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## Butterfield Trail Days, Ranch Rodeo set for this Saturday

The first ever Butterfield Trail Day is slated for Saturday, June 18, in downtown Bronte. The Kickapoo Creek Cook-off will be held, featuring competition in brisket, ribs and chicken.

The 100th Anniversary Celebration of the Depot is planned for 12:30. Members of the depot's builder, James C. Lammers family will be present for the ceremony. Cake will be served to the audience at this time.

Among the other activities to be held this day are arts and crafts booths, music venues, horse shoe and washer pitching contests, and the 20th Annual Coke County Ranch Rodeo.

There is still time to enter the first annual Butterfield Trail Days cook-off. Sign up for the brisket, ribs, and chicken cook-off at 5 pm today (Friday) south of the old rail Depot in Bronte.

A total of 9 trophies, 3 in each category, will be given for the best cooking. Anyone that loves to cook outdoors at any level is encouraged to enter this event. It will be a fun time to test all secret recipes and techniques.

Judging will be on Saturday with the chicken entries submitted at 1 pm,

the ribs at 2 pm, and the brisket at 3 pm. All winners will be announced and awards will be presented at 4 pm. The nominal entry fee qualifies the teams to enter any or all of the 3 categories.

The rules will be passed out and the entry fees collected at 5 pm today at the Depot.

For more information, contact Tammy Thorn at Bronte City Hall, 473-3501, or go to [www.brontetexas.org](http://www.brontetexas.org).

### 20th Annual Coke County Ranch Rodeo begins at 5 pm Saturday

The 20th annual Coke County Ranch Rodeo has been set for tomorrow night, Saturday, June 18, at the Coke County Roping Arena in Bronte. This year's edition will begin at 5 pm, with area ranches vying for the prize money and buckles.

Members of the Coke County 4-H Program will be manning the gate and will share in the proceeds garnered through the admission fees.

The Bronte Volunteer Fire Department will have concessions available. What a wonderful opportunity to come out, have fun, enjoy the show, and support our fire



**Unfortunately, It's a Familiar Scene!** Members of the Robert Lee and Bronte Volunteer Fire Departments began battling the Dos Amigos fire 15 miles west of Robert Lee on State Highway 158 Wednesday, June 8, beginning at 10:30 am. Numerous other volunteer departments joined them over the next several days, along with the Coke County Sheriff's Department, Coke County Commissioners and employees, private contractors and the Texas and United States Forest Service. After burning over 20,000 acres, the only one left on the scene Saturday evening were units with the Forest Service. The fire flared again Monday evening, but was brought back under control by the local firefighters. County and area residents once again stepped up to provide for the needs of those fighting this blaze.

fighters!  
Event sponsors for this year's event include: Wild Horse Race - Blair's Western Wear; Team Doctoring - Robert Lee State Bank; Wild Cow Milking - First National

Bank of Sterling City, Bronte; Trailer Loading - Baxter Construction; and Team Branding - Bronco Construction.

Armstrong Backus, & Company is sponsoring the Top Hand buckle, with All Around Construction sponsoring the buckle for Top Horse.

The rodeo couldn't happen  
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### Golf Scramble slated

Come join the summer fun in the Weekly Wednesday Adult/Child Golf Scramble. This event began Wednesday, June 15, at 6 pm and will run for about 4 weeks.

To register or for more information, call Mountain Creek Golf Course at 325-453-2317.

### RL Little League to sponsor tournament

Robert Lee Little League is sponsoring the 2nd Annual Co-ed Midnight Madness Softball Tournament Friday and Saturday, June 17 and 18, in Robert Lee. The first game begins at 8 pm Friday evening. It is a 2 Game

Elimination tournament. For information, contact Samantha at 325-453-4525 or (cell) 325-763-1214 or Brandi at 325-716-8319.

### Food Preservation class to be held

A Food Preservation Class will be held Tuesday, June 21, from 6 to 8 pm at the Catholic Church in Robert Lee.

Learn about canning, freezing, & drying fruits and vegetables. Interested participants need to register by Monday, June 20, 2011.

For more information contact the Texas AgriLife Extension Office at 325-453-2461. Children may attend, but MUST be accompanied by an adult.

### Coke County Genealogy Society meetings slated

The Coke County Genealogy Society will meet on the 1st and 3rd Monday's of the month at the Coke County Library at 6 pm.

The next meeting will be June 20. Please come join us.



**Thrills & Spills!** Make sure you don't miss a second of the amazing action at the 20th annual Coke County Ranch Rodeo tomorrow night in the Bronte Arena, beginning at 5 pm!

Happy Fathers Day!