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Bronte Band to begin rehearsals August 1

The Bronte Band will begin its summer band practice schedule on August 1.

Marching fundamentals will take place in the morning from 10 to 11:30 followed by lunch from 11:30 to 12:00 and ending with a playing rehearsal from 12:00 to 2:00.

This schedule will be followed Monday, August 1 through Thursday, August 4 and again on Monday, August 8 through Thursday, August 11.

Please wear a hat, tennis shoes, and sunglasses for marching rehearsal.

Disaster Assistance available for small businesses

Small, non-farm businesses in all 254 Texas counties and neighboring counties in adjoining states may now apply for low-interest disaster loans from the U. S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

"These disaster loans offset economic losses because of reduced revenues caused by drought, excessive heat, high winds and wildfires that began January 1, 2011, in Texas," announced Alfred E. Judd, Director of SBA's Disaster Field Operations Center-West.

"SBA eligibility covers both the economic impacts on businesses dependent on farmers and ranchers that

have suffered agricultural production losses caused by the disaster and businesses directly impacted by the disaster," Judd said.

Small, non-farm businesses, small agricultural cooperatives and most private, non-profit organizations of any size may qualify for Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) of up to \$2 million to help meet financial obligations and operating expenses which could have been met had the disaster not occurred.

"Eligibility for these loans is based on the financial impact of the disaster only and not on any actual property damage. These loans have an interest rate of 4% for businesses and 3% for private, non-profit organizations, a maximum term of 30 years, and are available to small businesses and most

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Robert Lee City Council post minutes

The Robert Lee City Council met in regular session on July 18, 2011. Mayor John Jacobs presided. Members present were Janie Munoz, Richard Johnson, Sid Burns, Tommy Roach and Jeanette Meeks. City Staff present were Kay Torres and E. R. Roberts.

The bills to be paid and the minutes of the June 13, 2011, Regular City Council and the Emergency Session on June 17, 2011, were approved.

The Animal Control Officer gave his report for the month



Bronte Panthers! The Bronte Panthers made their second consecutive district appearance recently and once again placed third overall. The team finished its season with a 15 and 2 record. Both losses were against state bound teams which caused the Panthers to miss going to the state tournament by one game for the second year in a row. The team includes Coach Michael Cervenka (back row, from left), Coach Jesse Puentez, (middle row, from left) Jaci Hogan (picked up from Blackwell), McKenna Parker, Hannah Mertz, Desiree Saldana, Querstin Lara (picked up from Winters), E'lexia Davis, Karissa Cervenka, (front row, from left) McKenzie Puentez, Jerica Davis (Dugout Assistant), India Chumney, Mia Minjarez, Keeley Queen, and Coach Terry Queen.

of June, 2011. The report was accepted.

The Code Enforcement Officer gave his report for the month of June, 2011. The report was accepted.

Mayor Jacobs reported that a meeting was held with the U.C.R.A., City of Bronte, City of Robert Lee, and State Representative Darby to discuss these entities' Oak Creek water rights.

The transmission line from Robert Lee to Bronte was discussed. The project is estimated at \$1.2 million dollars. The City of Bronte has agreed to sell treated water to Robert Lee. Bronte has agreed to provide up to 250,000 gallons of treated water per day.

Preliminary negotiations with the City of Bronte for the purchase of treated water will be based on operation and maintenance cost plus 10% per thousand gallons of water. Additional cost may be a pro-rata of any improvements to Bronte's plant and/or storage to provide the minimum daily demand of 250,000 gallons per day.

Financing of this project was discussed. Mayor Jacobs reported that a teleconference

will be held Tuesday, July 19, with the Texas Water Development Board to discuss options available to the City. Additionally, the U.C.R.A. has offered a loan to the City and it will be considered, providing that the Water Development Board gives an assurance of loan forgiveness with this project.

The Council reviewed cost submitted by the City Engineer firm to expedite the development and submittal of the plans for the proposed transmission line. Engineer Firm submitted a total cost for engineer services for this project at \$148,000 plus any services by the resident project representative. The City Engineer was authorized to proceed to expedite the development and submittal of the plans as related to the transmission line.

Further restrictions to the outdoor watering were discussed. In accordance with the city's drought contingency plan, Stage 3 has been implemented, restricting any outdoor watering. The Water Superintendent reported that the daily demand has dropped from 250,000-275,000 to presently 200,000 gallons per

day. At this time, the council determined to hold-off on the pro-rata stage and to continue to monitor the daily demand another month.

The Mayor read a letter from a concerned resident requesting an ordinance that would enforce property owners to clear property that was overgrown with trees and heavy brush. The Council will consult with the City Attorney.

The vacant position of employee Justin Brickey was considered. Justin resigned from his position to pursue his education through his GI bill. Superintendent Roberts reported that TCEQ requires the City to maintain two licensed operators and Robert Lee will continue to pursue licensing with the present employees. The Council determined that the position would remain vacant for the present time.

Also discussed was the Fire Marshall position that was held by Justin Brickey. Superintendent E.R. Roberts, agreed to accept the appointment.

The current landfill capacity was discussed for consid-

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New A/C and heating units for Bronte Municipal Building! New air conditioning and heating units have been installed on Bronte Municipal Building. Bronte received a grant from the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts through the Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant Stimulus Program. Remaining grant funds will be used to install high efficiency lighting in the Municipal Building and Water Plant.