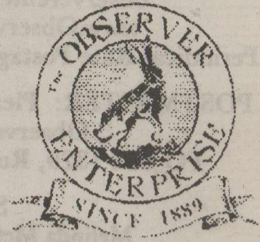


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Local schools receive state rating

Due to the passage of Texas House Bill 22 by the 85th Texas Legislature, school districts in Texas received new A-F ratings earlier this month. HB22 provides a framework to measure academic performance through student achievement, school progress and in an area called "closing the gaps". Beginning in August 2019, individual campuses will receive these letter ratings. Bronte and Blackwell were among 103 districts that received a rating of "Met Standard". These districts could not be rated. They did not meet minimum size requirements because of insufficient assessment results. Each of our local school districts will be highlighted later in this article.

Student achievement and school progress provide the basis for 70% of a school's rating. The other 30% is derived from the closing the gaps area. Readiness for advanced education or careers is combined

with standardized test scores to determine student achievement. School progress is a little more complicated. It has two subcategories and only the highest scoring subcategory is used to determine the rating. The first subcategory is based upon student improvement on the STAAR (State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness) test. The other subcategory is calculated by looking at how a school compares with other districts with a similar number of low income students. "Closing the Gaps" uses race and socioeconomic differences in its calculations.

BRONTE ISD

Total enrollment in 2017-18: 248
Grade - Met Standard - 91

Bronte ISD received Academic Achievement Distinction in 5 out of 7 categories. These include Reading/ELA, Math, Social Studies, Gap and Post Secondary.

ROBERT LEE ISD

Total enrollment in 2017-18: 283



RL4Restoration! Crystal Stanford introduced RL4Restoration to the members of Robert Lee Community Watch at their meeting Tuesday evening, August 21, 2018. She outlined how the organization had originated, their goals for the community, and who was on the board. For more information, you can go to the RL4Restoration Facebook page.

High School Grade - Met Standard - 90
Elementary Grade - Improvement Required - 57
RLHS received Academic Achievement Distinction in 6 of 7 categories. These include Reading/ELA, Math, Science, Academic Growth, Gap and Post Secondary. Robert Lee Elementary received Academic Achievement Distinction in 0 of 7 categories.

BLACKWELL CISD

Total enrollment in 2017-18:

157
High School Grade - Met Standard - 88
Blackwell CISD received Academic Achievement Distinction in 2 of 7 categories. These include Reading/ELA and Post Secondary.

Other small schools in our area received the following grades.

Ballinger - C - 77
Big Lake - C - 74
Christoval - B - 82
Eden - Met Standard - 83

Eldorado - B - 84
Garden City - A - 95
Grape Creek - D - 69
Menard - C - 72
Mertzon A - 93
Miles - A - 94
Paint Rock - C - 75
Panther Creek - Met Standard - 85
Sterling City - B - 80
TLCA - C - 78
Veribest - B - 83
Wall - A - 97
Water Valley - B - 84
Winters - C - 79

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Tuesday, August 28

Commissioners Court Meeting, 9 am,
County Courthouse, Robert Lee

High School Volleyball -
Bronte vs Jim Ned at Bronte, 5:30 pm

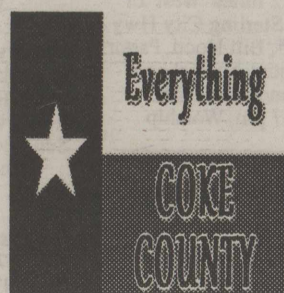
Wednesday, August 29

High School Cross Country -
Blackwell at Christoval

Friday, August 31

High School Football -
Bronte at Rising Star, 7:30 pm
Robert Lee vs Water Valley at Robert Lee, 7:30 pm

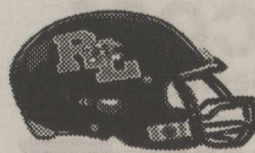
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FOOTBALL NIGHTS!

**Robert Lee Steers
vs. Garden City Bearkats**
Thursday, August 23, 2018
7 pm Robert Lee



**Bronte Longhorns
vs. Water Valley Wildcats**
Thursday, August 23, 2018
7 pm Water Valley



**Blackwell Hornets
vs. Aspermont Hornets**
Friday, August 24, 2018
10 am Blackwell



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Obituaries



Skinner

James "Jim" Harley Skinner, 83, died Saturday, August 18, 2018. Memorial services were held at 10 am, Wednesday, August 22, 2018, in the Family Life Center at First United Methodist Church in Robert Lee. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

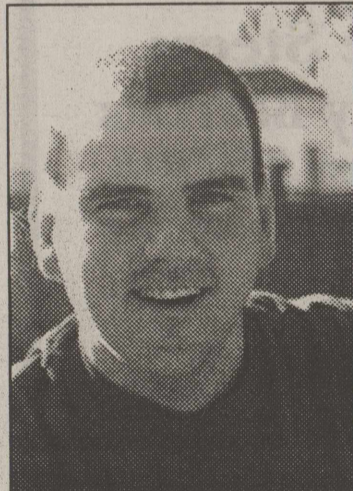
James "Jim" was born on August 14, 1935, in Eldorado, Texas, to Harley and Minnie Skinner.

He is survived by his wife, Geanette Skinner of Robert Lee; daughter, Wyndell Lee Brosh of Robert Lee; son, James Hinton Skinner of San Angelo; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

The family would like to give a special thanks to Hospice and the Robert Lee Care Center for the amazing care they provided.

Online condolences may be made at www.shafferpioneer.com.

