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# Garden home

Johnny Cope, and Dwayne T plan to build a Hobbs subdivision called Windsor Estates.



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## HOUSING CRUNCH

### Windsor Estates subdivision boasts low maintenance, unique, clean look

*EDITOR'S NOTE: The following story is part of a series about new subdivisions or housing projects in this area. The News-Sun is taking a look at the multiple developments under way to meet the growing demand in this area for housing.*

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Just west of the Westminster Hollow subdivision in north Hobbs is a dismal, empty field. But in about two years that 10-acre expanse could host a thriving cornucopia of 42 homes.

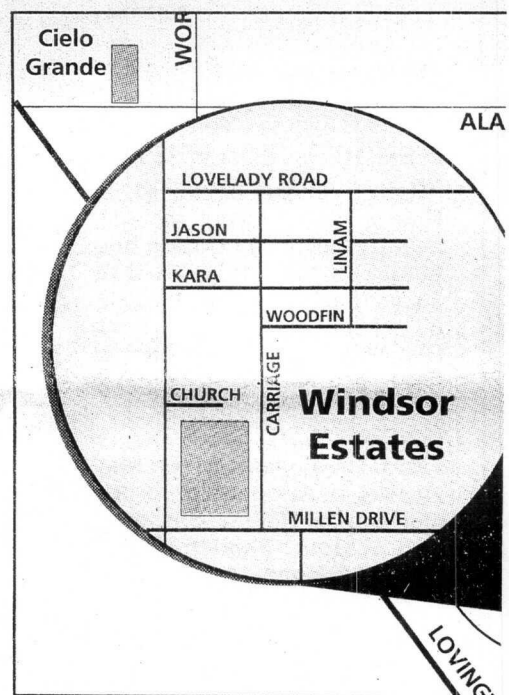
The new community called Windsor

Estates subdivision will be nestled between Millen Drive and Ja-Rob Lane. It will be another piece of the ever-expanding puzzle that Hobbs has become.

In the past couple months the Hobbs Planning Board has been inundated with new subdivision projects, ending years of a drought when it comes to new housing developments. Taken as a whole, these new subdivisions and housing initiatives suggest the uncomfortable housing crunch will be seeing some relief in the future.

The issue of housing is arguably the most pressing the city of Hobbs and surrounding

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## New housing going up around Hobbs



Windsor Estates  
42 lots

NEW TOTAL  
2,910 lots

(includes 2,758 lots from Cielo Grande (52), Del Norte Heights (69), Homestead Estates (937) and Western States (1,700) and 110 lots from a Millender & Wallace subdivision (7), Broadmoor Park (32), Cimarron Estates (35) and Lincoln Park (36) )

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MARIE WADSWORTH

Koontz and Associates of Hobbs

Board members were given a High School project

# Windsor

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areas have faced in a long time — not only because of the great demand and meager supply, but also because it touches upon so many other issues.

Cope Properties LLC is close to receiving final approval for the 42-lot Windsor Estates. The City of Hobbs has annexed the back part of the property that was not within city limits.

Johnny and Marty Cope and Dwayne Taylor have partnered to establish the new subdivision in one of the busiest areas for development in Hobbs.

Cope Properties will sell the lots to individuals or contractors. The company already has one contractor interested in building spec homes on 10 lots. All the utilities are underground and will be extended from the entrance to Westminster Hollow.

The subdivision will have restrictions, including using stucco and a 20 percent rock accent on the face of the houses. The entire development will have a fence around it.

Size restrictions include a minimum of 1,600 square feet and a maximum of 2,600 square feet. Most of the lots are 62 1/2 feet by 104 feet.

"Our concept of the subdivision is to build a garden-type home with minimal yard and upkeep," Johnny said.

"It's going to have a really unique and clean look to the subdivision," Taylor said.

The Copes and Taylor spent about a year buying the land for Windsor Estates.

The development will have one entrance from Millen Drive. Because there won't be any

streets passing through the subdivision, Cope said the setting will be private.

Taylor noted they didn't want to put their name on a project that wasn't high quality. They also have high standards, he said, because their community will be next to a nice subdivision in Westminster Hollow.

"This is definitely my first rodeo (in housing development)," Taylor said. "I've learned a lot. I've never done anything like this, and it takes a lot of time and effort."

The Copes, Taylor and Phil Ross of the Ross Group in Hobbs will serve as the project's architectural committee to ensure the homes match the community's aesthetics.

Regarding why he and his partners decided to attempt a development, Johnny pointed to need. And as Louisiana Energy Services was getting close to receiving a license to build a uranium enrichment plant, he said, it seemed like developers were not being aggressive in starting new housing.

"We felt like there was a need for something of quality," Johnny said.

The garden homes should appeal to a wide range of residents and people moving to Hobbs, he noted. After the kids are grown, he said, some people want to move to a smaller home with less maintenance.

Cope Properties will have prices for the lots after determining the subdivision's total construction cost. With about seven developments on the City of Hobbs agenda, Cope said he's pleased to see developers are finally being aggressive in helping the city to grow.

"Certainly Dwayne and I want to be a part of that," he said.

# Trial

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Lovett's defense attorneys, to one potential juror.

It was an emotional day for some of the jurors. While talking about situations in which he felt the death penalty was an appropriate sentence, Juror 54 broke down in tears.

"When I think of someone killing a child, I think of innocence, and someone doing something to a child, and they cannot protect themselves," Juror 54 said. "Anyone doing something to harm them, to kill them, then yes, the death penalty is appropriate."

According to Maddox, real progress was made in the afternoon after instructing attorneys before lunch about speeding up the selection process.

Maddox told both sides that he would impose a 20 minute time limit on them if the questioning process was not signif-

icantly shorter. He also told the defense team to cease threats of ineffective council every time he tried to do something to make the process move faster.

"We made good progress in the afternoon," Maddox said. "The defense attorneys are capable of defending Mr. Lovett"

Lovett was arrested on June 25, 2003, over a month after Simon's body was found in a caliche pit with multiple blows to her head and a gash across her neck.

Simon left Bealls department store on a break on May 13, 2003 and was not heard from again. Oilfield workers found her body the next day in a caliche pit west of Hobbs.

During the course of the investigation into Simon's death, Lovett became a suspect in the 2002 stabbing death of Garcia.

Garcia's body was found in a field on Jan. 16, 2002, after being reported missing earlier

in the day from her job at the Allsup's convenience store across Lovington Highway from New Mexico Junior College. She had been stabbed 57 times.

After being bound over for trial in both Simon's and Garcia's murder, the two murder charges were combined into one case along with one count of criminal sexual penetration and one count of kidnapping.

## Lottery numbers

**N.M. PICK 3**  
4-0-6  
**ROADRUNNER CASH**  
9-20-26-33-34 Bonus 15  
**4 THIS WAY**  
0-4-1-1  
**TEXAS PICK 3**  
7-1-5 (day); 1-1-4 (night)  
**CASH FIVE TEXAS**  
2-4-7-18-36  
**MEGA MILLIONS**  
3-9-24-29-41 MB: 41 MP: 2

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living,  
My Babies  
you'll be.*

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Thank you for all you  
have done for me.  
Love, Zachary Weber

An ophthalmologist  
that can help  
how beautiful



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