

countercultural to take the opposite approach. But it might be the most healthy approach for people and place alike. If we want to create healthier, happier society with more fulfilled lives for all, we should direct our energy and work towards living locally.

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Nominations open for Cattlemen's Beef Board

Nominations are being sought for Texas representatives on the Cattlemen's Beef Promotion and Research Board (CBB).

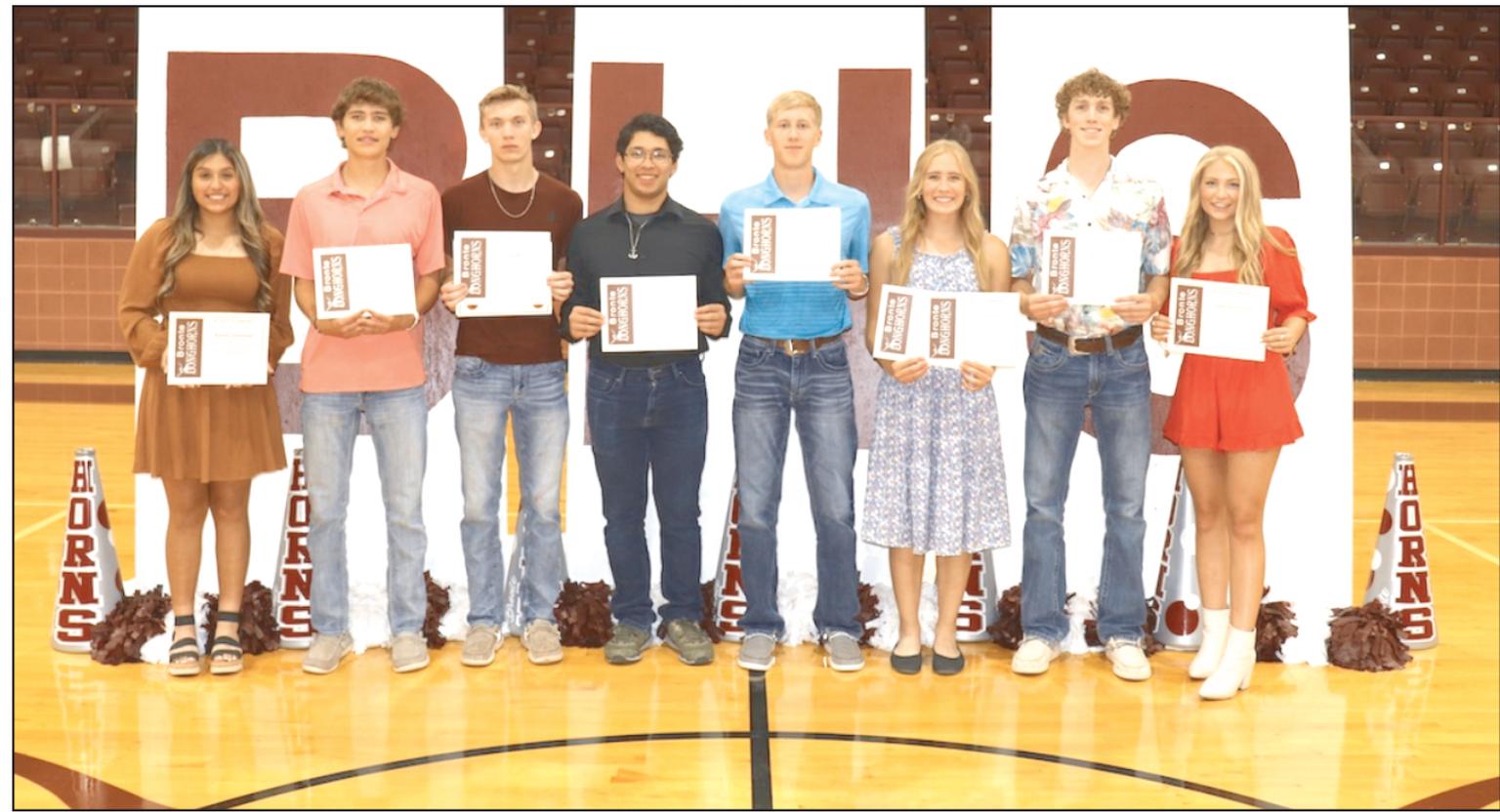
The CBB's goal is to maintain and expand domestic and foreign markets and uses for beef and beef products. Under the direction of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), the board manages investing the \$1 per head beef checkoff assessment collected each time cattle are sold in the U.S. and from imported beef, beef products and live cattle.

USDA is seeking nominations to succeed 27 members with terms that expire in March 2024.

Each year, the U.S. secretary of agriculture appoints one-third of all board members from cattle producers and importers nominated by eligible organizations.

This year, five Texas seats are currently open for a three-year term beginning in 2024 and ending in 2026.

Cattle producers may submit their application to certified nominating organizations in Texas. Once applications are received and reviewed, the



Sports Banquet! Bronte High School recently held their end of the year sports banquet. Those students receiving the MVP awards include the following (top photo): Volleyball - Ryana Castaneda, Golf - Jayton Galvan, Football - Teegan Minjarez, Boys Tennis - Bastian Quezada, Boys Track - Jett Jackson, Girls Track - Emily Jackson, Girls Basketball - Emily Jackson, Boys Basketball - Kolson Follis, and Girls Tennis - Zoey Hortensine. Zoey Hortensine and Jett Jackson (above left photo) received the Heart Awards while Emmy Speary and Parker Bearden received the Who's Who in Athletics Awards. Emmy Speary and Jett Jackson were also the recipients of the All Sports Booster Scholarship.

Texas beef industry caucus of certified nominating organizations will submit the nominees to USDA. Interested Texas cattle

producers must complete Form AD755 and the Agreement To Serve document to be considered. The documents should be submitted to staff

contacts of the certified provided by USDA. nominating organizations (Continued on next page)

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