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“Windshield Tour” of Bronte proves enlightening

In late spring of this year, a Windshield Tour of Bronte was conducted in cooperation with a Texas Department of Agriculture representative at the request of Bronte Economic Development 4B Vice President Susan Williams.

For this tour, there were two reviewers who each came to Bronte at different times. Reviewer #1 is a professional community developer and Reviewer #2 is a business owner in another city.

They “graded” Bronte in seven areas - downtown, industrial, community services (medical, legal, financial, hospital, funeral home, cemetery, schools), educational services, city services, cultural/social services (country club, restaurants, tennis courts, theater), and retail. They ended

their survey with a summary of their overall impressions. The complete tour results begins below.

Downtown Identifiability in Determining Boundaries

Can you tell when you enter and when you leave?

1. Yes
2. Yes 158 traffic light

Visibility from Highways and Thoroughfares and Signage

Is the downtown easily identifiable?

1. No, regarding the “official” downtown sign designation. However, it is easily identified coming in from Hwy 277 South.
2. Yes, there is a Main Street sign.

Appearance

How does the downtown appearance affect you? Is it clean and repaired? Is the



architecture uniform? Is the signage uncluttered? Is it landscaped?

1. It is clean. A few buildings need paint touched up. It is impressive to see most buildings occupied. Bronte is better than many similar towns.

2. Buildings appear to be in good shape. They are clean and most are in use.

Image

Is there a personality, sense of identity, and sense of pride?

1. Yes, I love the Indian on the building. What is the Blue Goose? It looks like a bar.

2. Yes and yes

Creativity

Are there benches, themes, special effects and unique touches?

1. Yes. Again, I love the Indian and the other art in the downtown area. I would love to see planters and other beautification projects.

2. The park (downtown mini-park) has a marquee and benches.

Accessibility

From the highway, residential areas, etc., how easy is it to get to once you identify it?

1. Very easy
2. Good accessibility

Promotion

Is activity centered around downtown? Is there a promotional program to encourage downtown use?

1. I'm not sure. I do like the little park where the info sign is.

2. Park has marquee, but there needs to be something at the Hwy 277/Main Street intersection.

Convenience

How are the parking, sidewalks, curbs, parking meters, and lighting?

1. There is adequate parking and the sidewalks are decent and mostly navigable.

2. The parking is good, and the sidewalks are okay.

Safety

Is the area easily accessible to police and fire departments and ambulance services?

1. Yes, but I didn't see street lamps for night time.

2. I don't know but assume yes.

Range of Services

Can you acquire all services, including postal, city, retail, medical and legal?

1. Yes, there is a surprising

range of services for such a small stretch.

2. I guess.

Reviewer #2 shared these overall comments on the downtown area. “Great accessibility, good sidewalks, buildings are being taken care of. Better downtown area than most towns of this size. Big bonus is stoplight at Main and 277 to stop traffic and give viewers a chance to see downtown.”

Industrial

“While there may not necessarily be an industrial park area like many larger communities, both of us noted the same area we identified as industrial. This area is occupied mainly by WTG and city services. It was okay to look at with a good secure fence. Would be nice if the fence were solid and blocked the view for nearby homes.”

Community Services

(Medical, Legal, Financial - Accountants and Banking, Hospital, Funeral Home, Cemetery, Schools)

Quality

What kind of reputation do community services have?

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WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, July 29

RLVFD Fried Chicken Dinner, 11 am - 1 pm,
Fire Station, Robert Lee

Monday, July 30

RL Mini Cheer Camp, 9 am - 11 am,
Robert Lee High School

Tuesday, July 31

RL Mini Cheer Camp, 9 am - 11 am,
Robert Lee High School

Wednesday, August 1

RL Mini Cheer Camp, 9 am - 11 am,
Robert Lee High School

Thursday, August 2

RL Mini Cheer Camp, 9 am - 11 am,
Robert Lee High School

Red Hat Society Meeting, 11 am,
Beefmaster Steakhouse, Robert Lee

Vision with a Purpose Meeting, 6 pm,
VP Headquarters, Austin Street, Robert Lee

Friday, August 3

RL Mini Cheer Camp, 9 am - 11 am,
Robert Lee High School

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Junior Golf Clinic slated for Bronte

A free junior golf clinic for children ages 6 and up will be held from 9:30 am until 11 am on Wednesday, August 1, at the Bronte Longhorn Golf Club. Food and drinks will be provided.

For more information, contact the Bronte Longhorn Golf Club at (325) 473-2156.

Red Hat Societ to meet August 2

Those glorious Red Hat Ladies will be traveling to Ballinger to enjoy a delicious lunch at Beefmaster's on Thursday, August 2, at 11 am. If you're in the mood for good food, delightful company, and an all around good time, please don your red hat and join us! There's always room at our table for one or two or three more!

RLVFD to host fried chicken dinner

The Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department will host a fried chicken dinner on Sunday, July 29, from 11 am until 1 pm at the fire station in Robert Lee. The fried chicken plate includes 2 pieces of chicken, potato salad, coleslaw, beans, and a dessert.

Tickets for the meal are available in advance at Ivey Motor Company, USDA Service Center, and Coke County Feed.

A 16 piece bucket of chicken only will also be available for purchase. To place an order for a bucket, please call (325) 262-2529 or email robertleevfd@gmail.com.

RL Mini Cheer Camp slated for July 30 - August 3

The Robert Lee High School Cheerleaders will host their annual Mini Cheer Camp July 30 through August 3. The camp will be held from 9 am until 11 am each day at the school tennis courts. Snacks will be available for sale and students will need to bring a water bottle each day of camp. Also new Steer shirts will be for sale that week.

For more information, contact Maranda Hood by email at maranda.hood@rlisd.net.

VP meeting set for August 2

Vision with a Purpose will hold their next monthly meeting on Thursday, August 2, at 6 pm. The meeting will be held at

their headquarters at the corner of Austin and West 7th streets in Robert Lee. All are invited to come and see what this community-minded organization is all about!

Ladies Retreat slated for August 4

Robert Lee Baptist Church will host a Ladies Retreat on Saturday, August 4, from 10 am until 2:15 pm. Tammy Whitehurst will be the speaker, with Tammy Aten as the worship leader.

Bronte Elementary School Supply Distribution set for August 4

Bronte Elementary School supplies will be distributed Sunday, August 4, from 2 pm until 4 pm at the Bronte Church of Christ.

If anyone would like to make a donation to this cause, you may do so at any of the Bronte churches.

Golf tournament slated for August 12

The Bronte Longhorn Golf Club will host a golf tournament on Sunday, August 12, beginning at 9 am. The 18 hole tournament will be 3 person, best drive, everyone plays their own ball.

