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Texas ACE Program

By Mike Villarreal LFN

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Texas Ace (After School Center for Education) provides students with no-cost activities before and after school as well as during summer for K-12 students in Title 1 schools.

This federally funded program is made available through 21 Century Community Learning Centers (CCLLC) and state-administered by TEA.

Ace has local programs that provide tutoring, help with homework, and any other needs by students. They also have youth development projects, sports, and clubs which build students' character, leadership skills, and confidence.

Texas Ace operates over 700 learning centers

Two weeks ago, on April 5, 2024, the 21 Century Ace students from WB Green and La Feria Early College High School were able to visit TSC Brownsville and participated in a one-day camp that provided students with the opportunity to engage in skill labor-related activities like welding and plumbing. Technical skills that are infused in every aspect of our past, present, and future.



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100 Years of Service: US Border Patrol & Texas Country Music Festival

By Mike Villarreal LFN

The US Border Patrol was created in 1924 and has a legacy of service to our country since its inception. As early as 1904 there were watchmen on horseback who patrolled the border to prevent illegal crossings but with irregular efforts and limited resources available it was not enough at times.

These inspectors operated out of El Paso, Texas with a limited staff of 75, they patrolled as far west as California to try and restrict the influx of illegal Chinese immigrants.

Jeff Milton who has been known as "the first Border Patrolman", became a Texas Ranger in 1879 and later joined the US Immigration Service, retiring in 1932.

On May 28, 1924, the congress passed the Labor Proposition Act of 1924 which officially established the US Border Patrol with the purpose of securing the borders in between inspection stations and its duties were also expanded to patrol the seacoast as well.

The Bureau of Immigration and Bureau of Naturalization Service were combined by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1933. By 1934 the first academy for Border Patrol opened as a training school at Camp Chigas, El Paso. By 1935 the Border Patrol made the transition from horses to motorized vehicles with radios. However, the rough terrain warranted the need for quiet and quick transportation guaranteed the need for horses to patrol which are still used to this day.

In 1952 legislation allowed Border Patrol agents to board and search vehicles for illegal immigrants anywhere in the United States and were also subject to arrest for the first time in the history of the Border Patrol. The 1980s and 1990s saw a great increase in illegal migration to America. The Border Patrol in kind responded with the use of modern technology and an increase in manpower. The introduction of seismic sensors, infrared night vision scopes,

and modern computer processing systems helped the Border Patrol in locating, apprehending, and processing those crossing into the US illegally.

With the attacks of September 11, 2001, Homeland Security became a primary concern of the nation. On March 1, 2003, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) was established with the US Border Patrol becoming part of US Customs and Border Protection, a part of DHS.

To this day the US Border Patrol continues its legacy to control our nation's borders. With leaps in technology and the modernization of the

Patrol, new agents can integrate this technology and apply it to border protection.

Every day new and specialized technology is being created within the Border Patrol to assist agents in completing their mission of the Border Patrol. The US Border Patrol's future promises to be as exciting and interesting as its past and will always echo the motto that agents have lived by since 1924 (Honor First).

The Rio Grande Valley Sector Morales, Welfare and Recreation Association is proud to present the Texas Country Music Festival for first responders in celebration of the 100th

anniversary of the United States Border Patrol. Our green family is excited to celebrate this momentous occasion with our frontline partners. Make sure to come out for an evening of Texas country featuring Cory Morrow, Coffey Anderson, RUSTIC Rose, and JR Castillo.

The TX Country Music Festival (Centennial Edition) will take place on Friday April 19, 2024, at the Rio Grande Valley Show Grounds. Don't miss out on this event to come out and support our first responders and the US Border Patrol while listening to some Texas Country and dance the night away.

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\$15.4 MILLION awarded through **2024 GRANT PROGRAM**

Texas Community Forestry

*Total monetary amount, to be distributed among the chosen recipients.

