

# Subdivisions:

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plication packets have been picked up from the office, which are signed for by the property developer at the time of the pick-up.

County figures for the 2012 calendar year show that 10 of those packets were picked up thus far, compared to a combined five packets picked up through the office in the 2010 and 2011 calendar years.

Zach Holbrooks, Health Inspector with the South Plains Public Health District, said in Monday's meeting Gaines County officials have had issues over the past several years with the illegal installation of septic systems or failing to meet guidelines assessed within the county's guidelines.

"There have been some instances when doing inspections on (county) residences that were doing the right things, like reporting to us for their inspections, where a new home down the road or across the way that may not have been there before, is not," said Holbrooks. "It can be a burden."

Craig Belt, Pct. 2 Commissioner, stated he continually receives pressure from constituents in newly developed subdivisions within his precinct on County maintenance of roadways and cites a need for changes to the county's subdivision policy to correct the issues.

"I just feel we need to take a look at this thing and make some changes that work well for everyone and helps clear up some of the issues," he said.

Gaines County's growth in subdivisions in unincorporated areas of the county can directly be contributed to the county's growth over the past several years.

According to April 2010 census figures, Gaines County boasted a population of 17,526 persons, which was a 21.14 percent increase -- or a growth of 3,059 persons -- from April 2000's population county of 14,467 for the county.

In March 2010, officials with the United States Census Bureau released preliminary figures which showed Gaines County -- as a whole -- was experiencing growth in population. In their report, Gaines County, as a whole, was estimated to have 15,382 residents inside its county boundaries as of July 1, 2009.

That figure is up from 2008 estimate of 15,071 and well above a base count of 14,467 from the county's 2000 official census figures.

According to the latest Census estimates, Gaines County saw an estimated decline in its population in the 2000 through 2002 calendar years -- where the estimated population total was quoted at 14,074.

Beginning in 2003 however, estimates began to see an upward trend, with gradual population increases through this week's July 2009 estimate.

Between the 2008 and 2009 estimates, which saw Gaines County's 2008 total quoted at 15,071, the county saw a 2.06 percent population increase.

# Seminole ISD:

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Technology for SISD in a Monday evening discussion over the project with members of the SISD Board of Trustees. "This will be a big asset for our students and teachers at both of the campuses."

In mid-August, SISD Trustees unanimously approved to launch the 1-to-1 Initiative program by entering into a 3-year lease agreement with Apple, Inc. for the computers, at an annual cost of \$188,065 per year. SISD officials agreed to a 700 computer lease agreement, at a cost of \$736.77 per computer. The contract, according to school district officials, will allow for SISD to purchase the laptops at a cost of \$1 per computer at the end of the lease term, if the school district chooses to do so.

Stone, in Monday's discussion with SISD Trustees, said the district's technology staff had spent the past several weeks in preparing the laptops for student use, with the installation of various software programs needed for day-to-day work by students on the computers, as well as various security programs and measures to secure and monitor student-use of the computers both inside and outside the school setting.

"I have to commend our technology staff for their hard work in getting all these laptops ready to go for January 7, (2013)," said Stone.

Prior to the launch of the 1-to-1 Initiative program, SISD officials will be hosting a series of "mandatory" meetings for SHS and SSC parents.

On Monday evening, a 7 p.m. meeting has been set at the Seminole Success Center campus for those parents/guardians of high-school level Success Center students, according to school district officials.

The Seminole Success Center campus is located at 206 S.W. 3rd St.

The Seminole High School campus will host three parent meetings, slated for Tuesday (Dec. 18) at 12-noon, Wednesday afternoon (Dec. 19) at 4:30 p.m. and Thursday evening (Dec. 20) at 6:30 p.m., to explain the campus' 1-to-1 Initiative.

The SHS campus is located in the 2100 block of Hobbs Hwy.

School officials have stated that "every parent/guardian of an SHS/SSC high school level student must attend one of the meetings, in order to sign a parent/guardian agreement for the issuance of laptops to students."

