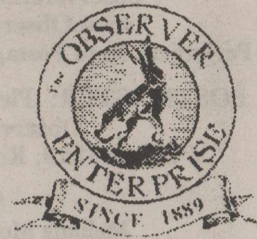


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### BHRC Auxiliary to meet September 18

After the summer break, the Bronte Health and Rehab Center Auxiliary will be starting up their monthly meetings. The first meeting will be Tuesday, September 18, at 1 pm, in the dining room of the facility. A lunch will be provided for a nominal fee, however a head count is needed for lunch. Please call Doris Sims at (325) 473-3257 by noon on Monday, September 17, if you plan to attend.

If you have never attended an Auxiliary meeting and would like to help the residents of Bronte Health and Rehab Center, this is a great time to start. Make plans to attend and call by noon Monday, September 17, so that they will know how many meals to plan for.

### CCRTA meeting scheduled for September 17

Recently retired school personnel are urged to attend the Coke County Retired Teachers Association first meeting of the new school year on Monday, September 17 at 12 noon at First Baptist Church in Bronte. The business meeting will also include a pot luck lunch and social opportunity.

The CCRTA offers an opportunity to become a visible and active participant in the mission to educate legislators of the importance of their support for public schools and public school personnel, both active and retired. Public school personnel are dedicated not only to teaching but also in retirement, staying in Texas to support the local economy.

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

#### Friday, September 14

Robert Lee High School Junior Class "Taco Stack Um Meal", 4:30 pm - 7 pm, RLJSD Cafeteria

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

#### Monday, September 17

Coke County Retired Teachers Association Meeting, 12 noon, First Baptist Church of Bronte

Junior High/High School Cross Country - Robert Lee at Roscoe

Junior High Volleyball -

Bronte at Miles, 5:30 pm

#### Tuesday, September 18

Robert Lee - Silver Lions Club Meeting, 6:30 am, Old Jail Annex, Robert Lee

Bronte Health and Rehab Center Auxiliary Meeting, 1 pm, BHRC Dining Room

High School Volleyball -

Bronte at Miles, 5:30 pm

#### Wednesday, September 19

Junior High/High School Cross Country - Blackwell at Irion County

#### Thursday, September 20

Junior High Football -

Bronte at Santa Anna, 5 pm

Bronte City Council Meeting, 6:30 pm, Bronte City Hall

JV Football -

Blackwell at Highland, 7 pm

High School Football -

Bronte at Santa Anna, 7:30 pm

#### Friday, September 21

Junior High Football -

Blackwell vs Lueders-Avoca at Blackwell, 5:30 pm

High School Football -

Robert Lee at San Marcos Hill Country Christian School, 6:30 pm

Blackwell vs Lueders-Avoca at Blackwell, 7:30 pm

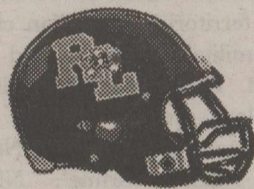
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## FOOTBALL FRIDAY NIGHTS!

Robert Lee Steers  
vs. Santa Anna Mountaineers  
Friday, September 14, 2018  
7:30 pm Robert Lee



Bronte Longhorns  
vs. Highland Hornets  
Friday, September 14, 2018  
7:30 pm Highland



Blackwell Hornets  
vs. Newcastle Bobcats  
Friday, September 14, 2018  
7:30 pm Blackwell



Active members of the Coke County Retired Teachers Association want to encourage all new retirees of the public school systems in the area to attend the CCRTA meeting.

### Friends of the Robert Lee Care Center to meet September 24

Friends of the Robert Lee Care Center is an auxiliary which is being formed to assist in improving the quality of life for the residents of Robert Lee Care Center by providing funds and services to aide in functions, services and programs. Throughout the summer months several meetings were held and approximately 30 people showed an interest in being a part of this organization.

The first official monthly

meeting of Friends of the RLCC will be held on Monday, September 24, 2018, at 6 pm, in the activity room on the east side of RLCC. All meetings thereafter will be held at the same time and same place on the fourth Wednesday of each month, except for December, June, July, and August.

Dues for the organization are due annually and payable each year at the September meeting. The dues will be the core financial foundation of the organization to be supplemented by fund raising projects and donations. The organization is in the process of becoming a 501(c)3 tax exempt organization which will allow for donations to be tax deductible.