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Williams

John Caleb Williams went to be with His Savior on August 14, 2018, after a valiant battle with cancer. He defied the odds by outliving his prognosis as a gift to his family and friends. John was born in San Angelo, Texas, on June 15, 1976, to Gary and Nita Gaye Williams.

He was raised in Robert Lee, Texas. He earned a Bachelor's in Public Speaking from Stephen F. Austin University in Nacogdoches, Texas, where he was also a member of the Track and Field Team. He married Laura Ann Young in 2000. He spent 12 years coaching track and field at SFA, Wake Forest University, and Arizona Christian University. John devoted his life to Jesus and the ministry God called him to. He served in various youth and college ministries in his early life, as well as the Minister of Discipleship at River Oaks Community Church in Clemmons, North Carolina. He earned a Master's in Divinity and Master's in Biblical Studies from Carolina Evangelical Seminary. Ultimately he followed God's call on his life to plant Riverview Church in Surprise, Arizona, as the Lead Pastor.

John had a love for people, sports/coaching, good Mexican food, and Jesus. He devoted many hours to coaching teams at Lake Pleasant Elementary School in Peoria, Arizona, or his children's sports teams, building relationships with people, watching college sports, sharing meals with friends and worshipping God in his actions.

John was a committed father to Amelia, Marikaya, Caleb, and Jerrod. He loved nothing more but to watch them on the field, at school, in their home or on vacation.

He is survived by his parents, wife, children, and grandmother

Bonita Copeland of Robert Lee; uncle and aunts Darryl and Myna Kay Copeland of Robert Lee; Judy Williams of Robert Lee; cousin Jerrod Copeland of Amarillo, Texas, Holly Crutcher of Loveland, Texas, and Tiffany Thomas of Robert Lee; niece Bailee Young of Flagstaff, Arizona, and in-laws Alan, Sandy, and Alison Young of Riverside, California.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather Les Copeland, grandparents Ruth and Sam Williams, and uncle Sherman Williams.

A memorial service will be held to celebrate John's life on Saturday, September 1, at 10 am at Christ's Church of the Valley in Peoria, Arizona. A live feed of the service will be streamed online. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Williams' family.

He left this world too soon but taught us so much.

"One day we're all going to die but until that day, live your life 100 miles an hour. You'll never regret it." - John Williams

"As hard as it is...do not forget to appreciate the simple things in life. They are like precious jewels in the midst of life and are often missed until they are absent." - John Williams

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Football pages

beginning August 31

Football season in Coke County officially begins August 31 when the Bronte Longhorns travel to Rising Star to face the Wildcats at 7:30 pm. The Robert Lee Steers will host the Water Valley Wildcats at 7:30 pm. The Blackwell Hornets are beginning their season with their homecoming game against Eden at 7:30 pm.

With the beginning of football season, the annual "Football Sponsor" pages will begin in the August 31 issue of *The Observer/Enterprise*. All 2017 sponsors will be included on the 2018 pages at the same price as last year. If you have a change or wish to discontinue your sponsorship, please call (325) 453-2433 by 12 noon Monday, August 27.

A complete list of the 2017 sponsors is included below.

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Blackwell

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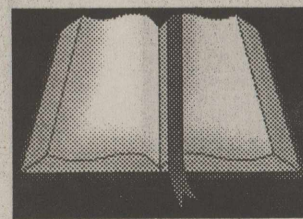
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Dale Patterson, Pastor
Sun. 10 am Sunday School
11 am & 5 pm Worship
First Baptist Church
424 S. Washington • Bronte
(325) 473-2331 • Pastor Lee Bevlv
Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School,
10:55 am Worship, 6 pm Bible
Study & Worship
Wednesday 6 pm RA's & GA's,
6:30 pm Youth & Adults
First United Methodist Church
Corner of Washington & Holmes
Bronte
(325) 473-3281
Rev. Everette 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
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4C Cowboy Church
Texas Theater, Downtown Bronte
Pastor James Brunson
Sunday, 10:30 am

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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
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(325) 473-1053
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Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church
601 W. 10th, Robert Lee
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Rev. Yesu Mulakaleti, Pastor
Saturday Vigil Mass 5 pm
Robert Lee Baptist Church
PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th
(325) 453-2724
Chris Walls, Pastor
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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
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10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship
Wed. 6 pm, Bible Study
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Robert Lee City Council Meeting minutes told

July 9, 2018

The Robert Lee City Council met in regular session on Monday, July 9, 2018, at 6 pm in City Council Chambers.

Those present included Mayor Allyson Crenshaw, Mayor Pro Tem Roger C. Alexander, Jr., Council Member Brandi Brosh, Council Member Ricky Green, Council Member Janie Munoz, and Council Member Billy Williams.

The meeting was called to order and a quorum was determined.

The invocation was provided by Mayor Pro Tem Roger C. Alexander, Jr. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

Terry Crenshaw discussed procedures for the Coke County Sheriff's Office and City Secretary for handling City ordinance violations.

Leta Caston then addressed the council with several items. She questioned the Coke County Commissioner Court's lack of a motion to approve the Ordinance Enforcement Agreement between Coke County and the City of Robert Lee. Mayor Crenshaw explained that the agreement states the City is paying the county for the service but didn't specify that the county would pay the Sheriff's Office and in turn pay the deputies. The clause had to be added and was approved at the following commissioners' meeting held on July 17, 2018. She also questioned Jackie Walker acting as Municipal Court Judge. Jackie is no longer Justice of the Peace for Coke County but will perform duties as Municipal Judge. Leta then questioned if municipal court training was offered to Kay Hurst. Mrs. Crenshaw informed Mrs. Caston that this type of training was not for billing clerk, it was for Municipal Court Clerk training and part of the City Secretary's job duties. She

finished by questioning whether the City has applications available. Mayor Crenshaw will be presenting an updated employment application to the Council within the meeting.

