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Eneece Avila, estudiante de último año, se enorgullece de su título estatal

La semana pasada, La Feria Lionette Powerlifting viajó al Comerica Center en Frisco, TX, para el Campeonato de la Asociación de Powerlifting de Escuelas Secundarias de

Los clasificados para el estado este año fueron Tassin Torres, Rihanna Garza, Averie Ortega, Kayla Rosalez, Madison Agüero, Julie Ramirez, Faith González, Galilea González, Emily Avila y Eneece Avila. Las Lionettes demostraron la fuerza de su equipo al quedar en tercer lugar en la general.

Este año fue especialmente poderoso para una estudiante de último año, Eneece Avila (Neecy); reclamó el título de Campeona Estatal en la División de 97 libras. Con un banco de 175 libras, Eneece estableció un récord estatal de press de banca en todas las divisiones.

académicos estatales del segundo equipo. En su último año, Eneece participó en levantamiento de pesas durante los cuatro años de la escuela secundaria. Este sería el último año que competiría a nivel de escuela secundaria.

Dado que la temporada de levantamiento de pesas generalmente comienza en el verano, Eneece entraba y hacía series adicionales incluso cuando la práctica no era obligatoria, mostrando su determinación de lograr su objetivo de convertirse en campeona estatal.

Eneece quisiera agradecer al entrenador Henry Soto y decir que "esta temporada no habría sido posible sin el entrenador Soto. Tener un entrenador que cree en ti y puede ver todo tu potencial y fuerza es otra razón para mi temporada récord". Con libras al comienzo de la temporada, Eneece decidió esforzarse aún más para lograr su objetivo de 175 libras en el banco.

Eneece logró su objetivo y puso a nuestra ciudad en el mapa con un récord estatal y un campeonato estatal. Ella dijo: "Con el levantamiento de pesas, he aprendido que la lección de vida más poderosa es que nada te es dado en la vida; se gana con trabajo duro y dedicación. No renuncies a tus metas porque nada es imposible".

La Feria News desea felicitar al equipo de La Feria Lionette Powerlifting por quedar en tercer lugar en la general. Gracias a Eneece Avila y su orgulloso padre por tomarse el tiempo para hablar con nosotros. El padre de Eneece, Luis Ávila, mencionó que es un padre orgulloso de una hija conquistadora de goles.

By Mike Villarreal

This past week, the La Feria Lionette Powerlifting traveled to Comerica Center in Frisco, TX, for the Texas High School Powerlifting Association Championship.

Qualifying for State this year were Tassin Torres, Rihanna Garza, Averie Ortega, Kayla Rosalez, Madison Aguero, Julie Ramirez, Faith Gonzalez, Galilea Gonzalez, Emily Avila, and Eneece Avila. The Lionettes showed their team strength as they placed 3rd overall.

This year was especially powerful for one senior, Eneece Avila (Neecy); she claimed the State Champion title in the 97-lb Division. With a bench of 175 lbs, Eneece set an alldivision state bench press record. She also earned Second-Team Academic All-State Honors. As a senior, Eneece participated in powerlifting during all four years of high school. This would be the last year she would compete at the high school level.

With powerlifting season typically starting in the summer, Eneece would go in and get extra sets in even when practice wasn't mandatory, showcasing her

her goal of becoming a state champ.

Eneece would like to thank Coach Henry Soto, saying that "this season wouldn't have been possible without Coach Soto. Having a coach who believes in you and can see your full potential and strength is another reason for my record-breaking season." With her max bench at 135 lbs at the beginning of the season, Eneece decided to push even harder to achieve her goal of 175 lbs on the

bench. Eneece achieved her goal and put our town on the map with a state record and state championship. She said, "With powerlifting, I have learned that the most powerful life lesson is that nothing is given to you in life; it is earned with hard work and dedication. Don't give up on your goals because nothing is impossible."

The La Feria News would like to congratulate the La Feria Lionette Powerlifting team on placing 3rd overall. Thank vou to Eneece Avila and her proud father for taking the time to speak to us. Eneece's father, Luis Avila, mentioned that he's a proud father of a goal-conquering



Photo from Luis Avila

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The RGVLS Holds a Successful Show on

Their 85th Anniversary



By Mike Villarreal

For many years, the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show has been a cherished tradition for families in the Valley, offering a wide range of exciting activities and attractions. From school-aged kids showing off their livestock to families coming together to enjoy the colorful parade and peruse exhibits, ride thrilling carnival rides, sample delicious food, and be entertained by the exciting rodeo performances, there's always something for everyone to enjoy.

