

Coolidge school board meets

The Coolidge ISD Board of Trustees met in a special meeting on Thursday, August 27, in the CISD Board Room.

Trustees present were Treon Erwin, Abraham Serna, Danny Finley, Randall Jacobs, Joy Johnson, Joyce Bateman, Ric Bennett.

School personnel present were Chris Hulen, Robert Lowry, and Terry Farnsworth.

Randall Jacobs, board president, presided, and Abraham Serna led the prayer.

A public forum was conducted.

The budget amendments and the payment of bills were accepted. The amended 2008-2009 Coolidge ISD Budget was accepted as presented.

The 2009-2010 Coolidge ISD budget was adopted as presented. An ordinance was approved setting the 2009-2010 M & O tax rate at \$1.04 per \$100 valuation. Another ordinance was approved setting the 2009-2010 I & S tax rate at \$0.1542 per \$100 valuation.

The Board accepted the revision of Policy FDA (Local) as presented.

The student transfer agreement was accepted as presented. The unemployment insurance with TASB was accepted as presented.

The date for the Coolidge High School Graduation was set for May 21, 2010.

The Elementary Principal reported that enrollment is at 162, and the attendance rate is 98.31%.

The Secondary Principal reported that enrollment is at 126 and that the attendance rate is 97%.

The Superintendent discussed with the Board the employment of a certified secondary ELA substitute teacher, Walter Jackson. He reviewed prices of school buses, and discussed CD rates with the Board.

Prairie Hill Fall Festival

The annual Prairie Hill Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, Sept. 19, at the Prairie Hill Community Center.

Activities of the day begin at 10 a.m. and will include arts & crafts booths, sweet shop, country kitchen, and raffle.

The barbecue lunch will start at 11:30 a.m.

An auction will be conducted immediately following lunch.

News of Tehuacana and its people

By Mildred Monk

The Shakers met Wednesday at the Methodist Church as usual to play 42. Those who attended were: Linnie McManus, Virginia Bounds, Virginia Sanders, Mary L. Commiskey, Bobby and Barbara Duke, Carolyn Stubbs, Shelia Higgins, Opal Hillis, Dot Radford, Jerry Chilcoat, Patsy Fountain, Elaine Bounds, Jeffelene Stuver, Claude and Mildred Monk. There were people who came to play from Tehuacana, Mexia, Dawson, Union High, Forrest Glade and Shiloh.

Elaine Bounds brought a cake that everyone enjoyed.

Claude and I went to Wortham Thursday at 12:30 to the town meeting with Rep. Joe Barton. The church was full with standing room only. Joe stated that he had spoken to Wortham folks before but never to a crowd this large. It was a very informative meeting.

Tehuacana has a new family. Andrea Bailey and her daughters Shandra and Lorie are moving to our little community. Welcome.

The Mexia Lions Club had their Annual Pancake Double Whammy Friday morning and evening. The pancakes, bacon, coffee and orange juice was very good and many folks came to enjoy the food and fellowship. There were a few folks there from Tehuacana including the Post mistress Cynthia Holmes, Jimbo and Sissy Ingram, Ronald Cotton and his guest Molly Jennings, Claude and I worked as did many other Lions. Jan Boles from Groesbeck also worked.

Stan Mitchell is still not feeling well. But is better at this time as he has plans to attend church this Sunday. His wife Lynda said Stan received two pints of blood Friday so that gives him the strength he needs to do a few things he enjoys.

Claude received his report from the Dr. in Waco who stated that Claude's test results indicate all is well. We were grateful to learn of this result.

The folks from the Methodist Church will host a 5th Sunday lunch for its members and for the members of the Baptist Church. Both congregations will have an opportunity to enjoy the fellowship that being together for a meal provides.

Frances Johnson is having eye problems. She and Preston have plans to attend an out of town Bluegrass festival, but will see a specialist in Waco when they return home.

Our prayers are with all who are sick in our community and elsewhere and our troops wherever they are.

Texas is Investing in the Future of Nursing

HOUSTON—Gov. Rick Perry highlighted Texas' efforts to combat the state nursing shortage by further investing in nursing education. The governor ceremonially signed House Bill 4471, which improves the Professional Nursing Shortage Reduction Program and provides incentives for nursing programs to enroll and graduate more nurses.

HB 4471 improves the Professional Nursing Shortage Reduction Program, which was established in 2001, to help stem the shortage of nurses in Texas, by rewarding high-performing nursing programs with up-front money to hire additional faculty.

HB 4471 also holds nursing programs accountable by creating a new incentive for schools to admit and graduate more nurses. The bill requires a nursing program to apply to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) to use grant funds from the Professional Nursing Shortage Reduction Program to enroll or graduate a specific number of students. If the nursing program fails to meet its enrollment or graduation benchmark, THECB may require them to return unearned grant money or withhold future grant awards.

Texas nursing schools graduated more than 7,600 new registered nurses in 2008, a 69.7 percent increase over 2001. Despite these gains, Texas nursing schools will not produce a sufficient number of nurses to meet the health care needs of Texans through 2020, according to the Texas Center for Nursing Workforce Studies. Nursing schools often cite the lack of faculty as the biggest barrier to enrolling more students.