For more information, call (325) 473-2156 or (325) 262-6617.

Color Run/Fun Walk set for August 25

The Robert Lee Junior High Cheerleaders will be hosting a 5K Color Run/1K Fun Walk on Saturday, August 25, 2018, at the Mountain Creek Golf Course in

Robert Lee. The first heat will start from the Club House at 8 am, with the second heat immediately following. Color will be provided and registration includes a Dogie Color Run t-shirt if registered by August 15. Extra color will be available for purchase, as well as any extra Color Run t-shirts.

Entry forms may be picked up from and returned to the Robert Lee High School office beginning July 30 from 9 am until 3 pm or may be printed from the "Robert Lee Athletics" Facebook page.

All proceeds benefit the 2018-2019 Robert Lee Junior High Dogie Cheerleaders. Donations and volunteers are greatly appreciated! For more information, contact Shanna Freeman at (325) 453-4555 or shanna.freeman@rlisd.net.

Please come out and make this a fun family event for the whole community!

RLBC summer lunch delivery available

Robert Lee Baptist Church will be delivering lunches to children ages 4 - 18 at home within the city limits of Robert Lee. The lunches are delivered every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday through August 10. There are no qualifications to be included, just forms for delivery. The forms may be picked up at the church, Monday through Friday, 8 am - 5 pm.

For more information, contact the church at (325) 453-2724 or Erin Oleksiuk at (325) 656-9884.

Wes Henson Memorial Golf

Tournament results

The first annual Wes Henson "Warrior" Memorial Golf Tournament was held at Mountain Creek Golf Course in Robert Lee on Saturday, July 21.

Results are as follows:

- Championship Flight
 1st) Julio Carreon, Pete Puentez, Josh Puentez; 2nd) Buddy Wallace, Alton Mitchell, Darrin Clawson
 1st Flight
 1st) Dustin Brackeen, Jason Tavarez, George Rodriguez; 2nd) Gary Henson, Brad Henson, Curt Siefken
 2nd Flight
 Ronnie Bivins, Joey McKinney, Joey Luckett

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Community Watch! Shaunna Grantham addresses those in attendance at the Robert Lee Community Watch Meeting held recently.

Bronte 4B EDC minutes posted

The Bronte Economic Development Corporation 4B meeting on Monday, April 23, 2018, in the City Hall Council Room was called to order at 5:36 pm by Vice President Susan Williams. Members present included Reese Braswell, Brenda Hines, Marlene Vaughn, Melinda McCutchen, and Katie Cooper-Ramirez. George Tomes, President, was absent. Visitors present included Denise

Galloway and Jim Santiago. EDC Coordinator Crystal Blevins and EDC Clerk Andra Arrott were also present.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Melinda McCutchen gave the invocation.

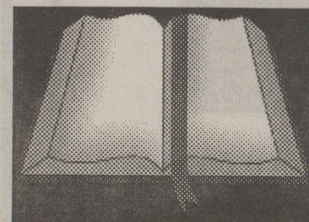
The minutes of the January 30th and February 6th meetings were approved.

Jason Luna with the United States Department of Agriculture gave a presentation, followed by a question and answer session, on the Rural Business Development Grant.

Area Churches

Invite You to Worship

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| <p>Bronte
 Bronte Church of Christ
 PO Box 346
 118 S. Jefferson • Bronte
 Preacher David Lewis
 Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm
 Central Baptist Church
 324 S. Franklin • Bronte
 (325) 473-4811
 Dale Patterson, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am Sunday School
 11 am & 5 pm Worship
 First Baptist Church
 424 S. Washington • Bronte
 (325) 473-2331 • Pastor Lee Bevely
 Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School,
 10:55 am Worship, 6 pm Bible
 Study & Worship
 Wednesday 6 pm RA's & GA's,
 6:30 pm Youth & Adults
 First United Methodist Church
 Corner of Washington & Holmes
 Bronte
 (325) 473-3281
 Rev. Everett Boyce, Pastor
 Sun. 10:00 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship
 Forgiven Ministries
 117 W. Main, Bronte
 Russ Frasier, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am
 Tuesday 6 pm Table Time
 St. James Catholic Church
 215 N. Washington, Bronte
 (325) 365-2687
 Rev. Yesu Mulakaleti, Jr., Pastor
 Sunday Bilingual Mass 8 am
 4C Cowboy Church
 Texas Theater, Downtown Bronte
 Pastor James Brunson
 Sunday, 10:30 am</p> | <p>Robert Lee
 Bible Baptist Church
 PO Box 938 • 9th & Austin
 Robert Lee, Brandon Broadbent, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am Sunday School, 11 am
 Worship, Wed 5:30 pm Bible Study
 Emmanuel Pentecostal
 PO Box 683 • 1019 Colorado City Hwy
 Pastor Kevin Millstid 453-2360
 Sundays 10 am, Wednesdays 7 pm
 First United Methodist Church
 PO Box 144 • 9th & Chadbourne
 Robert Lee • (325) 453-2417
 Cyndi Weidner, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am Sunday School
 11 am Worship, 5 pm Choir Practice
 Iglesia Bautista Betel
 101 Houston • Robert Lee
 Sun. 9:45 am • Sunday School
 11 am Service • Bible Study Wed. 6 pm
 Southside Church of Christ
 PO Box 698 • 8th & Houston
 Robert Lee (325) 453-2176
 Recardo Reyes, Preacher
 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
 11 am & 6 pm, Worship
 Wed. 6 pm, Worship
 Northside Church of Christ
 PO Box 508
 9th & Chadbourne • Robert Lee
 (325) 453-2685, (806) 543-2118 or
 (325) 473-1053
 Services: Sun. 10 am
 Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church
 601 W. 10th, Robert Lee
 (325) 365-2687
 Rev. Yesu Mulakaleti, Pastor
 Saturday Vigil Mass 5 pm
 Robert Lee Baptist Church
 PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th
 (325) 453-2724
 Danny White, Pastor
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
 11 am & 7 pm, Worship
 Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting
 Victory Assembly of God
 (325) 453-2208, PO Box 638
 6th & Houston, Robert Lee
 Rev. Irving Smith, Pastor
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
 10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship
 Wed. 6 pm, Bible Study
 Tennyson
 Tennyson Baptist Church
 Hwy 277 • Tennyson
 (325) 473-2040
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
 11:00 am & 6 pm, Worship
 Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting</p> |
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Reese Braswell made a motion to apply for the USDA grant in the amount of \$25,000, which will be matched by EDC 4B, with the following loan provisions. Loans would require a non-refundable \$100 application fee. Interest rates for loans will not exceed prime plus 1%. The motion was seconded by Melinda McCutchen and all voted for the motion. Braswell and Tomes were appointed as signatories.

