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COMMUNITY DIGEST

Café Susanna — June - August

Café Susanna serves lunch every Thursday from 11a.m. to 1p.m. to the community, June through August. The fare is a specialized casserole with sides, drink, bread and delicious dessert for \$8.50. Wimberley United Methodist Church @ RR 12 & County Rd. 1492. Phone 847-3109. Proceeds help WUMC and their outreach programs.

WAG Rescue Request for Volunteers

WAG Rescue needs volunteers to work in our consignment & retail store, "Treasures on Twelve" at 13620 Ranch Road 12, Bldg. A. If you can spare a few hours once a week, it would be most helpful to our cause. Store opened Thursday through Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sunday from 11a.m. - 4 p.m. For additional information e-mail us at info@wimberleywagrescue.org or call 512-847-3858.

Susanna's Kitchen Coffee House

Music on Third Thursday's, 7-9:30 pm, Wimberley United Methodist Church, \$15 admission; Hear some of Texas' best musicians in this intimate, alcohol and smoke free environment. New this year are performances year round! Visit <http://www.wimberleyumc.org/susannaskitchen.htm>.

Wimberley Valley Habitat for Humanity Board Opening

The Wimberley Valley Habitat for Humanity has an opening on their board for Treasure. If you are interested or know of someone please contact Rick Graves at 512-947-0516 or Brent Pulley at 512-847-2201.

Tours of Jacob's Well

Come share in Wimberley's best-kept secret - Jacob's Well, an artesian spring that flows out of the deepest underwater cave in Texas. Hear the stories about famous floods and scuba divers, learn the value of native grasses, and experience the stunning beauty of the spring that started this town. Docents lead tours every Saturday (except holidays and weather permitting) at 10 a.m. Tours run about 1 hour, comfortable shoes and water bottles are encouraged. The Jacob's Well Natural Area is located off Jacob's Well Road, 221 Woodacre Drive. ADA accessible. For more information please view www.jacobswell-spring.org.

Wimberley Players Presents Lee Colee's Kids Theater: Anything Goes — through June 26

Thursday, Friday and Saturday Evenings 7:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday Matinees 2:30 p.m. Tickets available: on-line at www.wimberleyplayers.org or

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School finance topics addressed at WISD school board meeting

By **Susan Marx**
Staff Writer

The Wimberley ISD school board voted on several topics relative to school finance at their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, June 20.

The Tax Swap motion passed. York said "This is not an increase, it just means moving funds from I&S to M&O to offset budget cuts and keep things going." The Tax Swap Election was proposed at the May 16 school board meeting as way to offset the loss in state funding.

The "tax swap," legally referred to as a "tax rollback," is a financial transaction removing tax dollars from

the Interest and Sinking (I&S) account to the Maintenance and Operation (M&O) account. The district uses I&S funds to retire bond debt. Tax dollars held in the M&O fund pays for the district's teachers' salaries and school utility bills. In order to transfer funds, WISD board members are required by the state to call an election and put the issue before the voters.

I&S funds cannot be used to pay teachers' salaries or other expenses paid for through the M&O fund. The I&S fund balance, the district's savings account, contains \$1.2 million. The fund balance, which can only be used to pay off debt, will be used to offset the three-penny per \$100 valuation "tax swap." The "tax swap" will

not increase the tax rate.

WISD property owners approved a two-cent "tax swap" last year.

The district has been labeled Chapter 41 since the state in 2003 labeled WISD as being rich in property values in comparison with low student enrollment. Every year the district is required to send some local tax dollars to a poorer school district. A portion of the money coming from this "tax swap" would be subject to recapture by the state. Last year's "tax swap" was not subject to recapture.

The proposed timeline for the Tax Swap Election is as follows:

- June 28 information to Hays County Tax Assessor for Truth and Taxation

• July 6 Taxation Publication will be posted in The Wimberley View

• July 18 adopt a new tax rate, based on the \$1.09 not the \$1.06 M&O

- September 9 is Election Day
- September 16 results back from Tax Assessor.

Legislative Update

Superintendent Dwain York has been spending a lot of time in Austin to monitor proceedings in the legislature's special session. York debriefed the board on the status of state cuts to school district funding as follows:

As it stands now, Texas schools will be receiving a 6.1 percent decrease

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KAPS receives \$800k grant



Class of 2010 KAPS graduates go out into the world with community service experience.

In the shadow of state budget cuts and talks of school closures throughout Texas, there is a beam of light for Katherine Anne Porter School in Wimberley. The charter school is one of 10 central Texas school who, as a consortium, received a \$1.75 million grant through the 21st Century Community Learning Center program. Of those grant dollars, KAPS stands to receive \$800,000 over the next five years.

