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ALL-DISTRICT _____ *from Page One*

much they cared about each other and how much they wanted to win for each other. This was a very special group of young men and I couldn't have been more proud of their effort, their commitment to each other, and the sacrifices they made for each other.

The Cubs had more players on the All District team than any other team.

Sophomore Sha'Colby Hill received top honors, voted District 4-2A's Most Valuable Player.

Hill led the Cubs with a scoring average of 18 points per game on the season, in addition to two assists, four rebounds and four steals per game.

"Sha'Colby is very deserving of the MVP award," Coach Faught said. "He had a great year and really took his game to another level when district rolled around."

The District Newcomer of the Year was Ricky Rodriguez, a senior on the Cub squad.

Rodriguez averaged 11 points per game this season, along with two assists and three rebounds. He also averaged more than two steals per game.

"I am going to use a quote from a district coach to describe not only Ricky's season, but also the way he played -- where in the world did that kid come from?'," Faught said. "I think that describes Ricky perfectly. We all knew Ricky had a knack for scoring. He put up big numbers for us offensively, but defensively he was just as big. He might be the most improved player I've had here in Brownfield so far."

Co-Defensive MVP honors went to Cub Shaun Paiva, a senior.

Paiva was a force for the Cubs this season, averaging eight points per game, two assists, six rebounds and two steals.

"Shaun was the anchor for us defensively this year," Coach Faught said. "He always had to play against guys bigger than him and never backed down. The thing I loved about Shaun was that he was always willing to do the little things that it took to win. He is definitely leaving some big shoes to fill."

First Team honors went to Cubs Eliseo Salas, Cole Garcia and Jordan Demps.

Salas, a junior, averaged six points per game, two assists, two rebounds and a steal.

"Eliseo was a floor general for us this year at the point guard spot," the coach said. "He has spent a ton of time working on his game and it paid off for him this year."

Garcia, a junior, averaged four points per game, as well as one assist, four rebounds and a steal.

"Cole stepped up and did a great job on the inside for us this year" Faught said. "He has been a guard for us in the past, but did a great job of filling that post spot for us. Once he adjusted to playing inside, he flourished down there."

Demps, a sophomore, averaged five points per game, two assists, one rebound and one steal.

"Jordan gave us a huge spark coming off of the bench as our 6th man," Faught said. "He played both guard spots for us and always came in with a ton of intensity and speed. He would have been a starter for any other team in district."

Second Team nods went to Cade Powell and Malcolm Rainwater.

Powell, a senior, averaged two points per game, one assist, one rebound and one steal.

"Cade is the ultimate teammate," Faught said. "He is the kind of player that coaches love to have on their teams. He had a great work ethic and a great attitude. When he was in the game I knew he was always going to make the right decisions, play hard on defense, and block out and rebound."

Rainwater, a junior, averaged three points per game, one assist, three rebounds and a steal.

"Malcolm also gave us a huge spark coming off of the bench," the coach said. "He and Cole did a great job of tag-teaming that post spot for us. If he continues to develop his game he is going to be an absolute force inside for us next year."

Faught, in his third year at the helm of the Runnin' Cubs program was voted by his peers as Coach of the Year.

He coached the Cubs to a perfect 10-0 district record and this was his first trip to the playoffs as a head coach.

Senior Menus

Brownfield Senior Citizens Center, March 4-8

Monday - Homemade turkey pot pie, whole-wheat roll, margarine, seasoned corn, tossed salad with dressing, ambrosia salad, low-fat milk

Tuesday - Creamy mushroom steak, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, whole-wheat roll, margarine, emerald pears, low-fat milk

Wednesday - Sweet and sour pork, fried rice, mixed vegetables, tossed salad with dressing, fruit parfait, low-fat milk

Thursday - Baked chicken breast, baked potatoes with sour cream, peas, chocolate pudding, low-fat milk

Friday - Lemon baked fish, parsley rice, whole-wheat roll, margarine, winter fruit cup, peach cobbler, low-fat milk

O'GRADY ____ *from One*

O'Grady then began recounting the mission that almost ended his life on June 2, 1995, which ended after evading enemy soldiers for six days and being rescued by a joint strike force led by U.S. Marines.

"Have you ever had a bad day?" he asked. "I've come to share with you a bad day that I had that turned into six days of death knocking on my door."

Looking back on the ordeal, he told the audience that it was actually the most positive experience of his life, "because of my relationship with God."

"I spent that whole six days praying," he said. "As I was hiding, as I was running, I was praying the entire time and there in the face of death, I had the greatest peace I've ever felt because I have total and utter trust in the Lord. I just kept saying 'Dear Lord, if it be your will, I do not want this to be the end of my life.'"

The second aspect was his love for his family and his desire to see his mom and dad and siblings again, he said.

He wanted to make contact with anyone who could inform his mother that he made it to the ground alive and didn't die in the fireball of his exploding jet after it was hit by a surface-to-air missile.

"Thirdly, I am so patriotic, that I just knew the USA would not leave me out there to die," he said. "I just never doubted it and you are all a part of that. I don't mean just the military, I mean the United States of America and every citizen that was back at home praying for me and hoping for the best. I felt that. You were a part of the team that rescued me and I thank you all for that."

