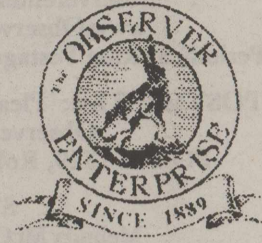


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Friday, September 7, 2018

RLCC Auxiliary special meeting set for September 10

There will be a special called meeting of the newly formed RLCC Auxiliary at 5:30 pm on Monday, September 10, 2018. The purpose of the meeting is to pass a motion for the establishment of a bank account and to designate the signers for that account. This is the only item of business on the agenda, so it will be a short, but essential, meeting.

Sid and Bernice Evans Scholarship to be awarded

The Bronte United Methodist Women announce that applications for the Sid and Bernice Evans Scholarship are now being accepted. The Evans were longtime members of the

Bronte First United Methodist Church and the Scholarship Foundation was established by their family.

The scholarship is for Bronte students who are in at least their second year of college or trade school. Applications are available from Lanette Fletcher at Glenn-Bivins Insurance, 123 W Main St., in Bronte and must be returned to Lanette by Thursday, September 13, 2018. The scholarship recipient will be announced after the September meeting.

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

FOOTBALL FRIDAY NIGHTS!

Robert Lee Steers

vs. Sidney Eagles

Friday, September 7, 2018

7:30 pm

Sidney



Bronte Longhorns
vs. Loraine Bulldogs

Friday, September 7, 2018

7:30 pm

Bronte



Blackwell Hornets
vs. Highland Hornets

Friday, September 7, 2018

7:30 pm

Highland



WEEK AT A GLANCE

Friday, September 7

High School Football -
Bronte vs Loraine at Bronte, 7:30 pm
Blackwell at Highland, 7:30 pm
Robert Lee at Sidney, 7:30 pm

Saturday, September 8

High School Volleyball -
Bronte vs Veribest at Bronte, 12 pm

Junior High/High School Cross Country -
Robert Lee at Angelo State University

Monday, September 10

High School Volleyball -
Bronte vs Veribest at Bronte, 12 pm

Robert Lee Care Center Auxiliary Meeting, 5:30 pm

Junior High/High School Cross Country -
Blackwell at Highland

Tuesday, September 11

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

High School Volleyball -
Bronte at Water Valley, 5:30 pm

Bronte EDC 4B Meeting, 6 pm - 8 pm,
Bronte City Hall

Thursday, September 13

Junior High Football -
Bronte vs Highland at Bronte, 5:30 pm
Robert Lee at Santa Anna, 5:30 pm

JV Football -
Robert Lee at Blackwell, 7 pm

Friday, September 14

High School Football -
Bronte at Highland, 7:30 pm
Robert Lee vs Santa Anna at Robert Lee, 7:30 pm
Blackwell vs Newcastle at Blackwell, 7:30 pm

Saturday, September 15

High School Volleyball -
Bronte vs Sterling City at Bronte, 12 pm

High School Cross Country -
Blackwell at Wall (San Angelo State Park)

Fort Chadbourne Fundraiser Dinner & Auction, 6 pm

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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.

Town Hall Meeting set for September 26

The 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. All are invited to attend.

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.

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.

National Night Out set for October 2

On Tuesday, October 2, neighborhoods throughout Robert Lee are being invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the "35th Annual National Night Out" (NNO) crime and drug prevention event. National Night

Out, which is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW) and co-sponsored locally by the Robert Lee Community Watch, will involve over 16,500 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases around the world. In all, over 38.5 million people are expected to participate in 'America's Night Out Against Crime'. NNO 2018 corporate sponsors are Dietz & Watson, Ring, Associa, and Package Guard.

National Night Out is designed to: (1) Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; (2) Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime efforts; (3) Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and (4) Send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

From 7 pm until 9 pm on Tuesday, October 2, residents in neighborhoods throughout Robert Lee and across the nation, are asked to lock their doors, turn on outside lights and spend the evening outside with neighbors and police.

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Obituaries



Davis

Joan Davis, 84, of Robert Lee passed away peacefully on August 27, 2018, at the Robert Lee Care Center.

Joan was born on April 14, 1934, to Jockey and Willie Hester. After the premature death of her mother in 1937, she and her sister Billie were raised by their maternal grandparents, Henry and Roxie Childress. She attended Robert Lee Public Schools, where she graduated as valedictorian.

She married Add Davis in 1953 and they had three children, Burl, Nadine, and Mike. Burl passed away in 1995 from cancer.

Joan was co-owner of Davis Grocery and Station for 14 years. She was the Editor of the Observer Enterprise. Later, she became the Justice of the Peace for the west side of Coke County.

Joan never met a stranger. She was a good Christian person and loving mother. She was a witty and wise person who loved her family, friends, and the Dallas Cowboys.

Visitation was held all day Wednesday, August 29, 2018, at Shaffer Funeral Home in Robert Lee with family present from 6 pm until 8 pm. Funeral services were held at 10 am, Thursday, August 30, 2018, at Northside Church of Christ in Robert Lee, with interment following in Robert Lee Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

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...National Night Out
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 Many neighborhoods will be hosting a variety of special events such as block parties,

cookouts, parades, visits from police, flashlight walks, contests, youth activities, and anticrime rallies.

