



County Championship!
The 107th meeting of the Bronte Longhorns and Robert Lee Steers was held on Friday evening, September 30 (top photos). This match-up also included the homecoming festivities for Robert Lee. During half-time of the game, Kailey Freeman and Brayden Sherwood (bottom left photo) were crowned Homecoming Queen and King. Mr. and Miss RLHS was also awarded to Ryan Mendoza and Myrka Sosa at this time.

School Menu

Bronte ISD
Breakfast
Monday, October 10
School Holiday
Tuesday, October 11
Breakfast bun or Cheerios, fruit, juice, milk
Wednesday, October 12
PBJ or Lucky Charms, fruit, juice, milk
Thursday, October 13
Tornado or Trix, fruit, juice, milk
Friday, October 14
Pancake and sausage on a stick or Reese’s Puffs, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch
Monday, October 10
School Holiday
Tuesday, October 11
Corn dog, smiley fries, celery, fruit cup, milk
Wednesday, October 12
Quesadilla, pinto beans, tomato cup, fruity gelatin, ice cream bar, milk
Thursday, October 13
Spaghetti bowl, breadstick, carrots, salad, Mandarin oranges, milk
Friday, October 14
Pepperoni pizza, red bell pepper, zucchini, green beans, banana, milk

Robert Lee ISD
Breakfast
Monday, October 10
School Holiday
Tuesday, October 11



Funnel cake, sausage, fruit, juice, milk
Wednesday, October 12
Power breakfast, fruit, juice, milk
Thursday, October 13
Breakfast bread, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk
Friday, October 14
Cinnamon roll, sausage, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch
Monday, October 10
School Holiday
Tuesday, October 11
Corn dogs, tots, grape tomatoes, fruit cup, milk
Wednesday, October 12
Nacho grande, salsa, refried beans, cucumber chunks, peach halves, ice cream cup, milk
Thursday, October 13
Asian bowl, broccoli, corn, Mandarin oranges, milk
Friday, October 14
Texas basket (steak fingers), carrot sticks, fresh fruit, milk

Blackwell CISD
Breakfast
Monday, October 10
School Holiday
Tuesday, October 11
PopTarts, fruit, juice, milk
Wednesday, October 12
Pizza, fruit, juice, milk
Thursday, October 13
Biscuits, gravy, fruit, juice, milk
Friday, October 14
Funnel cake fries, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch
Monday, October 10
School Holiday

Tuesday, October 11
Chicken nuggets, mac-n-cheese, fries, milk
Wednesday, October 12
Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, sweet carrots, hot roll, milk
Thursday, October 13
BBQ chicken fries, corn, milk
Friday, October 14
Meatball sub, cheese, black olives, onions, chips, brookie, milk

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I ran in to my friends Preston and Sarah who were on a sunrise bike ride down our red dirt roads.
When we think of small towns with potential for significant outdoor recreation, our mind



runs to the mountains and the beach, not farm towns on the plains. But why not? All those “cool” towns that you dream to visit? They weren’t cool until they were. Spend a weekend morning paddling a kayak or gravel biking around Stamford and you’ll see that it has far more outdoor recreation potential than you might think. I dare say it’s not the only farm town with potential like that.
Some people will tell you that the sun is setting on rural places. Yet, there is an inherent genius in each such place. Wendell Berry writes in “The Art of Loading Brush” that in using land, one cannot know what they are doing until they know

the place in which they are doing it. If we stop, look around, and truly come to know our rural place, we’ll find that it has more potential than even we realize. Stamford is not the San Luis Valley. It doesn’t need to be. Each rural place is unique, special, and full of genius. If we tap in to that genius, we might find the sun is only beginning to rise on our community’s potential.
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