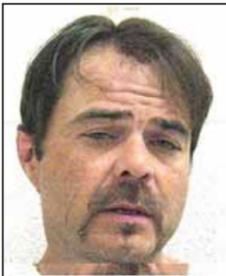


## Local man charged with felony resist arrest, assault



Michael Baker

A local man was arrested Thursday morning on suspicion that he assaulted an elderly family member and attempted to harm responding police officers.

Michael Baker, 43, is charged with resisting arrest with a deadly weapon, a third-degree felony, and faces a pending state jail felony charge of injury to an elderly person.

The case that led to Baker's arrest began when Brownfield police were called about 10:09 a.m. to investigate a report that he was attacking a 69-year-old male family member. He reportedly punched and slapped the victim, then threw him to the ground.

Officers arrived at the scene - a residence in the 300 block of West Ripley Street - to find the suspect uncooperative and combative. Reports indicate he threatened them with a homemade weapon made from a wooden chair leg with its tip carved into a fine point.

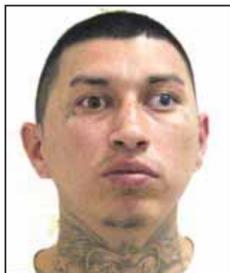
Baker allegedly disobeyed commands to drop the weapon and refused to negotiate with officers until they eventually managed to subdue him with a Taser gun. They then physically restrained him and placed him into custody.

The next step was a trip to the Terry County Jail, where he remains as of press time awaiting a bond hearing.

If convicted, Baker could face up to 10 years in prison.



Brownfield ISD Superintendent Jerry Jones was joined by Maintenance Supervisor Brian Baiva, Cubs Athletic Director Bryan Welps and architect Jerry Pharr, as well as other school officials and community supporters in cutting the ribbon on the newly-finished Cub Stadium Field House. The state-of-the-art facility was part of the \$5.4 million district-wide construction project funded partly by a \$4 million bond approved by citizens in 2011.



Brian Quesada

## Lubbock man charged with breaking into residence

A Lubbock man was arrested Wednesday for allegedly breaking into a home with a gun.

Brian Quesada, 26, is charged with burglary of a habitation with intent to commit assault, a first-degree felony, and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, a second-degree felony.

The Brownfield Police Department received a report a few weeks ago that Quesada broke into a residence in the 900 block of North Bell Street on Nov. 4. According to a witness statement, he was carrying a handgun and looking for a male acquaintance with whom he had recently had a disagreement. The potential victim was not in the home at the time.

Detectives from BPD's Criminal Investigation Division followed leads in the case, then formed a warrant for his arrest. They served the warrant at 3:43 p.m. Wednesday in the 100 block of North Avenue B, then brought the suspect to the Terry County Jail for booking.

He remains behind bars as of press time, with bond set at \$40,000.

If convicted, Quesada could face a sentence of five to 99 years or life in prison for the burglary charge and up to 20 for the assault.

## RAIN CHANCE from One

As of Friday, the Texas Tech Mesonet weather station located near the city's landfill had accumulated 9.96 inches of rain so far in Brownfield.

Only 4.15 inches was received here in all of 2011.

The city's annual rainfall average is 18.9 inches.

## Bronco hoopster to shoot Down Under



Meadow's Brandon Flores aims for a jump shot. Flores, a junior for the Broncos, will compete in Australia this summer.

Brandon Flores' basketball career has taken him all over West Texas, but now it's about to take him plenty farther.

Flores, a junior at Meadow High School and the son of Raymond and Jamie Flores, will see quite a change in scenery this summer when he shoots in Down Under Sports Tournaments, hosted on the Gold Coast of Australia. Flores will represent the North Central Conference Boys Basketball Team.

Flores told the *News* he is looking forward to the cross-Atlantic trip and the opportunities not only to see a new continent, but to play his favorite sport there.

"I'm pretty excited," he said. "I get to go far away from home, and I get to do the thing I love to do - play basketball," he said.

Flores is also planning a side trip to Hawaii on the way back from Australia.

"It should be fun," he said.

Down Under Sports was founded 1989 by New Zealander George O'Scanlon, according to a press release from the organization. Its other programs for 2013 will include competition in track and field, cross country, wrestling, football, volleyball and basketball.

"Down Under Sports' goal is to continue to provide athletes who excel in their sport the opportunity to experience the culture, beauty and grandeur of the land Down Under all within the framework of spirited and intense competition," the press release stated.

To help sponsor Flores' trip, visit [DownUnderSports.com](http://DownUnderSports.com).



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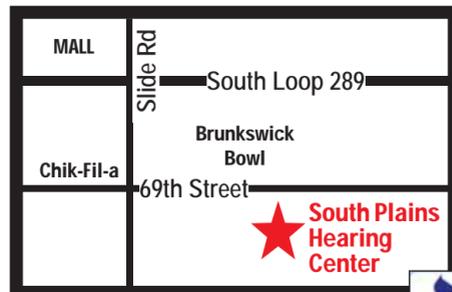
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