



# COUPLAND HERALD

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## City of Coupland News

By Mayor Jack Piper

City Council meetings are held the second Thursday of each month beginning at 6 p.m. in the Coupland Volunteer Fire Department Meeting Room. Please see City of Coupland Website at <http://www.cityofcouplandtx.us> for copies of the Agendas and Minutes of all Council meetings. Feedback is always welcomed.

The following items were either discussed or passed by the City Council since the last *Herald* was published.

1. The City Budget for the 2020-2021 budget year beginning October 1, 2020, and ending September 30, 2021, was completed and approved at the September meeting. The budget is posted on the website.
2. The City approved an Ordinance for the requirements and procedures for the development and construction of new recreational vehicle parks during its October meeting. The Ordinance is posted on the City's website.
3. The City approved an Ordinance to pass the levy of an ad valorem tax on all property within the corporate limits at a rate of \$0.237459/\$100 valuation of property. This rate is less than last year's rate which was \$0.25/\$100 valuation.
4. The Angel Subdivision located at the SE corner of FM 1466 and CR 460 was approved by the City Council. The Plat was submitted, approved, and recorded at the County Clerk's Office in Williamson County.

**Clean-Up Day:** The scheduled Clean-Up Day was held on August 15. The City had secured three dumpsters for this year's clean-up. All three dumpsters were filled by noon along with other items left at the site once the dumpsters were full. Mattresses are not allowed; however, one was left which caused the City to incur an extra disposal charge.

Once again, Master Chef Peter Wabbel spoiled council members and others who volunteered their time to help at the clean-up with delicious breakfast tacos.

A big thank you to all citizens who participated in the City's efforts to rid their property(s) of unwanted debris and further promote a positive appearance to visitors coming to our City.

If you have comments, questions, or would like to have an item added to the Council's Agenda for discussion at the next meeting please notify one of the Council members or me at 512-557-8159 or [mayor@cityofcouplandtx.us](mailto:mayor@cityofcouplandtx.us).

**See pages 12 and 13 for pictures of Clean-Up Day.**

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

Happy Fall to all!

This has certainly been an unusual September and October. As I am writing this column, it is 92 outside. The hurricane season has been quite active. It will be interesting to see what November and December bring our way.

I must say I have missed having Choo Choo Fest this year as well as Trunk or Treat. Choo Choo Fest was almost like a reunion of sorts. You were able to visit with people you had not seen for a while. I really miss the silent auction and the delicious food. Trunk or Treat enabled me to relive some of my childhood by dressing up and interacting with all the children who came trick or treating to our cars. Hopefully, next year will be more "normal" and we will be able to continue the CCO traditions everyone seems to love.

Looking back over the years, the election of November 6, 2012, was an especially important one for Coupland. This was the election which decided to incorporate Coupland. Jack Piper and I were Coupland Incorporation Committee co-chairs. The Incorporation Committee spent a lot of time and effort in obtaining valuable information on the process of incorporating. Hours were spent on mapping the area for incorporation. In the end, it was well worth the hours of research and debates and mapping.

Fifteen years ago, the residents of Coupland faced a danger to our community in the form of rail relocation. This involved moving the Union Pacific freight lines from Austin to

an expanded line through our area. One of the routes proposed would go through the center of Coupland. Another proposal was to create a new track system around Coupland. Both proposals would have divided our community. This whole project would form the foundation of the Trans-Texas Corridor 6 track rail element throughout our area. This project was happily defeated at the ballot box.

Back to the present, I want to remind everyone about the Little Free Library located in front of the Depot. It is a free service for all. Anyone is more than welcome to take a book or give a book. It is a great way to share your book collections with other people. There is usually a variety of books to choose from. Please feel free to enjoy the free books.

With the holiday season upon us, it is still particularly important to practice safety regarding COVID-19. Just remember to wear your masks, practice social distancing, wash your hands, and if you feel sick, stay away from other people. With everyone practicing these simple steps, we can reduce the cases of COVID-19.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas and stay safe.

*Susan Schmidt*

## Reproductions of Depot Drawing By Award-Winning Artist/ Architect Available for Purchase

Every year at the Coupland Civic Organization's Choo Choo Fest, we have been offering Depot drawing reproductions in the silent auction. Since this year's Choo Choo Fest was cancelled, we are offering the reproductions for sale in the *Herald*. The original was done by artist and architect Phil Pokorny, whose father was from the Coupland area. Phil is a very talented and recognized artist. He was just named the winner of the 2020 sketch contest of the prestigious *Architectural Record* magazine.

