



Tarheels' Jaylohn Marroquin attempts a steal from Bearcats' Bryson Pickett. Brownfield Boys Little Dribblers will wrap up their 2013 season Saturday with championship games followed by an awards ceremony. For photos of the All-Stars and top teams, keep checking the Brownfield News.

## WUISD to add volleyball program to fall athletics

Wellman-Union athletics will have a new addition this fall - volleyball.

Practice begins Aug. 5 for the newest sport at the home of the Wildcats, meaning some Lady 'Cats will be netting it up inside the gym while their fellow athletes are practicing football and cross-country.

"We're excited about it," Athletic Director Michael Norman told the *Brownfield News*.

Lady Wildcat volleyball will compete this fall only at the junior high and junior varsity

level, and against other small area schools on an "outlaw schedule" not affiliated with the University Interscholastic League. The season will begin with a scrimmage Aug. 10 in Denver City.

"We're starting out slowly, just getting our feet wet," Norman said. "We're just getting as much experience as we can."

Elementary teachers Bridget Brown, Jennifer Hogue and Robin Tells will serve as coaches.

Norman continued that he

anticipates joining the UIL during their next realignment, set for February 2014. When the program is that time formally recognized, they will then likely add a varsity level and receive an official opponent list.

## Boys and Girls Club ponders financing, names secretary

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The Boys and Girls Club of Brownfield is on its way to meeting its financial goals, and has no shortage of ideas to get them the rest of the way there.

The organization's current bank balance as of Monday was \$19,669, Board of Directors Treasurer DeeDee Charlebois announced that night, or slightly less than half of the \$50,000 they plan to reach before they open their doors.

The board agreed during their monthly meeting that while most of their fund-raising projects had been successful and local donations were certainly appreciated, they could likely meet that start-up goal sooner by pursuing grant money.

Brownfield Director of Economic Development David Partlow explained that like any other non-profit organization, their grant applications would be more likely to be approved if they raised equal amounts of money on their own and were able to answer questions such as specifically how they would use the funds and what needs their program would fill in the community. He suggested delaying the grant-application process until after they had raised their start-up goal.

"I don't think you should ask any foundations for money until you get that \$50,000," he said.

They agreed to continue planning fundraisers such as their upcoming Yacht Club race, and then to seek grants as soon as possible after they raise that money.

"The more cash we've got in the bank, the better it will look," said board member Will Fewin. "We've done small things, and we need to look bigger."

The board also selected



Will Fewin, left, lists his ideas for grant-seeking for the Boys and Girls Club of Brownfield while fellow board member Ackey Martinez reviews the organization's financial statements. The board agreed Monday night to continue fundraising until they meet their \$50,000 start-up goal.

with a unanimous vote Scott and Jamie Jackson to jointly serve a secretarial position formerly held by Darrel Williams, whose term rotated off Dec. 31. They debated permanently assigning those secretarial duties to interim secretary Charlebois, thereby creating a combined position of secretary/treasurer. Instead, they agreed individual offices would be preferable as a way to further the organization's financial accountability and lessen the workload for each officer.

"It would be better to have two because they'd be a check against each other," said board member Bob Simpson.

The board also discussed holding a Family Night or Open House event, which

they would use to answer questions from the public and explain their purpose. They began the process of amending their bylaws, and considered visiting the Boys and Girls Club of Hobbs, N.M., for ideas on improving their chapter.

Talk of a Boys and Girls Club chapter in Brownfield began in fall 2011. Volunteers then took the next steps to complete the paperwork to incorporate the BGCB as a nonprofit organization, and selected officers. Leaders from other BGC chapters have served as consultants.

The club was officially named the following January, and its board of directors now meets at 6 p.m. the first Monday of each month. Their next meeting is set for March 4.



Four-year-olds (left to right) Jonathan Penner, Raylee Thrower and Lauren Olivas concentrate on a project. Bright Beginnings Academic Center hosted BLOCKFest Tuesday, an educational program that uses blocks to boost pre-schoolers' math and science skills.

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