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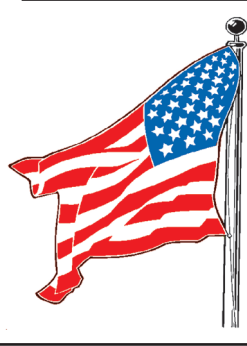
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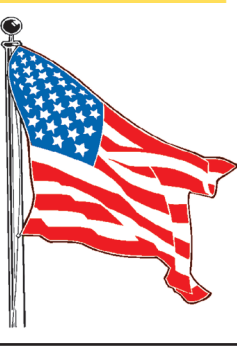
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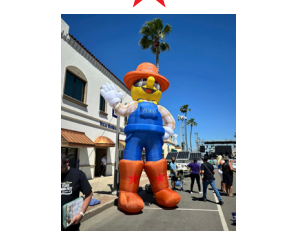
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By Mike Villarreal

In early March, the Santa Rosa ISD Texas ACE Program organized an exciting and informative event during the Read Across America week to

showcase two local authors and bring their literature to life. The event was aimed at fostering a love of reading among the students and opening up their imaginations to different cultures and experiences.

The first author to present was Monica Velasquez, a teacher with the Harlingen School District and a celebrated author. She presented her latest book, "The Wait Until Sunday for Pan Dulce," which

celebrates the rich and vibrant Hispanic heritage that plays a significant role in the communities. During the reading, Monica drew on her personal experiences and family traditions to bring the story to life. She also explained how her book was inspired by the Sunday gathering of her family where pan dulce was a staple. The students were enthralled by the book and its message, and the reading was followed by a pan dulce treat for the students to enjoy.

The second author was Nedia Lee, a retired educator and an accomplished writer. She read her book, "The Adventures of Zoe the Zoo Bench," which is part of a series of books with a bench theme. Nedia's book captivated the children, and they were thrilled to learn about the adventures

of Zoe, the zoo bench. Nedia also shared with the students her experience as an author and how she developed the characters and the story. The students were inspired by Nedia's passion for writing and storytelling.

The ACE students later even had the opportunity to craft their own bench inspired by Nedia's story, which was a great way to get the students involved and to encourage their creativity. Each event was a huge success, and it helped to promote literacy and a love of reading among the students. The students left the event with a newfound appreciation for literature and storytelling, and they were eager to read more books and explore their imaginations.

Photos Santa Rosa ISD Texas ACE Program Facebook page.

El programa ACE de Santa Rosa ISD Texas inspira las mentes de los estudiantes

A principios de marzo, el Programa ACE de Santa Rosa ISD organizó un evento interesante e informativo durante la semana Read Across America para mostrar a dos autores locales y darle vida a su literatura. El evento tuvo como objetivo fomentar el amor por la lectura entre los estudiantes y abrir su imaginación a diferentes culturas y experiencias.

La primera autora en presentar fue Mónica Velásquez, maestra del Distrito Escolar de Harlingen y autora célebre. Presentó su último libro, "La espera hasta el domingo para Pan Dulce", que celebra la rica y vibrante herencia hispana que juega un papel importante en las comunidades. Durante la lectura, Mónica se basó en sus experiencias personales y tradiciones familiares para darle vida a la historia.



También explicó cómo su libro se inspiró en la reunión dominical de su familia donde el pan dulce era un alimento básico. Los estudiantes quedaron cautivados por el libro y su mensaje, y la lectura fue seguida por un pan dulce para que los estudiantes disfrutaran.

La segunda autora fue Nedia Lee, una educadora jubilada y una escritora consumada. Leyó su libro,

"Las aventuras de Zoe, el banco del zoológico", que forma parte de una serie de libros sobre el tema de los bancos. El libro de Nedia cautivó a los niños y estaban encantados de conocer las aventuras de Zoe, la banca del zoológico. Nedia también compartió con los estudiantes su experiencia como autora y cómo desarrolló los personajes y la historia. Los estudiantes se inspiraron

en la pasión de Nedia por escribir y contar historias.

Más tarde, los estudiantes de ACE incluso tuvieron la oportunidad de crear su propio banco inspirado en la historia de Nedia, lo cual fue una excelente manera de involucrar a los estudiantes y fomentar su creatividad. Cada evento fue un gran éxito y ayudó a promover la alfabetización y el amor por la lectura entre

los estudiantes. Los estudiantes abandonaron el evento con una nueva apreciación por la literatura y la narración de cuentos, y estaban ansiosos por leer más libros y explorar su imaginación.

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LFISD Students Compete at 85th Annual RGVLS



Western Art
 Maya Munoz-1st Place
Photography
 Landon Cantu-1st Place
Jr. Breeding Gilts
 Catalina Ontiveros- 7th place Yorkshire
Jr. Breeding AOB Cattle
 Justin Alfaro- 3rd Place Junior Show, 2nd place Open Show
 Bryan Rodriguez-6th Place Junior Show, 5th Place Open Show
 Caylee Reyes- 2nd place Jr. Show, 3rd Open Show
Jr. Breeding ARB Cattle
 Azayel Mendoza-2nd Place Junior show
Jr. Breeding Sheep
 Bryan Rodriguez- 2nd Place
 Brandon Rodriguez- 1st in class and Reserve Breed Champion
 Bryannah Rodriguez - 1st in class
Market Hogs
 Kristen Hinojosa - 2nd place Duroc
 Lauren Hinojosa-9th Place Light OPB

Catalina Ontiveros 1st Place in Class and Breed Champion Dark OPB
 Justin Alfaro- 2nd Place Light Cross
 Harley Alfaro - 2nd Place Dark Cross
 Brandie Rodriguez - 15th in class
 Melanie Villarreal - 15th in class
 Yuleyna Vela - 15th in class
Market Goats
 Danielle Villarrea -12th in class
 Janelle Cardona- 9th in class
 Finn Moore -12th in class
 Alyssa Rodriguez -10th in class
Market Lambs
 Angelina Rodriguez 7th in class Southdown
 Bryan Rodriguez 6th in class Fine Wool Cross
 Brandon Rodriguez 12th in class
 Brandie Rodriguez 12th in class
Steers
 Landon Cantu -5th in class

Justin Alfaro - 1st in class
 Harley Alfaro -1st in class
Shop Projects
 Janelle Cardona, Angelina Rodriguez, Melanie Villarreal - Excellent Rating and 1st place BBQ Pit Trailers under 10ft.
 Finn Moore- Excellent Rating and 2nd place Wildlife Equipment
 Justin Nino- Excellent Rating and 1st Place Metal Art
 Mark Parvin - Excellent Rating and 2nd place Shop Equipment
 Mason Parvin - Excellent Rating and 3rd place Shop Equipment
 The following students received Excellent or Good ratings for their projects
 Julissa Atkinson
 Michael Cavazos
 Kayleen Flores
 Samantha Flores
 Victor Flores
 Emily Garza
 Kathia Hernandez
 David Ramos

Juan Mena
 Brandon Menchaca
 Summer Moore
 Valeria Morua
 Miah Munoz
 Aaron Nino
 Justin Nino
 Mark Parvin
 Mason Parvin
 Caylee Reyes
 Anna Torres
 La Feria FFA also

managed to receive the High Point Chapter Award for the Shop Project Division
 Robert Salazar, the Agricultural Sciences Teacher and FFA Advisor says the following concerning his FFA kids:
 Our students' results were a result of the dedication they showed

to their projects. These students dont just work hard the week of the show, but for months and months leading up to it. I am proud to see that they and others were able to see the results of their hardwork.
 Great job to all that participated in the 85th Annual Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show!



