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Snyder Events!

April 6th

- Scurry County Democrats Meeting, Scurry County Senior Center 6 p.m.

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2023 MOON PHASES	
Full Moon	April 5
Last Quarter	April 13
New Moon	April 19
First Quarter	April 27

COMMISSIONERS PROCLAIM APRIL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH



TSN Photo/ Chad Goebel

Pictured in the front (l-r) are Commissioners Shawn McCowen, Doug Scott, County Judge Dan Hicks, Terry Williams and Jeff Mitchell. In the back representing West Texas Childres Advocacy are Kerrington Harris and Nikki Fuentez.

County Commissioners proclaimed April Child Abuse Prevention Month when they met in a special meeting Tuesday.

The Proclamation reads, more than 67,000 cases of child abuse and neglect were confirmed in Texas during 2022 and whereas child abuse prevention is a community responsibility and finding solutions depends on involvement among all people, and where as everyone in the community should become more aware of child abuse prevention and consider helping parents raise their children in a safe nurturing environment.

Nikki Fuentez with West Texas Childrens Advocacy told commissioners that they have had a record high with interviews and cases in Scurry County this year.

The court accepted two bank depository bids, from West Texas State Bank and First Bank and Trust and an engagement letter from Condley and Company for the annual audit.

The commissioners accepted Justice of the Peace pct. 1 Norma Martinez's resignation letter. Martinez wrote in her letter her resignation is due to the necessity of medical care for her family. Court has opened up applications for Justice of the Peace pct. 1.

To be applicable one must, be a U.S. citizen, a resident of Texas for at least 12 consecutive months, resident of the precinct for six consecutive months, registered to vote in the precinct, 18 years old, not have been convicted of a felony and not to have been determined by a court to be mentally incapacitated.

Duties of the Justice of the peace include but are not limited to, hear traffic and othe Class C misdemeanor cases, hear civil cases with up to \$20,000 in controversy, hear landlord and tenet disputes, hear truancy cases, performs magistrate duties, conduct inquests and will be

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SNYDER ISD HOLDS Q & A FOR FOUR DAY WEEK

Snyder Independent School District held a town hall Q & A last week to have a conversation with the public over a four-day school week.

According to the Snyder ISD's website www.snyderisd.net/4day, Over the past decade, some school districts have explored and transitioned to a four-day school week. Since the beginning of the school year, the Snyder ISD Board of Trustees and Superintendent have been asked about exploring this as an option for Snyder ISD. During the week of February 7, Superintendent Bob Rauch asked the District Education Improvement Committee, which is comprised of teachers, parents, and community members, and the Snyder ISD Board of Trustees if the possibility of a four-day week was worth exploring. Based on their feedback, we began researching the pros and cons of implementing a four-day school week at Snyder ISD.

A survey was released on February 13, to gather input from parents, guardians, staff and 6th-12th grade students. The survey closed on February 19.

This week Snyder ISD released two modules one of a traditional calendar and one of a hybrid calendar for the 2023-24 school year.

The traditional calendar would have teacher's first day of in-service beginning on August 2 and students first day following on the 16. The school would have a total of 28 days of no school between holidays and breaks and would end on May 23.

The hybrid calendar, which is a mix of five-day and four-day school weeks, has teachers first day of in-service August 1

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CLOSED FOR
GOOD FRIDAY

All City of Snyder and Scurry County offices will be closed Friday and will reopen Monday with regular business hours.

Emergency services for the city and county, including law enforcement, fire protection and emergency medical services, will operate as usual throughout the holiday.

The city landfill will be open from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Friday.

Snyder's U.S. Post Office will operate on its normal schedule.

The Scurry County library will be closed Friday and Saturday.

West Texas State Bank will close early Friday at 3 p.m. and its motor bank will be closed Saturday. Scurry County School Federal Credit Union will be closed Friday. Community Bank of Snyder will close at noon on Friday. Prosperity Bank of Snyder and First Bank and Trust will be open normal business hours Friday.

Snyder ISD will have an early release on Thursday and be out on Friday. Ira ISD and the Snyder Christian School will be out on Friday and Monday. Hermligh ISD's campus will be closed on Friday.

Easter Happenings

Many local churches will be holding services this weekend for Easter Sunday. Times of services are listed below.

Thursday

- Snyder Ministerial Alliance, First Baptist Church noon to 1 p.m.
- First Presbyterian Church, Maundy Service 6 p.m.

Friday

- Snyder Ministerial Alliance, Grace Fellowship Church 7 a.m. to 8 a.m.

Saturday

- Colonial Hill Baptist Church, 6 p.m.

Easter Sunday

- His Heart Fellowship, Sunrise service 7:15 a.m. and regular service 10 a.m.
- Colonial Hill Baptist Church, 8:30 a.m. 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.
- StoneWater Church, 10 a.m. Snyder Junior High School.
- Grace Fellowship Church, 10 a.m.
- First Baptist Church, 10:15 a.m.
- Calvary Baptist Church, 10:30 a.m. featuring Mack Brock Worsham Auditorium.
- Family Faith Center, 10:30 a.m.
- The Word is Life Deliverance Church, 10:30 a.m.
- First Presbyterian Church, 11 a.m.

KIDS EVENTS:

Many local churches and organizations will be holding family events for the Easter Holiday this weekend.

Thursday the Scurry County Youth Center will have an Easter Egg Hunt on the square starting at 6 p.m. All ages are invited. Babies to four-year-olds will hunt in the pocket park, ages five to eight will hunt on the south side of the courthouse across from the Ritz Community Theatre and ages nine to 12 will hunt on the north side of the courthouse across from Bucks & Bows.

StoneWater Church will hold an Easter Fun in the Park at the Prairie Dog Pavilion in Towle Park Friday. The event features an Easter Egg hunt and prizes, bounce houses and free breakfast burritos from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Calvary Baptist Church will have its Spring Festival Saturday 10 a.m. to noon. This event will have live music, snow cones, cotton candy, games and prizes, face painting, inflatables and more.

On Easter Sunday, the Family Faith Center Snyder will have a GIANT Easter Egg hunt featuring 10,000 eggs in Towle Park East side of the pond beginning at 3 p.m.

All events are open to the public and rumor has it the Easter Bunny will be in attendance for photos.

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City Council approves pay raise for interim City Manager

City Council approved a pay raise for interim City Manager Eli Torres Monday. Torres will receive a \$135,000 salary while interim. Council is still taking applications and reviewing possible candidates for City Manager through SRG Recruitment. This process is something council and Mayor Stephanie Ducheneaux are taking seriously.