Council Member Brandi Brosh made a motion to approve the minutes from June 11, 2018, and was seconded by Council Member Ricky Green. The motion carried by a vote of 5 - 0.

Nicole Crocker requested a livestock permit for roosters, hens, and ducks at 205 West 17th Street, Robert Lee, Texas. A motion was made by Council Member Ricky Green to approve a variance, pending a license and its validity, to be kept on file. The motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Roger C. Alexander, Jr. carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Roger C. Alexander, Jr. to allow lenience to Mayor and City Secretary to use their best judgment in hardship cases and report monthly to city council members on payment arrangements. The motion, seconded by Council Member Brandi Brosh, carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

Discussion was held regarding a new logo for use on letterheads, application for City appointed boards, applications for employment, and personnel policy acknowledgment.

In 2014, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Environmental Review Report was filed late. This penalty disqualified the City of Robert Lee for receiving CDBG funding for 2018. The City will use Grant Works for future CDBG and HOME Investment Partnership Program funding. Council approved staff to begin procedures for a United States Department of Agriculture grant.

The staff is working on a list of Boards, identifying who is appointed and terms. The Boards list includes Robert Lee Economic Development Corporation, Tear Down

Housing Board, Housing Authority, and Coke County Appraisal Board. A list will be established for the next meeting with all Boards and members.

The staff inquired on starting a new Board to bring forth new ideas to better the city, such as fixing streets and other possible improvements. The Council requests the item to be placed on hold until all boards and lists were filled.

The City needs to renew the contract with Core and Main (Smart-Meter Reading software) for the continuation of customer support and updated software to continue to merge with the utility software. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Roger C. Alexander, Jr. to approve of the Core and Main yearly maintenance contract and was seconded by Council Member Janie Munoz. The motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

The contract between Rural Water and City of Robert Lee expired two years ago. Mayor Crenshaw has been in communication with Rural Water to work out negotiations. A meeting will be scheduled between Mayor Crenshaw and Rural Water to finalize the agreement.

The Hach contract expired in February and there is no current contract. The Council will have Ricky Royall reach out to Hach to finalize the contract and come to an agreement. A motion was made by Council Member Billy Williams to approve, if Ricky Royall agrees the Hach contract is needed and is necessary. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Roger C. Alexander, Jr. and carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

Mayor Allyson Crenshaw explained that the Hudson Energy contract was approved by the City Council in past meetings. The Hudson contract will not begin until 2020 with a five-year term ending in 2025. The Council and Mayor Allyson Crenshaw have come to an agreement that if there is a better rate found before the contract goes in to effect, the City will go with the lower rate.

In March 2012, the animal

control contract pay was increased from \$550 a month with a \$150 gas allowance, to \$750. The City pays for training, along with travel expenses. Scott Henson has requested that the contract to be increased to \$750 with an additional \$150 gas allowance. A motion was made by Council Member Billy Williams to increase the monthly contract amount to \$750, along with the \$150 gas allowance, and approve of the contract. The motion, seconded by Council Member Janie Munoz, carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

Based on prior council meeting, the Council has requested to repeal all International Building Code Ordinances. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Roger C. Alexander, Jr. to repeal all ordinances and was seconded by Council Member Brandi Brosh. The motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

Based on prior council meeting, the Council has requested to repeal all International Fire Code Ordinances. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Roger C. Alexander, Jr. to repeal all ordinances and was seconded by Council Member Brandi Brosh. The motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

Based on prior council meeting, the Council has requested to repeal all International Property Maintenance Code Ordinances. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Roger C. Alexander, Jr. to repeal all ordinances and was seconded by Council Member Brandi Brosh. The motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

Based on prior council meeting, the Council has requested to repeal all International Plumbing Code Ordinances. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Roger C. Alexander, Jr. to repeal all ordinances and was seconded by Council Member Brandi Brosh. The motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

Based on prior council meeting, the Council has requested to Business License Ordinance #1249. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Roger C. Alexander, Jr. to repeal the ordinance and was seconded by Council Member Brandi Brosh. The motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

Mayor Allyson Crenshaw discussed the City Superintendent position, including the salary, adding wastewater license in the job description, and list the Mayor as to whom the City Superintendent would report to. The vacant position will be advertised twice a month in the Observer/Enterprise newspaper, on the Texas Municipal League website, along with obtaining recommendations from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality on other locations to advertise.

A budget hearing workshop will be scheduled for July/August.

Mayor Allyson Crenshaw discussed the budget for fiscal year 2018.

Mayor Crenshaw proposed a pay increase for City Employee John Tamez and to change the employee from hourly to salary. A motion was made by Council Member Janie Munoz to increase John Tamez's pay from \$12/hour to \$14/hour and to change from hourly to salary.

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Topic of meeting corrected

United States Senator Ted Cruz was in San Angelo Wednesday, August 8, 2018, for a town hall meeting. At this time, he visited with members of Concerned Veterans for America. The topic of their discussion was the inability of veterans to see doctors in a timely fashion. Instead of being able to make appointments within days, weeks, or even months, many times it would be years before an appointment could be scheduled. In last week's article, their concern was mistakenly identified as veterans needing assistance to get to their appointments. Senator Cruz also visited with two Coke County women, Carolyn Long and Leta Caston at the meeting.

