

... the Texas Education Agency is using a value of \$102,411 which is the property value for 2004. This increase in value will result in the school district having a decrease in state funds next year as compared to the current school year funding level provided that there are no school finance changes this upcoming special legislative session. Sladek noted that the increase in total property values was primarily due to the increased

Grange ISD. will be appearing in the value study with the comptroller's office to attempt to reduce the values set by the comptroller.

The La Grange ISD Board of Trustees held a public hearing regarding the school district's Annual Performance Report Monday evening.

Superintendent Erwin Sladek presented an overview of La Grange ISD's performance on the Academic Excellence Indicator System. The

secretary, Don Staver, presented an invocation and then Ulrich led the pledges to the United States and Texas flags.

The minutes of the Jan. 16 meeting were approved.

The minutes of the special meetings of Jan. 24 and Feb. 2 were approved. Financial reports for January were approved.

Gifts approved by the board are listed as follows:

- Cash for German band, \$200.

Texas German Language Project Featured At Library This Saturday

■ Meeting open to anyone interested in project designed to document fading language

At the beginning of the 20th century, the three major languages spoken in the Lone Star State were English, Spanish & German. A unique dialect known as "Texas German" was spoken by more than 100,000 Texans. Today, it is estimated that less than 8,000 speakers of Texas German remain, most of whom are 60 years or older. Since this unique language is not being passed on to the younger generations, it will become extinct within the next 30 years.

"With the loss of Texas German, we will witness the end of a very special way of life that has had major impacts on Texas culture, history, and traditions for the past 150 years," said Hans Boas, a professor at the University of Texas who has

started a project to document this language.

The goal of the Texas German Dialect Project is to interview as many of the remaining fluent speakers of Texas German as possible.

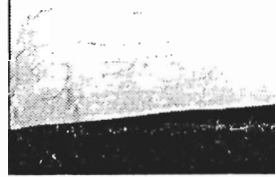
The Fayette Public Library will host an informative presentation about the project on Saturday March 4. The program will begin at 3 p.m. in the Library Meeting Room.

The presentation by Boas describes several aspects of the activities of the Texas German Dialect Project, which is housed in the Department of Germanic Studies at The University of Texas at Austin. The goals of the Texas German Dialect Project are (1) to preserve the Texas German dialect as it reflects the rich cultural and linguistic traditions of its residents; (2) to gather basic research information about linguistic diversity in order to understand the nature of language variation and change; (3)

to provide information about language differences and language change for public and educational interests; and (4) to use the material collected in research projects for the improvement of educational programs about language and culture. At the center of the project's current activities is the creation of the Texas German Dialect Archive, an on-line archive of interviews with native speakers of Texas German that have been recorded since 2002. Over the past four years, project members have interviewed more than 180 speakers across central Texas. The recordings are subsequently transcribed, translated, and stored in the digital on-line archive to be preserved for future generations (see <http://www.tgdp.org>).

Boas is currently writing a book on the development of the Texas German dialect during the 20th century, which will be published in late 2006 or early 2007.

Everyone is invited to attend this program sponsored by the Luck & Loessin Collection Trust and the Friends of the Fayette Public Library. Light refreshments will be served. For more information call Kathy Carter at 979-968-3765.



La Grange Mayor Ja Little Art Show in applied wall hang past weekend at the more pictures of be

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■ Requests incl emencement activi transfer policies

The Flatonia ISD bo was held on Feb. 13.

Britt Burbridge p showcase of assignme students are doing in the classes, such as web m the new digital graphic also presented the ne Adobe PhotoShop, Design, which is the ye ware, and Dreamweave

Flatonia High Sch Sandra Manzano an Garcia addressed their concerns to request a ch

Round Top Legion Post 338 Supports St. Mark's



RT-C Looks At Sta Date Of Aug. 3, 20

The Round Top-Carmine Independent School District board of trustees held a meeting on Monday, Feb. 13 at 6:30 p.m. to have a public hearing on the school

on Aug. 3.

The board moved to school start waiver with of instruction on Aug 2006-07 school year.