

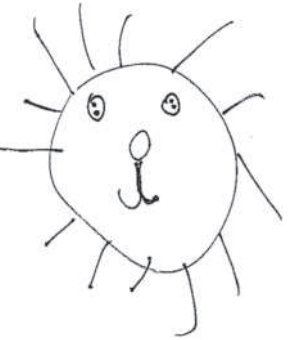
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Thursday forecast: Sunny
Friday forecast: Sunny
Saturday forecast: Sunny
Precipitation (Sat-Tues.):
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2021 precipitation: 21.72
inches

FINANCES

WT-Int. Crude	\$71.91
WTIC Posted	\$74.50
Natural Gas	\$4.10
Patterson-UTI	\$8.13
Oxy-Permian	\$27.12
Kinder Morgan	\$17.75

DAILY QUOTE

“Those who know nothing of foreign languages, knows nothing of their own.”
—*Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe*

SPORTS

Shining Stars athletes to compete at state level

Shining Stars Sports and Recreation athletes recently competed at the Texas Amateur Athletic Federation (TAAF) Region 9 track and field meet. Twenty-nine Shining Stars athletes qualified for the TAAF state meet in Corpus Christi Thursday through Sunday.
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Ask Us

Q. — Are residents allowed to dispose of old tires at the landfill?
A. — According to Snyder Landfill Senior Clerk Jamie Deere, Snyder residents may dispose of old tires at the landfill. Old tires may not be placed in dumpsters and must be transported to the landfill.

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County's seven taxing entities receive 2021 certified values

Scurry County's seven taxing entities will begin finalizing proposed budgets now that the Scurry County Appraisal District has certified its 2021 appraisal rolls.

Chief Appraiser Jackie Martin said she and her staff worked diligently to make sure all the information was accurate before certifying the rolls.

Hermleigh ISD was the only taxing entity to show a substantial increase in certified values from last year's values.

The district picked up more than an additional \$78 million in certified values. Hermleigh ISD's certified total was \$318,446,272 while the estimate was more than \$324,906,368. The certified value showed a 31.34 percent increase over last year's certified value of \$239,771,140.

Also seeing an increase

JUST THE FACTS			
Entity	2021 Certified Value	2020 Certified Value	Percent Change
Western Texas College	\$2,335,213,979	\$2,766,631,662	-14.31
City of Snyder	\$561,813,749	\$551,388,694	+0.71
Hermleigh ISD	\$318,446,272	\$239,771,140	+31.34
Ira ISD	\$94,394,011	\$130,429,475	-26.73
Snyder ISD	\$1,836,426,340	\$2,276,966,498	-18.44
Scurry County Hospital District	\$2,279,064,054	\$2,723,774,004	-15.51
Scurry County	\$2,292,041,316	\$2,273,130,170	-17.06

in certified values compared to the 2020 values was the City of Snyder, with a freeze adjustable taxable value of \$561,813,749, up 0.71 percent from last year's value of \$551,388,694. The 2021 estimate was \$649,592,857 before adjusting for the value lost due to a tax freeze.

The other five county entities saw their certified values drop from 2020 values by at least 14.31 percent.

Ira ISD saw the biggest loss compared to a year ago at 26.73 percent. The school district has values of \$94,394,011 this year, down from \$130,429,475 in 2020.

The 2021 estimate was \$99,232,219.

Snyder ISD has a value of \$1,836,426,340, down 18.44 percent from the \$2,276,966,498 2020 value.

The 2021 estimate was \$1,936,629,351.

Scurry County's 2021 certified value is \$2,292,041,316, down 17.07 percent from the 2020 valuation of \$2,723,130,170.

The 2021 estimate was set at \$2,403,587,345.

The Scurry County Hospi-

tal District has a certified value of \$2,279,064,054, down 15.51 percent from last year's \$2,723,774,004 value.

This year's estimate was \$2,299,006,114.

Western Texas College had the smallest loss in certified value with \$2,335,213,979, a 14.31 drop from last year's \$2,766,631,662 valuation.

The 2021 estimate was \$2,439,504,898.

The leases of Kinder Morgan Production, LP, have the highest taxable value in the county at \$237,870,308, followed by Oncor Elec-

tric Delivery Company at \$119,605,770.

