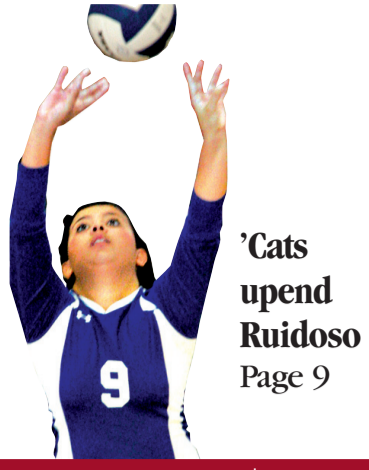


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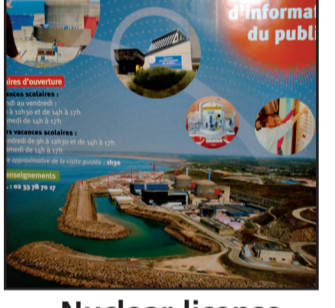
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Community News

FIRST-TIME HOME BUYER? Learn the do's and don'ts of purchasing at a free seminar sponsored by the Hobbs Hispano Chamber of Commerce. The seminar is Nov. 8 at 5:30 p.m. at 113 N. Shipp. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 393-1030.

Southwest Symphony hosts its annual **TOUR SCHOOLS CONCERT** on Monday at 7 p.m. at Tydings Auditorium. Join the symphony as it celebrates the coming of fall. The orchestra members and artistic director will be performing "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow," Disney's "The Hunchback of Notre Dame Orchestral Suite" and "Tocatta and Fugue in d minor" by J.S. Bach. The night will include a costume contest for children attending.

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Ending the cycle of abuse

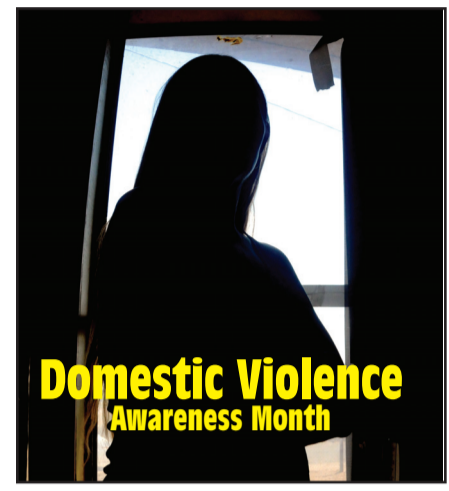
RICHARD TROUT
NEWS-SUN

The 4-year-old girl runs to the Hobbs home next to hers, banging on the front door.

"Nana, help me, Nana, help me," the girl says. "This time he's going to kill my mom."

Nana is the girl's grandmother, a woman who once found it difficult to be in a relationship that wasn't abusive.

The cycle continued with Nana's daughter, a woman we'll refer to as Laura. Laura went out with a seemingly nice man for six months before getting married over six years ago.



After getting married, the seemingly nice man proceeded to abuse Laura in various ways. He would kick her in the legs with his steel toe boots. He would punch her in the face, rupturing her ear drum one time and breaking her nose twice. Once he beat her so badly she was mostly bruised from the neck down. In the summer she would always wear long sleeves to hide the bruises. Laura also suffers from fibromyalgia due to repeated trauma.

The pair have three children who have witnessed much of the abuse.

Will they be repeating the cycle? October is Domestic Violence

Awareness Month.

One in every four women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime, and 85 percent of domestic violence victims are women, according to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

Most cases of domestic violence are never reported to the police, the association stated.

According to Hobbs Police Chief J.D. Sanders, domestic violence is one of the biggest causes of police dispatch calls and it's one of the most dangerous calls a police officer responds to.

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HOBBS SCHOOLS PHOTO

Secret Garden

Abigail Milligan, Adrianna Barrios, Cody Thompson, A.J. Estrada, Cynthia Mendoza, Breanna Garcia, Bethany Thornton, Justin Fraley and Summer Goodwin take part in last weekend's performance of *The Secret Garden*. Students from College Lane, Sanger, Will Rogers and Broadmoor Elementary performed in the play that cast more than 50 parts.

NATIONAL JUNIOR COLLEGE CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

'Gold standard' the aim for event

BETH HAHN
NEWS-SUN

Hosting a national championship cross country meet is more than just finding a course ... there is just a lot to do.

New Mexico Junior College officials knew bringing 750 of the nation's top junior college runners posed myriad hurdles, but add hundreds or possibly thousands of spectators and the event could cause quite a headache.

"We had to think of everything," NMJC president Steve McCleery said. "You have to have bathrooms for all of these runners, plus the spectators. You have to have parking for grandma, mom and dad and people who want to watch. You have to have

tents for the officials, timing equipment, mark the course ... there is just a lot to do."

Hobbs will host the National Junior College Athletic Association cross country national championship on Nov. 12 at Ocotillo Golf Course.

NMJC officials began exploring the possibility of hosting a national championship cross country meet about two years ago. The school sub-



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mitted a bid in 2009; last year, it was notified Hobbs was selected to host the 2011 championship meet.

Since the notification, NMJC has become the center of a whirlwind of activity.

College athletic director Don Worth said he lives, eats and breathes this championship meet.

"I'm not taking vacation until this

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Illegal dumping still a problem

ALMA OLIVAS-POSADAS
NEWS-SUN

Throughout Lea County sometimes trash is not properly disposed. Lea County Environmental director Lorenzo Velasquez said illegal dumping is a problem across the county.

This year 262 illegal dump trash sites have been cleaned up across the county. Of those sites, 202 areas have been cleaned up by environmental technicians and 60 areas have been cleaned up by individuals.

Velasquez said when an illegal dump site is found, an attempt to locate the property owner is made.



Velasquez

"If we find an illegal dump site or illegal dump location, and there is property in which we can identify the owner, then we make contact with that owner and suggest that they clean it up," he said. "If that continues we issue a citation and then they go and explain to the judge why their trash is out there being dumped illegally."

Magistrate David Finger of Lovington said the maximum fine for illegal dumping is \$5,000 and/or a maximum of 90 days in jail.

Velasquez said on Thursdays two crews are on duty. One crew is assigned to the convenience centers and another crew is sent to clean other sites across

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