

Coach of the Year! The National Federation of State High School Associations recently released their 2019-2020 Coaches of the Year. Robert Lee ISD's Kerry Gartman (right) was named the Coach of the Year for Girls Golf. Most recently Coach Gartman led the Robert Lee High School girls golf team to capturing the 2019 UIL Class 1A state championship. Unfortunately due to Covid-19 shutdowns, the Lady Steers were unable to defend their state title in 2020.



...Commissioners Court
(Continued from previous page)

Said expenditure will be paid from the Cares Act Grant Fund. Commissioner Sefcik seconded the motion and the motion carried. Commissioner Robertson made a motion to approve the bills and he was seconded by Commissioner Sefcik. The motion carried. Commissioner Sefcik made a

motion to approve the annual 2019 Delinquent Property Report for Coke County. Commissioner Robertson seconded the motion and the motion carried. Commissioner Robertson made a motion to approve the bills and he was seconded by Commissioner Sefcik. The motion carried. Judge Spain adjourned the meeting at 10:17 pm.



Officers! Coke County 4-H recently elected officers for the 2020-2021 year. They include (from left to right) Addison Grantham, Ammileigh Smith, Kaylee Pentecost, Juan Orlando De La Garza, Kailey Bradshaw, and (front) Amanda Burns.

Cereal, fruit, juice, milk
Friday, November 20

Danish, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, November 16

Hamburger or cheeseburger, garnish, chips, milk

Tuesday, November 17

Chicken quesadilla, nacho cheese, refried beans, salad with tomatoes, milk

Wednesday, November 18

Hornet chicken bowl (popcorn chicken, mashed potatoes, corn, gravy, cheese), hot roll, milk

Thursday, November 19

Corn dog, mac-n-cheese, baked beans, milk

Friday, November 20

Chicken Alfredo, steamed broccoli, garlic toast, milk



The Power of Democracy

by James M. Decker

The first of my weekly essays appeared about three years ago, in early November of 2017. Since that time, I have endeavored to remain fiercely non-partisan and I will always continue to do so. I subscribe to the party of George Washington - none at all. These essays are about rural America. I write these essays to generate ideas for rural revitalization and to

hopefully engage others in the leadership required for that revitalization to succeed. But in many ways, these essays are also about America as a whole. Our prosperity as a nation depends on the prosperity of all the communities - rural, urban, and suburban - that comprise this messy, diverse, flawed, and beautiful republic. I only hope that my words can positively contribute to the future of rural communities like Stamford and thus, our nation.

So, from that wholly nonpartisan perspective, let's talk about the 2020 election. This is not about the presidential candidates or any of the issues in that race. It's about a much bigger picture - America's representative democracy.

I am inspired by our election results. The American people rose up and turned out to vote in a manner not seen in decades. While states are still crunching the final numbers, the U.S. Elections Project estimates that between 66.4% and 72.1% of the voting eligible population turned out to vote. This compares to 59.2% in 2016 and 54.9% in 2012. We have not crossed the threshold of 60% turnout since 1968. The 65% barrier has not been crossed since 1908! The last election with 70% turnout was 1900, when a young war hero named Theodore Roosevelt was

William McKinley's running mate. And keep in mind, the voting eligible population was a much smaller subset of our national population in those days, with neither women nor black Americans having the widespread right to vote. Simply put, a truly historic number of Americans turned out on November 3, 2020. By all accounts I've read, turnout was enormous in every demographic. Here in Stamford, we had a single contested City Council race. This district had seen very few contested races in the last 15-20 years, but turnout tripled the previous contested races! In Federalist No. 57, the anonymous author "Publius" (either James Madison or Alexander Hamilton) described voting as the fundamental article of republican government. In 2020, the American people renewed their belief in its importance.

American voters defied pollsters, consultants, and the media in numerous ways. Both parties fared poorly with various demographics - ethnicity, gender, income, and education - that had been viewed as reliable for those parties. Some voting blocs followed trends from 2016, others defied them. Voters behaved differently and elected differently. From the U.S. Congress to state legislatures, we elected more new, different faces than ever.

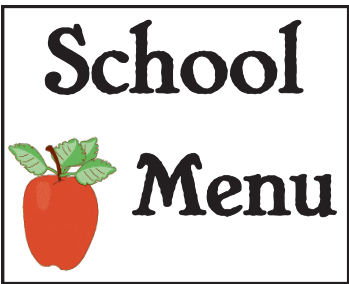
(Continued on page 6)



October 2020

Coke County Sheriff's Office answered 567 calls for the month of October 2020.
Sheriff's Information Reports - 3
Civil Issues or Standbys - 3
Theft - 2
Criminal Trespass - 2
Criminal Mischief - 3
Suspicious Person - 2
Reckless Conduct - 1
Family Disturbance - 2

Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle - 3
Burglary of a Habitation - 1
Harassment - 1
Identity Theft - 1
Mental Health - 2
Public Service (includes funerals, court, motorist assist, alarm calls, etc) - 321
Civil Process - 1
Prisoner Transport (includes arrest and to and from court) - 6
Livestock Calls - 28
Accidents - 1
Accident Assist DPS - 3
Blue Forms Issued - 3
Traffic Stops - 175
Traffic Stops Resulting in Citations - 129
Total Inmates in Jail as of Monday, November 9, 2020:
Males - 2
Females - 2



Robert Lee ISD
Breakfast
Monday, November 16
Pancakes, bacon, fruit, juice, milk
Tuesday, November 17
Cheesy toast, sausage, fruit, juice, milk
Wednesday, November 18
Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice, milk
Thursday, November 19
Oatmeal, cinnamon toast, fruit, juice, milk
Friday, November 20
Cereal, toast, fruit, juice, milk

milk
Thursday, November 19
Thanksgiving Meal
Friday, November 20
Popcorn chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, apple slices, milk
Blackwell CISD
Breakfast
Monday, November 16
Biscuits, sausage, fruit, juice, milk
Tuesday, November 17
French toast stick, fruit, juice, milk
Wednesday, November 18
Pancake on a stick, fruit, juice, milk
Thursday, November 19

Are you earning enough on your savings?



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

MKT-5894I-A

Member SIPC

Russell Davis
Agent
611 Austin Street
PO Box 1079
Robert Lee, Texas 76945
(325) 453-4505 office
(325) 453-4524 fax
(325) 650-1904 mobile
TXFB-INS.COM

DARYL'S BODY SHOP
300 STATE HWY 229
ROBERT LEE, TEXAS 76945
DARYL COPELAND, OWNER 453-2980