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MONDAYS
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 12135
 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30pm
 St. Francis Xavier Parish Hall at the corner of West & Cypress (956) 797-266

LA FERIA SCHOOL BOARD
 2nd Monday, 6:30pm
 Board Room
 Central Administration Office
 203 E. Oleander Ave.
 (956) 797-8300

LA FERIA BAND BOOSTERS
 3rd Monday, 7:00pm
 La Feria HS Band Hall
 (956) 797-8300

SANTA ROSA SCHOOL BOARD
 3rd Monday, 6:30pm
 Santa Rosa HS Library
 (956) 636-9800

MAINSTREAM/PLUS DANCE
 Mondays • 9:30am - noon
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TUESDAYS
BLUEGRASS JAM SESSIONS
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 Kenwood RV Resort
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WEDNESDAYS
COUNTRY JAM
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 (308) 379-4589

LINE DANCING
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 Park Place Estates Ballroom • Harlingen

THURSDAYS
SANTA ROSA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
 3rd Thursday • 7:00pm
 Santa Rosa City Hall
 (956) 636-1113

FRIDAYS
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 Sat • 1:00pm - 3:00pm • \$3
 Park Place Estates Ballroom • Harlingen

SATURDAYS
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 702 E. Harrison • Harlingen
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City of La Feria

CALENDAR of EVENTS

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MARCH 19, 2024

6:30 PM City Commission Meeting
 Commission Meeting Room
 115 E. Commercial Avenue • La Feria, TX

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David Eugene Sanchez

June 2, 1969 – February 13, 2024

It is with profound sadness that we share that our wonderful, brilliant, David Eugene Sanchez, passed away on February 13th, in Elgin, TX. David was born in Harlingen, Texas on June 2, 1969, and he graduated from La Feria High School in 1987. He was very active and lettered in football, basketball, and tennis. He was also a state qualifier on the Lincoln Douglas debate team representing LFHS. After high school he attended Texas A&M University. David was a die-hard Texas A&M Aggie, and he bled maroon. He paved the way for the Sanchez family to become Aggies and established the tradition for his younger siblings. After meeting the love of his life, Christi Watters Sanchez, they moved to the Austin area and lived there for over 20 years where they raised two beautiful children. He worked for IBM computers in Austin as a computer engineer utilizing his remarkable brain. Always a computer “geek,” David could solve almost any problem or break any code.

David leaves behind his caring, loving wife of almost 27 years, Christi Watters Sanchez, his two children, Anxo and Vivian Sanchez, and his beloved grandson Titan, who brought out the best in him. He also leaves behind his mother Dilia Sanchez, his mother-in-law Patti Watters, his brother Dario Eloy (Michelle) Sanchez, his sister Delicia Guadalupe Sanchez, and his cherished nieces and nephews. Missing him dearly are his extended family members including aunts Angelina (Adolfo) Lopez, Elidia Mojica, Belen Cruz, San Juana (Kevin) Gorman, and his many cousins (band of brothers). He was preceded in death by his father, David G. Sanchez, and his grandparents Fina and Tavo Cisneros, Paula Garcia, and his uncle Joel Monrial.

A heartfelt thank you to our family and friends for their visits, flowers, mass contributions, prayer services, and meals. Our family will forever cherish and be comforted by David’s amazing and incredible smile.

We asked, “Grief, how long will you stay?”; and it responded, “For as long as you loved him.”

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APRIL 9, 2024

6:30 PM City Commission Meeting
 Commission Meeting Room
 115 E. Commercial Avenue • La Feria, TX

Agriculture Science Academy Competes at RGVLS

RGVLS
Sent in by 4-H Club Manager, Sydney Grong

At the 85th annual RGVLS, the Agriculture Science Academy 4-H competed in a wide diversity of events. First, Blended Acres and Edens Lilly sponsored the Dairy Goat show. Both of these farms are located near La Feria.

Dairy Goats- Showman Crawford Sosebee won the Overall Grand Champion Senior Dairy Goat and was the Champion Intermediate Showman. His brother Kaid Sosebee won Reserve Champion Junior Lamancha and was the Champion Junior Showman.

Mini Hereford- RyAnn O'Loughlin won Champion Junior Mini

Hereford Bull Beefmaster- Kayla Whisenant placed 4th in her class with her breeding cow.

Rabbits- RyAnn received 1st in the Junior New Zealand Buck class. Stephen Robinson received 11th in the Intermediate New Zealand Doe class. Kayla Whisenant received 5th in the Intermediate New Zealand Buck class. Jackson Whisenant received 3rd in the Senior New Zealand doe class. Cassandra Hill received 9th in the Intermediate Buck class and 8th in the Senior doe class. Seth Johnson received 5th in the New Zealand Senior Buck class. Alex Hill received 4th in the Californian Senior Doe class. and Hayden O'Loughlin received 5th in the Californian Senior Buck class.

Ranch Sorting-

Hayden O'Loughlin won 2nd place in the Ranch Hand Class and 2nd in the Reverse Ranch Hand CLass. RyAnn and HAYden O'Loughlin won together as a team the #5 Class. They were the youngest team riding!

Consumer Decision Making- Our Intermediate team, (Sam Johnson, Zenie Jarrett, and Stephen Robinson) placed 2nd and our Senior team (RyAnn and Hayden O'Loughlin) Placed Fourth. This was our first year competing in this.

Ag Product ID- Our Senior team (RyAnn O'Loughlin, Hayden O'Loughlin, and Seth Johnson) placed 4th

We also had students participate in the Greased Pig Scramble, Market Lambs, Market Pigs, and Livestock Judging.

