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EUNICE CITYWIDE

CLEANUP is in full swing. Clean up will last through the month of June. Please do not dump without the assistance of a city employee. Hours to dump are Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m.-noon.

JUNCTION CHRISTIAN

ACADEMY hosts its third annual fundraiser and auction on Saturday at 6:30 p.m. at Cowboy Junction Church, 9924 Catchings Drive. Proceeds will benefit the academy. Auction items include a 2008 GMC pickup, jewelry and a miniature horse.

TATUM ALUMNI

CELEBRATION takes place every other year and this year it will be June 24-25. It all starts June 24 with a golf tournament at Ocotillo Park in Hobbs at 8 a.m. followed by games like dominos and cards at the community building in Tatum at 6 p.m. Registration is Saturday at 9 a.m. at the community building. The celebration ends with a dance with Jody Nix from 8 a.m.-midnight. There is also a fireworks show at the little league park at 9 p.m. The swimming pool will be open from 1-3 p.m. Saturday. For more information or to pre-register, call Steve Houston at 399-6165, Vera Young at 390-4993 or Marilyn Burns at 398-5455.

City to begin Dal Paso beautification

■ The City of Hobbs will spend \$725,000 to build a trail and buffer wall from Texas to Temple

BETH HAHN
NEWS-SUN

What started as an idea to screen a neighborhood in south Hobbs from the Eunice Highway will soon be a multipurpose trail.

City commissioners approved spending about \$725,000 to build a trail and landscaping along Dal Paso

from Texas to Temple during Monday's meeting.

The plan includes a wall to buffer the neighborhood from the highway, new curbs and gutters, ground cover landscaping and a multipurpose trail.

Commissioner Garry Buie said he has friends who live in the area who are excited about the project.

"They are just thrilled to have this," he said.

City engineer Todd Randall said the Dal Paso trail project was split into phases. The city has about \$250,000 in federal grant funds for the trail project.

"We can add more as funding

becomes available," he said.

Randall said most of the work will be adding the curb, gutters and trail.

A strip of land about six feet wide will be landscaped, he said.

City commissioner Jonathan Sena said he is pleased to see a beautification project in the area.

"This looks like a good project for south Hobbs," he said.

Sena said he hopes the city will irrigate the Dal Paso trail with treated wastewater, but city utilities director Tim Woomer said a lack of federal funding could delay that project.

"We need \$1.8 million," he said.

Mayor pro-tem John Boyd said he hopes the commission will consider funding the irrigation project, which will pump treated wastewater from the city's sewer plant at Texas and Fifth to various public green spaces around the city.

"I am definitely looking forward to the day when we can use effluent and get off the aquifer to start irrigating some of these parks," he said.

Woomer said he is preparing a presentation for commissioners about the status of the effluent reuse project for a commission meeting later this month.

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Enchantment 4-H leadership

The Enchantment 4-H Club has new leadership. The leader and officers listed from left to right include: leader, Johnna L. Wier; county council delegates, Aaron Lizardo and Joshua Gandy; vice president, Hannah Lizardo; president, Grady Flemmons; and Reporter, Audrey Flemmons. Not pictured are secretary/treasurer, Lathan Moreno; phone contact, Skylar Campbell, and recreation/refreshments, Cody Porter. The club meets every second Tuesday of the month at the Lovington Chamber of Commerce at 6:30 p.m. Clover Buds meet the fourth Tuesday of each month at 4:30 p.m. at the USDA Agricultural Service Center building across from Nor Lea Hospital. Youth ages 5 to 18 are welcome to join. For more information, call Johnna at 575-390-5786.

Emergency services camp offered

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NEWS-SUN

Area students interested in emergency services will have a chance to interact with officers and take part in activities on the campus of New Mexico Junior College.

The second annual Emergency Services Camp is scheduled for June 20-24.

The camp is open to students ages 6-13.

Each session kicks off at 7:30 a.m. and wraps up at 12:30 p.m. Participants will have breakfast provided and will receive a T-shirt.

The camp is free of charge, but participants are asked to fill out an application and return it to the Law Enforcement Training Academy office in Bob Moran Hall on the NMJC campus.

Angela Byrd, director of law enforcement training, said this year's camp has a few new stations for participants.

Some of the activities include a SWAT demonstration, a K-9 demonstration, beach ball volleyball, fire department demonstrations and displays of police, fire and National Guard equipment.

"We're trying to build relationships between our youth and emergency services," Byrd said.

August Fons, NMJC dean of Public Safety and Industry, said the camp is shaping up to be bigger and better than last year.

"Every day, we get more and more applications," he said. "I think we're going to have more (kids) this year than last year."

The Emergency Services Camp is a partnership between the Lea County Sheriff's Department,

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■ JAL NURSES

Sheriff accused of retaliation on trial

LUBBOCK (AP) — A West Texas sheriff heads to trial Tuesday on charges that he helped retaliate against two nurses who made an anonymous ethics complaint against a doctor who was his patient and friend.

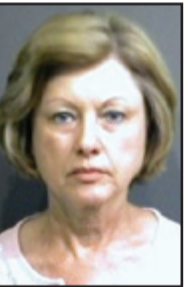
Winkler County Sheriff Robert L. Roberts Jr. faces two counts each of misuse of official information and retaliation — both felonies — and official oppression, a misdemeanor. He faces up to 10 years in prison if convicted on either of the felonies.

The two nurses Roberts allegedly investigated for the doctor also faced misuse of official information. Charges were dropped against one of the nurses, Vickilyn Galle, and the other, Anne Mitchell, was acquitted in February 2010.

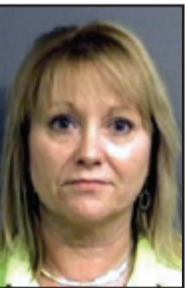
Both nurses live in Jal but worked in Winkler County.

Another county official and the doctor also face charges for allegedly retaliating against the nurses.

Calls for comment to Roberts' two



Galle



Mitchell

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Hobbs institute: Teachers already back to school

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NEWS-SUN

While students may be glad about getting to put on swim trunks or playing in their backyards for the summer, area teachers are already hitting the books at the Hobbs Schools training summer institute.

The institute gives teachers the opportunity to learn new teaching techniques and keep up with technology. Classes began this week.

Debbie Cooper, assistant superintendent for elementary schools, said the program is designed to help educators keep up with changes.

"I think that it is good to keep up with changes," she said. "So many things are changing all the time, there are just new products that come out and new programs and technology that helps us do a better job with kids."

Visual arts training, a one day course on art lesson plans, is part of the summer institute. This course also shows teachers how they can cre-



HOBBS SCHOOLS PHOTO

Lea County teachers are attending the Hobbs Municipal School Summer Leadership Institute this week. A variety of workshops are providing additional training for teachers in subjects ranging from CPR to bilingual instruction. Here, elementary school teachers practice art techniques they'll use in the classroom beginning in August.

ate and post art work on a Web page.

Tyson Ledgerwood, elementary fine arts coordinator, is the instructor for the visual arts training said he likes the response from teachers.

"I like how they are open to these new ideas," he said. "They don't want a script, they like that we expect them to modify it and take it to the next level."

Donna Bonds, a third grade teacher attended the visual arts training on Monday said she likes the opportunities to excel in learning.

"I am always working on new art projects ... it gives me ideas that I can take not just to my classroom but to the community," Bonds said.

Bonds teaches at the Center for the Arts during the summer and said she feels lucky to work for Hobbs Schools.

"I think I am very lucky to work for the Hobbs Schools. We have lots of technology and resources that I know other places don't," Bonds said.

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