Council approved a tax abatement with Snyder Luxury Villas, LLC. The four-million-dollar project will build a 48-unit apartment complex in Snyder. The complex is to be built between College Ave. and Ave. T in the Llano Escondido Reinvestment Zone.

Council approved the quarterly report for the Snyder Chamber of Commerce and approved assisting the chamber with the Fourth of July Firework Display in the amount of \$4,125. The city assisted with funding the display last year with the same amount. The total for the firework display is around \$16,000.

Council met in executive session with SRG Recruitment for an update on the hiring of a new City Manager but no action was taken when the board reconvened.

Business of the Month



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The Snyder Chamber of Commerce named Winston Field Airport April's Business of the Month. Pictured on the front row (l-r) are Summer Thomas, Sandra Salinas, Diana Zapata, Melisa Martin, Delores Hartman, Janet Spence, Linda Molina, David Koonce, County Judge Dan Hicks and Jennifer Rosas. On the back row are Merle Taylor, Leon Ford, Josh Ortegon, Mike Sneed, Jackie Murray and Rosario Juarez.

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and students first day following on the 9. The calendar shows 39 days off between holidays and break with a first for SISD having a Fall Break some schools offer. The last day of school for students will be May 23.

Snyder ISD is compiling information from surveys at this moment now that they have a module and answers to some of the frequently asked questions. The board is hopeful to have a decision made at the April meeting but Board of Trustees President, Brad Hinton has spoken about this decision will be one of the toughest they will make and no decision will be made lightly.

To view FAQ's and get more information visit, www.snyderisd.net/4day.


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Charles “Lee” Minyard

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Charles “Lee” Minyard, 57, passed away on April 1, 2023, in Odessa after a long battle with cancer.

Lee was a kind, friendly, salt-of-the earth man, who put his family and God before all others. He made many friends and no enemies and was a firm believer that hard work and respect could get you far in life. He was never shy to offer a helping hand to any stranger who needed it. He was quick to crack a joke at a moment’s notice and would always be eager to brag to you about his loving family. He will be deeply missed.

Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. with a rosary at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 5, 2023, at Sunset Memorial Gardens and Funeral Home. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Thursday, April 6, 2023, at St. Mary’s Catholic Church with Father Bernardito.

Lee was born on August 16, 1965, to Kenneth and Shirley Minyard in Santa Anna, TX. He had two siblings, Lisa and David. He graduated from Snyder High. He joined the Marine Corps after High School where he served during Operation Desert Shield.

In 1994, Lee married Maribelle Vigil in Odessa, TX. They were married for 29 loving years. They had one son, Zachary Vigil-Minyard.

Lee worked route sales for Frito Lay for over 20 years before retiring in 2022. He served on the St. Mary’s Catholic Church Parish Council and St. Mary’s Catholic School Board for several years. He was a valued member of the parish and helped with the remodeling of the church in 2022.

Lee enjoyed going to the movies with his son, spending time with family at social events, dancing to tejano music with his wife, taking long deserved naps with his beloved dog, watching the Longhorns football games on the weekends, and staying busy with projects around the house.

Lee is preceded in death by his parents, Keneth and Shirley Minyard.

Lee is survived by his wife Maribelle, son Zachary, daughter Ashton Williams, son Aharon Minyard and his spouse Hayley, siblings Lisa Smith and David Minyard, grandchildren Nick, Andrew, Beckham and Blair, and furry companion Zelda.

The family would like to thank everyone for their kind words, support, and copious amounts of food and love offered to them during this trying time. Their kindness in this difficult moment will not be forgotten.

Arrangements are entrusted to Sunset Memorial Gardens and Funeral Home in Odessa, TX. To send condolences to the family or to share a fond memory, please visit his obituary at www.sunsetodessa.com.

Blotter

• Arrests

Jacob Anthony French, 28, was arrested at 5:35 p.m. Sunday in the 2700 block of Round Rock Ave. on warrants for unlawful possession of a firearm, theft greater than \$100 but less than \$750, evading arrest and resisting arrest.

Justin Wade Douglass, 20, was arrested at 11:42 a.m. Monday at the Taylor County Jail on warrants for motion to revoke probation on an original charge of unauthorized absence from a community correctional facility and public intoxication.

A 19-year-old man was arrested at 12:03 a.m. Saturday in the 1600 block of 28th Street for no Texas drivers license.

A 47-year-old man was arrested at 4:46 a.m. Saturday in the 2700 block of Ave. C for driving while intoxicated.

A 35-year-old man was arrested at 4:46 a.m. Saturday in the 2700 block of Ave. C for public intoxication.

A 17-year-old man was arrested at 1:17 p.m. Saturday in the 2800 block of Ave. Q on warrants for disorderly conduct obscene language and minor in possession of tobacco.

A 17-year-old man was arrested at 6:18 a.m. Sunday in the 2400 block of 21st Street for driving while intoxicated.

A 65-year-old man was arrested at 11:58 a.m. Sunday in the 1000 block of 27th Street on warrants for failure to appear at a show cause hearing regarding court ordered parent education and family stabilization and failure to appear at a show cause hearing regarding failure to pay court costs.

A 29-year-old woman was arrested at 3:22 p.m. Monday in the 3300 block of El Paso Ave. for disorderly conduct language.

A 24-year-old woman was arrested at 3:25 p.m. Monday in the 1700 block of 30th Street on warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility.

A 26-year-old man was arrested at 12:37 a.m. Tuesday in the 3300 block of Ave. E for driving while intoxicated.

A 38-year-old woman was arrested at 1:28 a.m. Tuesday in the 1900 block of 43rd Street on warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility and failure to yield row, private drive and alley or building.

• Shots Fired

Shots fired was reported at 8:42 p.m. Friday in the 3100 block of 40th Street.

Shots fired was reported at 11:09 p.m. Saturday near the intersection of CR 148 and Hwy. 208.

• Man with a Gun

A man with a gun was reported at 7:55 p.m. Saturday in Towle Park.

• Assaults

An assault was reported at 5:02 a.m. Saturday in the 1700 block of Cogdell Blvd.

An assault was reported at 11:56 a.m. Sunday in the 1000 block of FM 1609.

An assault was reported at 9:44 p.m. Monday in the 1700 block of Cogdell Blvd.

• Thefts

A theft was reported at 7:16 a.m. Monday near the intersection of U.S. Hwy. 180 and FM 1611.

A theft was reported at 11:08 a.m. Monday in the 400 block of 37th Street.

