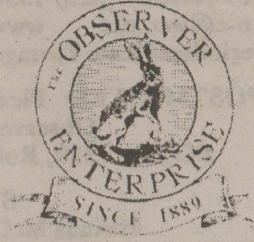


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CRIME IN COKE COUNTY

How we got here ... What we can do

Coke County, like the rest of Texas, is seeing a spike in crime rates from previous years. Coke County is fortunate that violent crime within our borders has not seen a similar spike.

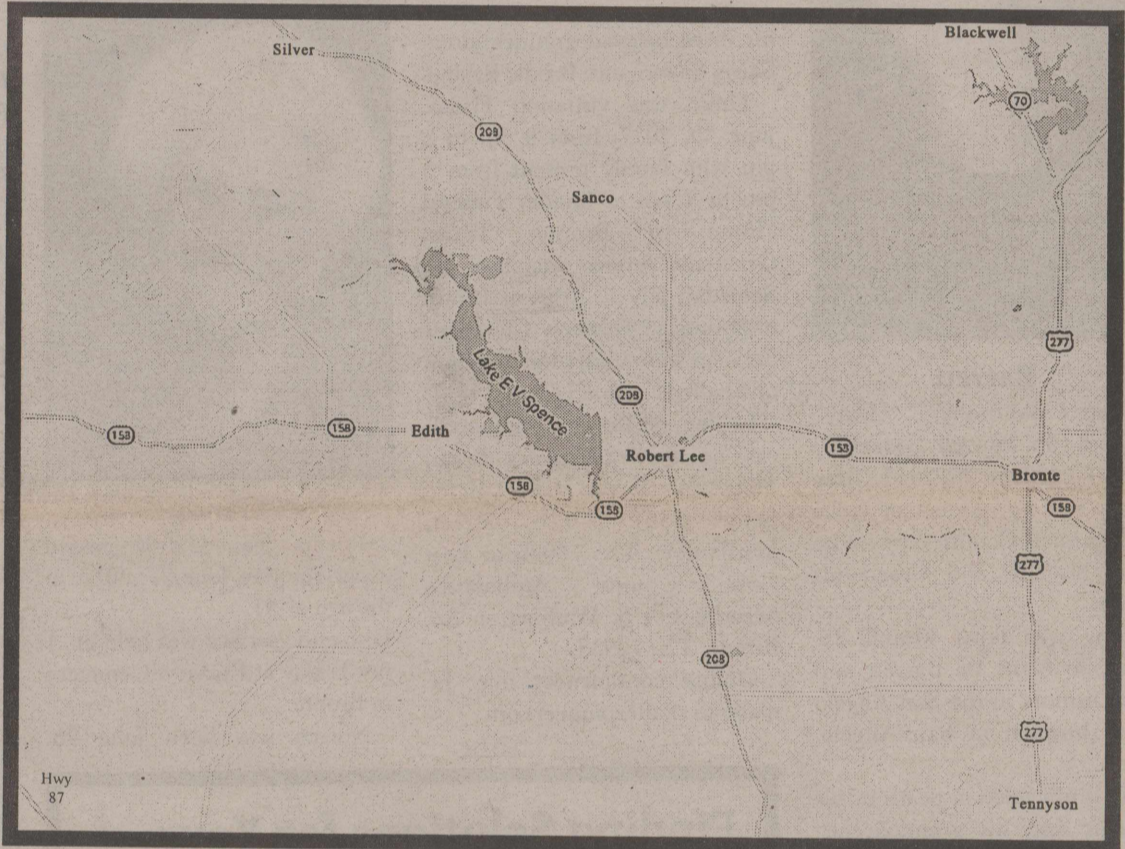
Most crimes are considered "property" crimes and occur in the towns of Bronte and Robert Lee. The majority of the recent "out-in-the-county" larger burglaries were traced back to one suspect and these cases are making their way through the court system.

Citizens must also remember, real life policing and CSI, Wherever are very different from each other. In real life, the probability of getting a fingerprint that meets the 9 point legal requirement for our court system is low. Also, Coke County does not have a crime lab. Evidence gathered in Coke County must be sent to DPS

Crime Lab where it takes a number and waits.

Coke County is different than many of the counties mentioned in the table accompanying this article. Not only does Coke County have two small cities, it has two lakes, a portion of another small city, and three more communities.

The only full-time law enforcement for the county are the officers employed by the Coke County Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Wayne McCutchen and his four deputies are responsible for covering all 928 square miles of Coke County twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. These men work wrecks, put up livestock (a lot), investigate burglaries, handle domestic disputes, assist EMS on ambulance runs, assist Child Protective Service officers, assist with traffic for funerals, parades,



WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, July 9

Vacation Bible School, 6 pm - 8:30 pm,
First Baptist Church, Bronte

Monday, July 10

Robert Lee City Council Meeting, 6 pm,
Robert Lee City Hall

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting, 6 pm,
First Baptist Church, Bronte

Vacation Bible School, 6 pm - 8:30 pm,
First Baptist Church, Bronte

Water Aerobics, 6:30 pm,
Bronte Pool

Bronte Volunteer Fire Department Meeting,
7 pm, Bronte City Hall

Tuesday, July 11

Commissioners Court, 9 am,
County Courthouse, Robert Lee

Vacation Bible School, 6 pm - 8:30 pm,
First Baptist Church, Bronte

Wednesday, July 12

Vacation Bible School, 6 pm - 8:30 pm,
First Baptist Church, Bronte

Thursday, July 13

Bronte City Council Meeting, 6 pm,
Bronte City Hall

Vacation Bible School, 6 pm - 8:30 pm,
First Baptist Church, Bronte

Water Aerobics, 6:30 pm,
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etc., transport prisoners for both county and district court, act as bailiff for county court, work traffic, assist stranded motorists, check on the welfare of elderly and disabled citizens, assist firefighters, and other assorted acts. They are called upon to be grief counselors, marriage counselors and are often requested to be the strong parental figure for young people.

