

...TPWD Holiday Activities

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For more than 15 years, the annual park Christmas ornaments have featured some of the most recognizable Texas State Parks landscapes. This year, the ornaments depict the hallowed halls of Garner State Park, paddlers at Village Creek State Park and prairie dogs at Lake Arrowhead State Park. The wooden ornaments are available for purchase for \$8.95 each or \$19.95 for the set of three. To purchase them, call 512-389-8900.

Texas Parks & Wildlife magazine is also offering a special subscription deal for the holidays. Anyone can give two gift subscriptions to the magazine for just \$15. Don't want to feel left out? Give yourself the gift of the outdoors for an additional \$5. Subscriptions can be ordered online at <http://bit.ly/TPWMagholiday17>.

2017 ag census arrives this month

Farmers and ranchers in Texas and across the nation will receive the 2017 Census of Agriculture this month.

Farmers and ranchers can mail in their completed census form or respond online via the web questionnaire. Officials said the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) has extensively revised the online questionnaire to make it more convenient.

The census will be mailed in several phases through December. Farm operations of all sizes that produced and sold, or normally would have sold, \$1,000 or more of agricultural product in 2017 are included in the census. The census is the only source of uniform, comprehensive and impartial agricultural data for every state and county in the nation.

"The Census of Agriculture is USDA's largest data collection endeavor, providing some of the most widely used statistics in the industry," U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue said. "Collected in service to American agriculture since 1840, the census gives every producer the opportunity to be represented so that informed decisions can support their efforts to provide the world with food, fuel, feed, and fiber. Every response matters."

An estimated 400,000-500,000 farmers and ranchers received an email from NASS in November promoting the improved web application.

New time-saving features of the online questionnaire include automatically calculating totals, skipping sections that do not pertain to the operation and providing drop-down menus of frequent responses.

The census website will be updated with new information through the census response

deadline of February 5, 2018.

Revisions and additions to the 2017 census aim to capture a more detailed account of the industry. Farmers will see a new question about military veteran status, expanded questions about food marketing practices and questions about on-farm decision-making to better capture the roles and contributions of beginning farmers, women farmers and others involved in running the business.

Conducted once every five years, the census is a complete count of all U.S. farms, ranches and those who operate them. It is the only source of uniform, comprehensive and impartial agriculture data for every state and county in the country.

For more information about the 2017 Census of Agriculture, visit www.agcensus.usda.gov.



Small Town Christmas! The Family Life Center of the First United Methodist Church in Robert Lee was decorated with sparkling lights, a Christmas tree, this large Santa, as well as a variety of other decorations for Small Town Christmas.

ROBERT LEE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2017

Data	10	50		Total	
Control	General	Debt Service	Other	Governmental	
Codes	Fund	Fund	Funds	Funds	
REVENUES:					
5700	Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 1,877,067	\$ 931,261	\$ 44,776	\$ 2,853,104
5800	State Program Revenues	2,052,689	11,424	15,225	2,079,338
5900	Federal Program Revenues	7,018	-	177,666	184,684
5020	Total Revenues	3,936,774	942,685	237,667	5,117,126
EXPENDITURES:					
Current:					
0011	Instruction	1,616,653	-	95,484	1,712,137
0012	Instructional Resources and Media Services	8,780	-	-	8,780
0013	Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	950	-	-	950
0021	Instructional Leadership	11,584	-	-	11,584
0023	School Leadership	193,366	-	-	193,366
0031	Guidance, Counseling, and Evaluation Services	22,886	-	-	22,886
0033	Health Services	2,279	-	-	2,279
0034	Student (Pupil) Transportation	238,372	-	-	238,372
0035	Food Services	563	-	161,905	162,468
0036	Extracurricular Activities	172,662	-	-	172,662
0041	General Administration	240,590	-	-	240,590
0051	Facilities Maintenance and Operations	625,129	-	-	625,129
0053	Data Processing Services	161,415	-	-	161,415
Debt Service:					
0071	Principal on Long-Term Debt	-	815,000	-	815,000
0072	Interest on Long-Term Debt	-	235,730	-	235,730
0073	Bond Issuance Cost and Fees	-	4,876	-	4,876
Intergovernmental:					
0093	Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	210,952	-	-	210,952
0099	Other Intergovernmental Charges	81,789	-	-	81,789
6030	Total Expenditures	3,587,970	1,055,606	257,389	4,900,965
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	348,804	(112,921)	(19,722)	216,161
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):					
7915	Transfers In	-	-	19,722	19,722
8911	Transfers Out (Use)	(19,722)	-	-	(19,722)
7080	Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(19,722)	-	19,722	-
1200	Net Change in Fund Balances	329,082	(112,921)	-	216,161
0100	Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	729,843	354,417	-	1,084,260
1300	Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance	(1,156)	-	-	(1,156)
3000	Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 1,057,769	\$ 241,496	\$ -	\$ 1,299,265