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Friday, May 18, 2018

Saluting the Bronte High School Class of 2018

exercises for twenty-two Bronte High School seniors will be held Friday evening, May 18, 2018, at 7 pm in the Bronte School include Payton Anslee Arrott, new gymnasium.

Following the processional, Cade Chumney will lead the Cervenka, Jaxon William Pledge of Allegience and Jaxon Chantrill will give the invocation. Tanner Bedford will give his Salutatory Address, followed by Daisy Sanchez, school counselor, Feil Duncan, Joshua Michael presenting the scholarships and Fuentez, Lisa Ann Gilbert, Memories Senior presentation. Dayana Perez will introduce the evening's speaker, Parks, Dayana Perez, Melissa Donna Poehls Stinnett. Mr. Tim Alejandra Perez, Shawn David Siler, Superintendent of Schools, Shane Kelton, BISD Board of Trustees President, and John Phillips, Principal, will award the Alexander Mathias Tutina, and diplomas. Mercedes DeLaCerda Hanna Whisenhunt.

commencement will lead the benediction to conclude the

> This year's class members Paul Vincent Basquez, Tanner David Bedford, Aaron Douglas Chantrill, Christian Chumney, Jaqueline Aguilar Davila, Mercedes DeLaCerda, Darby Marydith Zachary Don Jackson, Hunter Aaron Lake, Randall Kevin Puentez, Nathan Robinson, Alyssa Paige Sallee, Diana Berenice



BHS Honor Graduates! Bronte High School honor graduates for 2018 have been announced. Valedictorian (left) is Darby Duncan, daughter of Mark and Quinda Duncan. The Salutatorian is Tanner Bedford, son of David and Misti Bedford.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Friday, May 18

Early Release - Blackwell CISD

Bad Weather Day - Robert Lee ISD

Bronte High School Graduation Ceremony, 7 pm, Bronte ISD New Gym

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Sunday, May 20

Robert Lee Baccalaureate Service, 11 am, Robert Lee Baptist Church

Monday, May 21

Coke County Retired Teachers Meeting, 12 noon, First Baptist Church, Bronte

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

Ladies Water Aerobics, 6:15 pm, Bronte Pool

teer Fire Dept. Meeting, 7 pm, Bronte City Hall

Tuesday, May 22

Commissioners Court, 9 am, County Courthouse, Robert Lee

Thursday, May 24

Robert Lee ISD Awards Assembly, 9 am, Cafetorium, RLISD

Robert Lee 8th Grade Promotion, 7 pm

Friday, May 25

Robert Lee High School Graduation Ceremony, 7 pm, Robert Lee ISD

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Bronte 8th Grade Class honored

A promotion program for Bronte Junior High School 8th Graders was held Thursday evening, May 10, 2018.

Following the processional by Maureen Youngblood, Kaitlyn Ządra gave the invocation and sang the National Anthem. John Phillips presented the honor students and Zachary McWright followed with the Salutatory Address. The 8th Grade Memories presentation preceded the Valedictory Address by Lance Rolls. Tim Siler and John Phillips presented the certificates followed by Thalia Castaneda with the benediction to conclude the





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evening's ceremony.

Nikkole Harendt, Zacharv This year's class members McWright, Jessica Montez, Irene nclude Brandon Arthur, Thalia Quezada, Lance Rolls, Shyann Castaneda, Isaac Gonzales, Strickland, and Kaityln Zadra.

CCRTA to meet May 21 for noon luncheon

The Coke County Retired Teachers will meet Monday, May 21, 2018, at the First Baptist Church in Bronte for the regular noon pot lunch meeting. This will be the last meeting before the summer. Meetings will resume in September. Dues for the year are being accepted.

Retired school personnel are urged to join Texas Retired Teachers Association. A once-amonth attendance at a local TRTA meeting is a show of support for the platform representing all retired school personnel.

Active school personnel can show support for the Texas Retired Teachers Association by contributing for an associate membership. TRTA is the voice health care program.

Retirees in the area are urged to event.

join the voice of Texas retirees and prospective retirees.