SHS Students will sign the agreement at the school campus, when they receive their laptops.

In addition, a \$50 technology fee must be paid prior to the issuance of the computers, in order to allow students to take the laptop computers outside of the school setting.

"It has been a goal of mine, and I know a goal of many others here (at Seminole ISD) for quite a while and we have a unique opportunity to participate in this at a fairly reasonable price," said Doug Hariman, Superintendent of Schools for SISD in the August board meeting in which the computer program was approved.

# CELEBRATING 600 WINS



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## HONORING COACH FAUGHT

Seminole Maiden basketball players (from left) Desiree Neudorf, Kaleen Sarli, Haley Gann and Bailey Waller present a plaque to Maiden head basketball coach Dickie Faught following Tuesday night's victory over Midland Christian at the SHS Gymnasium. Faught, on Dec. 6, earned win No. 600 for his coaching career, with a 31-19 victory over Fort Stockton at the Monahans Tournament. Tuesday's ceremony was the first honoring Faught in front of the SHS fan base since his accomplishment.

# Regional News Headlines

## D.C. Golf Pro Shot, Killed in Home Invasion

ROSWELL, N.M.— Detectives from the Roswell Police Department are actively investigating a burglary which was interrupted, leaving a Denver City man dead.

The incident occurred Tuesday, December 11th, at approximately 2:04 p.m. on the 1500 block of West 3rd.

A man identified as Saul Sanchez from Denver City, was staying at a friend's house, while in Roswell to attend a funeral.

According to RPD reports, Sanchez walked into the house he was staying at and found a male subject inside the residence attempting to steal various items. When Sanchez confronted the male subject, the male subject shot and killed Sanchez.

Currently the only information RPD Detectives have regarding the suspect is he is approximately 6' tall and was concealing his identity with a face mask and hoodie.

According to officials with the Denver City Press, Sanchez was the golf professional at the Yoakum County Golf Course.

"Although some people would like to believe this incident is exactly like other incidents, this one is unique," said RPD officials in their news release. "Burglaries occur each day. Sadly, the burglary which happened yesterday ended tragically. The Roswell Police remind citizens to be cautious and ensure all doors are locked. Citizens should not be scared, but informed and aware of surroundings."

The RPD would like to address information being passed around on social media. The information on social media (Facebook) is uncorroborated. If an individual has information regarding the burglary, contact the Roswell Police Department, or Crime Stoppers.

Certain information posted on social media could be detrimental to the case. Again, Police strongly sug-

gest anyone with information regarding the incident to contact the RPD (575-624-6770), or Crime Stoppers (1-888-594-8477) immediately. Crime Stoppers will pay \$1,000.00 reward to anyone who has information leading to an arrest.

## Hobbs PD Searching for Robbery Suspects

HOBBS, N.M. — Hobbs, N.M. Police Dept. officials are seeking two individuals involved in a late-Sunday armed robbery at a retail store on N. Dal Paso St.

According to a press release issued by the HPD on Monday, officers responded to the Dollar General Store located at 730 North Dal Paso in reference to an armed robbery at 10

p.m. Sunday evening.

"It was learned that two men wearing masks and hooded sweat-shirts brandishing firearms entered the store," said Officer Mike Stone, Public Information Officer for the HPD. "Upon entry they moved all of the employees to one location in the store. One of the suspects demanded money. The store employees com-

plied and turned the store's money over to the suspects. The suspects fled the scene with an undetermined amount of cash."

Hobbs Police are asking the public for information to assist in solving this crime. Anyone with information is asked to call HPD at (575) 393-COPS or Crime Stoppers at (575) 393-8005.

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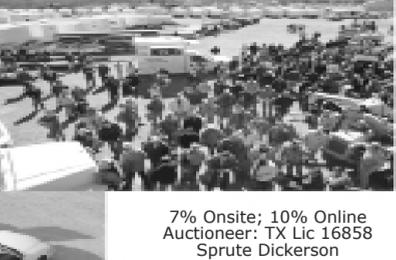
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