• Verbal Disturbances

A verbal disturbance was reported at 3:09 p.m. Friday in the 2800 block of Ave. V.

A verbal disturbance was reported at 6:49 a.m. Sunday near the intersection of 27th Street and Ave. T.

A verbal disturbance was reported at 10:53 a.m. Sunday in the 2100 block of 27th Street.

• Suspicious Persons

A suspicious persons was reported at 10:17 p.m. Friday in the 4500 block of Garwood Ave.

A suspicious person was reported at 10:25 p.m. Friday in the 3300 block of 45th Street.

A suspicious person was reported at 12:25 a.m. Saturday in the 2400 block of 30th Street.

A suspicious person was reported at 4:05 p.m. Monday in the 3900 block of College Ave.

A suspicious person was reported at 1:09 a.m. Tuesday in the 3900 block of Ave. O.

• Criminal Trespass

A criminal trespass warning was issued at 10:13 a.m. Monday in the 1800 block of 25th Street.

• Accidents

A two-vehicle accident was reported at 12:36 p.m. Saturday in the 300 block of 35th Street.

A two-vehicle accident was reported at 2:11 p.m. Saturday in the 4000 block of College Ave.

A hit-and-run was reported at 7:19 p.m. Monday in the 900 block of Coliseum Drive.

A hit-and-run was reported at 8:41 p.m. Monday in the 1700 block of Cogdell Blvd.

• Animal Concerns

Livestock on the roadway was reported at 8:56 a.m. Saturday near the intersection of U.S. Hwy. 180 and FM 1614.

Livestock on the roadway was reported

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Note of Appreciation

This note of appreciation is written with the deepest gratitude and regard. Thank you doesn’t begin to express how our family feels towards all of those who showered us with love, compassion, and sympathy when we lost our beloved Connie Denise Weber. Your kind words and endearing messages did not go unheard. We felt them to our core in our deepest time of need.

Thank you to those who sent plants, flowers, and food during the days following Connie’s untimely passing. Every single gesture restored faith and promise that healing could begin. Thank you to all those that cared for and loved Connie - it means the world to our family that she touched so many lives. She may be gone, but she left such a lasting impact that she will undoubtedly live on in the memories of all of us who loved and cared for her.

In Gratitude,
Kathy Weber, Karen Lind & Brenna Roberson

The following poems are being shared by the family as they are especially healing in times like these

“When Tomorrow Starts Without Me”
by David M. Romano (excerpt)


When tomorrow starts without me
Please try to understand
That an angel came and called my name
And took me by the hand.

The angel said my place was ready
In Heaven far above
And that I'd have to leave behind
All those I dearly love.
But when I walked through Heaven's gate I felt so much at home
For God looked down and smiled at me And told me, “Welcome Home.”

So when tomorrow starts without me
Don't think we're far apart
For every time you think of me
I'm right here in your heart.

She's in the Sun, the Wind, the Rain
by Christy Ann Martine

*She's in the sun,
the wind, the rain,
she's in the air you
breathe with every
breath you take.
She sings a song
of hope and cheer,
there's no more pain,
no more fear.
You'll see her
in the clouds above
hear her whisper
words of love,
you'll be together
before long, until then
listen for her song.*



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Scurry County Weather

Wednesday, April 5 67/43
Sunny , N Wind 5-15
Sunrise 7:27 am Sunset 8:06 pm

Thursday, April 6 68/42
Mostly Sunny E. Wind 10-15
Sunrise 7:26 am, Sunset 8:062 pm

Friday, April 7 60/42
Cloudy, 20% Chance Rain
Sunrise 7:25 am, Sunset 8:07

Saturday, April 8 71/46
Mostly Sunny, Clear Evening
Sunrise 7:24 am, Sunset 8:08

Precipitation (Sat-Tues.): 0.00 inches
2023 precipitation: 00.24 inches

Idle American

They generally give us the benefit of the doubt even when we are dead wrong, wagging their tails while licking the



Dr. Don Newbury

hands that feed them. In their way, they pledge unending devotion, no matter what. One doesn't have to look very far into literature or incline their ears to very many songs to hear dogs revered by the masses, but reviled by some who have no use for them.

Elvis Presley reminded some canines that they were "nothing but hound dogs," and an expression from the lips of thoughtless people suggests that some situations "shouldn't happen to a dog."...

A canine defender compared dogs with cats. "When owners say 'sit' to their dogs, they usually sit. Extend the same command to a cat, and the pet responds that it'll 'get back with us later.'"

We who admit to being dog fanciers--and the same

is probably true for feline owners--feel strongly about our choices. Reasons do not have to be given from either quarter.

Truth to tell, we don't have dogs; they have us....

All this aside, dogs assist the living in many critical ways. Think about it, you never hear about "drug-sniffing cats." And don't expect even the most muscular cat to join a dogsled team.

Thanks to the inquiring mind of Sharon Grigsby, brilliant Dallas Morning News journalist, we learn that at least one dog assists the dead as well.

His name is Rusty, and he's found his place in life. Instead of a junkyard dog, he's a graveyard canine who chooses to wander around the 27,000 resting places on the 48-acre Oakland Cemetery, where dirt was first turned in 1892....

Rusty and a pack of four other dogs wandered into the historic south Dallas cemetery some three years ago. Almost immediately, animal control personnel rounded up the animals, sans Rusty.

For more than six months, they tried repeatedly to cap-

ture Rusty, but he fell for none of their enticements. They set up video cameras and traps--not to mention his favorite treats--and nothing worked.

Finally, Rusty's file became inactive....

He has become a celebrity dog, says Monica Newbury (no relation). "Vets are offering free services, and visitors to the cemetery are bringing treats by the truckload," Monica said.

She warns, however, that Rusty gets along just fine without cuddling or petting, sometimes growling so folks will keep their distance. He not only roams the premises, but also barks when anyone enters the cemetery....

Several have offered to adopt the 60-pound collie mix, but no dice. The doggy in the window has a price; Rusty is not for sale.

The old cemetery has fallen on hard times, and it's hard to keep up with volunteer help.

A gift of cash or pledge to work honors Rusty and is invaluable to a storied cemetery. Interred there are numerous state representatives, eight mayors, a senator and numerous other luminaries. Many markers have names

Rusty to the Rescue...

synonymous with street signs in Dallas and Highland Park....

Others include the founding president of Dallas Power and Light (now TXU). Two recently- discovered granite markers--6-feet tall and 10-feet wide--mark resting places of persons who provided major funding for the establishment of Children's Medical Center in Dallas.