VP Open House slated for June 9

Vision with a Purpose will host of public education's retiree the Open House for their newly defined benefit annuity and remodeled office on Austin Street in Robert Lee. The event Public school employees will be held on Saturday, June 9, agreed with the State of Texas in from 2 pm until 4 pm, with food 1937 that no Social Security and drinks available. The new would be deducted from salaries; building is quite an addition to rather the State would deduct Robert Lee and can be used for retirement funds to be matched meetings, parties, weddings, for investment by the Texas receptions, and any community Retirement System. TRTA event where people gather. advocates for this system, which Information will be available for is one of the best in the nation. rental costs at the open house

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Blackwell to host ceremony honoring veterans

A Memorial Day Celebration will be held at 10 am, Monday, May 28, 2018, at the Blackwell Cemetery, located 1 mile north of Blackwell on Highway 70. The guest speaker is Rhea Bullock, a veteran and pastor at First United Methodist Church in Blackwell.

The Sweetwater Municipal Band will provide patriotic music. In addition to the Flag Ceremony, a reading of the Honor Roll of Veterans buried in the Blackwell Cemetery will be included.

A memorial tribute table will be available for attendees to display personal memorabilia.

Refreshments will be served. Some chairs will be provided, however attendees encouraged to bring lawn chairs.

BHS Class of '68 reunion slated

The 1968 Class of Bronte High School will celebrate their 50 year reunion on Saturday June 9, 2018.

The Class will gather at the Williams Building at 3 pm, following the Doug McCutchen Memorial Golf tournament that morning. Doug was a member of the Class of '68.

We invite friends and family to stop by the Williams Building and visit and reminisce. For more information regarding the reunion, please contact Linda Cumbie Gladden at (325) 655-6693 or (325) 340-5798 or Don Hageman at (325) 656-4265 or (325) 647-5207. The class looks forward to seeing one another plus all their friends.

For information regarding the golf tournament, contact the Bronte Longhorn Golf Club at (325) 262-5227.

4th of July celebration set at BHRC

Bronte Health and Rehab Center will host their annual 4th of July celebration. The event will include a silent auction and the famous Ed Cumbie auction, along with hot dogs, watermelon, and other goodies. Funds raised go to support the BHRC Auxiliary.

However, with deep regret the BHRC Auxiliary will not be hosting fireworks this year. The cost has gone up and the number of patrons at BHRC that can enjoy the fireworks has gone down. The Auxiliary

hopes that another organization may consider taking on this project.

VP hosts bake sales

Vision with a Purpose held a very successful Bake Sale on Friday, May 11, at Robert Lee State Bank. Lots of cakes, pies, cookies and casseroles were available for sale.

VP plans another Bake Sale for just before Father's Day, June 15, at the Robert Lee State Bank. Don't miss this one!

Water Aerobics to be held

Ladies water aerobics will be held each Monday Thursday, starting May 21. It will be held at the Bronte Pool beginning at 6:15 pm.

Vacation Bible School set for RLBC

Robert Lee Baptist Church will hold Vacation Bible School July 9 through July 13, from 5:30 pm until 8:30 pm. Children going in to Pre-K through 6th grade are

invited to attend. A pool party will complete the week on July

Church at (325) 453-2724.

Boomerangs and Feeling Welcome

contact Robert Lee Baptist

For more information,

by James M. Decker Last week's essay ended with a brief discussion on Yesterday versus Tomorrow in rural America. As I mentioned, our future prosperity depends on giving purpose and value to Tomorrow in our communities.

Later in the week, I read an article incredibly relevant to the topic of Tomorrow.

This article, found in Curbed, a national online real estate magazine, was entitled "The new magnetism of mid-size cities." It discussed the growing trend of "boomerangs," younger Americans moving back to their hometowns from larger cities

after college. The article specifically looks at the increasing attractiveness of mid-size cities. It identifies the merits of lower cost of living, better commutes, closer connections to family, and neighborhood-oriented living that is much more workable than the same lifestyle in a larger urban setting.

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Social Meeting! The Robert Lee Girls, composed of former students of Robert Lee High School, met recently at Noel and Co. for their monthly social. The group included (seated, left to right) Gayle Lewis Mosley, Fran Wylie Lomas, Brenda Cowley Lapier, Doris Sparks Fox, (standing, left to right) Lexie Lewis Holloway, Sheila Roe Hooper, Judy Allen Williams, Shirley Roe Powell, Nancy Trimble Davee, and Sandra Roe Cave. Any former gal who attending school at RLHS is invited to join the group and can contact any of the ladies above to do so.

