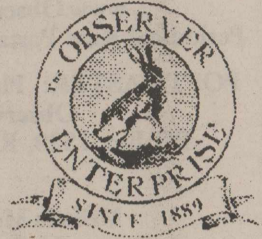


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## Friends of the Robert Lee Care Center to meet September 24

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 Monday, September 24.

## 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 meetings will be held from 6 pm until 9 pm at the Blue Goose (Williams Building) in downtown Bronte. All are encouraged to attend.

## Mom begins CJ Macon Memorial Walk today

Kim Macon is honoring her daughter's memory this weekend with a walk from Bronte to Odessa. She began this morning at 7 am from Bronte High School, the last place CJ was. She will walk to the home in Odessa where she and her husband, Willie, brought their brand new daughter after her birth.

Carrissa Joy "CJ" was born January 24, 1986, to Kim and Willie Macon. After living in Odessa and Houston, the family moved to Coke County and enrolled CJ at Bronte ISD. CJ excelled at Bronte was active in many extracurricular activities. On May 26, 2004, just days before graduation, CJ was killed in a car accident.

In the time following, her family searched for a way to keep CJ's memory alive. They decided upon a scholarship fund for Bronte graduates. In the years since the CJ Macon Memorial Scholarship fund's inception, over \$300,000 has been awarded. The main fundraisers include a golf tournament each year in Houston and an annual skeet shoot in Orange Grove.

This year, CJ's mom, Kim, is also using another vehicle, or lack thereof, to remember her daughter. In her walk to remember CJ, Kim will pass through Robert Lee, Sterling City, and Garden City en route to Odessa. She urges people to join her throughout the walk, but also to donate to the scholarship fund. You can view a video of Kim explaining the story behind her decision at [ObserverEnterprise.com](http://ObserverEnterprise.com). To donate, you can go to [CJMaconScholarship.com](http://CJMaconScholarship.com).



## FOOTBALL FRIDAY NIGHTS!

Robert Lee Steers  
 vs. Hill Country Christian Rams

Friday, September 21, 2018

6:30 pm

San Marcos



Bronte Longhorns  
 vs. Santa Anna Mountaineers

Thursday, September 20, 2018

7:30 pm

Santa Anna



Blackwell Hornets  
 vs. Lueders-Avoca Raiders

Friday, September 21, 2018

7:30 pm

Blackwell



## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Friday, September 14

Robert Lee High School Junior Class "Taco Stack Um Meal",  
 4:30 pm - 7 pm, RLISD 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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**Death Notices**

**Carlton**  
 Annie Lois Carlton 94, of Maverick, died Wednesday, September 12, 2018. Visitation was held Thursday, September 13, 2018, at the funeral home with family present from 6 pm until 8 pm. Graveside services were held at 10 am, Friday, September 14, 2018, at Home Cemetery in Runnels County. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home/Bronte.  
 She is survived by her sons, Wayne Carlton of Frisco and Kit Carlton of Maverick; daughter, Linda Bevier of Waxahachie.

**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 Azero, and County Line.

**Child Safety Seat Check  
 to be held September 29**

The Texas Department of Transportation will be holding a Child Safety Seat Check on Saturday, September 29, in Robert Lee. The event will be held from 10 am until 2 pm at the Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department Station (corner of Highway 158 and Highway 208).

Three out of four kids are not buckled in correctly and all are encouraged to attend the event, where you will have the opportunity to learn how to buckle your child in correctly and get their safety seat checked by a registered technician. Free seats are available for qualifying families.

**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.

**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.

**VP holds September  
 Committee meetings**

The Executive Committee of Vision with a Purpose held a meeting at 5 pm on Thursday, September 6, at their Austin Street headquarters. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss and review the "Amended and Restated Certificate of Formation of Vision With A Purpose". Those present were Nancy Wilson, Debbie Childers, Beverly Burdett, Sheri Millican, Beverly Hawkins, Jeffie Roberts and Dianne Hefner. The Certificate was corrected and amended and will be sent to attorney to be filed.

The Beautification and Restoration Committee met at 10 am on Friday, September 7 at VP headquarters.