A motion was made by Melinda McCutchen and seconded by Marlene Vaughn to go into executive session to discuss the performance agreement with Shear Heaven. All voted for.

The motion to return to regular session at 7:35 pm was made by McCutchen and seconded by Katie Cooper-Ramirez. All voted for.

Braswell made a motion to provide Shear Heaven with 50% of the original requested grant for building improvement after an amended Performance Agreement was received. McCutchen seconded the motion and all voted for.

A motion made by McCutchen to table the contract and budget was seconded by Braswell. All voted for.

Following a discussion regarding Applications and Procedures, Braswell made a motion for Williams to research and compose a new application and procedures draft for presentation at the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Cooper-Ramirez and all voted for.

A discussion on near-term goals, objectives and possible projects followed. EDC Coordinator was directed to add Bronte websites and social media to the next meeting's agenda.

A review of previous and existing contracts was conducted. Braswell made a motion, seconded by Cooper-Ramirez, to have letters of nonperformance sent to all noncompliant contractors. All voted in favor of the motion.

There was no public comment.

Following a discussion regarding ideas and plans for future projects, McCutchen made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Cooper-Ramirez and all voted in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 8:31 pm.

Blackwell City Council meeting minutes told

The Blackwell City Council met in special session on June 25, 2018. The meeting was called to order at 1 pm by Mayor Laura Rozzle. Those present included Council Members James Ottaberry, Kay Kovach, Lana Goodman, Bryan Shipman, and City Secretary, Shirley Lemley. Council Member Miller Walker was absent.

A motion was made by Kay Kovach and seconded by Bryan

Shipman to waive reading of the minutes of the Special Session Meeting that was held May 29, 2018, and accept as written. Those in favor were James Ottaberry, Kay Kovach, Lana Goodman and Bryan Shipman, and the motion carried.

Mayor's Comments

Attendees must sign in to speak. Speakers are limited to 3 minutes.

A Hospitality Luncheon will be held Tuesday, July 10, 2018, at noon at City Hall. A representative from the Pioneer Museum in Sweetwater will be guest speaker.

The Blackwell VFD BBQ will be held on July 7 with the parade at 5pm.

Public Input: No visitors signed in.

A motion was made by Bryan Shipman and seconded by Kay Kovach to pay bills as listed for month of May 2018. All were in favor and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Lana Goodman and seconded by Bryan Shipman to post City owned lawn mower and equipment for bids. All were in favor and the motion carried.

The Mayor gave update on the progress of paving some streets in the City Limits. No Motion was needed as this was a discussion item only.

A motion to adjourn was made by Kay Kovach and seconded by James Ottaberry. The meeting was adjourned at 1:21 pm.

Bronte ISD Board Meeting minutes

The Bronte ISD Board of Trustees held a regularly scheduled Board Meeting on June 6, 2017. Those in attendance were Board Members Shane Kelton, Blake Braswell, Ashley Braswell, John Seales, Josh Schoenfield, Terry Queen, and Jodie Arrott and Administration members Tim Siler, Jenny Baker, and John Phillips. Guests included Kinley Pritchard and Walt Smith.

The meeting was opened at 5:58 pm with a prayer by Josh Schoenfield.

A quorum was established with seven members present.

There were no audience items.

Minutes for the Regular May Meeting and Special Meeting on May 14 were presented and read. A motion to approve as corrected



Lunch Volunteers! Each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday during the summer, a group of volunteers gather at Robert Lee Baptist Church to prepare and distribute sack lunches to approximately 50 children, between the ages of 4 - 18, in Robert Lee. Some of the group have been working on this project for the last six years and their coordinated effort in the kitchen shows. Erin Oleksiuk is the group-appointed leader who collects names, does the paperwork, and makes food purchases. The Lunch Bunch enjoy each others company while efficiently packing the sack lunches. The volunteers include (pictured above, left to right) Erin Oleksiuk, Diane Hefner, Roger Alexander, Janet Woods, Sally Gloria, Della Alexander, (not pictured) Sterling Myers, George Grim, Tiffany Thomas, Susan Pentecost, Starsky Oleksiuk, Kyle Crim, and Myna Kay Copeland.

There are no requirements for a child to be added to the list to receive a lunch, except to be between the ages of 4 - 18. For more information, contact Myna Kay Copeland at Robert Lee Baptist Church at (325) 453-2724 or Erin Oleksiuk at the NRCS office at (325) 656-9884.

The group also plans to see to it that each child on the list will receive a backpack with school supplies by the end of the program on August 10, in time for the first day of school on August 20.

for the Regular May Meeting and motion to approve as presented for May 14 meeting was made by Blake Braswell and seconded by Josh Schoenfield. The motion passed 7 - 0.

Ashley Braswell made a motion to continue with The Brokerage Store for the same premium and coverage with Blake Braswell seconding. The motion passed 7 - 0.

Mr. Siler gave an update on school finances. He advised there wasn't much difference in finances since the last meeting. The small bill listing was also due to the short time between the May meeting and the June meeting. Mr. Siler has not heard back on the audit repeal on the property values. He believes we are still on track for the current budget, but he is watching very closely. There

will possibly be heavy amendments at the July meeting. New vehicle purchases and the changing of the football field will be addressed at the July meeting. Mr. Siler also advised on a lawsuit on portable generators that could affect property values, but is not sure at this time.

There were no amendments to budget.

The Board entered into executive (closed) session at 6:18 pm and returned at 7:11 p.m.

Jodie Arrott made a motion to offer Paula Connely and Stacey Eubanks 1-year probationary contracts with Josh Schoenfield seconding. The motion passed 7 - 0.

Blake Braswell made a motion to offer Monique Bilyeau a 1-year probationary contract and Ashley Braswell seconded. The motion passed 7 - 0.

Josh Schoenfield made a motion to offer Amy Chumney a 1-year probationary contract and Terry Queen seconded. The motion passed 7 - 0.

Board training is set for July 12 at 5 pm, pending confirmation with Region 15 Service Center and the Regular July Board meeting will follow. Board members will also need to attend a Senate Bill training in August.

Josh Schoenfield made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Ashley Braswell. The meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm.

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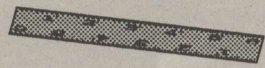
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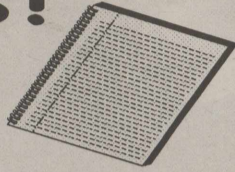
Come and
Learn what
the Ark can
teach us!

4 yrs old thru 6th Grade
Saturday, August 4th
9:00am - 2:00pm

Central Baptist Church
324 S. Franklin St.
325-173-4811 or 325-650-1212



School Supply Lists!