The graves were obscured by brush and brambles back

in 2019, when the cemetery board declared bankruptcy, clearing the way for a new beginning. Monica and Armando Gonzalez Jr. work part-time to organize burials, meet family needs, keep records and maintain the grounds. They urge folks to visit the cemetery, and to bring along weed-eaters when they come. (More information about volunteering or making donations can be found at <https://oaklandcemeterydallas.com>.) Persons helping are honor-

ing the deceased and paying tribute to a unique service dog. Monica and Armando hope visitors will at least get sight of Rusty, working until they are, well, dog-tired....

Dr. Newbury was a long-time university president. He has written columns of humor and inspiration since 2003, and still is an after-dinner speaker throughout Texas. Email: newbury@speaker-doc.com.

Letter to the Editor

Thank You Merle

Today marks the retirement of the Snyder City Manager, Merle Taylor. Thank you for your years of service to the citizens of this community. Your interest and personal support has brought about many individual projects that contributed to the betterment of the town. You have always fulfilled the responsibilities of your position with honesty, integrity and professionalism. We are proud to have had you represent the citizenry. Our best wishes go with you in the days ahead.

—Frank and Elyndabeth Toland

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Community Bank of Snyder

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Rig Locations

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As of March 31

Runnels County

PTD	Operator	Lease	Contractor/Rig	Activity/Depth
4900'	Window Oper.	Briggs #1	BlueLine Drilling	Drilling Ahead

Fisher County

PTD	Operator	Lease	Contractor/Rig	Activity/Depth
5900'	LSC Prod	Touchstone Lila #10	SPA Drilling 401	Drilling Ahead
7500'	Browning Oil	Grand Canyon W31-46 #3HB	Power Rig LLC	Drilling Ahead
7000'	Peregrine	Terry 1	Lasso 101	Drilling Ahead

Borden County

PTD	Operator	Lease	Contractor/Rig	Activity/Depth
9500'	Surge Operating	Werewolf Unit B 12-05 4AH	Latshaw Drilling #10	Drilling Ahead
9000'	King Oper	Miller Ranch #A501MV	Nabors Drilling	Drilling Ahead
6800	High Peak Energy	GR Central 50-64 #A 7H	Patterson UTI 255	Drilling Ahead

() last week

Other Rig Counts

Eddy Co, NM (54)56	Reagan (11)10	Howard (14)17	Midland (32) 32
Lea Co, NM (49)49	Andrews (10)11	Loving (27)25	Reeves (41) 40
Upton (18)18	Glasscock (9)7	Martin (42)42	Ward (9)12



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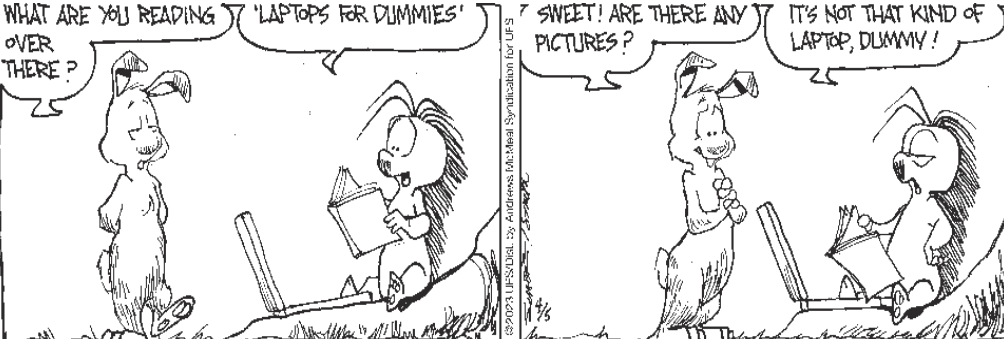
ALLEY OOP® by Joey Alison Sayers & Jonathan Lemon



THE BORN LOSER® by Art and Chip Sansom



THE GRIZZWELLS® by Bill Schorr



MODERATELY CONFUSED® by Jeff Stahler



Astro-Graph

Wednesday, April 5, 2023

Refuse to let emotional matters take over your life. Think your plans through from beginning to end and find a practical solution that helps you and the people you love. It's OK to dream, but when it comes to what matters most, a reserved attitude will help you find the most efficient way to get things done to your liking.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Anger will impact your performance. A change of plans shouldn't cost you financially. Examine details before you agree to something. Efficiency will be the key to your success.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Think before you act. Have a foolproof plan in place before you begin. Use your imagination to find an exciting way to attract interest, and everything else will fall into place.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Keep an open mind, but refuse to believe everything you hear. Verify information before you accept it or pass it along. Spend time learning, developing and preparing for the future.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Do what's required, and don't look back. Now is not the time to let others take charge or beat you at your own game. Put your energy to good use and finish what you start.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Look for opportunities instead of piggybacking on someone else's good fortune. Think for yourself and follow your heart and dreams. Use your charm and take the initiative.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- You'll discover valuable information if you listen and observe. Your ability to size up situations and turn whatever you do into something worthwhile will make you a popular leader.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Hide your feelings until you know how others will react. Don't make a fuss or start a feud that can influence the outcome of a partnership or proposition. Immerse yourself in quality control and getting things right the first time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Don't hang back when embracing life and what it has to offer is required. Engage in conversations with someone close, and you will build a strong relationship. Make domestic changes.

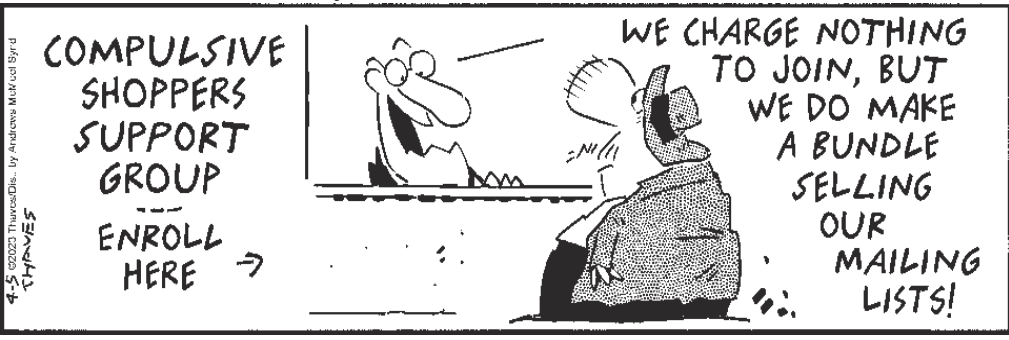
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- It's OK to do things differently if you are prepared to prove your point. Trusting and believing in your ability will convince others to do the same. Don't fold under pressure.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- A change is necessary if you want to protect your position and reputation. Put more thought into how you run your personal life. Pay attention to how you look and represent yourself to others.

