado y tenía un hijo de tres años sin dinero ni documentación legal, lo que le imposibilitaba asistir a la escuela de cine. Sin embargo, no dejó que esto le impidiera cumplir su sueño. Aprendió el oficio por sí mismo escuchando a otros cineastas hablar sobre sus procesos y leyendo todo lo que pudo encontrar sobre el cine.

A pesar de sus

circunstancias, Rodrigo ahorró suficiente dinero para comprar una cámara de segunda mano y comenzó a hacer videos para él y para cualquiera que quisiera contratarlo. Aprendió mediante prueba y error a filmar, iluminar y bloquear escenas, así como a escribir guiones. Su trabajo comercial finalmente comenzó a ganar premios. Después de discutirlo con su esposa, usó los ahorros de toda su vida para hacer una película y ella aceptó convertirse en su productora. Juntos han producido dos relatos

cortos y un largometraje. El arduo trabajo y la dedicación de Rodrigo han dado sus frutos, ya que sus películas se han proyectado en festivales de todo el mundo. Recuerda un momento en el que no tenía permiso de trabajo y no podía confirmar su asistencia como director a su primera invitación al festival. Hoy en día, ostenta con orgullo 14 premios por su trabajo, pero lo más importante es que ahora puede considerarse cineasta.

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# Amira Flex Classes Help Elementary Students Reading Skills



By Mike Villarreal

La Feria ISD would like to congratulate the top Amira Flex classes at Dominguez Elementary for the second six weeks. Students and teachers are doing a fantastic job using Amira to support reading fluency. Congratulations to 5th-grade teacher Ms. Vazquez and 6th-grade teacher Mrs. Juarez!

The Amira Flex program is an instructional AI tool and reading assessment designed for elementary school students. It assesses students' comprehension skills, accuracy, and overall reading abilities. This program offers personalized instruction

tailored to each student's individual skill level and needs.

Amira Flex provides real-time feedback to students, parents, and teachers regarding their reading progress and highlights areas for improvement. With multilingual support, the program offers instruction in several languages, including Spanish and English. It helps improve reading fluency by developing essential skills such as expression, speed, and accuracy while also boosting students' confidence in their abilities.

Parents can track their child's reading progress through up-to-date data on their development. The program effectively showcases the positive impact that modern technology can have on

students by using AI to help identify their strengths and weaknesses, providing specific data for improvement.

Another significant aspect of the Amira Flex program is its flexibility in classroom integration. It can function as either a standalone reading program or a supplement to the existing curriculum. While the use of AI can be controversial, this program has demonstrated its ability to enhance students' reading skills and assist teachers in creating lesson plans that cater to each student's unique needs rather than using a one-size-fits-all approach. Amira Flex allows teachers to assess each student's level and use AI-generated information to maximize their reading potential.

Photo by La Feria ISD Facebook Page

# Zoo Nights & Lights 2024

## Enjoy the Zoo's Brilliant Light Display

Brownsville, Texas (December 2, 2024)—The Gladys Porter Zoo will be hosting its annual holiday celebration, Zoo Nights and Lights, presented by McDonald's. This family-friendly event offers holiday spirit and fun for guests of all ages as well as a romantic setting for a date night. Zoo Nights and Lights will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on December 6th, 7th and 8th.

The public is invited to stroll through the Zoo's pathways filled with brilliant light displays while enjoying live musical and dance performances from talented local groups. Guests can participate in the festivities with Christmas karaoke, cookie decorating and pictures with Santa! Visitors can also find unique holiday gifts for their loved ones at the arts and crafts show and in the Zoo's newly renovated gift shop.

Adding to the holiday cheer, teams made up of Zoo staff will be competing in a Christmas tree decorating contest, and the public will get to decide the winners. Guests can take a walk through the Zoo's Christmas Tree Lane to see the beautifully decorated trees and then cast their vote for their favorite.

The price of admission for this event is \$5.00 per person. Tickets for Zoo Nights and Lights are now available online and at the gate. Zoo members receive free admission to the event with their membership cards. To shorten wait times, members are encouraged to pick up their free tickets in advance at the Membership Office. Guests can also receive free admission by donating a new, unwrapped toy for the Food Bank of the Rio Grande Valley. The toy must be valued at \$5.00 or more—one free

admission will be granted per toy donation.

