

VACCINATED • FROM 5

H1N1 only appeared last April. We don't know yet if it will follow any seasonal pattern, and much hinges on the natural immunity that the population is build-

ing up. Texas has been on the front lines since the H1N1 virus was first identified in the U.S. last year. We reported some of the first

cases and unfortunately the first deaths in the country.

In October, we began distributing the initial limited supply of vaccine using an unprecedented, highly tar-

geted system through our state health department. We have been diligently tracking deaths and hospitalizations of those with H1N1.

People who choose not to get vaccinated put themselves and those around them at risk, especially

babies younger than six months old who are too young for the vaccination.

Nearly 200 babies younger than six months have been hospitalized with H1N1 in Texas. Sadly, deaths have occurred in every age group, young and

old. Though most H1N1 illnesses have been relatively mild, no flu should be dismissed as "just the flu."

Dr. David Lackey is commissioner of the Texas Department of State Health Services.

CHARLIE • FROM 3

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First Monday Trades Day, Canton, Texas. The weekend before the first Monday of each month;

more merchandise than you can imagine spread across acres of what used to be pasture.

If you are planning our big day and would like this list as an efile, just let me know.

Best wishes for a happy wedding and a happy life together.

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VOTE • FROM 1

other facilities to the east, Brownsboro Junior High to the south, and Brownsboro High School to the west.

Brownsboro High School is the youngest campus of the group. Built in 1987, it has been expanded just once and appears to be in the best condition. Brownsboro Junior High was built in 1981 and has never been expanded.

All four schools are at capacity.

At Chandler Elementary, limited parking areas for buses and other vehicles is always a concern, with traffic usually stalling on FM 315 during drop-off and pick-up times.

Like the other schools, it has run out of classroom space and its cafeteria is too small. Multiple access points to the building also pose safety risks.

At Brownsboro Elemen-

tary, the campus has simply outgrown itself. It has no room to expand a fifth time, and district and school officials have acknowledged a new campus is needed.

Students at Brownsboro Junior High have their own issues. They must cross Ingram Street to attend classes at buildings that share the same property with the district administration building, and band students have to cross a field and a loading and unloading zone to reach the band hall at Brownsboro High.

At the high school, its athletic facilities and instruction space for student-athletes are inadequate and outdated.

A number of options would be available to the district, including building two new elementary schools and a high school, and increasing the number

of students who attend its two intermediate schools.

But new construction would require more land and utilities, both of which could be barriers in the district's capital-improvements plan.

The district owns a 52-acre tract of land west of Brownsboro where a campus could be built.

While some voters may prefer a new high school between Chandler and Brownsboro, it might be difficult for the district to acquire enough land in that area for construction.

Texas School Planning was hired last October to consult the district on its capital-improvements plan. District officials have reported the student population has increased by about 60 percent over the last 20 years — a rate of 3 percent annually.

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again this year.

Money raised during the event will be used to fund scholarships and charitable

contributions.

About \$4,000 is raised each year through fundraising events.

The banquet is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. at the Chandler Community Center.

PHASE • FROM 1

SilverLeaf at Chandler is for tenants 55 and older who are on fixed incomes. The one- and two-bedroom units range in price from \$194 to \$565.

According to city documents, income restrictions for a family of two is between \$12,500 and \$24,000. It is between \$11,000 and \$22,000 for a one-person tenant.

Chandler's Economic Development Foundation, which Moffeit chairs, provided a \$100,000 loan to Solutions Plus last April to help cover the cost of infrastructure.

And last November, the city approved a resolution "declaring support" for SilverLeaf to apply for HOME funds from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs this year.

The state program provides grants and loans to help governments and agencies build affordable housing to low-income families.

SilverLeaf may mark the start of an initiative by city officials to increase housing

in the area and attract more businesses and industry as projections show growth west of Tyler will play a role in advancing Chandler's economy.

The estimated median home value in Chandler in 2007 was \$123,586. That same year, 25 permits were issued on home construction at an average cost of \$134,600. In 2006, 23 permits were issued at an average cost of \$143,700.

A combined 58 permits were issued in the previous two years. Since 1996, the most building permits acquired for single-home construction was in 1997, with 39. The average cost that year was \$79,900.

But Chandler can only grow so much, Moffeit has said, even following an economic boom with the construction of Loop 49 and population growth across Texas.

SilverLeaf, officials have said, is expected to create two to four jobs and enhance the area's economy, with about 70 percent of SilverLeaf tenants moving

here from outside Chandler.

MOTEL • FROM 1

Hotels, Econolodge, Rode-way Inn, and Ascend Collection.

An unnamed lender told the chamber last year it wanted to finance the project for \$50 million, but Mack said the city cannot support a financing deal that large.

"We want to be realistic. This community can't that large of a debt service."

The chamber is working with two unnamed capital-investment firms, Mack said.

He declined to say when construction might begin once a financing package is

approved.

Separately, officials expected to meet with representatives from a fast-food chain and from another restaurant this week.

Mack also declined to name those companies, but the city has talked to such franchises as Dairy Queen and KFC, and to others in Tyler.

The construction of Loop 49 and population projections in Smith and Henderson counties over the next two decades is expected to generate substantial economic development from Tyler to Brownsboro.

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The Honorable Sue Starnes
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Dear Judge Starnes:

I would like to personally thank you and your court for your unwavering effort to help make Brownsboro High School a great place to be. This year marks my third year as principal of BHS and I must say I've never worked anywhere in my career with a judge who supports the school district more than you. Your decisions in the court room when dealing with our students and parents are both positive and rewarding even in difficult situations.

All successful schools have two attributes in common. First, a safe and orderly environment exists and second, students attend school regularly. It almost goes without saying that learning becomes the norm when students feel safe and they consistently attend their classes.

You pledged your support to help our campus in both of these areas. As a result of your court's effort, I'm pleased to report that our violent offenses on campus have decreased and our student attendance rate has increased over the past three years. In the 2007-2008 school year BHS had a total of 19 fights on campus. Since we began issuing tickets for these offenses the number has decreased to only 7. In addition, the attendance rate for Brownsboro High School in 2006-2007 was 93.9%. Our current attendance rate for 2009-2010 is 95.4%. Because state funding is based on average daily attendance, just one percentage point can result in an increase of approximately \$30,000 of state funding for a campus our size. Therefore, when our attendance rate increases it is less of a burden for the local taxpayer.

To ensure our students success in school and in life, we challenge them to obtain what we call our "core values". These values are: Character, Integrity, Work Ethic, and Unity. I appreciate how you model these values while carrying out your duties as our Justice of the Peace. It's evident that you want the best for our school system and the best for the people in our community.

Again, thanks for all you do to support the students of Brownsboro High School. You make a positive impact each day!

Sincerely,

 Kenneth Wooten
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