The original was purchased at the 2014 Choo Choo Fest. Phil has allowed the CCO to sell the reproductions as a further fundraiser to help us restore our historic caboose. The CCO is a non-profit organization and all our efforts are volunteer. All funds raised from sales of the reproduction go to support the historic Coupland Depot and caboose.

The reproductions were carefully printed by Sixth Street Printing in Austin on archival paper, and they are the same size as the original—15" x 11". Each reproduction is part of a limited edition of 100, signed and numbered by the artist,



and the price is \$50. If you would like to purchase one (or more), please make your check payable to the Coupland Civic Organization or CCO and mail to Susan Garry, 2200 CR 458, Coupland, TX 78615. Upon receipt of your check, we will ship your reproduction to you. Or if you live in the Coupland/Taylor/Elgin area, it is possible that we could deliver it to you.



## Voelker Elected CWSC President

Steven Voelker was recently elected president of the Coupland Water Supply Corporation.

Born and raised in Manor, Voelker is a graduate of Texas A&M. He works along with his father Stan Voelker and his partner Ralph Reinhardt at Voelker Construction & Voelker Custom Homes.

Steven also owns and operates Voelker Land and Holdings LLC, which offers mini storage and warehouse buildings for lease in Manor and downtown Coupland.

He and his wife Caitlyn live in Coupland with their daughter. The couple also has a son on the way. Steven is proud to take on this new role as he was always raised to give back to the community he calls home.



Steven Voelker, new president of Coupland Water Supply Corporation, succeeding Wells Mason.

Courtesy photo

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**(Continuation of Dancehall news.)** We are booking private events for 2021. There are just a few dates left for the first quarter. If you or anyone you know may be interested in renting the hall for a wedding or any type of event, please email [events@couplanddancehall.com](mailto:events@couplanddancehall.com).

We appreciate the support of the City of Coupland and hope everyone is well and has peace during this unprecedented time for all. Here's to 2021!

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# St. Peter's Church News — By Pastor Martin Garrison

As of November, St. Peter's does not yet have a schedule for the holy days this year. Pastor Martin Garrison says, "We have returned to services inside the sanctuary. We have a limit of 50 people and everyone is wearing masks. We're continuing to transmit the audio from the service to 106.7 FM, so that people who aren't comfortable coming in can drive up and listen." He notes that parking spots close to the transmitter are blocked off for drive-up participants.

St. Peter's garage sale on October 10 was a success. Pastor Martin reports, "We had a wonderful sunny day for the event. People donated so much stuff we could hardly fit it in the fellowship hall." He adds that even after selling around \$1,200 worth of items, "We'll still be re-donating a great deal to another charity."



The St. Peter's congregation in vehicles gathered outside the church to hear services broadcast over the radio before indoor services were resumed.  
Photo by Jack Piper

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Sundays, 10-2, Texas Farmers' Market at Mueller, Mueller Airport Hangar Complex in East Central Austin (FB: Texas Farmers' Market at Mueller)

Sat., Oct. 24, 31; Nov. 21—Taylor Farmers' Market, 10-2

Sat., Nov. 7—Round Rock Market Days, 9-4

Sat., Nov. 14—Georgetown Market Days, 9-4

Sat., Nov. 21—Autumn Fest at Rising Sun Vineyard, McDade, 12-8

Sat., Dec. 5—Round Rock Market Days, 9-4

Sat., Dec. 12—Georgetown Market Days, 9-4

Sat., Dec. 12—Old Town Hutto, 10-4

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Music Director Kim Nelson and Pastor Martin Garrison conduct services outside St. Peter's.  
Photo by Jack Piper



Steel for the new building at Coupland School is going up. See article on page 15 about the school construction.

## Trunk or Treat Cancelled

The CCO is sorry to announce that Trunk or Treat will not be held this year because of COVID. We look forward to resuming our fun events like Choo Choo Fest and Trunk or Treat in 2021.