RyAnn O'Loughlin and Charlotte Elliott were also chosen to be flag bearers

for the Rodeo. Kinsley O'Loughlin also competed in the Pet Show with her 3-legged

goat, Legacy. She got 1st in Most Unique, 2nd in Most Compatible, and 3rd in Fluffiest. She was our

youngest exhibitor, having just turned six. She also carried the flag in the Ranch Sorting Event.



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FROM THE CORNER OF

First Baptist Church, La Feria

My children were born in the state of Alabama. We have a grandchild conceived through IVF treatments. Chances are, this child could not have been conceived and born in Alabama.

February 16, the Alabama Supreme Court issued a ruling declaring that embryos created through in vitro fertilization (IVF) are people. Legislators are desperately trying to correct the fallout from the court's decision and Justice Parker's irresponsible rhetoric.

Chief Justice Tom Parker quoted the Bible in his summary. A book that many of us dearly love. But one that not everyone feels the same way about. Not every American is a Christian.

Parker has a history misusing scripture and his position on the Alabama Supreme Court. He was an assistant to former Chief Justice Roy Moore who lost his job for refusing to remove a monument of the 10 commandments from the State Supreme Court building.

The Supreme Court is important. The 10 Commandments are also. But the First Amendment makes sure they keep their distance from each other. The 10 Commandment monument is now on wheels. Roy Moore takes it with him as he tours and lectures.

I am glad Moore keeps the 10 commandments with him. It is a good start. The New Testament would be nice also. But the teachings of Jesus are a lot harder to haul around. Maybe Parker can assist him with that. It would do both of them some good.

-Mark S. Ross DMin.

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The City will consider the adoption of the Annexation Ordinance on April 16, 2024 at 6:00 pm. If you have any questions, please contact Dianna, City Secretary at 956-423-9654.

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Notice is hereby given that the original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **SANTIAGO DURAN**, Deceased, were issued on March 21, 2024, in Docket No. 2023-CPC-00043 pending in the Probate Court No. 1 of Cameron County, Texas, to: **BERTA VERONICA RUBIO A/K/A VERONICA BERTA RUBIO**. Claims may be presented in care of the Independent Executor for the Estate addressed as follows:

BERTA VERONICA RUBIO A/K/A VERONICA BERTA RUBIO, Independent Executor for the Estate of SANTIAGO DURAN, Deceased
26685 FM 506
La Feria, Texas 78559

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

DATED this March 26, 2024.

LAW OFFICE OF CYNTHIA L. BENAVIDES, P.L.L.C.

By: 
CYNTHIA L. BENAVIDES
Attorney for Independent Executor

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Notice is hereby given that Letter Testamentary in the Estate Patricia Ann Marbut, Deceased, were issued to Jerry Elisha Marbut, on March 7, 2024, in Cause No. 2024-CPC-45 now pending in Probate Court Number One of Cameron County, Texas. Claims should be addressed to the Independent Executor, c/o Hamilton & Lucio, P.C., 805 Old Port Isabel Road, Brownsville, Texas 78521-3557.

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

/s/ Jerry Elisha Marbut
Independent Executor

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THE STATE OF TEXAS 2023-DCL-04149

Clementina A. Gonzales § IN THE 444TH DISTRICT COURT
VS § OF
Nilda Maria Garcia and All Known and Unknown Heirs § CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS

TO: **Nilda Maria Garcia**
And all 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."

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the **Original Petition** 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 444th District Court of Cameron County, at the Courthouse in said County in Brownsville, Texas. Said **Original Petition** was filed in said court on the 28th day of August, 2023 in the above entitled cause.


A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: **Lot Numbers Seventy Seven A (77-A) and Seventy Seven B(77-B), in Block Number Three (3), Avondale Addition to the City of Harlingen, Cameron County, Texas, According to the Map of Said Addition Recorded in Volume 8, Page 28, Map Records of Cameron County, Texas.** as is more fully shown by **Original Petition** on file in this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Brownsville, Texas, on this the 27th day of February, 2024.

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LA FERIA SPORTS

GO LIONS

Lionettes continue unbeaten in 32-4A

By Ruben Rodriguez
La FERIA News

As District Play continues on, the La FERIA Lionettes continue their dominance as they remain atop the 32-4A Standings as the lone unbeaten team in the district. While we near the halfway point of District, we take a look at some of the key wins La FERIA has had in district.

Currently 5-0, La FERIA has held their own when it comes to picking up wins. One of the reasons is their run production. La FERIA has been impeccable when it comes to putting runs on the board. In their first five District matchups,

the Lions outscored their opponents by a landslide total of 59-14.

To open up district, La FERIA took on the Zapata Lady Hawks and quietly picked up a 4-0 win. Up next were Raymondville Lady Bearcats. In what has become quite the rivalry, the Lionettes were able to prevail and picked up a huge 12-6 win to open up district with a win.

La FERIA then went to 4-0 thanks to their explosive offense against La Grulla as the Lionettes pounced on the Lady Gators 20-5. The Dominance then continued

against Hidalgo, who unfortunately suffered the dominance of the Roll Pride. La FERIA relentlessly shut down the Pirates in a major 19-0 victory.

To continue their winning ways, La FERIA took on district rival Port Isabel. The Lionettes and Lady Tarpons battled in a close offensive game. However, the Lionettes came out victorious with a big 5-3 win over the Lady Tarpons.

The Lionettes sit at 5-0 as the lone unbeaten on top of District.

