...More Classifieds

body of the City of Bronte adopts to use revenue attributable to the tax rate for the purpose of meeting the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 budget.

LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE YEAR'S TAX RATE \$0.409373 EFFECTIVE TAX RATE \$0.376976 **ONE PERCENT \$100 TAX INCREASE \$0.380745** ONE CENT PER \$100 TAX INCREASE \$0.386976

Your taxes owed under any of the above rates can be calculated as follows:

Property tax amount = (\$0.380745) X (taxable value of your property)/100.

The city council will discuss and act at our regular city council meeting on September 15, 2022.

<u>09-1tc</u>

...School Menus (Continued from page 4) Wednesday, September 7

X-treme burrito, tomato cup,

cucumbers, rosy applesauce, milk

Thursday, September 8

Fish sticks, mac and cheese, carrots, California blend, pears, milk

Friday, September 9

Breaded mozzarella sticks, marinara sauce, corn, salad, grapes, chocolate chip cookie, milk

Robert Lee ISD Breakfast Monday, September 5 School Holiday

Tuesday, September 6 Breakfast burrito, hashbrown,

fruit, juice, milk Wednesday, September 7

Waffles, sausage, fruit, juice, milk

Thursday, September 8 Breakfast combo, fruit, juice,

milk Friday, September 9

Oatmeal, cinnamon toast, fruit, juice, milk <u>Lunch</u>

Monday, September 5 School Holiday

Tuesday, September 6 Chicken spaghetti, garden

salad, tomato and cucumber salad, fresh fruit, milk

Wednesday, September 7 Lasagna, fresh broccoli florets, buttered carrot coins, breadsticks, cinnamon applesauce, milk

Thursday, September 8

Fiesta bowl, mixed fruit, herbet c

Monday, September 5 School Holiday **Tuesday, September 6**

Fancy burrito (burrito, chili, cheese, lettuce, tomato), tater tots, milk

Wednesday, September 7

Cheeseburger, macaroni, mashed potatoes, sweet carrots, hot roll, milk

Thursday, September 8

Fried rice, lo mein noodles, steamed broccoli, egg roll, sweet-n-sour sauce, milk

Friday, September 9

No menu available

Connecting with the Land

By Addie Broyles When Sarah and Luke Johanson inherited her family's homestead outside Menard about five years ago, they had no idea how they were going to fit in.

The couple met in Los Angeles while pursuing acting careers, and they were living in Massachusetts when they started the process of moving to rural Texas.

"We thought, 'We're moving back there, but how are we going to survive there?" " Sarah Johanson says. Menard - a town of about 1,500 - is an hour southeast of San Angelo.

Johanson's grandfather had been the football announcer for Menard High School for 30 years, but, she says, "we're not the normal type of folks who live here."

INSURANCE

FLOYD C. PETITT

LIFE • HEALTH • GROUP HEALTH

LONG TERM CARE • ANNUITIES

MEDICARE SUPPLEMENTS

AUTO • HOME • COMMERCIAL

WE PUT YOU FIRST!

YOU'RE NOT A NUMBER TO US, BUT A MEMBER OF OUR FAMILY!

(325) 223-1563

5002 KNICKERBOCKER

SAN ANGELO, TEXAS 76904

floyd@floydcpetittinsurance.com

Logan Bell had a similar thought. Bell's family roots go way back in Menard, but the Odessa native lived on farms in Italy and England after college before settling in Fort Worth.

During Bell's childhood, the Bell family would visit Menard a few times a year to shear sheep that roamed the family land. When Bell's mom inherited the property in the mid-2010s, Bell and partner Geer Gillespie decided to turn their dream of becoming homesteaders into a reality.

"Before we moved here, we thought we would be the only people like this out here," Bell says. "We were prepared to be the isolated weirdos."

But Menard is a small town with a long memory. And these transplants and others came to discover their roots are more intertwined than they expected.

Not long after Bell and Gillespie moved into а dilapidated farmhouse, the couple stopped for a meal at the Lazy Ladle Cafe in downtown Menard, where Sarah Johanson's mom worked. "She told us we had to meet Sarah and Luke," Bell says.

Bell looked up Sarah Johanson on Facebook, and they started chatting, but it wasn't until Johanson started digging through old photo albums that she discovered that she and Bell shared more than a budding friendship.

The subjects in one photo

were a group of close-knit friends in Menard who called themselves the Angels. Among them were Zella Williamson and Winnie Lois Wilkerson, Johanson's grandmother and Bell's great-aunt.