Robert Lee ISD

Pre-K

- 2 boxes 8 count Crayons
- 2 packages glue sticks
- 1 package assorted construction paper
- 4 pencils
- 1 box quart size Ziploc bags
- 4 boxes Kleenex
- 1 set watercolors
- 1 package index cards
- 3 large disinfectant wipes
- 1 set of extra clothes
- 1 old large shirt to use for painting

Kindergarten

- 3 boxes 24 count Crayola brand crayons
- 3 glue sticks
- 6 regular yellow #2 pencils
- 1 composition notebook
- 1 small plastic school box
- 3 large boxes Kleenex
- 2 sturdy, slick plastic pocket folders (no brads)
- 1 sturdy, slick plastic pocket folder (with brads)
- 2 large pink erasers
- 1 package 3x5 index cards
- 1 towel for rest time (no vinyl mats)
- 1 backpack
- 1 set of extra clothes
- *initial each eraser and crayon
- *leave crayons in the original box
- *do not initial pencils or glue sticks

1st Grade

- 1 package Ticonderoga yellow pencils, 24 count
- 2 composition notebooks (100 sheets, wide ruled)
- 2 red plastic folders with brads and pockets
- 2 orange plastic folders with brads and pockets
- 2 boxes 24 count Crayola crayons
- 3 glue sticks
- Scissors
- 1 plastic box
- 2 pink erasers
- Watercolors
- 1 backpack (no wheels)
- 3 boxes Kleenex
- 1 box Ziploc bags (girls - gallon, boys - quart)

2nd Grade

- 1 package Ticonderoga #2 yellow pencils (24 count)
- 2 composition notebooks (100 sheets, wide ruled)
- 4 plastic folders with pockets and brads (2 red and 2 blue)
- 2 boxes 24 count Crayola brand crayons
- Markers
- 3 glue sticks
- Scissors
- 1 plastic school box
- 2 pink erasers
- 1 backpack (no wheels)
- 3 boxes Kleenex

- 1 box Ziploc bags (girls - gallon, boys - quart)
- 2 red pens
- Disinfecting wipes

3rd Grade

- 1" Three ring binder with pockets
- 1 package yellow #2 pencils (at least 24 count)
- Pink erasers (at least 3)
- Crayons
- Markers
- Scissors
- 1 glue stick
- 2 highlighters
- Supply box for desk
- Backpack
- Disinfectant wipes
- Hand Sanitizer (12 oz bottle)
- 3 boxes Kleenex
- 2 packages wide ruled notebook paper
- 1 box Ziploc bags (girls - gallon, boys - quart)
- 1 box black expo markers
- 2 composition notebooks (100 sheets, wide ruled)
- 3 folders with 3 holes and pockets (any color, no brads)

4th Grade

- 1 school box (no bags)
- 1 package Expo markers for white board
- 1 box crayons (24 count)
- 1 box map pencils or colored pencils
- Markers or sharpies
- 1 pair scissors
- 1 small package colored copy paper
- 1 bottle liquid glue or 3 glue sticks
- 24 pencils
- 2 composition notebooks
- 3 packages wide ruled notebook paper
- 1 plastic folder with brads and pockets (any color)
- 2 folders with 3 holes, pockets, and brads (any color)
- 2 one inch 3 ring binders
- 2 large tubs disinfectant wipes
- 3 boxes tissues
- 2 red pens
- 2 boxes pencil top erasers
- 1 pink eraser

5th Grade

- 1 school box or bag
- 2 packages wide ruled notebook paper
- 3 composition notebooks
- 1 package glue sticks
- 1 plastic folder with brads and pockets
- 4 folders with 3 holes and pockets (no brads)
- 24 pencils
- 2 red pens
- Map pencils
- Markers
- 2 black sharpies
- 1 package Expo markers
- 4 packages 3x5 index cards
- 1 small package colored construction paper

- 2 packages manila paper (12x18)
- 2 tubs disinfectant wipes
- 3 boxes Kleenex
- 1 small package zippered Ziploc bags
- 2 yellow highlighters
- 2 boxes pencil top erasers

6th Grade

- Pencils
- Pens
- Map pencils
- Markers
- Sharpies
- Highlighters
- Scissors
- 2 bottles liquid glue or 3 glue sticks
- 2 packages notebook paper
- 2 tubs disinfectant wipes
- 3 boxes Kleenex
- School supply box or bag
- 1 package Expo markers
- 3 composition notebooks
- 2 one inch 3 ring binders
- 2 packages 3x5 white index cards

- 1 package dividers
- Small ziploc bags
- 3 folders with 3 holes and pockets
- Pencil top erasers
- 1 small package colored copy paper

Spanish Classes

- Colored markers - 1
- Thick, black Sharpie - 1
- Regular sized black Sharpie - 1
- Scissors - 1
- Bottled Glue - 1
- Glue Sticks - 2
- White poster board - 2
- Spiral notebook or composition book - 1
- Kleenex - 1
- Colored Pencils - 1
- Construction Paper - 1

Bronte ISD

Pre-K/PPCD

- Elmer's Glue - 2
- Elmer's Glue Sticks - 2
- Kleenex Facial Tissues - 2 boxes
- Clorox Wipes - 2
- Folder with pockets and brads - 1
- Germ X - 1
- Gallon Size Baggies - 1 box
- Scissors - 1
- Crayola Crayons - 2 boxes
- Markers - 1 box
- Watercolor Paint Set - 1
- School Box - 1
- *Large zippered top backpack
- *Blanket and pillow or nap mat
- *Set of extra clothing (weather appropriate)
- *Water Bottle
- *indicates items to be labeled with the child's name

Kindergarten

- Crayola crayons (primary colors only, 8 count only, no jumbo, no glitter) - 6 boxes
- Facial tissues (100 count) - 2 boxes
- No. 2 pencils - 12
- Crayola thick markers (10 count) - 1 box
- 4.0 oz Elmer's Glue (no Rose Art) - 2
- Dry erase markers (set of 4) - 1 set
- Color folders with bottom pockets only (no plastic, get various colors) - 10
- Sharp 5" Fiskar scissors - 1
- Canister of pull-up Clorox disinfectant wipes - 1
- Pink bevel eraser - 2



Scholarship! Melissa Perez (left), a 2018 Bronte High School graduate, and Kiara Burns, a 2018 Robert Lee High School graduate, were each presented with a \$500 scholarship from Robert Lee/Bronte Chapter No. 187 Order of the Eastern Star. Melissa plans to attend Angelo State University in the fall to pursue a degree in Accounting. Kiara plans to attend Texas A&M University in the fall to pursue a degree in Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering. Melissa was presented with her scholarship at the Bronte High School Graduation Ceremony held on May 18, 2018. Jeffie Roberts presented Kiara's scholarship at the Robert Lee ISD Awards Ceremony on May 24, 2018.