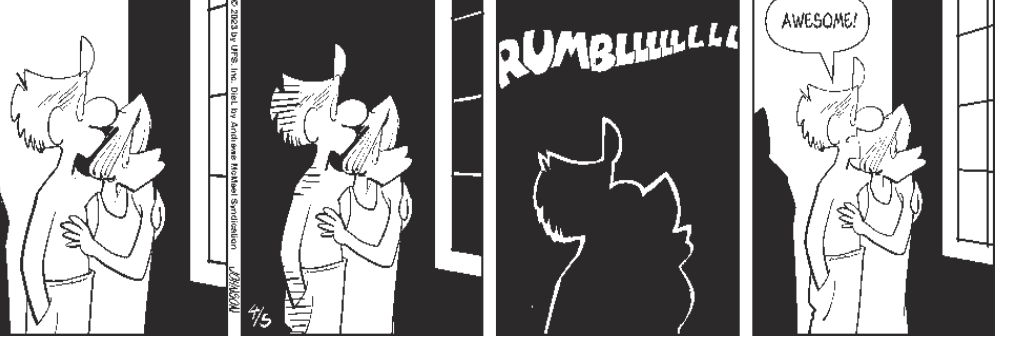
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Listen closely and you'll come across information that can help you avoid making a mistake. Don't feel compelled to be someone's puppet. Hold on to your cash.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- A solid investment will change your life. Join forces with someone who cares about things you care about. Love and romance are on the rise. Move into the future with a glad heart.

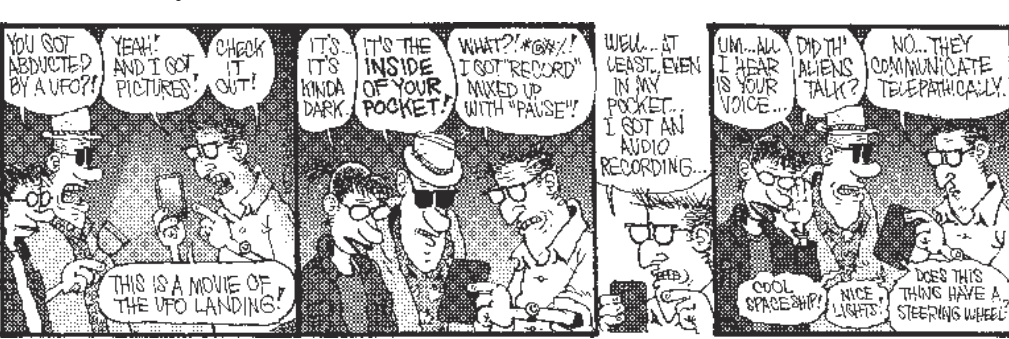
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Wednesday, April 5, 2023

Today is the 95th day of 2023 and the 17th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1792, George Washington cast the first presidential veto, striking down a bill that concerned representative apportionment among the states.

In 1933, President Franklin D. Roosevelt issued an executive order establishing the Civilian Conservation Corps.

In 1955, Winston Churchill resigned as prime minister of Great Britain due to failing health.

In 2010, an explosion at the Upper Big Branch coal mine in West Virginia killed 29 miners.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Thomas Hobbes (1588-1679), philosopher; Booker T. Washington (1856-1915), writer/educator; Spencer Tracy (1900-1967), actor; Bette Davis (1908-1989), actress; Gregory Peck (1916-2003), actor; Roger Corman (1926-), filmmaker; Colin Powell (1937-2021), U.S. Army general/diplomat; Mitch Pileggi (1952-), actor; Pharrell Williams (1973-), rapper/producer; Sterling K. Brown (1976-), actor; Hayley Atwell (1982-), actress; Lily James (1989-), actress.

TODAY'S FACT: Easter Island, located in the southeastern Pacific Ocean, was given its name by its first recorded European visitor, Dutch explorer Jacob Roggeveen, who first encountered it on Easter Sunday, on this day in 1722.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1984, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar of the Los Angeles Lakers scored his 31,420th career point, breaking the NBA's all-time scoring record.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I would permit no man ... to narrow and degrade my soul by making me hate him." -- Booker T. Washington, "Up From Slavery"

TODAY'S NUMBER: 9 -- films directed by Roger Corman in 1957. Corman is credited with directing 56 films and producing 512 more between 1954 and 2023.

TODAY'S MOON: Full moon (April 5).

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ANSWER:

NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Chat

4 The "Velvet Fog" Torne

7 Boat front

11 Fireman's tool (var.)

12 Rock concert gear

14 Hard to get

15 Ceiling

16 Boy, in Barcelona

17 Fifty-fifty

18 Fall upon

20 Breaking news

22 Gatsby's first name

23 Big League event

24 Lhasa monks

27 Neaten (2 wds.)

30 Mr. Trebek

31 He loved Lucy (var.)

32 Knock

34 Bleat

35 " -- Misbehavin'"

36 Resting place

37 Charge

39 Marmalade kin

40 Hgt.

41 Noon, in ancient Rome

42 Gorgon of myth

45 Christie of whodunits

49 Like

50 Muscle quivers

52 Decay

53 Cultured fellow

54 This, in Tulum

55 PFC mail drop

56 Date in March

57 Pull

58 Female principle

DOWN

1 Fete

2 Line of rotation

3 Futons and pallets

4 Obsessions

5 Poet -- Dickinson

6 Hosp. staffer

7 Cute

8 Utter deliriously

9 Raw metals

10 Hit the road

13 Featured musician

19 Cleanser brand

21 German import

24 Science class

25 Mountain range near China

26 Stingy

27 Pavilion

28 Caspian Sea tributary

29 Bucket

31 Use a steno

33 Snoot

35 Has a fever

36 Darth's daughter

38 Disheartens

39 Type of puzzle

41 Craft knife (hyph.)

42 Noted star-seekers

43 Barely scraped by

44 Have a meal

46 Food holder

47 Arizona Indian

48 Like -- of bricks

51 Hobby ender

Bridge

Use the rule of fourteen

Defense is the hardest part of the game. This is because you can see only half of your army, whereas the declarer can see all of his forces, making it easier for him to plan his campaign. It is tough always to find the best play when you cannot be sure of your partner's cards.