Even though there is no Trunk or Treat this year, residents like Amanda Satterfield are having their own Halloween fun. Her house on Hoxie has great decorations like ghosts, witches, and black cat. Photos by Susan Garry



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# Coupland VFD—New Firefighters, More Training, Feb. Chili Supper

By John Roulston-Bates, Assistant Fire Chief

## This Summer’s Bumper Crop of Firefighters

We’re pleased to report that over the past few months Coupland VFD has recruited seven new volunteer firefighters, taking the current roster for the department to over twenty, the highest level in more than a decade. While volunteer fire departments all over the country are struggling to recruit, Coupland has been able to buck that trend. We’d like to say this success in recruitment was all due to some silver bullet solution . . . however like most things in life it is the result of a lot of hard work made up of many initiatives.

We welcome all our new firefighter candidates as we embark on their training. They join us just as our 2020 fire academy students finish their initial fire training and prepare for their first burn day. We take the students to a Leander Fire Department facility in which we can put them through exercises with actual fire in a controlled environment. This is a great opportunity for them to experience conditions that approximate live structural firefighting. The students also have the opportunity to train with the Hutto Fire Department on structural search, utilizing the training facilities available there.

As a volunteer department operating on a “respond to call” basis, it is vitally important that we maintain a deep bench to ensure we’ll always have people ready to respond.

## More Cooperation and Training in East Wilco

Together with our East Williamson County partners in Thrall, Weir, and Taylor Volunteer Fire Departments we have developed a new training program and response plan for cooperating on structure fires. This is designed to further improve our response to these types of calls.

The officers in these four departments are also embarking on “blue card” incident command training. Blue card is a relatively new program to standardize the command of day-to-day incidents. It consists of 40-50 hours of online training followed by three days of in-person labs. This program will improve incident command practices across the departments and bring us more in line with the way our partners at the full-time departments work. This training is being funded by the Williamson County Fire Chiefs Association.

## The 2021 Chili Supper

We’re starting work on the 2021 Chili Supper, to be held in late February. However, the world is not quite the same place as it was for last year’s event. It is likely that we’ll run the Chili Supper as a drive through, with some amusements for those in line.

The Chili Supper is such an important part of our calendar, as a community event and as a fundraiser, that we’re absolutely determined not to allow the tradition to slip, even though it may have to look a little different. We’re looking forward to seeing everyone again this coming year, even if it will have to be in passing.



Coupland firefighters heading to a fire in Walburg. Photo courtesy Coupland Volunteer Fire Department

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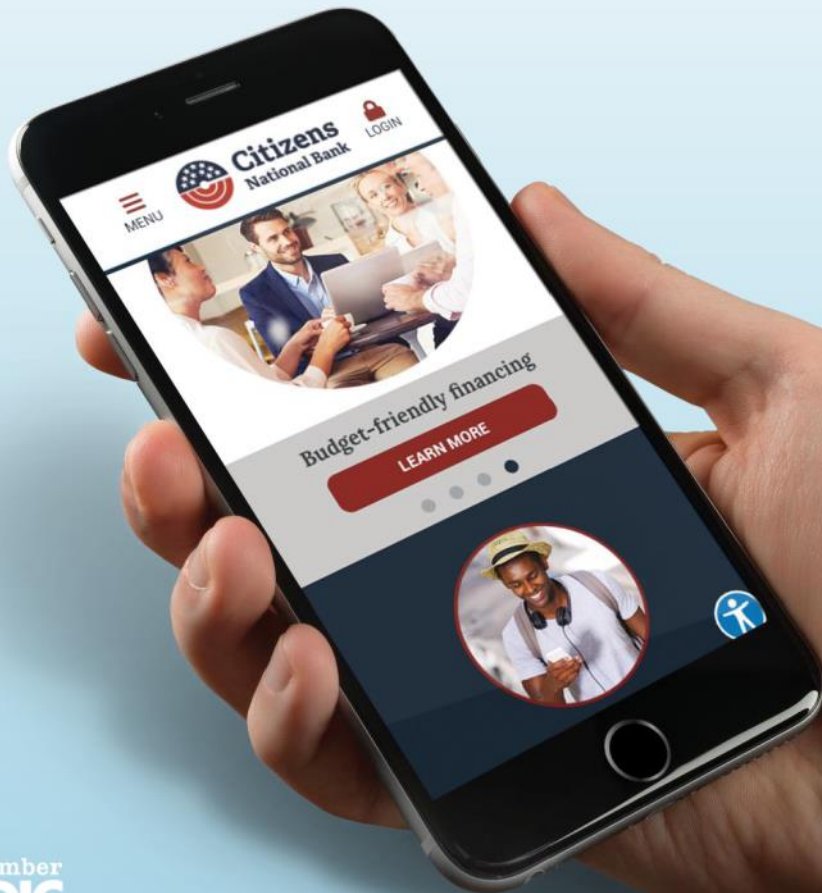
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# Change at Type Church

By Charlene Hanson Jordan

Change is constant, including in the church. In this case, it's change at Type.