- Small plastic school box (no zipper bags please) - 1
 - School bag or backpack (large enough to hold folders) - 1
 - 1/2" transparent tape - 1 roll
- Please label everything your child brings to school.*

1st Grade

- Crayola crayons (16 count) - 2 boxes
- Facial tissues (100 count) - 2 boxes
- No. 2 pencils - 10
- Assorted plastic folders (pockets only) - 5
- Sharp 5" Fiskar scissors - 1
- Glue sticks - 4
- Disinfectant wipes - 1
- Small pink erasers - 2
- Dry erase markers - 2 packages
- Plastic School Box - 1
- School Bag or Backpack - 1

2nd Grade

- Crayons (24 count) - 1 box
- Kleenex - 2 boxes
- No. 2 pencils - 12
- Scissors - 1
- Pink erasers - 2
- School box - 1
- School bag or backpack - 1
- Folders with pockets - 8
- Ruler - 1
- Dry erase markers - 2

- Glue sticks - 5
- Large cloth book cover - 1
- 1 box Ziploc bags (girls - sandwich size, boys - gallon)

3rd Grade


- Crayons - 1 box
- Facial tissues - 1 box
- Permanent markers - 1
- Folders (pockets only) - 12
- Glue sticks - (1 package of at least 2)
- Notebook paper (wide ruled) - 1
- Ruler - 1
- Supply box/bag - 1

4th Grade

- Facial tissues (100 count) - 2 boxes
- No. 2 pencils (Ticonderoga) - 24
- School bag or backpack - 1
- Pocket folders - 2 paper and 4 plastic
- Jumbo cloth book covers - 2
- Notebook paper (wide ruled) - 1 package
- 1" 3 ring binder - 1
- Glue sticks - 2
- Highlighters - 2 yellow and 2 pink
- Crayola map pencils (12 count) - 1

5th Grade

- Facial tissues - 3 boxes
- Pocket folders (various colors/designs) - 3




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- Quart size Ziploc bags - 1 box
- 1" 3 ring binder - 1
- 6th Grade**
- No. 2 pencils (Ticonderoga) - 12
- Facial tissues - 2 boxes
- Cloth book covers (jumbo size) - 2
- Plastic pocket folders - 3
- 1" 3 ring binder - 1
- Colored pencils (12 count, Crayola brand) - 1
- Highlighters - 2 yellow and 2 pink
- Paper pocket folders - 2
- Glue sticks - 4
- Mrs. Taylor's Science Classes**
- Notebook Paper
- Highlighters - 2 yellow
- Glue sticks - 12
- Zippered pencil/pen bag for 3-ring binder
- 1" 3 ring binder for Science notes and other work, separate from other classes)
- 1 set of dividers (titles for 5 sections)
- #2 pencils - 12
- Box of Kleenex
- 100 page composition notebook - 2
- Black or blue pens (no fluorescent or metallic colors)
- Mrs. Middleton's Classes**
- 3 ring binder
- 100 page composition book - 2
- Notebook paper (no spiral paper)
- Pencils/lead instruments
- Highlighters
- Glue sticks
- *Map Colors
- *1 box of Kleenex
- *Red pen
- *indicates optional items

teaching. Some are gifted at leadership, some at giving, and so on.

In short, spiritual gifts are the individual tools that we use to make an impact. A proper discussion of spiritual gifts requires honest self-reflection and examination. What you 'wish' to be your spiritual gift may not be the gift you actually possess. It is important to use what you have, rather than waste it wishing for something else. It's also important to remember that no gift is better than the other. Each gift is very different, but vitally important. A church needs singers, but a church full of singers with no teachers and servants would be lacking.

And so I wonder...have we ever considered the concept of community-oriented gifts? What specific abilities and gifts do we each possess, individually, that we can use for the good of the community around us and the people of the community?

Have you ever thought about your own community-oriented gifts? Much like spiritual gifts, some have the gift of service within the community - the worker bee who stays behind the scenes but makes every event functional. Others are gifted with leadership, to seek elected office or other leadership roles and use that position to inspire and lead others. Some have the gift of giving through financial resources - they can donate to good causes or finance new businesses. Others have a gift and passion for culture - perhaps they want to see the community grow its arts and culture, so they take on a leadership role in spearheading new cultural offerings.

A church with all servants and no leaders would not function very well. A town with all leaders and no servants won't function well either. Much like all the cogs in a machine, a well-run church or community needs each cog doing the best for what it was designed to do.

We were each designed to do



Cheer Camp! The Robert Lee High School Cheerleaders received one of the Most Improved awards at Cheer Camp held at Texas Tech University recently.

something great in our community. What I'm designed for is different than what you're designed for, but both are equally important cogs specifically designed for a purpose. Have we ever engaged in self-reflection to examine our community-oriented gifts? Have we talked with others to plan out how our individual gifts might come together for the betterment of the community at large? Perhaps we should.

James Decker is a lawyer, farmer, and mayor in Stamford, and the creator of the forthcoming "West of 98" podcast and website. He may be contacted through Facebook at <https://facebook.com/james.decker>.

House approves farm bill legislation

The U.S. House of Representatives recently passed its legislation authorizing a 2018 Farm Bill in a 213 to 211 vote.

"This is a positive step forward for farmers, ranchers and consumers," John Ross

Copeland, Coke County Farm Bureau president, said.

The farm bill provides stability, risk management tools and the certainty that farmers and ranchers need.

"Farm income levels have dropped to decade lows, and the House's version of the farm bill makes much-needed improvements in risk management and crop insurance programs," said. "The drought, devastating hurricane and wildfires are just a few of the examples of why crop insurance is important."

The farm bill, which is passed every five years, is also essential to national policy.

"It's about keeping farmers—both large and small—on the land. The ability to grow our own food makes us more secure," said Copeland.

The farm bill includes nutrition programs, conservation and animal health research.

The Senate is expected to vote on its agriculture committee's version of the farm bill before the Fourth of July.

It is likely a conference committee will be appointed to reconcile the differences between the two bills.

"We are confident a bill that meets the interests of farmers, ranchers and consumers will be the result," said Copeland.



A Community of Gifts

by James M. Decker

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace. - 1 Peter 4:10-11

As a Christian, I've found that spiritual gifts are a topic we need to discuss more, and discuss more often. A simple definition is that spiritual gifts are the specific abilities and gifts given to individual persons to use for the good of others and the world around them.

