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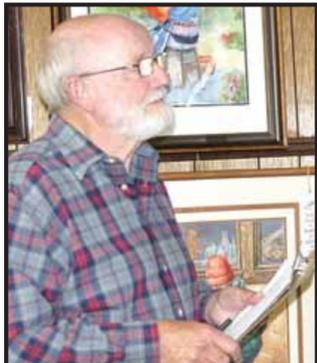
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## News in Brief

### Benefit account set up for Tim Tate

Friends and colleagues of local paramedic Tim Tate have opened a benefit account and are seeking donations to help the long-time public servant, currently suffering serious medical issues of his own.

The Tim Tate Medical Fund is now open for contributions at Brownfield Federal Credit Union.

Tate, 54, is in critical condition at Baylor Medical Center with an undiagnosed condition causing his lungs to fail.

He has been a paramedic in Brownfield for 18 years, according to his co-worker Chris Campos.

"Tim has helped a lot of people through the years and we're asking for citizens to return some of that help in his own time of need," Campos said.

Tate's wife Patty is at his side in Waco. The couple have three children and three grandchildren.

Brownfield EMS staffers are planning fund raisers to help the family. For further information, contact Campos at 637-6618.

### Flores named to All-Region Basketball

Meadow junior Brandon Flores was recently named All-Region by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches, one of only 20 players from the eight-district region to receive that honor. "I was really happy for Brandon to be get this honor, as it shows the respect he has gained throughout the entire region," said his coach, Kyle Johnson. "Hopefully, this award will help catapult him into a great senior season as he will be counted on heavily by us next year." Brandon is the son of Raymond and Jamie Flores.



## Local Weather

Sun 3/24 56/28

Mainly sunny. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the upper 20s.

Mon 3/25 56/29

Sunshine. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the upper 20s.

Tue 3/26 62/35

Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the mid 30s.

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## BISD names new Super.

**Brownfield News Staff**  
Brownfield's school board had a challenging superintendent-search, but knows they made the right decision with Dr. Tanya Monroe.

Monroe, a 28-year veteran in the education field and current superintendent of Memphis ISD, was named as the lone finalist for the top

position at the home of the Cubs following a 10-minute closed-session discussion at a specially-called board meeting Thursday evening and a 7-0 vote back in open session. She will formally take the position after a 21-day waiting period required by Texas law.

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Wayne Taylor shakes the hand of Brownfield ISD new Superintendent, Dr. Tanya Moore.



## Road Construction Underway

Texas Department of Transportation crews are hard at work on the north end of Brownfield during the beginning phase of an 18 month long project through town.

## City Council accepts Besler resignation

The Brownfield City Council unanimously accepted the resignation of Councilman Brent Besler Thursday morning, then quickly filled the vacant seat with his wife, Judy Besler.

Brent Besler submitted a letter of resignation from the District 3 seat, citing increased travel at his job as a reason for missing numerous council meetings.

"I feel it is unfair to the Council and to the City of Brownfield to continue to serve when I'm not able to consistently contribute and provide the service to which I was appointed," he said.

In the letter, Besler also suggested that his wife, Judy, serve out the rest of his term, which expires in another year.

Just moments after Brent Besler's resignation was accepted, Councilman Jackie Pinson said he would like to see Judy Besler assume the position.

Councilman Tom Hesse voiced concern over the rapid vote.

"I don't have a problem with Judy taking the seat, but I'd like to wait until our next meeting to give us a little time to think about it and see if there are others who might be interested," he said.

Pinson disagreed.

"Nobody has run against Brent the last two terms," he countered. "I think she would make a good council member and anybody who wants the seat can run against her can do so in a year when the term is up."

Pinson's motion garnered a second and the council voted 5-0 in favor of the speedy appointment.

Hesse refrained from voting on the motion.

Besler, office manager at AgriLife Extension office, will be sworn in at the council's next meeting.

In other business, the council voted unanimously to amend the city ordinance regarding deposits for utility service.

City Secretary Mary Jo Collins told the council the change will help protect the city from steep losses on non-payment of utility bills by residents and businesses.

Deposits for customers with poor or no credit will be raised to \$250. Customers who provide a letter of credit from their previous utility provider will pay a \$100 deposit.

On the commercial side, the city will ask for two times the location's 12-month average utility bill as a deposit.

The ordinance change passed unanimously.

The council convened in executive session to discuss economic development issues with BIDCorp. director David Partlow, but took no action following the private meeting.

Council members present for the meeting were: Cynthia Morin, Hesse, Roxanne Barr, Rod Bearden, Geronimo Gonzales, Pinson and Besler.

Absent was Mayor Bob Simpson.

## One Act heads to Regionals

The third time was indeed the charm for the Brownfield High School One Act Play cast, which advanced to Regionals this week, after two years of settling for Alternate.

The OAP Cast performed "And They Dance Real Slow in Jackson" at the District competition this week in Stanton.

The Cubs will advance along with the Stanton cast.

The next step on the road to state is the Regional contest April 11 in Midland.

"The group did fantastic and the judges had high praise for them," said OAP sponsor Jake Lierman. "They commented several times on how strong our ensemble is, so we're excited to move on and take it to the next level."

The play is the fictional story of Elizabeth Willow, a young girl handicapped by polio, who struggles to break free from the small town in which she was raised.

BHS senior Lexi Willis earned the Best Actress award at the District



Brownfield High School One Act play cast

competition for her performance in the title role.

Castmates Austin Marlow and Breanna Barraza also were named to the District All Star Cast.

Sloane Holt and Jose Garcia received Honorable Mention nods for the All Star cast as well.

Sami Marines was named to the Outstanding Technical Crew.

"I'm really excited for the kids and especially for all of the seniors in this group," Lierman told the *Brownfield News*. "I think our chances are good to keep going. Our judges thought we had a great shot, but it all comes down to how you perform on the day of the contest. It's all about that one performance."

## Partlow seeks to rally support for downtown beautification project

The newly-remodeled Terry County Courthouse could someday have nicer streets to surround it, if local taxing entities join BIDCorp. in implementing a new community-improvement program.

The Brownfield Industrial Development Corporation is pursuing a downtown-revitalization program through tax increment financing, a method that uses projected future tax

revenue to fund current improvement projects.

The contracted architectural firm Kimley-Horn and Associates is currently designing conceptual drawings of an aesthetically-improved downtown Brownfield. After their completion, Director of Economic Development David Partlow said he will present them to representatives of other local taxing entities such as the county and hospital

district for their consideration, as well as to management of businesses in the area that would be affected. He will collect their input on those drawings, then incorporate it into the improvement plan.

"I really want to get the county's blessing on this before we start working," he told BIDCorp.'s board of directors on Tuesday afternoon.

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## brownfieldonline.com OPINION POLL RESULTS

Should Texas Lawmakers tap the Rainy Day Fund to help jump-start Texas water projects?

YES (52% / 24 votes)

NO (48% / 22 votes)

TOTAL VOTERS: 46

Survey 3-12-13 thru 3-22-13