**Area Churches  
 Invite You to Worship**

<p><b>Bronte</b>  <b>Bronte Church of Christ</b>                  PO Box 346                  118 S. Jefferson • Bronte                  Preacher David Lewis                  Sun. 10 am &amp; 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm  <b>Central Baptist Church</b>                  324 S. Franklin • Bronte                  (325) 473-4811                  Dale Patterson, Pastor                  Sun. 10 am Sunday School                  11 am &amp; 5 pm Worship  <b>First Baptist Church</b>                  424 S. Washington • Bronte                  (325) 473-2331 • Pastor Lee Bevly                  Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School,                  10:55 am Worship, 6 pm Bible                  Study &amp; Worship                  Wednesday 6 pm RA's &amp; GA's,                  6:30 pm Youth &amp; Adults  <b>First United Methodist Church</b>                  Corner of Washington &amp; Holmes                  Bronte                  (325) 473-3281                  Rev. Everette Boyce, Pastor                  Sun. 10:00 am Sunday School                  11:00 am Worship  <b>Forgiven Ministries</b>                  117 W. Main, Bronte                  Russ Frasier, Pastor                  Sun. 10 am                  Tuesday 6 pm Table Time  <b>St. James Catholic Church</b>                  215 N. Washington, Bronte                  (325) 365-2687                  Rev. Yesu Mulakaleti, Jr., Pastor                  Sunday Bilingual Mass 8 am  <b>4C Cowboy Church</b>                  Texas Theater, Downtown Bronte                  Pastor James Brunson                  Sunday, 10:30 am</p>	<p><b>Robert Lee</b>  <b>Bible Baptist Church</b>                  PO Box 938 • 9th &amp; Austin                  Robert Lee, Brandon Broadbent, Pastor                  Sun. 10 am Sunday School, 11 am                  Worship, Wed 5:30 pm Bible Study  <b>Emmanuel Pentecostal</b>                  PO Box 683 • 1019 Colorado City Hwy                  Pastor Kevin Millstid 453-2360                  Sundays 10 am, Wednesdays 7 pm  <b>First United Methodist Church</b>                  PO Box 144 • 9th &amp; Chadbourne                  Robert Lee • (325) 453-2417                  Cyndi Wejdner, Pastor                  Sun. 10 am Sunday School                  11 am Worship, 5 pm Choir Practice  <b>Iglesia Bautista Betel</b>                  101 Houston • Robert Lee                  Sun. 9:45 am • Sunday School                  11 am Service • Bible Study Wed. 6 pm  <b>Southside Church of Christ</b>                  PO Box 698 • 8th &amp; Houston                  Robert Lee (325) 453-2176                  Recardo Reyes, Preacher                  Sun. 10 am, Sunday School                  11 am &amp; 6 pm, Worship                  Wed. 6 pm, Worship  <b>Northside Church of Christ</b>                  PO Box 508                  9th &amp; Chadbourne • Robert Lee                  (325) 453-2685, (806) 543-2118 or                  (325) 473-1053                  Services: Sun. 10 am  <b>Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic                  Church</b>                  601 W. 10th, Robert Lee                  (325) 365-2687                  Rev. Yesu Mulakaleti, Pastor                  Saturday Vigil Mass 5 pm  <b>Robert Lee Baptist Church</b>                  PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th                  (325) 453-2724                  Chris Walls, Pastor                  Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School                  11 am &amp; 7 pm, Worship                  Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting  <b>Victory Assembly of God</b>                  (325) 453-2208, PO Box 638                  6th &amp; Houston, Robert Lee                  Rev. Irving Smith, Pastor                  Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School                  10:45 am &amp; 6 pm, Worship                  Wed. 6 pm, Bible Study  <b>Tennyson</b>  <b>Tennyson Baptist Church</b>                  Hwy 277 • Tennyson                  (325) 473-2040                  Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School                  11:00 am &amp; 6 pm, Worship                  Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting</p>
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Those present were Leta Caston, Kay Hurst, Nancy Wilson, Beverly Hawkins and Dianne Hefner. Several new ideas are being considered. Signage for Robert Lee is a top priority as this will let visitors and residents know where the different venues are in the community.

Another committee that met Friday, September 7 at 3 pm was the Small Town Christmas group. Those in attendance were Nancy Wilson, Don and Ann Hodges, Debbie Childers, Leta Caston, Beverly Hawkins and Dianne Hefner. New banners and brackets are being ordered to decorate downtown Robert Lee. Live Christmas trees (cedar) with lights will be placed at businesses up and down Austin Street.

VP is opening up Small Town Christmas to other organizations who would like to put up vendor carts or booths up and down Austin. VP will have carts with popcorn, caramel apples, hot chocolate and cinnamon roasted nuts. Any organization who would like to have a fund raiser is welcome.

Interest has been shown in large (4x4) Christmas Card displays. If interested, see a VP member for cost and other information.

Hayrides, Santa, music and games for children are also in the works. The event is being held Saturday, December 8 at VP headquarters.

#### Blackwell City Council meeting minutes

The Blackwell City Council met in special session on Tuesday, September 4, 2018. The meeting was called to order at 1 pm by Mayor Laura Rozzle. Those present included Council Members Kay Kovach, Lana Goodman, Bryan Shipman, and Miller Walker, and City Secretary Shirley Lemley. Council Member James Ottaberry was absent.

A motion was made by Miller Walker and seconded by Bryan Shipman to waive the reading of the minutes of the special session on August 7, 2018, and accept as written. All were in favor and the motion carried.

The Mayor reported that there will be a Hospitality Luncheon on Tuesday, September 11, 2018, at noon at City Hall.

A motion was made by Lana Goodman and seconded by Miller Walker to pay bill as listed for the month of August 2018. All were in favor and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Bryan Shipman and seconded by Kay Kovach to pass Ordinance #2018-05 setting the Tax Rate at .175962 per \$100 of value. All were in favor and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Kay Kovach and seconded by Miller Walker to pass Ordinance #2018-06 approving the budget for Fiscal Year 2018-2019. All were in favor and the motion carried.