Capt. O'Grady said he is often called a hero, but reminded the audience that they too are heros to someone for their service to community and being leaders in Brownfield and their dedication to their families.

"My heros growing up were not in the movies or on the sports field," he said. "That's all just entertainment. My heros were my parents and my teachers and the adults in my life that taught me how to be a man. Everyone in this room is here because you care about Brownfield and you put in the extra time and effort to make it a better place. That makes you all heros. It's not about accolades or awards. The real reward for helping people is the feeling you get in your heart."

His heros also are the young marines and other military personnel who risked their lives to rescue him after he finally made contact with a pilot on his radio on the sixth day of his ordeal.

They did not hesitate to put a mission together and cross enemy lines to extract him, he said.

"In the end, 61 men went in and 62 came out," he said. "Seeing those helicopters cresting the horizon is the most beautiful sight I've ever seen. And then once we were over the ocean and safe I looked around the helicopter and I saw a bunch of 19-year old marines painted camouflage. Now they were my heros too."

The downing of his plane and his eventual rescue made national headlines for months and eventually was recounted in numerous books and even a blockbuster movie loosely based on his time on the ground.

They all serve to remind him every day to thank God for what he has and for his family and the country he lives in.

"My life is a gift that God gave me," he said in conclusion. "And that day, it was a gift that I was not ready to give up."

FILING _____ *from Page One*

A majority vote is not necessary for the at large positions, eliminating the possibility of a runoff.

The two candidates who receive the most number of votes will earn the seats.

In Place 5, incumbent Jack Pinson filed for another term. He did not draw an opponent and will retain his seat without an election.

In Place 4, Sherrill Lindsey filed and will win the seat without opposition.

Place 4 is currently held by Roxanne Barr, who is ineligible to run because of term limits.

On the Brownfield Independent School District board of trustees, three positions are up for full terms.

Those seats are currently held by Tony Serbantez, Yvonne Rocha and Randy Anthony.

All three incumbents filed to keep their seats.

Rocha is unopposed.

Anthony, appointed earlier this year to fill the seat vacated by Joe Morin, filed late Friday afternoon. He will be challenged by another late filer, Onesimo Garza Jr.

Eric Caswell has filed for the Position 3 seat and will face Serbantez in that race.

At Brownfield Regional Medical Center, three board positions will be on the ballot.

The at-large seats are currently held by Jimmy Jones, Steve Mason and Justin Hesse. All three have filed for another term.

All three men filed for another term.

The board is set to appoint a community member to fill the vacancy left by chairman James Turner, who passed away in January.

In the Wellman-Union ISD, three positions will be on the May ballot. Current board members Michael Franke, Gordon Kelcy and Ed Rodriguez all are eligible to file again.

Franke and Rodriguez have done so, as well as former board member Eddie Garza.

In the Meadow ISD, incumbents Scott Caswell and Keith Harrison have filed for re-election to their seats.

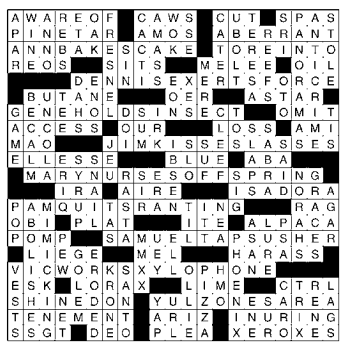
The elections will be held May 11 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The open filing period continues through Friday.

Anyone interested in running for the open positions should pick up filing packets at each of the entities on the ballot. hat for one of the spots.

Super Crossword

Answers



Sono-Ag Information Meeting & Luncheon

DATE: Thursday, March 7
TIME: 11:00 am
WHERE: Dan's Trade Lot
1 Mile Southwest of Brownfield City Limit on Seagraves Hwy

Hamburgers provided by Triumph Seed Company

Learn more about our fertilizer enhancers and seed innoculants. Manufacturers will be present to answer any questions.

For more information:
Danial Puryear - 806-891-7979 or David Puryear 638-7591

TAKS

Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills
Exit Level Retest

March 4th, 5th, 6th & 7th
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

Re-Test Schedule
On the day of testing, please report to the Commons by 8:00 am to register. Testing begins promptly at 8:15am.

TAKS English Language Arts ..... March 4
TAKS Mathematics ..... March 5
TAKS Science ..... March 6
TAKS Social Studies ..... March 7

If you have any questions contact a High School Counselor. (806)637-4523

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For TAKS Tutorials contact BHS

ATTENTION

LIFEGUARD
POSITIONS AVAILABLE

The City of Brownfield has openings for **9 Lifeguards** to work at the Brownfield Family Aquatic Center.

To be considered applicants must:

1) Be at least 16 years of age

2) Pay for CPR/Lifeguard Class
$150 due to City Hall by March 8, 2013 at Noon
Class necessary unless certified within last 2 years.

3) Pass the CPR/Lifeguard Certification Test *($150 - March 11-12)*

4) Applications must be received by Wednesday, March 6, 2013 at 5:00 PM at the Brownfield City Hall

Starting pay $7.25/hour for first year guards

Depending on experience:
Returning Guards pay as much as $8-9/hour

RETURN Your Application to
Brownfield City Hall
201 W Broadway
Ask for Mary West