The Gladys Porter Zoo staff would like to thank its sponsors, McDonald's, Brownsville Public Utilities Board, H-E-B Helping Here, Chick-fil-A, NBC 23, CBS 4, Digital 101.5, the City of Brownsville, Visit Brownsville and Metro by T-Mobile for their generous donations that helped make this event possible.

For more information, please visit [www.gpz.org](http://www.gpz.org) or call (956) 546-7187.



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*First Baptist Church, La Feria*

Sunday, the 8th, was the 2nd Sunday of Advent. Commonly called the Sunday of Peace. Given the state of the world, maybe the Sunday of Chaos might be more appropriate.

Putin continues his insatiable aggression against surrounding nations. His Russia hopes to take Ukraine as it did Crimea. Then any other nation within its reach.

Hamas shattered what little peace there was in the East with its sneak attack on an Israeli festival. And Israel has used the opportunity to decimate Gaza and the people living there.

Even Hezbollah renewed its war with Israel. Although, a tentative cease fire seems possible.

Here at home, most of us fear a repeat performance of the embarrassing disaster following the last presidential election. Hopefully, saner souls will prevail this January.

Still, the 8th was the Sunday of Peace. Jesus spoke of his peace as “a peace that passes understanding.” Rather than world peace, his peace is inner and defies all circumstances.

Trickle-down economics is a bad joke on the poor with money staying where it started. But trickle down peace is possible. But there is a catch. As the hymn says, “Let it begin in me.”

-Mark S. Ross DMin.

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# Texas A&M AgriLife Celebrates the Borlaug Legacy

## Remembering Norman Borlaug's Nobel Peace Prize and impact on global food security

By Laura Muntean

Few researchers and teachers have impacted farmers, agriculture and food security globally more than Norman Borlaug, Ph.D. While many hands and minds play a part in ensuring people have food on their tables, Borlaug stands out as a "food hero" who brought sustenance and nourishment to those most in need.

Texas A&M AgriLife celebrates Borlaug, who is often referred to as the "Father of the Green Revolution," on the anniversary of his receiving the Nobel Prize on Dec. 11, 1970, for his lifelong work toward food production globally.

Borlaug was a Distinguished Professor of International Agriculture in the Texas A&M College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and the namesake of The Norman Borlaug Institute for International Agriculture and Development at Texas A&M University.

Through dedicated research during the 1960s, Borlaug perfected a dwarf wheat variety that was both resilient and prolific. This groundbreaking work and the planting of this wheat in food-insecure parts of the

globe was instrumental in saving over a billion lives worldwide.

**Celebrating Borlaug's excellence**

In addition to the Nobel Peace Prize, Borlaug was awarded a U.S. Presidential Medal of Freedom and the U.S. Congressional Gold Medal for his revolutionary humanitarian efforts that paved the way for improved food productivity.

Determined to make a difference, he could be found working in the fields alongside farmers, students, interns and researchers. By developing improved grain varieties, he was able to fulfill his life's mission and help farmers around the globe feed more of the world's population.

His legacy of "seeding" agricultural production all over the world still resonates today, as the Borlaug Institute implements programs in developing countries worldwide.

Embracing his spirit, the institute follows the seven elements of the Borlaug legacy: prevent conflict by addressing poverty and hunger; employ agriculture science to address poverty and hunger; take it to the farmer; engage in an interdisciplinary approach;

encourage effective governance and sound policies; promote youth development; and act more and talk less.

**Continuing the legacy**

Fighting hunger and poverty together and fulfilling Borlaug's legacy, the Borlaug Institute is bringing more food to the world by utilizing applied research and training programs from production to consumption in small-holder agricultural communities of the developing world.

The institute engages experts from a variety of fields beyond crop and animal production, including environmental sustainability, food safety, nutrition, education, entrepreneurship and public policy.

"We engage producers, small-holder farmers, in a value-chain approach, helping them identify and then improve production of specific agricultural products for which there is a market," said Elsa Murano, Ph.D., director of The Borlaug Institute.