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...RL City Council minutes
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 The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Roger C. Alexander, Jr. and carried with a vote of 5 - 0.
 Mayor Crenshaw will review the City Personnel Policy and propose changes at a future meeting.

City Secretary Crystal L. Blevins is working on repairing 2017 finances.

City Secretary Crystal L. Blevins has requested to be added as signator to the following City of Robert Lee bank accounts, certificate of deposits, deposit box etc.: General Fund, Water Fund, Sewer Fund, Sanitation Fund, CDBG, TWDB, Certificate of Obligation, Capital Improvement, and All Certificate of Deposits for General, Water, Sewer, and Sanitation. Signators for the listed accounts will be Roger C. Alexander, Jr., Janie Munoz, Brandi Brosh, Ricky Green, and Crystal Blevins. A motion was made by Council Member Brandi Brosh to approve of adding Crystal L. Blevins as signator to the listed City of Robert Lee bank accounts and was seconded by Council Member Ricky Green. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0. Mayor Pro Tem Roger C. Alexander, Jr. abstained.

Mayor Allyson Crenshaw proposed changing City Hall hours to Monday - Thursday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, working through lunch, and Friday 8:00 am - 1:00 pm. The item was tabled for discussion for a later meeting once a new front desk employee is hired.

Wastewater employees have received appropriate vaccinations.

The pump for the Lift Station has been ordered and it will be coated next week and completed when all parts are available and weather permits.

Kyle Breznak has been hired as a part-time laborer and will work evenings and weekends.

The Consumer Confidence Report for 2017 is complete and has been submitted to TCEQ and citizens. Violations that were listed on the CCR include Lead and Copper Violation with staff not submitting the Disinfectant Level Quarterly Operating Report to TCEQ. The DLQOR has not been sent to TCEQ since 2012.

Rates for Worker's Compensation Insurance has decreased due to the Animal Control position changing from employee to contract. The contractor is required to maintain his/her own insurance. The City had been providing workers comp insurance for law enforcement. However due to the City obtaining a contract with the Coke County Sheriff's Office, the county will insure their personnel.

The City had been paying Employee Health Insurance on employees that were no longer employed for more than 8 months in the amount of \$8,833.92 to Texas Municipal League. Staff will attempt to seek reimbursement from TML.

The computers are networked and functioning. The front desk clerk and city secretary are able to perform duties as needed.

The city secretary is certified to perform background checks as needed.

The city secretary has attended the required Public Funds Investment training.

The city secretary will attend Municipal Clerk Training in November.

Future agenda item included a citizen request for a water tap and it must be determined if the property is in the city limits.

A motion was made by Council Member Janie Munoz to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm and was seconded by Council Member Brandi Brosh.

July 30, 2018

The Robert Lee City Council met in special session on Monday, July 30, 2018, at 6 pm in City Council Chambers.

Those present included Mayor Allyson Crenshaw, Mayor Pro Tem Roger C. Alexander, Jr., Council Member Brandi Brosh, Council Member Ricky Green, Council Member Janie Munoz, and Council Member Billy Williams.

The meeting was called to order and a quorum was determined.

The invocation was provided by Mayor Pro Tem Roger C. Alexander, Jr. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

Mayor Allyson Crenshaw and

council members discussed the proposed 2019 budget (October 1, 2018 - September 30, 2019).

A motion was made by Council Member Janie Munoz to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 pm and was seconded by Council Member Brandi Brosh. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0.

August 6, 2018

The Robert Lee City Council met in special session on Monday, August 6, 2018, at 6 pm in City Council Chambers.

Those present included Mayor Allyson Crenshaw, Mayor Pro Tem Roger C. Alexander, Jr., Council Member Brandi Brosh, Council Member Ricky Green, Council Member Janie Munoz, and Council Member Billy Williams.

The meeting was called to order and a quorum was determined.

The invocation was provided by Mayor Pro Tem Roger C. Alexander, Jr. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

The Council exited into

Executive Session at 6:06 pm and returned at 6:43 pm.

The City Council received letter of resignation from Billy Williams as Council Member.

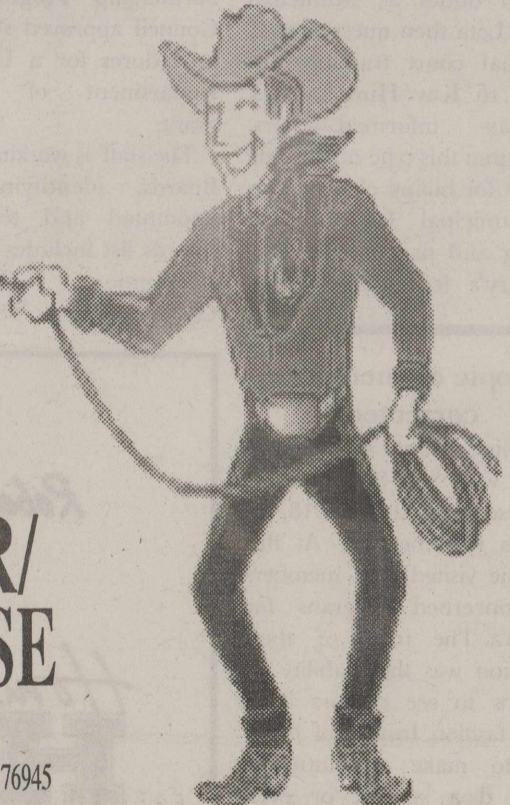
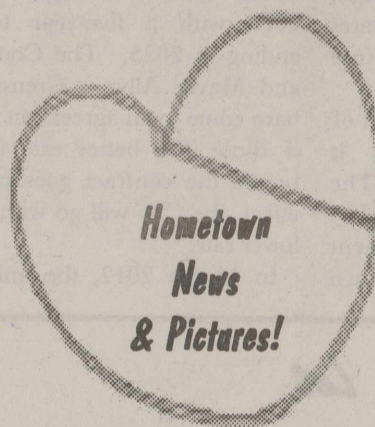
A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Roger C. Alexander, Jr. to approve of hiring Billy Williams as City Superintendent with a salary of \$55,000, and to increase salary to \$60,000 once he receives his certification of licenses in Water Distribution and Wastewater with a 1 (one) year limit to receive licenses. The motion was seconded by Ricky Green and passed 4 - 0.