Addressing the state's nursing shortage remains a priority for the governor. The Legislature has provided increased levels of funding over the last three legislative sessions to address the nursing shortage through the Professional Nursing Shortage Reduction Program, Nursing Innovation Grant Program, and the Texas Hospital-Based Nursing Education Partnership Grant Program, a program created at the request of the Governor to promote partnerships between academic institutions and hospitals to build the state's nursing education capacity. This session, the Legislature appropriated \$49.7 million to the Professional Nursing Shortage Reduction Program for 2010-2011, a \$35 million increase over 2008-2009.

Goats Fall

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in the game, Groesbeck, down 20-35, put on it's most impressive drive of the night. Holbrook stood alone in the backfield as he directed the offense with five receivers spread out.

The senior quarterback connected with four different receivers on five passing attempts to drive the Goats' offense down to the five-yard line.

Holbrook ran the ball the next two plays, scoring a touchdown as the game clock expired. With the extra point then a mere formality, Holbrook ran the ball a third time, crossing the end zone line again to close the margin of defeat to a single touchdown.

"We've got some inexperienced players out there right now, but they are going to get better," Burrow said. "We're just going to keep working with

them. Offensively we are going to be fine."

Members of the 2009 Groesbeck Goat varsity football team are senior tailback/defensive back Zeb Thomas, sophomore wide receiver/defensive back Tyrell McCullen, senior wide receiver/defensive back Darren Ingram, junior wide receiver, defensive back Chase Burrow, senior running back, linebacker Joel Wells, senior wide receiver/defensive back Blaine Perkins, senior quarterback Caleb Holbrook.

Also: sophomore tailback/defensive back Michael Graves, sophomore wide receiver/defensive back Mikey Bielamowicz, senior wide receiver/defensive back Martin Gonzalez, sophomore wide receiver/defensive back Erich Jackson, junior tight end/defensive back Stephen Ruen, junior running back Rus-

sell Neal, junior linebacker Maurice Mack, sophomore running back/linebacker Bobby Coslin, sophomore tight end/linebacker J.D. Perkins, senior linebacker Jody Ward.

Also: senior running back/linebacker Kyle Cortines, junior tight end/defensive end Kevin Waller, senior noseguard Anthony Wiley, junior offensive lineman/defensive lineman Will Stone.

Also: sophomore lineman Anthony Barraza, sophomore lineman Jose Del Toro, junior lineman John Webster, senior lineman Jeremy Curlin, junior lineman Chris Mack, sophomore lineman Kyle Robinett, junior lineman Ethan Chamberlin, senior lineman Jesse Barraza, Sophomore lineman Quest Bates-Marschall, senior lineman Jake Smith and senior lineman Dominique Carey.

Texas is Prepared for H1N1 Flu Season

SAN ANTONIO – Gov. Rick Perry, along with Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Commissioner David Lakey, Texas Education Commissioner Robert Scott and Texas Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples, highlighted the state's preparedness efforts in advance of the anticipated H1N1 flu season.

Texas currently has 2.5 million courses of antiviral medication prepositioned in the state, including the state's previous 25 percent allotment from the Strategic National Stockpile and an additional 805,000 courses purchased with funding from the 81st Legislature.

GDEM has been working with DSHS, the Texas Education Agency (TEA), and the Department of Agriculture to provide

guidance to local school districts and health departments and the state will also provide H1N1 guidance letters to all school administrators.

The Department of Agriculture and TEA have developed a plan for the continued distribution and access to free and reduced lunches for children should schools close (Currently, 2.1 million school children participate).

Health officials say everyone should follow standard precautions to reduce the spread of any respiratory illness.

•Stay home when you are sick to avoid spreading illness to others.

•Cough or sneeze into the crook of your elbow or a tissue and properly dispose of used tissues.

•Wash hands frequently and thoroughly with soap and warm water or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

The CDC estimates the H1N1 vaccine will be available by mid-October and in Texas the distribution will be managed by DSHS. It is estimated that 45 million doses will be available nationwide.

Groups targeted for the vaccine will include pregnant women, household contacts and caregivers for children younger than six months of age, healthcare and emergency medical services personnel, all persons six months through 24 years of age and persons 25 years through 64 years of age who have health conditions associated with higher risk of medical complications from influenza

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Starting a small business

Got a business idea that won't go away? Have you always had the entrepreneurial spirit but just don't know where to start?

The Navarro College Small Business Development Center (SBDC) will sponsor a free workshop on How to Start a Small Business on Thursday, September 10, from 2 p.m. – 4 p.m., at the Corsicana/Navarro County Chamber of Commerce, 120 N. 12th Street, Corsicana, 75110.

This workshop is free but pre-registration is required, as seating is limited. To register, call the Navarro College SBDC at (903) 875-7667 or email sbdc@navarrocollege.edu.

Robin Lasher, experienced entrepreneur and Director of Navarro College SBDC, will present the workshop and will introduce attendees to the "nuts and bolts" of starting their own small business. Attendees will explore the feasibility of their business ideas and learn the basics of registering a business, choosing a legal form of business ownership, filing proper permits and licenses, and evaluating financial options.

Navarro College SBDC is a partnership program with the U.S. Small Business Administration.

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