

COUPLAND HERALD



City of Coupland News

By Mayor Jack Piper and Mayor Pro Tem Barbara Piper

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As is stated in each *Herald*, the City Council meetings are held the second Thursday of each month beginning at 5 p.m. in the Coupland Volunteer Fire Department Meeting Room. Copies of the Agendas and Minutes from all Council Meetings can be found on the City's website, <http://www.cityofcouplandtx.us>.

As many of you know, the city sponsored the annual clean-up day on June 12. The council voted this year to have four dumpsters instead of three to provide the citizens of Coupland added space to dispose of non-essential items. As has been the case, there were numerous items piled on top of and beside the dumpsters, including a mattress. We have repeatedly stated that a mattress or box spring of any type is not allowed. It seems foolish to punish those who adhere to the rules of what can and cannot be dumped. Also, the day of the week is always picked to allow those who work outside the home the opportunity to participate in the cleanup. It is not by choice, but perhaps will become a necessity to schedule the cleanup on a weekday so dumpsters can be picked up in a timely manner. Another suggestion is to ask citizens to man the dumpsters in shifts to discourage illegal items being thrown away. This certainly does not seem like a good scenario.

Road issues continue to be the biggest issue and problem that the city seems to continually deal with. We do know that the Murray and South Broad Streets project is scheduled to be done this summer. We do not have a definitive date but know that all of the preliminary work has been done (county project and part of the Williamson County 2018 bond project). The issue on CR 458 which was thought to be one culvert (or both culverts) did not turn out to be culvert issues but instead road issues. We are presently working on a plan with the help of our engineer to get bids to do road repair over each of the culverts on CR 458. The next time you have the opportunity to drive CR 458, do check out the speed limit signs. They are there for your safety!

Appearing on the November ballot this year will be the reauthorization of the 0.25% sales tax. Law requires that this be done every four years. Revenue from this use tax is revenue that is only permitted to be used for the maintenance and repair of municipal streets. This is NOT A NEW TAX. The sales tax will remain the same at 8.25%.

Please contact me or one of your council members for questions and answers.

National Night Out, Tuesday, August 3, 6:30, at the Depot

Coupland Civic Organization Meeting, Monday, September 27, 6:30, St. Peter's Fellowship Hall, Dana Platt of CARTS will speak.

Choo Choo Fest, barbecue dinner, silent auction, Sunday, October 3, St. Peter's Fellowship Hall

Halloween Trunk or Treat. Tentative, Saturday evening, October 30

President's Message--By Susan Schmidt, Coupland Civic Organization President

What a difference a year makes! At this time last year, my article dealt with the effects COVID-19 was having on our world. It is still affecting people, but more and more people are receiving the doses of the vaccine. Our world has become somewhat normal. People are feeling more confident about not wearing masks since they are vaccinated. We are gathering in groups. Taking a vacation is no longer out of the equation. As more and more people receive the vaccine, life can only get better.

Looking back through the years, I discovered in 2002, a sludge farm was projected to open between Coupland and Lund. Naturally, this caused some consternation among residents of both communities. In 2003, Blackland Prairie Concerned Citizens Association (BPCCA) was founded to preserve the historic and rural character of Northeast Travis County and the extensions into Bastrop and Williamson Counties. One of the association's main concern was poorly planned developments and urban sprawl—something we are still faced with today.

On July 25, 2011, a public meeting was held at St. Peter's auditorium to discuss the incorporation of Coupland. Maps showing the proposed city limits as well as maps of neighboring towns' extraterritorial jurisdictions were displayed. The community responded with an overwhelming "Yay"! Generous donations were given to help defray the costs involved with incorporation.

Back to 2021—National Night Out is scheduled for Tuesday, August 3, 6:30, at the Coupland Depot. I urge everyone to attend. Hot dogs, chili, and other fixings will be served as well as cookies and drinks. Hope to see you there. Choo Choo fest is scheduled to occur October 3. Look for further

information concerning this. Trunk or Treat will also happen in October.

Hope to see everyone very soon.

Susan Schmidt

Coupland's Little Free Library--Share, Do Not Resell

Did you know the Coupland Depot Little Free Library has its own charter number? It is part of the National Little Free Library Nonprofit Organization.