A motion was made by

Miller Walker and seconded by Lana Goodman to authorize the City Secretary to begin preliminary steps to submit a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application to the Texas Department of Agriculture. All were in favor and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Bryan Shipman and seconded by Lana Goodman to table issues regarding Ordinance #2013-01 regarding mobile homes/RV's until more research can be done (penning, number of homes per lot, etc.) All were in favor and the motion carried.

A motion was made to adjourn by Kovach and seconded by Lana Goodman. The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 pm.

#### Robert Lee City Council meeting minutes

The Robert Lee City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 27, 2018, at 6 pm.

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

Prayer was provided by Mayor Pro Tem Roger Alexander and the Pledge was recited by those in attendance.

Applications for the vacant City Council Seat have been received from Nora Broadbent, Ira "Ann" Hedges, Gina Moran, and Zachary Van Tine.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Roger Alexander to appoint Gina Moran as Council Member, and was seconded by Council Member Ricky Green. The motion failed due to lack of majority vote by the Council (2 - 1).

A motion was made by Council Member Janie Munoz to appoint Ira "Ann" Hedges and was seconded by Council Member Ricky Green. The motion carried with a vote of 3 - 0.

Council Member Ann Hedges was sworn in by Mayor Allyson Crenshaw.

The amended contract with Utility Contractor Ricky Royall reduces responsibilities and expense from \$1500 to \$750 per month, beginning September 1, 2018. Once City Superintendent Billy Williams receives either the Water or Wastewater license, the contract amount will reduce to \$500 a month. After Billy Williams receives both licenses, the contract with Ricky Royall



**Artists!** The Sorosis Study Club met at The Rusty Bell for their September meeting. Everyone had a fantastic time creating their own fall pumpkin masterpiece. Teri Ervin did such a great job helping each artist. She is also very talented and a great teacher. Everyone felt like they painted their own "Mona Lisa".

will end. Ricky Royall agrees with the amended contract.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Roger Alexander to approve the amended agreement and was seconded by Council Member Janie Munoz. The motion carried with a vote of 4 - 0.

The Council requests the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City and Coke County be revised to suit the City's needs. City Attorney Jeff Betty will review the agreement and may be available at a future council meeting for discussion. no further action was taken.

The City Superintendent requests that the 2008 Ford F-350 pickup be traded in for a 2018 Ford F-150. The F-350 has been in for repairs throughout the year and is in need of additional repair. The bed will be removed from the F-350 and held in storage until needed.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Roger Alexander to trade the 2008 Ford F-350 for the 2018 Ford F-150 and was seconded by Council Member Ricky Green. The motion carried with a vote of 4 - 0.

Bids were requested to repair the roof leak at City Hall. The roof is estimated to be 25 years old. Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental (TML) Risk Pool is reviewing damages and estimating the expense to repair the roof. Bids received were Hartman Roofing - \$18,168.75 and Kent Elliott Roofing - \$23,920.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Roger Alexander to table the discussion on the repair of the roof until TML provides estimates, however the motion died for lack of a

second.

A motion was made by Council Member Ricky Green to accept the lowest bid with confirmation from TML that the City will be reimbursed. The motion, seconded by Council Member Ann Hedges, carried with a vote of 4 - 0.

The Council previously approved paying off the UCRA loan in the amount of \$25,000, however this amount is incorrect and mistakenly provided by UCRA staff. The correct payoff amount for the UCRA 2012 loan is \$59,807.55.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Roger Alexander to pay off the UCRA 2012 loan in the amount not to exceed \$60,000 from the Water Fund and was seconded by Council Member Janie Munoz. The motion carried with a vote of 4 - 0.

City Staff requests direction from the City Council for future use of the garage area at City Hall. The Staff propose to use the garage as a drive through payment drop off but primarily as an area for City Superintendent Billy Williams to office and storage for maps and other utility documents. No further action was taken.

Discussion was held on the 2019 budget. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Roger

Alexander to approve of the FY 2019 Operating Budget and set a tax rate of \$0.46 per \$100 and was seconded by Council Member Ricky Green. The motion carried with a vote of 4 - 0.

The Mayor discussed Ordinance #1278 establishing a new schedule of rates for the City's Wastewater System, approved by City Council in September 2017, but never implemented by City Staff. Information was provided to the Council and it will be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

A motion was made by Council Member Janie Munoz to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 pm and was seconded by Council Member Ricky Green. The motion carried with a vote of 4 - 0.

#### Bronte City Council meeting minutes

The Bronte City Council met in regular session on Thursday, July 19, 2018, at 6:30 pm.

Those present included Mayor Paul Gohman, Mayor Pro Tem David Bedford (by video conference), Councilman Lee Wommack, Councilman Santiago Rodriguez, Councilman Steve Hines, Councilman Stormy Vaughn, Utilities Director Ricky Royall, City Secretary Teresa Ballard, and Deputy City Secretary Sherry Bailey. City Attorney Eileen M. Hayman was absent.

