

Letters to the Editor

Past the STAAR, year not finished

STAAR testing is in the rearview mirror and that is a relief for students and staff! But the year is not over!!

The final 5 weeks of the 2014-15 school year will be the busiest yet! We have many upcoming events, ceremonies, trips, etc. and I would like to take this opportunity to share a few upcoming dates with you...

April 30th, Danforth will host the JH/HS choir Spring Show at 6:00 in the cafeteria. On May 5th, we will host the National Ju-

nior Honor Society induction ceremony at 6:30 in the main gym. May 7th is the annual Danforth Art Show from 5-7. May 8th will be the 8th grade field trip and 8th grade Career Fair. May 15th is the date for the annual "Academic Challenge" sponsored by the Wimberley Lion's Club. May 19th is the UIL Fun Day where all students who participated in UIL Academics this year will be rewarded for their efforts. May 21st is the rescheduled date for the PTO Spaghetti Supper and

student Talent Show. May 26th will be the end of year awards ceremonies for all 3 grade levels. May 27th thru 29th will be final exams for all students.

Yes, it is going to be busy!!! We hope you can join us for one or more of the events mentioned. We are very proud of our students and the hard work they have put in this year.

On a similar note, I am also very proud, happy, and honored to work with such a talented and dedicated staff of professionals every-

day. The week of May 4-8, we will celebrate Teacher Appreciation week. If you know a teacher, thank them for what they do with the youth of this community! The staff of Danforth goes above and beyond to help students realize the amazing potential they all possess!

It has been a GR8 year and we expect a GR8 final month at Danforth JH!

*Casey Hollomon
Principal*

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Supporting the Hays County Tax Assessor

Dear neighbors, I believe most of us cringe when we must deal with Government Officials at any level; especially where it concerns tax matters.

In my case I've found the Hays County Tax Assessor's office is one in which citizens of Hays County are treated with respect and

dignity. We owe this to the leadership of Luanne Caraway, Hays County Tax Assessor-Collector.

Ms. Caraway is the type of public servant that, when necessary, becomes personally involved with her constituents in order to ensure their problems are solved promptly and

all questions answered satisfactorily. Furthermore, these traits do not stop with Ms. Caraway; all members of her staff with whom I've dealt treat you in the same manner. I attribute this to Ms. Caraway's leadership as well.

I am proud to say that I voted for Ms. Caraway in

past elections and will most certainly do so for as long as she wishes to remain in office. I respectfully urge you to do the same.

*Warm regards,
Don Bomer, Wimberley*

Coming out against the sewer plant

As a person who loves Wimberley, loves Cypress Creek and loves the Blanco River as it flows through the Wimberley Valley, I am troubled to see the City of Wimberley aggressively pursuing a plan to discharge sewage effluent into the Blanco River. I swim in these waters, have enjoyed these waterways for decades and do not wish to see harm or degradation come to them due to a shortsighted, technologically deficient municipal wastewater project.

It has come to my attention that the City of Wimberley has proceeded with engineering and financial plans to build and operate a wastewater treatment plant whose effluent overflows will be intentionally discharged into Deer Creek, a seasonal waterway which feeds directly into the Blanco River, and unintentionally may send nutrient-rich seepage into Cypress Creek and Blue Hole Regional Park swimming areas. I sincerely hope that this permit will not be approved as drafted and will instead be revised substantially to protect water quality, aquatic life and air quality, or that it be denied and a new process for figuring out how to deal with human wastes in this area be designed.

Although the Wimberley city government officials continue to deny that there will be any chance of degrading the local waterways

due to discharge of chlorinated effluent into those waterways, they also state often that, although they are applying for a discharge permit, they do not intend to discharge, or if they do, not very often and if they do, it won't hurt anything.

It seems to me that if the city does not wish to discharge and plans only to use a land application scheme, then why not just apply for a land application permit?

