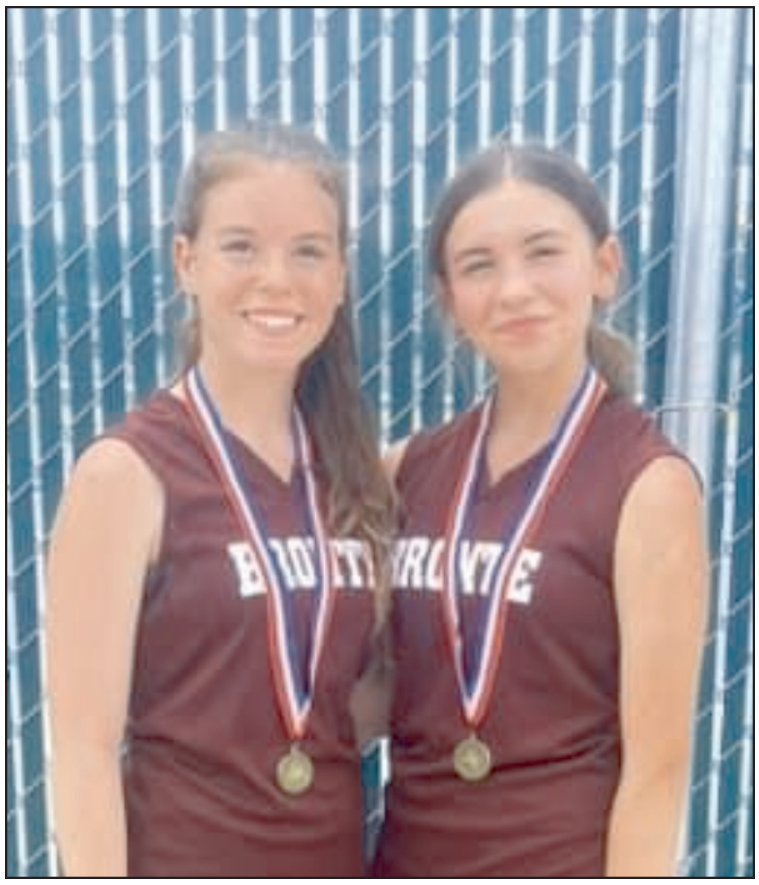
Teachers of the Year! *The Bronte Education Enrichment Foundation hosted a Bronte ISD Teacher/Staff Appreciation event on Thursday, May 4 at the Community Center in Bronte. Alisa Webb (middle photo, right) was honored as the Elementary Teacher of the Year, while Rikki Turner (above photo) was honored as the High School Teacher of the Year.*



Tennis! *Bronte Junior High tennis players finished up their season earlier this month at the district meet. Kenzie Schoenfield and Zandrey Sanchez placed first in 7th grade girls singles.*

bureaucracy and regulatory burden on American businesses," Jackson said. "Small and medium-sized family operations would be forced to allocate time and finances to disclose business-related data regarding their emissions in an effort to comply with unnecessary climate standards. The Biden administration has weaponized the SEC to promote Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) investing, and the American people will bear the brunt of this terrible decision."

In addition to TFB, the bill is supported by the National Sorghum Producers, Texas Cattle Feeders Association, Texas Bankers Association, Texas Corn Producers, Texas Grain Sorghum Association and American Exploration and Production Council.

Surf Your Turf

By Jennifer Simonson

During the hot summer months, thunderstorms develop in Central Africa each afternoon like clockwork. If the monsoon is at least partially active, a disturbance can intensify over North Africa as it marches west before being thrust out over the Atlantic Ocean near Cape Verde. Sometimes storms peter out right there, but if the ocean is warm and the conditions are right, a storm can continue its trek across the Atlantic, picking up power along the way until it reaches the Gulf of Mexico.

That's when a small but mighty group of Texas surf enthusiasts break out their boards.

Hurricanes bring world-class waves to the sluggish waters of the Texas Gulf Coast—waves that area surfers sometimes wait years for. When a storm begins tracking on the radar and swell reports look promising, pent-up surfers call out sick, miss family obligations and put plans on hold to head to the nearest beach.

"Most people are driving away from the ocean during hurricanes, but Texas surfers are driving towards it," says William "Boog" Cram, owner of Ohana Surf & Skate in Galveston.

The existence of a passionate surfing community in Texas might come as a surprise to many—even those who grew up here. But surfing culture in Texas dates back to the 1960s, when the surf craze perpetrated by the Beach Boys, the documentary The Endless Summer and Gidget movies swept the nation. Much more recently, a renewed interest in the sport began when the pandemic pushed more people to embrace outdoor activities. Landlocked Texans wanting to escape city lockdowns headed to the beach, rented surfboards and tried their hand at a sport many people don't realize exists here.

"Usually when you tell people that you surf in Texas, the immediate response is: 'There is surf in Texas?' " says Frank Floyd, longtime surfer and owner of Wind & Wave Watersports in Corpus Christi. That question is often followed up with a curiosity of what it's like to surf in Texas.

Are Texas waves large? No.

Do they have power behind them? Also no.

But can one surf in crystal clear water so beautiful that they forget about the waves? Absolutely not.

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State Track! *Bronte High School sent three athletes to the state track meet recently. Emily Jackson (above) placed fifth in long jump, third in the 100m hurdles, and fourth in the 300m hurdles. Jett Jackson placed fifth in the 800m run and set an unofficial school record with a time of 2:02.02. Emalyn Bohensky (not pictured) placed sixth in the high jump.*

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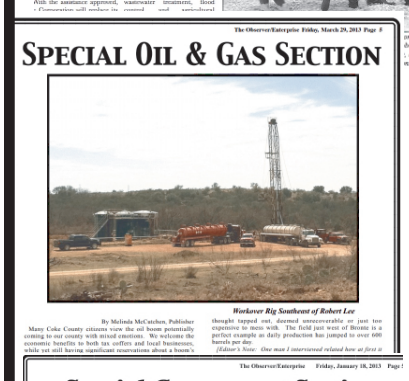
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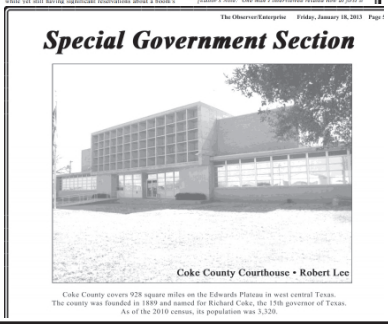
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