Photos from La FERIA Facebook page

Lionette Golf

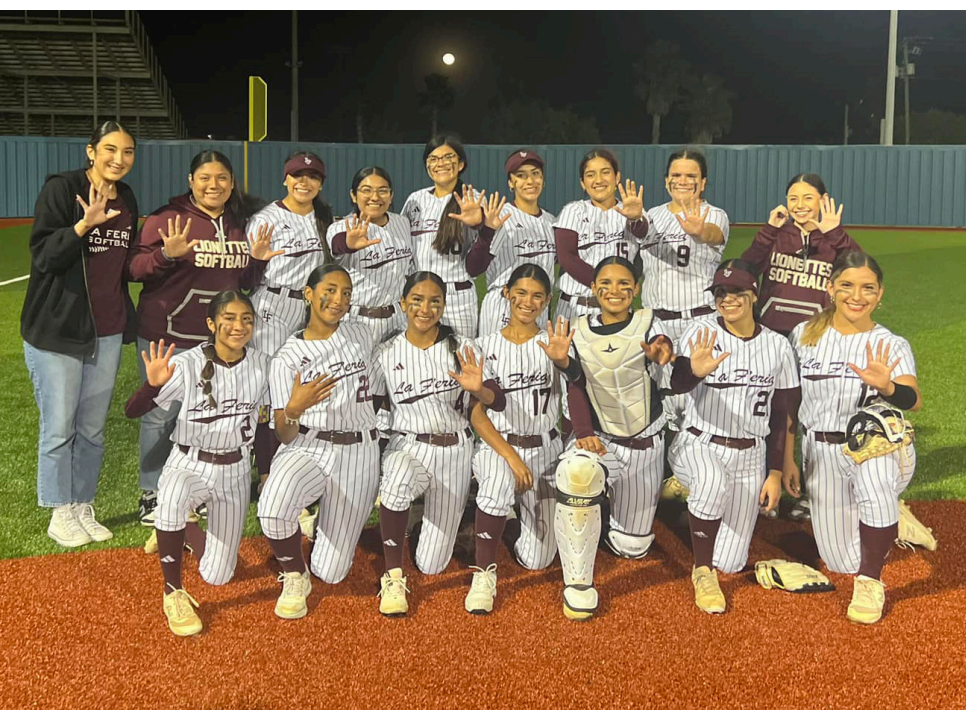
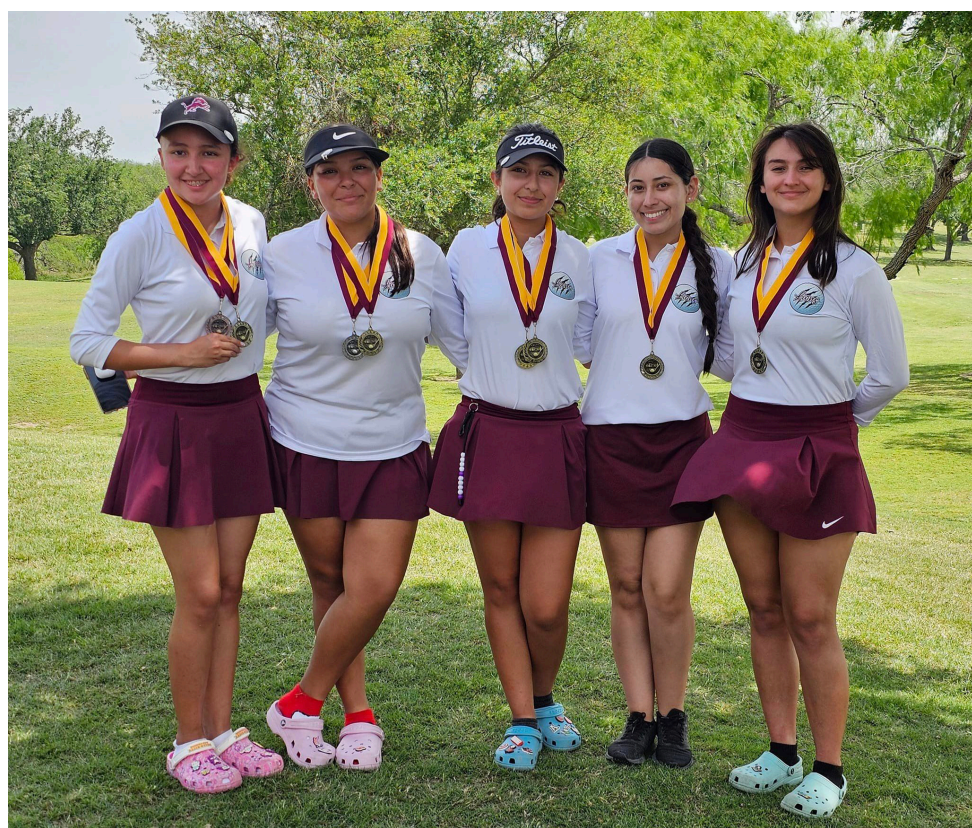
By Jazmin Perea

Congratulations to the Lionette golf team for all of their recent wins! They are showing off their talent from winning the Port Isabel golf tournament on March 21 to golf team A winning the Pre-District golf tournament on March

25. At the Port Isabel tournament, we had Karina Rios winning individual, Alliana Briones placing 3rd, Miah Munoz placing 4th and Zoe Flores placing 5th. Looking over at Pre District this time we have Alliana Briones placing individual, Karina Rios placing 2nd and Miah

Munoz placing 3rd. Make sure to show your support to the team as on Tuesday, April 2nd, they will be competing in district at Treasure Hills in Harlingen.

Photos are from La FERIA ISD's Facebook page.



Making Santa Rosa Proud

Emilio Flores
LFN

You'll recall, that Coach Marichalar said it back during Regionals, "We still have a little more in the tank." adding, "It's not done just yet."

Well, Coach was not lying. The Santa Rosa Warriors received 4th place in Team Standings at this year's State Powerlifting Competition.

Marichalar says, "The SR Warrior Powerlifting Program's Creed was



definitely on display at this year's THSPA State Meet."

He shares that the Warriors peaked at the right time as they all hit personal bests when it counted most. Granting them 4th place as a team in the entire State of Texas.

Coach says to that, "We wanted to make our community proud."

Marichalar finished by saying, "Thank you to our coaching staff who did an amazing job all year. Coach Joe Alvarado, Coach Erica Molina, and Coach Joe Marichalar, Strength and Honor."

Lionettes win Bi-District Round

By Ruben Rodriguez
La FERIA News

The La FERIA Lionettes Soccer Team has punched their ticket to the Class 4A Girls State Soccer Playoffs. The Lionettes after falling in the Area Round to Calallen in 2023, were looking to make it back to the area

round.

After going 8-3 in district, the Lionettes were set to face off against IDEA Weslaco Pike. Shades of last season, La FERIA took on Weslaco Pike in the bi-District where the Lionettes picked up the win 4-2.

In a back and forth battle, the Lady

Mavericks and Lionettes clashed in a shootout. The Lionettes thanks to key shots were able to hold off the Lady Mavericks and picked up a 4-3 win.

The Lionettes advanced to the Area Round where they will face off against the Rockport Fulton Lady Pirates.

