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planning process to develop a Supplemental Watershed Plan and Environmental Assessment (EA) for Floodwater Retarding Structures 4 and 5, which are located approximately 8 and 5 miles north of Bronte, Texas, respectively.

The project is a part of the Small Watershed Rehabilitation Amendments of 2000 (Section 313, PL 106-472). This legislation authorized the USDA-NRCS to work with local community leaders and watershed sponsors to evaluate and potentially rehabilitate aging watershed dams built under Public Law 78-534, Public Law 83-566, and the Pilot Watershed programs.

Your comments are important! Please attend this meeting:

**Wednesday, July 8, 2020
4:00-7:00 p.m.**

**Bronte Recreation Center
350 E. Park Road
Bronte, TX 76933**

The meeting will be an open house format with informational displays on the Supplemental Planning and EA process. NRCS representatives will be present to answer questions, accept comments, and address concerns.

As per guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), please maintain 6-foot social distancing at all times during this event. Additionally, the use of simple cloth face coverings is highly recommended.

If you would like further information on the project please contact District Technician, Erin Oleksiuk at 325-453-2623 x3 or at Erin.Oleksiuk@tx.nacdnet.net.

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**STREET
INTERSECTION
CLOSURE
NOTICE OF
PUBLIC HEARING**

The Governing Body of the City of Blackwell will conduct a Public Hearing on the proposed Ordinance 2020-01, to Close an intersection located at S. Alamo and State Hwy 70 in the City Limits of Blackwell.

Public Hearing will take place on Tuesday, July 7, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at Council Room of City Hall, 121 East Main Street, Blackwell, Texas.

Laura Rozzlle,
Mayor

In accordance with Texas Government Code Chapter 551.041, the Public Hearing agenda was prepared and posted on the bulletin board on the north wall of City Hall a minimum of 72 hours prior to the said scheduled meeting. Public Hearings are available to all persons regardless of disability. If you require special assistance, please contact the City Hall at 282-2082 at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting.

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...School Supply Lists

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1 1" binder with pockets and clear front view

- 1 pencil bag with holes for binder
- 1 box ziploc bags (girls - quart, boys - gallon)
- 2 yellow highlighters
- 1 package Expo brand markers
- 1 large tub disinfectant wipes
- 1 box Kleenex
- 1 backpack (no wheels)
- Headphones for computer

4th Grade

- 1 school box
- 1 box crayons (24 count)
- 1 box colored pencils
- 1 box markers
- Scissors
- 3 glue sticks
- 2 packages 24 count pencils
- 3 pink erasers
- 3 packages wide ruled notebook paper

- 2 large tubs disinfectant wipes
- 1 bottle hand sanitizer
- 2 boxes Kleenex
- 1 package Expo markers
- 1 box quart freezer bags
- 4 highlighters
- 2 plastic folders with brads
- 3 composition notebooks
- 1 pocket folder
- 1 2" binder
- 2 packages index cards
- 1 small package color copy paper

5th Grade

- 1 school box or bag
- 2 packages wide ruled notebook paper
- 4 composition notebooks
- 2 plastic folders with holes/brads/pockets
- Scissors

- Crayons (24 count)
- Map pencils
- Markers
- 2 black Sharpies
- 1 package Expo markers (black/blue)
- Disinfectant wipes
- 3 boxes Kleenex
- Small ziplock bags
- 4 highlighters
- 2 24 count packages pencils
- 1 package pink erasers
- 1 2" binder
- 2 packages index cards
- 1 small package color copy paper
- 1 package glue sticks
- 1 1" 3 ring binder

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
- 4 composition notebooks
- 1 1" 3 ring binder
- Small ziploc bags
- 3 folders with holes and pockets
- Pencil top erasers
- 1 2" binder
- 2 highlighters
- 4 packages Post-It notes

Abilene State Park Pool open through August 16

The Abilene State Park pool will be reopened to the public Tuesday through Sunday until August 16. New guidelines will be in place this summer to encourage social distancing and give park staff time to disinfect the pool area.

Each day, tickets can be purchased for any of the three, two-hour time slots the pool is open. Time slots will run from 10:30 am - 12:30 pm, 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm and 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm. Each time slot will only have 75

tickets available, so purchasing tickets in advance through the Texas State Parks Reservation System is strongly encouraged. Ticket prices will be \$1 for children under 12 and \$2 for anyone 13 and up, in addition to standard park entry fees.

Between each time slot, the pool area will be cleared of guests so park staff can clean and disinfect frequently touched areas like tables, lounge chairs and handrails. Restrooms will

also be monitored and cleaned throughout the day but will also be fully cleaned and disinfected between each swimming session.

Social distancing is strongly encouraged for all visitors in the pool area. The facility is set up to allow people to spread out and the use of masks while out of the water is recommended.

To purchase tickets to the Abilene State Park pool or any park, visit the Texas State Parks Reservation System at <https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/park-reservation-information/reservations>

increased wholesale prices have been passed on to consumers. So, in April, we did see an increase in retail prices. Even so, consumers continue to purchase the product," Woodward said.

As the supply chain begins to recover, retail prices are expected to return to normal.

"What we are seeing (in June) is a pretty strong rebound in production of all the major proteins - beef, pork and broilers - from where we were (in May)," Mark Jekanowski, World Agricultural Outlook board chair, said.

Woodward noted online sales of beef and other groceries have remained strong during the pandemic.

"As we watched this unfold, it's been interesting to see the consumers' response to everything and how we have changed in lots of different ways. Some of those are going to remain. E-commerce has jumped up and become much more prevalent," Woodward said. "I think 80 percent of consumers now have used some sort of e-commerce platform to buy groceries or do some sort of restaurant interaction and have product delivered to them. I believe we'll continue to see that."

The Texas Beef Council also saw a rise in interactions with its consumer website, BeefLovingTexans.com, where people sought out beef recipes and cooking tips.

Beef sales remain strong despite pandemic issues

by Jessica Domel
Texas Farm Bureau
Multimedia Reporter

An increase in purchases of red meat at the beginning of the coronavirus pandemic and closures of some meat processors led to disruptions in the supply chain, a temporary shortage of beef in some grocery stores and higher prices for consumers.

But beef and meat sales at grocery stores remained strong.

"As a matter of fact, the last 10 weeks have each been similar to a holiday week at retail with double digit increases over the previous year in both volume, as well as dollars," Russell Woodward, a senior manager at the Texas Beef

Council, told the Texas Farm Bureau Radio Network.

Through the end of May, total ground beef sales at retail have increased by more than \$1 billion over the same time period last year.

"That just indicates that people are still consuming their protein products, including beef, and they're going to the grocery store to buy that," Woodward said. "During that time period, we have seen those bottlenecks occur in our supply capacity, which caused retailers to put limits on some products in the meat department, and even with those limits—some have been eased now—they have still seen a 24-percent increase in meat department sales and an 18-percent increase in volume. So, consumers are continuing to clamor the meat department."

Early in the pandemic, there were

some issues as consumers were panic buying beef. That, combined with some beef processors reducing capacity to ensure employee safety and other issues, led to shortages and purchase restrictions at some retailers.

"As we know, there was plenty of cattle, and the amount of beef being produced was limited, but we still had plenty out there going to our grocery stores," Woodward said. "They would limit those purchases for time periods so that everybody could have some to buy."

That also led to some changes in price.

"I think retailers a few weeks prior to (Memorial Day), as they were securing their products for those sales weeks, kind of went into panic-buying mode themselves a little bit, and certainly drove the wholesale price of beef higher. Those

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