Rounding out the top five were Occidental Permian, Ltd. at \$56,102,617, Kinder Morgan Production at \$52,573,860 and Scurry Midstream, LLC at \$51,712,180.

The next five are BNSF Railway Company at \$37,498,880, E.ON-Pyrion Wind Farm at \$34,424,980, Electric Transmission Tx, LLC at \$32,426,540, Bridgetex Pipeline at \$31,744,490, and Sunrise Pipeline, LLC at \$31,279,960.

Over the next several weeks, the taxing entities will determine if they must hold public hearings before voting on tax rates and budgets.

Many of the entities' budgets have to be approved by the end of August, including school districts and the college.

Senior Center honors volunteers



TSN Photo Chad Goebel
County Judge Dan Hicks showed off his "double-breasted blazer" in the Not Quite Ready for Prime Time Volunteers Fashion Show at the Scurry County Senior Cener Banquet Friday.

The Scurry County Senior Center hosted its 42nd annual Volunteer Recognition Banquet Friday.

The highlight each year are the awards for top volunteers over the past year.

This year's program also recognized the volunteers from 2019 since last year's banquet was canceled due to COVID-19.

"We are very fortunate in Scurry County that we have the support from our government that we do because there are many counties that don't have what we do and we have this because of our county support and support for our community. We are very blessed," center director Tammy Quick said.

The top 15 volunteers were Veida Gage, Roy Bennett, Rosa Lee Crow, Dorothy Lankford, Melissa Warren, David Frazier, Chris Brown, Norma Callaway, James Wolf, Allie Beth Beauchamp, Nell Baker, Anna Poe, Gayle Wittie, Linda Thompson, Tommy Horsley. The hours are logged from when the volunteer starts with the senior center and are accumulated through the years. The top volunteers have put in from 3,000 to over 17,500 hours individually.

"We couldn't have a senior center without our volunteers. Its' delivering meals, registering people at the desk, sewing, there

are so many different ways you can volunteer. It doesn't matter how old you are we have had people in their 90s come every day," Quick said.

There are many ways to volunteer at the senior center including Meals on Wheels, quilting, the kitchen band and many other activities at the center.

The Scurry County Senior Center has a Booster Club that meets once a month that anyone is invited to be a part of.

"Our home-delivered meal program takes 12 volunteers a day. We have drivers, helpers and stackers. We distribute over 100 meals a day," Quick said.

Back-to-school plans and events

Area schools have set times and dates for opening events and the first day of classes.

Snyder ISD is hosting several events before classes begin on August 11.

On August 6 the high school's annual Fish Splash, an orientation for incoming freshman, will be from 1-3 p.m.

It offers a campus tour, an opportunity to meet teachers, a chance to learn about extracurricular activities and to ask any questions incoming freshmen might have.

Snyder ISD will hold its Back-To-School Bash on August 7 from 8 a.m.-noon at the Snyder ISD bus barn and the junior high school. Each will include free school supplies, food service registration for standard and reduced rate plans, registration, bus route information and a clothing closet.

Snyder Primary School will have Meet the Teacher on August 6 from 4-6 p.m. for incoming kindergarteners. Meet the Teacher will continue August 9 from noon-2

p.m. for incoming third graders, 2-4 p.m. for incoming pre-k students, 4-6 p.m. for incoming second graders and 6-7:30 p.m. for incoming first graders.

Snyder Intermediate School will have an open house for all incoming fourth and fifth graders on August 9 from 5-6:30 p.m. Students and families will be able to visit the campus and meet the teachers.

Snyder Junior High School will have an open house for incoming sixth graders August 9 from 4:30-6 p.m. and for incoming seventh and eighth graders on August 10 from 4:30-6 p.m. The open house will give students a chance to pick up their schedules, tour the building to find classrooms and meet their teachers. Snyder Junior High School will hold parent meetings on August 24 for sixth grade, August 26 for seventh grade and August 31 for eighth grade, all from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Ira ISD will have its first day of classes August 18 and

will hold a back-to-school event August 16.

The back-to-school event will include meet the teacher for kindergarten through 12 grade from 6-7 p.m. followed by a hamburger meal provided by the Ira Booster Club from 6:15-7:30 p.m. in the cafetorium.