When does defense begin? Most people will answer, "With the opening lead," but that isn't right. It begins with the bidding. You won't find the best opening lead if you don't listen to and analyze the auction.

Look at the bidding and only the West hand -- no peeking! What conclusions can you draw, and which card would you lead against three no-trump?

True, you might not agree with the double, but I am only telling it as it was.

Sitting West was Richard Frey, playing in the 1942 Goldman Pairs in New York City, which he won with Sonny Moysse Jr. They were two of the all-time greats of American bridge.

Frey applied the Rule of Fourteen. The opponents, having struggled into three no-trump, were likely to have 25 or 26 high-card points. Similarly, the defenders would have approximately 14 points -- hence the rule. Here, Frey was looking at 13, leaving hopefully 1 for his partner.

Which useful jack could East produce? The club jack would be best, so Frey led the club queen!

It was the killer (as would have been the club ace followed by the queen). Any other lead would have allowed declarer the time to establish the diamond suit and collect nine tricks.

North 04-05-23

♠ A 5 4

♥ J 8

♦ Q J 5 4 3

♣ 9 8 2

West

♠ Q 10 9

♥ Q 10 9 5

♦ K 7 6

♣ A Q 10

East

♠ 7 6 3 2

♥ 6 3 2

♦ 2

♣ J 7 6 5 3

South

♠ K J 8

♥ A K 7 4

♦ A 10 9 8

♣ K 4

Dealer: South

Vulnerable: North-South

South West North East

1NT* Pass 2NT Pass

3NT Dbl. All Pass

*16-18 points

Opening lead: ??

Tigers remain undefeated in district

The Snyder Tigers improved to 3-0 in district play following their 13-2 win over the Levelland Lobos Tuesday behind Ty Davis' no-hitter.

The Lobos took an early lead after scoring on an error from the Tigers for a 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning. The Tigers evened the score in the bottom of the first after Easton Stewart reached home plate after Dyllan Angeley grounded out. The Tigers took the lead after Tyler Clark's single drove in Aythen Tarin for the 2-0 lead at the end of the opening inning. Both teams went scoreless in the second inning. The Lobos tied the game after recording a run in the top of the third inning. Snyder regained the lead after Kyler Groves' single drove in Tarin for a 3-2 lead to start the bottom of the third inning. The Tigers padded their lead after Tony Cagle's double drove in Groves and Clark for a 5-2 lead at the end of the third inning. The Tigers' offense poured it on in the bottom of the fourth inning. House recorded Snyder's first run of the fourth inning after Groves was walked on loaded bases. Stewart reached home after Clark was walked to pad Snyder's lead to 7-2. Tarin reached home after Ty Davis was hit by a pitch to add to Snyder's lead. Groves padded the lead after reaching home on a wild pitch. House's double drove in Clark and Hayden Foster to give Snyder an 11-2 lead. Ethan Rios and House reached home plate on an error from Levelland to give Snyder the 13-2 lead at the end of the fourth inning. The Tigers held the Lobos scoreless in the top of the fifth inning to secure the 13-2 win. House, Stewart, Tarin and Groves led Snyder with two hits each. Tarin led Snyder with three runs. House, Groves, Clark and Cagle led with two RBIs each.

Through five innings, Davis allowed no hits, two runs, six walks and recorded five strikeouts.

The Tigers will return to the field Thursday at home to host the Big Spring Steers.

The game will begin at 7 p.m. at Steer Park.

Tickets will be sold at the gate.



TSN Photo/ Jose Jimenez
The Tigers celebrated following Tyler Clark's run during Tuesday's game.

Lions hold off Cardinals



TSN Photo/ Jose Jimenez
The Cardinals' late rally was not enough in their 11-10 loss to the Roby Lions. Brazos Nachlinger (above) led the Cardinals with three hits. Nachlinger and Granados led in runs with three each. Through 2.2 innings, Nachlinger allowed six hits, seven runs, no walks and recorded three strikeouts. Through 12 pitches, Carr allowed no hits, no runs and no walks. Through 3.1 innings, Hunter Simpson allowed two hits, four runs, five walks and recorded three strikeouts. The Cardinals will return to the field Friday at home to host the Roby Lions. The game will begin at 7 p.m.

