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Local Weather

Wed 1/16 51/28

A mainly sunny sky. High 51F. Winds NW at 10 to 20 mph.

Thu 1/17 53/29

Sunny. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the upper 20s.

Fri 1/18 56/30

Abundant sunshine. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the low 30s.

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Three-hour power outage

A three-hour power outage Saturday night was likely caused by a damaged transmission line, according to an early determination.

What specifically caused the transmission line to fail is still under investigation, Xcel Energy media spokesman Wes Reeves told the *Brownfield News*.

Electrical services stopped working at 10:02 p.m. and were restored at 1:05 a.m. after workers rerouted the power.

The outage affected most of Brownfield and other areas of Terry and Gaines Counties, including Meadow and Seagraves. Residents relied on candles and flashlights, while many businesses were forced to temporarily close with

no means to service their cash registers.

Because the outage also affected several traffic lights, staff from the Texas Department of Transportation controlled traffic at intersections while Brownfield police patrolled the streets during what would have already been a busy weekend night anyway. Dispatchers, meanwhile, manned constantly-ringing phones attempting to answer inquiries from residents wondering when their services would be back.

"It occurred during the peak of the busiest time of our shift," said Chief of Police Tony Serbantez. "The police department received several calls from residents, and dispatchers

gave enough information as possible to the citizens."

The outage caused particular concern for medical patients relying on electrical-dependent oxygen machines. Police and fire-fighters prioritized their emergency calls for service, rushing to provide generators.

The police chief encouraged residents to remain calm anytime electrical services stop working, and advised preparing for future power outages by keeping candles and flashlights with spare batteries in an easy-to-find location.

"This was a good precaution, and it's good awareness for personal responsibility in case this appears again," he said.

Keep Your Eye on the Judge

Terry County 4H member Landry Youngblood kept her eye on the judge Saturday as she walked her steer around the show ring inside the Terry County Show Barn as part of the annual Junior Livestock Show. This year's animals brought a record haul at the premium sale following the show.



Stock Show deemed huge success

The weekend scores of local students and their families look forward to each year -- the annual Terry County Junior Livestock Show -- has come and gone and was deemed an unparalleled success by its organizers.

The 2013 show featured more than 90 exhibitors, representing scores of Terry County families.

The youth exhibited more than 200 animals, including 177 swine, 36 sheep, 14 goats, 21 steers and 10 rabbits.

Candy Cudd, a lead organizer of the annual event, said she thought the weekend event went "extremely well."

"All of the kids did great and we were all proud of them," Terry County Agent Chris Bishop said after the show. "We didn't have any problems throughout the show and everyone enjoyed themselves. We really have one of the best local shows anywhere around. And every year, Terry County comes through for its youth, especially this year because we broke the sale record again."

Cudd praised all of the students involved and their families and also said the show could not happen each year without the tremendous help of volunteers.

In addition to buckles, banners and ribbons, exhibitors also take home substantial money for their animals after the annual sale following the stock show.

Cudd said the citizens and businesses of Terry County never fail to come through for the youth who work hard to raise and show their animals.

"The sale this year was the best we have ever had," she said. "Even after a couple dry years that were hard on everybody, people in Terry County still reach into their pockets to help these kids out."

In total, the sale raised \$192,812 Saturday, with more add-ons to come, Cudd said, not including more than \$30,000 raised through the sale of advertising banners hung throughout the show barn.

"This is by far the most supportive county show there is," she said. "There are much bigger counties nearby who don't raise a fraction of that money. And I'll still have people doing add-ons for months."

Add-ons allow people to contribute money to specific exhibitors to help with their expenses and reward them for their hard work. Any amount is allowed.

Cudd said add-ons will be accepted through the end of February.

"From start to finish, it was a success," she said.

Presented with \$1,000 scholarships were Brittney Hogg and Colton Drake.

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Hill earns All State honor

The Brownfield Cubs' football season has been over for more than two months, but accolades keep coming for sophomore quarterback Shacolby Hill, who learned Tuesday that he has been named to the 2A, D-I Padilla Poll Coaches All-State Team.

Cubs Head Coach and Athletic Director Bryan Welps made the announcement as soon as he learned of the honor Tuesday afternoon.

"This is a huge honor for any high school athlete, but to make an All State team as a sophomore is really pretty remarkable," Welps told the *Brownfield News*. "Shacolby had a great year and we're lucky to have him for two more. We're expecting a lot of good things out of him and his teammates next season."

The Padilla Poll All-State Team roster is selected by coaches from across Texas.

Hill was named to the Second Team Offense as a hybrid player, a common title for quarterbacks who routinely run and throw.

Hill was named the Offensive Most Valuable Player for District 2-2A at the conclusion of the 2012 season.

Hill passed for 1,120 yards this season on 83 completions and eight touchdowns. He rushed for 1,508 yards on 160 carries and 19 touchdowns.

As a freshman, Hill was selected by the coaches of District 2-3A as Newcomer of the Year.

"He is a play maker and a leader on the field," Welps said. "He is a threat any time he has the ball and our op-



Cubs Quarterback Shacolby Hill

ponents all know that. I'm looking forward to seeing what he does in the years to come."

Only one other player in District 2-2A -- defensive back Seth Reagan of Idalou -- was selected to share the honor. He was named to the Second Team Defense.

Poll results named Jason Kopriva and Edgar Luna as offensive and defensive players of the year and Rick Rhoades the Coach of the Year.

All three are from Cameron High School.



Michael Madrigal

Madrigal charged with theft

A local man was arrested last week on suspicion that he stole a significant amount of property.

Michael Madrigal, 30, is charged with two state jail felony counts of theft of material that is 50 percent aluminum, bronze or copper.

The case that led to Madrigal's arrest began when Terry County

sheriff's deputies received a tip from an informant who observed a male suspect - unidentified at that point - remove some wire from a ditch and take it with him in a dark-colored Ford F-150 pickup truck.

Deputies investigated leads in the case, then later that day responded to a local recycling center

whose management had reported suspicious activity from a suspect of his description.

Madrigal was identified and questioned, then arrested on both felony theft charges. He was taken to the Terry County Jail for booking procedures, where he remains as of press time in lieu of a \$10,000 total bond.

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Does Brownfield still need more Physicians and Nurse Practitioners?

YES (58% / 25 votes)
NO (42% / 18 votes)

TOTAL VOTERS: 43
Survey 1-12-13 thru 1-15-13

