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## News in Brief

### Pope to resign



Pope Benedict XVI

Pope Benedict XVI said Monday he lacks the strength to fulfill his duties and on Feb. 28 will become the first pontiff in 600 years to resign. The announcement sets the stage for a conclave in

March to elect a new leader for world's 1 billion Catholics.

The 85-year-old pope announced the bombshell in Latin during a meeting of Vatican cardinals, surprising even his closest collaborators, even though Benedict had made clear in the past he would step down if he became too old or infirm to do the job.

Benedict called his choice "a decision of great importance for the life of the church."

It will also allow Benedict to hold great sway over the choice of his successor.

# "Perfect"

## Cubs go 10-0 with D.C. victory

By Brian Brisendine  
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The Brownfield Runnin' Cubs hoisted their first gold ball in several years Monday night after taming the Denver City Mustangs in a packed Cub Gym for the final District 4-2A game of the season, which the Brownfield squad finished with a perfect 10-0 record.

The Cubs clinched first place in the new district last week with a win over Colorado City, but finished their conference schedule with resounding wins over Coahoma and Denver City.

The District crown is the Cubs' first since 2009, as well as Head Coach Dustin Faught's first trip to the playoffs at the helm of the program.

"The kids answered the call tonight," he said

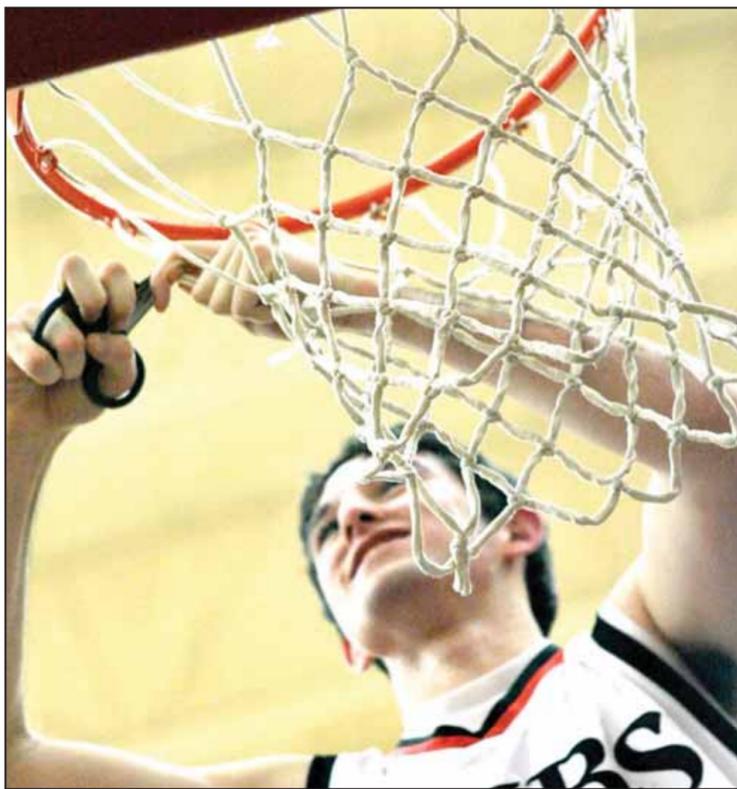
after the win. "We knew they were going to come into this game throwing knockout punches and they did. They came out on fire and did everything they could early on to win the game."

The Mustangs did indeed come out gunning for the spoiler win, shooting with pinpoint accuracy in the first  
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## Hoopsters Get Cut of Net

Brownfield Cub Shaun Paiva, a senior, took his turn to snip a piece of the home-side net Monday night after the Cubs' double-digit win over the Denver City Mustangs to keep a perfect 10-0 record and earn the gold ball trophy as District 4-2A Champions.



## County OKs offer for Senior Center

The long-anticipated Brownfield Senior Center could soon have a new home in the former Church of Christ building on Tahoka Road, pending approval from its membership of an offer from the county.

Terry County Commissioners agreed on Monday morning to offer \$200,000 plus closing costs for purchase of the church, but specifically whom to offer it to has not yet been completely determined.