Membership is open to all people interested in community

health and the welfare of the RLCC and who agree to abide by the policies of the organization and RLCC. If you are interested in becoming a member of Friends of the Robert Lee Care Center, please come and join us on September 24.

### RLHS Fundraiser meal set for September 14

The Robert Lee High School Junior Class will be putting on a "Taco Stack Um Meal" in the school cafeteria before the football game against Santa Anna on Friday, September 14. The meal will be served from 4:30 pm until 7 pm will include the taco pile on, dessert, and a drink. All are invited to attend to support the junior class.

For more information, please contact Robert Lee ISD at (325) 453-4555.

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**Death Notices**

**Wilson**

Jay Wilson, 71, died Thursday, September 6, 2018. Graveside services were held at 2 pm, Sunday, September 9, 2018, at Fairview Cemetery in Bronte.

He is survived by his son, David Jay Wilson; brother, Jimmy Wilson; half-brother, Glenn Thornton; half-sister, Joann Thornton.

Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

**RL Mini Cheer Campers to perform**

The Robert Lee Mini Cheer Campers will perform at the Robert Lee High School football game on Friday, September 14. The campers will cheer with the RLHS Cheerleaders 5 minutes before half-time and will perform their cheers and dance during the half-time break.

**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.

**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.

**Robert Lee Street Affair slated for September 29**

The Robert Lee Street Affair will be held Saturday, September 29 and kicked off with a pancake breakfast from 7

am until 9 am at the Robert Lee Rec Hall.

The Cooks Meeting for the BBQ Cook Off will be held at the Senior Center at 8:30 am. BBQ categories include brisket, chicken, ribs, and beans. For more information, contact John Hayes at (325) 650-4499.

Arts, crafts, and food vendors will gather at the County Park and Show Barn from 8 am until 5 pm. If you would like to be included in this area, contact Skyler Rainwater at (325) 763-7216.

A Kids Fair will also be held at the County Park from 9 am until 5 pm. Activities include inflatable fun (both wet and dry!).

The 10th Annual Dang'd Ole Car Show will be held from 8 am until 2 pm at the swimming pool parking lot. Categories include 1900 - 1940 Class, 1940 - 1960 Class, 1960 - 1980 Class, 1980 - 2000 Class, 2000 - Current Class, 4x4 and Off-Road, Unfinished, and Motorcycles. Door prizes and cash prizes will be given away, along with trophies to be awarded. For more information, contact Jamie Dickey at (325) 763-8930.

A Washer Pitching Tournament will be next next to the Pavilion, with sign up beginning at 1 pm. For more information, contact Andy Prieto at (325) 315-6002.

Sign ups for the Goat Roping will begin at 3 pm by the

playground. For more information, contact Chris Wright at (325) 500-5163.

Music by DJ 69 Orlando Cardenas will begin at 12 noon.

The evening will end with a dance from 6 pm until 12 am, with music by High Noon, Grupo Azzero, and County Line.

**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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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 at (325) 895-1723.

**Powder Puff Football Game slated for October 3**

A Powder Puff Football Game will be held Wednesday, October 3, at 7:30 pm at the Robert Lee football field. Donations will be

accepted as admission to the game and all proceeds will be donated to support breast cancer awareness. All are welcome to come out for a fun filled evening of flag football featuring the Robert Lee Lady Steers.

**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.

**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.

**Area Churches**

**Invite You to Worship**

**Bronte**

**Bronte Church of Christ**

PO Box 346

118 S. Jefferson • Bronte

Preacher David Lewis

Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm

**Central Baptist Church**

324 S. Franklin • Bronte

(325) 473-4811

Dale Patterson, Pastor

Sun. 10 am Sunday School

11 am & 5 pm Worship

**First Baptist Church**

424 S. Washington • Bronte

(325) 473-2331 • Pastor Lee Bevely

Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School,

10:55 am Worship, 6 pm Bible

Study & Worship

Wednesday 6 pm RA's & GA's,

6:30 pm Youth & Adults

**First United Methodist Church**

Corner of Washington & Holmes

Bronte

(325) 473-3281

Rev. 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

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(325) 453-2065, Bill Hood, Pastor

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Sun. 10 am, Sunday School

11 am & 7 pm, Worship

**Robert Lee Baptist Church**

101 Houston • 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**


Hwy 277 • Tennyson

(325) 473-2040

Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School

11:00 am & 6 pm, Worship

Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting




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**Proclamation!** Robert Lee Mayor Allyson Crenshaw (right) presented Shaunna Grantham, Robert Lee Community Watch representative, with a proclamation designating National Night Out, which is an evening when communities come together to take a stand against crime. The local National Night Out will be held on October 2, 2018, at the park in Robert Lee.