A Little Free Library is a free book-sharing box where anyone may take a book or share a book. They function on the honor system. You do not need to share a book in order to take one. If you take a book or two from a little library, try to bring a book or two or more to share.

Anyone can contribute or take a book(s). If you take a book from the Little Free Library, you do not need to return that specific book. In order to keep the library going, everyone who participates needs to bring some books to share. Everyone contributes to make sure there are quality books to share. This is a win-win system.

Donations of books or other items may be tax deductible. Consult with your tax specialist for a definite answer to this question.

Since the Little Free Library is part of the national nonprofit organization, books should not be taken to resell. This defeats the whole purpose of the little library. Books are shared, not sold for profit. Please follow the rules and make our Little Free Library a thriving endeavor.

National Night Out Returns!

By Barbara Piper, Neighborhood Watch Chair

Bring a lawn chair and come join us for the annual National Night Out celebration at the Coupland Depot on Tuesday, August 3, at 6:30 p.m. As all are aware, this is a national recognition of the many organizations who participate in crime prevention. We had to cancel this eventful activity last year because of the dreaded COVID-19, but we are anticipating a great turnout for this year's activity.



Left, Deputy Matt Kreidel discusses crime trends at a past National Night Out after being introduced by Barbara Piper. Right, Pct. 4 Commissioner Russ Boles speaks to the crowd at a past National Night Out.

The Civic Organization is planning to serve hot dogs with all of the trimmings, chips, cold drinks, and of course homemade cookies. Our program will highlight crime in our area and tips on how to discourage various types of activity.

We anticipate the Coupland Volunteer Fire Department bringing a truck or two for kids of all ages to see up close. Invitations have been sent to other Williamson County officials who have attended our event in past years.

Oh yes, one last thing . . . there is always shade and a nice breeze on the east side of the Depot. Even in our Texas heat, it is not that hot at the Depot. So, do plan to come and reconnect with neighbors or meet new ones. It is a fun and informative event.



Coupland Volunteer Fire Department News

By John Roulston-Bates,
Assistant Fire Chief

More calls and modernization

Coupland VFD firefighters were toned for 304 calls in the first six months of 2021, putting us on track for around 600 calls for the year. Over the past five years we've seen an increase from ~35 calls a month to ~60. This increase continues to push us to innovate and modernize the way we operate.

We're introducing a couple of new tactics to help meet these demands.

After several years of close cooperation with our ESD#10 partners in Thrall, we're going to start responding together on pretty much all calls, behaving as if we're two fire stations in a single department. This means we'll immediately have the resources of at least two fire departments available on every call.

During our next recruitment drive, for the first time we'll start recruiting volunteers who are primarily interested in being part of our medical response team. Along with the across-the-board increase in calls for service, we've seen a shift to a higher proportion of medical calls. As of 2021 around half of our calls are medicals, an increase from a third of calls two years ago. Strange as it may seem not everyone is interested in running into burning buildings; some people would rather bandage, splint and take blood pressures... we intend to give them the opportunity.

New equipment

In August we'll be taking delivery of new air-packs for our two engines, along with spare air cylinders. The old packs were becoming unreliable, developing air leaks and generating false alarm signals. The new packs will have a life of around 10 to 15 years.

We're also upgrading the scene lighting on Engine 2, the engine that runs on motor vehicle accidents. This upgrade will replace 20-year-old 12v incandescent lights with new LED scene lighting. This will allow us to light up the area we're working in at night and make our firefighters more visible to traffic.

Our future

As we see growth in the district and the resultant growth in calls, it is vital that we modernize our equipment, our organization, and our response structure. We're directing our efforts to ensure we continue to provide the residents of ESD#10 with a professional level of service, from a team that just happens to be volunteers.

