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The first Angry Crab Shack, an Asian Cajun seafood restaurant franchise, has opened in El Paso. It is the 26th location for the Arizona based chain. PHOTOS BY MARIA CORTES GONZALEZ/EL PASO TIMES

New restaurants bring unique flavors to El Paso

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The first Angry Crab Shack, an Asian Cajun seafood restaurant franchise, has opened in El Paso and looking to expand with another location in the future.

The restaurant, corporate owned by Ron Lou, founder and CEO, had its grand opening Thursday, July 10, at 7019 N Mesa St. The location has been a popular site for different restaurants, most recently a Weck's, an Albuquerque-based chain.

Brian Herskovets, director of franchise operations, has been in El Paso for two weeks preparing the restaurant staff for the big day. He said the chain, based out of Mesa, Arizona, now has 26 locations in six states, two in the United Kingdom and is introducing its signature flavors to West Texas.

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Gyu-Kaku Restaurant, at 7451 Paseo Del Norte, is a new Japanese barbecue restaurant in El Paso. Make sure and make time for a slow and enjoyable dining experience.

Livestock imports from Mexico halted

New screwworm case causes border closures

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New cases of the New World Screwworms in Veracruz, Mexico have caused the U.S. Department of Agriculture to once again close southern borders to livestock days after reopening them.

On Tuesday, July 8, the National Service of Agro-Alimentary Health, Safety and Quality in Mexico reported a new case of the screwworm approximately 160 miles north of the current sterile fly dispersal grid on the eastern side of Mexico and 370 miles south of the U.S./Mexico border.

In response on Thursday, July 10, Secretary of Agriculture Brooke Rollins ordered the closure of livestock through southern ports effective immediately.

“The United States has promised to be vigilant — and after detecting this new NWS case, we are pausing the planned port reopenings to further quarantine and target this deadly pest in Mexico,” Rollins said in a statement. “We must see additional progress combatting NWS in Veracruz and other nearby Mexican states in order to reopen livestock ports along the southern border. Thanks to the aggressive monitoring by USDA staff in the U.S. and in Mexico, we have taken decisive action.”

Mexico responds to port closures

Mexican President Claudia Sheinbaum characterized the move by the United States as an overreaction to a single case in Veracruz.

“From our point of view, it is a totally exaggerated decision to close the border again,” Sheinbaum said in her morning news conference on Thursday, July 10, Reuters reported.

The National Service of Agro-Alimentary Health, Safety and Quality in

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New flooding hits Texas; officials order evacuations

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Heavy rain and a new wave of flooding in central Texas on July 13 prompted swift water rescues and hampered the grim search for victims of the deluge that swept through the region more than a week ago, killing over 100 people and leaving devastation in its wake.

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott said water rescues were taking place in San Saba, Lampasas and Schleicher counties, and

evacuations were ordered in several communities as well. “We are expanding operations in all affected counties – all while monitoring the rising waters in Kerrville,” he said on X.

The Kerr County Sheriff’s Office issued a “Code Red” message on July 13. “This is not an evacuation, but a preparation notification,” the sheriff’s office said in the social media post. “Be prepared to evacuate along the Guadalupe River due to bad weather and flooding.”

All search and recovery operations

along the Guadalupe River in Kerr County were suspended. Rescue personnel, equipment and vehicles “should be removed from the river area immediately,” county officials said in social media posts. It warned that up to 2-4 inches of rain an hour could fall. “Safety of lives is the highest priority.”

‘Life-threatening situation’

The city of Kerrville posted video on social media of water rushing across

streets. In Ingram, 6 miles east of Kerrville, the Ingram Fire Department warned residents to be vigilant.

“We are seeing the same weather pattern today that we experienced on July 4th – and we know how quickly that turned deadly,” the department warned in a social media post. “This is not entertainment. This is a life-threatening situation. Your curiosity puts your life, and the lives of our first responders,

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