National Project Coordinator Matt Peskin said, "This is a night for America to stand together to promote awareness, safety and neighborhood unity. National Night Out showcases the vital importance of police-community partnerships and citizen involvement in our fight to build a safer nation. On NNO, we encourage everyone to join in *Giving Crime & Drugs a Going Away Party*."

The Robert Lee Community Watch invites you to come have a "Picnic in the Park" on their first National Night Out in Robert Lee. They will be cooking hotdogs for you. Bring your lawn chairs or blankets, have a hotdog, visit with your neighbors, and get to know your sheriff, deputies, DPS trooper, game warden, Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department and EMS. The RL4Restoration Foundation will also be serving ice cream or hot chocolate, depending on the weather.

For more information, contact Shaunna Grantham, Robert Lee Community Watch, at (325) 895-1723

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 again as the Steers face off against the Bronte Longhorns.

Red Canyon Gun Club to be closed through November 30

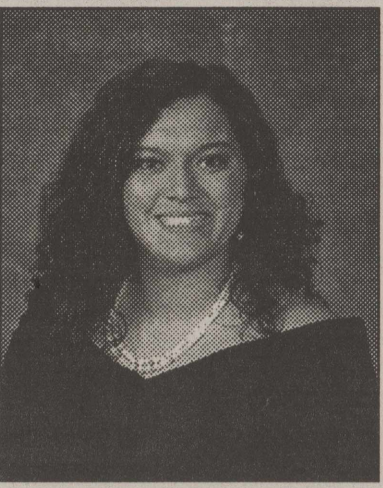
The Red Canyon Gun Club will be closed from approximately through approximately November 30, 2018, for AEP construction. This closure is for the members and the construction crews safety. The club apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause and thank you for your cooperation.

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

WCCHD Board meeting minutes

by Pat Stephens
 The Board of Directors of the West Coke County Hospital District met in regular session Tuesday, August 28, 2018. President Pat Stephens called the meeting to order at 9:32 am and declared a quorum was present. Board members present were Sarah Green, Pat Carwile, Beverly Burdett and Noel Tinkler. Roger Alexander, WCCHD Administrator, Chris Martin, Consultant, and Janie Munoz, BOM, were also present at the meeting. The invocation was given by Roger Alexander.

Scholarship! Cambrey Lange, a 2018 Blackwell High School graduate, was awarded a \$1500 scholarship from Goulds Water Technology through their Goulds Professional Dealer Association (GPDA).



There were no visitors. The Board minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

There are 32 residents in the Care Center as of the meeting date. The facility is currently fully staffed.

Houston shared a written administrator's report at this meeting due to the annual state survey in progress. The call lights have been repaired and are up and running. The hot water problem is fixed. Houston is currently in the process of finding a filter system for it. Century Rehab will be the rehab provider for the facility beginning September 1.

Chris Martin gave an update on the QIPP program. Another payment will be due in September.

Accounts receivable were reviewed and discussed.

Roger Alexander gave the financial report, which was discussed and approved.

Future agenda items were discussed and the next regular Board meeting will be Tuesday, September 25, 2018, at 9:30 am. The budget hearings will be September 10 and September 13 at 9:30 am. The public is

invited to attend.

Labor Day weekend ushered September onto the calendar. The residents enjoyed popcorn and a movie to celebrate the holiday. On the following Mondays, September 10, September 17, and September 24 at 3:30 pm, the Methodists will be entertaining at the facility. At 10 am on Friday, September 7, there will be a facility group outing for all the residents. On Fun Day Friday, September 14, there will be a September Fiesta at 3:30 pm. The monthly birthday party, sponsored by FUMC, will be celebrated on Tuesday, September 18 at 3:30 pm. Charolette Guajardo is the lone birthday girl this month, so...happy birthday, Charolette! Jim Gross will be entertaining at the facility on Friday, September 21 at 3:30 pm. The Sing-Along will be held on Friday, September 28 at 3:30 pm. Everyone is invited to join in the fun.

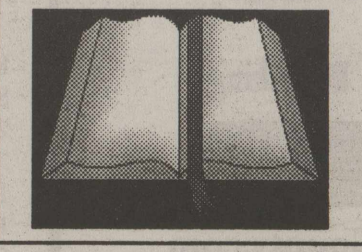
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 Central Baptist Church
 324 S. Franklin • Bronte
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 Dale Patterson, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am Sunday School
 11 am & 5 pm Worship
 First Baptist Church
 424 S. Washington • Bronte
 (325) 473-2331 • Pastor Lee 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. 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
 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
 Chris Walls, 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
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 11:00 am & 6 pm, Worship
 Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting</p> |
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At 10:30 am on Saturday, September 29 all residents who care to attend, as well as some of the staff, will be enjoying the Street Affair in downtown Robert Lee. Don't forget each Sunday at 3:30 pm there will be a worship service at the facility sponsored by the different churches in town. Everyone always has a standing invitation to come and enjoy the services. Hopefully there will be some cooler autumn temperatures coming in as September makes its exit. Happy Fall, Y'all.