COLLEGE STATION, Texas – Twenty-two Texas cities, neighborhoods, non-profit organizations and schools received grant funding through the Texas A&M Forest Service Community Forestry Grants Program, totaling \$15.4 million.

The grants will directly fund recipients' tree planting, maintenance and community

forestry planning and education efforts as part of their larger, unique urban forestry solution campaigns. The program also places a key emphasis on increasing schoolyard tree canopy coverage to 30% of a school's campus to create accessible community treescapes.

"We are overjoyed with the number of

communities receiving grants this year," said Gretchen Riley, Texas A&M Forest Service Forest Systems Department Head. "We received many wonderful grant applications that meet several urban forestry needs. Beyond applications, organizations and communities across the state expressed

interest in learning more about how to advance community forestry. These applications are a testament to the demand for a program such as this."

The goal of the Community Forestry Grants program is to build healthier urban and community forests throughout the state which are essential for the

economic, environmental, physical and mental well-being of all Texans. The strategy of these grants is to spearhead local programs across the state in addressing nature-based solutions to issues facing communities today.

"The impact that trees have on our mental and physical health is astounding," said Riley. "Coordinating with schools across the state to focus efforts on increasing tree coverage at schools will positively impact the mental and physical health of students as well as provide them with hands-on forestry education and appreciation."

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Grant recipients will receive funding and begin their initiatives in June 2024.

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"These grants are critical to communities and organizations throughout the state in continuing proactive forestry practices," said Al Davis, Texas A&M Forest Service Director. "By investing in our communities today, we are ensuring healthy forests and communities for all to benefit from."

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From Coffee Bean To Coffee Cup

Study abroad Aggies let newfound knowledge percolate in Costa Rica



Coopetarrazú uses leftover coffee cherries as compost. The active composting area rivals the size of a football field. (Michael Miller/Texas A&M AgriLife)

Kias Simmons '26 looked out from the middle of a Costa Rican supermarket over half a dozen bags of coffee beans stacked high in his arms. The aisle in front of him was clear. All that remained was the

high-wire act to get to the checkout line. "For my family and friends," he said. "I promised I would bring some back." Simmons was part of the Texas A&M Costa Rica Specialty Coffee

Value Chain field trip that offered students a faculty-led, firsthand look at the process of coffee development from bean to cup in Central America. "I really didn't know much about coffee before

the trip," said Simmons, a double major in the Texas A&M College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Department of Animal Science and Department of Agricultural Economics. Simmons, who is working toward a Meat Science certification, was looking forward to the learning experience.

Coffee professional's dream trip

Naday Mer, a lecturer in the Department of Agricultural Economics and trip leader, was in his element.

"It's really my dream coffee trip as a coffee professional in Costa Rica – bringing students along to a very high-level experience within the coffee industry that generally is only

sought out by coffee professionals," Mer said.

Mer said he owned several roasteries and a coffee shop in Ames, Iowa, over the course of 10 years.

"Coffee brings people together in a way that other commodities or other product categories do not," he said. "It's unique in that way."

Students get rare insider view

The shared experience created something special for a small group of Aggies.

Six students from the College joined Mer on the trip through forests, mountains, active volcanoes and switchbacks. Lots of switchbacks.

The students' experiences ran the gamut, from picking ripe, cherry red coffee fruit from the

tree to plodding across a patio with a rake to dry beans, topped off with a private tasting session of locally grown products. Coopetarrazú, a coffee cooperative in Costa Rica, helped provide some of these fundamental experiences during the trip.

"I have kind of a visualization of what the process is now from plant to cherry to beans all in one cup," Ayla Boyd '24 said. "I have a face for the people who are involved in the process."

Boyd is a senior graduating with a degree from the Department of Food Science and Technology and certificates in Viticulture and Enology

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First Baptist Church, La FERIA

This may not sit well with my Democrat friends. But I am not opposed to former president Donald Trump selling Bibles. Trump is a businessman who has marketed many products over the years. "There was Trump deodorant, Trump ties, Trump steaks, even Trump underwear."