**VP September meeting held**

Vision with A Purpose held their monthly meeting Thursday, September 6, at 6 pm. The meeting was held at their office at 701 Austin Street in Robert Lee and a meal was also served.

The guest, David Chancellor from Midland, opened with a prayer. Before the business meeting started, David spoke to the group about obtaining grants.

Sheri Millican read the minutes from the August meeting and Beverly Burdett gave the treasurer's report. Both were approved.

Different committees gave their updates and progress. Kelly Baker reported the community sign is back up and working and a VP website will be available to all shortly.

Fund raising was discussed and several ideas were suggested.

In the future, monetary donation requests will have to be presented in writing several weeks in advance.

A memorial brick for Joan Davis will be laid in Memorial Park in her memory, as she was a VP member.

Debbie Childers closed the meeting with prayer.

The next meeting is Thursday, October 4, at 6 pm at 701 Austin Street in Robert Lee and a meal will be served.

**Commissioner's Court meeting minutes told**

The Coke County Commissioner's Court met in special session on Tuesday, August 28, 2018, at 9 am at the County Courthouse in Robert Lee.

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 Clerk Mary Grim.

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 an comments regarding Coke County Reinvestment Zone No. 2 and declare property eligible for tax abatement under Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code and that Coke County will also consider approving the Tax Abatement Agreement with Grape Creek Wind, LLC, which intends to use the property as a wind power generation facility.

Dru Steubing and Faith Tyler with Apex Clean Energy, Inc. were present for comments and questions.

Judge Blair stated that it is a great project for the county and land owners.

There being no comments, the public hearing was adjourned at 9:06 am.

Commissioner Sefcik made a motion to approve the minutes for



**Golf Tournament!** The Second Annual Randy Flanagan Extravaganza Golf Tournament was held at Mountain Creek Golf Course in Robert Lee September 8 - 9, 2018. The Championship Flight winners included Joe Stinson, Cole Lindsey, Jolly Shackelford, and Bill Hunter. They are pictured above and joined by Renea Maxcey and Camile Flanagan. Nathan Pomroy, Chad Meeks, Reed Stegall, and Darwin Stegall placed second in the Championship Flight, with Logan Philley, Tim Philley, Clay Allen, and Foster Allen earning third. First, Second, and Third Flight results are as follows: First Flight - 1st) Janzen Digby, RT Mackey, Jason Tavarez, and David Stovall, 2nd) Josh Hale, Todd Meador, Tina Jones, and Quintan McLauri, 3rd) George Rodriguez, Dwayne Howard, Dustin Bracken, and Jerit Tanner; Second Flight - 1st) David Bautista, Donnie Bautista, Abel Ray Esquivel, and Brian Albertson, 2nd) Johnny Doan, Virgil Burge, Joe Hutchinson, and Gidget Tate, 3rd) Tim Doan, Donnie Doan, Heath Doan, and Jeff Doan; Third Flight - 1st) Dwight Nann, Mitch Birdwell, Stacy Galbreath, and Jake Farrow, 2nd) JD McClelland, Jimmy McClelland, Rick Watkins, and Robert Wink, 3rd) Lonnie Briley, Teresa Briley, BB Holden and Jan Holden.

August 14, August 20, and August 24, 2018. Commissioner Millican seconded and the motion carried.

Commissioner Robertson moved to reinstate the burn ban and was seconded by Commissioner Millican. The motion carried.

Commissioner Williams moved to approve Payroll. The motion, seconded by Commissioner Sefcik, carried.

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

Commissioner Williams

moved to approve a Resolution and Order designation Coke County Reinvestment Zone No. 2 between Coke County and Grape Creek Wind, LLC. The motion, seconded by Commissioner Millican, carried.

Commissioner Williams moved to approve the Tax Abatement Agreement between Coke County and Grape Creek Wind, LLC, and was seconded by Commissioner Sefcik. The motion carried.