BHRC rated as Five-Star facility

Bronte Health & Rehab Center has been rated as a Five-Star facility by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). CMS created the Five-Star Quality Rating System to help consumers, their families, and caregivers compare nursing homes more easily and to help identify areas about which one may want to ask questions.

The Nursing Home Compare website allows one to search for a facility by location or facility name. The website features a quality rating system that gives each nursing home a rating of between 1 and 5 stars. Nursing homes with 5 stars are considered to have much above average quality. The website can be accessed at www.medicare.gov/nursinghomecompare.

Commissioners Court Meeting minutes

August 14, 2018

The Coke County Commissioners Court met in regular session on August 14, 2018. Those in attendance included County Judge Roy Blair Commissioner Precinct 1 Donald Robertson, Commissioner Precinct 2 Paul Williams, Commissioner Precinct 3 Marshall Millican, Commissioner Precinct 4 Joe Sefcik, and County/District Clerk Mary Grim.

The meeting was opened with the pledge to the flag and prayer was offered by Judge Blair.

Judge Blair announced the presence of a quorum.

Commissioner Sefcik moved to approve the minutes for July 24 and July 27 as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and the motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Treasurer Hal Spain. Commissioner Williams moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented and was seconded by Commissioner Millican. The motion carried.

Commissioner Sefcik moved to approve the Payroll and was seconded by Commissioner Williams. The motion carried.

Commissioner Robertson moved to approve Accounts Payable for Payroll. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and the motion carried.

The Extension Report was presented by Agent Morgan Runyon.

Sheriff Wayne McCutchen presented his report.

The Tax Collector's Report was presented by Judge Blair.

County/District Clerk Mary Grim presented her report.

Constable Precinct 1 Marty Boyd's report was presented by Judge Blair.

Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 Russell Johnson presented JP Jackie Walker's report from July 1 - 15 and his report from July 16 - 31.

The DR Report was not available.

The Trapper's Report was not available.

Commissioner Sefcik moved to remove the burn ban and was seconded by Judge Blair. The motion carried.

No action was taken on the funding from MHMR for Coke County Mental Health Officers. There is still no contract.

Auditor Vallery Johnson presented the Line Item Transfers. Commissioner Sefcik moved to approve the Line Item Transfers as presented and was seconded by Commissioner Millican. The motion carried.

Commissioner Williams moved to approve the Intergovernmental Contracts between Coke County and the City of Bronte and the City of Robert Lee as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Millican and the motion carried.

No action was taken regarding the City of Bronte ECD.

Commissioner Robertson moved to approve the contract with Tom Green County Juvenile Probation and was seconded by Commissioner Williams. The motion carried.

Commissioner Williams moved to approve the Pretrial Intervention Program Fund and was seconded by Commissioner Robertson. The motion carried.

Commissioner Millican moved to approve the contract with Western Towers as stated. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sefcik and the motion carried.



City Council! New Robert Lee City Council member, Ann Hedges, is sworn in by Robert Lee Mayor, Allyson Crenshaw, at the Council Meeting held on Monday, August 27, 2018.

Commissioner Williams moved to retain Eckert & Company to provide audit services for Coke County. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Robertson and the motion carried.

Commissioner Williams moved to approve the Coke County Appraisal District 2017 Report. The motion, seconded by Commissioner Sefcik, carried.

Commissioner Millican moved to approve the agreement with Area Agency on Aging for congregate meals and home delivered meals. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sefcik and the motion carried.

Commissioner Millican moved to set the fee for the rental of the show barn at \$200 and was seconded by Commissioner Robertson. Commissioner Millican moved to amend his motion to \$100 and the amended motion was seconded by Commissioner Robertson. The motion

carried.

Commissioner Millican moved to waive the fee of the show barn to store golf carts for the Randy Flanagan Golf Tournament. The motion, seconded by Commissioner Robertson, carried.

Commissioner Williams moved to pay The Observer/Enterprise for 2 col. x 3 inch display ad for \$36 and was seconded by Commissioner Sefcik. The motion carried.

Judge Blair reported that the Court will have a Public Hearing on August 20 and August 24 and the regular meeting in August will adopt the tax rate.

Commissioner Sefcik reported he had lost a mile of road

during the rain.

Commissioner Millican moved to pay the bills and was seconded by Commissioner Sefcik. The motion carried.

Judge Blair adjourned the meeting at 10 am.

August 20, 2018

The Coke County Commissioners Court met in special session on August 20, 2018. Those in attendance included County Judge Roy Blair Commissioner Precinct 1 Donald Robertson, Commissioner Precinct 2 Paul Williams, Commissioner Precinct 3 Marshall Millican, Commissioner Precinct 4 Joe Sefcik, and County/District Clerk Mary Grim.

