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Cubs head to playoffs Thursday

The Brownfield Cubs will embark Thursday afternoon on a trip the current squad has never taken -- to the playoffs.

The Cubs are riding a four-game winning streak into Round 1 of the UIL high school football championship bracket, which will conclude in six weeks with the state title game in Cowboys Stadium.

"That's the dream, of course for every player and coach from day one of summer workouts," said Cubs Head Coach Bryan Welps. "But right now, we're not looking past Thursday. We're preparing for one game at a time and this week, that game is against a very good team from Bushland."

The Cubs, (5-5, 4-1), will face the Bushland Falcons (4-6, 3-2) at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Lubbock Cooper, a neutral site, but one that would appear to favor the Cubs, who have played in the Pirates' stadium more than once and have to travel just half an hour to reach.

Bushland's drive is more than two hours. Welps said the Falcons' head coach Steven Flowers was less concerned with the location of the game than the date.

"He was trying to avoid a Saturday game at all cost and I was glad to do that as well," Welps said. "Cooper will be a good site for us."

The Cubs coach said he is warning his players this week not to be deceived by Bushland's record heading into the game.

The Falcons played an all-3A schedule in the preseason, but are a better team than their losing record shows.

The potent Bushland offense is led by junior quarterback Taylor Cornelius, who has thrown the ball more than 50 times in most of his games this season.

The Cub secondary will get plenty of playing time Thursday defending against the Falcons' passing game.

Defensively, Welps said Bushland will load the box and force Cub quarterback Shacolby Hill, a sophomore, to pass more often than in recent games.

"Shacolby is a constant threat for us because he can break lose and get a lot of yards on the ground," Welps said. "They're going to do whatever they can to stop that and make him throw. Our receivers are going to have to be on point all night and Shacolby is going to have to find them under pressure."

The Cubs could be without their leading rusher, Tae Williams, who suffered a knee injury last week against

Denvery City.

His status leading up to Thursday's game is questionable, according to team trainer Bill "Doc" Grant.

If Williams doesn't suit up, the Cubs have a solid backup in Simon Jacquez.

Playoff jitters are a factor the coaching staff will have to work with this week with the Cubs' post-season inexperience.

"Our guys are pumped up and we had a very lively practice on Monday," Welps said. "I think we're going to come out fired up Thursday, but we're going to have to get them settled down and focused on playing the game at hand. Bushland is beatable. We can do this. We just have to play our game and stick to our plan."

The Cubs will need a clean ball game with sound defense for all four quarters.

Welps said they can't afford to let Bushland have big plays and penalties could be costly for either team.

"We're excited," he said. "This is a fun week and it's the first time any of these guys have been through this. I want them to enjoy every minute of it, but I also want them to be hungry for more. It's a good feeling and we want to keep it going as long as possible."

Going back to the beginning of the season, some questioned Welps for scheduling a scrimmage at Bushland, but that now appears to have been a smart move.

"I told them back then that it was possible we would face these guys again," he said. "And here we are."

The Cubs won the scrimmage. Thursday's activities will begin with a pep rally at 2:45 p.m. in Cub Gym. Kickoff is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2 for students.

Fans are being encouraged by the booster club to wear red to the game.

"The location is in our favor, but only if we have the support there from our fans," Welps said. "Our boys have worked hard to get here and they need as many people in the stands as possible cheering them on. It's going to be a great football game."



CUBS KNEEL --- prayer following last weeks nail-biting win over the Denver City Mustangs. Cub fans joined coaches and players for a word of



2012 Fighting Cubs

Commissioners approve salaries, routine contracts

Terry County Commissioners approved routine business Monday morning and discussed prospective economic project during closed session.

The commissioners set salaries at \$47,468 for the county auditor and \$28,188 and \$24,877 for that position's first and second assistants, respectively.

They also issued their annual approval of the Goods in Transit Resolution regarding taxation and an Indigent Defense grant for state funding for legal services for low-income defendants. They approved optional contributions to the Terry County Retirement System and listened to a presentation by county agent Chris Bishop about the upcoming District 4-H Gold Star Banquet.

Director of Economic Development David Partlow met with the commissioners for a closed-session discussion listed on the agenda as "regarding economic development."

County Judge Butch Wagner presided and all four commissioners were present, to include Mike Swain, Kirby Keese, Shorty Martinez and John Franks. The meeting was rescheduled from its normal time slot due to a holiday.



Bill Edgar, left, Adjutant for the American Legion Howard-Henson Post # 269 in Brownfield visited with Victor Jackson Carter Monday morning at a breakfast honoring veterans held at First Baptist Church.

Goodfellows begin annual toy collection

The Brownfield and Terry County Goodfellows are, as per tradition, collecting toys, clothing, food and cash for the community's less fortunate -- a holiday tradition we all can be proud of, but all need to support as well.

The organization works hard to make donating easy, according to Co-chief Jeff Davis.

Donations can be dropped off at City Hall or several locations around town, including Dollar General, B&E Implement, NAPA Auto Supply, Wal-Mart and United Supermarket.

"We have barrels out at the stores again and we need everyone to fill them up this year," Davis said. "Our city always takes care of its own, but it's important to remember to participate and not take for granted that someone else will. We all have to do our part to make it a Merry Christmas for everyone in town."

Two long-standing local charities joined forces in 2009 to spread holiday cheer and continue their traditions of helping those less fortunate in the city.

The Christmas Tree for Children, administered for years by Terry County employees, and Goodfellows, operated by City personnel, opted to combine their efforts in hopes of being more efficient and helping more people.

The Brownfield and Terry County Goodfellows will be headed

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Building permits total near \$6 million

Building permits in the city in 2012 totaled just shy of \$6 million through August in figures released recently.

The largest permit thus far in 2012 was issued in February for \$4 million to Brownfield ISD for new construction on N. Ballard.

The school district razed the former field house at Cub Stadium and replaced it with a state-of-the-art facility, including a new field house and indoor workout facility complete with a 50-yard turf field.

The school district had another permit issued in June for \$275,000 for new construction at its Bright Beginnings pre-school campus on Seagraves Highway.

An all-purpose room was added to the school building to be used as a gym during inclement

weather and as an assembly hall for student programs. Additional parking also was added at the school to ease congestion before and after school.

The school district's projects were part of a \$5.4 million construction initiative funded partly by a \$4 million bond approved last November by voters.

Other significant permits during the year were issued in April, for \$110,000 to Valley Irrigation for new construction on the Seagraves Hwy and \$750,000 to Kendrick Oil for new construction on the Lubbock Hwy.

Valley sold its former building and yard to Select Energy Services and constructed a new office on an adjacent lot.

Kendrick Oil is in the final stages of opening a truck stop on the city's north entrance immediately

behind the former Fina Fast Stop, which will soon be torn down.

Another large permit was issued in July to Atmos Energy for \$278,000 for new construction on FM 403.

The natural gas provider constructed a new office and warehouse at the location, inside the Brownfield Industrial Park.

Monthly permit totals thus far in 2012 were:

January - 2 permits totalling \$5,076
February - 9 permits totalling \$4,033,400
March - 21 permits totalling \$66,100
April - 13 permits totalling \$890,000
May - 12 permits totalling \$46,400
June - 14 permits totalling \$466,043
July - 14 permits totalling \$353,050
August - 8 permits totalling \$23,000

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