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Contracted staff Jim Stewart, left, and Edgar Aguilar examine the wall of what will eventually be a restroom in the west side of the Terry County Courthouse. For an update on the courthouse's large-scale renovations project, see Wednesday's issue of the Brownfield News.

COUNCIL *from One*

In other business, the council also approved participation and interlocal agreements relating to the annual PSC seal coat program to maintain the city's streets.

The Lubbock-based engineering firm groups numerous South Plains cities together to buy road materials in bulk and attract larger contractors, saving each of the cities money in doing so.

The Council also voted to replace County Judge (and former Electrical Superintendent) Butch Wagner on the West Texas Municipal Power Authority's board of directors with Jeff Davis, the city's current Electrical Superintendent.

The city's expense for housing prisoners in the County Jail also increased on a vote by the council, from \$24,000 annually, to \$40,000.

Termination notice for the interlocal agreement was also raised from 30 days by either party to 90 days.

Fire Chief Dennis Rowe gave a quarterly report indicating the volunteer fire department has just shy of \$15,000 in the bank.

A new water truck received from the Forest Service also is in use, he said.

Serbantez also gave his quarterly report, which showed about 3,500 calls for service through the months of October, November and December.

Brownfield Industrial Development Corp. executive director David Partlow updated the council on his plan of action and recruitment efforts.

BIDCorp.'s new website is now live and he is actively marketing the city, he reported.

Council members present were Tom Hesse, Roxanne Barr, Rod Bearden, Mayor Bob Simpson and Geronimo Gonzales.

Absent were Cynthia Morin, Jackie Pinson and Brent Besler.

Obituary



BILLIE APPERSON DANNHEIM
 (July 21, 1931 - February 7, 2013)

Graveside services for Billie Apperson Dannheim, 81, of Dallas and formerly of Brownfield, were at 10 a.m. Saturday, February 9, 2013 with Chris Seaton officiating at Terry County Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Brownfield Funeral Home.

Billie died peacefully in a Dallas area nursing facility Thursday, February 7, 2013. She was born July 21, 1931 to Alfred Lee and Eunice Madelin (Smith) Tittle in Terry County. She graduated from Wellman High School in 1946. She moved to Colorado City in 1968 and later operated the Montgomery Ward catalog store for several years until she relocated to the Dallas area in 2005.

Billie is preceded in death by her parents.

Billie is survived by her husband Dan; two sons, Mike Apperson and wife Tonia of Dallas and Mark Apperson of Dallas; two grandsons, Justin and Jarrad Apperson and wife Liz; three great-grandchildren; a brother, Alfred "Sonny" Tittle Jr. and his wife Connie of Lubbock; and nephews, Todd Tittle and wife Tanya and Tim Tittle and wife Betty.

Suspect accused of burning down house

A local man was arrested Tuesday on suspicion that he intentionally burned down his three-bedroom house just northwest of Brownfield.



Heinrich T. Reimer

Heinrich T. Reimer, 35, faces a first-degree-felony arson charge following a joint investigation by multiple public-safety agencies.

The offense that led to his arrest began when the Brownfield Fire Department received a report about 6:47 p.m. Jan. 5 that a house in the 1700 block of C.R. 400, about two miles north of town on U.S. Hwy. 385, had caught fire.

They extinguished the blaze with assistance from Meadow and Wellman's volunteer fire departments, then during the proceeding routine clean-up stage found certain evidence that seemed inconsistent with typical accident fires.

"We noticed that the fire seemed to be suspicious," said Brownfield Fire Chief Dennis Rowe.

After further investigation from BFD and Sgt. John Kondratick of the Texas State Fire

Marshall's Office, Brownfield police obtained a warrant to search the property. Detectives agreed the fire appeared to have been caused intentionally, then questioned Reimer, the homeowner. The witness eventually confessed to starting the blaze, but did not provide officers with a motive.

Police formed a felony warrant for Reimer's arrest, which he was served with at 11:58 a.m. Tuesday at the police station. He was then taken to the Terry County Jail, where he remains as of press time. Bond was set at \$50,000, but he is not eligible for release due to a hold for Immigration and Customs Enforcement as a suspected illegal immigrant.

Damage from the fire to his home was described as a total loss, estimated at more than \$150,000.

Reimer, who also has a pending charge for insurance fraud, could face between five and 99 years or life in prison and a fine of up to \$10,000 if convicted.

HOTEL *from Page One*

travelers who will stop and enjoy Brownfield instead of driving on through," he said. "We have many properties and some very good people with a lot of experience in the hotel industry."

Mr. Shah was not forthcoming with a timeline for the project, but said he suspects finalized plans will be submitted within three or four months, with construction to follow soon after.

"We're going to come to the city soon and look around and study the property and meet people," he said. "We're looking forward to being there."

BUSINESS *from Page One*

Mercuria will spent about 40 days readying the site, with plans to be fully operational by April 1st.

The available land on the rail was a leading factor in choosing Brownfield, Inwood said, as well as the city's vicinity to the area's booming oil play.

"It's very close to the crude supply that we are going to purchase," he said. "We're targeting specific qualities of crude and that's where we want to be."

The company, within the last year, started its own fleet of trailers to transport its oil supply, rather than outsourcing that task.

Inwood said Mercuria will seek local truck owner-operators to move those trailers around the area, giving them the benefit of being home at the end of every day.

"It's not long-haul trucking," he said. "They'll be able to work good hours and then go home to their families. It's a good deal."

The company has several crude oil sale points across the U.S. with the closest in Cushing, Oklahoma, which has a storage capacity of 2.5 million barrels of oil.

North American offices are located in Houston, Chicago, Oklahoma City, Denver, Bridgeport, San Luis Obispo, California; Bridgeport, Wisconsin and Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Inwood added that he understand small communities and he served as mayor of a small town in Kansas.

"I understand that every dollar spent in a town the size of Brownfield goes around five or six times," he said. "I'm familiar with the economic impact a company like ours can have on a town and I'm thrilled that we'll get to help Brownfield."

FAT TUESDAY BBQ

Where: St. Anthony's Catholic Church Parish Hall

1902 Levelland Hwy, Brownfield, TX

When: February 12, 2013

Time: 5:00 p.m. -8:00p.m.

Cost: \$8 a plate

Plates include: Sausage, Chicken, Brisket, Potatoe Salad, Beans, Dessert, and Tea

Come also for a chance to win Door Prizes. Must be present to win.

For more information or to buy tickets call 241-9673.

Tickets will also be sold at the door.

*All proceeds go to benefit St. Anthony's Catholic Church on behalf of Reynita candidate Lilliana Reyes.



News Briefs

School board - Brownfield Independent School District's board of trustees will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 11 in the administration building's board room. Meadow's school board will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 11 to consider the school calendar, grading policy, technology plan updates and other agenda items. Wellman-Union's school board will meet at 5 p.m. Monday, Feb. 11 to hold a public hearing about academic reports, consider a construction project, officially call their spring election and other agenda items.

Guar meeting - A presentation about the guar industry will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13 at the Coleman Park Party House. Lunch will be provided.

Commissioners - Terry County Commissioners will meet at 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 11 at City Hall.

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