

# THE BROWNFIELD NEWS

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# Texas Hall of Fame

Meadow native Sonny Curtis has a lifetime worth of stories to tell about the music industry and a truckload of awards to back his memories up.

Next month, he'll add one more prestigious recognition to his wall of awards when he is inducted into the Texas Heritage Songwriters' Hall of Fame.

Also in this year's class along with Curtis are Ronnie Dunn -- of Brooks and Dunn fame -- and Roger Miller, posthumously.

"It's pretty good company," Curtis told the *Brownfield News* in a Tuesday morning telephone interview from his Nashville home. "Well, it's great company for me. I'm not sure

how those other two feel about it."

With Curtis' stellar career in the music business, it's safe to say the other inductees are pleased to have him as well.

He has penned over 500 songs, recorded by legendary artists across the music spectrum, including Buddy Holly, Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers, Hank Williams, Jr., Bing Crosby, The Everly Brothers, The Grateful Dead, Green Day, Roy Orbison, The Clash and many more.

Sonny was born in a dugout near Meadow in 1937 and was raised on a farm near that city, where he honed his guitar skills and wrote songs as he worked his family's fields through

many long hours on a tractor.

"When you're riding a tractor all day long, you have a chance to think some long thoughts, and I got started that way," he said. "I haven't lived in Terry County for a long time, but it will always be my home."

The songwriter said he tries to never miss the Meadow Reunion and has only fond memories of that city and of Brownfield.

"I got started coming to Brownfield and singing at luncheons for the Lions Club and the Rotary Club in Brownfield," he told the News. "They paid me \$10 a gig. That was good money. Shoot, I still call \$10 good money."

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## Brownfield Crime line

The Brownfield Police Department is seeking information about the following burglaries from last weekend:

- Unknown suspects broke into a night club located in the 400 block of North First Street sometime early Sunday morning and stole a large amount of cash.

- Unknown suspects broke into a vehicle in the 1200 block of East Hill Street sometime Friday and stole a rifle.

The Brownfield Crime Line will pay a cash reward for information that leads to an arrest and indictment of suspects in either case. To report your knowledge of those offenses, please call 637-2511.

## Basketball Scores

Broncos.....58

Spur .....72

## Local Weather

Wed 2/20 63/35  
More clouds than sun, windy. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the mid 30s.

Thu 2/21 60/33  
Mainly sunny and windy. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the low 30s.

Fri 2/22 61/34  
Abundant sunshine. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the mid 30s.

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## Brick by Brick

Masons were busy Tuesday adding their decorative touch to a new sign at the entrance of the Brownfield Family Aquatic Center. The sign's metal base went in more than a month ago.



## Cubs head to Dimmitt for Area game

The Brownfield Runnin' Cubs are hoping for a dose of revenge Friday night when they take on the Bushland Falcons in the Area round of the 2013 basketball playoffs, set to tip off at 6:30 p.m. in Dimmitt.

Bushland ended Brownfield's football season last November in the first round of the playoffs.

The Falcons ousted the Littlefield Wildcats from their playoff run Monday night with a four-point overtime win in Canyon.

"Bushland has some height and they are a very disciplined basketball team," said Head Coach Dustin Faught. "They try to control the pace of the game with their defense. And offensively, they are very methodical, they set up and take their time and look for the shot. It's going to be our game versus their game and who can control the tempo."

Faught said he is looking forward to the Cubs' first playoff game, a first for this crop of BHS basketballers.

"There are no teams left that don't have a ton of talent," he said. "Every team we go up against will be better than the last one, so we have to elevate our game and keep getting better and better."

The Cubs suffered their first loss of 2013 Saturday, but the defeat could serve as a valuable lesson to the District Champions as they head into the Area Championship Friday night.

Faught said the loss Saturday was an opportunity for the Cubs to learn an important lesson.

"I think it's a chance for us to refocus," he said. "There for a little while, we were on cloud nine with a bunch of wins, so this gave us a chance to reevaluate what we're playing for and gives us a wake-up call. We can't just walk into a gym and beat whoever we're up against on talent alone. It's going to take work and now we know we're willing to do that."

Saturday's playoff practice round started off just like many of the Cubs' games this year with El Paso Fabens struggling to keep up in the Kermit gymnasium.

At halftime, the Cubs had built what appeared to be a solid lead, 32-16.

But the Wildcats had other ideas for the second half, slowly chipping away at the Cubs lead, taking advantage of forced turnovers and lagging offensive drives.

Fabens also shot better than 75 percent from the free throw line, where the Cubs put them too many times in the closing minutes.

At the end of the third, the Cubs 16-point halftime lead was whittled down to just three points, 42-39.

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# Firemen seek funding

By JOSIE MUSICO Staff Writer

Certain City of Meadow representatives are dissatisfied with Terry County's intentions to directly pay for their volunteer fire department's training and equipment, and are instead seeking a new contract that offers them the same amount of funding but allows them to pay the bills themselves.

Meadow City Council voted 3-0 on Tuesday morning to grant City Attorney Mike Guevara authority to negotiate an interlocal agreement with the county for fire-protection services and funding.

Guevara told the *News* that his preliminary contract does not request an increase in the amount of

funding from the county to MVFD, but rather a change in the manner in which that money is awarded. In turn for regular payments each budget cycle, the agency would continue to tackle blazes in areas of Terry County other than just the City of Meadow.

"The idea of the agreement is that it's a service contract," he said. "The city is going to be providing services to areas outside of city limits, (and) the county would be paying the city for the service... It basically creates a relationship between the city and county for fire-protection, so it's important that both entities be on the same page."

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# Super Search Continues

## Brownfield ISD still looking for Superintendent

Brownfield's school board will take the next steps on Thursday evening to find a new superintendent, and is so far on track to select their top candidate in about a month.

The board of trustees will meet at 5 p.m. in the administration building.

Following open-session discussions regarding unrelated business, they will review in closed session the pool of resumes they have received so far to fill a position soon to be vacated by retiring Superintendent Jerry Jones. They will determine the number of applicants they wish to interview, then conduct those interviews next week.

The board will further discuss those interviews during a specially-called meeting March 4, selecting a top handful of candidates to whom they will give more-detailed follow-up interviews March 5-7. The board will select

their lone finalist March 21, then after a 21-day waiting period vote during their April 16 meeting to formally hire him or her.

A school board member told the *News* on Sunday that they had received 45 applications at that point.

Other agenda items for Thursday's meeting include federal and state School Report Cards and a discussion about the possible expansion of the school resource officer position. The district-wide Student and Employee of the Month and spelling bee participants will also be recognized.

## brownfieldonline.com OPINION POLL RESULTS

Will all the President's Executive orders help or hurt the U.S. economy?

HELP (15% / 10 votes)  
HURT (85% / 58 votes)

TOTAL VOTERS: 68

Survey 2-12-13 thru 2-19-13