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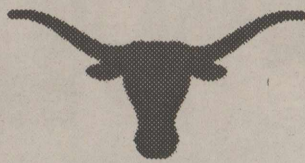
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and alleyways mowed and drain  
standing water on your property to  
prevent mosquitoes from breeding.



# SCHOOL PAGE

## 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.

## Steers Defeat Mountaineers

by Tom Sawyer

The Steers hosted the Santa Anna Mountaineers Friday night and added their third straight victory of the season. Robert Lee opened up their first offensive play with a score and never looked back.

This Friday, September 21, the Steers will travel to San Marcos to play the San Marcos Hill

Country Christian School at 6:30 pm. This game will be a long trip for Robert Lee and the Steers would appreciate anyone that can make the trip to be safe and come cheer on the Steers.

**WE BLEED ORANGE STEER PRIDE**

### Scoring Summary

#### 1st Quarter

Steers - 28 yard run by Fowler with 7:32 left, PAT failed;

Steers - 12 yard run by Skipworth with 6:35 left, PAT kick by Skipworth;

Steers - 34 yard pass from Gamboa to Mendoza with 6:02 left, PAT kick by Skipworth;

Steers - 7 yard run by Mendoza with 4:41 left, PAT failed;

Steers - 52 yard run by Jowers with 4:00 left, PAT kick by Skipworth.

Steers - 36  
Mountaineers - 0

#### 2nd Quarter

Steers - 27 yard pass from Skipworth to Warren with 9:43 left, PAT kick by Skipworth;

Steers - Safety with 8:51 left;

Steers - Safety with 5:27 left;



**Lettermen Jackets!** Robert Lee High School students were recently presented with their letterman jackets at the first pep rally of the school year.

Steers - 29 yard pass from Fowler to Skipworth with 5:04 left, PAT failed;

Steers - 1 yard run by Scates with 2:47 left, PAT failed;

Steers - 28 yard fumble return by Fowler with 2:38 left, PAT failed.

#### Final Score

Steers - 66  
Mountaineers - 0

#### Player Statistics

Manny Gamboa - 1 of 2 passing for 34 yards and 1 TD, 1

reception for 9 yards;

Stephen Oleksiuk - 5 tackles;

Hunter Jowers - 4 tackles, 2 fumble recoveries with 1 TD;

Kyler Coger - 3 tackles;

Daniel Mendoza - 5 carries for 47 yards and 1 TD, 1 of 3 passing for 9 yards, 1 reception for 34 yard TD and 8 tackles;

Nathan Scates - 3 carries for 18 yards and 1 TD and 5 tackles;

Jayton Warren - 2 carries for 7, 1 reception for 27 yards and 1

TD, 2 tackles and 1 interception;

Lane Fowler - 2 carries for 27 yards and 1 TD, 1 of 2 passing for 29 yards and 1 TD, 1 tackle and 1 fumble recovery for TD;

Kaleb Gregston - 1 tackle;

Casey Skipworth - 1 carry for 12 yards, 1 of 1 passing for 27 yard TD, 1 reception for 29 yard TD, 3 tackles and 1 fumble recovery;

Bryce Raynor - 11 tackles and 1 fumble recovery.

GO STEERS - STEER PRIDE

# ROBERT LEE STEERS FOOTBALL



**ROBERT LEE STEERS**

vs. Hill Country Christian Rams

Friday, September 21

6:30 pm



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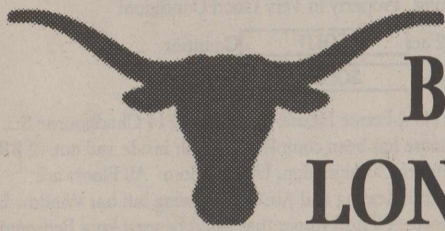
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Marty Boyd  
Coke County Constable

			RLHS	
August 31	Water Valley	Here	44	30
September 7	Sidney	There	51	36
September 14	Santa Anna	Here	66	0
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.

# BRONTE LONGHORNS FOOTBALL



**BRONTE  
LONGHORNS**

**vs. Santa Anna Mountaineers**

**Thursday, September 20**

**7:30 pm**



**Santa Anna**



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				BHS	
August 31	Rising Star	There	7:30	44	0
September 7	Loraine	Here	7:30	60	27
September 14	Highland	There	7:30	6	54
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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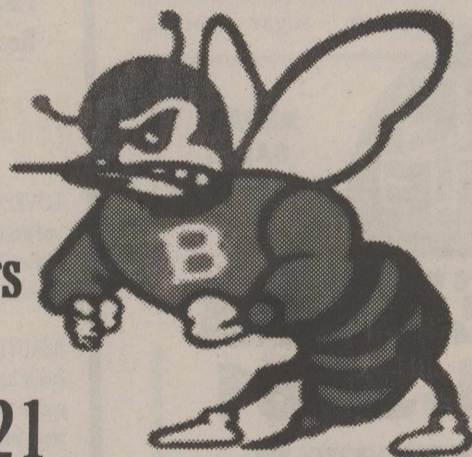
**vs. Lueders-Avoca Raiders**

