

COVID recovery funds put on hold

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For the Bulletin

The Bandera County Commissioners voted during their June 8 meeting to place requests for COVID-19 Local Fiscal Recovery Funds on a moratorium until further notice.

Per the latest report from the county auditor's office, a total of \$4,489,235 was initially received from the U.S. Treasury Department, of which \$3,476,804 has been authorized to both county departments and non-county government organizations.

The remaining balance to authorize is \$1,012,431. The county has until

December 2024 to approve spending and until 2026 to spend it.

County Auditor Daryl Sadler suggested a proposed cost of over one-million dollars to fix the county's "aging and inept" radio system, and another estimated cost of over one million for new software for the courts.

"So, either way, the more of this that we give away, the more would be coming out of the county budget to cover the differences," he said. "If the radios get approved at 1.2 million, we're coming in with \$200,000. If we give away another \$100,000, then we have to find

another \$100,000. So, we might want to consider not accepting more outside requests for a certain amount of time."

Judge Richard Evans added the county is waiting to receive funds from the Hurricane Harvey Disaster Recovery Funds, with a substantial amount of about \$500,000 to \$600,000 that will assist dispatch.

Pending the finalization of surveys and proposals for the radio and IT systems, the court voted unanimously to implement a moratorium on the COVID funds until they decide to lift it, with the exception that a request for \$10,000 from the

Utopia Senior Center be put up for consideration.

Previous county-related disbursements include \$1,035,797 to Emergency Medical Services, \$486,517 to Sheriff's Office/Jail, \$42,550 to Road & Bridge, \$6,418 to District Judge, \$34,410 to Emergency Management, \$151,076 to IT Computers, \$938,788 to Lost Rev/Radio (non-department) and \$4,717 to Wastewater.

Non-county government organization's disbursements include \$303,572 to Volunteer Fire Departments/EMS, \$141,359 to local water supply, and \$331,600 to local non-profits.

Biologist speaking at RLAT

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The Ranchers and Landowners Association of Texas (RLAT) is sponsoring a presentation featuring Texas Parks and Wildlife biologist Johnny Arredondo on Saturday, June 24, from 2-4 p.m. The meeting will be held in the community room at Bandera Electric Cooperative, located at 3172 Highway 16 N in Bandera. Members and their guests are invited as well as those wishing to become members.

Arredondo, who is based in Kerrville, will discuss his role as regional biologist, the various functions and services the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department provides, the current outlook for the Hill Country area and general issues concerning wildlife management.

"In our January members meeting, this was an issue that people said they wanted to learn more about, so we are pleased to host this event and encourage anyone who has an interest in this important topic to attend," stated Don Phillips, RLAT president.

RLAT was formed in 2002 to address the concerns of its member property owners in a rapidly changing rural environment, with a focus on property rights, law enforcement and providing cash rewards involving crimes against members' property.

For more information, go to: www.RLATx.org or email: rlaoftexas@gmail.com.

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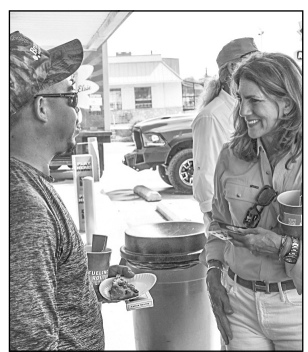
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Mini Mart patrons came away with lawn chairs, blankets, Yeti cups and hats during the store's customer appreciation event Wednesday, June 7. Members of the Fritz family, who own 18 stores throughout the Texas Hill Country, were present at the event, including Silvia Fritz Dobbs, who greeted customers and posed with patrons at the Mini Mart Mustang.

Patrons came away with lawn chairs, blankets, Yeti cups and hats at the Mini Mart Customer Appreciation Event celebrating the company's 50th anniversary.



Sylvia Fritz Dobbs and Arianne Paradee stand by the Mini Mart Mustang at the 50th Anniversary Customer Appreciation Event in Bandera.



Sylvia Fritz Dobbs greets a Mini Mart patron at the customer appreciation event on Wednesday, June 7. Mini Mart is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year.

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CLUES ACROSS

- Understand intuitively
- Two of something
- Not involving computer tech
- Acclaimed
- Undermine
- The condition of being concealed or hidden
- Irritate
- The process of developing a theory
- Ceramic jar
- Not fresh
- Dad's fashion accessory
- Popular review site
- New Mexico county
- '_ death do us part
- Fees
- Takes with force
- One-time Yankees rookie sensation
- Gordon and Snider are two
- Body parts
- Arranges
- Fiddler crabs
- Mimics

CLUES DOWN

- Mangled
- Ruffled some feathers
- Not young
- Lakers legend
- Nocturnal S. American rodent
- Direction (Scottish)
- Intestinal inflammation
- Spring back in fear
- Owl genus
- Girls
- Unbeliefs
- Force unit
- Expired trade agreement
- Went alone
- Animal noises
- Woman who graduated from a specific school
- The very top
- Organs in males
- Earnings
- Z Z Z
- Reddish browns
- A salt or ester of acetic acid
- A place to get off your feet
- More disreputable
- Kidney condition
- Cease moving
- Quick
- Extra seed covering
- "Survivor: Panama" winner
- Six
- One who inspects lamps
- Small parrot
- Primordial matter of the universe
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