

BI-DISTRICT PLAYOFFS



Brownfield..... 22
 Bushland..... 35



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The Brownfield Cubs took the field Thursday night in their first playoff appearance in six years against the Bushland Falcons. The Cubs came up short in the contest, but mark their season a success. The Cub line prepares for the snap in the photo at left while head coach Bryan Welps talks to his team during a time out in the photo at right.

Cubs end turnaround season

The Brownfield Cubs' 2012 season came to an end Thursday night with their first playoff appearance in half a decade, falling to the Bushland Falcons, perennial playoff contenders, 35-22, at Lubbock Cooper.

The Cubs started the 2012 season without even a place to

call home and finished it with a trip to the playoffs, something Head Coach Bryan Welps told his team it could be proud of following the disappointing end to their season.

The field house at Cub Stadium was off limits to anyone without a hard hat when the

boys reported for two-a-days in August.

"I want you all to reflect on how far we've come and know that there is absolutely nothing to hang your heads about," he said after the game. "I'm proud of each and every one of you and I love the effort you gave tonight

and all season long."

The Cubs finished the season with a 5-5 record, the best in recent memory.

Brownfield was 1-4 in a tough pre-district schedule, but rebounded with a 4-1 district record, with their only loss at the hands of defending state champion Idalou.

Thursday night, the Cubs jumped out to an early lead thanks to the quick feet of sophomore quarterback Shacolby Hill, who broke loose on the second play of the game, going 80 yards unmolested for the opening touchdown of the game.

Less than a minute had ticked

off the clock when senior kicker Michael Munoz split the uprights for the extra point, giving the Cubs a 7-0 lead with 11:09 left to play in the first quarter.

Bushland was held in their own territory by the Cub defense and forced to punt after their first

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Offices announce holiday schedules

Most Terry County businesses will be closed Thursday in observance of Thanksgiving, and a few others will remain closed Friday.

Brownfield City Hall, 201 W. Broadway St., will be open all day Wednesday and closed Thursday and Friday. Maintenance staff will finish collecting garbage from all residential routes by Wednesday, and will work only their business route on Friday, collecting from certain places such as restaurants that generate large amounts of trash. They will resume their regular routes Monday morning at an earlier-than-normal start time.

Terry County offices at the American Legion, Annex and other temporary locations will be open all day Wednesday and closed Thursday and Friday.

All five Brownfield Independent School District campuses will release early Tuesday with final-bell times varying by campus and will be closed for the remainder of the week. The administration office will close at noon Tuesday and reopen Monday morning.

The Brownfield branch of the U.S. Post Office will deliver mail to all regular routes every day of the holiday week except Thursday. The office, 301 W. Hill St., will also be open Wednesday, then closed all day Thursday and reopen Friday morning.

United Supermarket, 1401 Tahoka Rd., will be open regular hours Wednesday and Friday but will close all day Thursday. Wal-Mart, 1405 Tahoka Rd., will be open all day Thursday with extended hours that night.

The Brownfield News will also be closed Thursday. Deadlines for the Sunday, November 25 issue will be at Noon Wednesday.

All emergency services such as police and fire will continue their 24-hour operations.



Annual Car Show a Success

Classic car buffs Jerry Thomas, left, and Jerry Jones check out the engine of a 1951 Ford 4-Door Custom Sedan Friday at the BHS Car Show.

Cotton Harvest continues in county

The familiar sights of the West Texas cotton harvest have been all around for more than a month, but experts say the annual operation might be nearing its end for the 2012 crop.

Scott Russell, Agri-Life Extension agent said Terry County's crop is well over halfway out of the fields and in some portions of the county, as much as 90 percent finished.

"The gins are all going strong and they are expecting more to come in over the next weeks, but I hope they haven't overestimated what's out there. I haven't talked to anyone really satisfied with what they're getting this year.

"Obviously, it's better than last year," the agent continued. "But, that's not saying a whole lot."

Combines can be seen in fields with fiber-laden cotton plants in front of them and bare stalks behind from about mid-morning until well after dark.

Modules also are a common sight in harvested fields near roadways.

Module trucks also have taken to local roads to bring the cotton from the field to the gins.

Russell said farmers entered the harvest hopeful

with what they saw in their fields, however harvest didn't go as expected.

"From the road the fields look like they're just full of cotton," he said. "But when they got out there with their combines, it just took further and further down that row to fill the basket. It doesn't look like we're going to see the kind of yields necessary to have a really profitable year."

Grades have left something to be desired as well, Russell added, with some growers reporting good quality, but the majority saying the cotton is less than desirable.

Most agree that Terry County won't remember this crop as a bumper harvest.

"We can expect between a half and three-quarters of a bale to the acre on dry land farms and hopefully between two and three bales on irrigated," said Chris Bishop, AgriLife Extension agent, at the onset of harvest season.

Last year, not a single dry land bale was harvested in Terry County, on the heels of the driest year in history.

So far in 2012, Brownfield has received 9.84

inches of rain -- less than half the area's annual average, but more than twice what was received in 2011.

Russell said the best thing that could happen for the area would be a wet winter, but he hasn't seen any reliable forecasts.

"The predictions have gone back and forth, so we're all just waiting to see what happens," he said.

As per tradition, the *Brownfield News* will monitor the harvest with weekly bale counts from the county's gins.

2012 BALE COUNT

Lone Star.....	11,745
Meadow Co-op	13,000
Southwest.....	21,340
Terry County	15,906
West.....	3,559
Needmore.....	8,710
Total	74,260

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