Due to the fact there are only five officers, shift work is not an option for this small department. Due to the size of the county and safety issues, one officer on duty at a time is also not an option. This means that if an officer works late into the night, you probably won't see him early the next morning. Or if he works during the day, you won't see him out at night. With days off, vacations and holidays, there are usually only two to three officers working on any given day. Because these men are visible members of our community and all deputies either live in one of the cities are within view of a major highway, local criminals can easily know when deputies are working or

off duty. Shall we say, they can tell if the coast is clear.

In days past, the overall crime rate in Coke County and the surrounding areas was much lower. There are many reasons for this. People knew each other, looked out for each other, and were held accountable for their actions. God was a part of most peoples' daily lives and was welcome in homes, businesses and schools. The drug of choice in Coke County was alcohol, purchased out of county. By the 1970s, young people were experimenting with pot, but harder narcotics were rare. Today, drugs drive 90% of the crime in America and in Coke County. The vast majority of thefts and burglaries finance the acquisition of addictive drugs.

Being a small county where most citizens are known to each other also plays into Coke County's drug community. That is why undercover narcotics officers from various drug task forces have proven to not be an option in Coke County's war on drugs. Law enforcement, as well as many citizens, know members of the local drug community.

However, knowing them is not enough. In order to prosecute, evidence must be obtained and even drug offenders enjoy protection under the Constitution. If their rights are violated, the case will be thrown out.

As time progressed and crime in our larger surrounding cities increased, the law enforcement agencies serving these cities were given additional funding to add personnel to their forces as required to keep up with the crime rate. As more officers were added, it became harder for thieves working within these cities to escape detection. The thieves began to branch out to the neighboring smaller communities where pickings were easier. This is usually what has happened when multiple vehicle thefts occur in one of our communities over the course of one night.

Another reason for the increased crime rate lies with some parents who either can't or choose not to discipline their children. Many reasons are given for this lack of discipline -

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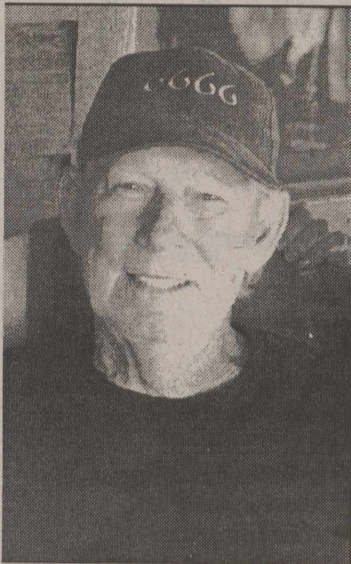
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Obituaries



Barrett

Scott Anthony "Tony" Barrett, 65, passed peacefully on Sunday, June 25, 2017. Tony was a lifelong resident of Coke and Runnels Counties, where he lived his life and raised his family.

Tony was born March 25, 1952, to Scott W. Barrett and Sue Dismore at the San Angelo clinic hospital in San Angelo, Texas.

He is preceded in death by his parents and his grandparents, Curtis W. Barrett and Sallie M. Barrett of Norton, and W.H. "Huck" Dismore and Lou Dismore of Bronte; and a brother, Kim W. Barrett of Abilene.

Tony grew up in Norton, Texas, attending grade school before moving to Bronte to complete his high school years. Tony worked as an oilfield contract pumper for 30 years. He and his dad owned Barrett's Oil Field Pumping Service, serving the West Texas oilfield area for many years. He was an accomplished calf-roper throughout his lifetime, traveling and competing in roping. He was also a member of the West Texas Rodeo Association. Tony's love and passion for horses was constant throughout his life. Whether he was competing, day-working, or breaking a colt, he was the happiest when on horseback. Tony was notorious for his quick wit, individuality and sense of humor. Anyone who knew Tony, knew he was full of his own "Tony-isoms". Tony married Jolene Vaughn in 1972, from that union they had two daughters, Joni Sue and Brittany Jo. He was Paw-Diddy to his grandchildren and he

cherished every moment spent with them all. Tony touched the lives of many and lived the ultimate cowboy way.

Tony is survived by his daughter, Joni and husband Brandon Busby of Bronte; daughter, Brittany Barrett of Austin; sister, Jeri Ann Baker of Elliston, Virginia; and brother, Trey Baker of Sweetwater, Texas. Tony also leaves behind his three beloved grandchildren, Saige, Saebri, and Brodie Busby.

There was visitation Friday, June 30, 2017, from 9 am to 8 pm with family present from 5 pm to 7 pm at Shaffer Funeral Home in Bronte, Texas. Graveside service was held on Saturday, July 1, 2017, at 10 am in Bronte at Fairview Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to: Lance Bryan Memorial Fund, C/O Bryce Jupe: 1501 Olive Street, Jourdanton, TX. 78026 or East Coke County Ambulance Service: 114 S. Washington St., Bronte, TX. 76933

Online condolences may be made to shafferpioneer.com.
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Gandy

Norma Jean Gandy passed away Tuesday, June 27, 2017, at the age of 91.

