

NWS Brownsville/Rio Grande Valley In Your Neighborhood!

July/August 2013



July

1, 15, 22, 29: Barry Goldsmith joined the discussion on the weekly **Texas Drought Monitor Telcon webinar** with John Nielson-Gammon the Texas State Climatologist, SRH, NOAA Southern Region Climate Services, and WFOs on the State of Texas.

9: Justin Gibbs gave a presentation on the drought conditions to the **Texas Water Utilities Association Southwest Water District School students** which covers all of south Texas from Corpus to San Antonio to the Rio Grande Valley. A total of 15 students attended.

11: Steve Drillette attended the **LRGVDC HSAC monthly meeting** in Weslaco.

16: Steve Drillette attended the **Coffee Talk** with Rose Timmer, City Commissioner, who spoke on the planned improvements to the hiking and biking paths in Brownsville.

22: Barry Goldsmith was interviewed by Brett Crandall on the eve of Hurricane Dolly's 5th Anniversary.

23: Mike Castillo and Alfredo Vega welcome **Andrew Philpot, West Gulf River Forecast Center**, to Brownsville Weather Service office. Mike and Alfredo also led a

familiarization trip for Mr. Philpot to the **IBWC office in Mercedes, Retamal Dam, and Anzalduas Reservoir**.

29: Maria M. Torres was interviewed by **Lucy Castillo from Radio Manantial 88.3 FM**. The hour long interview was about the importance of being prepared during the Hurricane season and what the National Weather Service has to offer for the community. Maria received questions from the listeners during various segments of the program.

30: Barry Goldsmith participated at the **7th annual NOAA Coastal Labs Call on Hurricane Preparedness and Recovery**.

31: Joseph Tomaselli, Kirk Caceres, and Steve Drillette staffed a booth at the **South Padre Island Convention Center in support of the 74th Annual TIFT (Texas International Fishing Tournament)**

August

August 1: Joseph Tomaselli, Justin Gibbs, Barry Goldsmith, and Steve Drillette staffed a booth at the **South Padre Island Convention Center in support of the 74th Annual TIFT (Texas International Fishing Tournament)**

-Maria M. Torres gave a presentation to 16 managers from **UAH Property Management offices** in Pharr, McAllen, Mission, Edinburg and Brownsville at the Bowie Apartments in Brownsville.

-Barry Goldsmith attended the **LRGVDC HSAC monthly meeting in Weslaco**.

-Barry Goldsmith presented to the **San Benito Rotary** about updated 2013 Hurricane Season Forecast, and preparedness continuation.

August 5, 12, 19, 26: Barry Goldsmith joined the discussion on the weekly **Texas Drought Monitor Telcon webinar** with John Nielson-Gammon the Texas State Climatologist, SRH, NOAA Southern Region Climate Services, and WFOs serving Texas.

August 9: Maria M. Torres gave a Diversity presentation on the book titled **"Lean In: Women, Work, and the Will to Lead" by Sheryl Sandberg**.

August 10: Barry Goldsmith and Erin Billings staffed a booth at the **Su Clinica Familiar Wild about Healthcare in Harlingen**. 2,000 people attended and at least 500 visited the booth.

August 13: Brandon Barron gave a presentation on **Ideal Surfing Conditions** and Bianca Villanueva presented on **Forecasting Fog conditions**.

August 14: Barry Goldsmith attended the **IBWC Rio Grande Valley Water Supply public meeting in Mercedes.**

August 15: Barry Goldsmith participated at the **Speed Networking event** in Toscafino Restaurant in Brownsville.

August 17: Barry Goldsmith staffed a booth at **Su Clinica Familiar Wild About Healthcare in Brownsville.** More than 1,000 people attended and around 200 people passed or stopped by the booth.

August 23: Justin Gibbs gave a local BLAST presentation about the book titled **"Talent is Overrated" by Geoff Colvin.**

August 27: Steve Drillette presented at the **North Harlingen Rotary.** The presentation was about the Hurricanes and Drought conditions.

August 30: Maria Torres and Barry Goldsmith participated in **Hurricane Tour VIII with the Insurance Council of Texas to promote Hurricane and Insurance Awareness across the RGV, just prior to the peak of the season. Mark Hanna (Insurance Council of Texas), Corina Carillo (USAA Insurance), and Manuel Villareal (Texas Department of Insurance) led the effort.** We participated in a dozen interviews, (3 in Spanish and 9 in English), including Sunrise Action News 4, KVEO-News Center-23, KURV (R Communications), Univision Radio, Radio Esperanza, Edinburg Cable Network, KMBH Public Radio and Brownsville Cable Network.