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HALL OF FAME from Page One

Curtis said he loved to come to Brownfield on the weekends and drive the drag with friends, making stops at A&W and Boston's Superdog.

"I bet I made that drag a thousand times," he recalled. Sonny learned to play the guitar before his fingers could reach across the neck of the guitar; he just played on the four high strings.

He joined his older brothers, Pete and Dean, to pick at local radio stations, jamborees, and other events.

When he reached his teens, Sonny's friends and contemporaries were fellow area musicians Buddy Holly, Waylon Jennings, and future Crickets J. I. Allison, Joe B. Mauldin, and Glen D. Hardin.

While he was still in high school, Dave Stone, a local promoter, frequently used him on bills that included the young Elvis Presley, Carl Perkins, Johnny Cash, Hank Snow, and other stars of the day.

In the 1950s, Curtis began playing with a band known as The Three Tunes, which morphed into The Crickets, a rock and roll legend helmed by none other than Buddy Holly.

Curtis said the trio needed outfits for a four-city tour so they each purchased white pants, a blue shirt and an orange shirt.

"We liked how we looked in those clothes, so we decided to call ourselves 'The Two Tones,'" he said. "Well we sent our first record off and it came back with a label that said 'The Three Tunes' so that's how we got that name."

Curtis remembers playing for the first time at a Lions Club talent show in Brownfield, which was the famous group's first public performance.

"I tell you, I've got nothing but fond memories of Terry County," he said.

His career as a songwriter is just as storied as his lifelong membership of The Crickets, one of rock and roll's most influential bands.

Over nearly six decades, he has written some of modern music's most recognizable songs.

In 1989, he co-wrote Keith Whitley's "I'm No Stranger To The Rain," the 1987 Country Song of the Year.

Curtis wrote the Mary Tyler Moore Show theme song "Love Is All Around".

He's also the voice behind 1958's "I Fought The Law," first recorded by the Bobby Fuller Four, then transformed into a punk rock anthem by The Clash.

In 1991, Sonny Curtis was inducted into the Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame.

In 2012, Curtis was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame as a member of the Crickets by a special committee, aimed at correcting the mistake of not including the Crickets with Buddy Holly when he was first inducted in 1986.

Sonny was also inducted into the Music City Walk of Fame in 2007 and The Musicians Hall Of Fame in 2009.

The Texas Heritage Songwriters' Hall of Fame awards show is scheduled for 7 p.m. Sunday, March 3 at Austin City Limits.

AgriLife Extension challenges Texans to save 40 gallons of water daily

COLLEGE STATION – The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service is strengthening its challenge to Texans to save millions of gallons of water annually as well as money on their monthly water bills.

The 40 Gallon Challenge is a program that calls on residents and businesses to reduce their average water use by 40 gallons per day, according to Dr. Diane Boellstorff, AgriLife Extension water resources specialist in College Station.

Boellstorff became involved in

the voluntary national program in 2011, serving as the Texas representative.

After one year, she and AgriLife Extension economist Dean McCorkle in College Station completed an economic impact study in November, which showed that Texas participants, based on average municipal rates, were saving an estimated \$299,000 a year, in addition to the water savings.

"At the time that we did the impact statement, we were able to count 80 programs from 89

counties, and participation continues to increase," she said. "For example, the impact statement mentions 1,050 participating households saving 71 million gallons of water annually, but today's numbers are 1,152 participating households saving 80 million gallons annually."

That change has come in only three months. Boellstorff said many AgriLife Extension agents are beginning to deliver the program in their local counties. She is also making presentations to spread the program across the state.

This water resource conservation tool is one of many programs initiated and supported through the Southern Region Water Resource Project, funded through the U.S. Department of Agriculture – National Institute for Food and Agriculture. Dr. Mark McFarland, AgriLife Extension state soil fertility specialist in College Station, is the project director.

The 40-Gallon Challenge allows Texans to compete against other Americans who are taking the challenge in their states. At the program's website, www.40gallonchallenge.org, Texans can pledge to adopt

water-saving practices and see how many gallons of water they can expect to save.

The website also shows the most popular practices being pledged, the practices that are saving the most water daily, and counties and states that are pledging the most daily savings, Boellstorff said.

Currently, the top water savers in Texas are "reduce irrigation station runtimes by two minutes," "use a broom instead of a hose to clean driveways and sidewalks," and "fix a leaky toilet." In Texas, the three counties registered to save the most gallons are Collin, Ellis and Dallas.

Boellstorff credited the higher rate of participation in these areas to work done by Susan Ballabina, AgriLife Extension regional program director for family and consumer sciences, and Clint Wolfe, urban water program manager at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center at Dallas.

To start saving water and take the challenge, go to the website and complete the checklist of water-saving practices, Boellstorff said. The checklist includes both indoor and outdoor water-saving tips.