Graveside service was held at 1 pm Friday at Fairview Cemetery in Bronte.

Norma was born June 28,

Large and In Charge! This "oilfield vessel" started its journey from Houston recently. It began its journey on a Monday morning in Houston and by that Thursday afternoon had only made it to Bronte. The vessel is 146 feet long and weighs 400,000 pounds. It had 8 axles under it with 8 tires per axle. Photo Courtesy of Lanette Fletcher.

1925, in Bronte to the late John Elliott and Dollie Mae Pruitt. She was a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, great-great-grandmother and friend and will be deeply missed.

Norma is preceded in death by her parents; son, Jimmie Edward Brunette and grandson, Kelly Brunette.

Survivors include Son, John Brunette and wife, Sue; daughter, Beverly Geurin and husband, John; grandchildren,

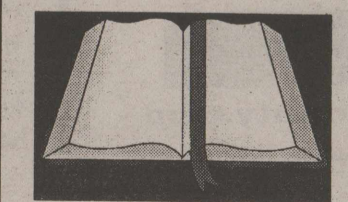
Kim Ware, Johnna Bridges, Martha Jean Geurin and Misty Brunette; great-grandchildren, Kristen Lindner, Kyle Ware, Adam Campbell and Matthew Geurin-Garcia; great-great-grandchildren, Kayla and Baylor Lindner and Lily Campbell; numerous cousins; and many friends.

Services were under the direction of Brown Owens & Brumley Family Funeral Home & Crematory.

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County	Population	Area in Square Miles	Total Tax Revenue	Median Personal Income	Sheriff Salary	Lowest Paid Deputy	Highest Paid Deputy	Number of Deputies	Number Police Departments	Population Living in Cities	Population Living Out in County
Coke	3,238	928	\$1,824,931	\$42,467	\$35,921	\$31,942	\$33,327	4	0	2,028	1,210
Runnels	10,551	1,057	\$6,210,553	\$41,526	\$45,795	\$41,000*	\$41,000*	5	3	7,369**	3,182
Sterling	1,352	923	\$3,070,734	\$53,456	\$47,300	\$40,100	\$42,700	4	0	1,026	326
Nolan	15,107	914	\$11,253,821	\$37,102	\$60,691	\$43,308	\$52,188	9	2	12,188**	2,919
Menard	2,242	902	\$2,785,979	\$34,464	\$55,427	\$35,000*	\$35,000*	6	0	1,628	614
Glasscock	1,315	901	\$11,907,790	\$67,303	\$59,900	\$55,700	\$55,700	3	0	292	1,023
Irion	1,554	1,052	\$5,035,902	\$58,500	\$52,286	\$46,686	\$48,746	3	0	811	743

* Deputies Salaries are undivided in published county budget.

** Number noted only contains population from cities with a police department.

Population and Median Income information obtained from US Census Bureau.

Tax and Salary information obtained from published 2017 county budgets.

... Crime in Coke County

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custody disputes, fear of CPS, wanting to be their child's "friend", or just too busy making a living. Many of today's parents were not taught right from wrong by their parents. It's extremely clear across our country that today's citizens do not have the same level of respect for authority or the rule of law as previous generations.

So far, we've focused on the problem. Now, let's look at some possible solutions. Many counties similar to Coke County with multiple cities have police departments within those cities. These departments focus only on crime within the city limits, freeing that county's sheriff's office to work on the crime occurring in the unincorporated areas.

Nearly all law enforcement departments across the state and nation - both sheriff's offices and police departments, work their officers on a "shift" schedule. This enables multiple officers to work at all hours of the day and night. To be able to implement shifts, Coke County would need additional deputies. This would add close to \$100,000 a year in salaries alone to an already strained county budget. Also, there have been many times when Coke County was down a deputy on the roster and no law enforcement officer

applied for the position due to the pay disparities between Coke County and other departments (see table).

The previous possible solutions hinge on tax money and hard decisions made by our elected officials. Anything government related is slow and in poor counties with poor cities, it may just not happen. With that said, what can we do to help curb these spikes in crime? We need to be proactive citizens and not reactive citizens. We need to lock our homes, storage buildings, vehicles, trailers, etc. We need to keep a record of all serial numbers on our property. We do not need to leave valuables in our vehicles or where they can be easily taken. We need to keep an eye on our property and our neighbor's property. We need to live by the saying "If you see something, say something." That doesn't mean wait until business hours

to say something. That doesn't mean wait until you run into one of our local deputies at the grocery store, restaurant or post office. That means if you see something suspicious that looks out of place, pick up the phone and call (325) 453-2717. That number is answered 24/7 by a Coke County Sheriff's Office dispatcher.

Above all, pray for our citizens, first responders, communities, counties, state and nation.

Red Hat Society to meet July 6

The Red Hat Society will meet at 11 am Thursday, July 6, 2017, at Misty's Sandwich Shop at 701 Hutchins in Ballinger. Join the ladies for food, fun and fellowship.

Donations needed for fire departments

The Robert Lee and Bronte

Volunteer Fire Departments are requesting donations of water and Gatorade in preparation of the upcoming fire season.

Donations may be dropped off at the City Hall in each city or with any fireman. Your support of the area's Volunteer Fire Departments is greatly appreciated.

RL Cemetery needs assistance

There are several curbed lots at the Robert Lee Cemetery whose owners are unknown. These lots are in Sections 2, 3, 7 and 10. The lot in Section 2 includes the name "Spencer" in the curbing.