A while back, the church gained an energetic pastor named Terrence Kennedy and his wife, Rachel.

The church's name recently changed from Yegua Creek to Type. The congregation is changing, too. More young families with children are joining. To encourage this trend, change in the facilities is taking place. One of those changes is a brand new playscape put together from scratch by Pastor Terry and church members.

Other changes, drastic changes, include the removal of 1980's add-ons to the former sanctuary, the Camp Swift barracks building. The two removed buildings, placed there by former Pastor Nygard, included a part of a church at Hutto and a building from Manda. They had deteriorated with time and disuse beyond repair and are now completely gone. The Camp Swift building, a historic structure, will be saved.

The church is growing despite the pandemic, a positive change in this changing world. Common sense measures are employed by the congregation, including masks and distancing, and sermons are also available online on the church Facebook page: Type.Church.1.

Sunday services start at 10:30 a.m. and everyone is welcome, either in person or online. The address has not changed. The church is at 1200 County Road 466, about five miles east-southeast of Coupland.

Pastor Terry may be contacted at 512-599-7761 and TWK3032@gmail.com.



The new playscape with some of the church members who built it: (left to right) Pastor Terry, Enrique Lobo-Guerrero (sitting), Vernon Cardwell (standing behind Enrique) and Wayne Stiffemire. Photo by Sarah Cardwell



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# Art News from Arts Convergence

Greetings Arts Friends and Good Neighbors!  
Arts Convergence familiar artists created well during this period of COVID-19 separations.

Ehibitors zooming in are:

**Karl Senn**, veteran abstract painter working from Taylor!  
**Donna Yarrell**, narrative landscape artist, beamed in "Horse Portrait" from her studio school in Pahrump, Nevada.  
**Letitia Eldredge**, (self) paints here at her AC Little Museum and Gallery from ArtBloc in Coupland. Next door, good neighbor, **Peter Julian** steamed ahead on his Woodcut Project.  
Then not least, our cherished Maestro, **Jim Huntington!!** . . . carries his chisels with flair looking forward to his 80th Birthday celebration, January 15, 2021, with more new sculptures in stone.  
Folks! Drive by and knock or wave, we can yard-yell a safe social distance, and share what's new with your creative interests.

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Above, Letitia Eldredge, "Quarantina," 23x31" Gouache on handmade paper.



Above, Karl Senn, "Rolling Uphill 2020," 12x32" Two panel dyptych acrylic on canvas.

Right, Donna Yarrell, "Horse Portrait," 12x16" Munyo pastels on paper.



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# New Sweden Evangelical Lutheran Church

By Marilyn Samuelson

Things have not changed much in the last few months, but I am thankful that things are gradually improving. New Sweden continues to have Sunday morning services at 10:30 a.m., following safety, distancing, etc., guidelines. We also continue to have second Tuesday morning Bible Study at 10 a.m. and game nights on the second, third, and fourth Thursday nights at 7 p.m.

Our WELCA (women's organization) has begun a new Bible Study, "Food for the Body and Soul," on the first Thursday of the month in the evening from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Volunteers serve a light meal according to current COVID guidelines, followed by Bible Study. They are also having a Secret Sister Prayer Program

New Sweden Lutheran will be participating in the annual Operation Christmas Child program where each member fills a shoe box with suggested items for different ages, like a toy, socks, book, tee shirt, et. Each shoebox helps a church around the world tell a child about Jesus, God's greatest gift. We will also have our annual "angel tree" with names of local needy families. New Sweden members select an angel and purchase gifts for that family (who has given suggestions, sizes, etc.). Gifts are delivered to the family by Christmas Eve.

This Christmas, plans are to decorate the church with white poinsettias. Poinsettias will be purchased from Down Home Ranch, and the proceeds will go to Down Home Ranch. Each plant is \$12 and may be designated in honor or

memory of loved ones if you wish. For more information watch our Sunday bulletins and the November "Steeple News."