**Friday, September 21**

**7:30 pm**



**Blackwell**



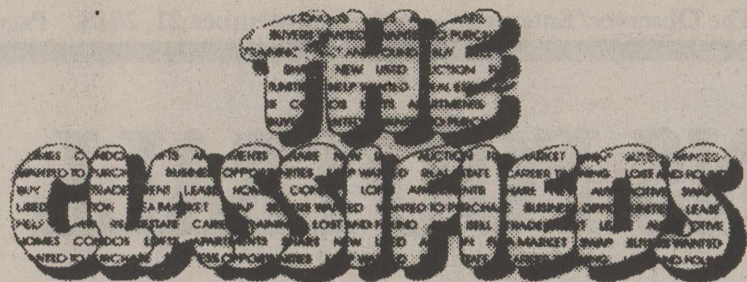
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				BHS	
September 1	Eden **	Here		54	40
September 7	Highland	There		27	24
September 14	Newcastle	Here		58	12
September 21	Lueders-Avoca	Here			
September 28	Hermleigh	There			
October 5	Veribest	Here			
October 12	Santa Anna	Here			
October 19	OPEN				
October 26	Moran *	There			
November 2	Trent *	There			
November 8	Loraine *	Here			

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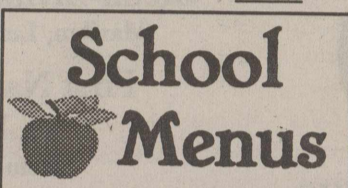
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**Bronte ISD**

**Breakfast**

**Monday, September 24**

Pizza or choice of cereal and toast, juice, milk

**Tuesday, September 25**

Donuts or choice of cereal and toast, juice, milk

**Wednesday, September 26**

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

**Thursday, September 27**

Tornado or choice of cereal and toast, juice, milk

**Friday, September 28**

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

**Lunch**

**Monday, September 24**

Steak fingers, tots, veggie cup, roll, gravy, mixed fruit, milk

**Tuesday, September 25**

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**Wednesday, September 26**

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**Thursday, September 27**

Tex-Mex Stack, pinto beans, tomato cup, bananas, milk

**Friday, September 28**

Longhorn Chicken Bowl, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, fresh fruit, milk

**Blackwell CISD**

**Breakfast**

**Monday, September 24**

Funnel cakes, fruit, juice, milk

**Tuesday, September 25**

Biscuits, gravy, scrambled eggs, sausage, fruit, juice, milk

**Wednesday, September 26**

Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice, milk

**Thursday, September 27**

Pancake sandwich, fruit, juice, milk

**Friday, September 28**

Muffins, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk

**Lunch**

**Monday, September 24**

Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, gravy, glazed carrots, hot roll, fruit, milk

**Tuesday, September 25**

Chalupa, rice, refried beans, fruit, milk

**Wednesday, September 26**

Volcano Bowl (meatballs), black olives, onions, chips, carrots with ranch, fruit, milk

**Thursday, September 27**

Homemade beef enchiladas, pinto beans, Spanish rice, fruit, milk

**Friday, September 28**

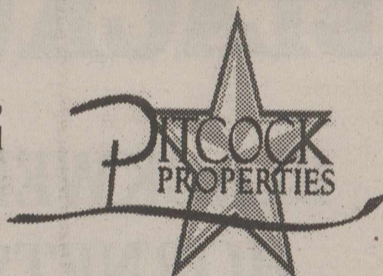
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**Robert Lee ISD**

**Breakfast**

**Monday, September 24**

Sausage biscuit, fruit, juice, milk

**Tuesday, September 25**

Breakfast combo, fruit, juice, milk

**Wednesday, September 26**

Chicken-n-waffles, fruit, juice, milk

**Thursday, September 27**

Stuffed bagel, fruit, juice, milk

**Friday, September 28**

Dutch waffle, fruit, juice, milk

**Lunch**

**Monday, September 24**

Hamburger, fries, fresh veggies, mixed fruit, milk

**Tuesday, September 25**

Chicken fajitas, refried beans, tomato cup, salsa, peaches, garnish, milk

**Wednesday, September 26**

Pizza pocket, Tuscan veggies, garden salad, marinara sauce, hot cinnamon apples, cookie, milk

**Thursday, September 27**

Ranchero wrap, broccoli, sliced veggies, snowball salad, milk

**Friday, September 28**

Popcorn chicken, corn, mashed tators, green beans, roll, sliced apples, milk

**...Bronte City Council meeting minutes**

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Prayer was offered by Lee Wommack and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

Nick Arrott introduced Diane Steele with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) from San Angelo and presented a Permit by Rule landfill for dilapidated houses/structures only. If this was to happen, it would reduce costs for roll-off containers and clean up our town in order to build new housing, which our town needs. Diane Steele went through the process. Handouts included the following:

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Permit by Rule Applicability Checklist Title 30 Texas Administration Code 106.4;

Texas Administrative Code; Title 30; Part 1; Chapter 330; Subchapter A; Rule 330.7;

and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Abandoned and Nuisance Building Disposal Application Form.

