

...More Classifieds

children at no charge and eliminate the collection of meal applications for free, reduced-price, and paid student meals. This new approach reduces burdens for both families and school administrators and helps ensure that students receive nutritious meals.

For additional information please contact the following person:

Robert Lee ISD
 Attention: Samantha Burns
 Child Nutrition, Cafeteria
 1323 Hamilton
 Robert Lee TX 76945
 325-453-4555
 Samantha.burns@rlisd.net
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PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Robert Lee is now accepting applications for appointment of Municipal Court Judge. This appointment shall run concurrent with the term of office of the mayor; this appointment shall hold office for the remainder of the unexpired term of the current mayor (May 2024-May 2026).

Requirements: Being a resident within the county for (6) month period prior to the date of appointment. High School Diploma or equivalent certification by G.E.D. Must attend 32 Hours of TMCEC judicial training within (1) year of their appointment date.

Compensation: \$150.00/ Month

DEADLINE: September 5, 2024, at 5:00 PM

Appointment Date: September 19, 2024, at Regular Council Meeting

Applications can be picked up at City Hall located at 6 E. 7th Street, Robert Lee, Texas. For questions or more information you may contact our office during regular business hours at (325)453-2831.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR PROPOSALS City of Robert Lee Wastewater Treatment Plant Rehabilitation REBID

General Notice

The City of Robert Lee (Owner) is requesting sealed Proposals for the construction of the following Project:

Wastewater Treatment Plant Rehabilitation AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA)

Proposals for the construction of the Project will be received at the **Robert Lee City Hall** located at **6 E. 7th Street, Robert Lee, Texas 76945**, until **Tuesday, August 27, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.** local time. At that time the Proposals received will be **publicly** opened and read aloud.

The Project includes the following Work:

Sludge Holding Tank Repairs, Aeration Tank Repairs, Clarifier Chamber Repairs, Air Supply Repairs / Improvements, Service Walkway Replacement, and corrosion prevention work.

Owner anticipates that the

Project's total construction cost will be approximately **\$150,000.00.**

Obtaining the Proposal Documents

Information and Proposal Documents for the Project can be found at the following designated website:

www.civcastusa.com

Proposal Documents may be downloaded from the designated website. Proposers are urged to register with the designated website as a plan holder, even if Proposal Documents are obtained from a plan room or source other than the designated website in either electronic or paper format. The designated website will be updated periodically with addenda, lists of registered plan holders, reports, and other information relevant to submitting a sealed Proposal for the Project. All official notifications, addenda, and other Proposal Documents will be offered only through the designated website. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for Proposal Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the designated website.

Instructions to Proposers

For all further requirements regarding sealed Proposal submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Request for Proposal Documents.

This Advertisement is issued by:

Owner: **City of Robert Lee**

By: **Jason Moran**

Title: **Mayor**

Date: **August 2, 2024**

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BLACKWELL CISD IS ACCEPTING BIDS

for gasoline and diesel to be used in school vehicles for the 2024-2025 school year. Bidder must furnish two 1,000 gallon on site tanks for dispensing fuel. Bidder must be responsible for all tax exempt documents. Blackwell CISD reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids. For more information contact Bryan Shipman, Superintendent, PO Box 505, Blackwell, TX 79506, Phone: 325-282-2311. Deadline for accepting bids is August 23, 2024, at 2:00 PM. Winning bid will be approved on August 28, 2024, board meeting.

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This was not Stamford's first disaster, nor will it be the last. Our area is prone to tornadoes and severe storms of every kind. Excessive rains have caused flooding at Lake Stamford twice in the last twenty years. We lived through the horror of Winter Storm Uri that cratered the Texas electrical grid. Other communities in West Texas have been deeply impacted by wildfires in the last few years. And apparently, since we've had two minor events in the last week, we are now susceptible to earthquakes as well!

Here at West of 98, I write a lot about the importance of rebuilding the local. I firmly believe that also includes preparation and response for disasters. Last year, the Texas Department of Emergency Management (TDEM) was very helpful during our water crisis. Over the years, TDEM and the Federal Emergency Management Administration have both helped with local events. This is not to diminish that assistance. Rather, it is a recognition of matters both historical and forward-looking.

Up until the last 60 years or so, disaster response was largely the purview of local and state leaders. The federal government occasionally responded to specific disasters, but only on a case-by-case basis. No federal disaster relief agency existed until the Great Depression. President Lyndon B. Johnson took the federal government into disaster response as a business enterprise, partly as a vision of his "Great Society" and partly

because he saw it as good politics. This indisputably changed the posture of disaster response in our country away from the local. If the feds had more resources and would come anyway, why bother having a local focus on disasters? This has created a reliance on agencies and people far removed from our communities and an expectation that we shouldn't plan to help our own people.

Rural leaders should also be realistic about the possibilities of a widespread disaster. What if some sort of emergency impacted the entire United States or a large swath thereof? What if multiple urban centers were affected? How fast would the relief get to rural communities like ours? How far down the list would we be? Are we sure we would even be on the list? Federal and state governments have significant resources, but they are not unlimited. Those resources could become overwhelmed before they reached

communities like my own and like many of your communities. That is a discomfoting thought, but effective leadership requires considering such possibilities.