Some school districts even schedule their spring break around the show's week-long event so they can attend and make the

most of the fun-filled experience. This year is the 85th Anniversary of the RGVLS. The show kicked off with opening day on Thursday, March 7th, and the official kickoff took place on Saturday, March 9th, with the muchanticipated parade down Texas Avenue and onto the RGVLS showgrounds.

The Concert Headliners began on Friday, March 7th, featuring The Ranch Road Band and a fantastic lineup of talented performers, including The Doo Wah Riders, Marcos Arozco, the Spazzmatics, Neil McCoy, William Beckmann, a tribute to Taylor Swift, Gary P. Nunn, a tribute to George Strait by Derek Spence, Ram Herrera, and Horsemen Jam closing out the week on Sunday, March 14th.

The rodeos are a major attraction at the Livestock Show, starting with the Ranch Rodeo and PRCA Xtreme Bull Riding. The PRCA Slack Men's events included tie-down roping, steer wrestling, and team roping, while the PRCA Slack Women's Events featured barrel racing and breakaway roping. The PRCA Rodeo also featured Mutton Bustin', Fan Cam, and Intermission Entertainment.

There was plenty to see and do this year, including new attractions like the Sea Lion Splash, an exciting show that both kids and adults enjoyed. You could even

take your photo with the sea lions; pictures were available for purchase. Animal Crackers Stilt Walkers also added to the fun. Visitors could enjoy browsing the variety of vendors at the Exhibit Hall, savoring some of the best food around, from pizza to tacos and burgers, and indulging in all the carnival or fair food you could imagine. And who could forget the fun carnival rides and games available to enjoy?

According to the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show website, the show's first edition was organized in 1940 by the Mercedes Chamber of Commerce. It was held on the grounds of a local livestock sales yard with makeshift pens and

lean-to sheds. In 1949, the show moved to its present location at 1000 North Texas in Mercedes and has continued to grow and expand ever since. Today, the show features

permanent buildings on over 100 acres and ranks as one of the top ten shows in the State. It attracts people from all over Texas to enjoy the many activities, including a parade, rodeos, competitive livestock events, and a vast array

of attractions scheduled daily. The show is made possible thanks to the tireless dedication of countless volunteers from all walks of life, who give endless hours to make the show successful and support FFA and 4-H exhibitors.

To stay updated on the latest shows or upcoming events, visit their website at www.rgvls.com or social media pages.

Photos from La Feria News Archives

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Grande Valley Livestock

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El RGVLS realiza un show exitoso en su 85 aniversario

Durante muchos años, la Exposición Ganadera del Valle del Río Grande ha sido una tradición muy apreciada por las familias del Valle, ya que ofrece una amplia gama de actividades y atracciones emocionantes. Desde niños en edad escolar mostrando su ganado hasta familias que se reúnen para disfrutar del colorido desfile y examinar las exhibiciones, montar en emocionantes atracciones de carnaval, probar comida deliciosa y entretenerse con los emocionantes espectáculos de rodeo, siempre hay algo para que todos disfruten.

Algunos distritos escolares incluso programan sus vacaciones de primavera en torno al evento de una semana de duración del espectáculo para que puedan asistir y aprovechar al máximo la experiencia llena de diversión. Este año es el 85º Aniversario del RGVLS. El espectáculo comenzó con el día inaugural el jueves 7 de marzo y el inicio oficial tuvo lugar el sábado 9 de marzo, con el tan esperado desfile por Texas Avenue hasta el recinto ferial de RGVLS.

Los artistas principales del concierto comenzaron el viernes 7 de marzo, con The Ranch Road Band y una fantástica alineación de artistas talentosos, incluidos The Doo Wah Riders, Marcos Arozco, Spazzmatics, Neil McCoy, William Beckmann, un tributo a Taylor Swift, Gary P. Nunn, un tributo a George Strait por Derek Spence, Ram Herrera y Horsemen Jam cerrando la semana el domingo 14 de marzo.

Los rodeos son una atracción importante en el Livestock Show, comenzando con el Ranch Rodeo y PRCA Xtreme Bull Riding. Los eventos masculinos de PRCA Slack incluyeron amarres con cuerdas, lucha de timoneles y cuerdas en equipo, mientras que los eventos femeninos de PRCA Slack incluyeron carreras de barriles y cuerdas separatistas. El PRCA Rodeo también contó con Mutton Bustin', Fan Cam y Intermission

Entertainment.

