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Budget addresses needs; would like more \$ for streets

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Money will be sufficient to fund the Public Works department at the city of Owasso.

While that money will be enough, the director of the department, Roger Stevens, says if the department had more money, it could be used to improve more streets.

"Funding Public Works received very adequate to provide the same service for the city as i the past," he said. With the budget, the department can continue to make improvements, replace equipment, purchase a new refuse vehicle and side loader for the yard waste department.

Stevens did say he would like to have more money for streets.

"Most likely, projects will outnumber funding that's available," he said.

He said that is the biggest challenge in any budget year, not just this one, was having enough funding for the streets department.

Stevens also said he would like more equipment and more

employees to catch up with the numbers of work orders that department receives.

Cities of similar size have that capability, he said.

With regards to what Stevens' department can do this year, they plan to complete several purchases and projects.

He said the budget is flat, but there still is a lot great things that will be done.

The Owasso Public Works Authority budget has increased a bit. Stevens said that was because the city of Tulsa raised its rate of water Owasso purchases

form Tulsa.

He said the capital outlay budget was a bit more than last too. That was because that department will purchase two trash trucks instead of one,

Even with the flat budget, that department needs to replace two trucks, Stevens said, adding residents saw some of that this past winter when trash pickups were delayed because of truck maintenance issues.

Other monies spent will help complete master plans for wastewater and transportation. More on those later.



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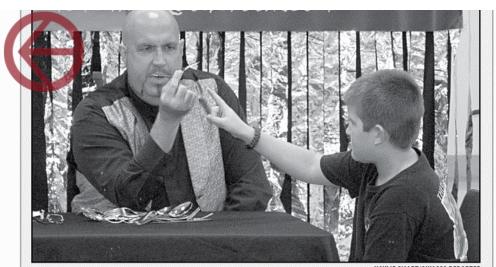
'Fabulous Amazing Babes' hold annual Hoot Day



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The Red Hat Society Chapter "Fabulous Amazing Babes" held the annual Hoot Day Friday, July 11, at the Sertoma Club of Owasso. Sixty-three ladies from 13 Chapters attended this year. Items were brought by the ladies to be donated to the Shelter for Battered Women.

Mentalist wows children at library



HAYLIE SMART/OWASSO REPORTER
Coldhorn the Mentalist visited the Owasso Public Library last week to showcase his talents of bending silverware, guess what children are thinking and playing other games were he predicts what will happen. Pictured is Coldhorn sharing his power of bending a spoon with Trevor.

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