

KNEL-AM/FM

3RD QTR. ISSUES

JULY – SEPT. 2019

Key issues facing the community addressed by KNEL in the 3rd Quarter of 2019:

- 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 who appeared on KNEL's daily public affairs program – KNEL Morning Program.

Local Government –

Brady Council moves to replace or repair damaged electrical transformer that left the City without a back-up capability. . Power outage on Aug. 12th left the City without electricity for six hours.

Mason City Commission holds lengthy public meetings on alternatives on replacing old landfill. Ultimately, decision is to proceed with building a replacement for existing facility.

McCulloch, Mason Counties implement Burn Bans due to continuing drought conditions.

Local government units – Cities, Counties, School Districts finalize budgets during the quarter, conduct required public hearings and vote to adopt both budgets and tax rates for the 2020 fiscal year.

Elections –

Cong. Mike Conaway announces he will not seek re-election to U.S. House District 11. Six candidates announce their candidacy for the seat before the end of the quarter.

Candidates for State House District 59 announce their intentions to run for the office.

Education –

BISD begins renovation of Brady Elementary school, safety and security upgrades for all campuses.

BISD Superintendent announces resignation to move to Schulenburg. Interim superintendent appointed while search for new superintendent is conducted.

BISD appoints Channing Booker to fill vacancy on Board.

McCulloch County Library conducts visit by area students to Firefly Aerospace with focus on the ranges of jobs involved in the operation.

McCulloch County Library awarded \$25,000 grant to design and implement STEM program in conjunction with three County school districts.

Agriculture –

Daily agriculture and commodity reports.

McCulloch County 4-H “Fair on the Square” on Courthouse Square to provide information to students on the range of 4-H activities available.

2nd Annual 4-H Farmer & Rancher Dinner held.

Local Economy –

Brady celebrates 93rd annual July Jubilee parade, festivities and fireworks.

Mason County Roundup and Rodeo celebrated.

McCulloch County Helping Hands begins annual School Supply Drive.

Monthly Sales Tax reports for Area Counties reflected reduction in taxes being received by McCulloch County as a result of closure of several sand mining operations in the County early in 2019.

Daytripper TV show from Austin films in Brady. Reporter for Texas Monthly visits Brady.

Mason “Old Yeller Days” observed. Eden holds annual Fall festival.