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Texas Wildlife Feel The Impact Of State's **Largest Wildfire**

Texas A&M AgriLife experts focus on landscape response, wildlife resiliency following Panhandle fire



While wildlife were impacted by recent Panhandle wildfires, AgriLife Extension experts are focused on ecosystem recovery and wildlife resiliency. (Sam Craft/Texas A&M AgriLife)

Humans and domestic animals weren't the only residents facing danger and displacement as flames roared across the Panhandle. Wildlife populations were also affected by the recent historic wildfires.

However, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service experts are optimistic on the recovery, focusing on the long-term positive

ecological response following fire that benefits wildlife.

"This is an unprecedented event with a widespread impact on wildlife habitat and food availability," said Jacob Dykes, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension wildlife specialist, Corpus Christi. "When we typically discuss the positive impacts of fire on wildlife and their

habitat, we focus on smaller, controlled burns."

Wildfire and wildlife relationship

It is important to recognize that native wildlife and vegetation have evolved alongside fire for millennia, said Dykes, also assistant professor in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Department of Rangeland,

Wildlife and Fisheries Management.

Historically, these fires were caused by lightning strikes and other natural events.

"In most cases, wildlife can sense fire danger and escape," Dykes said. "For example, deer and pronghorn antelope can smell and see a fire coming, so they know to run. Birds will fly to safe areas, and

burrowing animals will retreat to underground dens."

Among wildlife expected to be most affected were white-tailed deer, raccoons or other smaller mammals who are older or less mobile due to an illness or extenuating circumstance.

Despite the intensity of the recent wildfires, Dykes said it is important to note that they occurred prior to the nesting season of ground nesting birds, avoiding widespread mortalities.

Additionally, the 2024 fawning season of ungulates, such as deer and pronghorn antelope, has not yet started. While new fawns are vulnerable, the fawns born last year are highly mobile, increasing their chances of survival.

Wildlife Management Area sees fire's impact, anticipates recovery

Located along the Canadian River, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Gene Howe Wildlife Management Area, WMA, is comprised of midgrass rangeland and mixed cottonwood and tallgrass bottomland ecosystems.

Chip Ruthven, Texas

Parks and Wildlife Department project leader, Panhandle WMAs, said the Gene Howe WMA is 5,394 acres, and estimated over 5,100 of those acres burned during the wildfire.

Despite the considerable fire footprint, Ruthven said he and others have encountered a promising number of surviving wildlife on the property including deer, turkey, quail and a variety of songbirds.

He attributes this to pockets of unburned rangeland scattered throughout the burn area that provided a safe refuge.

"Cover for ground nesting birds such as quail and turkey may be limited this spring but given adequate rainfall, it should improve by early to midsummer," Ruthven said

Ruthven said biologists will have to wait until trees leaf out later this spring to assess the fire's impact on the property's riparian zones adjacent to the river. He and other biologists anticipate the rangeland and ecosystem response

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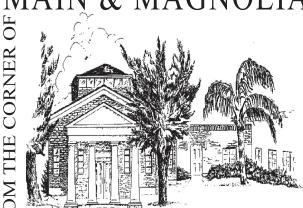
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Ĕ First Baptist Church, La Feria

A friend of mine once described the church as, "Easter People." The church is a place where dead people find new life. Celebrating that new life we have in Christ is what Easter is all about.

This Easter, the ministers and members of Houston's Lakewood Church have a lot to celebrate. February 11, a woman walked into the church with an assault weapon and began firing. Lakewood can celebrate that though many could have died, only one was injured.

But there is no celebration that the mentally ill shooter was killed and her 7 year old son, Sam, was gravely injured during the shooting. Physicians say, "Sam, will never be Sam again."

And there is no celebration that our nation is so addicted to gun ownership, we sell them to mentally ill persons and carry them wherever we want, even if children are injured or die.

I am not certain who is more mentally ill. A person with documented schizophrenia buying an assault weapon. Or, a nation that believes that is perfectly acceptable.

I would like to think of the church as "Easter People." Yes, we have new lives in Christ. But when we prefer gun rights over human rights, it does not appear to be much of a life.

-Mark S. Ross DMin.