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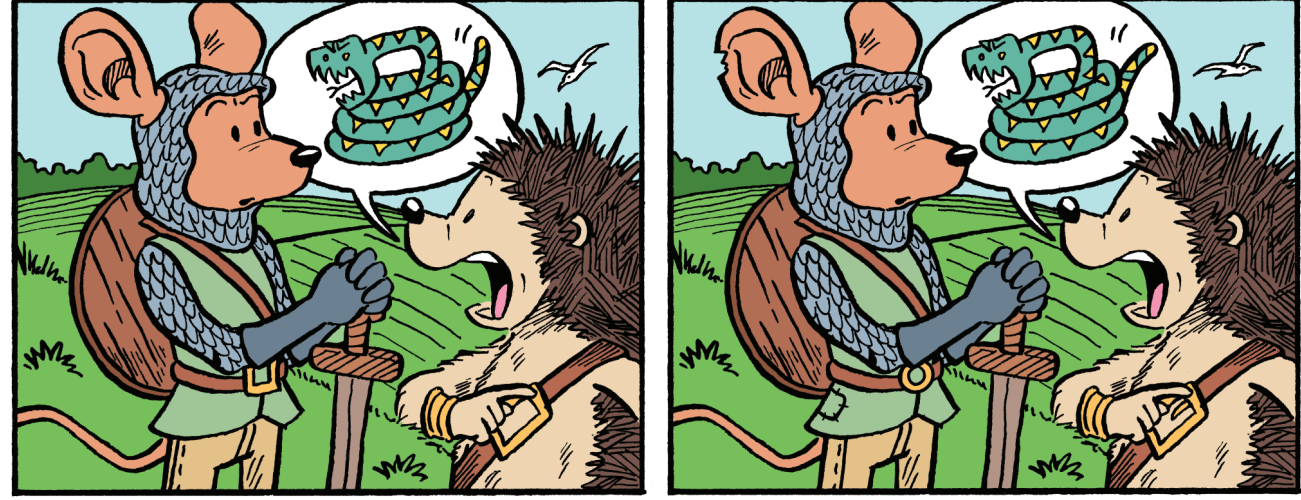
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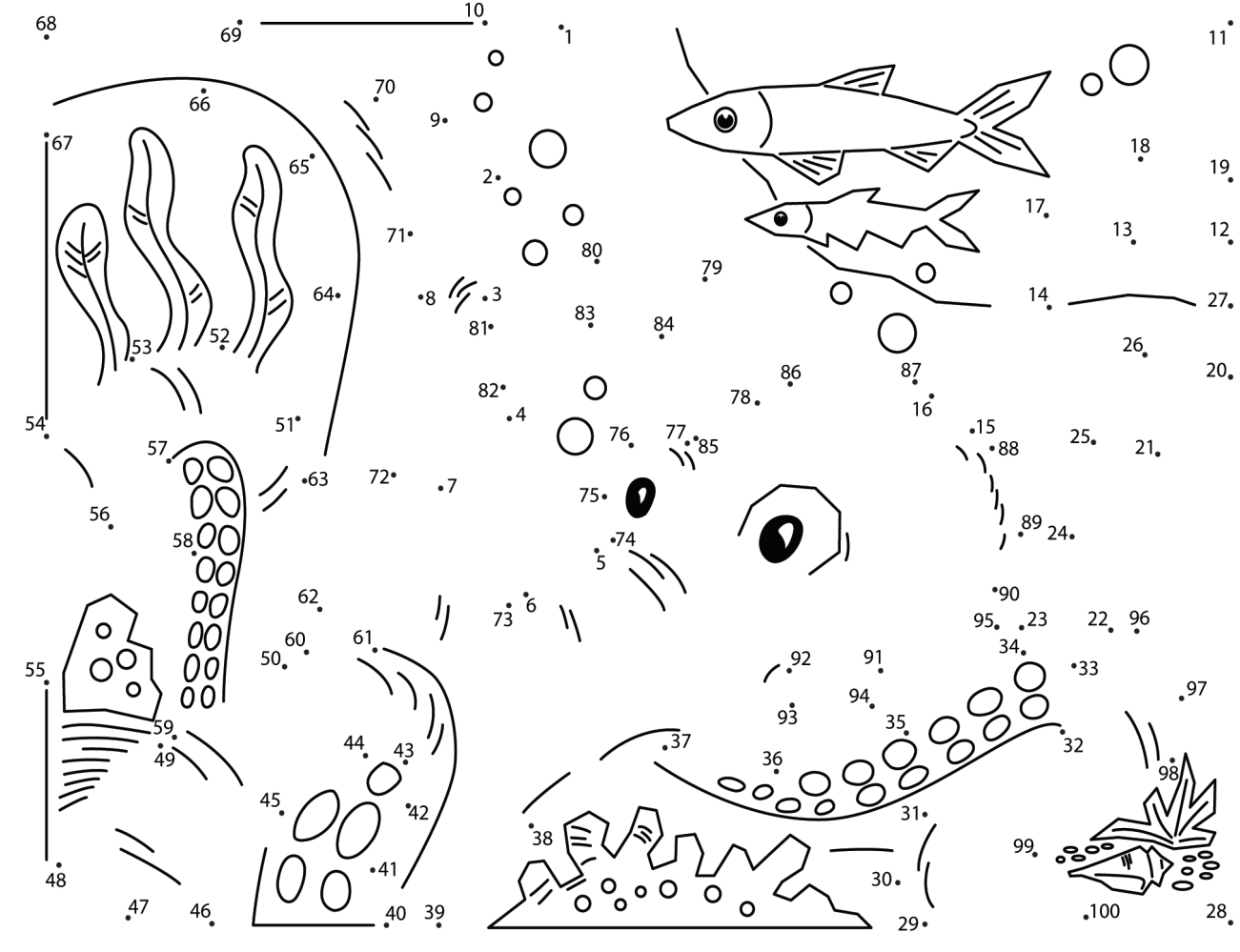
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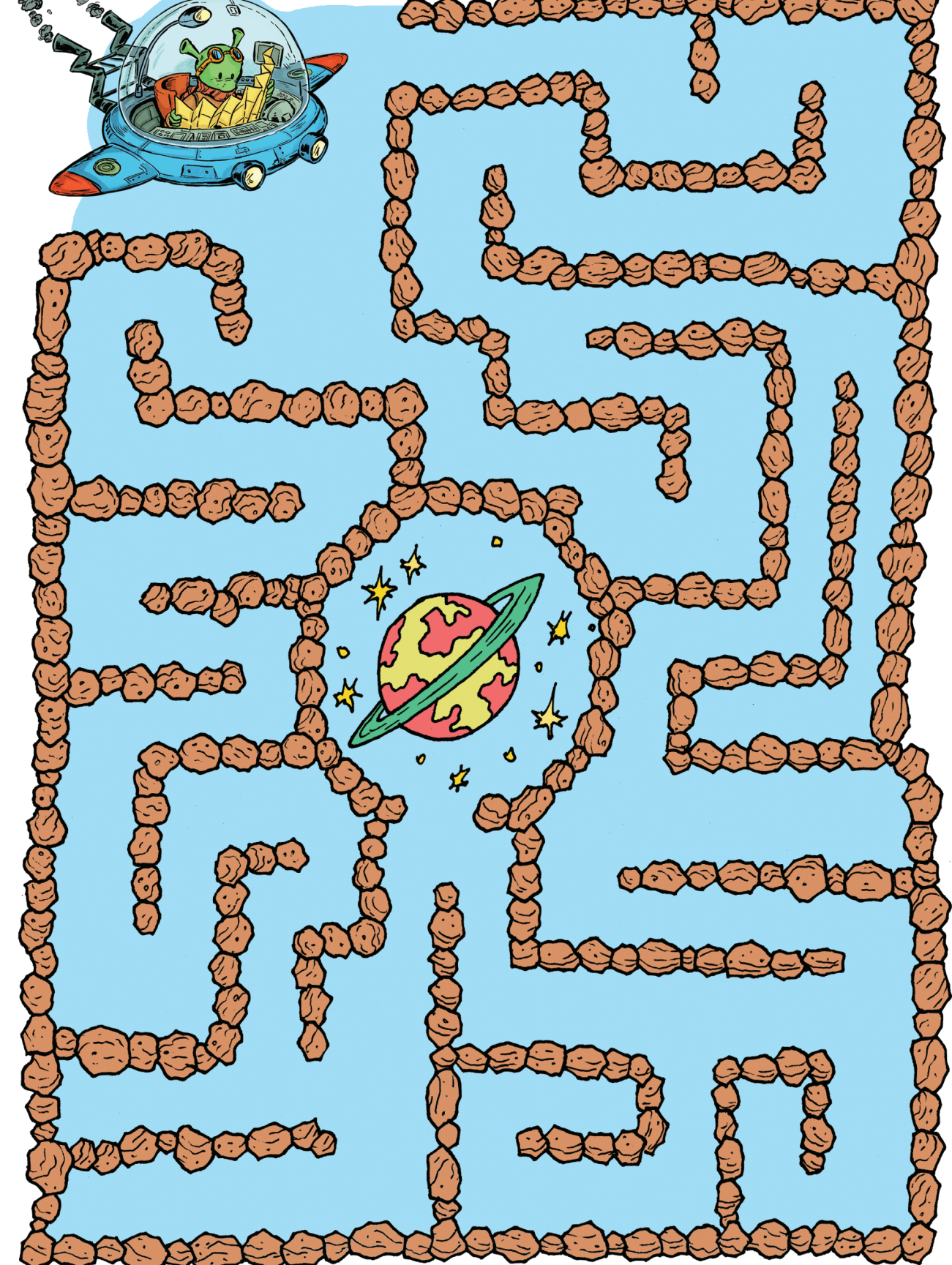
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35th Annual Onion Fest Holds a Successful Event