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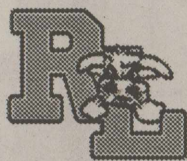
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SCHOOL PAGE

Lady Longhorns Volleyball Update

The Bronte Lady Longhorns are off to a fast and furious start. Beginning on August 1, the Lady Longhorns have competed in 19 matches to date. That includes three tournaments for the varsity and two for the JV. Both the varsity and JV have each won their division of the Albany Tournament and the varsity played in the gold bracket of the Nita Vannoy Tournament in San Angelo, which includes schools from around the northern and western part of the state from class 1A to 6A. Kristen Stillely was named to the All-Tournament team in that tournament. Most recently the Lady Longhorns hosted, competed in, and placed third in their own annual "Showdown" Tournament, which includes premier volleyball programs from around the state as well. Cassidy McWright and Bryton Pearcy were selected to the All-Tournament team in this tournament. The Lady Longhorn varsity team record is

12-7 with two pre-season games left until district.

Steers open new season with win

by Tom Sawyer

The Steers opened the new season Friday night, August 31, with a win against Water Valley in what Steer fans hope to be the beginning of a very productive year.

This year we have a lot of new faces on the coaching staff as well as the players, which is going to be very exciting for Steer fans and six man football.

Show your support this year by getting out to the games and cheering on our team and supporting them whenever possible.

WE BLEED ORANGE STEER PRIDE

Scoring Summary

1st Quarter

Wildcats - 3 yard fumble recovery with 9:53 left, PAT failed;

Steers - 54 yard pass from Gamboa to Warren with 8:32 left, PAT failed;

Wildcats - 77 yard run with 2:39 left, PAT kick good.

Steers - 6
Wildcats - 14

2nd Quarter

Steers - 2 yard run by Mendoza with 9:45 left, PAT failed;

Steers - 23 yard run by Warren with 7:27 left, PAT failed;

Steers - 79 yard run by Fowler with 5:40 left, PAT kick by Warren;

Steers - 36 yard pass from Mendoza to Scates with 2:26 left, PAT failed;

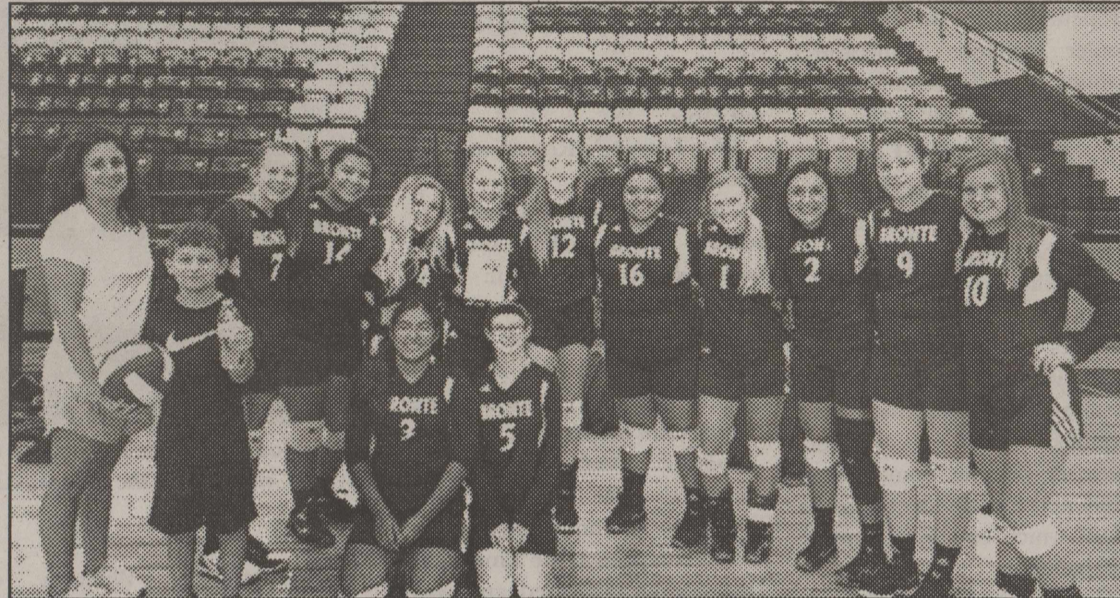
Wildcats - 2 yard run with :38 left, PAT kick good.
Steers - 32

Wildcats - 22

3rd Quarter

Wildcats - safety with 6:38 left Steers- 25 yard pass from Fowler to Warren with 6:07 left, PAT failed;

Wildcats - 10 yard run with :33 left, PAT failed.



Volleyball! The Bronte JV Lady Longhorns are now 10 - 0 after winning the Clyde Tournament on Saturday, September 1. Team members include Zoe Watkins, Saige Busby, Kceley Queen, Katelyn Powell, Hallie Michulka, Kyalyn Seales, Mia Minjarez, Mariah DeLaCerde, Thaliah Castaneda, Nikkole Harendt, Gabby Quezada, Rae Ann Fleenor, Michaela Basquez, and Coach Misty Davis.