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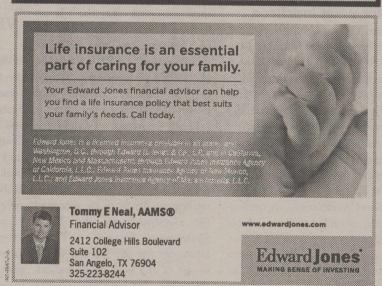
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Letter from the Publisher

Dear Readers,

It has been my honor to be a part of bringing you Coke County's news for almost 30 years. Our editor, Morgan McCutchen Brigham, began as a typist and clerk when she was just 12. After college and several years in the Human Resource Department at First Financial's corporate headquarters in Abilene, Morgan returned to the OE at the end of 2016. Both of us are completely dedicated and feel a huge responsibility with owning the "oldest business in Coke County".

This new digital world has seen the decline of print publications across our nation and we have not been unaffected by these changes both positively and negatively. On the negative side, this business once was able to employee several people. Now, there is just Morgan and me and we must have another source of income as there are fewer businesses in our county to support a local newspaper.

One of the positive changes is that instead of people dropping by our office, we now receive email. This is the best way to receive items, because now the production of the newspaper is no longer cut, wax, and physically lay in copy on an actual page to be taken to a special camera. That process is now all done digitally.

Personally, I have fought the

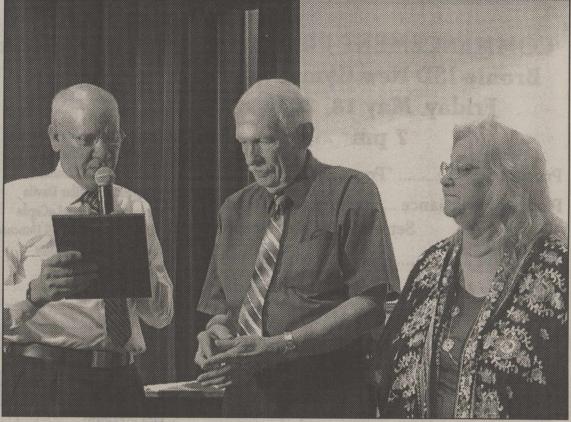
changes and only made a change when breakdowns in old equipment forced new upgrades. The benefit of these upgrades has allowed us to produce the newspaper anywhere we had our laptop computers. Also a couple of years ago, you may have noticed your address labels were different from years past. This change came when the old mailing system finally died and couldn't be repaired. With the new system, we are now mobile with preparing the newspaper to be mailed out.

In 1989, the OE had offices in both Bronte and Robert Lee. The Bronte office was closed years ago and went to a drop box system. The Bronte drop box is at Shirley's. Two years ago, I began tracking our "in the door" traffic in Robert Lee. This showed that most weeks there were only one or two customers coming to the office.

With all of this being said and the price of fuel, it really isn't cost effective to keep the office in Robert Lee open more than a couple of mornings per week. We are now open on Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 9:30 am until 12 noon. There is a drop box for our customers at Floyd C. Petitt Insurance.

With the many changes over the years, it is our sincere hope that you, our reader, is enjoying this publication and will enjoy it for many more years to come.

Melinda McCutchen, Publisher The Observer/Enterprise



Dedication! In honor of their contributions, the auditorium at Ballinger ISD has been named the Dale and Ida Lee Ellis Auditorium. The couple was presented with a plaque at a dedication ceremony held at the school on Saturday, May 12, 2018.

and Coke County needs two.

Today, Coke County faces a crossroad...find a way to provide EMS service or lose the service and watch other things go away too. These are the options with pros and cons to

1) The county could provide EMS service. But the past few years there has been an attitude of "the county can't afford it!" and yet there has never been a question asked about "what would it cost" or "how much does EMS bring in?" Nor has the question been asked, "can the county afford to be without?" County based EMS provides some options, benefits and a source of revenue (taxes). Most counties in the Concho Valley, as well as other places in Texas, do provide EMS service with some method of payment to the EMS personnel, even as volunteers.

2) An Emergency Services District could be formed public vote. An ESD is much like a hospital district (Coke County has two, funding nursing homes), with an elected board and a taxing authority capped at ten cents per \$100 value. An ESD can also access The need for Option One or Two, is to provide adequate funds to hire in county personnel or out of county farmers, ranchers personnel to provide staffing to meet the required needs of a 911 service. Many surrounding counties do this now. Coke does have some

qualified personnel who won't volunteer, can't, or have to work outside the county for the money. Tax income could provide them with options to

stay. There is not enough work volume or billing to entice an outside company to come to

Coke County and provide 911

County

There may be no real good choices, but the choice to lose EMS and do without, is catastrophic.

The residents of Coke County need to have serious discussions NOW and not hope someone else will find a solution and It needs to be SOON.

