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UPCOMINGS!

Bronte Pool to host weekly events

The Bronte Pool is hosting water aerobics each Monday evening from 6 pm until 7 pm.

They are also hosting a Teen Night each Tuesday evening from 7 pm until 9 pm. This night is set aside for junior high and high school students only.

Summer Lunch Program in progress

Robert Lee Baptist Church's Summer Lunch Program is currently in progress. Meals may be picked up at the drive-

What Is A Good Job?

Part 1

Last week, I kicked off a

series of essays about job

creation. Specifically, I want to

talk about creating "good jobs"

in our rural communities.

What is a ""good job," anyway?

If I asked you to describe the

essential qualities, what would

they be? We might all give

different priorities, but I'm

guessing our responses would all

include some variation of the

following: good compensation,

insurance and retirement, job

security, and opportunities to

In recent years, our country

amounts of research and spilled

untold amounts of ink on the

topic of changing trends in the

workforce, so that employers,

government researchers, and

the media can "understand"

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advance.

has conducted

By James M. Decker

thru area of the church. Each child needing a lunch will need to be signed up.

For more information or to obtain a form to sign up, contact Robert Lee Baptist Church at (325) 453-2724.

Hunter Education Course set for August 14

A Hunter Education Classroom Course will be held on August 14, 2021, at 8 am at Bronte High School. The class is mandatory for gun or archery hunters 9 to 16 years old who hunt unaccompanied and for all gun and archery hunters 17 years or over, whether accompanied or not, who were

born on or after September 1, 1971.

Students must register at the following link prior to the class date, https://tpwd.elementlms.com/course/hunter-education-classroom-course-6082/.

For more information, contact Game Warden Dan Waddell at (325) 206-3340.

Walk Workout & Chair Yoga held each week

A 1 mile walking workout will be held each Tuesday and Thursday beginning at 9:45 am at Bronte First United Methodist Church. Chair Yoga will then follow from 10:30 am until 11:30 am. Both activities will be held inside and any fitness levels are welcome.

For more information, contact Pastor Stacy Sprinkle at pastorstacy.bumc@gmail.com or (325) 473-3281.

Summer Reading Program being held

The Coke County Library Children's Summer Reading Program began Tuesday, June 1. Reading logs may be picked up during business hours at the library. Once completed, participants will receive a free one time use pool pass for either the Bronte or Robert Lee pool.

For more information, contact the Coke County Library at (325) 453-2495.

younger generations. I bring this up for a reason: if we are going to provide "good jobs"in rural America, it behooves us to know who will be filling those jobs and what matters most to them. If a community is seeking jobs in 2020 the same way it was in 1975, without factoring in the changing world or different generations, well, good luck to you.

I have read countless articles about younger generations in

the workforce. Some of the writing is insightful. Much of it is utterly useless. The term "millennial" is often media shorthand for "people younger than me that I don't understand." The reality is that I am a millennial. I am 37 years old, young by some metrics, but hardly a teenager as some of these "millennial" articles imply. The youngest millennials are closer to 30 than they are to 20. Millennials comprise well over a



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of the American workforce, a share that stands to grow as more baby boomers retirement. into Millennials are raising kids who attend our schools. Millennials are paying local property taxes are often already community leaders. If a rural community is not considering the millennial workforce, then they are ceding the opportunity

to grow a vital population.

Beyond the useless millennial articles, I have read a lot of intelligent research on career preferences among varying The results are generations. striking. There is an idea that the average American changes jobs more frequently today than in the past. more mixed. Anecdotally, fewer people stay in one job for 40 years now than in, say, 1960, but there are also fewer of those "long haul" jobs available today than in 1960. Did you know that, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the median American spends about 4-1/2 years at a job today? This is actually slightly longer than in the 1980s.