"It could be horticulture crops that are of high value, such as coffee or peppers, or it could be livestock and livestock-derived products," Murano said. "We then provide them with demonstrations and training on how to do it

efficiently, sustainably and with climate-smart strategies that help them cope with extreme conditions, such as droughts."

Murano said this focused approach helps elevate people out of poverty and hunger and has generational cascading effects on families and communities.

"Their improved livelihoods allow them to buy medicines for the family and send their kids to school," she said. "It really provides them with hope and an opportunity for a better future, and that all begins with agriculture."

Murano said Borlaug was a great believer in action.

"He was all about getting things done," Murano said. "Act more, talk less" was his motto and the Borlaug Institute has taken that to heart. So, through perseverance and action, we continue his legacy."



**Norman Borlaug, one of the greatest food heroes ever known, perfected a durable and prolific dwarf wheat variety that helped save the lives of an estimated 1 billion people in food-insecure nations of the world. (Photo courtesy of Micheline Pelletier/Sygm/Corbis)**

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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being probated are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

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CITATION VIA PUBLICATION ON **APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HERISHIP**

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**THE STATE OF TEXAS**

In the Probate Court 1 of Cameron County, Texas To: **Unknown Heirs, if Any of the Estate of Gloria Cascos Deceased; and Hector A. Cascos, whose address and whereabouts are unknown; Jaime A. Cascos, whose address and whereabouts are unknown; and Carlos H. Cascos, whose address and whereabouts are unknown.**

**Gloria Cascos, Deceased**

GREETINGS:

You are commanded to appear and answer to the **APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HERISHIP**, filed by, at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 10 days from the date of service of this citation, before the Honorable Probate Court 1 of Cameron County, at the Courthouse in Brownsville, Texas, Said Application For Decedents' Estates-Independent Administration was filed on August 06, 2014.

The file number of said Matter being No. **2014-CPC-00310 Probate Court 1**

**The Style Being: IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: Gloria Cascos, Deceased**

The nature of said proceeding being substantially as follows, to wit:

Determine who the heirs and only heirs of decedent are and their respective shares and interests in this estate; that no appraisers be appointed; and for all other relief to which applicant may be entitled.

Issued on this the 12th day of November, 2024.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court at Office in the City of Brownsville, Texas on this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024.



Sylvia Garza-Perez, County Clerk  
Cameron County, Texas.

By /s/Christian Garcia, Deputy  
Christian Garcia

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**THE STATE OF TEXAS**

**2023-DCL-04857**

**Bertha Ibarra** § IN THE 357TH DISTRICT COURT  
**VS** § OF  
**Jesus Garza Reyna** § CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS

TO: **Jesus Garza Reyna**  
Known and Unknown Heirs

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 am on the Monday next following the expiration of 42 days after the date this citation was issued, a default judgment may be taken against you. In addition to filing a written answer with the clerk, you may be required to make initial disclosures to the other parties of this suit. These disclosures generally must be made no later than 30 days after you file your answer with the clerk. Find out more at [TexasLawHelp.org](http://TexasLawHelp.org)."

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the **Original Petition and Application for Temporary Restraining Order** at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the Monday next after the expiration of 42 days after the date of issuance of this citation before the Honorable 357th District Court of Cameron County, at the Courthouse in said County in Brownsville, Texas. Said **Original Petition and Application for Temporary Restraining Order** was filed in said court on the 5th day of October, 2023 in the above entitled cause.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit:

**Suit to Quiet Title**  
as is more fully shown by **Original Petition and Application for Temporary Restraining Order** on file in this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Brownsville, Texas, on this the 14th day of November, 2024.

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# LA FERIA SPORTS

## Dominating On The Court

Lions/Lionettes remain continue to play great

By Ruben Rodriguez  
La Feria News

The La Feria Basketball Programs have made the most of November. A combined 12-3 record, the Lions and Lionettes are playing great basketball throughout Non-District Play. Let's take a look at what we have seen so far.

