

KNEL-AM/FM

2<sup>nd</sup> QUARTER ISSUES

APRIL – JUNE, 2019

Key issues facing the community addressed by KNEL in the 2nd Quarter of 2018:

- Local Government
- Elections
- Education
- Agriculture
- Local Economy

Local issues were the subject of coverage during KNEL newscasts and through regular appearances of local officials from the Cities of Brady and Mason, McCulloch and Mason Counties, Brady and Mason School Districts and AgriLife Extension representatives on KNEL's daily public affairs program - KNEL Morning Program.

#### **Local Government –**

Mason City Commission and P&Z hold joint meeting to discuss growth and development.

Brady water conservation plan reviewed and approved.

Brady Community Clean-Up and Keep Brady Beautiful Day held April 6<sup>th</sup>.

McCulloch County debates and approved issuing tax notes to fund new library.

Mason approves equipment for upgrading water system.

Size and type of Land Fill for Mason draws large crowds to review and discuss best approach.

Brady terminates employment of City Manager, names Community Services Director as interim.

McCulloch County Commissioners approve budget increase for Law Enforcement Center.

Brady's North transformer damaged in storm. Repairs to be complete by year-end.

Statue of WWII hero, Early Rudder, unveiled and dedicated on McCulloch County Courthouse lawn on June 6<sup>th</sup>.

## **Elections –**

Early voting for May 4 election began April 22 with candidates on the ballot from all local cities and school districts. Elections results covered following election.

## **Education –**

Brady School Board moves forward with construction of facility improvements approved by voters in Nov. bond election.

Richards Memorial Library officially closed prior to the move of the library to the newly completed facility.

## **Agriculture –**

USDA 2017 Census of Agriculture reflects continued shrinkage in agriculture across the U.S. and across the Heart of Texas and Northwest Hill Country.

Daily Agriculture news and commodity information.

McCulloch Co. Farm Bureau Food Connection Day .

Brady/McCulloch County Chamber hosts first “Farm to Table” Dinner on downtown courthouse square.

Annual small grain tour and production workshops held.

## **Local Economy –**

U.S. Silica sand mining plant announces plans to close.

Permian Frac Sand announces layoffs, but does not plan to close.

Core Civic announces plans to re-open the Eden Detention Center, hosts job fair.

New director named for Brady Economic Development Corporation

Cong. Conaway supports expansion of Interstate 14.

Helping Hands, Richards Library participate in San Angelo Gives charitable event.

Monthly reports of Sales Tax rebates to area cities and counties.

