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## Texas ABATE Club Initiates New Nationwide Law Change For Motorcyclists



With fifty flags flying, each one held by Patriot Guard Riders, the Sherman area/Texoma ABATE club was the first to hold a memorial for a motorcyclist who had died at the scene of an accident. This ceremony Saturday, August 9th was held to erect a red cross at the site, instead of the traditional white cross. The red cross, representing a fatality of a motorcyclist, has been passed into law with the help of ABATE. The new law of planting a red cross instead of white will allow for citizen awareness; to watch and use caution around motorcycles, according to ABATE.

The first red cross was erected for fellow biker, Jim Cook, who was killed on motorcycle on Highway 160, just south of Highway 121 in Desert, Texas. Desert is located approximately six miles east of McKinney.

The red cross erected Saturday will be the first of many to be seen. All fifty states across the United States have been awaiting and anticipating Texas to hold the first ceremony, and all fifty plan to follow suit.

One hundred, forty three motorcycles were on hand to show respect for the loss of Mr. Cook, as well as to witness the national law change ceremonies. Mr. Cook's mother, father and other family members spoke regarding the loss of their loved one and just how much they appreciate what ABATE has done in his memory.



ABATE, which was formed in the early 1970's, is an organization that promotes the biker lifestyle with frequent charity events, fundraisers, rallies, benefits, legislative educational workshops, bike runs, events and get-togethers. It maintains a flow of information that keeps it's members current on the political agenda and the biker scene around the state. The group is a giving group; organizing and participating in various Toy Runs, Food Drives, Blood Drives and Benefits throughout the state.

The group is "An alliance dedicated to the protection of the individual rights of motorcyclists through political change and awareness, charitable works and public education and to the promotion of motorcycling."

Presently they are changing the nations' laws to promote safety in motorcycling by using the new motorcycle fatality red cross placement... and Texas is leading the way.

### Wolfe City P.D. Calls For Service

Chief Doolin of the Wolfe City Police Department has just reported the calls for service since the July council meeting.

- Included in the past months seventy-five calls were:
- 7 Warrants/ On View Arrests
- 5 Crimes Against People
- 2 Crimes Against Property
- 1 Crimes Against State
- 6 Disturbance Calls
- 6 Animal/Livestock Calls
- 1 Mental/Suicidal Calls
- 7 Civil Calls
- 4 Funeral Escorts
- 4 Community Assist Calls
- 5 Medical/Fire Assists
- 1 Motor Vehicle Accident
- 5 Assisting Other Agencies
- 23 Miscellaneous Calls
- 3 Delinquent Minor Calls
- 2 Court Duty Calls

Chief Doolin stated, "W.C.P.D. responded to a disturbance on North Greenville Street on August 2 involving two males fighting." He added, "Officers arrived to find one subject with a severe laceration to the wrist. The other fled on foot to a nearby field where he was found by W.C.P.D., Hunt County Deputies and a Celeste officer. That subject was taken

into custody and transported to Hunt County Jail."

Chief also reported, "W.C.P.D. responded to an alleged sexual assault of a child." Adding, "This case was handed over to Hunt County Sheriff Department Investigators after determining that the offense occurred outside Wolfe City jurisdiction."

Another case told, "On August 10, W.C.P.D. responded to a deputy who was asking for assistance in stopping a speeding motorcycle on Highway 34 approaching Wolfe City. W.C.P.D. was able to block the highway at the bridges located at the south city limits of Wolfe City. It was determined that the operator of the motorcycle was wanted from the Bureau of Investigations from Nashville, Tennessee. This subject was taken into custody by Hunt County and awaits extradition to Tennessee."

Chief Doolin told, "Anyone having an emergency needs to call 9-1-1 instead of the WCPD phone number, thus allowing for Hunt County to dispatch backup officers, if necessary."



### Another Piece of Wolfe City History Lost Forever

By: John W. "Dub" Duncan

**Blanton School in 2005**

On Thursday August 7th, 2008 the old Blanton School for the blacks was torn down. The Historical Preservation had tried to save it a few years earlier, but was unsuccessful. The story below, that appeared in my article, Wolfe City Texas, 1844 Till Present, was in the Wolfe City Mirror in September 2005. Article #135

The History of the Blanton School for the blacks

The first school for the blacks in Wolfe City was a small one-room building that was located across the Cotton Belt Railroad, now Highway 11, from the present Blanton School, which would have been in the Bernard Clayton's pasture, per Mr. William Cherry, a former Blanton student.

In 1922/23 a new 3-room school was built on a Rosenwald School Building Plan on approximately 3 acres of land at 616 East Witt to replace the small building that was in need of much repairs

Mr. Julius Rosenwald was born

in Springfield, Ill. on August 12th 1862, and became a partner in Sears, Roebuck and Company in 1895 and was Vice-President from 1896 until 1908 was President from 1908 until 1924 and then became Chairman of the Board until his death in 1932. In the early 1900's he set up a private fund to help build 4977 schools, 217 teachers' homes, 163 shop buildings and approximately 4000 libraries to the existing schools for the poor African Americans in 15 states in the south. 464 of these schools were built in the state of Texas from 1920 to 1931, where there are only about 34 of them that still exist in 2005. He also help build 31 teachers' homes and 32 shops here in Texas. The other states he built schools, etc. were Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia.

Mr. Rosenwald married

**Ex-Student, William Cherry watches it torn down.**

Augusta (Nusbaum) Rosenwald in 1890. They had five children; Lessing, Adele, Edith, Marion and William. Lessing became the Chairman of the Board of Sears, Roebuck at the time of his dad's death.

The Blanton School in Wolfe City was from the Rosenwald's School Specification for the floor plan #3-B for 3 teachers and must face north or south. This school faces north toward Witt Street.

The students attended this school through the eighth-grade and then were carpooled to the Saint Paul School in Neylandville, Texas (near Greenville) or to the Clark School for blacks in Ladonia, Texas to complete the 9th through 12th grades. The ones going to Ladonia was carpooled to the intersection of Highway 34 and 68 and a small bus from the school picked them up and returned them after school that evening

In 1962/63 they added indoor restrooms and a library room to

the back of the school, but in 1964 the Blanton School was discontinued and consolidated with the Wolfe City School for the whites due to the 1954 Supreme Court ruling against racial segregation in the Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas. It took 10 years to implement the ruling. The school is on the National Register of Historic Places and will soon be dedicated as a Texas Historic Landmark. The Blanton School Historic Society has been formed and officers elected to oversee the project of restoration. Michael Woods as President and Richard Crockett as Vice President, both were prior Blanton students, along with other committee members.

It is told that there were always three photos displayed in the black schools, they were Abraham Lincoln's, Booker T. Washington's and Julius Rosenwald's. Mr. Cherry can't remember what photos were displayed in this school.



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