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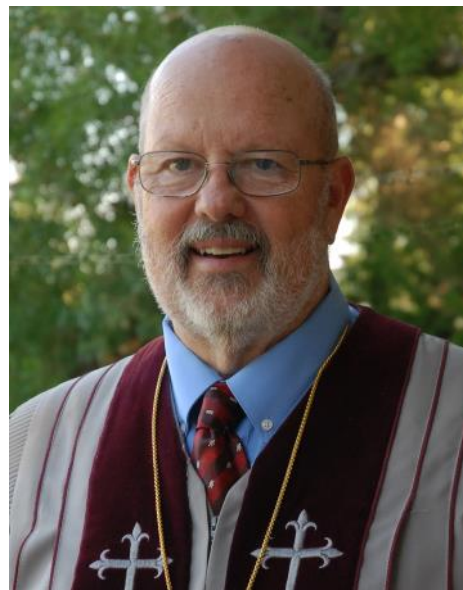
St. Peter's Church News -- By Dana Smith

The St. Peter's congregation welcomes all in the community to join us at 10:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings as we worship our Lord through scripture, prayer, and music.

We have resumed in-person activities, including potluck lunch after services on the fourth Sunday of each month and the bi-monthly Senior Citizens community lunches (next scheduled for September 14 and November 8). For more information about the church, see www.CouplandChurch.org or email StPeter-Coupland@gmail.com.

A Pastoral Search Committee has been appointed to begin the search for a new pastor, a process that typically lasts 12 to 18 months. In the meantime, we are delighted to welcome the Reverend Charles Stark as our interim pastor.

"As an intentional interim minister, I see my call to help a congregation through a time of transition toward a new future,"



Charles explains. "My job is to lead them on a journey of self-discovery so that they can embrace the changes."

Since his ordination in 1983, Charles has served as pastor at several Texas churches, including in Bryan, College Station, and Lyons. Most recently he was interim pastor at St. John's United Church of Christ in Burton, smoothing the transition from a pastor who had served the church for 35 years.

Charles also spent 19 years as Director of Outdoor Ministry and Administrator at Slumber Falls Camp and Retreat Center, where he managed budgets, staff, and volunteers. One of the highlights of that position was mentoring youth into becoming church leaders, including shepherding three people through seminary into ministry.

Charles and his wife, Bonnie, have been living in the Coupland area for a while so some of you may already know them. Please join us in giving both of them a warm welcome to St. Peter's Church of Coupland.

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Clean-Up Day Held on June 12

On Saturday, June 12, the City of Coupland provided four dumpsters along the tracks in downtown Coupland for Clean-Up Day. In 2020, the City provided three dumpsters which were quickly filled to overflowing, so this year, the City added a dumpster.

Thanks to Mayor Jack Piper who planned and ordered the dumpsters well in advance. At the last minute, the company said they could not come. Mayor Piper worked very hard to find a company who could provide the dumpsters on short notice. The cost was more, but the City kept its word to its citizens regarding the scheduled cleanup.

Unfortunately, some of our residents do not cooperate. As in past years, after the dumpsters were full, items continued to be piled beside the dumpsters, including a mattress. Dumpster companies will not allow mattresses. The City hopes to keep providing Clean-Up Day, but it will help if everybody follows directions.

Seniors Luncheon Resumed July 13

The St. Peters Senior Citizens Picnic Style Luncheon was held on July 13. There were 42 Senior Citizens including Hostesses and Helpers at our Luncheon. Hostesses were: Sandra Wernli, Marge Gebhardt, Cynthia Wittliff, Joyce Henze, Hermania Vitek (with the help of Stacy Stork), Lois Schmidt, Cindy Alexander, Bonnie Sladek, Cindy Wood, and Janet Doss.

Thanks to Charlotte Albert for our Red, White, Blue, and Silver Decorations. Thanks to Helpers Becky Sutton, JoAnn Ging, Arthur Henze, Don Wernli, and Wanda Walther, and to Pastor Charles Stark for our Prayer. Also, to our Bingo Caller, Joyce Henze. and to everyone who furnished Gift Cards and Food!

There were 3 tables of "42" Dominoes and lots of Bingo Players.

Our next Seniors Luncheon will be on September 14 at 11:30 am. Bring your Prizes \$10 and under if you're playing Bingo! See you on the 14th!!

Lois Schmidt & Sandra Wernli, Co-Chairmen

Right, helping unload debris are left, Mayor Jack Piper, right, Alderperson Megan Cargill, and center foreground her son Jaxon.

