

Stormy Vaughn is working on the sanitation contract and will get it to the Council to review by Friday. Changes will be in red and moved items from one section to another will be in green.

With their being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

School Menu

Bronte ISD

Breakfast

Monday, November 9
Muffins or Cinnamon Toast Crunch, fruit, juice, milk

Tuesday, November 10
Pancake and sausage stick or Honey Nut Cheerios, fruit, juice, milk

Wednesday, November 11
PBJ or Lucky Charms, fruit, juice, milk

Thursday, November 12
French toast sticks and bacon or Cinnamon Toast Crunch, fruit, juice, milk

Friday, November 13
School Holiday

Lunch

Monday, November 9
Texas steak fingers basket, oven fries, roll, cucumbers, gravy, hot cinnamon apples, milk

Tuesday, November 10
X-treme burrito, cheese sauce, corn, tomato cup, snowball salad, milk

Wednesday, November 11
Turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, fresh fruit, pumpkin pie, milk

Thursday, November 12
Cheesy breadstick, vegetables, garden salad, peaches, marinara sauce, sugar cookie, milk

Friday, November 13
School Holiday

Robert Lee ISD

Breakfast

Monday, November 9
Cereal, toast, fruit, juice, milk

Tuesday, November 10
PBJ, fruit, juice, milk

Wednesday, November 11
Muffin, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk

Thursday, November 12
Pancake wrap, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk

Friday, November 13
Cinnamon roll, sausage, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, November 9
Oven roasted chicken, savory green beans, tomato cup, fruit cup, roll, milk

Tuesday, November 10
Chicken tortilla soup, cucumbers, apricots, cornbread, ice cream cup, milk

Wednesday, November 11
Grilled chicken sandwich, oven fries, fresh veggie cup, fruity gelatin, milk

Thursday, November 12
Asian bowl (meat, rice, egg roll), crunchy broccoli salad, Mandarin oranges, milk

Friday, November 13
Cheese pizza, carrots, garden salad, fresh seasonal fruit, crispy treat, milk



Jerry Jeff Walker, Chili's, and Childhood Memories

by James M. Decker

For some time, these weekly essays have promised a forthcoming "West of 98" podcast and website. Last year, I penned an essay detailing the story behind the name, but now, FINALLY, my website is live. Over the weekend, as I pondered when to launch this project, I thought to myself "well, Election Day is this week, you can't launch it now." But then I thought to myself, why not? After the misery of the 2020 election cycle, folks might enjoy reading something totally removed from politics.

Check out the new website at westof98.substack.com. Content is limited, but more is forthcoming. As previously promised, West of 98 will contain my weekly essays and additional community development and public policy talk alongside discussions of literature, movies, music, and food that are important to me. An essay on the Allsup's burrito is imminent, but I chose to open with an essay about music and childhood memories. Enjoy it below, check out the website, and subscribe to the newsletter for a weekly email updates.

I learned about Jerry Jeff Walker in the booth of a Chili's restaurant in Arlington, Texas. When Jerry Jeff passed away on October 23 at the age of 78, my mind immediately went back to



Cross Country! The Robert Lee High School Cross Country team has a great season, including Gavin Freeman and Jasmine Hunter qualifying for the Regional Meet.

that Chili's.

When I was young, my family's primary getaway destination was Arlington. These trips often included Texas Rangers baseball games. These were the Rangers of the old Arlington Stadium - the facility was barely Major League-caliber and the play on the field was often little better, but win or lose, to an elementary-aged baseball fan, it was great fun.

Before those games, my family usually found our way to the Chili's on Interstate 30 right in front of the stadium. This was the Chili's of the late 1980s and early 1990s, not the Chili's of today. It wasn't a worldwide chain, with thousands of locations in every suburb and international airport. This (I believe) was the third Chili's location and there were only a few dozen scattered around Texas and neighboring states. The food and atmosphere were Peak Texas. The menu was mostly burgers, chips and queso, ribs, and chili. The walls were

covered with imagery from a place called "Terlingua." At my youthful age, I did not know much about Terlingua, but I was intrigued by its paraphernalia on the walls. It was in Far West Texas, near Big Bend. There was a chili cookoff billing itself as an international championship (I was curious who determined such a worldwide designations). It seemed a little bit cowboy and a little bit hippie. Willie Nelson was prominent in the imagery. I knew enough about music back then that I knew Willie was also a little bit cowboy and a little bit hippie.

There was also a guy named Jerry Jeff Walker in this imagery. I didn't know as much about

him, but I knew he was a singer. I knew Willie from his massive hits that were still played on top 40 country radio, but Jerry Jeff didn't seem to have those hits. He seemed like a "cowboy cool" kind of guy, but I could tell his music wasn't the country music that I saw on TNN and the early days of CMT.

That was my introduction to Jerry Jeff. As I got older and become more passionate about good music, realized just how cool he really was. Willie, Jerry Jeff, and a host of friends broke barriers with their sound. Some called it "outlaw country," others called it "progressive country."

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