

KNEL-AM/FM

4TH QTR. ISSUES

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Key issues facing the community addressed by KNEL in the 4th 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 who appeared on KNEL's daily public affairs program – KNEL Morning Program.

Local Government –

Funding assured for Brady Water Project

Mason continues with application for constructing new landfill.

State of Texas approves funding for major renovation of North Bridge St. in Brady

Heavy rains and flooding cause extensive damage of city and county roads in the area

New McCulloch County Law Enforcement Center and Jail opens.

McCulloch County switches 911 emergency service from City of Brady to County operation.

Impact of closing of several local sand mines and expected loss of employment impact on local governments and school district.

Elections –

Candidates for General Election

Brady ISD local issue meetings outlining the bond issue proposed on the election ballot

Coverage of election results

Agriculture –

County range and wildlife workshops

Mason County Fundraiser for renovations and improvements for Ft. Mason Park Show barn.

Water well testing available for those affected by flooding

Local Economy –

Announcement by several local sand mining operations of planned closings in early 2019 and reduction in area employment.

Community meeting and discussions organized by Brady Economic Development Corporation to address the impact of the plant closings on the community; how the area can respond near-term; and to begin to look ahead.

Start of construction of Cactus Flats Wind farm in Concho County.

Texas Forts Trail 50th Anniversary tour through Brady, Mason and Menard.

Coverage of monthly Sales Tax reports and rebates for area counties.

Activities of Brady Economic Development Corporation.