If you've never thought too much about it, it's very simple: different people have differing abilities and each should use their own ability accordingly. Some people have a gift for music. I am not that person. Others have a gift for service. Still others are well suited for

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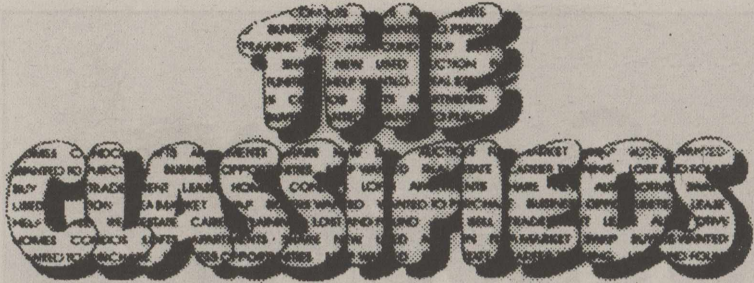
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Sincerely,
Kristen Moreno
and Family

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BRONTE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION VACANCY POSITION - BOARD MEMBER

The Bronte Economic Development Corporation "B" Board is looking for an individual to serve as a Board Member. The ideal candidate will need to have experience in business, tourism, and/or economic development, coupled with vision and commitment to

Political Calendar

The Observer/Enterprise had been authorized to make the following announcements for the political offices in Coke County. Each candidate or the campaign treasurer has paid for his or her announcement.

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ORDINANCE NO. 18-01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BRONTE, TEXAS, REPEALING AND REPLACING ORDINANCE #14-10; DECLARING SPECIFIED CONDITIONS AS NUISANCES AND UNLAWFUL; ESTABLISHING A POLICY FOR THE ABATEMENT OF NUISANCES; PROVIDING FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING A PENALTY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND REPEALING CLAUSES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

SECTION 10. Violations; Penalty. Persons found in violation of this Ordinance shall be charged with a Class C misdemeanor, and, if convicted,

shall be fined not more than \$500.00. If it is determined that the violation committed relates to fire safety or public health and sanitation, the fine assessed shall be not more than \$2,000.00, and if the violation relates to dumping of refuse, the fine assessed shall be not more than \$4,000.00. Each day such violation continues, or be permitted to continue, shall be a separate offense. Criminal prosecution for violations of this Ordinance shall be separate and apart from any abatement proceeding undertaken by the City, so the City may proceed with the abatement process, criminal prosecution, or both.

PASSED AND APPROVED on first reading this 21st day of June 2018.
PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED on second and final reading this 19th day of July 2018.

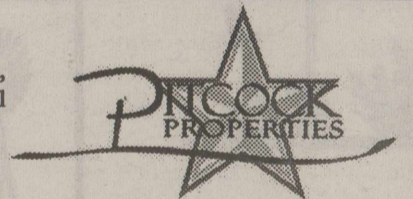
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ORDINANCE # 18-03

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING ORDINANCE # 392; PROHIBITING COMMERCIAL VEHICLES HAVING A GROSS MOTOR VEHICLE WEIGHT IN EXCESS OF 10,000 LBS. FROM TRAVELING ALONG SPECIFIED CITY STREETS; AUTHORIZING THE UTILITIES DIRECTOR TO POST APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE; DECLARING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF THE ORDINANCE; AND CONTAINING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRONTE, TEXAS, that:

- Section 1.
No commercial vehicle having a gross motor vehicle weight in excess of 10,000 lbs. shall travel on any of the following streets except as provided in Section 2:
- A. Kickapoo Road
 - B. West Barclay Street
 - C: 200 through 600 Blocks of South Franklin
 - D: 100 through 300 Blocks of North Franklin
 - E: Driftwood
 - F: Parkwood Drive

Section 2.
A. Commercial vehicles may travel on the streets as described in Section 1 when necessary to reach a terminal or load or offload materials located at a destination on those streets, only if the vehicle operator:

- (1) follows the shortest practical route consistent with the reasonable operation of the vehicle; and
 - (2) keeps in the operator's possession a log book, delivery slips, weight tickets, or other evidence of the operator's destination and point of origin.
- B. When traveling in the streets described in Section 1, the operator of the commercial vehicle affected by this ordinance shall permit an Ordinance Enforcement Officer, upon request, to inspect the log book, delivery slips, weight tickets, or other evidence of the operator's destination and point of origin.

Section 3.
The Utilities Director shall post appropriate signage indicating the prohibited commercial vehicle routes established herein.

Section 4.
Any person who violates this ordinance shall be guilty of a Class C misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00.

Section 5.
This ordinance shall become effective after publication as required by the Local Government Code and when the Utilities Director posts the signage required by Section 3 herein.

Section 6.
If any section or part of this ordinance is held by a court of

competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remaining provisions of this ordinance but shall be confined in its operation to specific section or sections that are held unconstitutional or invalid.

Section 7.
Ordinance # 392, adopted on February 8, 2007, and any other ordinance or ordinance provisions in conflict with this ordinance are, hereby, repealed.

PASSED AND APPROVED on first reading this 21st day of June 2018.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED on second and final reading this 19th day of July 2018.

The city of Bronte, Texas
By: Paul Gohman, Mayor
ATTEST: Teresa Ballard,
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Mountain Creek Golf Club Memorials

- John Lehr**
Mrs. Bobbie Allen
Wes Henson
Mr. and Mrs. Billy Wayne Roe

Texas confirms first West Nile cases of the year

The Texas Department of State Health Services is confirming three cases of West Nile disease reported recently by local health departments in Austin, Dallas and Galveston. The first three cases of the year are cases of West Nile fever reported by Austin Public Health and Galveston County Health District and a case of neuroinvasive disease reported by Dallas County Health and Human Services.

People can be infected by West Nile virus through the bite of an infected mosquito. Last year, Texas reported 135 cases of West Nile illness that resulted in six deaths. There have been more than 3,500 illnesses and 167 deaths in Texas over the last 10 years.