For The Lionettes who sit at 7-3, there have been a few rough moments, but nothing these girls can handle. To open up 2024, La Feria took on two 5A squads. The Lionettes opened up 2024-25 against Mission Veterans and routed the Lady Patriots 59-22. The momentum continued against 32-5A's Brownsville Pace, which allowed the Lionettes to beat the Lady Vikings 49-36.

Tournament play came up next for the Lionettes and they began on the right foot, knocking off Economedes and winning Big 58-23. The Lions however suffered their first loss of the season against a tough Navasota ball club and fell short 52-37. La Feria would bounce

back and defeat Sharyland Pioneer in a 46-45 shootout. The Lionettes would suffer two straight losses to San Antonio East Central (56-38), and Laredo Nixon (53-50).

Since then, the Lionettes picked up two big wins, one over McAllen in a one-point thriller (38-37). The momentum carried over into their next game against 6A's Edinburg North. In a close knit battle, the Lionettes emerged victorious 43-39.

Switching gears, the La Feria's boys basketball season can be summed up in one word: perfect. The Lions sit at 5-0 and have taken on challengers of all kinds. To open up the season, the Lions took on against the IDEA Weslaco Pike Mavericks. In a dominant performance, the Lions knocked off the Mavericks 74-38.

Up next was another big challenge in 5A squad PSJA North. The Lions dominated the Raiders all throughout the game. Late in the game, the Lions were up by 15 before the Raiders scratched back. Despite a relentless

comeback by the Raiders, the Lions survived 59-54.

Now 2-0, the Lions clashed against former District foe Raymondville. Last season, the Lions had the Bearkats' number, winning both meetings against them. In a back and forth battle between both squads, the victory could have gone either way but it was the Lions who slipped away with the win 57-51.

La Feria then took on 31-6A's Mission Eagles. Despite a closely knit game, the Lions picked up the win 49-33. Over the Holiday weekend, La Feria then took on the Lyford Bulldogs. The Lions took off from the start and controlled the whole game and grabbed the win 58-38.

So a combined 12-3 for both programs, Basketball season proves to be more exciting as the weeks go by in La Feria. The Lions and Lionettes will continue non-district until January 2025. But for now, tournaments and matches to prepare for 32-4A.

## W.B. Green Boys Basketball Invitational Tournament

La Feria ISD hosted a three-day Invitational middle school tournament for 7th and 8th graders. The tournament was a hard-fought battle but ultimately the cubs came out of the fight victorious for both the 7th grade boys and 8th grade boys teams.

For 7th grade, Santa Rosa came in second and Progreso came in third. For the 8th grade boys, Raymondville came out second, and Santa Maria came out third.