Besides, there was a time when younger men went door to door selling Bibles. It was a good way to distribute the scriptures and to make a few bucks. Besides, the former president probably needs the money. And the Lord knows, we need more Bibles.

My problem is with the Bible he is selling. The \$59.95, "God Bless The USA Bible," adds the Declaration of Independence, and the US Constitution to Holy Scripture, a definite no-no. The Bible and our nation's documents are both true and both important, just not in the same book.

John Pavlovitz says, "The greatest border crisis in America today is the one between church and state." The Bible is bigger than any president or any political party. And it will outlast any nation on earth, even this great one that we love so much.

Trump is not the first man to market a Bible. I know a guy named Jimmy that put his name on a Bible. We call it "The King James Version." Let Trump sell Bibles, just with nothing added.

Maybe he will donate a few to our church. We give them away every month at our Food Pantry. If Mr. Trump is reading this, we need English and Spanish. And just the Bibles, please.

-Mark S. Ross DMin.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

In the Probate Court 1 of Cameron County, Texas

To: **UNKNOWN HEIRS, IF ANY OF**
Richard Weiss Follmer, Deceased,

GREETINGS:

You are commanded to appear and answer to the **Application For Independent Administration and Letters of Independent Administration Pursuant to Section 4013.003 of the Texas Estates Code and to Determine Heirship**, filed by **David Lynn Follmer**, 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 October 12, 2023.

The file number of said Matter being No. **2023-CPC-00339 Probate Court 1**

The Style being: **IN THE ESTATE OF: Richard Weiss Follmer, Deceased, 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 3rd day of April, 2024.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court at Office in the City of Brownsville, Texas on this the 3rd day of April, 2024.

Sylvia Garza-Perez, Clerk
Cameron County, Texas.

By /s/Diana Alaniz, Deputy
Diana Alaniz

LA FERIA SPORTS

GO LIONS

Congratulations to our La Feria Boys Track and Field team for winning their 11th straight District Championship!

Special Olympics RGV

Our Special Olympics team participated at the Special Olympics RGV Spring Games today! It was a fantastic day for all involved. Our athletes gave their best performances and earned many accolades. Congratulations! Thank you to all who have helped make this a memorable Special Olympics competition season. Photos and article from La Feria ISD Facebook page.



Photo from La Feria ISD Facebook page.



Varsity Lion Baseball Team celebrated Senior Parent's Night!

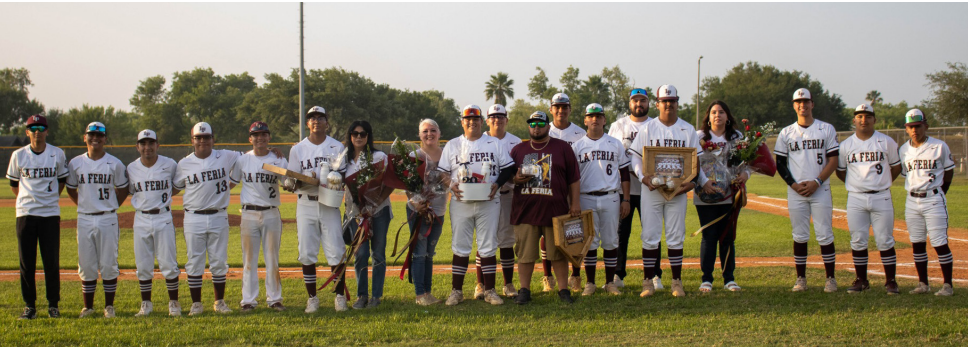


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Lionettes 3-0 to begin round two of District

By Ruben Rodriguez
La Feria News

The La Feria Lionettes Softball team has officially started the second half of District Play. After a good start to the district season, the Lionettes looked to continue the trend in round two. And so far, it's all going according to plan.