Commissioner Millican moved

to approve and order approving a Tax Abatement agreement between Coke County and Grape Creek Wind, LLC, as stated. The motion, seconded by Commissioner Sefcik, carried.

Commissioner Williams moved to approve a Resolution of Order approving a Property Tax Abatement Agreement between Coke County and Grape Creek Wind, LLC, and was seconded by Commissioner Robertson. The motion carried.

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# SCHOOL PAGE



**Cross Country!** Despite the rainy weather, both the Robert Lee High School and Junior High Cross Country teams placed 7th at their first meet of the year in Eula on Tuesday, September 4, 2018.

### Steers Add Another Victory

by Tom Sawyer  
The Steers traveled to Sidney to play the Eagles and after a rough first quarter they came back and pulled out the win for their second win in a row. Sidney is located northwest of

Comanche and Steer fans made the long trip to support the team.

**WE BLEED ORANGE  
STEER PRIDE**

#### Scoring Summary

**1st Quarter**  
Steers - 31 yard pass from Jowers to Fowler, PAT failed;  
Eagles - 53 yard run, PAT kick

good;  
Eagles - 22 yard run, PAT kick good;  
Eagles - 2 yard run, PAT kick good;  
Eagles - 35 yard run, PAT failed;  
Eagles - 1 yard run, PAT failed.  
Steers - 6  
Eagles - 36

#### 2nd Quarter

Steers - 1 yard pass from Mendoza to Jowers, PAT failed;  
Steers - 35 yard run by Fowler, PAT failed;  
Steers - 34 yard run by Fowler, PAT failed.  
Steers - 24  
Eagles - 36

#### 3rd Quarter

#### No Scores

Steers - 24  
Eagles - 36

#### 4th Quarter

Steers - 1 yard pass from Fowler to Scates, PAT pass from Warren to Oleksiuk;  
Steers - fumble recovery by Scates, PAT kick by Warren;  
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# ROBERT LEE STEERS FOOTBALL

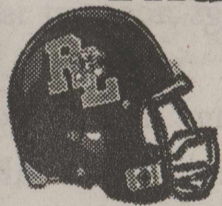


**ROBERT LEE  
STEERS**

vs. Santa Anna Mountaineers

Friday, September 14

7:30 pm



Robert Lee



RLHS

Date	Opponent	Location	RLHS	Opponent
August 31	Water Valley	Here	44	30
September 7	Sidney	There	51	36
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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# BRONTE LONGHORNS FOOTBALL



**BRONTE  
LONGHORNS**  
vs. Highland Hornets

*We Support the Longhorns!*

Friday, September 14

7:30 pm  
Highland



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August 31	Rising Star	There	7:30	44	0
September 7	Loraine	Here	7:30	60	27
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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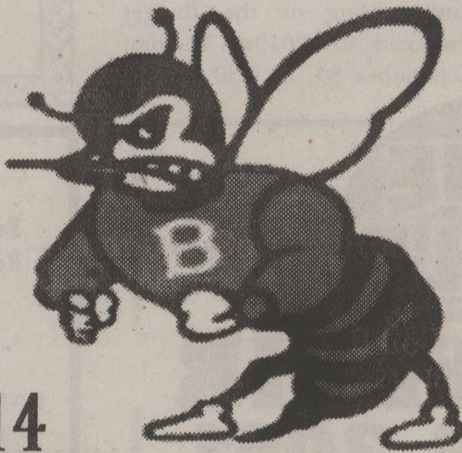
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# BLACKWELL HORNETS FOOTBALL

**BLACKWELL  
HORNETS**  
vs. Newcastle Bobcats



*We Support  
the Hornets!*

Friday, September 14

7:30 pm  
Blackwell

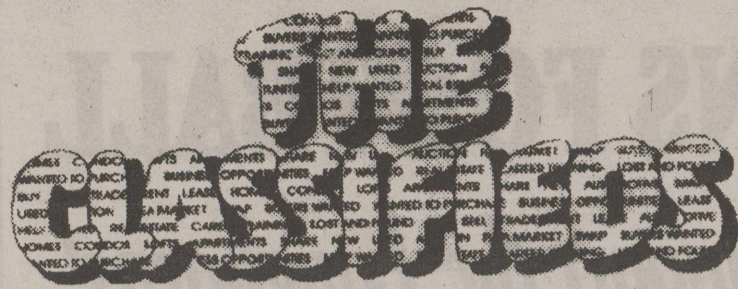


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September 1	Eden **	Here		54	40
September 7	Highland	There		27	24
September 14	Newcastle	Here			
September 21	Lueders-Avoca	Here			
September 28	Hermleigh	There			
October 5	Veribest	Here			
October 12	Santa Anna	Here			
October 19	OPEN				
October 26	Moran *	There			
November 2	Trent *	There			
November 8	Loraine *	Here			