Anyone who has information on the ownership of these plots is urged to call George Grim at (325) 453-9902. The ownership of the plots will revert to the cemetery association if not identified by September 1, 2017.

All State Honors recipients needed

Robert Lee ISD is in search of names of Robert Lee Lady Steers who received "All State Honors" in Basketball at any time in the past.

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Commissioners Court minutes told

The Coke County Commissioners met on June 13, 2017, at 9 am in the courthouse in Robert Lee. Those in attendance included 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 was opened with the pledge to the flag and prayer was offered by Judge Blair.

Judge Blair announced the presence of a quorum.

Commissioner Robertson moved to accept the minutes for May 23, 2017. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sefcik. The motion carried.

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

Extension Agents Morgan Runyon and Kandice Everitt presented their reports.

Sheriff Wayne McCutchen presented his report.

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



New Homes! Bronte Mayor Gerald Sandusky presents keys to new grant homes recently to two of the four recipient families. Darrell and Deborah Sowell (left photo) accepted the keys to their new home at 223 N. Jefferson and Ann Ellis happily resides in her new residence at 323 N. Lombard.

Let's Go Longhorns!
Recently, the Bronte Varsity Cheerleaders placed third overall in small varsity and cheer competition and third in extreme routine.

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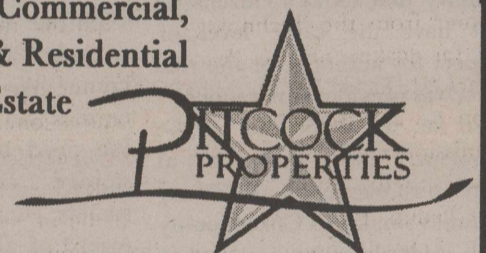


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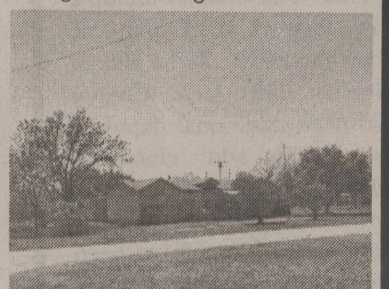


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County/District Clerk Mary Grim presented her report.

Justice of the Peace, Precinct #1, Jackie Walker's report was presented by Judge Blair.

The DR Report for April and May was presented by Judge Blair.

The Trapper's Report for October 1, 2016, through March 31, 2017, was presented by Judge Blair.

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

Commissioner Millican moved to accept the bid of \$1,000 from Bobby Millican for the purchase of property held in trust by Coke County, being the legal description - 1, 2, 3, and W/2 of 4, Riverview Addition, Robert Lee, TX Units: 0.557. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sefcik. The motion carried.

Commissioner Millican moved to accept the bid from Bobby Millican for the purchase of property held in trust by Coke County, being the legal description -1, 2, 3, and W/2 of 4, Riverview Addition, Robert Lee, TX Units: 0.557 - Farm to Market and Flood Control District. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sefcik. The motion carried.

Commissioner Williams moved to accept the purchase of a printer from the Technology Fund for Justice of the Peace Precinct #1, Jackie Walker. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sefcik. The motion carried.

Dan Venuti, Project Manager Wind Development with Nextera Energy Resources came by Court to introduce himself and visit about the wind turbines and future developments.

Commissioner Williams moved to put travel back in to the Robert Lee park caretaker's budget. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Millican. The motion carried.

Commissioner Millican moved to approve the line item transfer from Robert Lee Park Utilities to Robert Lee Park Travel. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sefcik. The motion carried.

No action was taken on line item transfer for constable.

Commissioner Williams move to approve the line item transfer from Justice of the Peace, Precinct #2 Office Supply to Justice of the Peace, Precinct #1 - \$300. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Robertson. The motion carried.

Commissioner Sefcik moved to approve the line item transfer from County Attorney Computer Maintenance to Conference Expense - \$13.56. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Millican. The motion carried.

Commissioner Robertson moved to approve the line item transfer from County Attorney Computer Maintenance to Office Supply - \$170.66. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sefcik. The motion carried.



4-H Shooters! The Coke County 4-H Shooting Sports hosted the 2017 Coke County 4-H Invitational Shooting Match on June 24, 2017, at the Red Canyon Gun Club in Robert Lee. There were 30 shooters from Coke, Coleman, Irion, Jones, McCulloch, Shackelford, Taylor and Tom Green Counties. This was the last shooting match of the season and was a huge success.

Joey Goddard won 2nd, Tristan Grantham won 3rd, and Cole Knight won 4th in the Junior Light Rifle. Cole Knight won 5th and Joey Goddard won 6th in the Junior Silhouettes. Juan Orlando De La Garza won 2nd in the Intermediate Light Rifle and in the Intermediate Silhouettes. Garrett Knight won 1st and Aaron Cervenka won 2nd in the Senior Light Rifle and in the Senior Silhouettes. The group is shown with their coach Orlando DeLaGarza. Great job, shooters, and congratulations on an extremely successful season.

Commissioner Sefcik moved to approve the bond for Randi Hardesty, Tax A/C Deputy. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams. The motion carried.

Judge Blair reported that there will be a special session for legislation and Senate Bill 2 will be on the agenda.

Commissioner Sefcik reported on the new truck and

Commissioner Williams reported on Bronte City Council.

There being no private road work requests, no action was taken.

Commissioner Robertson made a motion to pay bills (4 registers). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Millican. The motion carried.