Stephen Salmon Administrator for East Coke County Ambulance Service and

West Coke County EMS House farm bill well received by

House Agriculture Committee recently released their version of the 2018 Farm Bill (HR 2), and County farmers and ranchers are pleased their concerns were heard.

"There was a session held in Texas where House Ag Committee Chairman Mike Conaway listened to concerns from Texas farmers and ranchers," John Ross Copeland, Coke County Farm Bureau president, said. "The committee took those concerns into consideration when they were drafting their legislation."

The farm bill, also known as the Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018, addressed issues important to agriculture.

"The House's version of a National Animal Disease Preparedness and Response Program will help protect the health of the nation's livestock," John Ross Copeland said.

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Letter to the Editor Where is the 911 for EMS?

For more than 30 years, Coke County has had Volunteer EMS service. The services have been mostly self-sufficient. With an aging population, a shortage of jobs and opportunities, the source of volunteers has gone the way of the youth and the jobs. Currently the work load is being shouldered county wide by 11 or 12 people...and many are in their 60's or 70's.

Today it is difficult to find volunteers. Training is longer and more intensive and volunteers are held to the same standards in rural Coke County as they are in Houston, Dallas, or Austin paid services.

Today Coke County faces an imminent loss of EMS service due to personnel shortages. When EMS goes away, so do the nursing homes (required to have an ambulance service to transport bed ridden residents to a higher level of care) and the county-wide and requires a schools won't be far behind.

Lots of tax dollars support the nursing homes but none for EMS. EMS bills for service, but only collects just enough to keep the doors open, and supplies and fuel on the ambulance. A new ambulance approaches \$200,000 some sales tax (A or B) funds.

VOTE Henry Chisholm Coke County Commissioner Pct. 2 Tuesday, May 22, 2018

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COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM Bronte ISD New Gymnasium Friday, May 18, 2018 7 pm

Processional "Pomp & Circumstance" Pledge of Allegiance Mr. Cade Chumney Senior Class Vice President Invocation Mr. Jaxon Chantrill Salutatory Address Mr. Tanner Bedford Presentation of Awards Ms. Daisy Sanchez Counselor Senior Memories Ms. Mary McMullan Introduction of Speaker Miss Dayana Perez Speaker Mrs. Donna Poehls Stinnett Valedictory Address Miss Darby Duncan Presentation of Diplomas Mr. Tim Siler Superintendent of Bronte School Mr. John Phillips Principal Mr. Shane Kelton President, Board of Trustees Benediction Miss Mercedes DeLaCerda Recessional "Lean On Me"

CLASS QUOTE

"Do not so where the path may lead; so instead where there is no path and leave a trail."

Emerson

Class of 2018

- * Payton Anslee Arrott
- * Paul Vincent Basquez
- * Tanner David Bedford Aaron Douglas Cervenka Jaxon William Chantrill
- Christian Cade Chumney * Jaqueline Aguilar Davila Mercedes Paige DeLaCerda
- * Darby Marydith Feil Duncan
- * Lisa Ann Gilbert

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Zachary Don Jackson Hunter Aaron Lake Randall Kevin Parks * Dayana Perez

* Melissa Alejandra Perez Shawn David Puentez Nathan Hugh Robinson Alyssa Paige Sallee Diana Berenice Tapia **Alexander Mathias Tutino**

Hanna Whisenhunt

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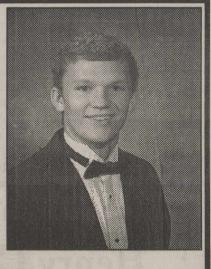