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

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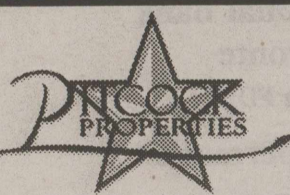
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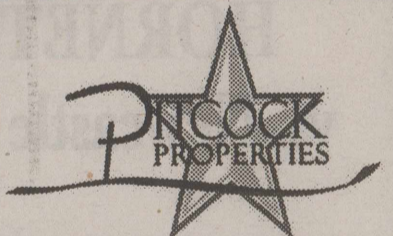
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**PUBLIC NOTICE  
CITY OF ROBERT LEE**

National Night Out is a designated evening when communities across America come together to take a stand against crime. The Robert Lee Community Watch will be sponsoring a crime, drug and violence prevention program on Tuesday, October 2nd, 2018. This event is scheduled to take place at the County park from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Coke County Sheriff, Deputies, Fire, EMS, Game Warden, and DPS will be there to talk about safety and answer questions. We are also planning to have free hot dogs and ice cream or hot chocolate. Please let your friends and family know about the National Night Out and we look forward to seeing you!

10-1tc

**...Commissioners Court meeting minutes**

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Judge Blair reported that the only change made to the budget was adding the salary funding for Mental Health Officers.

Commissioner Williams moved to approve the change made to the 2018-2019 budget. The motion, seconded by Commissioner Sefcik, carried.

Commissioner Millican made a motion that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.507751, which is effectively a 7.99 percent increase in the tax rate for the fiscal year 2018-2019 budget. The motion, seconded by Commissioner Robertson, carried.

Commissioner Robertson moved to adopt the General Tax Rate for the fiscal year 2018-2019 and was seconded by Commissioner Millican. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Commissioner Sefcik moved to adopt the Road and Bridge tax rate for the fiscal year 2018-2019 and was seconded by Commissioner Robertson. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Commissioner Williams moved to adopt the General Budget for the fiscal year 2018-2019 and was seconded by Commissioner Millican. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Commissioner Sefcik moved to adopt the Road and Bridge budget for the fiscal year 2018-2019 and was seconded by Commissioner Williams. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

No action was taken on the salary funding from MHMR for Coke County Mental Health Officers.

Commissioner Williams moved to appoint Election Judges and Alternates as presented and was seconded by Commissioner Sefcik. The motion carried.

Commissioner Williams moved to allow the use of the Justice of the Peace office (room 10) for the Election Room. The

motion, seconded by Commissioner Sefcik, carried.

Commissioner Williams moved to refund taxes to CDM Resources MGMNT LLC and was seconded by Commissioner Robertson. The motion carried.

Commissioner Williams moved to approve SB 1652 Biennial Reappraisal Plan for the Annual Appraisal for Ad Valorem Tax Purposes of Real Estate and Business for Personal Property for the Tax Years 2019-2020 from Coke County Appraisal District. The motion, seconded by Commissioner Sefcik, carried.

Judge Blair reported that the Forest Service gave a burn ban flag to the County and that Joan Davis's funeral is at 10 am at the Northside Church of Christ. He also thanked the Court and Auditor Vallery Johnson on their hard work on the budget.

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

Judge Blair adjourned the meeting at 10:14 am.

**...Steers Football**

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Steers - 66 yard pass from Fowler to Scates, PAT failed;

Steers - 36 yard run by Warren, PAT failed.