Billy Williams accepted the position of City Superintendent and will sign a job employment with Mayor Allyson Crenshaw.

The discussion/action for a laborer/operator position was postponed until the regular meeting on August 13, 2018.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Roger C. Alexander, Jr. to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 pm. The motion, seconded by Council Member Janie Munoz, passed with a vote of 4 - 0.

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SCHOOL PAGE

BCISD Sophomores to sell homecoming mums

The Blackwell High School Sophomore class will be selling mums for homecoming. Order forms may be found on the Blackwell CISD website at www.blackwellhornets.org or by calling the school at (325) 282-2311. All orders are due by Tuesday, August 28.

Meet the Longhorns set for August 27

Bronte ISD will host their annual "Meet the Longhorns" on Monday, August 27. The event will begin at 7 pm at the Bronte ISD football field. All are invited to attend!

Blackwell Homecoming to be held September 1

Blackwell CISD will host their 2018 Homecoming on Saturday, September 1, beginning at 10 am with visitation, refreshments, and registration in the school cafeteria. Lunch will be held from 11 am until 1 pm, followed by the parade at 1:30 pm and the pep rally at 3 pm. The introduction of the football players and the flag ceremony will begin at 7 pm at the football field, followed by kick off of the football game at 7:30 pm. The Blackwell Hornets will take on the Eden Bulldogs, with all reunion classes being recognized during half-time of the game. The Blackwell Volunteer Fire Department will host a dance that will conclude the festivities after the football game.

Nominees for Distinguished Alumni (with name and reasons for nomination), may be sent to Heather Sanderson c/o Blackwell Ex-Students Association, PO Box 505, Blackwell, Texas 79506.

RL Homecoming festivities set for October 26

Robert Lee ISD will celebrate homecoming October 26, 2018, kicking off with a parade downtown at 2 pm. Following the parade, a pep rally will be held at 2:40 pm in the new gym at Robert Lee High School. FCCLA will sponsor a pre-game dinner in the Cafetorium from 5 pm until 7 pm, followed by pre-game activities at the stadium starting at 7:10. Beginning at 7:30 pm, the Coke County Rivalry will take place once




FCCLA! Tori Scott represented Blackwell FCCLA at the FCCLA National Leadership Conference held June 28 - July 2, 2018, in Atlanta, Georgia. She competed in her STAR event, Career Investigation, and was awarded a gold medal for her accomplishments.



UIL! Emilee Sanderson from Blackwell High School was named state runner-up in Persuasive Speaking at the UIL State Academic Meet held May 21-22, 2018, at the University of Texas in Austin.

again as the Steers face off against the Bronte Longhorns.

School Menu


Bronte ISD

Breakfast

Monday, August 27
Pizza or choice of cereal and toast, juice, milk

Tuesday, August 28
Donuts or choice of cereal and toast, juice, milk

Wednesday, August 29
PB&J or choice of cereal and toast, juice, milk

Thursday, August 30
Tornado or choice of cereal and toast, juice, milk

Friday, August 31
Biscuit and sausage or choice of cereal and toast, juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, August 27
Boneless chicken wings, celery sticks, carrots, toast, orange

smiles, milk
Tuesday, August 28
Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, broccoli, roll, mixed fruit, milk

Wednesday, August 29
Chicken quesadilla, corn, pinto beans, salsa, apple, milk

Thursday, August 30
Spaghetti bowl, garden salad, California blend, breadstick, peaches, milk

Friday, August 31
Popcorn chicken, tots, green beans, strawberries, roll, brownie, milk

Blackwell CISD

Breakfast

Monday, August 27
French toast, fruit, juice, milk

Tuesday, August 28
Biscuits, gravy, scrambled eggs, sausage, fruit, juice, milk

Wednesday, August 29
Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice, milk

Thursday, August 30
Pancake on a stick, fruit, juice, milk

Friday, August 31
Muffins, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, August 27
Hornet Chicken Bowl (popcorn chicken, mashed potatoes, corn, gravy, and cheese), hot roll, milk

Tuesday, August 28
Hamburger or cheeseburger, hamburger garnish, fries, pork-n-beans, milk

Wednesday, August 29
Chicken Alfredo, steamed broccoli, garlic toast, milk

Thursday, August 30
Soft or crunchy tacos, pinto beans, Spanish rice, milk

Friday, August 31
Philly Cheesesteak Sub, grilled onions and peppers, chips, milk

Robert Lee ISD

Breakfast

Monday, August 27
Pancakes, bacon, fruit, juice, milk

Tuesday, August 28
Cheesy toast, fruit, juice, milk

Wednesday, August 29
Monte Crispo Sandwich, fruit, juice, milk

Thursday, August 30
Breakfast bread/yogurt, fruit,

juice, milk
Friday, August 31
Burrito, hashbrown, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, August 27
Spaghetti bowl, salad, California veggies, fruit cup, breadsticks, pudding, milk

Tuesday, August 28
Steak fingers, mashed tators, carrots, gravy, roll, strawberries and bananas, milk

Wednesday, August 29
Boneless wings, celery sticks, carrot sticks, oranges, cornbread, brownie, milk

Thursday, August 30
Mexican combo plate, beans, salsa, sliced fruit, milk

Friday, August 31
Popcorn chicken, broccoli, fires, peaches, roll

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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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County Judge
Hal Spain

County Treasurer
Therese Emert

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PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF ROBERT LEE

City Hall office hours are changing to: Monday-Thursday 8:00 am -5:00 pm, Friday 8:00 am - 1:00 pm, and open during lunch hours.