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ROBERT LEE STEERS FOOTBALL



ROBERT LEE STEERS

vs. Sidney Eagles

Friday, September 7

7:30 pm

Sidney



RLHS

August 31	Water Valley	Here	44	30
September 7	Sidney	There		
September 14	Santa Anna	Here		
September 22	Rising Star	There		
September 28	Highland	There		
October 5	Grady	There		
October 12	Veribest *	There		
October 19	OPEN			
October 26	Bronte **	Here		
November 2	Paint Rock *	There		
November 9	Eden *	Here		

* District Games ** Homecoming Game
All games begin at 7:30 pm.

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Friday, September 7

7:30 pm

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BHS

Date	Opponent	Location	Time	BHS	Opponent
August 31	Rising Star	There	7:30	44	0
September 7	Loraine	Here	7:30		
September 14	Highland	There	7:30		
September 20	Santa Anna	There	7:30		
September 28	Sterling City	Here	7:30		
October 5	Hermleigh	Here	7:30		
October 12	Eden *	There	7:30		
October 19	Veribest **	Here	7:30		
October 26	Robert Lee *	There	7:30		
November 2	OPEN				
November 9	Paint Rock *	Here	7:30		

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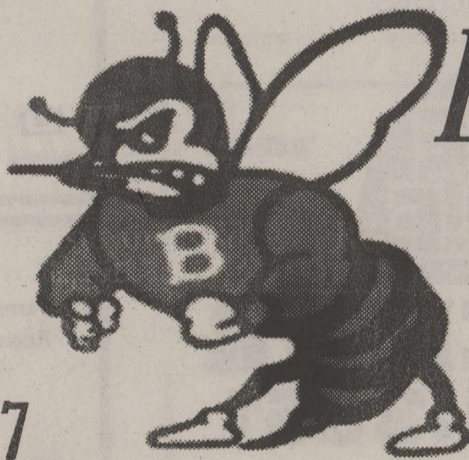
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Highland



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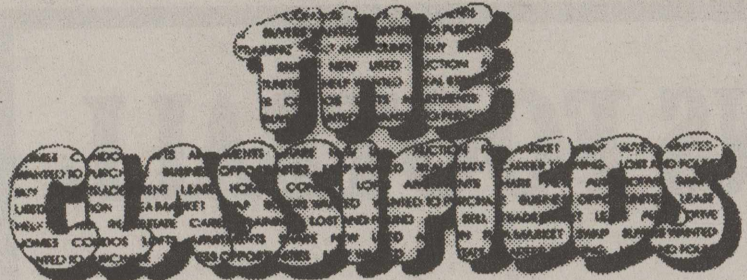
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Date	Opponent	Location	Time	BHS	Opponent
September 1	Eden **	Here		54	40
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September 14	Newcastle	Here			
September 21	Lueders-Avoca	Here			
September 28	Hermleigh	There			
October 5	Veribest	Here			
October 12	Santa Anna	Here			
October 19	OPEN				
October 26	Moran *	There			
November 2	Trent *	There			
November 8	Loraine *	Here			

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NOTICE OF 2019 TAX YEAR PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR CITY OF BRONTE

A tax rate of \$0.424662 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of the City of Bronte. This rate is the same rate as the effective rate.

The governing body of the City of Bronte proposes to use revenue attributable to the tax rate for the purpose of meeting the Fiscal Year 2019 budget.

PRECEDING YEAR'S TAX RATE

\$0.431301 per \$100

EFFECTIVE TAX RATE

\$0.424662 per \$100

PROPOSED TAX RATE

\$0.424662 per \$100

ROLLBACK TAX RATE

\$0.458634 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 Bronte 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 Bronte 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 =

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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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.

(\$0.424662) x (taxable value of your property)/100.

There is **no tax rate increase** for fiscal year 2019 by the City of Bronte.

The city council will discuss and take action at our regular city council meeting on September 20, 2018.

09-2tc

PROPOSAL NOTICE

Robert Lee ISD is now accepting competitive proposals for a 2018 SUV (Expedition EL, Suburban, or Comparable Vehicle). The vehicle should have V-6 or larger engine, automatic transmission, second and third row bench seating, power steering, rear AC and Heat, towing package, all required safety devices, leather

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...Commissioners Court Meeting minutes

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The meeting opened with prayer offered by Commissioner Williams and the pledge to the flag was recited.

Judge Blair announced the presence of a quorum.

Judge Blair opened for any comments regarding the 2018-2019 proposed budget and tax rate for Coke County. Judge Blair reported that the rate for the General Fund is .389411, R&B .118340, for a total of .507751. There being no comments made, Judge Blair adjourned the public hearing at 9:05 am.

Commissioner Sefcik reported that Mule Creek Road is in good shape. Judge Blair reported that there is another Public Hearing on August 24, 2018. County/District Clerk addressed the Court on moving the election room.

Commissioner Williams moved to pay the bills and was seconded by Commissioner Sefcik. The motion carried.

Judge Blair adjourned the meeting at 9:15 am.

August 24, 2018

The Coke County Commissioners Court met in regular session on August 24, 2018. Those in attendance included County Judge Roy Blair Commissioner Precinct 1 Donald Robertson, Commissioner Precinct 2 Paul Williams, Commissioner Precinct 3 Marshall Millican, Commissioner Precinct 4 Joe Sefcik, and County Clerk Monica Reyes.