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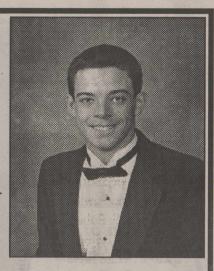
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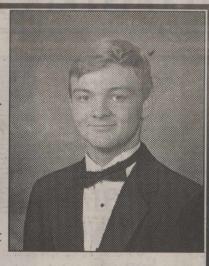
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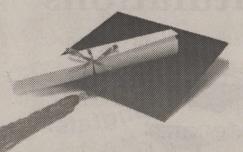
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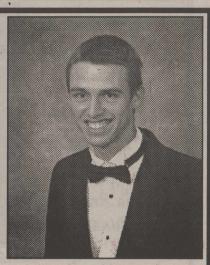
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Seat 1, 2, 3, 4; Homecoming Duchess 4; FFA
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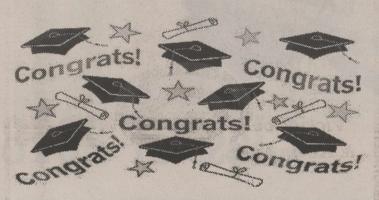
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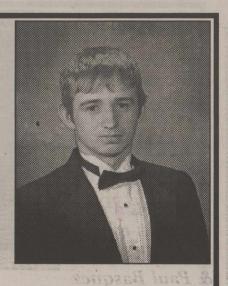
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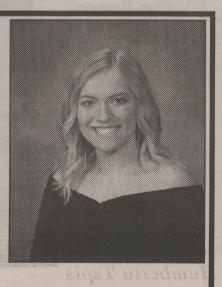
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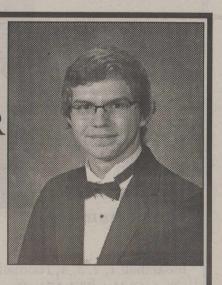
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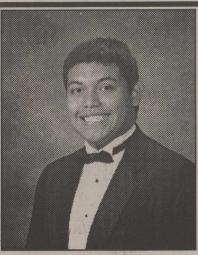
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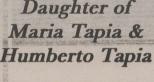
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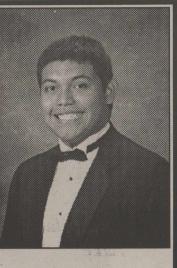
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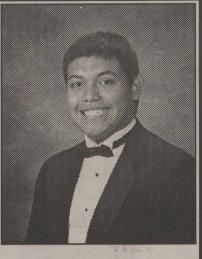
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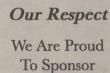












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National Honor Society 4; Yearbook 2, 3, 4

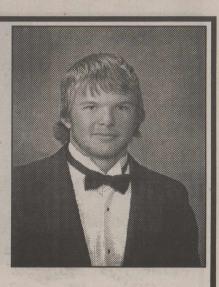
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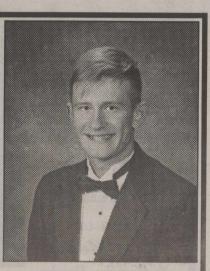




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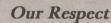
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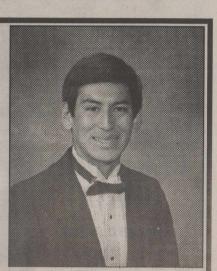
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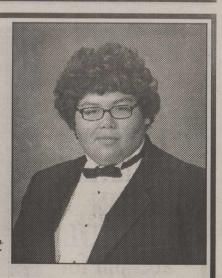
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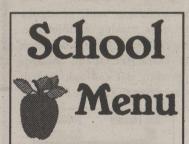
State Track Meet! Jullisa Ureno (above, a freshman at Robert Lee High School, placed sixth in the 300 Meter Hurdles at the state track meet held in Austin last week. Margo Mendoza finished her senior year with a bronze medal in the discus.

RL Awards Assemblies slated for May 24

The Robert Lee Elementary School Awards Assembly will be held on Thursday, May 24, 2018, at 9 am in the Cafetorium. The Junior High and High School Awards Assembly will follow at 10 am. All parents and family members are encouraged to attend. Please feel free to contact the school office at (325) 453-4555 for additional information.

Also school will be dismissed for summer break at 12:30 pm on that day. The buses will be running at that time and arrangements will be needed to be made to pick up students at the early release time.

Email Your News and Pictures by Monday at 5 pm for that week's newspaper. **ObserverEnterprise** @gmail.com



Robert Lee ISD **Breakfast** Monday, May 21

French Toast, Bacon, Juice, Fruit, Milk

Tuesday, May 22 Breakfast Strudel, Yogurt, Juice, Fruit, Milk

Wednesday, May 23 Cinnamon Roll, Sausage,

Juice, Fruit, Milk Thursday, May 24

PBJ, Cheesestick, Juice, Fruit, Milk Friday, May 25

Summer Break!

Lunch Monday, May 21

Wings, Milk Boneless Chicken Celery Sticks, Carrot Sticks, Thursday, May 24 Orange Smiles, Milk Tuesday, May 22

Mexican Combo Mexicali Corn, Refried Beans, Friday, May 25 Sliced Peaches, Milk

Wednesday, May 23

Extreme Burrito, Garnish, Rice, Beans, Salsa, Salad, Fruit Cup,

Sloppy Joe Sandwich, Broccoli Bites, Oven Fries, Seasonal Fruit, Plate, Milk

Summer Break!