After the meal Meet the Bulldogs will start at 7 p.m. where the football and cross country teams and cheerleaders will be introduced.

Hermleigh ISD will have its first day of classes on August 19 and will have an open house later in the month that will be announced.

Snyder Christian School will have its first day of classes on August 20 and will have a parent orientation on August 19 at 6 p.m.

Western Texas College's deadline for new admissions for fall semester is Thursday. Mandatory registration and student orientation will be Tuesday from 1-4:30 p.m. and August 4 from 8-11 a.m. and 1-4:30 p.m. Classes will start on August 11.

Marroquin evidence tampering trial begins

Nine women and three men were seated as the jury in the trial of Amos Marroquin Jr.

Marroquin, 49, is facing a third degree felony charge of tampering with evidence and a state jail felony charge of possession of a controlled substance.



Marroquin

After the jury was seated, Marroquin pleaded not guilty to both charges.

According to the indictment, Marroquin knew that the offense of possession of drug paraphernalia had been committed and knowingly attempted to conceal a glass pipe used to ingest or inhale a controlled substance. The indictment stated he did so to "impair its availability as evidence in any subsequent investigation or official proceeding."

He was also indicted for possession of less than a gram of methamphetamine.

Marroquin is represented by Trey Keith and the state is represented by 132nd District Attorney Ben Smith.

During his opening statement, Smith said evidence

would show that Marroquin threw the glass pipe out the window of his vehicle as Snyder Police Sgt. J.P. Wilson was attempting to pull him over. After he was detained, Smith said, Wilson found the methamphetamine in his pocket.

In his opening statement Keith said that state law required at least one of three elements to be present in a tampering with evidence case: Concealment, destruction or tampering. He said the indictment was based on the element of concealment, which had not happened in this case.

Wilson, the arresting officer, was the first witness called to the stand.

According to the tampering with evidence indictment, Marroquin has two previous convictions, for aggravated assault, in October 1994 in Gaines County and April 2004 in Scurry County.

Additionally, court records indicated that the state may introduce evidence of seven additional crimes.

132nd District Judge Ernie B. Armstrong told the jury that it was possible the case would be turned over for deliberation as early as this afternoon.

The trial is being held in the District Courtroom on the fourth floor of the Scurry County courthouse.

Chamber discusses upcoming forensic audit of HOT funds

Certified Public Accountant Ricky Bowman discussed the upcoming Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) fund audit with Snyder Chamber of Commerce board members when they meet Tuesday.

The Snyder City Council voted to conduct the audit after holding a closed session with the city's attorney a month after Chamber President Linda Molina told the council she used the funds to pay for fireworks, which is prohibited by state law.

She also presented Snyder

City Manager Merle Taylor's letter of resignation from the chamber's board of directors.

The board approved \$8,000 in HOT funds for the Western Texas College Volleyball Tournament scheduled for scheduled for August 27 and 28.

Board also members heard updates on a Texas Department of Agriculture grant and upcoming Chamber events.

The board then went into a closed session but no action was taken upon return to open meeting.

Snyder ISD to workshop upcoming 2021-22 budget

The Snyder ISD school board will meet Thursday to hold a budget workshop.

Board members will vote on the 2021-22 salary schedule for teachers, nurses and librarians, the 2021-22 compensation for employees not paid based on the district-approved salary schedule, the 2021-22 stipend schedule and the 2021-22 student code of

conduct.

The board will hear updates on homeschool student participation in University Interscholastic League (UIL) activities and the 2021-22 school year and COVID-19 protocols.

The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. Thursday in the Administration Building board room and will be open to the public.

Community Calendar

COVID-19 vaccine clinic

Cogdell Memorial Hospital has scheduled a free Pfizer COVID-19 vaccination clinic beginning at 8:30 a.m. Saturday. Registration is not required and anyone 12 years old or older wishing to be vaccinated can report through the main hospital entrance.

Farmers market

The Snyder Farmers Market will be open from 8 a.m. to noon every Saturday through August 28 under The Coliseum pavilion at 900 E. Coliseum Drive. Items for sale will include fresh produce, craft items, art, baked goods, apparel, jams, jellies, meat, fresh eggs, plants and more.

