



HOBBS SCHOOLS PHOTO

### Student to student learning

Hobbs High School senior Josh Ward explains the complexities of the French horn to students at Will Rogers on Tuesday morning. Ward was one of two HHS students - the other being Jeremiah Zamora - who performed with the Southwest Symphony for third and fourth-graders districtwide. Prior to the performance, members of the symphony conducted a mini-workshop at the city's elementary schools.

### Hobbs Counselor's Corner

#### Report Cards

Report cards will be distributed to all students on Monday ENMU Senior Day Eastern New Mexico University will host Senior Preview Day Nov. 12 in the Campus Union Building Ballroom. Registration deadline is Nov. 9. Students needing overnight accommodations are welcome to use housing in a residence hall. Reservations must be made by calling 575-562-2985 or by email to Stephanie.mcclary@enmu.edu

mistakes. Mistakes don't mean you're a failure. They mean you're human. They also can mean that you are trying to learn something. If your teen has a hard time believing she can ever improve through trial and error, show her improvement over the years with scrapbooks and photographs or videotapes of her earliest attempts at a sport. Point out the kind of book she read two years ago, compared with what she can do now.

Source: P.L. Benson, J. Galbraith and P. Espeland, What Teens Need to Succeed, Proven Practical Ways to Shape Your Own Future, 1998 (Free Spirit Publishing, Inc.)

#### Recruiting visits

Texas Tech University representatives will be in the HHS Library at 1 p.m. Thursday, NMSU will be in the library from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Nov. 5 and UNM will be in the library at 1 p.m. Nov. 16. Seniors should sign the registration sheet in the counseling office if interested in or visiting with these college representatives.

#### Stress Excellence to your teen, not perfection

As a parent, you want your teen to do his or her best. That's different than demanding that she be the best. Trying for excellence is healthy and motivating. Insisting on perfection is unrealistic and stressful. It can also be harmful. Whether you or your teen is a perfectionist, it's not too late to relax a little. Try something new together. Above all, have a realistic attitude about

#### Attendance - key to student success

Research shows that attendance is the single most important factor in school success. Students who are in school most of the time do better on state tests and those who are absent more often score lower on state tests.

Being late for school hurts a student's learning too. A student who is 10 minutes late every day will miss 30 hours of instruction during the year. Students can copy notes or make up an assignment, but they can never get back what's most important: the discussions, the questions, the explanations by the instructor and the thinking that makes learning come alive.

For more information regarding attendance and its

effects on student learning, contact your school counselor or truancy office.

#### HHS Reminders

- Registration Deadline for Dec. 10 ACT is Nov. 4. You can sign up online at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org).
- Registration deadline for the Dec. 3 SAT is Nov. 8. You can sign up online at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com).

#### October tasks for high school seniors

- Take the SAT and/or ACT.
- Work on your admissions essays.
- If you haven't already done so, attend college planning and/or financial aid information nights and college fairs.
- Visit your top school choices. If possible, make appointments with faculty, staff and students.
- Complete applications for every scholarship for which you may be eligible.
- Meet with your guidance counselor to develop a college admission and financial aid application plan.
- Make a folder for each of your college choices.
- Contact the schools' financial aid offices to determine which forms they require. Some schools may require special forms.
- Finalize portfolios, audition tapes, writing samples or other evidence of talent if required for admission.

## Counseling program ranked No. 4 in U.S. by The Best Colleges website USW program honored

FOR THE NEWS-SUN

San Antonio, Texas, Internet-based publication The Best Colleges recently released its top 10 online master's in counseling programs ratings and listed University of the Southwest at number four for its mental health counseling program.

In its description of USW, The Best Colleges stated: "This small, private New Mexico school offers an affordable online masters in counseling with intimate class sizes and a faith-oriented perspective."

The ranking can be seen at [www.thebestcolleges.org](http://www.thebestcolleges.org).

The Best Colleges publication, according to its website, bases its rankings on publicly available data evaluated according to several different criteria, including market reputation,

accreditation, student satisfaction, ratio of students to instructors, and tuition.

"It's exciting to see our mental health online counseling program meet such high standards and be recognized on a national level as a program of excellence," said James Smith, vice president for academics and technology for USW.

USW offers two distance education programs in counseling: mental health counseling and school counseling.

University of the Southwest in Hobbs is New Mexico's only fully accredited Christ-centered university. A full member of the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities, USW offers face-to-face undergraduate degree programs and fully online undergraduate and graduate degree programs.



Jefferson fifth-graders portraying American patriots load up in a prop "boat" Thursday that will cross the Potomac as well as play a key role in the Boston Tea Party. The students, who have spent a week rehearsing parts in a colonial America drama, will perform at the school today at 9 a.m. and at NMJC at 1 p.m.