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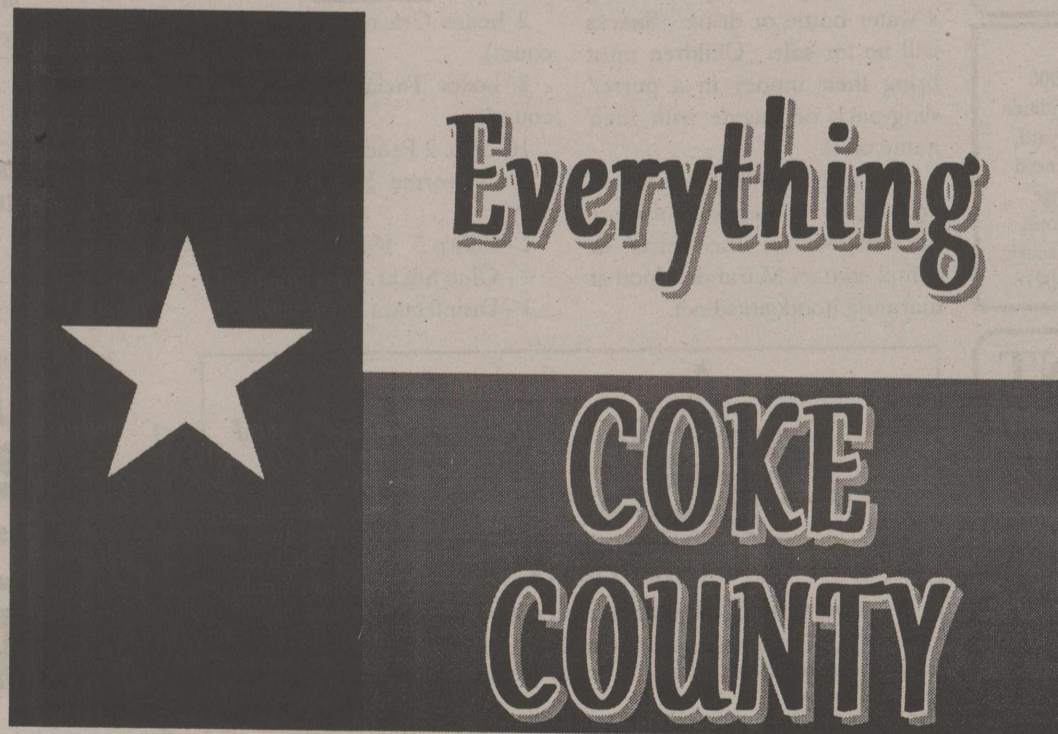
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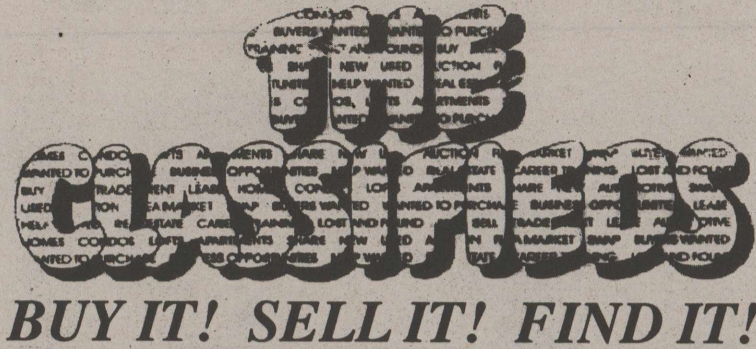
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... Commissioners Court Minutes

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Judge Blair recessed the meeting at 9:40 am.

Judge Blair reconvened the meeting at 9:59 am for a budget workshop.

Robert Lee Mini Cheer Camp set for August

The Robert Lee Mini Cheer Camp will be held Monday through Friday, August 7-11, 2017. It will be held each day from 9 am to 11 am at the Robert Lee High School Tennis Courts.

The camp is for children going into Pre-K through 6th grade. The children will learn cheers, chants, sideline routines and dance from the Robert Lee High School cheerleaders.


Thursday has been designated as Crazy Day with Friday being Steer Spirit Day. Presentations and awards will be held at 10:30 am Friday, August 11.

Campers will be able to perform at one High School pep rally and for 5 minutes at a home football game. The game performance is tentatively set for September 1, 2017.

Each camper is urged to bring a water bottle or drink. Snacks will be for sale. Children must bring their money in a purse/sling-pack or baggie with their name on it.

New Steer Football t-shirts will be available in August. For more information on the shirts or camp, contact Maranda Hood at maranda.hood@rlisd.net.

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Bronte Elementary School Supply List 2017-2018

Preschool program for children with disabilities & Pre-K

3 - 1.25 oz. Elmer's Glue
3 boxes Kleenex Facial Tissue
*1 Spiral Notebook (100 count wide rule)
1 Clorox wipes or baby wipes
3 - Folder with pockets and brads
*1 Large Zippered Top Backpack
*1 Set of extra clothing (weather appropriate)
*Blanket and pillow
*Indicates items to be labeled with child's name. All other items will be shared in the classroom as community property. For example, each student's glue will be placed in the class' glue box.
*Please consider clothing that will allow your child to dress and go to the bathroom independently.

