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Media Release

Summer is set to begin with a community celebration featuring a variety of games and other activities at John T. Waits “Rabbit” Park.

The Summer Celebration event is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 11 at Rabbit Park, located on Deming’s north side on North Tin Street. The event is free and open to the community.

Luna County Teen Court will be host one of the celebration’s feature events, the third annual bike rodeo. Community members of all ages can attend the bike rodeo, where bicycling skills, bike and helmet inspections, and safety tips will be offered. A member of the Luna County Maintenance Department will also be on hand to help with bike repairs.

“We want community members, especially youth, to be able to have fun as safely as possible,” Edith Vazquez, Luna County DWI program coordinator, said. Luna County DWI oversees the Teen Court, which guides juvenile offenders through community service opportunities. “With children out of school, we ask the community to be especially careful when driving and biking.”

The rodeo will feature a series of stations concentrating on various safety lessons, like looking for traffic, exiting a driveway and avoiding common road hazards. For more information, contact Vazquez at (575) 544-7377.

Coinciding with the rodeo, the entire park is planned to be full of fun, family-friendly activities like face painting, music, and free food, including fresh fruit and barbecue chicken lollipops. Community programs from across the county will be present to give out information and host activities. The Desert Classics Car Club will give an encore of their presentation from the Spring Easter Egg Roll.

The event is being hosted by Pauli Galin of the Sherman Community Foundation, which is not affiliated with any political campaign. Luna County Healthy Kids Healthy Communities is assisting. The idea is to bring the community together to not only celebrate the beginning of summer, but usage of the park.

Rabbit Park is currently undergoing a number of improvements, mostly thanks to a PNM PowerUp grant Galin secured and work by the city of Deming.

She is working with the city and Luna County Healthy Kids Healthy Communities to add additional features to the park, including a walking path and 24 new shade trees. Additionally,

the city is planning to install a “splash pad,” which is a fountain people can play in similar to those found at a water park.

For more information about the event, contact (575) 546-8846.