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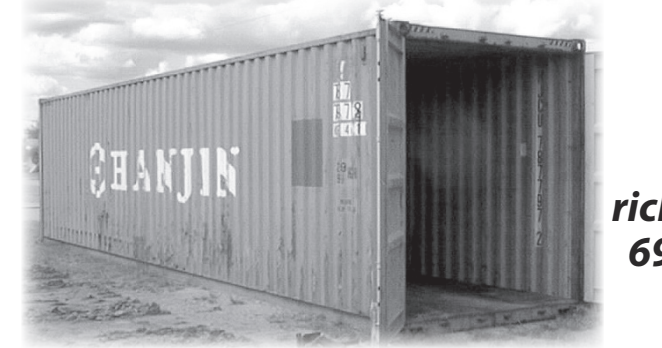
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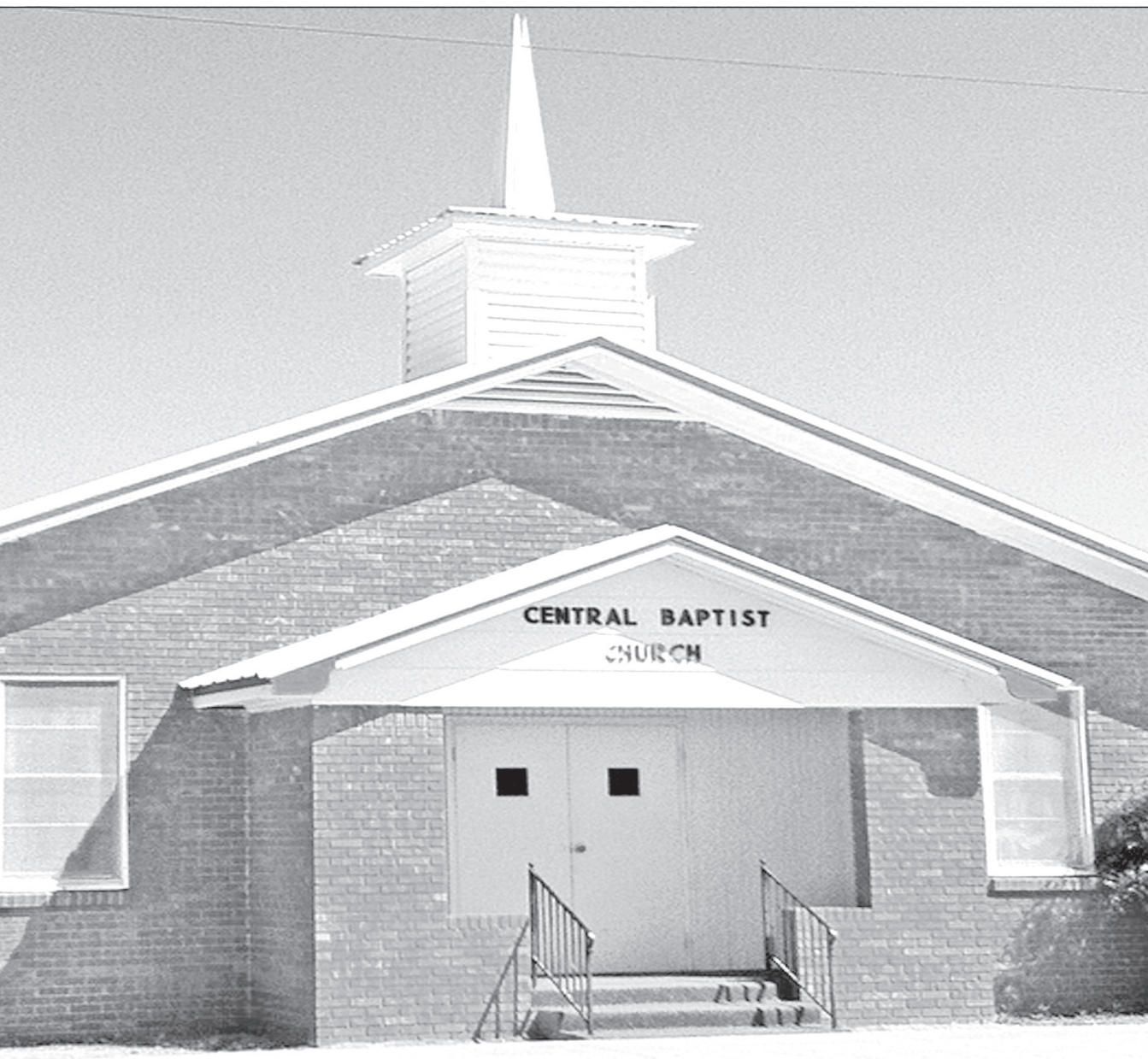

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The Humble Savior

Jesus’ triumphal entry into the city of Jerusalem was not like most kings or rulers of His time... Jesus, rode in on a donkey as a humble servant proclaiming His everlasting peace (Zech. 9:9). Jesus chose humility instead of pride. He had access to all the power in the universe but chose not to use it (Matt. 26:53-54). This grand picture of the Savior’s humility the Sunday before Passover was in line with who Jesus truly was, as He once proclaimed, “For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many” (Mark 10:45).

Humility was the only answer to overcome the prideful flesh of humanity. The Second Adam (Jesus) had to undo the damage caused by the first Adam (Rom. 5:12-21). Ever since the fall of man in the garden, pride has been the number one deceiver and dictator of each person’s fleshly appetite. And because of this pride problem, the human race needed an antidote for its prideful flesh. That is why Christ came in the Spirit of humility. The foot washing, donkey riding, Son of God would crush the head of the deadly serpent by the means of humble obedience to God the Father (Gen. 3:15). The first-born of many brothers would lower Himself to the dust from which the First Adam was made, so that the prison gates of pride could be shattered. Praise God for our Humble Savior!

The Word of God tells us that, “Pride leads to destruction; humility leads to honor” (Pro. 18:12). Pride will always be the fastest, cheapest, and most used transportation route that leads to the fiery pits of hell. That’s why the first step to our salvation in Christ is to humbly come to the throne of grace in repentance! Jesus tells us to come to Him with a humble mindset like a little child in need (Luke 18:15-17). James the half-brother of Jesus tells us, “Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up in honor” (Jas. 4:10). Peter tells us that “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble” (1 Pet. 5:6).

And so come to Jesus, and shout with a humble heart “Hosanna in the highest!” (Mark 11:10). “Hosanna” is a Hebrew word that means, “to save now.” The wonderful beauty of the Gospel is that Jesus was able to “Hosanna” because of His humility. And so lay aside your pride like Jesus and come to God in humility and receive His grace. Be forever thankful for the Humble Lamb that was led away to be slaughtered for your sin. And strive to walk in humility for that is how Jesus walked. Happy Passion Week!

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Lady Tigers stun No. 4 Loboettes

The Snyder Lady Tigers upset the No. 4 Levelland Loboettes 3-1 Tuesday.

The Lady Tigers opened the scoring against the Loboettes after Saleigh Hernandez's single drove in Kyra Solis for a 1-0 lead at the end of the opening inning. Kayla Vasquez double the Lady Tigers' lead after reaching home plate on an error from the Loboettes at the end of the second inning. Both teams held each other scoreless through the next two innings. Giselle Borrego's single drove in Ava Aviles to end the scoring drought in the fifth inning for the 3-0 lead. Both teams held each other scoreless in the sixth inning. The Lady Tigers held the Loboettes to a single run in the top of the seventh inning to secure the 3-1 win. Aviles led the Lady Tigers with a pair of

hits. Aviles, Solis and Kayla Vasquez each recorded a run. Hernandez and Borrego each recorded an RBI.

Through seven innings, Aviles allowed two hits, one run and recorded 10 strikeouts.

Head Coach Regina Cummings said the Lady Tigers prepared well for the game.

"We prepared for this game. We worked yesterday, we had a long practice and we worked on everything. We worked on throwing we worked on fielding, running, hitting, slapping and bunting. I told them yesterday that it's going to be a dogfight and y'all gotta be ready for it, and I think they were ready. They came out hot, ready to go and that's all I could ask for," she said.

Cummings said the win gives the Lady Tigers mo-

mentum heading into the second half of district play.

"I think we all knew coming into this game today that Levelland was the team to beat. They've been riding the season pretty well and they've they're number one in district. I told them before that we can do it, but we got to believe that we can and they did. I think this is the momentum that we're going to need to carry us to the second half of district," she said.

Cummings said the Lady Tigers' aggressiveness guided them to the win over the Loboettes.

"I think today we just came out more aggressive. That's something that I really wanted to bring into this program. What I wanted to bring into this program was aggressiveness and that's what we did today. We came out ready to



TSN Photo/ Jose Jimenez

The Lady Tigers celebrated following the final out of the game Tuesday.

hit, we came out ready to run, we did it and we executed well. I can't ask for anything more," she said.

