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## Budget adopted following Monday's public hearing

The 2015 Coke County budget was reconsidered and once again adopted following a public hearing Monday morning, September 22, 2014, at the Coke County Courthouse. Ten concerned citizens (evenly divided between Bronte and Robert Lee) attended the public hearing where, due to a procedural mistake, the Sheriff's budget had to be reconsidered.

The error began during Commissioners Court following the public hearing on September 2, 2014. At that time and at the request of the citizens in attendance, Commissioners voted to increase the salaries of the Sheriff and his deputies by 7%. They then adopted the 2015 Budget. Following the posting and certification of the budget, it was realized that time requirements for elected officials' salary increases had not been met and another public hearing must be held.

At Monday's public hearing, all those addressing the court spoke in support of the Sheriff's Office. Following the conclusion of the hearing, Precinct 2 Commissioner Wendell Lee made a motion to reconsider the adoption of the 2015 budget. His motion was seconded by Precinct 3 Commissioner Gaylon Pitcock. The motion carried.

Commissioner Lee then made a motion to discuss and act on the increase of 7% for the

Sheriff's salary. Precinct 4 Commissioner Bobby Blaylock seconded the motion and it also carried.

The final motion made on this subject came from Precinct 1 Commissioner Gene Montgomery. His motion to readopt the 2014-2015 budget was seconded by Commissioner Blaylock and also carried.

### Benefit Style Show set for October 5

The Style Show to benefit the Bronte Food Ministries will be held at 2 pm Sunday, October 5, 2014, in the new fellowship hall of First United Methodist Church at 324 S. Washington in Bronte.

The show will feature clothing and accessories from Glorious Styles and Shear Heaven Salon & Boutique.

Refreshments will be served and door prizes will be awarded. Bronte Food Ministries will be given a donation equal to 20% of all sales garnered at the event.

### Bronte Golf Tourney slated

The Bronte Longhorn Golf Club is sponsoring a 3 person 27 hole golf tournament on Saturday, October 11. Tee time is 9 am.

When signing up you must let them know if a cart is needed and leave a call back number. For more information, contact Bronte Longhorn Golf Club at 325-473-2156, 325-473-3231 or



**Welcome Rain!** Farmers and ranchers across Coke County are grateful for the rain which filled many of the county's stock tanks to overflowing. Totals ranged from around 2" to over 6". The above tank is southeast of Robert Lee where 6" fell the end of last week.

325-262-6617. After 5 pm call 432-661-3431 or 325-864-3312 or 325-236-0089.

### Red Hat luncheon set

The Red Hat Society will meet at 11 am Thursday, October 2, at Beefmaster Steakhouse (1608 N. Broadway) in Ballinger. If you wish to carpool or follow someone, meet at the bank parking lot in Bronte before 10:30 am. We will leave promptly at 10:30.

Come have lunch with us. You can't miss us. We are the ones wearing purple or red hats orbows. This club has no dues and no rules, just lots of fun.

### Paving Project Delayed

The paving project in Bronte has been postponed due to weather delays on other area paving projects. As soon as it can be rescheduled, residents will be notified.

### Silver Reunion set

The Silver Reunion will be held Saturday, October 4, 2014, at the Catholic Fellowship Hall in Robert Lee.

Please tell all past Silver residents to help make it a great reunion. Those attending are asked to bring a side dish or dessert.

### RLHS Spirit Quilt donated for raffle

The '64 Study Club's talented member, Debbie Haveman, has created a orange and black Spirit Quilt which will be awarded at the last home Steers game on October 31. The

quilt is sturdy, Steer pride covered, and perfect for the fall football season.

Representatives of the club will be selling tickets at the home games for the Spirit Quilt. Look for an opportunity to win the quilt beside the concession stand at home games. A special drawing from the tickets sold will award a lucky winner with a tote bag big enough to carry everything necessary to help football fans bleed orange.

The '64 Study Club is proud to award three or four scholarships a year to graduating RLHS seniors who will pursue advanced education or training.

### Bronte City Council Minutes posted

The Bronte City Council met on August 14, 2014, in the Council room of City Hall. Present were Mayor Gerald Sandusky and Council Members Paul Gohman, Jimmie Guthrie, Paula McWright and Misti Bedford. Council Member Wade Stautzenberger was absent. City Secretary Tammy Thorn and Public Works Director Ricky Royall were also present.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer by Mr. Gohman.

The Consent Agenda was considered. Mr. Gohman moved the Consent Agenda be approved. Mrs. McWright seconded the motion. The motion carried. The Consent Agenda is as follows:

- A. Approve July 10th Council Minutes
- B. Approve List of Bills
- C. Review Monthly Report
- D. Review Budget Comparison
- E. Remove Delinquent Water Bills and Declare Them Bad Debts
- F. Livestock Permit

Mr. Gohman moved to approve Wayne Barr of Eckert & Company to do the audit for the 2013 - 2014 year. Mrs. Bedford seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Council wanted to find out more about the recycling program being offered in San Angelo by Republic Services. This matter was tabled until the September meeting.

A Budget Workshop was set for August 18, 2014 at 6:30 in the Council Room

Mrs. McWright and Mayor Sandusky will be the hiring committee.

Mrs. McWright moved to approve allowing the "Oldies but Goodies" Car Show to close East Oliver for overflow, if needed. Mr. Gohman seconded the motion. The motion carried. The Forman and Thomas families will trade plots. The Cemetery Association will pay to have the Forman's new plot curbed.

Per City of Bronte Ordinance No. 395, "No new dual or multiple connections (being more than one user of a single meter) shall be permitted."

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## COKE COUNTY FOOTBALL!

**Robert Lee Steers vs. Highland Hornets**

Friday, September 26, 2014  
7:30 pm Highland



**Bronte Longhorns vs. Rocksprings Angoras**

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7:30 pm Rocksprings



**Blackwell Hornets vs. Eden Bulldogs**

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7:30 pm Blackwell