By Mike Villarreal

On March 23, 2024, the small yet vibrant city of Weslaco, Texas, was buzzing with excitement as it hosted the annual "Texas Onion Fest". The festival was a celebration of the world-famous Texas 1015 onion, which originated in Weslaco and has put the city on the map.

The festivities were eagerly anticipated by the residents of Weslaco and the valley, and the official Texas Onion mascot, Tex, was in attendance to welcome visitors to the event. The 1015 onion, which is the official State vegetable of Texas, was named after the date it was planted - October 15.

The festival was a true feast for the senses, with something for everyone to enjoy. Visitors had the opportunity to participate in an onion eating contest, browse through a variety of commercial booths, and savor delicious South Texas

cuisine. The Texas onion blossom, a deep-fried onion dish, was a crowd favorite, with its crispy exterior and tender, sweet onion center.

Children were entertained by kiddie rides, while adults enjoyed watching dancing horses and browsing through the 1015 market, which featured local artisans and vendors selling handmade crafts and goods.

The festival also featured a car show, cooking

demonstrations, and live entertainment on two stages. The music lineup included popular Tejano artists such as Jay Perez and David Lee Garza y Los Musicales, who energized the crowds with their lively performances.

In addition to the festivities, the event also celebrated the crowning of Miss Texas Onion Fest and Jr. Miss Texas Onion Fest. These competitions are open to Weslaco students

and are a source of pride and excitement for the community. This year's winners were Larissa Rodriguez, a 10th grader at Weslaco High School, and Allie Rodriguez, a 6th

grader at Central Middle School.

The Texas Onion Fest is sponsored by the Weslaco Chamber of Commerce and is a community event that brings families and

residents together to celebrate the rich cultural heritage of Weslaco and the surrounding valley.

Photo Texas Onion Fest Facebook Page

Celebrating Family and Flavor, One Recipe at a Time

(StatePoint) No matter where you live or where you're from, food is typically at the center of every family gathering. And, oftentimes, the dishes served come from recipes passed down for generations.

To celebrate family, flavor, food and their new pellet blend collection, Bear Mountain Premium BBQ Woods is hosting the "Family Full of Flavor" contest, along with Merry Graham, an award-winning celebrity home chef and grandmother, and Jennifer Plemmons, a southern influencer and grilling mom. Families can submit their favorite recipes that are baked, or prepared on the grill, in the categories of appetizers, entrees, side

dishes and desserts.

"Whether it's a formal gathering or a casual picnic, good food enjoyed with loved ones helps us celebrate traditions and make memories," says Graham. "We're excited to try so many beloved family recipes with this contest and share them with others."

Graham, Plemmons and the Bear Mountain team will review all recipes submitted between March 25 and April 19 and select three finalists. From April 22-30, anyone can visit BearMountainBBQ.com and vote for their favorite recipe once daily. Throughout the voting period, Graham and Plemmons will try out recipes and post them on their social media

channels. The winner, announced May 1, will receive an all-expenses paid family reunion in the amount of a \$5,000 gift card to Walmart. The two runners-up will receive a year's supply of Bear Mountain pellets.

To kick things off, Graham offers her recipe for Smoky Parmesan Panko Chicken Thighs, a budget-friendly meal for a crowd, and a tribute to her own cherished summer family barbecues.

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► Celebrating Family and Flavor, One Recipe at a Time

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Spring Is The Time For Texans To ‘Two-Step’ Toward Fire Ant Control

AgriLife Extension method is a safe, effective way to manage imported red fire ants

Spring is an ideal time to take the first step to fire ant control, said a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service expert.

“This is the time of year when ants begin foraging for food and when spring rains percolate through the soil and destroy underground fire ant tunnels,” said Robert Puckett, Ph.D. AgriLife Extension entomologist in Texas A&M’s Department of Entomology, Bryan-College Station. “This causes them to deposit new tunnel soil as a mound on the surface above, making them much easier to locate.”

Puckett said the Two-Step Method is AgriLife Extension’s preferred means of fire ant control.

