

KNEL-AM/FM

1st QUARTER ISSUES

JANUARY – MARCH 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 –

Swearing in of newly elected county officials.

Police make arrests in connection with large burglary at Texas Wildlife Supply.

City of Brady, McCulloch County hold workshop, continue discussions of options for funding EMS services.

Planning by City of Mason proceeds for building new land fill.

Lakeland Division boil water notice.

Brady Moves forward on authorizing certificates of obligation to help fund water project.

Funding and name change approved for new McCulloch County library.

City of Mason offers special retirement packages for long-term employees; reviews zoning ordinances.

Elections –

Filing period for City Council, School Board elections began in Brady, Mason, Menard and Eden.

Education –

Famed Brady Bulldog Band Auction on KNEL-AM raises approximately \$10,000 to support band.

BISD pursues bond election for facility improvements on May election ballot.

Agriculture –

McCulloch and Mason County Junior Livestock Shows showcase area youth.

Tri-County (Mason, McCulloch & Menard) Range and Livestock Program

Local Economy –

Brady Economic Development Corporation revised structure. Brady Council approves plan for handling transfer of assets. Reviews on-going efforts to recruit additional businesses to Brady.

Heart of Texas Country Music Festival sets new record for attendance at nine-day event.

McCulloch County Commissions defer action in seeking a vote on Venue Tax to support planning for G. Rollie White Complex.

Monthly Sales Tax Rebate reports for area counties.

Several local sand mines close.

Omni-Trax announces first step to discontinue rail service to Brady.

Fire damages Texas Wildlife Supply manufacturing plant.