



**July Bash!** The Shindig hosted their annual July Bash on Saturday, July 6, in Robert Lee. In addition to a patriotic parade, events included a watermelon eating contest that was participated in by Lucas Smith and Sophia Carrera (above photo).

time now have additional entry options.”

Registration for the competition is now open at the [wildlifeinfocus.org](http://wildlifeinfocus.org) website. Deadline for entry is December 1, 2024. The active window for photography is from Feb. 21, 2025 to May 31, 2025. Photographers and landowners can set up their own teams, or WiF will assist in pairing teams.

The registration fee is \$500 for each participant on the landowner/photographer teams. The individual photographer entry fee is based on the number of categories and photos entered and includes entry into the videography competition. The fee for entering the videography contest alone is \$100 each for landowner and videographer. Full rules for the contest, including equipment requirements, technology specifications, categories and prize purses, are available at [wildlifeinfocus.org](http://wildlifeinfocus.org).

Any questions or concerns regarding the competition can be emailed to [info@wildlifeinfocus.org](mailto:info@wildlifeinfocus.org) or left in a voicemail at 361-342-9585.

**Farmers, ranchers assess damages after Hurricane Beryl**

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Hurricane Beryl slammed into the Texas coast this week, leaving many farmers and ranchers to assess damages to

crops, equipment and facilities.

“Living and growing up on the coast, it starts to become second nature preparing for a hurricane or tropical storm, but you’re still never ready,” Hailey Hayes, a farmer in Port Lavaca, said. “You take things one at a time and prioritize.”

Beryl first hit Texas with rain and intensifying winds on Sunday, prompting coastal residents to board up windows and prepare for the worst.

Hayes and her family began taking precautionary measures, strapping down their farrowing barn, mixing feed, having generators ready and putting equipment back in barns while the heat index was over 100 degrees.

By Monday morning, the storm made landfall as a Category 1 hurricane before weakening into a tropical storm. About 2.7 million homes and businesses are without power in the Houston area and two deaths have been confirmed.

While Hayes wasn’t in the direct path of the storm once Beryl hit Texas, farmers east of them weren’t as lucky.

Farmers like Bob Reed, who grows corn and cotton in Matagorda County, began assessing the damage from the storm.

“There are varying degrees of damage. I didn’t see anything that wasn’t damaged,” Reed told the Texas Farm Bureau Radio Network.

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Our County, Our State and Our Country**



**And Don't Forget to Pray for Rain!**

**Emergency Siren Signals**

*Cities of both Bronte and Robert Lee*

1 Long Ring - Wind Advisory over 60 mph

2 Rings - Fire or VFD Meeting

Another 2 Ring - Call for Additional Firefighters

3 Rings - Tornado Warning

1 Long Continuous Ring - All Clear for Tornado