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## Powell, Paiva earn All-State netter award

Two Brownfield Cubs were included on the prestigious Texas High School Coaches Association Academic All-State Basketball Team this week.

Senior Cubs Shaun Paiva and Cade Powell both were named to the First Team for 2013.

The coaches association names the teams each year in conjunction with the United States Marine Corp.

The teams are selected by a point system that awards points for GPA, class rank and SAT or ACT score. The student/athletes are then placed on teams according to the number of points they have earned.

The team represents the highest point total that can be achieved.

Criteria required to be nominated is 1) must be a senior with an overall GPA of 92 or above, including grades 9-12 and the first six weeks of grade 12; 2) Be a member of the team in good standing at the time of nomination; 3) Be of good moral character.

Paiva earned Co-Defensive MVP honors in District 4-2A.

He was a force for the Cubs this season, averaging eight points per game, two assists, six



Cade Powell



Shaun Paiva

rebounds and two steals. He plans to attend Texas State University in San Marcos after high school.

Powell made the District 4-2A Second Team. He averaged two points per game, one assist, one rebound and one steal.

He plans to attend Lubbock Christian University after high school.

## City okays construction

The Brownfield City Council on Thursday gave its approval to a Lubbock-based contractor to move forward with a program to construct five new homes for pre-selected elderly or disabled residents of the city.

The Home Investment Partnership Program is being funded by grants from the state and administered by South Plains Community Action and will not cost the city anything, according to Brad Patrick, SPCA spokesman.

"This is a tremendous program that will allow five families in the city to have a new home for the first time in their lives," he said.

Eight sealed bids were received to construct the homes and the best, approved by the council, was received from High Plains Contractors of Lubbock, who will build the homes at a cost of \$67,500 each.

"Their bid rated the highest and we are confident that they can successfully construct these homes," Patrick said.

The bid came out to \$64.41 per

square foot per home, which he described as modest, but nice, two-bedroom, one-bathroom homes.

In other business, the council approved four properties to continue its recent efforts to demolish dilapidated structures within the city.

The derelict homes are located at 409 and 501 West Boston, 419 West Reppto and 507 South 6th.

The demolition projects received unanimous support.

The council recognized city employees from the Municipal Court and the Police Department, then went behind closed doors in executive session for discussions of economic development and the annual review of City Manager Eldon Jobe.

No action was taken following the closed sessions.

Council members present for the meeting were Cynthia Morin, Tom Hesse, Roxanne Barr, Rod Bearden, Mayor Bob Simpson, Geronimo Gonzales and Jack Pinson.

Absent was Brent Besler.

## WUISD BOND from One

Accountant Michael De Leon of the firm Wells, Nelson and Associates listed in a guest presentation some examples of how a passage of the bond would affect local property owners. For instance, annual taxes would increase by about \$193 for a \$50,000 home, and by about \$1,935 for a \$500,000 property.

Wellman-Union's school district contains 3,790 active property accounts and in 2012 had a total taxable value of \$267,802,403, Terry County Appraiser Ronny Burran told the News. Residents who live outside the district but commute their children to school there would not be eligible to vote in the election and would be financially unaffected if it passes.

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And if it does, construction would probably begin in October or November following a bidding process, Superintendent Dwayne Chenault told the board.

Mike Baker, an architect with the Lubbock-based firm Parkhill, Smith and Cooper, estimated the entire project would take about 22 to 24 months. One of his company's proposed designs - which the board selected over another option - calls for a new parking lot on the north side of campus with the administration area located at entrance. A main gym, auxiliary gym, locker rooms, auditorium, commons area, cafeteria, library, computer lab and classrooms would all be completely redesigned.

A major focus of the new facility would be its heightened security, Baker said. The building would have multiple exits, but only one door from which to enter. It would contain more video surveillance, and campus visitors would be required to sign in at a reception area.

"Everybody who comes in has to be basically screened before they're allowed into the rest of the building," he said.

Chenault suggested saving money on the project by keeping the current gymnasium for use as a secondary gym while using the newly-constructed gym for most purposes, rather than building a new auxiliary gym.

"This is a pretty nice auxiliary gym if you want to use it that way," he said. "(It) still has seating. (It) still has lighting."

Texas Association of School Boards spokesman Gary Marek educated the board and administrators about some of the rules and procedures regarding their positions during the election season. For example, they were forbidden from using resources such as school computers or company time to express support for the bond election - or any political issue, for that matter - and encouraged to stay as neutral as possible.

"You can spend district funds to acknowledge factual information, but you can't use public funds to advocate a position," he said.

Marek suggested they identify their voters, determine why some might be opposed and be prepared to answer questions such as the age of the current facility, the structure of the proposed new building and how their property taxes would be affected.

"I think you all are going to be able to grasp what their concerns are," he said. "In a small community, if you do get some opposition, it's going to be hard to ignore. Look at those points and respond with factual information. Communicate with voters."

## INVESTIGATION from One

alert, but never placed any of the school campuses on lockdown, as Terry County law enforcement officials searched for DeLuna in the area shortly following the shooting.

Joint funeral services for the Contreras' were held Saturday morning at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Brownfield, with Father Gerald Leatham officiating, with interment following at the Brownfield Cemetery.

The couple was married in 1969, and preceded in death by their respective parents, a son, Ray Mermella, and a grandson Jayden Xzavian.

Together, the couple is survived by five sons, two daughters and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

## Burglary suspect caught

A local man was arrested Tuesday on suspicion that he stole a wallet during a fight and illegally used a debit card he obtained during a separate offense.



Rodriguez

Eddie Lee Rodriguez, 32, faces felony charges of robbery, credit or debit card abuse and fraudulent use or possession of identifying information, as well as misdemeanor criminal trespass.

Rodriguez' burglary charge stems from an incident during a fight between two other men at a New Year's Eve party at a residence in the 600 block of North First Street. According to witness statements, the suspect joined the altercation and then took the victim's wallet.

The victim was treated for emergency medical attention, while Brownfield police began an investigation that eventually led them to form a warrant for Rodriguez' arrest.

About a week later, Rodriguez allegedly took a debit card from a male acquaintance without his permission, then over a three-day period in mid-January used it

to make 27 transactions at local and out-of-town businesses. The purchases had an approximate total monetary value of \$1,666.

That victim notified his bank of the fraudulent use of his account. Management notified police, whose detective work led to another warrant for Rodriguez.

The suspect was brought into custody about 9:24 p.m. Monday during an investigation of a disturbance in the 1000 block of Tahoka Road. According to reports, he was behaving disruptively at a family member's home at that address and was arrested for criminal trespass after he refused commands to leave.

Rodriguez was booked into the Terry County Jail on that misdemeanor charge, then served with his outstanding felony warrants at 3:57 p.m. Tuesday while still incarcerated. He remains at the facility as of press time in lieu of a total bond of \$34,000.

Robbery, Rodriguez' most serious charge, is a second-degree felony punishable by two to 20 years in prison.

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## POWER LINE from One

It is possible that some H-frame or double-circuit structures also will be utilized.

The proposed transmission line will be constructed entirely on new right-of-way with a proposed easement of 70 feet.

The filing presents 14 alterna-

tive routes consisting of a combined 45 segments.

The new line will connect the Sulphur Springs substation in southern Terry County with the Diamondback substation in northern Gaines County.

Other changes will include adjusting the curb and gutters and removing the existing center medians at that location.

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