Sheriff's Logs

Feb. 18 Theft - A large amount of diesel fuel was reported stolen from a drilling site in the 2400 block of C.R. 351.

Feb. 13 Marijuana - Larry Joe Franco, 22, was arrested at 12:12 p.m. at the jail on a felony motion to proceed with adjudication of guilt for possession of between 4 ounces and 5 pounds of marijuana.

Feb. 7 Criminal mischief - Suspects reportedly broke the back window of a vehicle in the 400 block of Yoakum Street in Wellman.

Burglary - Suspects reportedly forced entry into a residence in the 2500 block of U.S. Hwy. 380 and stole a safe containing some important documents and a large amount of cash.

Feb. 6 Theft - Some farm equipment was reported stolen from a location near the intersection of F.M. 1076 and C.R. 535.

Feb. 5 Burglary - Suspects reportedly broke into a building a quarter-mile east of Brownfield on U.S. Hwy. 380 and stole an all-terrain vehicle, some tools and other property.

Feb. 4 Probation violation, as-

sault - Jose Israel Hernandez, 31, was arrested at 4:45 p.m. on the 1900 block of David Bailey Road on a felony motion to revoke probation and a warrant for assault/family violence with injury.

Nonsupport - A 43-year-old man was arrested at 9:30 a.m. at the jail on a misdemeanor warrant for nonpayment of child support.

Feb. 1 Burglary - Suspects reportedly broke into a barn on East Reppto Street and stole a 1983 Jeep. It was later recovered in Hockley County.

Jan. 27 Nonsupport - A 37-year-old man was arrested at 7:52 p.m. in the 600 block of East Main Street on a warrant for nonpayment of child support.

Jan. 25 Theft - Troy David Sauvageau, 45, was arrested at 8:15 a.m. at the jail on a felony warrant for theft of property valued between \$20,000 and \$100,000.

Jan. 24 Parole violation - Alfredo Martinez, 39, was arrested at 7:45 p.m. at the jail on a motion to revoke parole.

Fraud - Gerald Hickson, 22, was arrested at 5:37 p.m. at the jail on a warrant for official oppression.

CUBS from Page One

With 1:38 to play, the Wildcats tied the game, 53-53, and never looked back.

The Cubs were forced to foul in the final moments of the game, but Fabens capitalized on their trips to the charity stripe.

Trailing by three points with only seconds remaining, the Cubs threw away a pass on their end of the court, sealing their fate.

At the final buzzer, Fabens took the practice game, 59-55.

Sophomore Shacolby Hill led the Cubs with 20 points, despite troubles from behind the arch.

Senior Shaun Paiva was good for 13 points, followed by Cole Garcia and Ricky Rodriguez with seven points each.

Eliseo Salas had five points in the contest and Jordan Demps had two.

The Cubs got straight back onto the court for practice when they got home from Kermit.

Brownfield Superintendent Jerry Jones told the *News* that BSD will be taking an extra bus to Dimmitt for students who want a ride to the game.

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Think of him in the rain.
Think of him when you hear the birds sweet refrain.
Enjoy the warm sunlight, He'll chase away the cold.
Cherish what we shared, and our hearts will never grow old.
For this is his love:
That he restored on to us,
To be always there in whatever we do.
Walking in the breeze or watching the clouds sail by.
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MEADOW VFD from One

Guevara proposes the payments from the county go toward the city's general fund, the source from which city management would then pay MVFD bills.

"We don't want a situation where an entity other than the city is responsible for paying for a city obligation," he said. "It's a city department, and the oversight needs to be from the city."

As the *News* previously reported, the commissioners voted 4-0 on Aug. 27 that Precinct 2 Commissioner Kirby Keesee begin collecting MVFD's invoices, then bring them to County Auditor Jan Hudson for payment. Councilwoman M'Lisa Nieman - who abstained from voting Tuesday - and former city employee Robert Campos requested the item be placed on the agenda and attended the meeting during which it was approved.

Commissioners have since raised concerns, though, that the city was not following that plan as efficiently as they wished. For instance, they eventually agreed in their Dec. 21 meeting to reimburse the city for \$10,102 they spent on a new fire truck, but only after expressing frustration that they had not had more input in the original purchase.

"It wasn't what we agreed on, but we went ahead and paid them anyway," County Judge Butch Wagner told the *News*. "We want to fund the department."

The proposed contract still remains in the negotiations stage. As of press time, County Attorney Jo'Shae Ferguson-Worley was in the process of reviewing a copy.

Wagner added that after the contract is updated with terms upon which both the city and county are more likely to agree, it will probably appear on an upcoming commissioners court agenda.

In other business Tuesday, Meadow City Council voted 3-0 - with Councilman Jerry Liles absent at that point - to place on their next agenda a ban in the city of synthetic marijuana. Brownfield, Lubbock and several other surrounding cities have recently passed similar ordinances.

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