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Notice is hereby given that on August 24, 2023 Letters Testamentary were duly granted to Norma G. Gomez as legal representative for the Estate of Guadalupe Garza, Deceased in Cause No. 2023-CPC-00211 currently pending in Probate Court No. 1 of Cameron County, Texas.

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ATTORNEY OF PERSON FILING THE CAUSE CHRISTOPHER LEE PHILLIPPE 847 E Harrison St. Brownsville TX 78520

THE STATE OF TEXAS

CAUSE NO. 2018-CPC-00316

In the Probate Court 1 of Cameron County Texas

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF Rafael Rangel, DECEASED.

Lluliana Rangel, Applicant

Filed on March 8, 2024, an Second Amended Application For Dependent Administration and Letters of Dependent Administration Pursuant to Section 301.052 of the Texas Estates Code and Second Amended Application to Determine Heirship upon the Estate of

Rafael Rangel, Deceased

(No Will Filed)

Said application will be heard and acted on by said Court at 10 o'clock A.M. on the first Monday next after the expiration of ten days from the date of posting this citation, the same being March 25, 2024 at the County Courthouse in Brownsville, Texas.

All persons interested in said estate are hereby cited to appear before said Honorable Court at said above mentioned time and place by filing a written answer contesting such application should they desire

The officer executing this citation shall post the copy of this citation at the courthouse door of the county in which this proceeding is pending, or at the place in or near said courthouse where public notices customarily are posted for not less than 10 days before the return day thereof, exclusive of the date of posting and return the original copy of this citation to the clerk stating in a written return thereon the time when and the place where he posted such copy.

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Sylvia Garza-Perez, County Clerk

CITATION BY PUBLICATION ON FIRST AMENDED APPLICATION FOR PROBATE OF WILL, FOR ISSUANCE OF LETTERS TESTAMENTARY, AND TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

In the Probate Court 1 of Cameron County, Texas

To: UNKNOWN HEIRS, IF ANY OF

GREETINGS:

Haldon Lamb Wyrick, Deceased,

You are commanded to appear and answer to the FIRST AMENDED APPLICATION FOR PROBATE OF WILL, FOR ISSUANCE OF LETTERS TESTAMENTARY, AND TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP, filed by Janice Ann Wyrick, 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 December 29, 2023 was filed on December 29, 2023.

The file number of said Matter being No. 2023-CPC-00418 Probate Court 1

The Style being: IN THE ESTATE OF: Haldon Lamb Wyrick, 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 18th day of March, 2024.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court at Office in the City of Brownsville, Texas on this the 18th day of March, 2024



Sylvia Garza-Perez, Clerk Cameron County, Texas.

/S/Alessandra Cano, Deputy

CITATION BY PUBLICATION - TRC 109 & 114

THE STATE OF TEXAS

2023-DCL-04149

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Unknown Heirs

IN THE 444TH DISTRICT COURT

Nilda Maria Garcia and All Known and

CAMERON COUNTY. TEXAS

Nilda Maria Garcia

And all Known and Unknown Heirs

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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



VARSITY

The Lionettes continued their district play last week. They went 3-0 in a span of 7 days. The Lionettes defeated Raymondville, La Grulla, and Hidalgo. There are no scheduled games this week, but the Lionettes will be preparing for their away game next week in Port Isabel.

JUNIOR VARSITY

Our JV Lionettes are making strides each week. They battled and improved with a win against La Grulla. They will also practice this week to prepare for The Lady Tarpons March 26th.

TEAM BUILDING

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La Feria Undefeated in **District**

By Ruben Rodriguez

La Feria News The La Feria Lionettes

continue their dominance as district play has officially begun in 32-4A. So far, things are on track for the Lionettes.

To open up district, La Feria took on the Zapta Lady Hawks and quietly picked up a 4-0 win. Up next were Raymondville Lady Bearkats. In what has become quite the rivalry, the Lionettes were

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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 Pirates in a major 19-0 victory.

At 4-0 in district and 13-4 overall, the Lionettes will continue their district action against Port Isabel.

