**Oxide pipeline work part of CO2 expansion**

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User-friendly improvements have taken over some of south Hobbs’ streets. Occidental Petroleum Corporation and Ferguson Construction are currently in the middle of phase one of Ox’s south Hobbs CO2 development project.

“Ox is a leader in CO2 enhanced oil recovery,” said Lee Epps, CO2 project manager for the expansion. “It’s not just about expanding the pipeline, it’s about expanding our projects.”

Construction workers began working on pipeline upgrades on Saturday at its location along White Street and Taylor Street and began working on Castle Street on June 25. The construction has impacted access on Taylor from Leach to Linam streets, which is expected to be completed by July 22. Castle Street will be impacted by the pipeline work from Leech to Turner Street and is slated to be complete by Aug. 1.

“Currently, we are performing pipeline upgrades and this process will continue through the third quarter of this year,” Epps said. “To that phase one of the project will be completed and then

**Lovington projects right on schedule**

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Lovington residents might notice a few improvements to several educational facilities throughout the city when school commences next month.

“We are working together with construction,” Bill Lewis, facility manager for Lovington Municipal Schools, said. “There are four phases one and two of the three-phase school improvement project will be completed by the first day of school.”

Phase one of the project includes renovations to the structure and replacement of stadium seating at the Lovington High School football stadium.

“The original purpose of the project was to identify and repair any had concrete since 55 years old,” Lewis said. “We had some spots where it was weak enough that we went ahead and have made repairs all the way through the structure and have completely reduce the surface and replace the benches, which were all in the scope of the project from the start.”

The $78,000 stadium renovations, which began in May, were the first on a list of upgrades funded by a $3 million general obligation bond passed in 2013.

“These phases of the project had to be completed by the end of summer break,” Lewis said. “We had to get the stadium renovation done because we planned it so finished before the first football game.”

Phase two of the project consists of new drop-off zones and parking areas at

Lea Elementary, Yavapai Elementary and the Sixth Grade Academy a bus drop-off area at Lea Alexander Elementary and construction work at Llano Elementary, which includes the addition of four classrooms and two restrooms.

“The work is being done by several sub-contractors,” Lewis said. “We’re using a construction management firm — Lyman Construction. They are the management firm that is working with us on all of our projects.”

The total cost of the school improvement projects is estimated at $2.9 million.

“We’re excited to get moving on our bond projects,” said Granty Gonzales, superintendent of Lovington Schools. “Our student growth has been monumental.

Phase two will feature a new drop-off area and the addition of two classrooms.

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**Fun After School gives parents options**

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Whether it was practicing her spelling with shaving cream or reading books, seven-year-old Avery Hodges had plenty to do after school last year.

Hodges and other Hobbs students were part of the pre-kindergarten program participating in an after school program which kicked off last August — the Fun After School program.

“It was fun,” Hodges said. “We would come in and have a snack and share our highs and lows and then do different activities.”

Enrollment for the after school program, which is hosted by Fellowship of Believers, is open for the 2014-15 school year. The program accepts students from kindergarten-fifth grade and costs $5 a day per student.

Program director and assistant school principal, Alana Davis, said the program was implemented to provide Hobbs parents and their families an option after school care and activities for their children.
Hobbs, Texas (AP) — A man charged with killing four children and their parents forced his way into the family’s suburban Houston home, tied them up and shot them in the back of the head when they refused to tell him where his ex-wife was, authorities said Thursday.

The life of a seven-year-old boy ended Thursday, March 20 in a Motorola phone. He was shot in the head when they refused to tell him where his ex-wife was, authorities said Thursday.

Due to a legal error, the 15-year-old boy was shot in the head when they refused to tell him where his ex-wife was, authorities said Thursday.

“Other pastor always wanted to start an after school program,” Principal Kathy Brown said. “I've always wanted to do an after school program,” Erwin said, “And then I mentioned that I've always wanted to do an after school program.”

Oxy's new program is an after school program that is open to all students in grades 6-8. It will be held at the Oxy Middle School and will run from 3:00-4:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

“Planning for that next step was already underway,” Lewis said. He added, “We hope to have plans in place by August of next year.”

Curiously, the Farmers Market offers non-food vendors an opportunity to participate free of cost. For more information on the Farmers Market, volunteer or to participate, call 391-5436 or visit www.hobbsnews.com/FarmersMarket.

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