The permit is good for 5 years and can be renewed indefinitely. The City of Bronte already meets the requirements: population, size, and where the community is geographically. No further action was taken.

A motion was made by Lee Wommack to approve the May 14 and June 21 minutes. Santiago Rodriguez seconded the motion with a correction to item 4.2 to remove Lee Wommack and add Stormy Vaughn to the June 21, 2018, minutes. The motion carried with a vote of 4 - 1, with David Bedford abstaining.

In February, Teresa Ballard will pursue finding out what taxes are past due at the Coke County Appraisal Office.

A motion was made by Lee Wommack to approve the Monthly Report, Bills, Pad, and Revenues and Expenditures for May and June with Santiago Rodriguez seconding the motion. The motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

Jim Stewart reported that the fire department grant from the San Angelo Area Foundation for \$19,000, mostly went to the roll-up doors on the new station and spray foam installation has been completed. The department went on 17 calls, which includes assisting Maryneal and Robert Lee. The fire department also received a grant from the Texas Forestry Service for \$15,000 for bunker gear and another grant has been applied for from the United Way Concho Valley Venture Grant for wild land gear.

No deputies were present for the Code Enforcement Report.

Teresa Ballard presented the Animal Services Report, which is as follows:

- Dogs Surrendered - 5;
- Cats - 25;
- Raccoons - 2
- Skunks - 2.

A motion was made by David Bedford to approve a building permit for a carport at First Baptist Church. The motion, seconded by Stormy Vaughn, carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

The Council discussed a permit for a small storage building at 121 West Main by Donna Hall, however with no motion taken, the permit was not

approved.

Discussion was held amending Public Nuisance Ordinance #14-10; declaring specified conditions as nuisances and unlawful; establishing a policy for for the abatement of nuisances; providing for the enforcement of the provisions for this ordinance; providing a penalty clause; providing for severability and repealing clauses; providing for an effective date.

The Council discussed no more gentlemen's agreements and no outside agreements. Courtesy letters will be sent first with the ordinance to comply. If the citizen does not comply, a certified letter will be sent to specify what action to be taken.

A motion was made by Stormy Vaughn to approve Public Nuisance Ordinance #14-10 and was seconded by Steve Hines. The motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

Susan Williams provided the Economic Development Report and shared the top three items discussed at a recent meeting.

They included a handout of the Windshield Tour held in May 2018 (signage, no lights downtown at night, no industrial park); the USDA representative sent over the final phase of being approved for the Rural Business Development Grant for low interest business loans; and how to promote Bronte (need city website overhaul, considering a collective work

group to come up with a deal list with representation from each EDC board, school, City Hall, Restoring Bronte Foundation, Chamber, and the County.

A motion was made by David Bedford to approve the City Secretary to advertise for a board member for EDC 4B, following the resignation of 4B president George Times. The motion, seconded by Santiago Rodriguez, carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

Discussion was held to consider an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2018 Adopted Budget for Municipal purposes respecting the General, Water, Sewer and Sanitation Fund to transfer budget expenses. The Council members had concerns amending the budget again when changes were just approved last month, however it is necessary

A motion was made by Stormy Vaughn to approve the Finance Ordinance 1st reading Exhibit B and was seconded by David Bedford. The motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

Paul Gohman reported to the Council that the City Attorney had several changes to the contract with Hamer Enterprises for services for electronic payment for utility

billing. Hamer Enterprises agreed to make the changes to the contract.

A motion was made by Santiago Rodriguez to approve the electronic payment for utility billing and was seconded by Lee Wommack. The motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

Discussion was held regarding creating a policy to have additional information in City Council meeting packets (balance sheet, general ledger profit and loss, check register, bank reconciliation statement).

Stormy Vaughn has been helping out at City Hall, as they are going through different reports and saw that printing of balance sheet report, etc., can be done. Santiago Rodriguez said the more information that the Council can get, the better decision is better for us.

A motion was made by Stormy Vaughn to approve the financial policy and was seconded by Steve Hines. The motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

Discussion was held to consider approving the bid packet sale of 1.3 acres of tract one, block 59 1/2, section one, Railroad Addition to the City of Bronte, Coke County, Texas.

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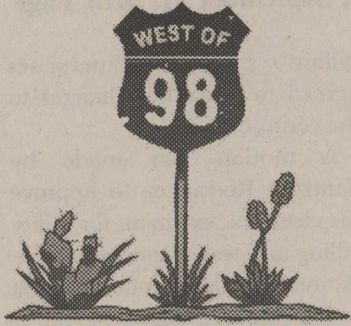
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**Solutions, But What Solutions?**

by James M. Decker

*(Editor's note: This is the third part in a series on drugs and addiction in our communities.)*

Our communities are decaying from drug addiction and the accompanying crime, death, despair, and other adverse impacts. It is incumbent on community leaders to create and enact solutions, rather than wait on someone else to solve the problem. In discussion at the recent West Texas Rural Summit, one sheriff said something striking - he wanted to put drug dealers behind bars, but drug use is less law enforcement problem and more healthcare problem. Half of his jail is filled with drug charges and over half of those drug-related inmates are dealing with some form of mental illness. To make matters worse, 80% of drug-related inmates are repeat drug offenders. Simply locking up drug users does not solve a problem, it only keeps jail beds filled.