Kindergarten

6 boxes Crayola Crayons - Primary colors only (8 count only - NO Jumbo/NO Glitter)
3 boxes Facial Tissues (100 count)
12 - No. 2 Pencils
1 box Crayola Thick Markers (10 count)
2 - 4.0 oz. Elmer's Glue (No Rose Art)
1 set Dry Erase Markers (set of 4)
10 - Folders with Bottom Pockets only (NO plastic, get various colors)
1 - Sharp 5 Fiskar Scissors
1 Canister of pull-up Clorox Disinfectant wipes
2 - Pink Bevel Eraser
1 - Small Plastic School Box (no zipper bags please)
1 - School Bag or Backpack (large enough to hold folders)
1 roll 1/2 Transparency Tape
1 box Ziploc "slider bags" (Boys - Gallon Size, Girls - Quart Size, no "stand and fill bags")
*Please label everything your child brings to school.

1st Grade

2 boxes Crayola Crayons (16 count)
2 boxes Facial Tissues (100 count)
10 - No. 2 Pencils
5 - Assorted Folders (Pockets only)
1 - Sharp 5 Fiskar Scissors
4 - Glue Sticks
1 - Disinfectant Wipes

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New Listing - Land - 469.24 ac. Located on Hwy. 2059 and Collier Ln. All pasture with creek, water, and more. Excellent hunting and ranch land. House in Robert Lee can be included with the purchase of land. **SOLD**

Home at 1222 **SOLD** **Lee.**

FOR SALE - Located at 122 W. 11th St., Robert Lee, 2 BR/1 BA, All floors covered with laminated wood. Metal Windows, Central Heat and Air, Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, washer & dryer to remain with the house. Carport and storage building. Water well is sufficient to water the yard. Fenced back yard. The house is in good repair and close to school.

HOUSE AND LOTS located **Under Contract** have been reduced in price from \$75,000 to \$69,000. This house is across one street from the school.

HOUSE - Trailer House (16'x46') with attached garage on Lot 60 Wildcat Marina-good condition.

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY
Hardware Store - 801 Austin St., Robert Lee, Texas, buildings, lots and inventory
Houses located at: 564 Lake Shore Circle, Cedar Cove//112 West 12th ST, close to school, good location//224 W. Riley St., Bronte, Tx.-Starter home.
Call for information on other Tracts of land for sale.

2 - Small Pink Erasers
1 box Ziploc "slider bags" (Boys - Pint Size, Girls - Snack Size)
2 packages Dry Erase Markers
1 - Plastic School Box
1 - School Bag or Backpack
2nd Grade
1 box Crayons (24 count)
2 boxes Kleenex
12 - No. 2 Pencils
1 - Elmer's Glue (small size)
1 - Scissors
2 - Pink Erasers
1 - School Box
1 - School Bag or Backpack
8 - Folders with Pockets
1 - Ruler
2 - Dry Erase Markers
4 - Glue Sticks
1 - Large Cloth book cover
3rd Grade
2 box Facial Tissues
5 - Glue Sticks
1 - Elmer's Glue
2 - Permanent Markers
8 - Folders with pockets (no brads)
24 - #2 pencils
2 - Highlighters
1 - Notebook paper (wide rule- not college)
2 Pencil sharpener & Eraser
2 - Red pens
1 - Supply box/bag
1 Box Crayons
4th Grade
2 boxes Facial Tissues (100 count)
24 - No. 2 Pencils
1 - School Bag or Backpack
4 - Pocket folders (2 paper/2 plastic)
2 - Jumbo Cloth Book Covers

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2 packages Notebook Paper (Wide Rule)

- 1 - 1 inch three ring binder
- 4 - Glue Sticks
- 2 - Highlighters

5th Grade

- 3 boxes Facial Tissues
- 3 - Pocket Folders (various colors/designs)
- 2 - Jumbo Book Covers
- 1 - Plastic pocket folder
- 1 package Index Cards (4x6)
- 2 - Pencil Sharpeners (hand held)
- 24 - No. 2 Pencils
- 2 - Highlighters (Yellow)
- 1 package Wide Ruled Notebook paper
- 1 box Quart Size "Ziplock" bags
- 2 - Glue Sticks
- 1 - 1 inch three ring Binder

6th Grade

- 12 - No. 2 Pencils (wood)
- 1 package Notebook Paper (200 wide rule)
- 2 boxes Facial Tissues
- 2 - Cloth book covers (Jumbo size)
- 3 - Pocket Folders (Plastic)
- 1 - 1 inch three ring binder
- 2 - Hand-held pencil sharpener
- 1 box Color Pencils (12 ct.-Crayola brand)
- 1 box Gallon size "Ziplock" bags
- 2 - Highlighters (Yellow)
- 2 - Pocket Folders (Paper)
- 4 - Glue Sticks

Bronte ISD Jr. High and High School

Math

- 100 page Composition book
- Notebook paper
- Folder or 3 ring binder to keep math papers in
- Pencil(s)
- Pencil top erasers
- Colored pen for grading (can be any color except black)
- 3 glue sticks
- Box of Kleenex (optional but greatly appreciated)

Mrs. Middleton

- 1 - three ring binder
- 2 - 100 page composition book
- Notebook paper (NO spiral notebooks)
- Pencils/lead instruments
- Highlighters
- 6 - Glue Sticks
- Map Colors (optional)
- 1 box of Kleenex (optional)
- Red pen (optional)

Science (Taylor)

- Notebook paper
- Highlighters (yellow)
- 4 - Glue Sticks
- Zippered pencil/pen bag for 3 ring binder

- 1 - 1 inch three ring binder
- 1 set of dividers (5 count)
- 12 - #2 pencils
- Map Colors
- Box of Kleenex
- 2 - 100 page composition book
- Black or blue pens (no fluorescent or metallic colors)

Local churches to provide free school supplies

The churches in Bronte have offered to provide free school supplies again this year for Bronte Elementary students in grades Pre-K through 6th grade.