"Sarah sent me that photo and said, 'Is that person related to you?' I was like, 'oh, oh, oh,"" Bell says. "We knew we had a connection, but then we realized we were sort of related."

As it turns out, Johanson and Bell aren't the only descendants of the Angels who have returned home to Menard.

Hannah Beall's grandmother, Betto, was also part of the group that lived in Menard when it was a bustling livestock town in the 1940s and '50s.

Beall was born in Austin and moved back to her mother's hometown while she was in elementary school. She made friends but never quite lost that outsider-looking-in perspective. Now she works for an Austin nonprofit and runs her own preserved foods business called Han Can.

Beall makes big batches of the preserves and delivers them to customers in Menard, a place she remembers didn't have much fresh produce when she was a kid.

"I always feel closely connected to my ancestors when I'm in Menard," she says. "But it's more of a longing to have known them more or better."

One of the first products Beall

sold was her great-greatgrandmother's chowchow, a savory mix of green tomatoes, peppers and cabbage. "Canning is a lost art these days," Beall says. "We don't have a lot of family traditions and passeddown recipes, so Oma's chowchow felt like such gold."

For Beall and others in Menard, it's not about recreating what once was. It's about imagining something new that is connected to what came before.

"Instead of moping that I don't have any culture, I get to start new traditions and fill in these gaps in the history where I can, even if I have to make it up," Beall says.

County's current Menard generation of food producers used to gather on Saturdays for a small farmers market in Menard, but since the pandemic started, most of the local vendors have been selling at the year-round farmers market in Junction, about 30 minutes south.

One of the biggest hits at the market is Texas Scratch Kitchen, the Prest family's cottage baking business. Amie and Joe Prest and their five children have lived in Menard for nearly a decade after starting their family in Germany and England, where Joe is from. Amie grew up in Menard - her ancestors were among the founding families - and, like Bell and Johanson, didn't have plans on returning, but that changed after visiting her grandmother in 2011.

(Continued on next page)



Tommy E Neal, AAMS[®] **Financial Advisor**

2412 College Hills Boulevard Suite 102 San Angelo, TX 76904 325-223-8244

Edward **Jones** MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING edwardjones.com

2019 Ford F-350 King Ranch Price Droph

\$66,900 | 2018 Chevrolet Traverse LT

MKT-5894K-A

IVFY MOTORS

\$27,900



Friday, September 9	White w/Brown Accent & King Ranch Leather! Navigation, Adaptive Cruise, & Power Running Boards, 100K Miles!	#Y663A	Silver w/Black Cloth! Tow Package! Good Looking SUV! 78K Miles!	#Y639C
Chicken parmesan, savory green beans, buttered sweet corn, peaches, roll, milk Blackwell CISD	2018 Chevrolet Suburban LT Blue w/Black Leather! Rear Entertainment System, Rear Bucket Seats, & Sunroof! 65K Miles!	\$41,900 #5683A	2014 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 LT 4 White w/Black Cloth! Z71 Offroad Package! Front Replacement Bumper! 95K Miles!	WD \$24,900
Breakfast Monday, September 5 School Holiday	2017 Chevrolet Suburban LS White w/Black Cloth! Remote Start & Tow Package! Excellent Shape! 58K Miles!	\$37,900 #X625A	2005 Ford Excursion Limited 4WD Tan w/Tan Leather! DVDs! 6" Lift Kit, Front Replacement Bumper! 6.8L V10! 155K Miles! Excellent Shape!	\$19,900 #Y685A
Tuesday, September 6 Pancakes, bacon, fruit, juice, milk Wednesday, September 7	2021 Kia Sorento S AWD Silver w/Black Leather! Very Nice SUV! Only 30K Miles!	\$37,500 #Y685A	2014 Ford Expedition EL XLT Blue w/Tan Accent & Tan Leather! Rear Entertainment System & Bluetooth! 209K Miles!	\$9,500 #7298C
Pizza, fruit, juice, milk Thursday, September 8 Biscuit, gravy, fruit, juice, milk Friday, September 9	2020 Mercedes-Benz GLA250 White w/Tan Leather! Great Fuel Efficient SUV! Only 21K Miles!	\$34,900 #X545B	Ask For: 453-4561	BBB.
Breakfast burrito, fruit, juice, milk <u>Lunch</u>	2016 Toyota Tundra SR5 4WD Gray w/Black Cloth Seats! Double Cab! 5.7L V8! Bed Liner! 96K Miles!	\$31,500 #X540A	Cole Flanagan • Buddy Wallace •	