#### School calendars

##### Hobbs Schools

- Monday** - Red Ribbon Week begins; Maddox Lecture Series presentation for HHS sophomores, 2:30 p.m. Tydings; Snow White auditions for Coronado, BTW, Southern Heights, Mills @ HMS Training Center, 3:30 p.m.
- Thursday** - Teacher Appreciation Day; Sanger TAPSS meeting, noon; Volleyball vs. Carlsbad, 6:30 p.m., Tasker
- Friday** - Jefferson/Coronado Awards Assemblies, 9 a.m.; Football vs. Clovis, 7 p.m.
- Saturday** - Snow White Performance, 3 p.m. Tydings; City Halloween Carnival, 6 p.m.; Lea County Event Center

##### Lovington schools

- Monday** - LHS choir fall concert, Pannell Auditorium, 7 p.m.; LHS ASVAB registration, counseling office, Noon; Ben Alexander SITE Council meeting, 3:30 p.m.
- Tuesday** - Kagan workshop, Oct. 25-27; Zoo to You, Yarbro; LHS Key Club meeting, Noon, LHS tech lab classroom; Jefferson Honor Roll assembly, 2:15 p.m.
- Thursday** - Native Pride Productions, Larry Yazzie; Llanno 9:30 a.m., Yarbro 1 p.m.
- Friday** - Native Pride Productions, Larry Yazzie, Lea 9:30 a.m., Jefferson 2 p.m.; Lea Cowboy Days Around the World; Ben Alexander Fall carnival; Jefferson Community of Readers; Llano Fall carnival.

#### Jal honor rolls

- First nine week honor roll**
- 12th grade**
- Honor Roll A** - Mayra Fabela and Leslie Ramos
- Honor Roll B** - Lyzette Cervantes; Matilde Garcia; Mayte Navarrette; Savanna Ragain; and Jacob Reed
- 11th Grade**
- Honor Roll A** - Kaitlyn Komar and Devin Miles
- 10th Grade**
- Honor Roll A** - Cecilia Segovia
- Honor Roll B** - Elijah Marquez; Jacob Miller; Adrian Rodriguez; and Abigail Sagarnaga

- 9th Grade**
- Honor Roll A** - Adrianna Cole; Ilyssa Glass; Valerye Jones; Andres Juarez; Morgan Komar; and Kalya Montez
- Honor Roll B** - Tessa Hathcox and Jasmine Ramirez
- 8th Grade**
- Honor Roll A** - Saije Herrera and Jade Hinds
- Honor Roll B** - Samuel Alexander;

## Illinois to seek waiver from No Child Left Behind

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) - Illinois will request a waiver this February from certain requirements of No Child Left Behind, state education officials said Thursday as they announced the state is falling behind in meeting the increasingly strict performance targets set by the federal law.

"We need a realistic, measurable accountability system based on growth and individual student progress rather than an absolute, unattainable goal handed down from Washington," Illinois State Board of Education chairman Gery Chico said.

President Barack Obama announced last month that states will be allowed to ask the Education Department to be exempted from some of the law's requirements if they meet certain conditions. They include enacting standards to prepare students for college and careers and making teachers and principals more accountable.

Results of assessment date for 2011 in Illinois show that more than 2,500 schools, or 65 percent, didn't meet the progress standards that No Child Left Behind requires. Data show the same for 695, or 80 percent, of Illinois school districts.

Just eight of 656 Illinois high schools met the standards based on 2011 test results, state education officials said.

"That's just crazy," Chico said. "We know that there are more than eight high schools doing a fine job educating their students."

Kaitlyn James; Adela Mendoza; Garrett Savoie; Fernando Valeriano; and Andrea Willis

**7th Grade**

**Honor Roll A** - Savannah Valdez

**Honor Roll B** - Samuel Alexander, Dylan Bowen; Ailyn Canava; Matthew Cervantes; Robyn Crawford; Daniela Fuentes; Mathew Galindo; Ebony Gonzales; Marco Lujan; Alexandra Rodriguez; Sasha Rodriguez; and Mario Saucedo

## Vermont teacher strike enters second day

BENNINGTON, Vt. (AP) - Striking teachers have rejected the latest offer from the school boards in southwest Vermont, in the third round of negotiations in three days.

The two sides failed to reach agreements in two prior meetings Tuesday and Wednesday, prompting teachers to go on strike Wednesday morning.

The Southwest Vermont Supervisory Union and the union representing teachers started meeting again Thursday morning but the union said in the afternoon that the negotiators rejected the board's latest offer, calling it insulting.

The union represents 270 teachers.

The issues separating the two sides include salaries, health insurance and time spent with students.

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