**Final Score**

Steers - 51  
Eagles - 36

**Player Statistics**

Stephen Oleksiuk - 3 tackles, 1 PAT reception;

Hunter Jowers - 3 carries for 3 yards, 1 for 1 passing for 31 yards and 1 TD, 1 reception for 1 yard TD, 8 tackles, 1 fumble recovery;

Kyler Coger - 6 tackles;

Daniel Mendoza - 4 carries for 35 yards, 2 of 3 passing for 3 yards, 15 tackles;

Nathan Scates - 2 of 3 passing for 23 yards, 2 receptions for 67 yards and 2 TD's, 1 fumble recovery for TD, 15 tackles;

Jayton Warren - 4 carries for 43 yards and 1 TD, 0 of 3 passing, 5 tackles, 1 interception;

Lane Fowler - 20 carries for 99 yards and 2 TD's, 2 of 8 passing for 67 yards and 2 TD's, 2 receptions for 33 yards and 1 TD, 1 tackle;

Casey Skipworth - 1 reception for 34 yards, 1 interception, 9 tackles;

Bryce Raynor - 11 tackles, 1 fumble recovery.

GO STEERS

**STEER PRIDE**

Robert Lee will be home against Santa Anna at 7:30 pm on Friday, September 14. Get out of the house and get to the stadium to cheer on the Steers.

**RL City Council meeting minutes**

The Robert Lee City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 13, 2018, at 6 pm, at City Hall.

Those present included Mayor Allyson Crenshaw, Mayor Pro Tem Roger Alexander, Council Member Ricky Green, and Council Member Janie Munoz. and a quorum was determined. Council Member Brandi Brosh was absent.

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

There were no citizen comments.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Roger Alexander to approve the following Consent Agendas: Minutes from June 9, 2018 Regular City Council Meeting; Minutes from July 30, 2018 Special City Council Meeting; Minutes from August 6, 2018 Special City Council Meeting; International Building Code 2006, Ordinance #1186; International Fire Code 2006, Ordinance #1185; International Property Maintenance Code 2006, Ordinance #1178; International Plumbing Code 2006, Ordinance #1237; Business License Ordinance #1249 repeal (due to previous Council vote); Ordinance Enforcement Report; and Animal Control Report.

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# School Menu

## Bronte ISD

### Breakfast

#### Monday, September 17

Pizza or choice of cereal and toast, juice, milk

#### Tuesday, September 18

Donuts or choice of cereal and toast, juice, milk

#### Wednesday, September 19

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

#### Thursday, September 20

Tornado or choice of cereal and toast, juice, milk

#### Friday, September 21

Biscuit and sausage or choice of cereal and toast, juice, milk

### Lunch

#### Monday, September 17

Country steak, mashed potatoes, okra, roll, gravy, strawberries, milk

#### Tuesday, September 18

Chicken spaghetti, breadstick, garden salad, carrots, apple sauce, milk

#### Wednesday, September 19

Meat chalupas, zesty cucumbers, beans, salsa, orange smiles, milk

#### Thursday, September 20

Chicken tenders, toast, gravy, sweet potato fries, broccoli, mixed fruit, milk

#### Friday, September 21

Hamburgers, coleslaw, ranch beans, pears, milk

## Blackwell CISD

### Breakfast

#### Monday, September 17

Zucchini or banana bread, fruit, juice, milk

#### Tuesday, September 18

Biscuit-n-gravy, fruit, juice, milk

#### Wednesday, September 19

Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice, milk

#### Thursday, September 20

Ham, egg, cheese on an English muffin, fruit, juice, milk

#### Friday, September 21

Assorted fruit filled Danish,, fruit, juice, milk

### Lunch

#### Monday, September 17

Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, hot roll, fruit, milk

#### Tuesday, September 18

Sweet-n-Sour chicken, fried rice or Lo Mein noodles, fruit, milk

#### Wednesday, September 19

Lasagna, corn on the cob, garlic bread, salad, fruit, milk

#### Thursday, September 20

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

#### Friday, September 21

Chopped BBQ sandwich, pickle spears, coleslaw, chips, fruit, milk

## Robert Lee ISD

### Breakfast

#### Monday, September 17

Waffles, bacon, fruit, juice, milk

#### Tuesday, September 18

Cinnamon roll, sausage, fruit, juice, milk

#### Wednesday, September 19

Breakfast parfait, fruit, juice, milk

#### Thursday, September 20

Sausage, egg, and cheese sandwich, fruit, juice, milk

#### Friday, September 21

Biscuit, gravy, eggs, fruit, juice, milk

### Lunch

#### Monday, September 17

Chicken fried steak, mashed tators, okra, strawberries, roll, cream gravy, milk

#### Tuesday, September 18

Meat and cheese chalupas, salsa, zesty cucumbers, refried beans, rosy applesauce, garnish, milk