To protect themselves and their communities, people



Hot! Dr. Steve Lyons (left), Meteorologist in Charge at the National Weather Service in San Angelo discussed to a group in San Angelo recently the hot and dry conditions that have and will prevail over the region. He also talked about how susceptible the young and old are to excessive heat. He reminded everyone to never leave people or pets in a hot car, and not to leave anyone in a parked car that has the engine on, as eventually it will not cool. Mona Lisa Didelot is the Traffic Safety Specialist for the San Angelo District of TxDOT. She discussed the fact that every 10 days a child dies as a result of vehicular heatstroke in the United States. So far in 2018, there have been two deaths in Texas and 18 children nationwide. When a child's temperature reaches 107 degrees, the die. Fro 1998 to 2016, 700 children have died of heatstroke in a vehicle. Of those, 376 were "forgotten" by the caregiver.

should take steps to avoid mosquito bites and reduce mosquito populations:

- Regularly apply EPA-registered insect repellent while outdoors.
- Dump out all standing water inside and outside homes and businesses so mosquitoes can't lay eggs.
- Use air conditioning or make sure window and door screens are in good repair to keep mosquitoes out.
- Cover up with long sleeves and long pants to help prevent bites.
- Most people who get infected with West Nile virus don't get sick. About 20 percent develop

West Nile fever, a fever that can be accompanied by headache, muscle and joint aches, nausea, diarrhea and fatigue. People with this form of disease usually recover on their own, though symptoms may last for several weeks. Less than one percent of those infected will develop the more severe West Nile neuroinvasive disease, in which the virus infects the nervous system. Symptoms can include those of West Nile fever plus neck stiffness, muscle weakness, vision loss, tremors, convulsions, disorientation, coma and paralysis. Recovery can take

months, and some effects on the nervous system may be permanent. About 1 in 10 people with West Nile neuroinvasive disease die. People experiencing West Nile symptoms should contact their health care provider for possible testing. There is no vaccine to prevent West Nile and no specific treatment, though over-the-counter and other medications may help relieve some symptoms. Additional information on West Nile surveillance and a link to current human case counts is available at TxWestNile.org.

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...Windshield Tour

(Continued from front page)

1. Good. I have never heard anything negative regarding the services that do exist.

2. School is clean and well kept. Health Center and retirement home is really visible and well kept.

Visibility

From highways and thoroughfares, are community services easily identified through signage?

- 1. Yes, mostly.
- 2. Yes

Appearance

Are they clean, well-maintained with pleasing architecture? Is the signage tasteful and uncluttered?

- 1. Yes
- 2. Yes

Image

Is there a personality, sense of identity and pride?

- 1. Yes
- 2. Yes

Accessibility

How easy is it to access once the service has been identified?

- 1. There appears to be no apparent problems in accessing these services.
- 2. Good

* Both reviewers answered "I don't know" on the following questions regarding community services. However, the questions are included for consideration as plans are formulated to improve the quality of life and services in Bronte.

Promotion

What kind of advertising is done for services? Is there community cooperation and support? What are they doing to let people know they are here?

Convenience

Time required for scheduling appointments? Wait time involved? Sufficient parking? Proximity of parking to services?

Range of Services

Are the following services available -Emergency evening service, overnight, trauma, accident, fire department (volunteer? rating?), dental, general practitioners, transportation, funeral home?

Variety

Is there a variety of practitioners' services, including dental, general practitioner, osteopathy, evening services? Is there a variety of personnel in each profession?

Educational Services

"The signage off of Hwy 277 pointing to the school is good. The school looks well maintained and landscaped. It projects a positive image to those passing by and appears to have a safe school zone. Both reviewers made note of the nice ag building."

City Services

"The city services office (city hall) was easy to find. The entire town was mowed and looked very nice compared to towns of similar size. Any city properties seen looked in order."

Cultural/Social Services

(Country Club, Restaurants, Tennis Courts, Theater - Movie, Plays, Musical, Ballet, Opera)

Identifiability

Do you know where they are

and are they easily visible?

1. I did not, but the Hwy 277 South signage directed me to the.

2. One sign designated to the park/pool, etc. off of Highway 277.

Image

Is there a personality, sense of identity and pride?

1. Yes! Everything was well maintained and looked kept up.

2. Park/pool area is well kept and nice. Yes, sense of pride.

Quality of Service

What kind of reputation do cultural and social services have?

- 1. Not sure.
- 2. I don't know.

Number of Services

Is the number of services sufficient for the community?

1. It appears to be for a community of this size. Wow on the pool and golf course! Beautiful area of Bronte's amazing scenery. Pool, golf course, park, frisbee golf, tennis courts, RV hookups!

2. Yes, nice facilities. Large area for small community.

Accessibility

Are the services easy to find and easily accessible?

- 1. Yes, looks to be.
- 2. Yes, maybe better signage?

Convenience

Are hours convenient? Is parking sufficient? Are parking areas well lighted?

- 1. Appears to be.
- 2. Yes

Cost of Services

Are there social events accessible to all income levels?

- 1. Not sure, but would assume so.
- 2. Appears for most.

Promotion

Is there sufficient advertising and promotion of social activities? Are events widely publicized?

- 1. Not sure.
- 2. Needs better signage.

Range of Services

What are the kinds of services and activities available -Country Club, School Programs, Church Programs, Cultural Activities, Recreational Activities? Is the number of services sufficient?

- 1. I was very impressed with

outdoor rec facilities and their upkeep.

2. Many services and different kinds of entertainment.

Special Population Services

Are there special provisions for services related to special populations, such as crime watch, latch key, drug prevention, rape prevention, community development programs, handicapped, bilingual, wheelchair access? Is there a program for all age ranges?

- 1. Not sure.
- 2. Not sure.

Reviewer #2 shared these overall comments of this section. "Not impressed with church in the theater. Golf course appears well kept. The whole park area is very nice for a community of this size. Is the community center by the pool/golf course? There is no sign. Park area/RV/Frisbie Golf/Baseball Field is really nice."

Retail

Retail was easy to find, accessible and most stores looked clean and well maintained. There was a nice

variety in a small area (hardware, cloth shop, taxidermy, groceries, etc.).

Reviewer #2 had these comments about the overall visit. "Residents seem friendly and helpful. Town is well kept and looks nice upon entry from either direction. The old abandoned prison is the only real eye sore I saw. It looks like it should be in the Walking Dead or maybe a haunted house."

Reviewer #1 gave these comments. "I have driven through Bronte many times, but this is the first time I have really explored past Main Street. I was blown away by the outdoor recreation facilities and how beautiful that area of town was. Overall, I was pleasantly surprised at how the majority of properties were clean, lawns mowed, etc. I am especially impressed with the fact that there are so few dilapidated houses, which is a blight on many communities of similar size. The downtown is nice, and it is great to see several thriving businesses. I love the public art I saw and would love to see even more!"

