

County Rainfall Totals

Total for

Year Jan. Feb. Mar. Apr. May June July Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec. Year

Dee & Dessie Kendall • Edith Area

2010	N/A	N/A	N/A	3.70	4.50	0.90	5.40	0.20	5.10	0.60	0.00	0.90	29.90
2011	0.00	0.09	0.10	0.00	0.10	0.40	0.0	2.05	1.35	4.30	0.30	0.90	9.59
2012	3.30	2.40	0.80	1.90	3.40	1.20	4.30	0.50	12.4	0.70	0.00	0.00	30.90
2013	2.55	0.00	0.00	1.50	3.50	3.05	4.70	0.50	4.50	4.10	0.10	1.80	26.30
2014	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.60	0.95	0.50	2.50	2.85	2.00	2.80	0.50	15.70
2015	2.40	0.05	3.10	4.20	11.40	2.20	1.80	0.00	0.50	5.70	6.45	1.70	39.95

Bobby & Jeffie Roberts • Valley View Area

2010	2.03	2.69	1.02	2.78	4.71	3.01	4.41	0.07	5.90	0.90	0.00	0.70	28.22
2011	0.23	0.60	0.16	0.00	1.10	0.01	0.02	4.33	0.45	3.67	0.37	1.45	12.39
2012	3.40	2.80	1.00	1.21	4.08	0.34	1.39	1.07	8.90	0.13	0.01	0.00	24.33
2013	1.52	0.05	0.00	1.15	6.51	4.10	5.36	2.10	3.31	2.40	0.66	0.70	27.86
2014	0.00	0.31	0.00	0.50	3.90	1.57	0.13	1.22	4.33	1.05	3.11	0.39	16.51
2015	2.56	0.25	2.20	0.98	7.65	2.41	3.00	0.11	1.82	1.95	3.95	2.60	29.48

Fran Sonnenberg • 3 Miles East of Bronte

2010	3.68	3.09	1.92	2.11	4.33	2.20	4.33	0.75	5.50	1.25	0.05	1.00	30.21
2011	0.12	0.80	0.10	0.10	0.55	0.02	0.00	1.47	0.54	3.00	0.35	1.30	8.35
2012	2.80	2.24	0.89	2.28	4.99	0.26	0.54	1.96	7.85	0.00	0.00	0.05	23.86
2013	1.55	0.29	0.00	1.90	2.44	1.58	4.40	0.53	6.20	2.05	0.95	1.25	23.14
2014	0.00	0.33	0.00	0.45	7.55	2.02	0.95	4.20	2.95	1.30	3.30	0.30	23.02
2015	1.89	0.10	2.30	1.80	9.85	1.30	2.40	0.00	1.10	2.55	4.45	2.40	30.14

Paul Sheffler • 7 Mile Hill

2010	N/A	N/A	N/A	4.00	3.67	3.02	4.66	0.21	6.65	0.94	0.00	1.10	33.56
2011	0.15	0.65	0.05	0.00	1.24	0.00	0.00	2.36	0.36	3.28	0.39	1.54	10.02
2012	3.50	2.75	0.75	1.39	4.99	0.49	2.44	2.06	6.42	0.07	0.00	0.12	24.98
2013	1.90	0.10	0.00	0.39	4.12	2.51	6.12	1.04	4.02	2.70	0.64	1.15	24.69
2014	0.00	0.24	0.11	0.36	6.30	2.22	2.59	6.25	5.97	1.39	2.14	0.25	27.82
2015	3.04	0.02	1.59	1.12	5.66	1.14	2.37	0.55	0.75	2.26	2.70	2.33	23.53

Wayne & Melinda McCutchen • 3 Miles North of Bronte

2010	3.54	3.43	1.78	2.87	3.69	4.09	3.43	0.00	5.20	1.34	0.00	1.02	30.39
2011	0.23	0.45	0.15	0.00	0.99	0.04	0.00	1.15	0.78	2.56	0.36	1.20	7.91
2012	3.11	2.11	0.83	1.14	3.69	0.40	1.36	2.03	8.73	0.05	0.00	0.06	23.51
2013	1.08	0.19	0.00	1.25	3.12	1.71	5.02	0.75	4.22	2.10	0.93	1.18	21.55
2014	0.00	0.33	0.09	0.67	7.70	2.96	2.18	2.72	2.88	2.14	3.32	0.60	25.59
2015	3.08	0.15	1.80	2.08	8.22	1.34	2.65	0.00	0.21	2.00	2.37	1.95	25.85

Jerry & Susan Wellborn • 12 Miles West of Robert Lee

2010	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	4.35	0.50	5.20	1.25	0.00	1.10	25.45
2011	0.25	0.00	0.10	0.00	0.40	0.30	0.00	1.00	1.40	3.15	0.20	1.75	8.55
2012	2.85	2.05	0.60	1.55	3.55	1.10	1.50	1.40	10.4	0.40	0.20	0.15	25.75
2013	1.65	0.05	0.00	0.90	4.20	3.70	3.60	0.15	3.50	2.60	0.95	0.60	21.90
2014	0.00	0.15	0.00	0.15	3.85	0.65	0.70	1.70	2.10	1.35	2.65	0.50	13.80
2015	2.55	0.50	2.60	1.60	8.60	5.20	2.40	0.60	0.55	4.30	5.00	1.75	35.65

prolific in the area.