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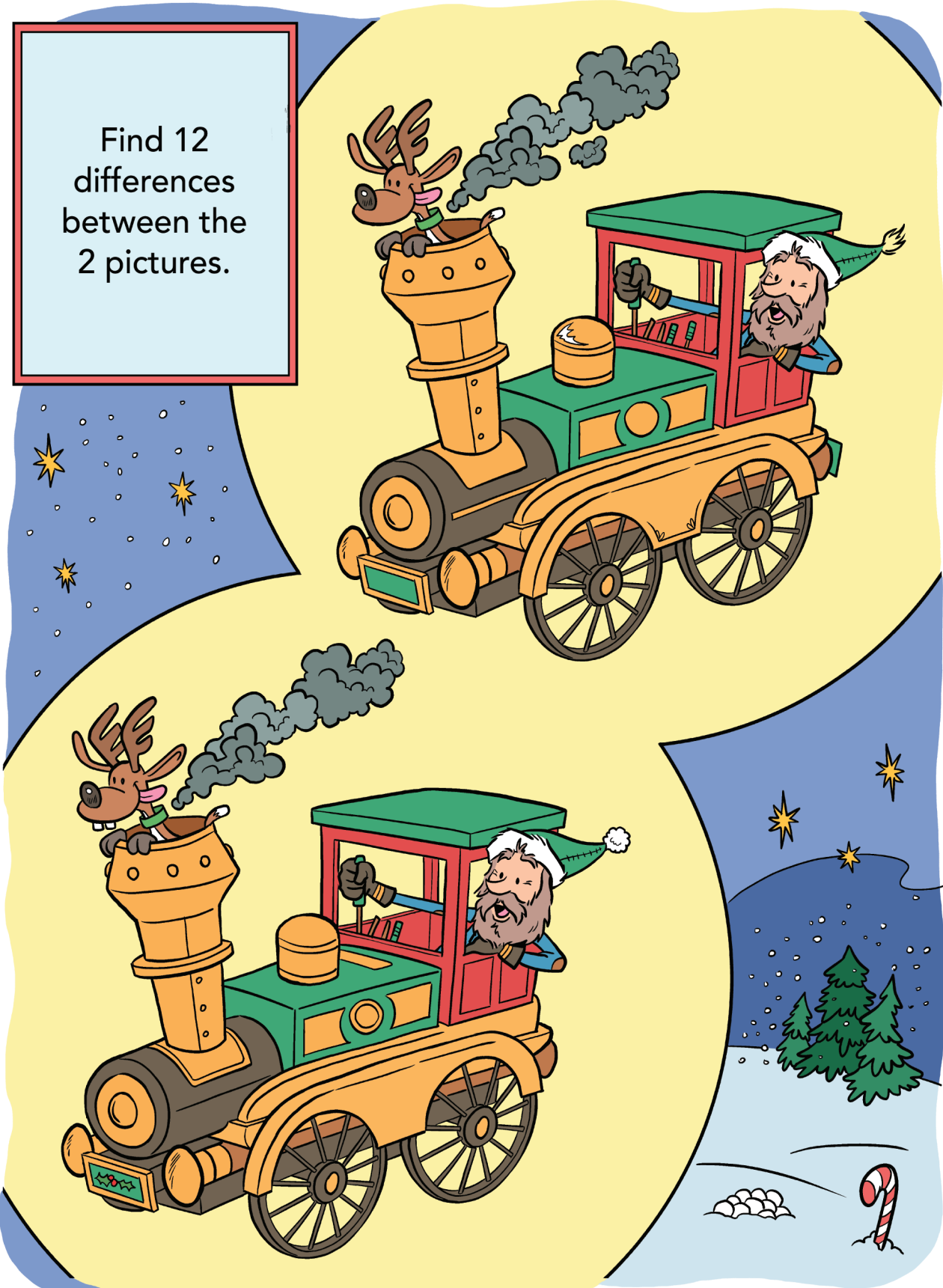


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# Real Texas Christmas Trees Boost Economy, Agritourism Shows Continued Growth

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COLLEGE STATION, Texas – More than four million real Christmas trees are sold annually in Texas, supporting farms and agriculture businesses throughout the state. As the holiday season nears, Texas A&M Forest Service encourages purchasing real Christmas trees to help boost the Texas economy.

A 2022 Texas A&M Forest Service economic study revealed that the Texas Christmas tree industry generated economic impacts amounting to more than \$714 million, including direct, indirect and induced impacts while supporting nearly 6,000 jobs. Of \$714 million in total impacts, the Texas Christmas tree industry had a direct economic impact

of \$397 million, employing 3,896 people with a payroll of more than \$97 million.

U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics for 2022 ranks the Texas Christmas tree industry second in the U.S. South based on average annual employment and wages.

“It’s a tradition in many households to have a real Christmas tree,” said Dr. Aaron Stottlemeyer, Texas A&M Forest Service Forest Analytics Department Head. “The process of going as a family to pick out a tree is a fun activity that supports rural economies across the state.”

Texas Christmas trees also boost the state’s economy through strong agricultural businesses and tourism

which exposes families and visitors of all ages to the forestry and agriculture industry.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, agritourism revenue has more than tripled from 2002 to 2017, with human interaction and visitor engagement majorly contributing to its rise in popularity.

“Many Christmas tree farms across the state have made enhancements to their businesses to incorporate more engaging and educational activities for visitors along with selecting and purchasing a Christmas tree,” said Stottlemeyer. “The demand for this type of experience is also consistent with the demand for live, community-oriented activities across the country.”