Below, supervising the dumpsters are Mayor Piper, Mayor Pro Tem Barbara Piper, and Alderperson Karen Marosko. Photos--Susan Garry



Yegua Creek Farms Selling Schedule

Thursdays - Elgin Farmers' Market, 4-7 pm (Gene & Eileen)
 Saturdays - Heritage Square Farmers' Market, 10-2 (Ted)
 Saturdays - Texas Farmers' Market at Lakeline, 9-1 (Gene)
 Sundays - Texas Farmers' Market at Mueller, 10-2 (Gene)
 Sundays - Kalahari Farmers' Market, 11-3 (Ted)

Special Events:

August 7 - Round Rock Market Days, 9-4 (Eileen)
 August 14 - Georgetown Market Days, 10-2 (Ted)
 September 4 - Round Rock Market Days, 9-4 (Eileen)
 September 11 - Georgetown Market Days, 10-2 (Ted)

Check out our new Meal Starter Kits in our On-Line Store at <http://www.yeguacreekfarms.com>.

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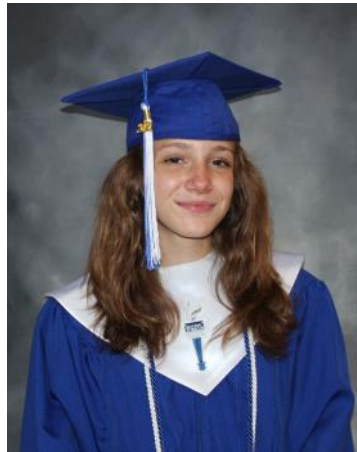


Coupland School Honor Graduates

Coupland School held its Eighth Grade Graduation on the evening of May 27. Honor graduates were Valedictorian Callie Molineux, Salutatorian Abigail Bristoll, and Co-Historians Laramie Galloway and Kamryn Hill. Callie Molineux was awarded the \$500 PTA Scholarship, and the \$250 PTA Scholarship went to Elise Adrian. Jayden Johnson won the Citizenship Award.



Left, Valedictorian and winner of \$500 PTA Scholarship
Callie Molineux



Left, Salutatorian
Abigail Bristoll

Photos by Crystal Ward



Co-Historians Laramie Galloway and Kamryn Hill



Elise Adrian, winner of \$250 PTA Scholarship

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Type Church

By Rachel Kennedy

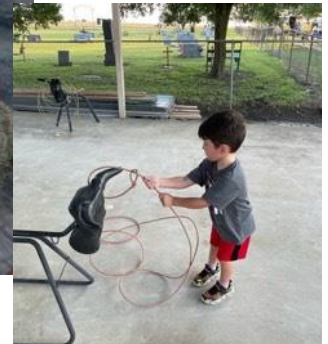
With the slowing of COVID-19, many people are venturing out and about again more. At Type Church we remain positively cautious and optimistic as we try to reconnect with our community through our ministries. We pray the Lord will use these times of testing and trials to draw people to Himself through faith in Christ and bring renewal and revival to His church worldwide.

We believe that the children have especially been affected by the pandemic and hope to reach out to them through our Kids Summer Fun Events. We have five events open to all ages of children and their families specifically targeted to be a time of fun and to share the hope and strength we can have in Christ.

We believe at Type Church that God established the family unit and our desire is to encourage and help strengthen the family by offering fun and encouraging Christ centered together times.

We'd like to extend a special invitation to the surrounding community to come out and have fun and fellowship as we encourage one another together. The Bible tells us in Proverbs 11:25 that "A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will himself be refreshed."

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I'll close with your invitation to and overview of the Kids' Summer Fun Events below and pray you will all come on out and be refreshed. Wednesday Night Dates (Kids' events for the Summer. Bible study resumes in the Fall) from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at Type Church, 1200 County Road 466, Elgin, TX 78621 Phone: (512) 599-7761

- June 09 – Western Days
- June 23 – Luau Beach Water Fun
- July 07 – Red, White & Blue Obstacle Course Games
- July 21 – Carnival Night
- Aug 04 – Family Kickball Game & Ice Cream Social

Y'all come, hear!
Pastor Terry & Rachel Kennedy
Isaiah 40:31 the Lord says "but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint."

Editor's note: By the time the Herald is out, most of these events will have already occurred. But you can enjoy the pictures!



Post Oak Island Marker

By Charlene Hanson Jordan

The historical marker for Post Oak Island has been cast at Eagle Sign and Design in New Albany, Indiana, and is on its way to Texas.