Precinct 1 Commissioner Mike Swain said that because the church had disbanded years ago, reaching its former members for their OK regarding the transaction was growing difficult. A few members, though, had told him they would even be willing to donate the building, he said.

As the News reported in October, the Senior Citizens Association sought the Church of Christ building after they learned the estimated costs for building a center at the originally-scheduled location of 411 W. Hill Street were more than double what the county had budgeted.

Demolishing the former Gibson building at that site, though, was still the right choice because of its structural damage, according to Swain.

"It was a service to the community to tear down a building that was dangerous and a liability to the county," he told the News.

In other business Monday, the commissioners voted 4-0 to table a contract-renewal with the Brownfield Police Department for booking and housing that agency's suspects in the Terry County Jail after County Attorney Jo'Shae Ferguson-Worley recommended they allow her to further negotiate the terms of the contract before they approved it.

Ferguson-Worley noted that the agreement could legally terminate with 90 days notice, and listed inmates as responsible for any medical bills they acquired while in custody, but did not address who would pay if they were unable.

"If it's a one-year contract, in my opinion it should not be able to terminate for one year," she said. "It's a 90-day contract from a legal

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## Courthouse draws close to completion

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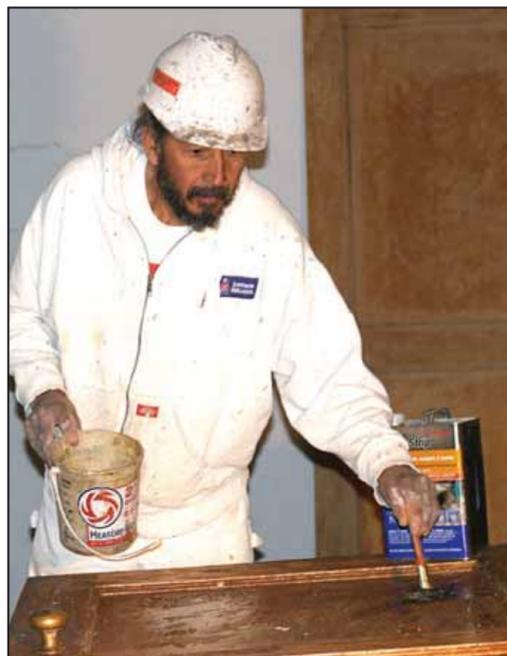
The Terry County Courthouse is just six weeks from completion, and shortly after that its staff will remember there's no place like home.

So far, plans are actually slightly ahead of the \$3.2 million project's originally-estimated completion date of April 15.

"Everything is moving along," contracted architect Joe Grimes told county commissioners Monday morning. "Our intention is to hand you the keys on the 31st of March ... We want to get you moved in as soon as we can."

The next step after the final tiles are laid and the last wall painted will be a series of inspections, followed by moving day for staff currently housed in temporary offices such as the Terry County Annex across the street.

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Contracted painter Johnny Gomez strips a door for the Terry County Courthouse.



Marissa Herrera

## Suspect caught with crack

A local woman was arrested Saturday morning after she was caught in consumption of crack cocaine during an investigation of suspicious activity.

Marissa Herrera, 39, is charged with possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance in Penalty Group 1, a state jail felony, and with misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia and criminal trespass.

About 5:15 that morning, Brownfield police began receiving complaints that a female suspect later identified as Herrera was knocking on doors of a local motel, requesting money from their occupants and providing a story about a family emergency that left her in need of funds.

Through an investigation of her whereabouts, officers were eventually led to a residence in the 1100

block of North Seventh Street at which she was staying. They located the suspect in a back room of the house, smoking crack cocaine from a pipe.

She was arrested at 9:17 a.m. and taken to the Terry County Jail, where she remains as of this writing in lieu of a total bond of \$7,850. She was also issued a criminal-trespass order from returning to the motel.

## Local Weather

Wed 2/13 59/28

Mainly sunny. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the upper 20s.

Thu 2/14 60/30

Sunshine. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the low 30s.

Fri 2/15 48/27

Sunny. Highs in the upper 40s and lows in the upper 20s.

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