La Feria opened up round two against Raymondville. In their first meeting, the

Lionettes defeated the Lady Bearkats 12-6. Game two saw the Lionettes once again capture the victory over Raymondville 11-7.

The Lionettes then faced off against the Grulla Lady Gators.

Game one against Grulla, the Lionettes played standout ball on offense with a major 20-5 win over the Lady Gators. La Feria again took control early on and this time had a shutout with a massive 12-0 win.

La Feria then matched up against Hidalgo. In meeting one, the Lionettes shutout the Lady Pirates 19-0. While Hidalgo was able to mount up two runs, the Lionettes put up 13 to win 13-2 over Hidalgo.

La Feria now sits at 8-1 in District as the number one seed. Only a few more games to go as La Feria looks to pick up the one seed heading into the postseason.

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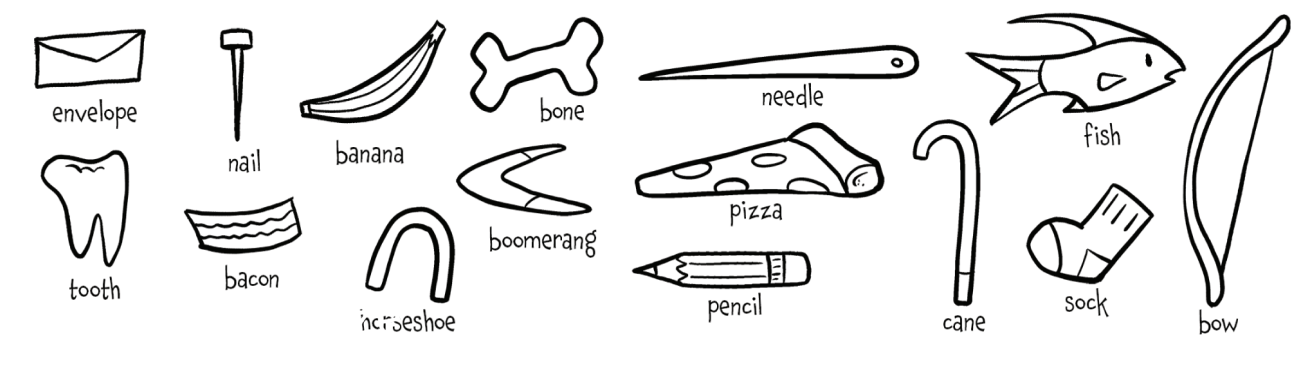
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A tour of the football-field-sized outdoor composting center was included. Discarded coffee cherries, the fruit left over when the beans are removed, are composted to create fertilizer for the next generation of coffee plants.

"I think the composting process they have is very interesting," Boyd said. "Coopetarrazú was really, really neat to see. Also, getting an understanding of the scale that they have and the methods that they use was special."

"Coffee brings people together in a way that other commodities or other product categories do not. It's unique in that way." Nadav Mer Lecturer and trip leader Department of Agricultural Economics

An educational perspective not found in the classroom

Mer is passionate about providing these new perspectives.

"To be able to visualize the journey from picking up a cup of coffee to understanding the steps involved in bringing it to you is a rare treat for anyone passionate about coffee," he said.

Eric Brenner, assistant director for the Texas A&M Center for Coffee Research and Education and trip co-leader, values

the depth of education this study abroad experience provides.

"It gives the students a sense of understanding," he said. "They learn everything that goes on behind the scenes – the science, the mechanisms, all the way to the consumer."

Simmons, for one, left the co-op with a greater

respect for the coffee bean. "It's one of those things where if you grow your own food, it tastes better," he said. "Now that I get to reflect back on this whole

process, I think coffee is going to taste a lot better to me."



The study abroad group toured Coopetarrazú, a coffee cooperative in Costa Rica, where they saw the inner workings of an active coffee producer. (Michael Miller/Texas A&M AgriLife)

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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.