8th GRADE PROMOTION **Bronte ISD Auditorium** Thursday, May 10, 2018

Processional Mrs. Maureen Youngblood "Pomp & Circumstance"

Invocation Miss Kaitlyn Zadra National Anthem Miss Kaitlyn Zadra Honor Student Presentations Mr. John Phillips Principal Salutatory Address Mr. Zachary McWright 8th Grade Memories prepared by 8th Grade Valedictory Address Mr. Lance Rolls Presentation of Certificates Mr. Tim Siler Superintendent Mr. John Phillips, Principal Benediction Miss Thalia Castaneda

"Five More Minutes" by Scotty McCreery

Class of 2022

Brandon Arthur Thalia Castaneda Isaac Gonzales Nikkole Harendt Zachary McWright

Jessica Montez Irene Quezada Lance Rolls Shyann Strickland Kaitlyn Zadra

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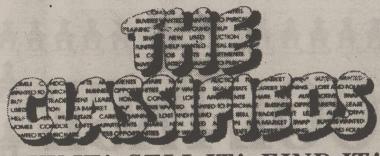
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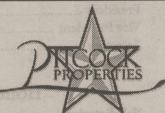
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scope of care for our residents and to our Activities Department. Please keep an eye out for future fundraisers in the months to come.

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Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting



Evening with a Hero! Medal of Honor recipient, Allen Lynch (above photo, center), was the guest speaker for the event "Evening with a Hero" held at Fort Chadbourne on May 10, 2018. The Central High School JROTC furnished the color



...Boomerangs

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for May 9, 2019.

In short, there is a rising desire to find a better quality of life, and millennial-age Americans are realizing that the mid-sized cities are an attractive place to find that quality of life. These mid-size cities are even more attractive when they have an that welcomes economy entrepreneurship and startup companies and that provides career opportunities that are becoming difficult in larger, more expensive cities. As I read this article, and as I read the with interviews professionals who have made this move, I was struck by just how much of this appeal can also apply to our rural communities, just like the mid-

Researchers have identified other interesting points of appeal, beyond quality of life and career opportunities. There is an attraction to something called "place character" - young adults find appeal in a place, whether their hometown or otherwise, that has unique This appeal is emphasized when those young adults can be part of new opportunities that revitalize a place, whether an old agricultural town or a former manufacturing city. Having the opportunity to have an impactmatters too. There is demand to live in a place where a person or a small group can make their mark on a community's economy, culture, public safety, or other aspects of life that matter to that person or group.

Max Wastler is a 37 year-old entrepreneur who recently moved home to St. Louis from Los Angeles. He put into words what attracted him back to a classic mid-sized city like St. Louis and what should also become an attractive sales pitch for our own rural communities:

"The realization that I can work from anywhere made me want to go to a place I feel welcome. I feel welcome here. I don't know if it's part of a larger trend, but it's part of a larger thing for me. I'm home."

Sometimes, it might just be that simple. Our rural communities have natives living in larger cities across Texas and beyond. What if they can work anywhere, do it back home, and feel welcome?

James Decker is a lawyer, farmer, and mayor-elect in Stamford, and the creator of the forthcoming "West of 98" podcast and website. He may be contacted through Facebook at facebook.com/james.decker.

...Farm Bill

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The bill addresses critical shortfalls in risk protection for crop farmers and funding for threats to livestock health.

"The cattle fever tick has been"

designated as a 'high priority' research item," said. "The fever tick has been an issue for South Texas ranchers, and coordinated efforts over the years have helped achieve control. Funding to continue these efforts have been included in the bill."

The legislation also includes protections against overreach on enforcement of the Endangered Species Act, streamlining of the regulatory burden on agriculture and better access to conservation programs.

"Agriculture has faced some tough years recently," John Ross Copeland said. "Farm income

This new farm bill released by the survive through difficult times."

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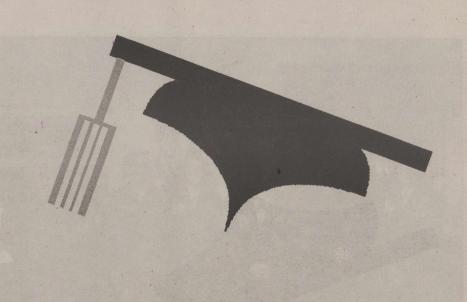
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