Vacation Bible school

Colonial Hill Baptist Church will hold a Summer Blast vacation Bible school from 5-8 p.m. Aug. 6, 1-4 p.m. Aug. 7 and 10 a.m.-noon Aug. 8.

To have your event listed in the Community Calendar, email details to news@thesnydernews.com.

Obituaries

Shirley Faye Hatfield 1934-2021

Shirley Faye Hatfield, 86, of Midland died Monday, July 26, 2021 at her home.

Visitation will be held today from 6-7 p.m. at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

A funeral service for Mrs. Hatfield will be held on Thursday, July 29, 2021 at 10 a.m. at Faith Baptist Church with grandson Jared Patrick, Pastor of The Bridge Fellowship in Boerne, officiating. Interment will follow at Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Hatfield was born on December 27, 1934 in Merkel to Oliver Andrew and Neoma (Grayson) Webb .She married to L.W. “Buck” Hatfield on Monday, March 31, 1952. In December 1969, she helped Buck as he started Faith Baptist Church. She lovingly served as pastor’s wife, activities director and Sunday school teacher for 25 years. She led many children to know Christ. She was a loving mother, grandmother and great grandmother. She is happily reunited with the love of her life, Buck.

She was preceded in death by her husband Buck Hatfield and parents Oliver and Neoma Webb.

She is survived by one daughter, Shari Wells and her husband Allen of Midland; three sons, Larry Hatfield and his wife Debbie of Midland, Bob Hatfield and his wife Janice of San Angelo and Ronnie Hatfield and his wife Tracie of Sweetwater; sister and life-long best friend Glenda Reavis and her husband Rubin of Midland; brother-in-law Jerry Hatfield of Snyder; five grandchildren, Stephanie Hatfield of Abilene, Jared Patrick of Boerne, Greg Hatfield of San Angelo, Sharilyn Hanna of Midland and Caleb Hatfield of Dallas; five great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews

Online condolences may be posted at www.bellcypertseale.com.

Rolland Odorizzi 1944-2021

Rolland Odorizzi, 76, died Sunday, July 25, 2021 at his home in Snyder.

Services are pending with Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

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Blotter

and FM 1606.

A theft was reported at 10:17 a.m. Saturday in the 1200 block of Harlan Ave.

A theft was reported at 10:35 a.m. Saturday in the 1100 block of Ave. P.

A theft was reported at 1:42 p.m. Saturday in the 5100 block of College Ave.

A theft was reported at 4:09 p.m. Saturday in the 1700 block of U.S Hwy 180.

A theft was reported at 4:20 p.m. Saturday in the 3700 block of U.S. Hwy. 180.

A theft was reported at 4:00 a.m. Sunday in the 1900 block of Ave. M.

A theft was reported at 8:22 p.m. Sunday in the 3200 block of College Ave.

A theft was reported at 7:15 a.m. Monday near the intersection of FM

644 and U.S. Hwy. 84.

A theft was reported at 12:16 p.m. Monday in the 1000 block of 29th Street.

A theft was reported at 2:23 p.m. Monday in the 300 block of 16th Street.

• Burglaries

A burglary was reported at 4:32 p.m. Saturday in the 100 block of Coliseum Drive.

A burglary was reported at 9:21 a.m. Sunday in the 1500 block of Preston Trail.

A burglary was reported at 9:34 a.m. Monday in the 100 block of Augusta Circle.

• Stolen vehicle

A stolen vehicle was reported at 9:51 a.m. Sunday in the 1600 block of 26th Street.

• Verbal disturbance

A verbal disturbance was reported

at 1:32 p.m. Saturday in the 1500 block of 27th Street.

A verbal disturbance was reported at 7:59 p.m. Saturday in the 2400 block of 30th Street.

A verbal disturbance was reported at 6:38 a.m. Sunday in the 1000 block of 37th Street.

A verbal disturbance was reported at 12:31 p.m. Monday in the 3200 block of Houston Ave.

• Suspicious persons

A suspicious person was reported at 6:52 p.m. Saturday near the intersection of 26th Street and College Ave.

A suspicious person was reported at 1:17 a.m. Monday in the 100 block of 20th Place.

A suspicious person was reported at 9:53 p.m. Monday near the intersection of U.S. Hwy. 84 and FM 1611.