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SMALL TAXING UNIT NOTICE

The KICKAPOO WATER DISTRICT will hold a meeting at 6:30 pm on September 5, 2018, at Bronte City Hall, 114 S. Washington, Bronte, Texas, to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2018. The proposed tax rate is \$0.075591 per \$100 of value.

The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes in KICKAPOO WATER DISTRICT by 61.44%.

07-1tc

PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF ROBERT LEE NOTICE OF 2019 TAX YEAR PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX RATE

A tax rate of \$0.460000 per \$100 valuation has been proposed for adoption by the governing body of the City of Robert Lee. State law requires that two public hearings be held by the governing body before adopting the proposed tax rate.

The governing body of the City of Robert Lee proposes to use revenue attributable to the tax rate for the purpose of meeting the Fiscal Year 2018 budget.

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FOR SALE - 1008 sq. ft. (+/-) Frame House, located at 1214 Chadbourne St., Robert Lee, Texas. This house has been completely rebuilt inside and out. 2 BR/1BA, Living Room and Kitchen Combination, Utility Room. All Floors are Laminated Wood. No Central Heating and Air Conditioning but has Window Units for Cooling and Electric Heat. A Third Room that could be used for a Bedroom. Close to School. Storage Building.

FOR SALE - 112 W. 12th Street, Robert Lee, Texas. 3BR/2B home, 1800 sq. ft. Living Area, Central Heat and Air, Hardwood Floors, Attached Garage, Large Patio and Backyard, Storage Building. Close to the school!

FOR SALE - 201 acres, close to Robert Lee, Texas. Good hunting with highway frontage and a creek running through the property.

PROPOSED TAX RATE

\$0.460000 per \$100

PRECEDING YEAR'S TAX RATE

\$0.460000 per \$100

EFFECTIVE TAX RATE

\$0.456096 per \$100

ROLLBACK TAX RATE

\$0.492583 per \$100

The effective tax rate is the total tax rate needed to raise the same amount of property tax revenue for the City of Robert Lee from the same properties in both the 2017 tax year and the 2018 tax year. The rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate that City of Robert Lee may adopt before voters are entitled to petition for an election to limit the rate that may be approved to the rollback rate.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE ABOVE RATES CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

Property tax amount = (rate) x (taxable value of your property) / 100

For assistance or detailed information about tax calculations, please contact:

City of Robert Lee
6 East 7th Street, Robert Lee, Texas 76945
(325) 453-2831
robertleetexas@wcc.net

You are urged to attend and express your views at the following public hearings on the proposed tax rate:

First public hearing will be August 27th, 2018 at 6:00 PM and the second public hearing will be September 10th, 2018 at 6:00 PM at City Hall, 6 East 7th Street, Robert Lee, Texas 76945.

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**PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF ROBERT LEE
PROPOSED FY
2018-19 BUDGET**

The City of Robert Lee will hold public hearings on the Proposed FY 2018-19 Budget on Monday August 27th, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. and Monday September 10th, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in City Hall, 6 East 7th Street Robert Lee, Texas 76945.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF ROBERT LEE
COUNCIL MEMBER
VACANCY**

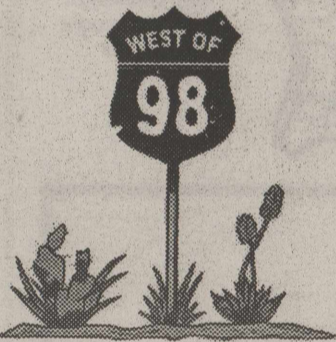
Any person interested in serving as a City Council Member and meeting the following eligibility and residency requirements is hereby invited to complete an application. The appointed Council Member will serve through the vacated term of Council Member Billy Williams ending May 2020.

Eligibility and Residency Requirements:

- Residence - 1 year in Texas prior to filing deadline; AND 6 months in Robert Lee, Texas prior to filing deadline
- Minimum Age - 18
- Must be a registered voter

Applications may be picked up at City Hall 6 East 7th Street, Robert Lee, Texas. Applications must be submitted no later than Friday August 24th at 5:00 p.m. City Council will hold a special meeting on Monday August 27th at 6:00 pm to appoint the new council member.

06-21c



You Are Worthy

by James M. Decker

This past weekend, I heard a really sharp testimony at church, after a church member returned from a mission trip. One of the main points that the person made, learned on this mission trip, both about other people and about themselves, was this statement: You Are Worthy.

I got to thinking about how this applies within the efforts to improve our communities. How many of you have ever struggled with the notion of whether you are worthy of your goals? Well, guess what? YOU ARE.