#### Wednesday, September 19

Chicken strips, broccoli, fries, biscuit, mixed fruit, cream gravy, rice crispy treat, milk

#### Thursday, September 20

Pizza, garden salad, carrot slices, apple slices, milk

#### Friday, September 21

Fish sticks, mac and cheese, coleslaw, green beans, orange slices, milk

## ...RL City Council

### meeting minutes

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The motion was seconded by Council Member Janie Munoz and carried with a vote of 3 - 0.

Staff have been unable to receive payoff on the John Deere and Mahendra tractor leases.

Citizens have requested that the City provide Culligan services for the sale of water. Housing Authority provided services in the past but had issues with water leaks. The City proposes to place a machine next to City Hall and provide as Water Fund revenue. The Council requests the upfront expenses, where will it be placed, need to locate property line, and will there be electricity and water hookup expenses. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Roger Alexander to table the agenda item until all information is put into place and was seconded by Council Member Janie Munoz. The motion carried with a vote of 3 - 0.

A vacant Council Member position is available and applications have been provided at the front desk of City Hall. Two applications have been received and the Council will appoint a Council Member at a Special Council Meeting on August 27.

There are no vacancies for the Housing Authority Board and the Economic Development Board.

The Texas Municipal Retirement System Portal allows staff access to add, edit, and/or remove employees online. Mayor Allyson Crenshaw and City Secretary Crystal L. Blevins will have access to the online services. A motion was made by Council Member Janie Munoz to approve of the Texas Municipal Retirement System Portal Use Agreement and was seconded by Council Member Ricky Green. The motion carried with a vote of 3 - 0.

Previous Mayor Leroy Casey verbally agreed to pay \$541.25 to Vision with a Purpose for the

purchase of banners displayed downtown. This expense was half of the total amount VP paid for the banners. A motion was made by Council Member Janie Munoz to approve of paying \$541.25 to Vision with a Purpose and was seconded by Council Member Ricky Green. The motion carried with a vote of 3 - 0.

A motion was made by Council Member Janie Munoz to approve changing the business hours for City Hall to Monday - Thursday, 8 am - 5 pm, and Friday, 8 am - 1 pm (open during lunch all days) and was seconded by Council Member Ricky Green. The motion carried with a vote of 3 - 0.

City Hall needs the roof fixed and/or replaced. Texas League Intergovernmental Risk Pool have been contacted to file a claim. Staff will obtain roof quotes from Hartman Roofing, Robles, and other roof vendors. The agenda item will be discussed at a future meeting once the information is obtained.

A proposal was made to pay off the Upper Colorado River Authority 2012 and 1976 loans. The 1976 UCRA loan is principal payments only with a balance of \$11,497.21. The City will continue to pay the 1976 UCRA loan monthly until it is paid off. Mayor Allyson Crenshaw proposes paying \$24,357.49 towards the 2012 UCRA loan, due to the City paying more on interest than what could be saved. The interest rate on the 2012 UCRA loan is 4.25%. Mayor Pro Tem Roger Alexander made a motion to pay off the 2012 UCRA loan from the Water Fund account and was seconded by Council Member Ricky Green. The motion carried with a vote of 3 - 0.

There was no discussion regarding the Texas Water Development Board loan payoff.

Coke County Rural Water is still reviewing the contract so there was no further discussion.

The City discharges wastewater into a lagoon and the Mountain Creek Golf Club retrieves water from the lagoon to water the golf course. There was no further discussion.

### Reports

#### Mayor's Report

The Mayor will be attending the Texas Municipal League Newly Elected Officials Training in San Antonio August 15 - 17 and will be attending the Texas Municipal League Annual Conference in Fort Worth in October.

#### City Secretary's Report

Regarding the 2017 Audit Update, deposits have not been entered on citizen accounts nor have they been reconciled; employees were paid but not out of the correct fund as approved by the Council on the Fiscal Year 2017 Operating Budget; and revenue was dispersed to the Water Debt or Capital Improvement Fund, revenue was absorbed in the Water Fund account.

The City received a check

from the Texas Comptroller's office for reimbursement of funds now that the monthly Sales and Use Tax reports have been submitted correctly.