The meeting was opened with prayer offered by Judge Blair and the pledge to the flag was recited.

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There being no comments made, Judge Blair adjourned the public hearing at 9:10 am.

RLISD Board Meeting minutes

The Robert Lee ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session on Tuesday, August 14, 2018, in the Robert Lee ISD Conference Room 119 at 5 pm. The meeting was called to order by President Washam.

Members present included Wes Washam, Jeffie Roberts, George Grim, Tom Sawyer.

Members absent were Irma Torres, Erin Oleksiuk, and Beverly Sinclair.

President Washam called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm and a quorum of members was present.

The invocation was given and the pledge was led by Wes Washam.

George Grim made a motion to approve the minutes of July 11th, 2018, and was seconded by Jeffie Roberts. All were for.

Jeffie Roberts made a motion to approve the financial reports as presented by Robin Allen and to approve the bills. She was seconded by Tom Sawyer and all were for.

Supt. Aaron Hood gave reports on Elementary and High School in-service week.

Supt. Hood recommended adopting the Extracurricular Code of Conduct for 2018-2019 as presented. Tom Sawyer made a motion to approve and was seconded by George Grim. All were for.

Supt. Hood presented the RLISD Faculty Handbook for 2018-2019.

Supt. Hood presented and recommended adopting the RLISD Student Code of Conduct for 2018-2019. Jeffie Roberts made a motion and was seconded by Tom Sawyer. All were for.

Supt. Hood presented EIC (Local) Policy with changes. Tom Sawyer made the motion to approve the Policy as presented and was seconded by George Grim. All were for.

A budget workshop was held for the 2018-2019 budget.

Supt. Hood recommended approving the 2018-2019 Salary Schedule and Stipends. George Grim made a motion to approve and was seconded by Jeffie Roberts. All were for.

Supt. Hood presented the bid from Gandy's Milk for the 2018-2019 school year. Tom Sawyer made a motion to award the bid as presented and was seconded by Jeffie Roberts. All were for.

Supt. Hood recommended naming Robin Allen as Primary Request Submitter Designee for the 2018-2019 school year.

George Grim made a motion to approve the recommendation and was seconded by Tom Sawyer. All were for.

Supt. Hood presented and recommended adopting TASB Policy Localized Update 111 with changes noted. Jeffie Roberts made a motion to adopt and was seconded by George Grim. All were for.

Supt. Hood gave his respective report on summer maintenance, special called meeting, Grape Creek Wind LLC, Elementary numbers, district rating, open house and staff lunch.

A special board meeting will be held August 29, 2018, at 5 pm to set the tax rate and adopt the budget for 2018-2019.

The next regular board meeting will be Thursday, September 20, 2018, at 5 pm.

Jeffie Roberts made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by George Grim. The meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.

...Steers vs Wildcats

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Steers - 38

Wildcats - 30

4th Quarter

Steers - 23 yard pass from Fowler to Scates with 4:20 left, PAT failed.

Final Score

Steers - 44

Wildcats - 30

Player Statistics

Manny Gamboa - 6 carries, 2 of 4 passing for 70 yards and 1 TD, 2 receptions for 3 yards and 2 tackles;

Stephen Oleksiuk - 7 tackles and 1 fumble recovery;

Hunter Jowers - 12 tackles;

Kyler Coger - 1 reception for 4 yards and 3 tackles;

Daniel Mendoza - 1 carry for 2 yards and 1 TD, 4 of 5 passing for 53 yards and 1 TD, 1 reception for 10 yards and 13 tackles and 1 fumble recovery;

Corbin Drennan - 2 tackles;

Nathan Scates - 3 receptions for 70 yards and 2 TD's, 16 tackles and 3 fumble recoveries;

Jayton Warren - 6 carries for 43 yards and 1 TD, 1 of 3 passing for 4 yards, 8 receptions for 174 yards and 2 TD's and 2 tackles;

Lane Fowler - 12 carries for 98 yards and 1 TD, 8 of 17 passing for 159 yards and 2 TD's and 3 tackles;


Jonathan Skipworth - 3 tackles and caused 1 fumble;

Bryce Raynor - 9 tackles

GO STEERS

STEER PRIDE

Robert Lee will be traveling to Sidney at 7:30 pm on Friday, September 7.



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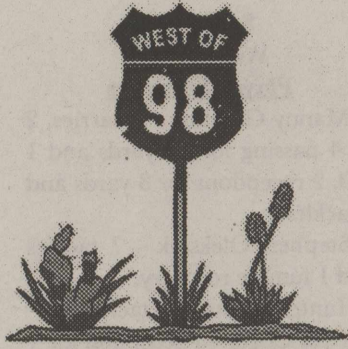
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Real Problems, Our Problems

by James M. Decker

At the recent West Texas Rural Summit, drug addiction—causes, challenges, solutions—was a hot topic. This is a complicated topic that has been on my heart for a while. I hope my readers indulge me as I start a multi-part series on drugs. If we are serious about addressing this problem in our communities, and we should be, this topic deserves a comprehensive look, not just a summary. As we work to improve our communities—beautify them, bring jobs and amenities, make them more prosperous for all—drugs must be tackled by all of our community leaders.