Upcoming events and services planned for New Sweden Lutheran the rest of the year are: Monday, November 2, Area Swedish Interest Group, 12:30 p.m. Covered dish meal followed by a program. Welcome!

Wednesday, November 25, 7 p.m., Thanksgiving Eve service. Sunday, December 13, 7 p.m., Santa Lucia and Country Christmas Sing-a-long. Thursday, December 24, 7 p.m., Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. Friday, December 25, 7 a.m., Julotta (Christmas Morning Candlelight Service). All events and services follow the current COVID guidelines. Everyone is welcome to any and all services and events at New Sweden Lutheran Church, 12809 New Sweden Church Road.

Wishes for all of you to have a Blessed Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and Happy Blessed New Year. Stay safe, stay healthy, and remember we have so much to be thankful for, even though we have so many challenges.

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# Williamson County Emergency Services District #10

By Karen Van Buren

Amid the corona virus precautions, the ESD will continue to hold future Board Meetings by telephone conferencing. The approved minutes, meeting notice/agenda and audited financial report are posted on the ESD's website at [www.wcesd10.org](http://www.wcesd10.org).

The Board of Commissioners has adopted the 2020 tax rate of \$.10 per \$100 property value which is the same tax rate that has been in place since the formation of the Emergency Services District in 2005.

The Coupland Volunteer Fire Department has seven new volunteer firefighters. The Coupland and Thrall communities are grateful for the services provided by all of their volunteers.

The ESD service area and surroundings have experienced more than usual grass and brush fires this summer. Both departments also offer aid to other fire departments within Williamson County. This is another reason to be thankful for our volunteers.

The Williamson County Dispatch operators are screening all medical calls for possible infections of any kind. 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.

Through the Cares Act, the County was able to reimburse the ESD for some of the PPE expenses they had purchased from March through May 2020. This was a great help for the smaller ESDs and fire departments.

Due to the nature of COVID-19 the ESD is purchasing a washer/extractor which will be used to clean the bunker gear. The departments will also have a washer and dryer for the street clothes the responders wear to the station and for the extra set of clothes they keep at the stations to don after they have been on a call.

The government has requested the departments obtain additional PPE in the expectation of another surge in cases this fall. The fire chiefs report they have enough PPE for about six months depending upon the number of calls they anticipate in the near future.

The departments have been training both on-line and in person. Some of the classes are basic and advanced fire-fighting, and first aid.

After sharing vehicles while others were being serviced, repaired, and upgraded, both departments report the fleets are operational. The Thrall brush truck was outfitted with Class A foam proportioned to fight fires, and the ESD purchased a 55-gallon drum of the foam to be shared between both departments.

During the last several months repairs were necessary to the Coupland station's air conditioning, plumbing and bay doors.

Approaching the end of the ESD's fiscal year, the Board has been able to approve some additional purchases for the fire departments. They will purchase an air fill station that can fill two air pack cylinders at a time and store additional air that can be used to fill cylinders at the station or in the field. They will purchase some new fire hoses and hose extenders as well as respiratory protection gear that has an N95 mask inside. Each station will have special racks to hold air cylinders and fire hoses. Volunteers will receive a new pair of wildland fire boots which will be a huge improvement over their tennis shoes and street shoes that do not hold up to the heat from wildland fires. Responders will also receive a medical bag that holds PPE and other medical supplies.

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## Annual Clean-Up Day Was August 15

The City of Coupland sponsored the 2020 Clean-Up Day on Saturday, August 15, from 8 a.m. until the dumpsters were filled, which was by mid-morning. In past years, there have been two dumpsters; this year the City ordered three dumpsters, but they were still filled up before the noon ending time.

For the volunteers, Clean-Up Day starts with delicious breakfast tacos made by our own Master Chef Peter Wabbel. We all appreciate Peter's breakfast very much. This year, he had to go to work early, so he made the tacos especially early and dropped them off on his way to work. We did not get to thank him in person, so here is a big "Thank You" to Chef Peter. He and his wife Ruby own That Place Out Yonder catering business, and they offer delicious dishes in all types of cuisine.

Supervising and helping residents unload trash into the dumpsters were Coupland Mayor Jack Piper, Mayor Pro Tem Barbara Piper, Assistant Fire Chief and Alderman John Roulston-Bates, Alderwoman Karen Marosko, Alderwoman Sarah Torluemke, Alderwoman Susan Garry, and Buz Garry. Clean-Up Day was a family project for Alderwoman Karen Marosko, who was joined by her son Max Marosko III and her grandson Demian.