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Joe Falls October 5, 1926- July 24, 2021



Mr. Joe Falls was born October 5, 1926 and died peacefully surrounded by his family July 24, 2021. He lived a full life for 94 years.

Services for Mr. Falls will be Wednesday, July 28, 2021 at 10:00 AM at Ira Baptist Church with Reverend Ben Moore officiating. Services are under the direction of Bell Cypert Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Falls was born to Edwin and Minnie (Eiland) Falls in Ira, Texas on October 5, 1926. He married Wanda Jean Glass on February 14, 1953, in Portales, New Mexico. They were married a wonderful 67 years. She preceded him in death on February 23, 2020. All of Joe’s adult life he spent farming in Scurry County. He worked for R. E. Smith, Newmont Oil Company and Mesa Pipeline. He was an active member of the Ira Mason Lodge #934 until it disbanded and then he became a member of the Snyder Lodge. He was a Deacon at Ira Baptist Church and was a leader on the Midwest Electric Board.

Mr. Falls is survived by his Three daughters, Marsha (Larry) Sullenger of Snyder, TX Andrea “Andi” (Jim) Mason of Andrews, TX and

Paula (Sid) Perry of Twin Falls, Idaho.

Two grandsons, Corey (Karyn) Mason of Carrollton, Brooks Perry of Sandpoint, Idaho One granddaughter, Allison (Phil) Hubbs of Twin Falls, Idaho. Four great granddaughters, Kate Mason, Violet Hubbs, Maggie Hubbs and Daphne Hubbs.

He was preceded in death by his Wife Wanda Falls Parents John and Minnie Falls 2 brothers W.T. (Pat) and J.E. (Jiggs) Falls and 3 sisters Ethel Verle Young, Georgene Galloway and Jane Forsyth.

A visitation will be held on Tuesday, July 27, 2021 from 6 to 7 PM at Bell Cypert Seale Funeral Home.

The family requests that memorial donations in Mr. Falls name be made to Ira Baptist Church, Ira Cemetery Association, or your favorite charity.

The family would like to thank the staff at Good Life and Cogdell Hospice for their support and care.

Donna (VerlinLaverne) Ginkinger

November 9, 1947-
Thursday, July 22, 2021



Donna (Verlin Laverne) Ginkinger, 73 of Westbrook, Texas, Entered Heavens gates on Thursday, July 22, 2021 surrounded by her family.

Donna was born in Loraine, Texas on November 9, 1947 to Floyd and Pansy Lavada Moore Hale.

She loved to be surrounded by her big family, but there was not better time to be together than Christmas and at the Moore Family Reunion. You could always find her at the “round table” visiting and making sure everything was going just right. You always knew going into Donna’s house that there would be a pot of coffee going (Some say she never learned how to make it right) or a Dr. Pepper ready to share. She loved to craft and quickly became the go to in the family for anything that need sewing. She could make anything from shirts, baby clothes, blankets, quilts (which many family members have as she made them for the family reunion), and crocheting. If anyone needed a cheerleading suit made near her Donna was the one to do it. You never knew when you walked into her house if there would be a missing wall where one stood just yesterday, a new wall or what color they would be. She was a master of DIY. She loved to travel and especially on the girls trips. You can guarantee when traveling with her that on the way home you were stopping for ice cream somewhere. She also loved having a good margarita and relaxing. Donna never missed one of her 3 boy’s games or activities they were doing a rarely missed one of the grandkids or great grandkids. Donna was a huge supporter of the Westbrook Wildcats and served on the Booster club for many years, you couldn’t miss her at a game either passing the 50/50 raffle bucket or working a concession stand. You always knew she had chewing gum with her but it didn’t matter if you were 5 or 50 you were only getting a half a piece.

She was larger than life and loved that way also, you knew what she was thinking (because she told you) but you will never find a kinder more loving person than Donna.

Donna worked many years at Kristi- Lee Manor and then went on to work at Energen Resources until she retired. After that she served as the secretary at the First Methodist Church in Colorado City, Texas.