RL Elementary School Supply List

Pre-K

- 2 boxes 8 count crayons
- 2 packages glue sticks

1 package assorted construction paper

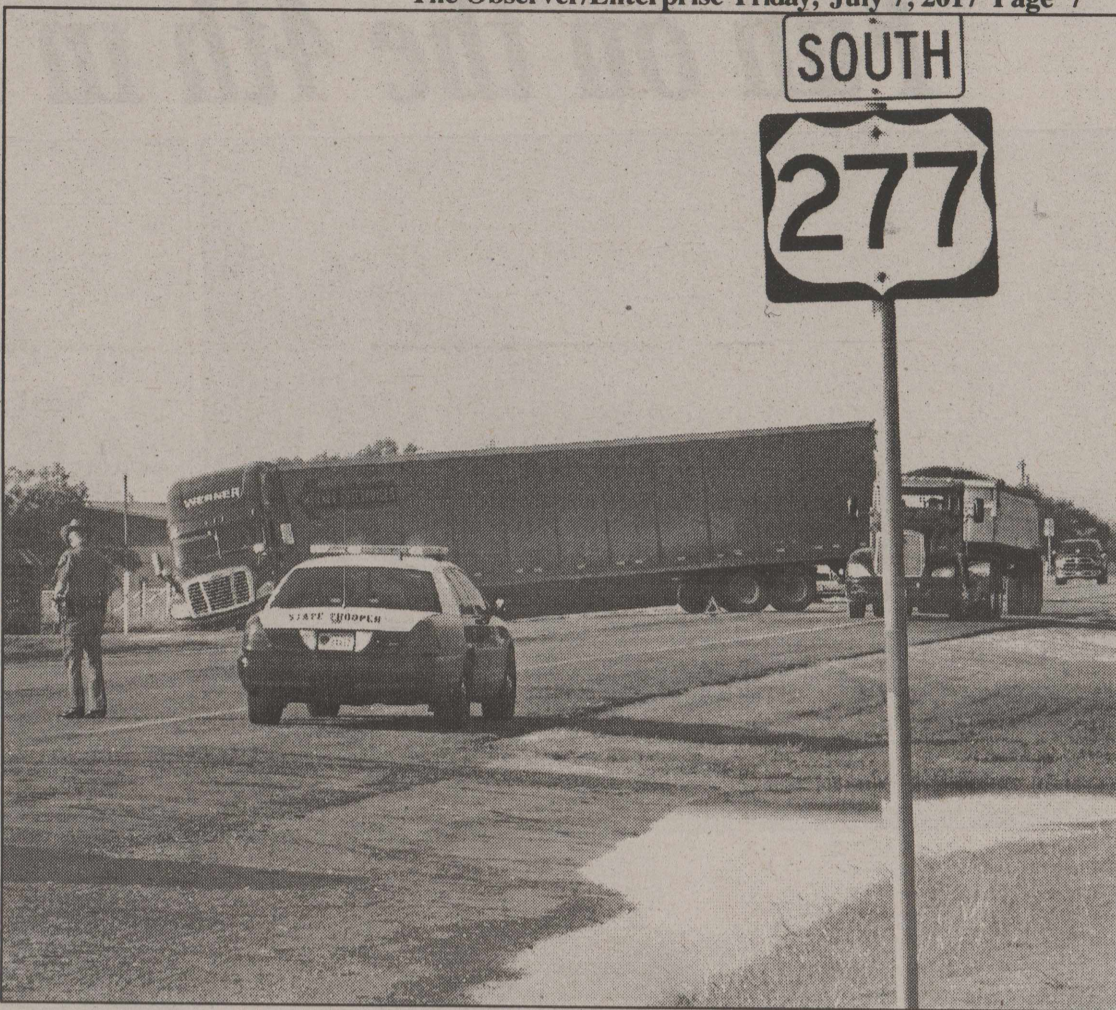
- 4 pencils
- 1 box Ziploc bags (quart size)
- 4 boxes Kleenex
- 1 set watercolors
- 1 package of index cards
- 3 large Disinfectant Wipes
- 1 set of extra clothes
- 1 old large shirt to use for painting

Kindergarten

- 3 boxes 24 count Crayola Brand crayons
- 6 glue sticks
- 6 regular Yellow #2 pencils
- 1 composition notebook
- 1 package construction paper
- 1 small plastic school box
- 3 large boxes Kleenex
- 1 1" white binder
- 2 sturdy, slick plastic pocket folders (no brads)
- 2 large pink erasers
- 1 package 3x5 index cards
- Towel for rest time (no vinyl mats)
- Backpack
- Set of extra clothes
- *Initial each eraser and crayon
- *Leave crayons in the original box
- *Do not initial pencils or glue sticks

1st Grade

- 2 packages pencil top erasers
- 2 red plastic folders with brads and pockets
- 1 orange folder with brads
- 2 black marble composition notebooks (wide ruled, not spiral)
- 3 boxes Kleenex
- 2 boxes Crayola crayons (at least 24 count)
- 1 package of Ticonderoga yellow pencils (24 count)
- 2 glue sticks
- 1 1.25 oz bottle Elmer's Glue
- 1 box Ziploc bags (Quart size)
- 1 clipboard
- 1 package construction paper
- 1 small plastic school box
- 1 disinfectant wipes
- 1 backpack (no wheels)
- *Please DO NOT label the supplies



Uh Oh! It looks like this big rig may have missed his turn last week in Bronte! Things didn't go well for him and traffic attempting to travel on Highway 277 for quite awhile. Photo courtesy of M. Lanty.