Debbie Childers presented Dianne Hefner with the Heartworker of the Month for March. Dianne and her husband David moved to Robert Lee permanently 2 years ago from Missouri, but had built their home over 11 years ago. Dianne joined VP and became very active, serving on several committees and is the reporter for the organization.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Pastor Irving Smith.

... Rainwater

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gallons per flush; use 2.2 gallons of water for each minute of a 5 minute shower; use 2.2 gallons of water per minute for 5 minutes of "other"(personal hygiene, cooking, cleaning); wash 2.6 loads of laundry per week using 18 gallons per load; and use 56 gallons of water washing dishes each week.

Because Coke County only averages a little over 23 inches of rain each year (23.63" according to Coke County Underground Water Conservation District and 23.34" average of the Observer/Enterprise contributors from 2010-2016), residents must have a larger catchment area and storage capacity than residents of regions with higher annual rainfall.

Using the USGS (United States Geological Survey) formula of 1" rain x 1 square foot = .623 gallons of water, residents can net 14,329 gallons of water each year for every 1,000 square feet of catchment area or 18,000 gallons of water each year for every 1,250 square feet of catchment area. Since each person is said to use 50 gallons of water each day for a yearly total of 18,000 gallons, then in Coke County, each person would need a catchment area of 1,250 square feet if rainwater is to be used for all indoor water needs.

There are several tables with this article including the Coke County Observer/Enterprise contributors monthly rainfall totals from 2010 to 2015.

Deadline approaches for youth opportunity

Interested in college scholarships? Want to learn and get a head start on the next phase of your life?

Coke County high school students are encouraged to apply today for Texas Farm Bureau's 2016 Youth Leadership Conference (YLC).

"YLC is an excellent opportunity for outstanding Coke County students to hone their leadership skills, follow their dreams and learn about our country's free enterprise system," John Ross Copeland, Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau president, said.

YLC is open to students who are entering their junior or senior year of high school, who are of good character and want to enhance their leadership abilities.

Applicants must also be in the top 30 percent of their class.

"Each year, Coke-Sterling

County Farm Bureau sponsors outstanding students to attend YLC because we believe in the future of our community," John Ross said. "We believe in helping our students by engaging them in goal-setting activities that help build character, confidence and more."

If selected, Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau will pay for transportation, room, board, registration, meals and all conference materials.

"YLC is more than a conference. It's an opportunity," John Ross said. "In addition to the education these students receive, attendees are also eligible to enter Texas Farm Bureau's Free Enterprise Speech Contest for a chance at one of several college scholarships."

YLC will be held at Tarleton State University in Stephenville June 13-17.

Additional details and registration forms can be found at: <http://texasfarmbureau.org/youth/youth-opportunities> and

at the Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau office.

Beef cattle numbers are growing

The U.S. beef cow herd is rebuilding after a seven-year decline. One of the highest herd growth rates is in Texas, which likely means lower cattle prices this year for the state's ranchers.

A recent U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service study indicated the nation's cow herd is up to 92 million.

"Ranchers are looking to increase herd sizes. The prolonged drought in our state, combined with record-high sale prices in 2014, has prompted ranchers to grow their herds," said John Ross Copeland, president of the Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau.

The study indicated beef cow slaughter totaled 2.3 million head in 2015, representing 7.7 percent of the beef cow herd. That was the smallest percentage since 1965.

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Farm-Ranch, Commercial, Recreational & Residential Real Estate



EDGE OF TOWN! Large remodeled manufactured home sitting on almost 1/2 acre in Bronte! Due to wood remodel, home is now permanent to property. Quiet neighborhood on outskirts of rural community.



PRICE REDUCED! Cute home on two lots in rural community with many updates and metal roof only a couple of blocks from the school! A large fenced-in backyard with pecan trees and reasonable price make this an excellent option for first-time home-buyers or rental property investment! Many extras including a storm shelter!



MANY UPDATES! Large older home is just perfect for family. Hardwood floors in living room, dining room, and two bedrooms. Numerous built-ins throughout home, huge closets, woodburning stove in den, 2 car attached carport. Potential efficiency apartment or guest house on property includes full basement and 2 car attached carport. Loads of character in this home on 1.91 acres.



BEAUTIFUL LOCATION ABOVE ELM CREEK IN BALLINGER! Lovely home in excellent neighborhood with tons of character! Move-in ready with new roof put on in 2015 and new paint throughout! Large lot on hill above city park! Beautiful views from backyard patio!



BRAND NEW TO MARKET! Wonderful home in established Bronte neighborhood, just blocks from school! Well maintained and perfect for a starter home or investment property! Priced to Sell!



COMMERCIAL PROPERTY! Wonderful investment opportunity in rural community. Easy access is a plus with this twenty unit storage facility in bustling oilfield town of Sterling City!



PRICE REDUCED! Beautiful views just add to this great ranch. Perfect for hunting, livestock, or just getting away! Electricity, well and rural water onsite. Rolling terrain with good interior roads for easy access to all areas of ranch. Good cover for wildlife with cleared areas for that perfect shot! 713.1 Acres +/-; \$1,150/acre.

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