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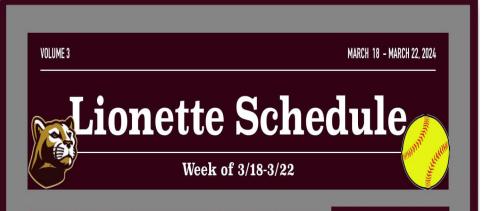
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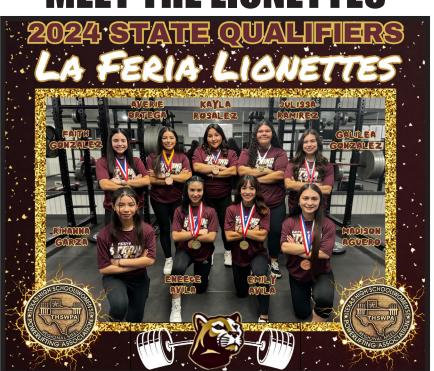
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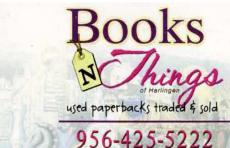






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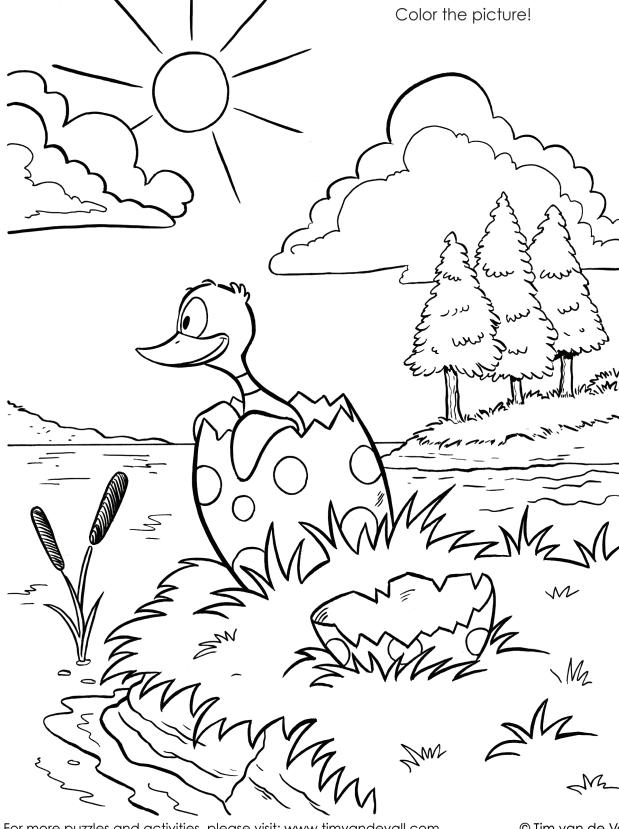
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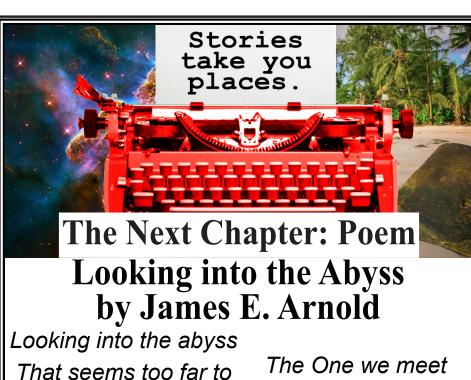
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▶Texas Wildlife Feel The Impact Of State's Largest Wildfire **CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3** will be similar to recovery following the East Amarillo Complex fire in 2006.

Creek Fire, the East Amarillo Complex fire was the largest wildfire in Texas history, burning more than 900,000 acres. "Like the mythological phoenix, we anticipate the

Before the Smokehouse

rangelands and wildlife of the Panhandle will rise from the ashes and flourish like it did following the fire in 2006," Ruthven said.

Wildfire timing holds promise for ecosystem response

With the wildfires taking place during the dormant season, before green vegetation growth, it was the dry, brittle grasses that burned quickly and intensely, Dykes said. In terms of vegetation

can essentially be seen as a fertilization event. "Fire rapidly breaks down the nutrients in

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recovery this spring, burns

vegetation and delivers them to the soil," Dykes said. "If the area has sufficient precipitation afterward, there will be a great response from grasses and herbaceous flowering plants sooner rather than later." This resprouting

vegetation will contribute to species diversity, leading to a variety of wildlife cover on the landscape. Additionally, this new vegetation will provide nutrient-dense forage and browse for species ranging from insects to large mammals.