About the Two-Step method

The Two-Step Method is less labor-intensive, less toxic and more environmentally friendly than most other means of do-it-yourself fire ant control. It can be an efficient, effective and safe way to control fire ants for an individual home, large property or entire community.

The first step involves semi-annual broadcast applications of fire ant bait. The second involves follow-up treatments of individual mounds or “nuisance” ant colonies, such as those in sensitive or high-traffic areas.

— Step one: The use of fire ant bait as the first step is effective as temperatures begin to rise and ants begin to gather forage to feed their new brood.

“Spring and fall are particularly good times to apply baits,” Puckett said. “Once it gets hot and dry, as in the summer months, fire ants become less active, and mounds become less visible as ants

go deeper into the soil.”

Broadcasting bait across a property is also advantageous in that users don’t have to find the fire ant colonies, he said.

“Fire ant colonies can be difficult to locate, especially over a large area, so using a bait is less costly in terms of time and the amount of product needed for treating larger areas,” Puckett said. “Ants pick up the bait and return it to the nest, so they do most of the work for you.”

He said the fire ant bait concentration is very low compared to residential insecticides.

“The recommended amount of grains per area is fairly low, so it’s not necessary to use a lot of insecticide,” he said. “While the efficacy of baits may differ, they all work pretty well.”

The baits that work faster are also usually more expensive, so Puckett said homeowners should determine if the cost is worth the result.

— Step two: Because fire ant mounds are most visible this time of year, especially after a rain, they are easier to locate to do the second step.

This involves treating the largest or most troublesome mounds with an individual mound treatment, such as a liquid drench or some form of granular, non-bait insecticide or dust.

“Most contact insecticides applied directly to the mound kill the colony in one-to-two days,” Puckett said. “If the area has just a few mounds, then it may not even be necessary to apply bait as a first step.”

He said it is extremely important to follow label instructions and not mix too little or too much water if using a liquid insecticide.

“Aside from the label being the law, these products have been tested for efficacy and safety at a particular concentration, so you don’t want to guess at what may or may not happen if you vary from instructions,” he said.

Wearing proper protection such as gloves and possibly even safety goggles is key if you’re mixing chemicals. Puckett said to always be mindful of protecting yourself and the environment.

Proper use of fire ant control products

Puckett said one of the reasons AgriLife Extension developed the Two-Step Method was to help consumers make sense of all the fire ant control products on the market.

The insecticide label determines where a product can be used, whether it’s a lawn, garden, agricultural production pasture or orchard. Users should always read the pesticide label to be sure the site they are treating is listed, then follow all label instructions.

Puckett provided the following suggestions related to fire ant control:

- Do not use gasoline or other petroleum products to control fire ants. Although these kill fire ants, they are highly flammable and are dangerous to both the user and the

environment.

- Don’t leave insecticide granules on streets or sidewalks after application. Sweep up any excess product so it

doesn’t wash into gutters or storm sewers and affect the water table.

- Always follow label directions on the proper disposal of pesticides.

Do not pour pesticide leftovers down the drain as they are not easily removed by regular wastewater treatment.



Spring is when fire ants begin searching for food and when rains cause them to deposit new soil that appears on the surface as a mound. (Michael Miller/Texas A&M AgriLife)



Using a handheld spreader to broadcast fire ant bait onto a yard. (Texas A&M AgriLife photo)

HOMESTEAD TAX EXEMPTION FILING EVENTS

The Brownsville Board of REALTORS®, Harlingen Board of Realtors®, South Padre Island Board of Realtors® and the Cameron County Tax Assessor-Collector’s Office encourage all property owners to attend this event. Personnel will be available to assist residents in filing for Homestead, Disabled Person, Disabled Veteran, and Over 65 Tax Exemptions forms.

Property owners will need to bring their TX driver’s license or TX ID with the address of the property they are filing the exemption for.

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Celebrating Family and Flavor, One Recipe at a Time

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Ingredients:

- 10 chicken thighs, bone-in
- 1 cup Italian salad dressing or seasoned buttermilk
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon smoked paprika
- 1/2 teaspoon onion powder
- 1/2 teaspoon granulated garlic
- 1/2 teaspoon ground coriander
- 2 large eggs
- 2 tablespoons spicy brown mustard or honey mustard
- 1 1/2 cup panko crumbs
- 1/3 cup grated parmesan cheese
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- Bear Mountain Smoky Apple Whiskey BBQ Pellets
- Packaged salad or

homemade coleslaw for platter (optional)

Instructions:

1. Trim chicken of excess fat and scraggly skin. Leave enough to wrap the entire thigh.
2. Place thighs into a large mixing bowl. Pour Italian dressing over the chicken and toss a few times. Refrigerate for at least 1 hour or overnight at most.
3. Meanwhile, in a shallow bowl, combine flour, salt, paprika, onion powder, garlic and coriander.
4. After marination, drain the dressing, wrap the loose skin tightly around the entire chicken thigh. It's not necessary to rinse the chicken or pat it dry. Roll the chicken in flour mixture, and place on a baker's rack to dry.
5. In a shallow bowl, whisk the eggs and mustard until smooth. In another shallow bowl, mix the panko crumbs, parmesan and black pepper.
6. Roll the floured chicken thighs into the

egg mixture then press into the panko mixture to coat thoroughly. Place the coated chicken thighs on a baker's rack to set.

7. Fill the hopper with Bear Mountain Smoky Apple Whiskey BBQ Pellets. Set the grill or smoker to 400 degrees F.
8. Place chicken on the grill's upper rack for indirect heat, and smoke for 50-60 minutes or for optimal tenderness, until the internal temperature reaches 175-185 degrees F. If desired, open the flame broiler for direct cooking and rotate during the last 10 minutes.
9. Take off the grill or smoker and rest for 10 minutes. Spread coleslaw on a serving platter and top with chicken, fresh herbs and lemon slices. Consider serving with biscuits, garlic mashed potatoes, peas, green beans or asparagus.

For contest instructions and rules, and to learn more about Bear Mountain BBQ's new pellet blend collection, which includes Smoky Apple Whiskey, Maple

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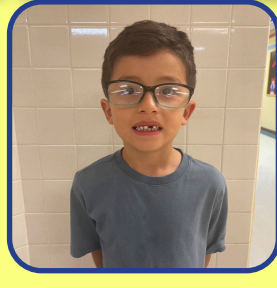
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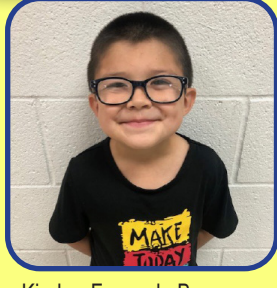
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1st Grade- Jasmine Saldivar (David G. Sanchez Elementary)



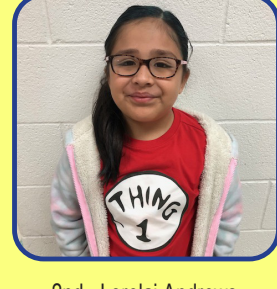
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NOTICE OF RATE CHANGE REQUEST

AEP Texas Inc. (AEP Texas) publishes this notice that on February 29, 2024, AEP Texas filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) its Petition and Statement of Intent to Change Rates (the Petition), a copy of which is kept at AEP Texas' office at 400 W. 15th Street, Suite 1500, Austin, Texas, 78701. The Petition has been assigned Docket No. 56165. This notice is being published in accordance with 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 22.51(a)(1).