The USDA also found that agritourism, including Christmas tree farms, aided in the economic sustainability of local, rural farms and created new jobs.

The most widely grown Texas Christmas trees are

the Virginia pine, Afghan pine, eastern redcedar shortleaf pine, Arizona cypress and Leyland cypress.

The first recorded Christmas tree plantation was established in Jasper, Texas, in 1935. Since the 1970s, institutions like Texas A&M Forest Service, Texas A&M University and Stephen F. Austin have worked toward optimizing the health and growth of Christmas tree species to enhance the State’s Christmas tree industry.

“The Texas Christmas Tree Growers Association and Texas A&M Forest Service have been collaborating since the early 1980s,” said Fred Raley, Texas A&M Forest Service Tree Improvement Coordinator. “The collaboration has worked to develop locally adapted Virginia pines, especially hardy and adapted to the Texas climate, to ensure that those that prefer a live tree can continue to have that Christmas experience for a very long time.”

Since the introduction of the Virginia pine improvement project, beginning in Magnolia Springs, Texas, the demand for this Christmas tree species has grown to 150,000 seedlings among growers in Central, East and North Texas.

“The demand for real Christmas trees and associated activities among Texans continues to grow alongside the demand to expand the overall Texas Christmas tree industry and species variety,” said Raley. “As this industry continues to grow, we’ve also seen an increase in younger individuals who are interested in establishing Christmas tree businesses.”

In anticipation of spring 2025 planting, the Texas Christmas Tree Growers Association recently reported that Texas growers have already purchased more than 130,000 seedlings.

In the U.S., the sale of real Christmas trees has decreased since 2018, and the sale of artificial trees has been higher than real trees

since 2020. But choosing a real Christmas tree should always be considered. Not only is harvesting Christmas trees good for our economy, but it is also beneficial to the natural environment.

After the holiday season, real Christmas trees can be repurposed and recycled for many uses. Real Christmas trees can be used as landscape mulch in yards and gardens as soil erosion prevention, nest-building materials for birds and natural water habitats for fish and wildlife in ponds or lakes.

“Christmas tree farms are young forests,” said Stottlemeyer. “They provide us the same benefits as traditional forests by sequestering carbon, providing a natural habitat for wildlife, cleaning our water and providing recreational opportunities.”

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  - What influencers do?
  - Yemeni's neighbor
  - Another word for Tokyo
  - Singer Ross of "Where Did Our Love Go" fame

- Laundry room fire hazard, pl.
- Much of it about nothing?
- Furnish with a fund
- \*"A Bad Moms Christmas" actress Bell
- \*Tiny Tim creator
- Tibetan ox
- Khrushchev's domain
- \*Goo on real Christmas tree
- Sketch

- \*Poinsettia's motherland
- "\_\_\_\_\_ Good Men", movie
- Brussels' org.
- Plant fungus
- Reluctant
- Klutzy
- \*"It's beginning to look \_\_\_\_\_ like..."
- Domains
- Bog down
- Oxen connector
- Under epidermis

- Mums' mums
- Over, poetically
- Alleviate
- \_\_\_\_ Mahal
- \*Tanne in "O Tannenbaum" (2 words)
- \*It is feliz to Feliciano
- Radioshow host: "Hello, you're \_\_\_\_\_"
- Knot-tying vow (2 words)
- Dispatch boat
- Carthage's ancient neighbor
- \*Egg\_\_\_\_\_
- Oil lamp dweller
- Fishing poles
- Bigheadedness
- Painter Degas

- DOWN**
- Lore people
  - Mideast ruler
  - Hindu princess
  - Jittery
  - Farthest from point of origin
  - Ground beef description
  - Like Lemmon and Matthau together
  - Merchandise
  - Swim's alternative
  - Dwyane, once of Miami Heat
  - Any day now, to Shakespeare
  - Swerves
  - King's order
  - Increasing
  - Philosophy ending
  - Undo, as in strings
  - Green side
  - Before, in the olden days
  - J.M. Barrie's Pan
  - "Howdy, \_\_\_\_\_!"
  - Internal picture
  - Meltable home
  - Singer Sam of "Twistin' the Night Away" fame
  - Weasel's aquatic cousin
  - \*"Last Christmas" band, with !
  - Edible pod
  - Busybody, in Yiddish
  - Mountain range
  - Certain fraternity house letters
  - Cruel
  - Île de la Cité river
  - Tripped the light fantastic
  - \*Number of ghosts in "A Christmas Carol"
  - \*"He's Just Not That \_\_\_\_\_ You", movie
  - Police's surprise
  - Habitual twitches
  - Not happening (2 words)
  - Minor bumper damage
  - "Heat of the Moment" band
  - Opposite of talker?
  - \*The Grinch's Max