Eagle Sign and Design was the winning bidder to produce the Texas Historical Markers after the Southwell Company ceased operating in 2019. The Southwell Company had produced more than 16,000 state historical markers over six decades, 151 years, but a family feud caused it to go out of business.

Eagle Sign and Design submitted the winning bid. It is in New Albany, Indiana, across the Ohio River from Louisville, Kentucky, and is part of its metropolitan area.

The marker will be placed near the Type Cemetery marker at 1200 County Road 466, and it will be dedicated in early Spring 2022.

Photos of Type Church Kids' Summer Fun Events.

Photos courtesy of Type Church



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Coupland Art News--Local Artists In Dallas, Houston Exhibits

Eldredge in Exhibit at Museum for Biblical Art in Dallas

Coupland artist Letitia Eldredge has been invited to participate in a ceramic exhibit at the Museum for Biblical Art and National Center for Jewish Art in Dallas. Executive Director Scott Peck notes, "Fall of 2021 marks the 20 year anniversary of the events of 9/11. In observance, the Museum will be hosting a variety of art Exhibitions. I am developing a show that features ceramic artists from Texas in observance of 9/11. The title is *Broken and Whole*". In his invitation to Letitia, he says, "You have great talent and your art is amazing. I believe that your artwork would significantly add to the quality of our Exhibition."

Letitia says, "In 2001 I did a series of masks about just that. I feel so honored; I will enter four pieces. This Exhibition will be a huge art world event."

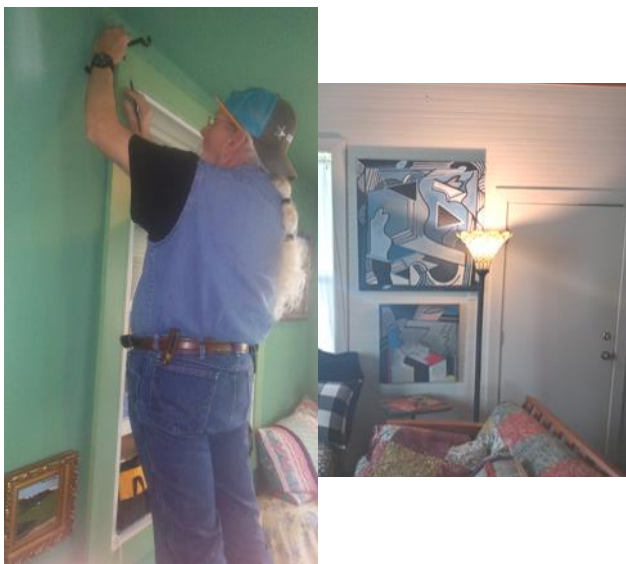
The *Broken and Whole* Ceramic Exhibition will open at the Museum on Saturday, September 11, 2021. All the artists will be invited to attend the opening ceremonies and observances on Saturday morning and throughout the day. There will be survivors and survivor families, dignitaries, artists from all the other 9/11 Exhibitions and special museum guests.

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Below, Karl Senn, Taylor artist, working on the installation of five of his paintings for the Arts Convergence fall exhibit.

Gray abstract by Karl Senn in the AC Gallery.

Photos by Letitia Eldredge



Assistant Director Alicia Duplan, seated, and Kit Blanco are checking in artwork for the Art Car Museum show.

Photo by Karl Senn

Right, painting by Letitia Eldredge in Houston show, gouache on paper, 22" x 30," entitled "Finish Lines."

Photo by Letitia Eldredge



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Left, painting by Karl Senn in Houston show, gouache on paper, 27" x 37," entitled "Spiritual Geometry."

Photo by Karl Senn

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Eldredge and Taylor Artist Senn in Houston show

Letitia and Taylor artist Karl Senn have pieces in a show in Houston at the Art Car Museum. They delivered the pieces to Director Noah Edmundson, Assistant Director Alicia Duplan, Gary Hunt, Chendo Guerra, and Kit Blanco.

Letitia explains, "The show opened the first week of June by appointment only with a maximum of 20 people at a time allowed, due to COVID precautions, and will be on display for three months."