If we're honest, we all deal with this. It's no secret, from my writings in this space and elsewhere, that I have some ambitious goals for Stamford. And occasionally, doubt can creep in. Our rural communities in West Texas have been in decline for the better part of 30 years.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

The EAST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT will hold two public hearings on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 0.00 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The first public hearing will be held on September 10, 2018, at 5:00 pm at Bronte Health and Rehab Center, 900 South State, Bronte, Texas.

The second public hearing will be held on September 13, 2018, at 5:00 pm at Bronte Health and Rehab Center, 900 South State, Bronte, Texas.

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

FOR: Howard Baker
Lanette Fletcher
Everett Bedford
Gina McCutchen

AGAINST:

PRESENT and not voting:

ABSENT: Jerita Taylor

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in EAST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT last year was \$72,136. Based on last year's tax rate of \$0.454868 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$328.12.

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in EAST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT this year is \$69,521. If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$0.388942 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$270.40.

If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$0.388942 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$270.40.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend the hearings and express their views.

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Rural America has been on a downward trajectory for a half century. The reasons for these trends are large, complicated, and bigger than any one of our communities. The world tells us that rural America and our rural communities are a lost cause. How can we overcome that? Are there enough of us to do what all needs to be done? The world tells us that it would be easier, that our lives and families would be better off, if we just packed it all in and moved to a faceless subdivision somewhere.

And then, I look around my community. I see the faces of its people. I see the quality of those people. Whatever doubt I have starts to evaporate. In fact, the idea that rural America is a lost cause only redoubles my commitment to Stamford and to rural America. For the most part, rural places were never settled because they were easy. In fact, it's quite the opposite. The frontier was settled by people who eschewed the relative ease of settled areas. Those pioneers pushed to new places, not for ease, but for opportunity - no matter their previous lot in life, no matter their family's history, they could still make something of themselves and leave a life better than the one that they were given.

The same holds true for rural America today. It's not the easy choice to make a life here, but our communities have never been the "easy" choice. But we're still here for a reason. We're here because of the powerful impact these places had on our lives, because of opportunity, because of the quality of the people.

The world encourages self doubt in our lives. It's easy to think that you are not worthy of the challenges faced by your community, or that your community itself isn't worthy. But don't forget. Our communities are worthy. We are worthy. YOU are worthy.

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 [facebook.com/james.decker](https://www.facebook.com/james.decker).

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 extra color will be available for purchase, as well as any available 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 by phone at (325) 453-4555 or by email at shanna.freeman@rlisd.net.

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

Fort Chadbourne fundraiser slated for September 15

Fort Chadbourne will be presenting "The Lion of Texas, An Evening with Sam Houston, on Saturday, September 15, at the fort. The annual fundraiser will begin with a dinner and silent auction starting at 6 pm, followed by the show at 7:30 pm. This highly acclaimed one-

man show gives the audience an intimate look at the icon who became the hero of San Jacinto and the first president of the Republic of Texas. The show is written and performed by a Texan who is actually name Sam Houston.

For information or reservations, please contact Fort Chadbourne at (325) 743-2555.

Car Show scheduled for September 29

A car show will be held in Robert Lee on Saturday, September 29, from 10 am until 2 pm, at the Municipal Park.

Categories include 1900 - 1940 Class, 1940 - 1960 Class, 1960 - 1980 Class, 1980 - 2000 Class, 2000 - Current Class, 4x4 and Offroad, Unfinished, and Motorcycles.

Door prizes and cash prizes will be given away, along with trophies to be awarded.

For more information, contact Chris Smith at (325) 656-3455 or DeShira Smith at (325) 656-3481.

Town Hall Meeting set for September 26

Restoring Bronte Foundation will host a town hall meeting and board meeting on Wednesday, September 26. The meeting will be held from 6 pm until 9 pm at the Blue Goose in downtown Bronte.

BVFD to host

Fun Run October 6

The Bronte Volunteer Fire Department will be hosting a Fun Run on Saturday, October 6, with the registration beginning at 7 am and the race

to commence at 8 am.

Early registration is encouraged, as everyone who registers by September 22 will receive a free t-shirt.

For more information, contact the City of Bronte at (325) 473-3501.

Red Canyon Gun Club to be closed through November 30

The Red Canyon Gun Club will be closed from approximately through approximately November 30, 2018, for AEP construction. This closure is for the members and the construction crews safety. The club apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause and thank you for your cooperation.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Shaunna Grantham at (325) 895-1723.