# Harlingen Performing Arts Center Hosts "The Nutcracker"

Harlingen Performing Arts Conservatory & HCISD Schools present Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky's

## The NUTCRACKER

Dec. 13 • 7 PM  
Dec. 14 • 7 PM  
Dec. 15 • 2:30 PM

Reserve Tickets on Sale  
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By Mike Villarreal

Are you looking for something to do this December? Have you ever attended a performing arts show? Now is the perfect time to check out the Harlingen Performing Arts Conservatory and HCISD Schools, which will present Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker" at the Harlingen Performing

Arts Center on December 13, 14, and 15. Tickets can be purchased online at [hcisdpa.ludus.com](http://hcisdpa.ludus.com). The Nutcracker is a heartwarming celebration of imagination, wonder, and holiday spirit. Step into a world of holiday magic with this beloved ballet that has enchanted audiences for generations. Join young Clara on Christmas Eve

as she embarks on an extraordinary journey, during which a toy Nutcracker comes to life, battles the fearsome Mouse King, and transforms into a dashing prince. Together, they travel to the Land of Sweets, where dazzling dances and Tchaikovsky's iconic score bring the festivities to life.

The Nutcracker is perfect for audiences of all ages. The history of the ballet dates back to 1892 when the first Russian performance of the show premiered to a score by composer Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky at the Imperial Mariinsky Theatre. This two-act fairy tale ballet tells the story of a gathering of friends and family on Christmas Eve in Clara's home. During this party, Clara receives a wooden Nutcracker, which is brought to life by the mysterious toy maker, Herr Drosselmeyer.

The choreography involves many technical challenges, particularly the Sugar Plum Fairy dance, which performs both with a partner and as a soloist, showcasing a lot of pointe work. (Pointe work is a ballet technique that involves supporting



the body's weight on the tips of the fully extended feet while wearing pointe shoes.)

In the United States, the first performance of The

Nutcracker was by the San Francisco Opera Ballet in 1944. The New York City Ballet created its version in 1954, choreographed by George Balanchine,

and CBS later aired Balanchine's version on national television in 1958. Photos by HCISD Performing Arts Center Facebook Page

# Enjoy Some Holiday Fun at Big Red's Ranch

**EVENT RESCHEDULED**

## Christmas

AT BIG RED'S RANCH

Dec. ~~7~~, 14, 15, 21, & 22

\*Added Date

By Mike Villarreal

Are you ready for some fun at the Ranch? Big Red's Ranch is hosting its annual Christmas event, featuring spectacular light displays that the whole family

can enjoy. Experience a beautiful sunset accompanied by Christmas music, dazzling lights, and a festive light show.

There will be plenty of enjoyable activities for everyone, including

hay rides to see the lights with falling 'snow' and a horse-drawn carriage ride. Additionally, horse and pony rides will be available.

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be on-site for photo

opportunities and many creative photo spots around the Ranch. Enjoy a cozy bonfire with S'mores, and visit the petting zoo featuring goats, pigs, chickens, donkeys, sheep, bunnies, and more. There will also be carnival swings and a giant slide—fun

activities for all ages! If you need more than that, check out the Christmas Market showcasing local artisans and small business vendors. Food vendors will be present to satisfy your cravings.

will occur on December 14, 15, 21, and 22. Tickets can be purchased online at [bigredministries.org/events](http://bigredministries.org/events). You can also visit their Facebook page at Big Red's Ranch. Take advantage of the holiday magic! Photos from Big Red's Ranch Facebook page