Thanks to Max III who compacted the trash with the family Bobcat from Marosko Land & Cattle Co. and to Baldemar Ortiz who compacted debris with an excavator. Not nearly as much trash would have fit in the



dumpsters without the help of these two volunteers. Also thanks to Demian, the son of Max III, for all his hard work in getting debris into the dumpsters.

Another big thank you to Tim and Barbara Worthy who went around to their neighbors with a trailer collecting trash to bring to the dumpsters. Also many thanks to Ernest and LaVerne Rohlack and their doggie BJ who collected trash along CR 458. Speaking of Ernest, he recently suffered a broken leg from a fall, and we wish him all the best as he recovers.

*Photos by Susan Garry*



Above, Mayor Pro Tem Barbara Piper, Mayor Jack Piper, Alderwoman Karen Marosko, and Alderman and Assistant Fire Chief John Roulston-Bates.

Left, Mayor Piper and Alderwomen Piper and Sarah Torluemke.

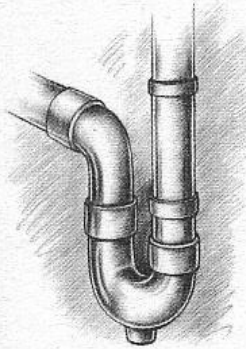
Right, cleaning up CR 458 are BJ and Ernest and LaVerne Rohlack.



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Above, Baldemar Ortiz and the excavator.  
 Above right, Max Marosko III watches as Baldemar mashes down the debris.  
 Below, Demian Marosko is at left while Max Marosko III lifts a refrigerator with the Bobcat.

## Solar Farm Construction Underway

The long-delayed solar farm on Manda-Carlson Road, west of Coupland, has begun construction. According to Recurrent Energy, gravel trucks are making deliveries, and mounting equipment deliveries will continue for two to three months. Solar panel deliveries started in September and will continue through January.

It is expected that the project will begin operations in the summer of 2021. More information is on the website [www.recurrentenergy.com](http://www.recurrentenergy.com).

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Kudos go out to **Judith Estrada Garcia** in her new Georgetown Gallery! 206 Main Street. Opened to the public for safe art events and workshops! Judith, with her husband **Larry Raper**, both U.S. Marine veterans, have been AC's sustaining patrons for 2020! Both lend their gentle forceful hands to arts efforts throughout WILCO. We are blessed to have their passionate participation and support.

Another big notice goes to surrealist western artist **Melton Guthrie** for a twice terrific art show and acing the challenge as Tag120Arts Taylor's new Gallery Director for the historic 2020 pandemic season!

In closing, I send my hearty THANKS to **Lee Ortiz** for his faithful gift of services to groom our grounds! What a true godsend he is! It is my wish for all that your homerooms be filled with joy, best health, peace, and creativity. Everyone plays their parts. My very personal gratitude goes to **Susan** and **Buz Garry** as well as to **Karen VanBuren** and her husband **John Evancho**.

Cheers again,  
 Letitia Eldredge, Executive Director  
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## Eagle Bank—New Bank in Taylor

Lisa Whisenant, Vice President/Branch Manager of the Taylor branch of Eagle Bank says, "Our location will be at 106 NW Carlos G. Parker Blvd. We are the new building going up next to the HEB gas station." The *Herald* welcomes Eagle Bank as a new advertiser.

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# Coupland School News

By Kathy Hill

**School Board** - At the September 8 Board Meeting, the following candidates were certified as unopposed and elected: David Young, Misty Garwood, and Terry Wallin. They will begin serving their new terms of office on November 8.

**Student Council**

The new officers for 2020-21:  
President - Callie Molineux  
Vice-President - Laramie Galloway  
Secretary - Kamryn Hill  
Treasurer - Abigail Bristoll  
(Representatives had not been selected before the *Herald* deadline.)

**Red Ribbon Week** was held October 26-30. Students pledged to live drug-free lives, learned about making good choices, and had special dress up days with competitions and prizes.

**Food Drive** - The Student Council will have their annual Food Drive November 13-20.

**UIL One-Act Play.** Coupland’s UIL One-Act Play will be the comedy *10 Ways to Survive the Zombie Apocalypse*, written by Don Zolidis and directed by Annie Violette.

