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County Eye Newsletter

Mother Nature dealt a blow to lots of residents in Kerr County last Tuesday night when hail the size of baseballs, golf balls and other assorted sizes pelted several areas of the county. Damage to homes, businesses and vehicles was severe in the affected areas.

Luckily no buildings owned by the county were damaged but several vehicles suffered major damage. Insurance adjusters with the Texas Association of Counties were in town late in the week to inspect vehicles damaged by the storm. Sheriff's office, juvenile probation, road and bridge and other departments were impacted by the hail storm.

Kerr County vehicle insurance is carried through the insurance pool at TAC along with the county's health insurance program. Commissioners were to get a report on Monday on the scope of the damage and the insurance adjuster reports. Several of the vehicles were deemed total losses according to early reports.

Unfortunately insurance only pays the current value of the vehicle if it is totaled and not the replacement value so decisions on replacement will surely impact the county's budget and emergency funds in the weeks ahead.

All county residents impacted by the storm need to be wary of "fly-by-night" roofers and contractors who prey upon homeowners after a storm like the one we experienced last week. Unfortunately fraudulent companies follow storms and take advantage of victims.

High school graduations, Memorial Day activities, the annual music festival and the arts festival downtown and many other activities will bring visitors to Kerr County over the coming weekend.

Visitors contribute a great deal to the local economy during these events but also present challenges to law enforcement, medical providers and local businesses. Stay aware of what's going on in our community, enjoy the events and stay safe.

By the time this column is printed we will know the outcome of the run-offs in the Republican races for Pct. 1 County Commissioner, the State Senate race and other contested statewide races. Finally all the campaign signs can come down, at least for a few months.

The Pct. 1 Commissioner race will be contested in November as will several of the statewide races. As the national political parties move forward in selecting their national party tickets during the summer conventions we can look forward to lots more political intrigue as the election process continues.

The Kerr County Courthouse and the West Kerr County Annex plus other county facilities will be closed for Memorial Day on Monday. Please join us on the courthouse grounds for the annual Memorial Day ceremony with speakers, music and the placing of wreaths at the Kerr County War Memorial at 11 a.m. next Monday.

Have a safe and happy Memorial Day weekend!