Did you know that when "millennials" are surveyed about their priorities in a career, the answers are roughly similar to those of prior generations? To be sure, there are some differences

between generations(particularly in interpersonal dynamics), but when you look at the big picture, whether the employees are 25, 35, or 55, they want to make a good living. They want to be valued by their employer and treated decently. They want to feel like they are making a difference in the world.

That brings me back to "good jobs" in rural communities. There has been a prevailing view for many decades that rural America needs to send its youth off to the city to find a good job. This migration exploded after World War II, when the children of farm and ranch communities left for the city to find a job, often at a factory.

I'm running short on room today, so we will continue this next week. The postwar migration has not stopped, even if "city jobs" look very different in 2021 than they did after World War II. Why is that? And how do we reverse the migration back to good jobs in small towns? And what sort of jobs are attractive to today's workforce?

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Area Churches Invite You to Worship

Bronte Church of Christ

PO Box 346 118 S. Jefferson • Bronte Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm Central Baptist Church 324 S. Franklin • Bronte

(325) 473-4811 Dale Patterson, Pastor Sun. 10 am Sunday School 11 am & 5 pm Worship

First Baptist Church
424 S. Washington • Bronte
(325) 473-2331
Pastor George Cooper
Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School,
10:55 am Worship, 6 pm Bible
Study & Worship
Wednesday 6 pm RA's & GA's,
6:30 pm Youth & Adults
First United Methodist Church

First United Methodist Church Corner of Washington & Holmes Bronte

(325) 473-3281

Rev. Stacy Sprinkle, Pastor Sun. 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship

St. James Catholic Church 215 N. Washington, Bronte (325) 365-2687 Rev. Yesu Mulakaleti, Jr., Pastor Sunday Bilingual Mass 8 am

4C Cowboy Church
Drawer R • Bronte • (325) 895-4080
Robert Lemmond, Pastor
Sunday, 10:30 am - Texas Theater
Wednesday Bible Study 6 pm 4C Feedlot Youth Building

Robert Lee
Bible Baptist Church
PO Box 938 • 9th & Austin
Sunday 10 am Sunday School,
11 am and 5 pm Worship,
Wed 5 pm Bible Study
Emmanuel Pentecostal

Emmanuel Pentecostal
PO Box 794 • 1004 Hillcrest
Pastor Brantly Robertson
(972) 841-2009
Sundays 10 am, Wednesdays 7 pm

First United Methodist Church PO Box 144 •9th & Chadbourne Robert Lee • (325) 453-2417 Cyndi Weidner, Pastor Sun. 10 am Sunday School 11 am Worship,

5 pm Choir Practice

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Sun. 9:45 am • Sunday School

11 am Sarvica • Rible Study Wed 6

11 am Service • Bible Study Wed. 6 pm **Robert Lee Cowboy Church** James Brunson, Pastor (469) 834-3932

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Sun. 10 am, Sunday School 11 am & 6 pm, Worship Wed. 6 pm, Worship Northside Church of Christ PO Box 508 9th & Chadbourne • Robert Lee (325) 453-2685, (325) 763-2118 or

(325) 473-1053 Services: Sun. 10 am Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic

Church 601 W. 10th, Robert Lee (325) 365-2687

Rev. Yesu Mulakaleti, Pastor Saturday Vigil Mass 5 pm **Robert Lee Baptist Church** PO Box 493 •22 W. 11th (325) 453-2724 Chris Walls, Pastor Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School

11 am & 7 pm, Worship Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting Victory Assembly of God (325) 453-2208, PO Box 638 202 E. 6th Street, Robert Lee Rev. Rocky Youngblood, Pastor Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School

10:45 am, Sunday School 10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship Wed. 6 pm, Bible Study

Coke County
Pecan Baptist

PO Box 542 •12 miles West of Robert Lee on Sterling City Hwy (325) 453-2065, Bill Hood, Pastor www.pecanbaptistchurchrl.com Sun. 10 am, Sunday School

11 am & 7 pm, Worship

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