When we think about drugs in our community, a few easy images come to mind. We think of marijuana. We think of out-of-town dealers selling to our locals. We almost certainly think of people cooking and using meth. Those images are all accurate pieces of the puzzle. But the puzzle itself is far more complicated and concerning.

In the last few years, we've heard a lot in the news about America's "opioid crisis," but it's hard to talk about why it matters in our communities without defining it. In short, the opioid crisis is an epidemic of drug abuse, death, and community decay arising from abuse of prescription painkillers known as "opioids."

Opioids became widely available on a prescription basis in the 1990s, with recognizable names like OxyContin, Percocet, and Vicodin. Their use has proliferated in shocking ways. A 2017 government study found that Americans consume more opioids than any country in the world. Enough opioids were prescribed in the U.S. in 2015 to medicate every American around the clock for three weeks. The effects of this usage are horrifying.

According to the CDC, opioid overdoses have quadrupled since 1999. You might think that opioids are a problem, but not in our area. That is not so. CBS News reported that, in 2015, drug overdoses killed more than 50,000 people in America. That 2017 government study found that TWO-THIRDS of all American drug overdoses came from opioids. CBS noted that drug overdoses kill more Americans than either car accidents or guns. In only a few decades of widespread use, opioids are now a stunning percentage of American drug use.

According to the National Institutes of Health, the powerful opioid fentanyl is the most widely

used opioid in America and causes over half of opioid overdose deaths in America. Fentanyl can also be made illegally, like meth, and is often mixed with heroin or cocaine for more powerful effects. Much addiction to "hard" drugs follows a path from prescription drugs. According to the USDA, 3 out of 4 heroin users began with prescription drugs.

Drugs are a shocking problem in America, but here's the sobering reality. When 2/3 of drug overdoses come from opioids, drug addiction isn't the result of some wealthy foreign kingpin straight out of a 1980s movie. The causes are much closer to home, and much more concerning.

Why does this matter to us? Drug overdose rates are higher in rural America than the country at large. Why? Rural jobs can be more physical in nature, creating more opportunity for prescription use and addiction. Self-medication is a "solution" for lacking economic opportunity, which is prevalent in rural America. Drug use is harder to combat with rural communities' limited resources. Law enforcement resources are an issue, but communities also lack treatment and rehab options, as well as quality housing for an addict to escape their past and get a fresh start.

Drugs are not a far off "city" problem. They're our problem. Moving forward in the next few weeks, I hope to spark conversation and create solutions to that problem.

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.



Bronte ISD Breakfast

Monday, September 10
Pizza or choice of cereal and toast, juice, milk

Tuesday, September 11
Donuts or choice of cereal and toast, juice, milk

Wednesday, September 12
PB&J or choice of cereal and toast, juice, milk

Thursday, September 13
Tornado or choice of cereal and toast, juice, milk

Friday, September 14
Biscuit and sausage or choice of cereal and toast, juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, September 10
Ham and cheese melt, baby carrots, broccoli salad, apple-pineapple, milk

Tuesday, September 11
Nacho Grande, refried beans, salsa, tomato cup, cucumber slices, peaches, milk

Wednesday, September 12
Chicken sandwich, tots, veggie

cup, Mandarin oranges, milk
Thursday, September 13

Hamburger steak, roasted potatoes, garden salad, biscuits, fruity jello, milk

Friday, September 14
Corn dogs, smiley fries, beans, apple slices, sherbet cup, milk

Blackwell CISD

Breakfast

Monday, September 10
Poptart, fruit, juice, milk

Tuesday, September 11
Breakfast burrito fruit, juice, milk

Wednesday, September 12
Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice, milk

Thursday, September 13
Ham, egg, and cheese combo bar, fruit, juice, milk

Friday, September 14
PBJ or oatmeal round, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, September 10
Taco Salad Bowl (shell, ground beef, cheese, lettuce, tomatoes), pinto beans, Spanish rice, fruit, milk

Tuesday, September 11
Spaghetti, corn on the cob, salad, garlic toast, fruit, milk

Wednesday, September 12
Homemade meatloaf, mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, hot roll, fruit, milk

Thursday, September 13
Chicken fajitas, Spanish rice, refried beans, salad, fruit, milk

Friday, September 14
Chicken sandwich, potato cubes, baked beans, fruit, milk

Robert Lee ISD

Breakfast

Monday, September 10
Pancakes, sausage, fruit, juice, milk

Tuesday, September 11
Burrito, hashbrown, fruit, juice, milk

Wednesday, September 12
Power breakfast, fruit, juice, milk

Thursday, September 13
Piggies, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk

Friday, September 14

Griddle sandwich, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, September 10
Corn dog, tator tots, baked beans, apple-pineapple delight, milk

Tuesday, September 11
Nachos grande, beans, salsa, cucumber slices, lime sherbet, garnish, milk

Wednesday, September 12
Chicken sandwich, fries, corn, sliced veggies, Mandarin oranges, milk