AEP Texas' Petition is based on the system-wide financial results for a 12-month test year ending on September 30, 2023, adjusted for known and measurable changes. Related to its distribution cost of service, the Company requests a rate increase of approximately \$100.4 million over its adjusted test year revenues. This net change is a 13.1% increase over net present distribution revenues. When expected annualized Transmission Cost Recovery Factor revenues are included in the comparison to present revenues, the net increase to distribution cost-of-service is 8.4%. Related to its transmission cost of service, the Company requests a rate increase of \$63.1 million above its adjusted test year revenues, an increase of 9.29%.

In addition to new rates, AEP Texas requests a prudence determination on all capital investment made to its system for the period from January 1, 2019, through September 30, 2023.

AEP Texas' Petition requests Commission approval to continue its offering of facilities rental services, as described in tariff schedules 6.1.2.3.6, 6.1.3.3.6, and 6.1.4.3.6, and a good-cause exception to the Commission's rule requiring AEP Texas to obtain the Commission's approval to provide these services every three years. If approved, the requested good-cause exception will allow the Company to extend the effective date of its existing tariff schedules through the effective date of the tariffs approved in its next comprehensive rate case.

Finally, AEP Texas requests recovery of its reasonable rate-case expenses associated with this proceeding and certain prior rate proceedings, including those expenses paid to reimburse municipalities for their participation.

If approved, the increased rates will be charged to AEP Texas' direct customers, all retail electric providers (REPs) in AEP Texas' service area, as well as the retail electric customers of those REPs. The extent to which the REPs pass along to their customers the increased retail rates is a function of the competitive market. In addition, AEP Texas' petition affects customers taking service under the Company's wholesale transmission rates.

AEP Texas has requested its proposed rate change become effective 35 days after the filing its Petition.

Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings, in Docket No. 56165, *Application of AEP Texas Inc. for Authority to Change Rates*, should notify the Commission as soon as possible, as an intervention deadline will be imposed. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P. O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136. The deadline for intervention in the proceeding is 45 days after the date the Petition was filed with the Commission.

AVISO DE MODIFICACIÓN DE TARIFA

AEP Texas Inc. (AEP Texas) publica este aviso de que el 29 de febrero de 2024, AEP Texas presentó ante la Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas (Comisión) su Petición y Declaración de Intención de Cambiar las Tarifas (la Petición), una copia de la cual se encuentra en la oficina de AEP Texas en 400 W. 15th Street, Suite 1500, Austin, Texas, 78701. A la Petición se le ha asignado el Número de Expediente 56165. Este aviso se publica de conformidad con 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 22.51(a)(1).

La Petición de AEP Texas se basa en los resultados financieros de todo el sistema para un año de prueba de 12 meses que finaliza el 30 de septiembre de 2023, ajustados por cambios conocidos y medibles. En relación con su coste de servicio de distribución, la Compañía solicita un aumento de tarifas de aproximadamente \$100.4 millones de dólares sobre sus ingresos ajustados del año de prueba. Este cambio neto supone un incremento del 13.1% sobre los ingresos netos actuales de distribución. Si se incluyen los ingresos anualizados previstos del Factor de Recuperación de Costes de Transmisión en la comparación con los ingresos actuales, el aumento neto del coste del servicio de distribución es del 8,4%. En relación con el coste del servicio de transporte, la Compañía solicita una subida de tarifas de 63,1 millones de dólares por encima de los ingresos ajustados del año de referencia, lo que supone un incremento del 9,29%.

Además de las nuevas tarifas, AEP Texas solicita una determinación de prudencia sobre toda la inversión de capital realizada en su sistema para el período comprendido entre el 1 de enero de 2019 y el 30 de septiembre de 2023.

La Petición de AEP Texas solicita la aprobación de la Comisión para continuar con su oferta de servicios de alquiler de instalaciones, tal y como se describe en los programas de tarifas 6.1.2.3.6, 6.1.3.3.6 y 6.1.4.3.6, y una excepción de causa justificada a la norma de la Comisión que exige a AEP Texas obtener la aprobación de la Comisión para prestar estos servicios cada tres años. Si se aprueba, la excepción de causa justificada solicitada permitirá a la Compañía ampliar la fecha de entrada en vigor de sus programas de tarifas existentes hasta la fecha de entrada en vigor de las tarifas aprobadas en su próximo caso tarifario global.

Por último, AEP Texas solicita la recuperación de sus gastos razonables relacionados con este procedimiento y algunos procedimientos tarifarios anteriores, incluidos los gastos pagados para reembolsar a los municipios por su participación.

Si se aprueban, las tarifas incrementadas se cobrarán a los clientes directos de AEP Texas, a todos los proveedores minoristas de electricidad (REP) en el área de servicio de AEP Texas, así como a los clientes minoristas de electricidad de esos REP. La medida en que los REP repercutan a sus clientes el aumento de las tarifas minoristas depende del mercado competitivo. Además, la petición de AEP Texas afecta a los clientes que contratan el servicio según las tarifas de transmisión al por mayor de la empresa.

AEP Texas ha solicitado que el cambio de tarifa propuesta entre en vigor 35 días después de la presentación de su Petición.

Las personas que deseen intervenir o hacer comentarios sobre este procedimiento, en el expediente N° 56165, *Aplicación de AEP Texas Inc. de Autoridad para Cambiar las Tarifas*, deben notificarlo a la Comisión lo antes posible, ya que se impondrá un plazo de intervención. Las solicitudes de intervención o de información adicional deben enviarse por correo a Public Utility Commission of Texas, P. O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. También puede obtenerse más información llamando a la Comisión al (512) 936-7120 o al (888) 782-8477. Las personas con discapacidad auditiva o del habla que dispongan de teléfonos de texto (TTY) pueden ponerse en contacto con la Comisión en el número (512) 936-7136. El plazo para intervenir en el procedimiento es de 45 días a partir de la fecha de presentación de la petición a la Comisión.