Also, it appears that this plant is already at capacity and has been designed with inadequate storage capacity, before it is even built, and therefore it will need to be expanded very soon, making this whole project even more baffling, in its scope and purpose.

Citizens downstream of this wastewater treatment plant are very concerned that their clear, clean rivally will end up with algal blooms and other consequences of adding biological, chemical and pharmaceutical nutrients to the river, the creeks and the banks of those waterways. There is ample research, along with experience, to show that water and air quality, along with native aquatic and plant life, can be negatively affected by chemicals, pharmaceuticals, herbicides, pesticides, human biological wastes, etc. Why would anyone risk this in a town like Wimberley where clean, sparkling,

cool water provides the spirit of the whole place and has for millennia.

A better plan should have been proposed for such a lovely water featured area as is characterized by Wimberley and its oasis-like surrounds. When I hear people say things like, "This is the same kind of wastewater treatment used in many towns and cities in Texas," I wonder if they would swim downstream of these other plants and if any of them has ever wondered what kind of condition those streams were in before some town started using that waterway as the recipient of its sewage. Just because it has been done before is no reason to do it again, to ruin a waterway with effluent because a city government has not used adequate imagination, nor reached further for a more technologically adequate solution to human wastes.

Another very troubling aspect of this is that in Wimberley, this whole project is pitting downtown business owners against downstream property-owners, selling out the interests of one segment of the city's population for the benefit of another. This saddens me and is making people who should be working together, working instead at cross purposes.

I am in no position to offer a solution for this, as I am neither an engineer nor a financier, but there

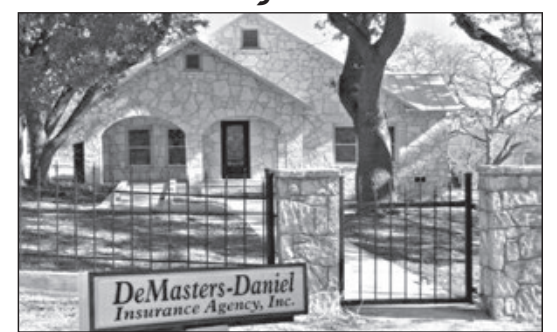
is no reason to degrade the waters of Cypress Creek, Deer Creek or the Blanco River, and in doing so harm the property value and lifestyles of people living and playing along those waterways, just because some downtown property owners have failed to find a way to address their own wastewater problems. This is passing off a problem of one set of citizens to create an irreparable harm to another set of citizens, along with the environment they all share.

It is apparent to me that we need to approach this whole problem with new eyes, with new technologies, and with a renewed sense of community where all Wimberley's citizens, along with the people who love and regularly visit this area to swim and cavort along the banks of these waterways, work together for a solution that harms no one, does not degrade these waterways, does not harm the land, its plants and animal life and makes this area even more ecologically sound, not less so.

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Alcohol...

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that it was only fair to allow Brookshire Brothers the same opportunity. Representatives of

Brookshire Brothers told the city council that they hope to have the new taps running in a few weeks.

PEC...

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that are being passed on by the Lower Colorado River Authority, the Co-op's main power provider.

In other business, the PEC Board approved the ballot for the 2015 PEC election, which will have eight Co-op members running for three director positions.

This year, PEC members will be selecting from the following candidates, whose names are listed in the order they will appear

on the ballot:

- District 1: Cristi Clement; Marble Falls; Mark Axford; Burnet

- District 6: Max Hosford, Fischer; Paul Graf, Spring Branch; Larry Landaker, Wimberley

- District 7: Douglas Kadjjar, Kyle; Jeff Barton, Hays County; Amy Lea SJ Akers, Hays County

While directors must reside in the district from which they are seeking election, Co-op members from

all seven districts may vote in the election for all director positions.

Ballots will be mailed so members begin receiving them by May 21, after which members will be able to vote by mail or online through June 12, or they may choose to vote in person at PEC's annual meeting June 20 in Cedar Park. Election results will be announced before the conclusion of the meeting.



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