#### City Superintendent's Report

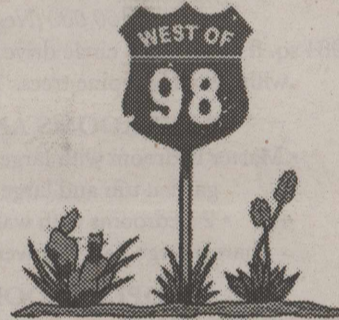
City staff have failed to submit required 2016 and 2017 reports to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and over one hundred meters that should have been replaced by the smart meters were not changed.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Roger Alexander to enter in to Executive Session and was seconded by Council Member Ricky Green. The motion carried with a vote of 3 - 0.

The Council entered in to Executive Session at 7:06 pm and returned at 7:42 pm.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Roger Alexander to no longer employ the worker on Worker's Compensation due to personnel policy and nature of reported injuries. He was seconded by Council Member Janie Munoz and the motion carried with a vote of 3 - 0.

A motion was made by Council Member Janie Munoz to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 pm and was seconded by Council Member Ricky Green. The motion carried with a vote of 3 - 0.



## They Are Us

by James M. Decker

Last week, I launched a multipart series on drugs in our communities, with sobering details on the opioid crisis in America and why the problem is so prevalent throughout society. If you've not read that essay ("Real Problems, Our Problems", published in the September 7, 2018, issue of *The Observer/Enterprise*), I encourage you to do so. Today, I want to discuss why this issue desperately demands action by our community leaders.

Opioid abuse is called an "equal opportunity" problem because it touches every demographic - all races and ethnicities, backgrounds, and income levels. Many stories have been written about the opioid crisis in poverty-stricken areas, but the problem is far broader. Last year, Admiral James Winnefeld, a retired vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, one of the most powerful military leaders in the world, wrote an essay for *The Atlantic* about his son's overdose from heroin-laced opioids in college. Stuningly, the American Farm Bureau Federation reports (via Purdue University Extension) that 74% of farmers have been directly affected by opioid abuse in some way.

With that said, opioid abuse still disproportionately affects

lower-income groups. According to the CDC, people who are eligible for Medicaid are more likely to be prescribed opioids, receive a prescription at higher doses and for longer periods of time, and ultimately die of an opioid overdose. Because rural areas tend to have higher poverty levels than the national average, opioid abuse disproportionately affects rural communities.

The effect on our communities is both obvious and not so obvious. Drug abuse clearly creates crime in our communities. At the West Texas Rural Summit, Sheriff Ray Scifres of Hockley County stated that half of his jail beds are filled by drug charges, and 80% of those are repeat offenders. But the effect extends beyond there. Sheriff Gary Maddox of Lamb County reports that you can ultimately tie almost every jailing back to drugs in some - either a direct drug charges or another charge related to financing a drug habit or arising out of a life of addiction.

Drug addiction decays the very core of a community. Citizens with addiction are less productive and vibrant. The Atlantic reports that 70% of employers have seen prescription drug abuse impact their workers. The number of people dying on the job from issues related to drug or alcohol abuse is growing by 25% each year. Labor force participation (the portion of the population working or actively looking for work) is at historic lows. Economist Alan Krueger found a relationship between labor force participation and opioid addiction. The biggest declines in labor force participation are in counties where opioid use is most plentiful. Krueger cannot determine whether "addiction breeds joblessness or vice versa," but as set forth in *The Atlantic*, he says "the opioid crisis and depressed labor force participation are now intertwined in many parts of the U.S."

Drug addiction swallows up family savings and paychecks. Families become broken and children suffer when their parents suffer. Drug addiction in teens and young adults impacts school success and prevents their maximizing their talents and skills for their future. When more people struggle with addiction, fewer people care about improving the community. Folks dealing with addiction are often just trying to survive, much less show concern for high weeds, litter, or other telltale signs of a community in decline.

Make no mistake, this is not an indictment of people suffering from addiction. This is a call to action for us to help our peers. This is not an "us" and "them" thing. They are us and we are them. Until we as community leaders, all community leaders, step up and engage this crisis in our communities, addiction will hold back our communities. It is a stumbling block to our brothers and sisters and it is a roadblock to our overall community prosperity. It is time that we become the people with the solutions.

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