The Lady Tigers will return to the field Thursday at home to host the Big Spring Lady Steers.

The game begins at 5 p.m.

Lady Tigers compete at Lubbock, Tigers host final district round

The Lady Tigers traveled to Lubbock last Wednesday for their second round of district at the Shadow Hills Golf Course.

The Lady Tigers shot 426. Emma Brunson shot 90 (189 total), Aspen Reeves shot 92 (196 total), Mallory Chappell shot 100 (209 total), Julieann Benites, no show and Jalee Guerrero shot 144.

The Snyder Tigers hosted the final round of district play at the WTC Golf Course. The Tigers finished fourth overall in district. Aden Hernandez secured a spot in the regional tournament after outlasting a Sweetwater golfer Monday in an intense playoff hole.

The Snyder Tigers' black team shot 363. Aden Hernandez shot 88 (253 total), Tyler Burleson shot 83 (263 total), Ethan Rodriguez shot 87 (272 total), Patrick Rodriguez shot 106 (316 total) and Ayden Romero shot 105 (294 total).

The Tigers' gold team shot 445. Ian McLeod shot 103



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Aden Hernandez chipped the golf ball during Monday's final district round.

(310 total), Caden Higgins shot 112 (325 total), Cadent Hernandez shot 112 (327 total) and Joshua Castillo shot 118 (217 total).

The Lady Tigers returned to the course today in Big Spring at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

Tee time is at 10 a.m.

Hernandez will compete at the regional meet April 19 at the Shadow Hills Golf Course in Lubbock.

The time is to be announced.

Lady Cardinals shutout Lady Longhorns



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The Lady Cardinals dominated the Gordon Lady Longhorns 19-0 Tuesday. Sydney Hancock (above) led the Lady Cardinals with three hits. Hancock and Callaway led in runs with three each. Juli Munoz led the Lady Cardinals with four RBIs. Through four innings, Summer Smith allowed three hits, no runs, two walks and eight strikeouts. The Lady Cardinals will return to the field Friday at home to host the Roby Lady Lions. The game will begin at 5 p.m.

Ira remain unbeaten after pair of wins over Wildcats and Eagles

The Ira Bulldogs improved to 14-0 after dominant wins over the Westbrook Wildcats Saturday and the Texas Leadership Charter Academy-Abilene Eagles Tuesday.

On Saturday, The Bulldogs' eight-run rally in the third inning propelled them to a 13-3 win over the Wildcats.

Both teams were scoreless in the opening inning. The Bulldogs took an early lead after Raidon Hernandez's single drove in Zane Allen

for the first run of the game in the top of the second inning. The Wildcats took the lead in the bottom of the second inning after recording a pair of runs. The Bulldogs evened the score in the top of the third inning after Bryton Partain's double drove in Jeren Pena. The Bulldogs regained the lead in the top of the third inning after Kaden Castillo's single drove in Partain and Allen. Brandt Cox's single drove in Castillo to give the

Bulldogs a 5-2 lead. Hernandez padded the Bulldogs' lead when he reached home after Anthony Luna was walked with the bases loaded. Pena's double drove in Brandt Cox, Jaret Cabrera and Anthony Luna to take a 9-2 lead in the third inning. Cabrera's single drove in Castillo and Kaden Foree to extend Ira's lead to 11-2 in the fourth inning. Luna reached home plate on an error from the Wildcats and Catillo's single drove in Austen Wyatt for Ira's final runs of the game. The Bulldogs held the Wildcats to a single run in the fifth inning to end the game early with a 13-3 victory. Castillo led Ira with three hits. Luna, Allen and Castillo led in runs with

two each. Pena and Castillo led Ira with three RBIs each.

Through five innings, Partain allowed five hits, three runs, one walk and recorded 11 strikeouts.

On Tuesday, the Bulldogs cruised to a dominant 13-3 win over the TLCA-Abilene Eagles.

The Bulldogs were the first to get on the scoreboard after Partain's single drove in Pena. The Eagles tied the game in the top of the second inning after stealing home. The Bulldogs regained the lead after Cash Miller and Pena reached home on an error from the Eagles in the third inning. Partain and Castillo padded the Bulldogs' lead with a pair of runs on errors from

the Eagles for the 5-1 lead. Foree scored the final run of the third inning on a passed ball. The Eagles scored their final runs of the game after securing a pair of runs in the top of the fourth inning. The Bulldogs continued their momentum in the fourth inning after Jaret Cabrera extended the Bulldogs' lead on an error from the Eagles. Demetri Juarez added his name to the scoresheet with his run after Allen's ground out. Castillo's single drove in Partain for the 9-3 lead. The Bulldogs ended the game in the fifth inning after a flurry of runs. Cabrera's single drove in Aedyn Claxton for Ira's 10th run of the night. Cabrera added to Ira's lead after reaching home

on an error from TLCA. The Bulldogs ended the game after Juarez reached home on an error and Allen's single drove in Partain to clinch the 13-3 lead. Pena and Cabrera led Ira with two hits each. Partain led the Bulldogs with three runs. Castillo led the Bulldogs with three RBIs.

Through three innings, Allen allowed one hit, one run, four walks and recorded four strikeouts.

Through two innings, Luna allowed one hit, two runs, one walk and recorded four strikeouts.

The Bulldogs will return to the field Tuesday at home to host the Rotan Yellowhammers.

The game begins at 5 p.m.

SCURRY COUNTY ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



TY DAVIS

of the Snyder Tigers' Baseball Team is the Scurry County Male Athlete of the Week.

Davis' no-hitter through five innings guided the Tigers to a dominant 13-2 win over the Levelland Lobos Tuesday.



AVA AVILES
of the Snyder Lady Tigers' Softball Team is the Scurry County Female Athlete of the Week.

Aviles record a run and led Snyder with two hits in the Lady Tigers' 3-1 upset win over the No. 4 Levelland Loboettes.

Congratulations!



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Cardinals clinch district championship



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The Cardinals shined at the district tennis tournament to secure the district title last Wednesday. Mia Pence and Clarissa Rios advanced to regionals in the girl's singles and Patrick Carr advanced in the boy's singles. Summer Smith and Ryann Stewart advanced in the girl's doubles, Gage Gibson and Camden Elder advanced in the boy's doubles and Syreah Callaway and Ryan Karianinen advanced in the mixed doubles. The Cardinals will return for the regional tennis meet at the Bentwood Country Club in San Angelo on April 10. Time is to be determined.