Thursday, September 13
Asian bowl, egg roll, rice, salad, fruity gelatin, milk

Friday, September 14
Pizza, carrots, broccoli salad, fresh fruit, graham crackers, milk

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Water Weekly

For the week of 09/03/18

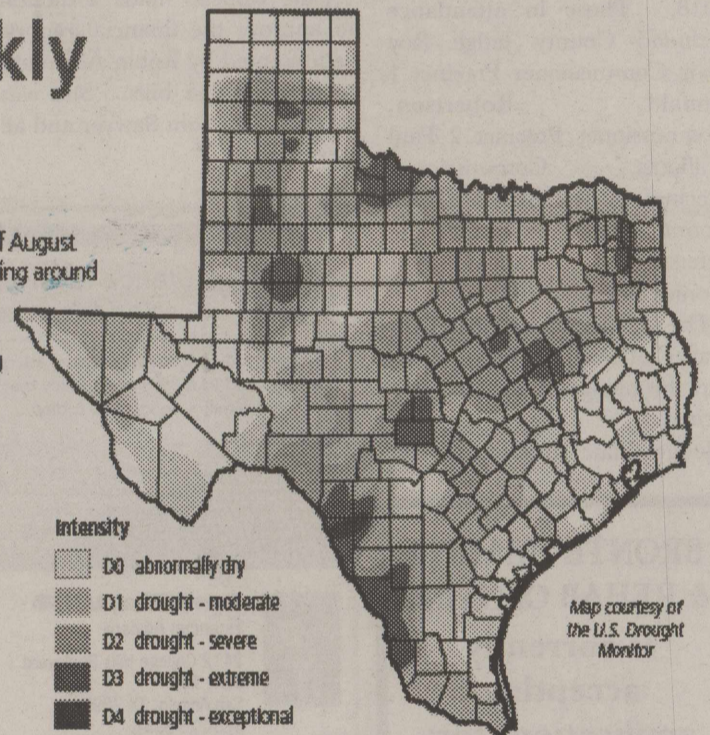
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The latest drought map, for conditions as of August 28, shows drought expanding and intensifying around the state. The total area of the state in drought increased 2 percentage points. Rains over Labor Day weekend should bring some improvements to the next map.

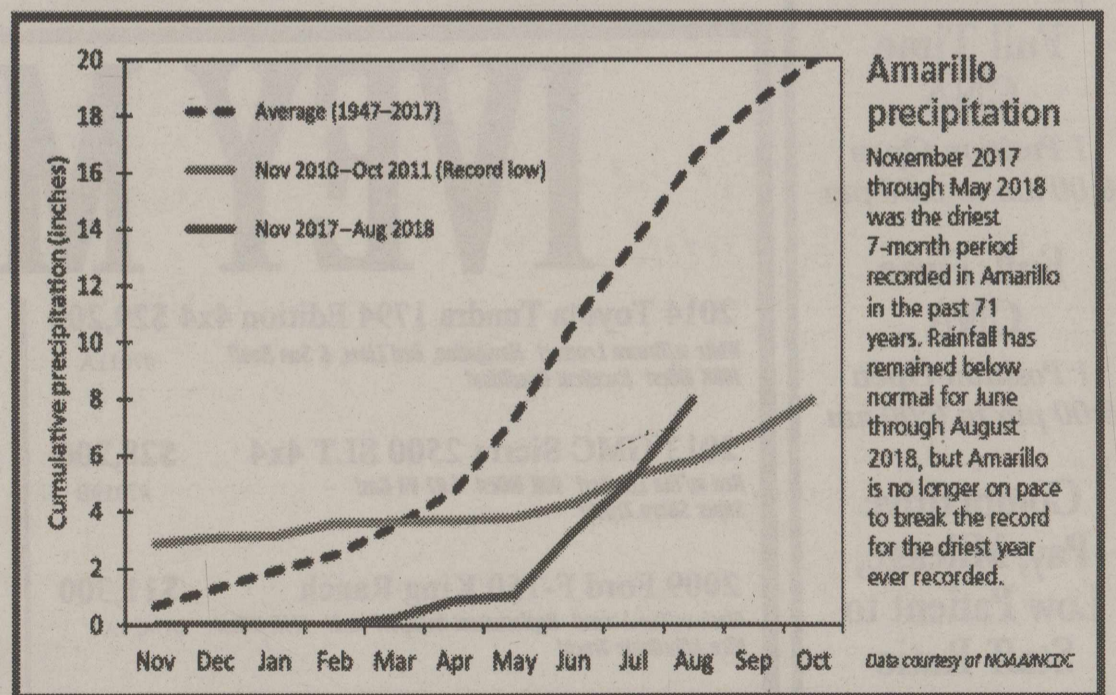
Drought conditions

- ▲ 62% now
- ▲ 60% a week ago
- ▲ 40% three months ago
- ▲ 1% 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



Amarillo precipitation
November 2017 through May 2018 was the driest 7-month period recorded in Amarillo in the past 71 years. Rainfall has remained below normal for June through August 2018, but Amarillo is no longer on pace to break the record for the driest year ever recorded.

Data courtesy of NOAA/NCEP

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