The cast is Jourden Violette as Narrator 1, and Narrator 2 is Abigail Bristoll. Bradie Suarez plays the Girl, and Jayden Clarke is Nanna. Kody Smith, Laramie Galloway, Gabriella Sandoval, Elise Adrian, Kamryn Hill, Callie Molineux, Adriana Sandoval, and Andrea Cedillo are the characters who fight

the zombies. The Zombies are Jackson Bristoll, Summer Leal, Miranda Herring, Bella Slauson, Ethan Waiser, and Abbey Viktora. The stage manager is Addison Ward, and Ben Kanten runs the lights. Alternates include Jackson Havens, Jayden Johnson, Jovan Reza, and Lane Lundgren.

This year’s competition will be held at the Temple Cultural Arts Center in Temple, Tuesday, November 17. Performances will be closed to general audiences but will be live streamed.

Call the school for more information and information for the home show.



**Cowboys Flag Football Team 2020**

Left to right, Seth Johnson, Adriana Sandoval, Madeline Moore, Jesus Don, Kyle Horelica (behind Coach Rinderknecht), Jayden Johnson, Ethan Waiser, Erick Antonio-Vallejo, and Laramie Galloway (behind Erick). Not pictured is Bradie Suarez.

According to UIL guidelines, players do not have to wear masks while participating in their sport.

Coach Kyle Rinderknecht

Photo by Crystal Ward



**Undefeated Coupland Cowgirl Volleyball Team**

Top left to right: Isabella Slauson, Gabriella Sandoval, Elise Adrian, Andrea Cedillo, Summer Leal, Cristal Mondragon  
Bottom left to right: Adriana Sandoval, Addison Ward, Madeline Moore, Alyssa Rodriguez, Alexandra Hernandez-Huichapa  
According to UIL rules, team members are allowed to play without masks and to take pictures without masks.

Coached by Stayci Burris

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**Attendance**

8th grade won the Attendance Challenge for the First Six Weeks of school with 98%.

**Cowboy of the Month**

Congratulations to Cindy Olson, Coupland's September Cowboy of the Month!

**PTA**

The new officers for the 2020-2021 school year:

- President - Callie Counterman
- Vice-President - Lacey Lundgren
- Secretary - Erin Flores
- Treasurer - Sarah Underwood
- Publicity - Crystal Ward

## Construction Project Updates - Coupland School 2019 Bond

Signs of growth are evident to anyone driving past Coupland School as the new construction is fully on its way. In November, 2019, the first bond election was held for improvements to Coupland School to fund growth projects, safety improvements, and infrastructure upgrades.

Improvements planned are a new secure entrance and campus administration area; a new gym with dressing rooms, restrooms, storage, and coach's office; 6 new classrooms for PreK - third grade; the renovation of 4 existing classrooms and a restroom; the upgrading of HVAC in existing classrooms; a new enclosed corridor; a new bus loop; and an upgraded parent drive with additional parking.

Since the last update in August, crews completed drilling and pouring piers and excavation for grade beams. They also began framing and the installation of grade beams and started underground utilities. In addition, they poured concrete for the slab foundation. Steel delivery is underway.

Water lines and underground utilities are being completed at the current site, and the fire alarm system upgrade is now complete.

Additional renovation is scheduled for the summer of 2021. If you're interested in following the Construction Project Updates with pictures of the project and graphs with funds used and available, please visit the school's website at [couplandisd.org](http://couplandisd.org) or <http://bondissueinfo.com/couplandisd/project-updates/>.

See photo of construction on page 5 of this *Herald*.



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**Deadline for the next issue,  
February 2021, is January 10.**

### **Coupland Dancehall Is OPEN!**

#### **Order Smoked Turkey for Thanksgiving--By Abbey Road**

Coupland Dancehall is OPEN. Taking Thanksgiving Smoked Turkey orders until Friday, November 19, for pick up on Wednesday, November 25. Order at [www.couplanddancehall.com](http://www.couplanddancehall.com).

Coupland was closed from March until September 12. While the dancehall is open for business, people are slowly coming back. The dancehall is following social guidelines and requires masks upon entry and when not eating or drinking. The hall is sterilized every night upon closing.

Fridays are not always teen nights now. We've had to navigate a lot of moving parts due to artists and football schedules being changed up, etc.

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