There are 75 artists in the show--*What I Did on My Covid 'Vacation.'* Artists entered artwork that was created during the lockdown. The Art Car Museum, at 140 Heights Blvd., is a private institution dedicated to contemporary art. It exhibits local, national, and international artists with an emphasis on art cars and other fine arts.

Letitia's entry is a gouache painting on paper, 22" x 30" entitled "Finish Lines." Karl's is also a gouache on paper, 27" x 37" entitled "Spiritual Geometry."

AC Fall Exhibit, Out-of-Town Art Patrons Visit Coupland

This fall, Letitia's Arts Convergence gallery will host an exhibit of Karl Senn's work. Letitia says, "Karl and I have already installed a grand exhibit of his good art for the fall session. It looks wonderful. His gray abstracts add a big kick to the salon."

Visiting AC on July the Fourth were Greg Fawcett and the extended Balcom family from Fort Worth. Letitia notes, "The AC patron and collector came for an art crawl through the new exhibit—a fun day painting and perusing the collection."

First Coupland, then Paris—Luz Beaty visited AC in July. Letitia said, "An international lady, on her way to Paris next." Colin Nelson visited from Houston and helped decorate the gallery porch for a guest sitting area.

Close Encounter for Sculptor Huntington

Sculpting with heavy tools on huge chunks of granite is not for the weak and faint of heart, as Coupland sculptor Jim Huntington can attest. He had a recent dangerous encounter. He recounts, "I was using steel wedges and a sledge to cleave off a few hundred pound chunks of granite along a series of cracks on a 6,000 pound stone, when one of the chunks let loose unexpectedly. I was amazed and grateful how quickly I was able to move to avoid disaster. It 'bruised' my new jeans, taking some of the blue off, but spared my knee joint and leg. I had an assist, thank God."



Right, Colin Nelson working on the gallery porch.

Photo by Letitia Eldredge



Left, Jim Huntington narrowly avoided being hit by a heavy chunk of granite. The smaller piece on the ground to the right is the one that almost hit him. The other larger piece was successfully cleaved off.

Photo by Jim Huntington

New Sweden Church News

By Barbara Carisalez

New Sweden Evangelical Lutheran Church is blessed and joyful to begin the planning and hosting of upcoming events. Planning is underway to start our Adult and Youth Sunday School on Sunday mornings in September. A Confirmation Class will begin in September as well.

We send a special thank you to the following people who donated their time and talent to the restoration and installation in June of the windmill that is located next to the New Sweden Heritage Center. Ronnie Creppon, Marty Buchanan, Ray Robbins, and of course Jimmy Lee Christensen. Jimmy "rescued" the old windmill from a tank on the Church property and meticulously restored it. Also, Travis Hobbs Construction Co. in Elgin was a huge help. They provided the equipment, rigging and manpower to help set the windmill.

On July 25, the church picnic was held. A fun time was had by all with various games, great fellowship, and a delicious pot-luck lunch. New Sweden Evangelical Lutheran Church also held a school supply drive for the less fortunate, and on Sunday, August 15, the backpacks will be blessed during the Sunday morning worship service. The backpacks will be delivered on Monday, August 16, to nearby schools.

As we continue to celebrate the 145th Anniversary of the New Sweden Evangelical Lutheran Church congregation, a luncheon is planned during the fellowship hour on Sunday, October 24, following the Sunday morning worship service. The planning has begun to continue with the Swe-

dish tradition of St. Lucia which will include our Country Christmas Sing-A-Long. Details on that event will be included in the next Coupland *Herald* and the New Sweden Evangelical Lutheran Church Steeple News.

Williamson County ESD #10

By Karen Van Buren

Due to the Governor having rescinded the COVID restrictions, the ESD Commissioners have been holding Board Meetings in person at the Coupland Fire Station. The approved minutes, meeting notice/agenda and audited financial report are posted on the ESD's website at www.wcesd10.org.

The Thrall and Coupland Volunteer Fire Departments are sending only certified volunteers on medical calls. Both departments have initiated strict mask policies during the pandemic. They have also experienced a rise in other non-medical calls.

The Ignis Fire Academy in Coupland had eleven students in its first session. The Academy is purchasing a forced-entry door for training purposes.

