

# Jail unveils new road cleanup system

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Certain roads may look a little cleaner thanks to a new online road cleanup request system on the Scott County Detention Center website.

The bottom of the website features a button that allows people to send an email requesting the road crew clean up specific roads.

The program's purpose is to benefit residents and the inmates themselves.

"It's my hope that [the inmates] develop a positive work ethic," Jailer Derran Broyles said. "They're having a positive, immediate impact on the community."

were embarrassed or didn't know it was an option.

"We weren't getting a lot of input from the community," he said. "I think it's a great way for us to stay connected to the community."

Two road crews made up of four to five inmates and a jail deputy are sent out on business days to clean up roads, picking up anywhere from 30 to 90 trash bags full of litter.

The crews are also called upon to help with Public Works, Georgetown-Scott County Parks and Recreation Department, Georgetown Housing Authority and other city and county projects.

"It's different from day to day," Broyles said.

cies find the crews useful because hiring contractors often costs taxpayer money and seasonal workers are not always reliable.

"They know that our inmates are going to be showing up to do this work," the jailer said.

The inmates seem to enjoy it, too. They get outside for a few hours, earn 63 cents per day and one day off their sentence for every five days they work on the crew.

"It's better than sitting in here not earning anything," Broyles said.

The inmates are closely watched by deputies and identifiable by their neon Scott County Detention Center T-shirts. They're

tive session, a house bill was approved that would allow county inmates to be approved for the same kind of work, Broyles said. The bill goes into effect July 1.

The jailer hopes to attend a Scott County Fiscal Court meeting next month to show what kind of impact the road cleanup system has had so far.

"It is certainly a program that I am interested in expanding within the next year or so," Broyles said.

The jail website itself went live only about a month ago and also features a current inmate lookup system, volunteering information and employment applications.

To make a road crew