One year after one of our most significant local crises, I see that local disaster planning and response is more vital than ever. Stamford responded well in that moment, but there will be future moments that arise unexpectedly and outside our control. If we are to truly rebuild a healthy local culture and a healthy local economy, we must be able to withstand the unexpected events that impact our local people and our local place. For most of human history, disaster planning and response was the priority of local people. It should be so again.

James Decker is the Mayor of Stamford, Texas and the creator of the West of 98 website and the Rural Church and State and West of 98 podcasts. Contact James and subscribe to these essays at westof98.substack.com and subscribe to him wherever podcasts are found.

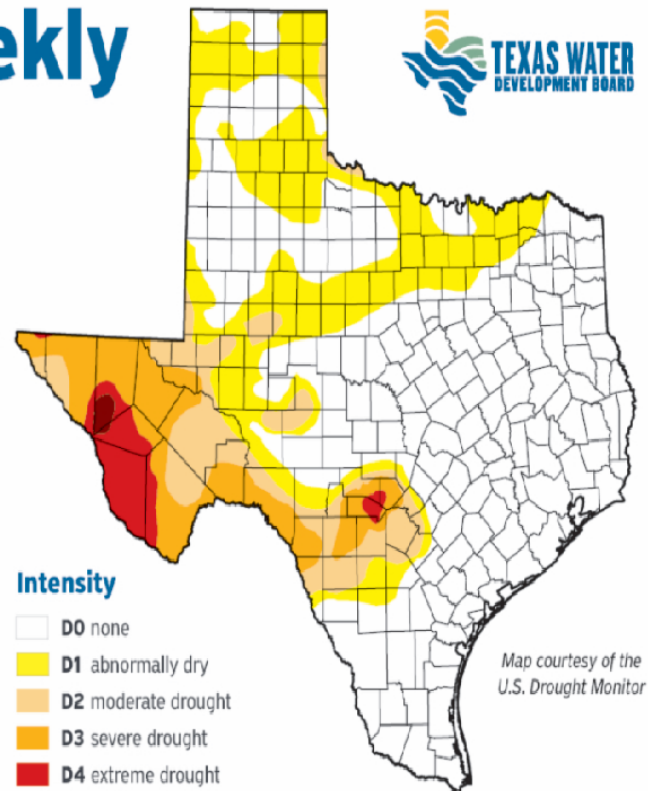
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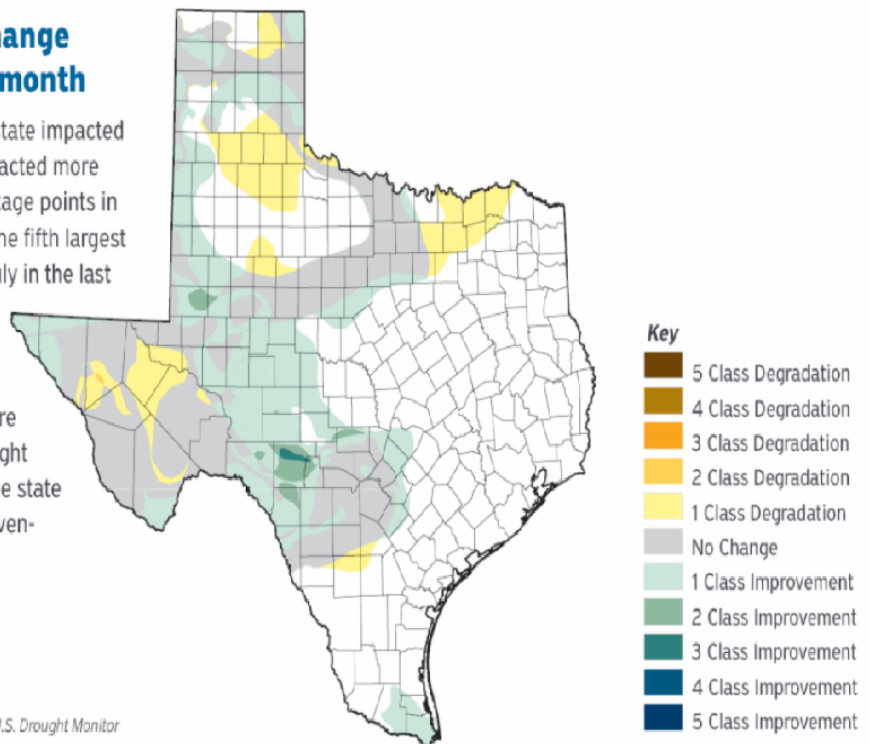
Water conditions

The latest drought map for conditions as of July 30 shows improvements in Central Texas and a mix of improvements and degradations in the Panhandle and North Texas. Overall, drought contracted one percentage point and now covers one-fifth of the state, its smallest extent since October 2021.



Drought change in the last month

The area of the state impacted by drought contracted more than five percentage points in the last month, the fifth largest contraction in July in the last 25 years. But drought intensified in West Texas, where exceptional drought re-emerged in the state after a nearly seven-month absence.



By Dr. Mark Wentzel, Hydrologist, Office of Water Science and Conservation

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