Water Weekly

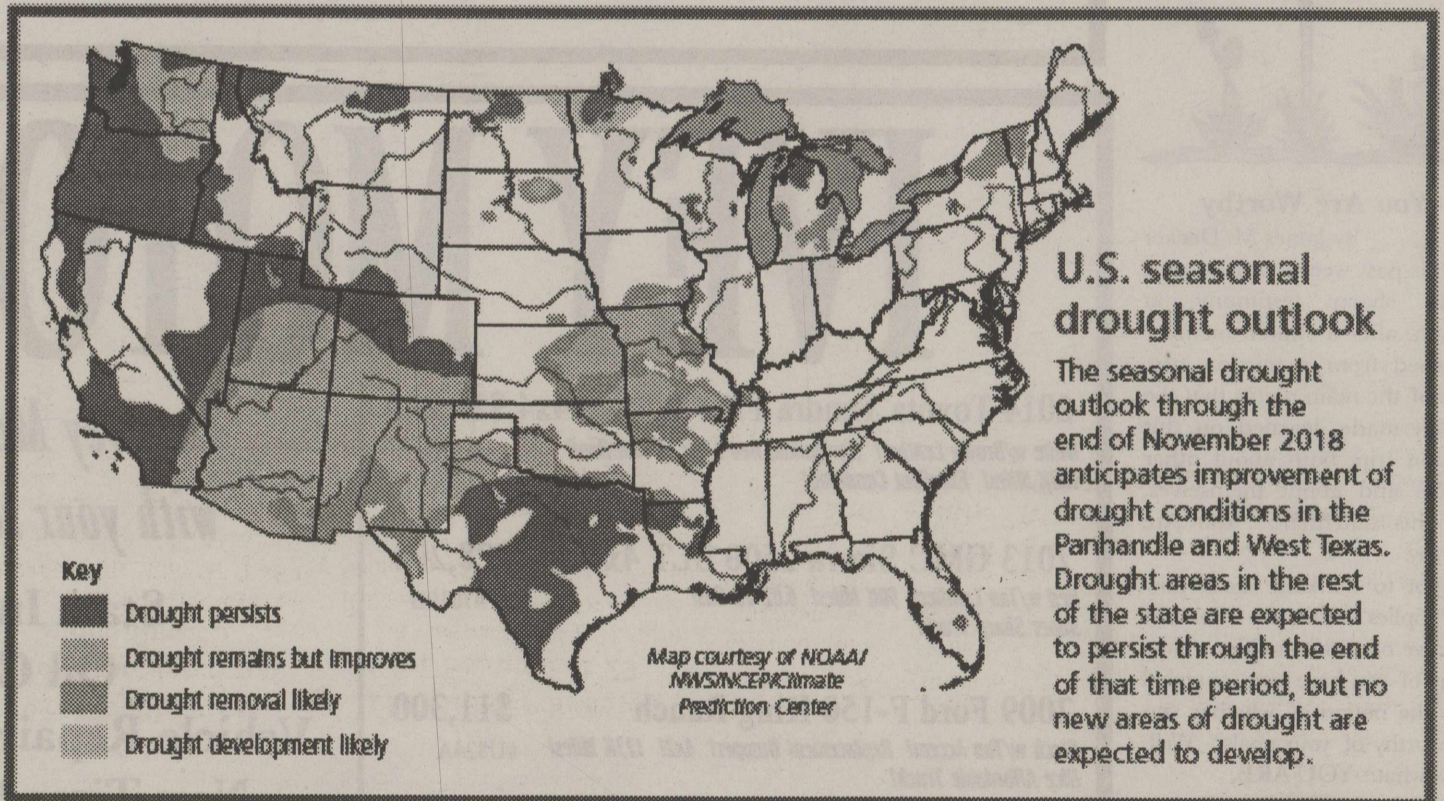
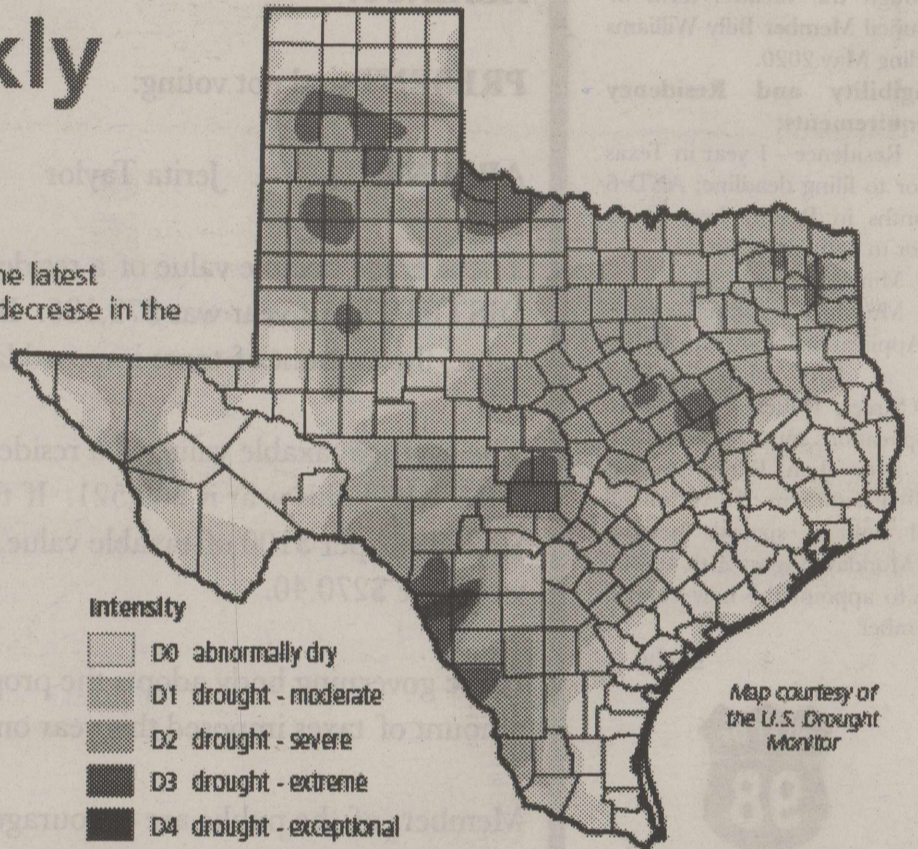
For the week of 08/20/18

Water conditions

After three weeks of increasing drought, the latest drought map shows a 5 percentage point decrease in the area of the state impacted by drought. That improvement came thanks to beneficial rains that fell August 10 to August 14 and brought 2 or more inches of precipitation to many areas.

Drought conditions

- ◆ 59% now
- ◆ 64% a week ago
- ◆ 43% three months ago
- ◆ 1% a year ago



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