"Research conducted

in Oklahoma tallgrass prairie has shown the crude protein content in forage following a fire is up to four times greater compared to forage in unburned areas," said Morgan Treadwell, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension range specialist, San Angelo. "This new growth will provide valuable nutrition for both livestock and wildlife."

Experts urge patience in wildlife and landscape recovery

As the past weeks have

shown, Texans are more than willing to come to the aid of those impacted by natural disasters. But while supplemental forage and feed may benefit livestock, experts do not recommend the same for wildlife. "I understand this is a difficult situation, but I don't recommend feeding

negative impacts than positive, such as the spread of disease among stressed populations." Dykes said this is especially true of corn, which attracts wildlife but

wildlife," Dykes said.

"There tends to be more

provides little nutritional value. Aside from food, water availability is an important resource, which can still be accessed through ponds and naturally occurring waterways.

"I think as long as the region can make it through this short and very difficult period with adequate precipitation, we will see the landscape and its wildlife rebound in a beautiful way," Dykes said.



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Pansies Named Newest Texas Superstar



Pansies offer a wide range of color for cool-season landscapes. Their toughness and versatility are two reasons pansies were named a Texas Superstar plant. (Texas A&M AgriLife photo by Paul Winski)

The newest Texas combinations and patterns They are often planted in types, he said. They grow to

The newest Texas
Superstar plant – the
pansy – is a versatile,
tough, durable cold-hardy
ornamental that provides
color during an otherwise
drab time of year.

Pansies are one of the most popular annual garden flowers for the landscape, said Paul Winski, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service horticulture program specialist in the Texas A&M Department of Horticultural Sciences.

They come in a wide range of colors, including shades of purple, blue, yellow, orange and white. The flowers typically have a dark center called the "face" or "blotch," which contrasts with the lighter-colored petals.

Winski said there are also "clear" flowers with no markings on their petals.

"The unique color

combinations and patterns that pansies provide around the house make them a popular choice for gardens and containers," he said. "There are so many colors. They are always a great option to add a pop of color during the cool season in

To be designated a Texas Superstar, a plant must perform well for growers throughout the state. Texas Superstars must also be easy to propagate, ensuring the plants are widely available and reasonably priced.

Some pansy series available at garden centers include Delta, Freefall, Colossus, Matrix, Cool Wave, Crown, Ultima and Majestic Giants II.

When and where to plant pansies

Pansies are cool-season plants, meaning they thrive in cooler temperatures

They are often planted in the spring or fall, as they can withstand light frosts.

Winski said pansies can be found on the market in Texas by August and that many professionals and home gardeners will add them to landscapes by October because they perform well through typical Texas winters and can bounce back from cold snaps.

"They hold up well as a cool-season ornamental and provide color at a time of the year when there isn't much color in the landscape," he said. "People are planting them earlier and earlier, but I think the best time to plant them is around Halloween. They're just tough as nails and don't need a lot of inputs or attention."

Pansies prefer full sun to partial shade and adapt to most well-drained soil 6- to 8-inch spread. When planted in clusters, Winski said they will typically fill out when planted 12 inches apart from center to center.

Winski recommended adding some general 1:1:1 ratio fertilizer upon planting. The application will be enough to carry the plant through its life. Because they are a coolseason plant, pansies in landscapes typically thrive on moisture from rainfall. Once established, they require watering only when soils become dry.

"Pansies are one of those plants that you can plant and, once established, require minimal care," he said. "They're low maintenance, have very few disease issues and stay in bloom."

Best use for pansies

Plants perform best when adding color to borders or in mass in landscape beds and containers, Winski said. Cascading or trailing varieties, like Cool Wave and Freefall, are available and great for hanging baskets or containers.

baskets or containers.
Pansy flowers are also edible. Their petals can be used to garnish drinks, salads, desserts and other

dishes.

"Pansies are one of those all-around staple ornamentals for Texas landscapes when it comes to the cool season," he said. "If you want to add color to your landscape, you can find imaginative ways to apply them because they are consistent performers. That's why they are a Texas Superstar."

Texas Superstar is a registered trademark owned by Texas A&M AgriLife Research. Plants are designated by the Texas Superstar executive board, which comprises nine horticulturists from AgriLife Research, AgriLife Extension and Texas Tech University in Lubbock.







Once established well, pansies can offer a cold-tolerant pop of color that stands well through typical Texas winter weather. (Texas A&M AgriLife photo by Paul Winski)

La Feria News

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 prudency 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 Nº 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.

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