

Leader Ford Presents  
**STORM IN THE HOLLER III BLUEGRASS BAND CONTEST**  
**HOME OF THE ORIGINAL PARKIN LOT PICKIN CONTEST**

**West Oak High School \* May 1, 2010 \* Contest 3p – 6p**

**Tugalo Holler and New Dixie Storm at 7p in Auditorium**

**Basic Rules:**

1. Each band member must purchase a ticket to the show (\$10 each person). This is the registration fee.
2. Players can play in only one band.
3. Bands will perform 2 songs in the parking lot before three judges who are very involved in bluegrass music.
4. Established bands welcome.
5. No band working for a living, or a musician doing the same can enter.
6. Parking lot "put togethers" get an extra 10 points on the score card up front.
7. No electric instruments, please. The point of this event is to preserve and promote the natural sound of acoustic Bluegrass music as the art that it truly is.

**Nine Basic Points Of Interest For Judges**

**Categories:**

- start together
- end together
- harmony (3 part required)
- timing
- picking (solos, kick-offs, back-up)
- dynamics by all (no one plays over the other - music gets quiet to let vocals shine etc...)
- originality (original song or an obscure song with a Bluegrass style, or a traditional song with a creative twist)
- introduction of two songs must be clear
- overall quality and performance of band

**HERE'S HOW IT WORKS**

- ❖ Each category will have a score of 1-10. The band with the highest total score wins. The highest possible score is 100 points. Please notice there are only 9 categories. The highest score from the score card can only reach 90 points; however, a "parking lot put together" will get an extra 10 points. We are obviously encouraging the "parking lot put together".
- ❖ We will have 3 judges. Each judge will be grading different things. While one judge may look for timing and quality of players/picking, another judge could look for harmonies and originality. One judge could look for clear introduction of songs and starts and stops together.
- ❖ All 3 judges will vote on overall quality and performance.
- ❖ The judges will walk around and go to the bands. Please be courteous to the bands around you during their performance.

**Looking forward to Storm In The Holler IV**

**Thanks for participating and pick on**