Repairs have been made to several of the fire trucks belonging to the Coupland Volunteer Fire Department which have been necessary due to their age and usage. The Thrall

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New Sweden Evan. Lutheran Church

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9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Class

9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Youth

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Volunteer Fire Department fleet of vehicles are fully operational.

The Board of Commissioners met for a Five-Year Strategic Planning Work Session in April to plan future expenditures including extreme weather preparations. A priority purchase within this plan calls for a four-door two-cab tender (firetruck).

The Thrall Volunteer Fire Department is focusing on repairs due to station damages from the winter storm.

The Coupland Volunteer Fire Department is pursuing renovations to the station, including the buildout of a climate-controlled storage area on the 2nd floor of the station. They were donated OSB board for the renovation. They also received a donation of a 300-gallon diesel tank which will be beneficial since it is a 22-mile trip to purchase fuel. They are in the process of upgrading the existing electrical wiring to accommodate additional exterior lighting, exit lights and the addition of 220W wiring for a large propane heater to be installed in the bay area for winter vehicle protection.

The ESD Commissioners have approved the purchase of radio holsters for the volunteers and 20 sets of bunker gear that includes boots, gloves, pants, hood, and jacket. Twenty helmets will be purchased sometime in the future.

The Coupland Volunteer Fire Department toured the new Coupland school building. The department will be able to use the security system to film and will be able to check the security cameras remotely.

The Thrall Volunteer Fire Department hosted a fundraising event with a chicken fried steak luncheon on July 18.

If any of our area residents are interested in volunteering to support our firefighting volunteers, they can contact Jared Cummings, fire chief for the Coupland department, about joining the **Volunteer Auxiliary Unit** which does not require any firefighting involvement (think: "homemade cookies," etc.). Jared can be contacted at jcumings@couplandfire.org.

As always, we extend our appreciation to our uncompensated volunteer ESD Commissioners and volunteer firefighters as well as those certified instructors at the Ignis Fire Academy who are training others to follow their lead.




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School News -- By Kathy Hill

-School starts on Wednesday, August 18, this year. Please call 512-856-2422 or visit couplandisd.org for more information or to ask questions.

- Coupland School's 3rd-8th graders scored better than area schools on their STAAR tests this year. Although the pandemic reflects a learning loss in all students across the state, Coupland still did well. Superintendent Tammy Brinkman made the September 28 decision to require the students to learn "in person" for the rest of the academic year. Statistics from the Texas Education Agency show this was an ad-

vantage to the students compared to the remote (synchronous) or hybrid districts.

- Coupland School is growing! New changes and growth were timely as Phase 2 new additions to the school are being implemented. Pre-K is set to start, and the school has added one teacher per grade level in K-5 as well as a new Assistant Principal. The new gym will allow more room for spectators and regulation courts for volleyball and basketball.

Kandice Samuelson On School Board For 30 Years

The community owes a heartfelt thank you to Kandice Samuelson who has served an incredible 30 years on the school board of trustees, 10 years as Secretary and 20 years as President. Her daughter Tiffany was a student at Coupland. Kandice has served selflessly and is a font of knowledge of school history. The school and the community owe Kandice a debt of gratitude for helping keep our school the highly rated school it has been all these years.

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For Coupland

I did the track project a few years ago and look forward to updates about the caboose. I also want to note this is my daughter's last year at Coupland. We will miss the school there. We love the students and staff. Mrs Brinkman is absolutely amazing. I'm glad my daughter had the opportunity to transfer there, as we live in Elgin. She took her first steps in Mr. Samuelson's big house in Type back when we rented it in 2006-2009. My daughter starts Elgin High School this fall. Thank you for all you do with the *Herald*. Hope all is well; we send our best! We love Coupland!
Thanks,
JR Leal



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**Deadline for the next issue,
November 2021, is October 10.**

New Members at Coupland National Junior Honor Society

On Tuesday, April 27, Benjamin Kanten, Madeline Moore, and Addison Ward were inducted into the National Junior Honor Society. The current officers and members led the ceremony.

7th graders Addison Ward, Madeline Moore, and Benjamin Kanten were inducted at the NJHS Ceremony.



From left to right: Abigail Bristoll, Vice-President; Reese Thomas; Kamryn Hill; Callie Molineux, President; Gabriella Sandoval; Elise Adrian, Secretary; and Andrea Cedillo

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