I can only conclude that we are fighting the wrong fight. By locking up drug users, we're fighting the symptoms of the problem, not the problem itself. Instead, we need to look at why the symptoms exist in the first place.

USDA research finds that rural drug use is a symptom of several problems. Most important, in my mind, is that drug use has become a primary form of self-medication. Drug users are medicating for a number of reasons, including depression and despair, as well as lacking economic opportunity (which, in itself, only further fuels depression and despair). The solution is not to lock up folks who don't want to be in the throes of addiction to begin with. The solution is to help addicted folks to get clean and to prevent addiction from happening in the first place.

It is easy to wish for answers through stronger law enforcement and the criminal justice system. Law enforcement is a necessary piece of the puzzle to enforce laws and arrest drug dealers, but law enforcement cannot solve the problem of addiction. By design, law enforcement is a reactive approach - it attacks a problem after the problem already exists. A farmer doesn't control weeds in his field solely by letting the weeds grow and then removing them. Removing growing weeds is only part of the solution. The farmer strives to use good management practices that prevent the weeds from ever growing at all.

So it goes with addiction. Relying on law enforcement alone might control some of the

problems, but law enforcement alone will never wholly prevent the problems from popping up. The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results. For too long we have expected to control the decay of drugs and addiction in our towns with law enforcement solutions alone. Then, we're dejected and dismayed when the problems seem to continue. It's time for a new model. It's time to strike at the reasons that addiction exists.

And coming next week, I'll explain why that answer lies in this phrase: shine a light into the darkness.

*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 City Council meeting minutes**

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The Council discussed that they acquired the special warranty deed and it was approved by the City Attorney.

Stormy Vaughn asked the question, whoever wins the bid, will they have to build what we want, present drawings or plans? The Council agreed that plans would have to be approved by the City Council. The seal bid dates will be changed when it is advertised in the newspaper.

A motion was made by Stormy Vaughn to approve the bid packet sale of 1.3 acres of tract one, block 59 1/2, section one, Railroad Addition, and was seconded by Santiago Rodriguez. The motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

A motion was made by Santiago Rodriguez to approve Laura Richmond as Resident Commissioner to the Bronte Housing Authority Board for a two year term ending May 31, 2020. The motion, seconded by Lee Wommack, carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

It was discussed to consider an ordinance amending Ordinance #392 prohibiting commercial vehicles having a gross motor vehicle weight in excess of 10,000 pounds to travel along specified city streets; authorizing public works director to post

appropriate signage; declaring penalty for violation of the ordinance; and containing a severability clause adding Parkwood and Driftwood to the route.

Santiago Rodriguez spoke to the San Angelo District office and they will come out this week to look at signs on 277. Once the Council approves and it is advertised in the newspaper, the signs will be posted.

A motion was made by Santiago Rodriguez to approve the Streets Ordinance 2nd Reading and was seconded by David Bedford. The motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

Paul Gohman welcome Sherry Bailey to the City staff. They have been working on the budget and trying to streamline the process. Paul Gohman expressed how thrilled he is with how the repairs came out across from the post office. North Washington had a lot of major batching strip fixed and will be looking around the school. Pot holes will be addressed next. Later this year the County is to help with the gravel streets in the north side of town. Plans were

discussed to enhance the Water Treatment Plant and housing developments look for ways to be the "city of choice". Code Enforcement is long overdue and plans are made to clean up lots.

Stormy Vaughn voiced concerns regarding the City Notices being sent out for boat on the street but then no notice was sent for an RV being near the City Cemetery two doors down. The new revised public nuisance ordinance will give the City the teeth they need but to treat everyone the same.

Teresa Ballard discussed the budget workshop schedule and will send an email for available dates.

Ricky Royall reported that TxDOT was out this week and looked at the erected sign in front of Bud Johnson's office. They looking at putting a painted "arrow" in the middle of the road for better notice on the upcoming turn. Ricky mentioned that they said keeping people off of the phone is the problem.

Stormy Vaughn would like to look at updating other ordinances since these two have been implemented.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:39 pm.