2nd Grade

- 1 package yellow #2 pencils (24 count)
- 2 composition notebooks (100 sheets, wide ruled)
- 3 plastic folders with pockets and brads
- 2 boxes Crayola brand crayons
- 1 backpack (no wheels)
- 3 boxes Kleenex
- 1 box Ziploc bags (girls - gallon, boys - quart)
- 1 package construction paper
- Disinfecting wipes
- 24 count Markers
- 3 glue sticks
- Scissors
- 1 plastic school box
- 2 pink erasers

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Emergency Siren Signals

Cities of both Bronte and Robert Lee

- 1 Long Ring - Wind Advisory over 60 mph
- 2 Rings - Fire or VFD Meeting
- Another 2 Ring - Call for Additional Firefighters
- 3 Rings - Tornado Warning
- 1 Long Continuous Ring - All Clear for Tornado
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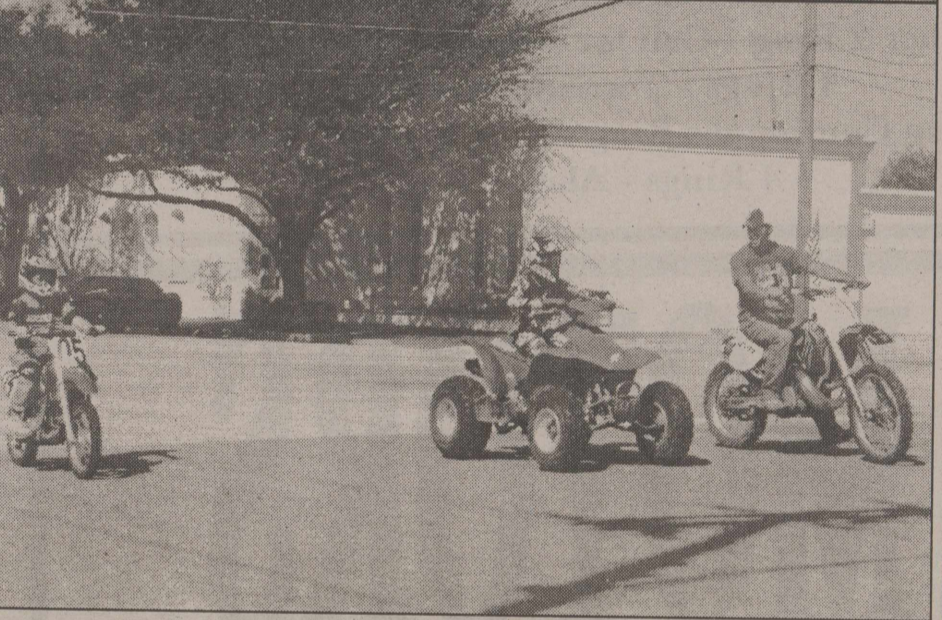
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Fun on the 4th in Robert Lee



Robert Lee Fourth of July Parade 10 am, Tuesday, July 4, 2017 Downtown Robert Lee

... Robert Lee School Supply Lists

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Hand sanitizer

3rd Grade

- 1" three ring binder with pockets
- Pocket folders - 1 red, 1 blue, 1 yellow, 1 any color/design
- Yellow #2 pencils (at least 24 count)
- Pink eraser (at least 3)
- Crayons
- Markers
- Scissors
- 2 highlighters
- Supply box
- Backpack
- Hand sanitizer (12 oz bottle)
- 3 boxes Kleenex

Disinfecting wipes

4th Grade

- 1 school box (no bags)
- 1 package Expo Markers for white board
- 1 box Crayons (24 count)
- 1 box map pencils
- Markers or Sharpies
- 1 pair scissors
- 1 small package colored copy paper
- Liquid glue
- 4 packages 3x5 white index cards
- 24 pencils
- 3 composition notebooks
- 2 packages wide ruled notebook paper
- 1 plastic folder with brads and pockets (any color)
- 2 folders with 3 holes and pockets (any

color, no brads)

- 2 1" three ring binder
- 2 large tubs disinfectant wipes
- 3 boxes tissue
- 1 package Ziploc bags
- 2 red pens

5th Grade

- 1 school box or bag
- 2 packages wide ruled notebook paper
- 3 composition notebooks
- 1 2" three ring binder
- 1 plastic folder with brads and pockets
- 3 folds with 3 holes and pockets (no brads)
- 24 pencils
- 2 red pens
- 1 package dividers
- Scissors

Crayons (24 count)

- Map pencils
- Markers
- Liquid glue
- 2 black Sharpies
- 1 package Expo Markers
- 4 packages 3x5 white index cards
- 1 small package colored copy paper
- 2 tubs disinfectant wipes
- 3 boxes Kleenex
- 1 small zippered Ziploc bags

6th Grade

- Pencils
- Pens
- Map pencils
- Markers
- Sharpies

Highlighters

- Scissors
- 2 bottles liquid glue
- 2 packages notebook paper
- 2 tubs disinfectant wipes
- 3 boxes Kleenex
- School supply box
- 1 package Expo Markers
- 2 composition notebooks
- 2 2" three ring binders
- 2 packages 3x5 white index cards
- 1 package dividers
- Small Ziploc bags
- Folder with 3 holes and pockets
- Deck of cards
- 2 boxes pencil top erasers