Janice Madden, 21st CLCC site director, said they "had been holding their breath" waiting to hear whether or not they were awarded the grant. They received first wind of the good news just as the 2010-2011 school was coming to a close.

The 21st CLCC program isn't new to KAPS or the community. The program has had a home at KAPS for the past several years, offering after school activities and tutoring for stu-

dents. The community has benefited from the program, as part of the requirements for receiving the grant is to provide community service.

The students, faculty and staff at KAPS have stepped up to the plate fulfilling that requirement through their various hours of community service. Most recently, the school held a Community Day of Service in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

They teamed up with various groups and nonprofits in Wimberley and went around the town cleaning up, picking up, sprucing up the streets, library, public areas, and even helped in the initial stages of getting a community garden off of the ground.

An emotional Madden said in reflection of the event that it's very uplifting to see the students out in the community doing positive



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PEC WORKS TO RETURN UNCLAIMED FUNDS TO MEMBERS

From Staff Reports

Pedernales Electric Cooperative's Board of Directors approved a resolution at its regular June meeting to continue to take steps to return \$4.2 million in unclaimed money to members. The Cooperative plans to publicize on its website a list of the names of members who have not yet collected the money they are due, most of which is from uncashed capital credit checks.

Under Texas law, unclaimed property that an entity, such as a cooperative, is in possession of becomes the property of the state if the rightful owner does not claim it after a specified period of time. The rightful owner can still claim the property from the state, but the Board-approved action is designed to help PEC members avoid the need to file a claim with the state by getting the money into the members' hands before the turnover to the state takes place.

"We want to let these people know we have some of their money before it turns over to the state," said PEC Special Counsel Peter Slover. "PEC is working diligently to go above and beyond what is required by law to match these people up with their missing money."

Beginning July 1, the public will be able to go to www.pec.coop and review the list of members for whom PEC is holding unclaimed property. In addition, PEC mailed letters to all members in Texas for whom PEC is holding \$250 or more, and to all members with an out-of-state address regardless of the unclaimed amount. These letters will serve as notification that there are unclaimed funds, outline the process for check reissuance and include the form for members to complete and return by Aug. 1, 2011.

Also on Monday, the Board voted to re-establish the following committees:

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COMMUNITYVIEW

City of Wimberley schedules stakeholder meeting to round up support for sidewalks

As part of an effort to enhance pedestrian safety, the City of Wimberley is exploring the construction of sidewalks at several key locations in our community. One such location is along FM 2325 from its intersection with Ranch Road 12 to the city limits.

Each day, thousands of vehicles travel this 1.3 mile stretch of State-maintained roadway that is lined with dozens of businesses, Lions Field (Market Days), a public library and several public school facilities. At the same time, large numbers of pedestrians come and go from these various locations without a safe route of travel. The solution to this safety problem is the construction of sidewalks and the cost will not

be cheap.

State and possibly federal dollars will likely be needed to fund a sidewalk project for FM 2325. To secure such funding, there will need to be a strong showing of public support for such a project.

The City of Wimberley will be holding a stakeholder meeting on Tuesday, June 28 at 6 p.m. at the Wimberley City Hall located at 221 Stillwater to discuss the need for sidewalks along FM 2325 and to form a coalition to seek and secure funding for sidewalk construction. Property and/or business owners along FM 2325 along with other members of the public are encouraged to attend the public meeting.

Pay 2010 taxes now or pay even more beginning July 1

Property owners who have not paid their 2010 taxes by June 30 will incur a large increase in their bill on July 1, when those accounts will be turned over to tax collection attorneys.

"On July 1, by state law, the tax office must turn over all delinquent tax accounts to the collection attorneys of the taxing jurisdictions we work with," Luanne Caraway, Hays County Tax Assessor-Collector, said. "If you are delinquent on July 1, your bill will go up by more than 15 percent that day. If you are delinquent you can contact the tax office to work out a payment agreement if you are unable to pay the full amount."

Notices were mailed in May informing taxpayers that a 15 percent collection penalty

would be added if the account is not paid by June 30. However, persons who are over 65, disabled, or on active military duty out of the area may qualify for a deferral of homestead property tax. Persons who think they are eligible for a deferral should contact the Hays Central Appraisal District, (not the tax office) at 21001 N. IH-35 in Kyle (eastside frontage road), 512-268-2522.

Taxes can be paid at any one of the four tax office locations in San Marcos, Buda, Kyle and Dripping Springs or online at www.hayscounty-tax.com. Payments can be mailed to Hays County Tax Office, 102 N. LBJ Drive, San Marcos, TX 78666 and must be postmarked by June 30 to avoid the additional penalty.