**Water Weekly**

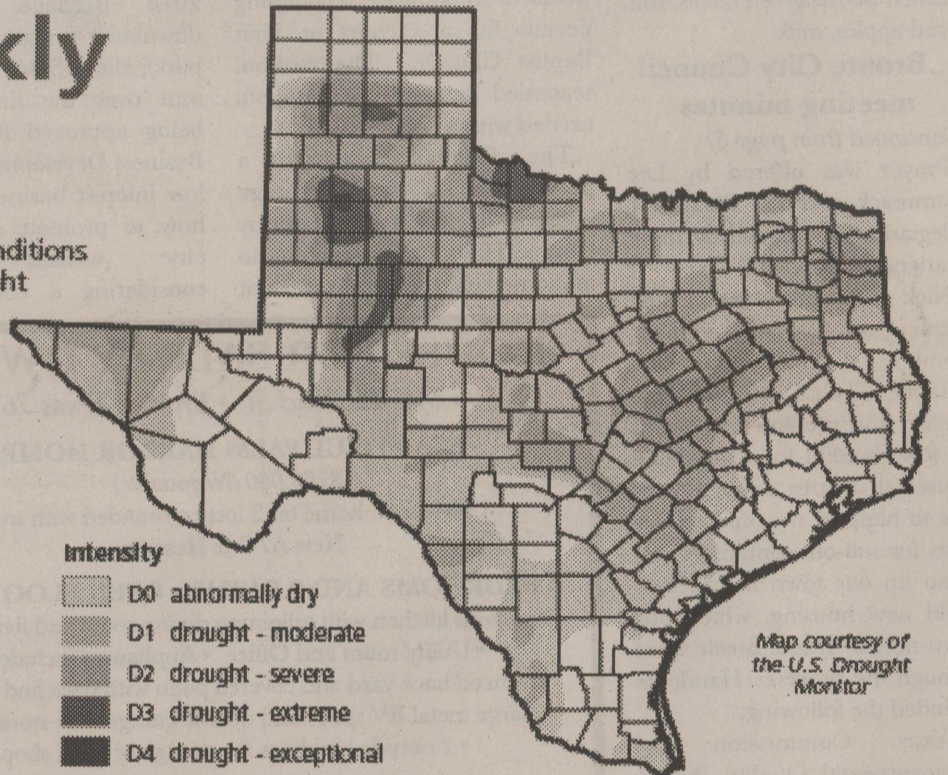
For the week of 09/17/18

**Water conditions**

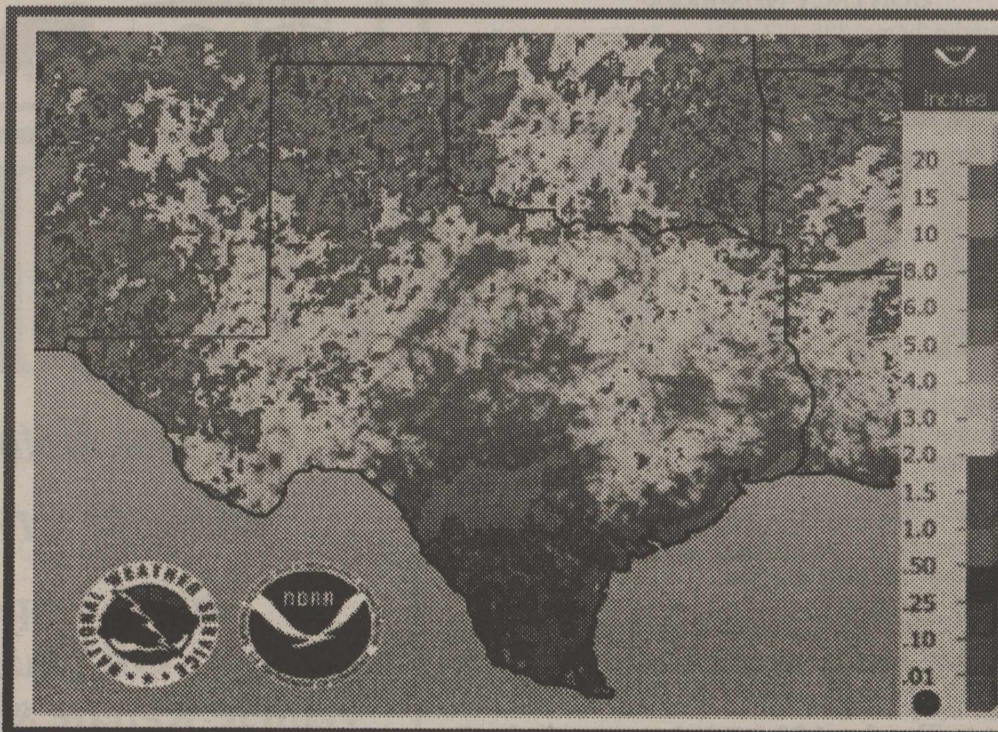
The latest drought map shows improved conditions across South, Central, and East Texas. Drought continues to linger in scattered areas, particularly the Panhandle, where extreme and exceptional drought are still impacting about 2 percent of the state.

**Drought conditions**

- ◆ 31% now
- ◆ 64% a week ago
- ◆ 50% three months ago
- ◆ 2% a year ago



Map courtesy of the U.S. Drought Monitor



**September 1-16 rainfall**

Since September 1, most of the state has received above average precipitation. San Antonio has received more than 14 inches of rainfall, more than four times the average for the entire month. By the end of the month, San Antonio may break its September rainfall record.

Map courtesy of the National Weather Service

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