Water Weekly

For the week of 07/23/18

Water conditions

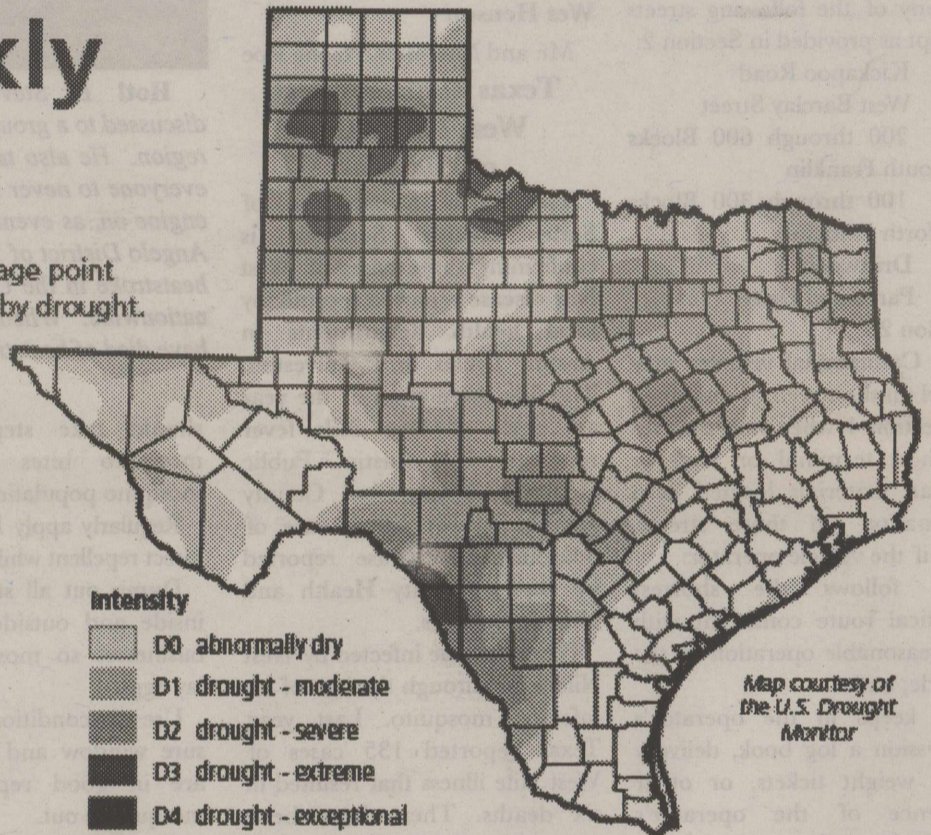
The latest drought map shows a 3 percentage point decrease in the area of the state impacted by drought. Scattered rains brought scattered areas of improvement across the northern half of the state. But drought continued to grow in Central Texas, expanding into Concho, McCulloch, and Menard counties.

Drought conditions

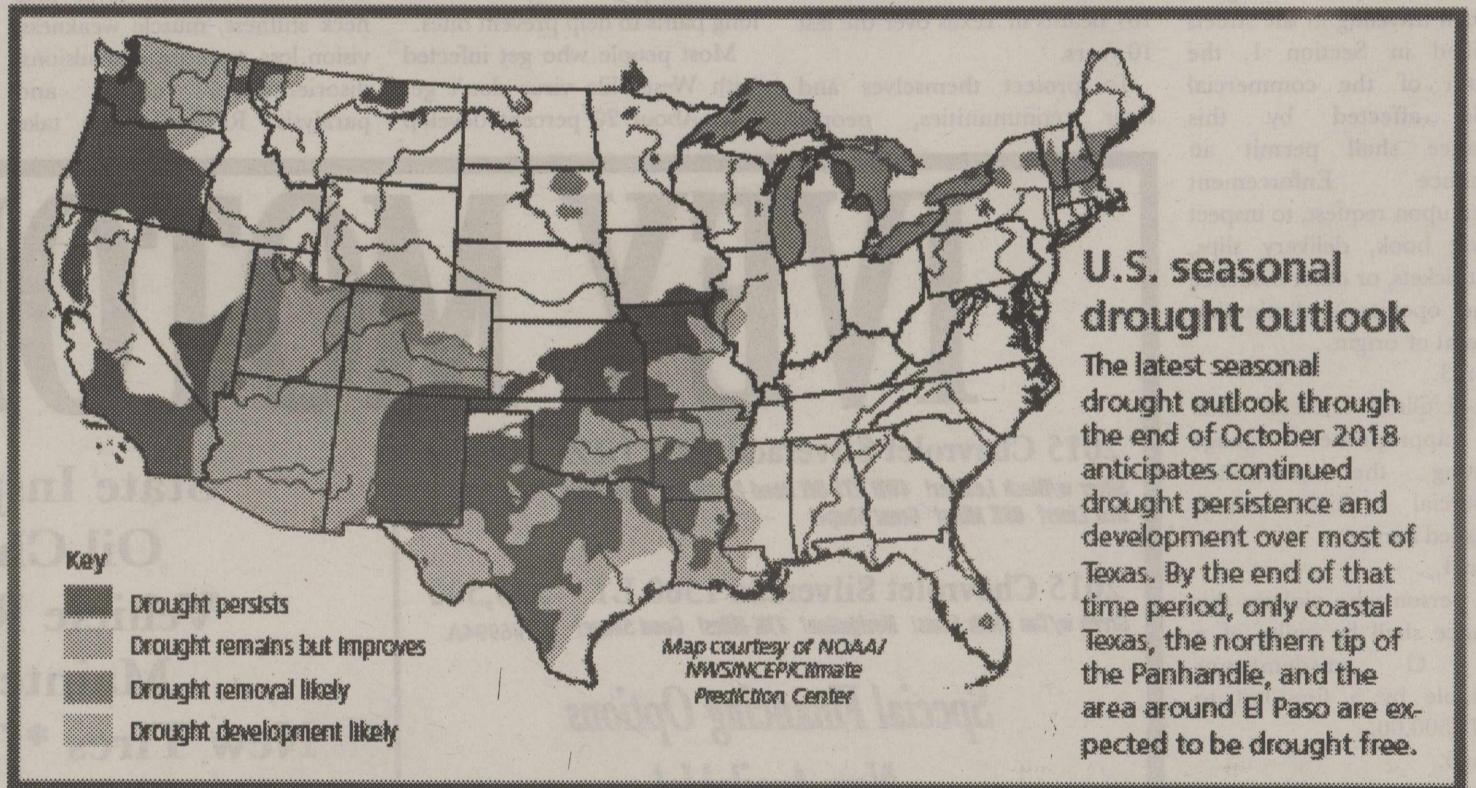
- ◆ 46% now
- ▲ 49% a week ago
- ◆ 49% three months ago
- ▲ 8% a year ago

Intensity

- D0 abnormally dry
- D1 drought - moderate
- D2 drought - severe
- D3 drought - extreme
- D4 drought - exceptional



Map courtesy of the U.S. Drought Monitor



U.S. seasonal drought outlook

The latest seasonal drought outlook through the end of October 2018 anticipates continued drought persistence and development over most of Texas. By the end of that time period, only coastal Texas, the northern tip of the Panhandle, and the area around El Paso are expected to be drought free.

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