Hill Country Community Band Featured at Summer in the Park Concert Series



The Hill Country Community Band will perform at the Summer in the Park concert series in San Marcos on Thursday, June 30. The program begins at 7:30 p.m. with an opening act by singers from the studio of Leslie Salas. The Hill Country Community Band will perform from 8:00 - 9:30 with an intermission. The program will feature several medleys of familiar pop tunes, marches, and patriotic music. Special features will include Daryl Angling singing "You Raise Me Up", a trumpet trio made up of a father, son and friend playing "Trio Con Brio", and two numbers showcasing the band's Dixieland group. The concert will take place at the San Marcos Plaza Park Stage located at the

corner of CM Allen Parkway and Hopkins Street.

The Hill Country Community Band is an all volunteer wind band based in Hays County. The band, which is under the direction of Dr. Alton Corley, is made up of amateur and professional players and plays several free concerts throughout the year. To learn more about the band, visit www.hillcountrycommunityband.org.

Summer in the Park is produced by the San Marcos Performing Arts Association and San Marcos Parks and Recreation with generous support from the San Marcos Arts Commission. For more information visit www.smpaa.com.

CTMC to host 2nd Annual Baby Fest

Whether you're already expecting or simply considering pregnancy this year, Central Texas Medical Center's (CTMC) 2nd annual BabyFest is a great way to become familiar with the latest in products and services for moms and babies. BabyFest will be held Sunday, July 24 from 1 to 4 p.m. in the CTMC Main Lobby and at the CTMC Women's Center.

Last July, more than 400 new moms, moms-to-be and their families visited BabyFest. This year's event will feature tours of the Women's Center, several great baby-related door prizes and more than 30 businesses and organizations providing information and services for baby, mom and family.

"Within Hays County we have so many great resources for mom, baby and family," said Margie Lieck, CTMC Director of Women's Services. "Moms and moms-to-be are already incredibly busy, so it is important that we bring all of these resources and organizations together for a fun, one-



Mothers and mothers-to-be sample products from vendors during the 1st Annual BabyFest held in July 2010.

stop shop-ortunity."

Highlights of BabyFest include a great way to network with area new moms and moms to be, baby boutiques, eco-friendly products, nutritional options for moms and babies, information on vaccinations

and safety, representatives from obstetrics, pediatric physicians who practice at CTMC and more.

For more information about BabyFest, please visit www.ctmc.org or call 512-753-3818.

KAPS

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things. She added that not one student complained about the hard work. As a matter of fact,

the feedback was that they had fun.

The consortium of schools receiving the grant are part of the Education Service Center - Region XIII, which is made up of 60 School districts, 17 Counties, 18 Charter schools, 19 Private schools, eight Institutes of higher education in the Central Texas area. Education Service Center Region XIII is one of twenty service centers in Texas. Their mission is to aid teachers and administrators in their role as educators.

Willa Rosen, Region XIII

education specialist, said the grant is a big boost to the school. KAPS, she said, had already been offering after-school opportunities to its students, but now the grant dollars can help them to keep those offerings and possibly even add some more.

Rosen added that it has been a pleasure working with KAPS. The students are very involved and their community service efforts were highlighted in the grant application process.

There's no doubt that KAPS played a big role in acquiring the grant.

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The Wimberley ISD Athletics Departments is kicking off a new fundraiser this year — "Wimberley Helping Wimberley," a coupon book filled with discount coupons for local businesses. The following businesses have generously contributed coupons to the book this year:

Ace Hardware	The Kokopelli Salon/Joshua Poole
A Funky Boutique	Mattress on Demand
Blue Bacon Toys	Middleton Brewing
Blue Hole Swimming Area	Milagro's Hill Country Tex Mex
Bosses Pizza	Miss Mae's Bar-B-Q
Brian Reese Photography	Movie Picture House
Cella's Fabric Shoppe	River Rock Pools
Conley Car Wash & Express Lube	Square Inn
Creekside Cookers BBQ	Stillwater Studio
Cypress Creek Café	Stylin' Stuff
Express Care Valvoline	Tammy Kelly Photography
Full Moon Fashions	Taste Buds
Grins Restaurant	Whitewater Sports
Hill Country CHL Class	Wimberley Athletic Club
Hill Country Tire	Wimberley Fitness Company
Hired Killers	Wimberley Pharmacy
Kelly's Country Cottages	

Coupon books are available for \$20 and may be purchased from any junior high or high school athlete. They are also available at Hill Country Insurance Agency located at 12589 Ranch Road 12 and at the Wimberley View Newspaper located at 101 FM 3237, ste. A. 100% of the proceeds from the coupon book sales will go to the Wimberley ISD Athletic budget.

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