Donna is Survived by David “Gink” Ginkinger, Three sons Donald and wife Julie, Neal and wife Cherri, and Gary and wife Laura. Grandchildren April Ramirez (Angel Ramirez), Craig Ginkinger, Megan Ginkinger (John Escobar), Brett Ginkinger, Justin Ginkinger, Cody Ginkinger (Kimbra Ginkinger), Ryland Ginkinger, Haley Morgan (Henry Morgan), Devin Parker, Kaitlynn Hargrove (Tyler Hargrove), Sarah Ginkinger and Tyler Ginkinger. Great Grandchildren Reece Ramirez, Greenlee Ramirez, Kayden Florez, Hezekiah Florez, Zadrian Ginkinger, Aiden Morgan, Trinity Morgan, Cathan Morgan, Liam Morgan, Weston Morgan, and Colter Morgan. Brothers Eddie Hale and Ray (Cindy) Hale. Sisters Diane Petty, Pansy (Paul) Fernandez and Judy Hale. And many Nieces and Nephews. She also leaves behind her greatest companion and fur baby Emmy.

Donna is preceded in death by her parents Floyd and Pansy Lavada Hale, Brothers Wendell Hale and Donnie Hale, and Grandson Jason Lee Ginkinger.

Donations may be made in the memory of Donna at the American Cancer Society.

A visitation will be held on Tuesday, July 27, 2021 from 6-8pm at the Kiker-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Services will be at the Westbrook First Baptist Church on Wednesday July 28, 2021 at 10 am with burial to immediately follow in the Westbrook Cemetery. To leave Condolences or memories please visit www.kiker-Seale.com.



Bertha Gilbert

January 28, 1917-
Friday, July 23, 2021

Bertha Gilbert, 104, was welcomed into the arms of her Heavenly Father, on Friday, July 23, 2021. Bertha was born January 28, 1917 in San Antonio, Texas to James and Lula (Whitt) Fowler. She was a long time resident of Scurry County, having moved here in a covered wagon at the age of seven.

Bertha leaves a legacy of faith, humbleness and determination. She loved and blessed everyone she knew and completely trusted in God, daily to meet her needs and to see her through the many struggles of life.

She was preceded in death by her Parents, James and Lula Fowler; five Brothers, Mitt, Floyd, Travis, Dick and Milam Fowler; two Husbands, Damon Williamson and Ordia Gilbert; Daughter, Helen Mellard and Son-in-law, Courtney Mellard.

She is survived by 4 Grandchildren, Mary Walker and husband Judson of Kress, TX, Molly Dabier and husband Kevin of Beorne, TX, Dana Sparks and husband Stanley of Fort Stockton, TX and Damon Mellard and wife Rachel of Marfa, TX;

16 Great-Grandchildren, Tizzy and James Walker, Chicora, Marissa, Cianna and Jeremiah Dabier, Sophia, Autumn, Stanley, Samuel and Isaac Sparks and Thomas, Aiden, Travis, Jacob and Dalleigh Mellard and

numerous nieces, nephews and their families.

Through her marriage to Ordia Gilbert, she was blessed with and is survived by 2 bonus sons, Jody Gilbert and wife Janell of Blackwell, TX and Franklin Gilbert of Denton, TX and 7 bonus Grandchildren, Jeff Gilbert, Jayna Hunter and husband Tommy, Jody Gilbert, J’Lynn and RC Bradley, Corey and Kinnaree Gilbert and Marcy and Randy Campos; 10 Great-Grandchildren.

Family Visitation is planned for Wednesday, July 28, 2021 from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm at Miller Family Funeral Home. Funeral services will be on Thursday, July 29th, 2021 at 10:00 am at Miller Family Funeral Home Chapel with Mr. Ric Allen officiating. Burial will follow under the direction of Miller Family Funeral Home at Hillside Memorial Gardens

The family has requested that remembrances be made in the form of contributions to the Widows of India or Needy Children of Scurry County Funds of East Side Church of Christ, 201 31st St., Snyder, Texas 79549. (325) 573-3583, [www.east-sidechurchsnyder.org](http://www.east-sidechurchsnnyder.org)

Online condolences may be expressed to the family by visiting www.millerfamilyfuneralhome.com

• Arrests

Noah Isaiah Flores, 22, was arrested at 2:01 a.m. Sunday in the 1400 block of 23rd Street on a warrant for aggravated robbery.

Jesse James Carrisalez, 43, was arrested at 4:26 a.m. Sunday in the 1900 block of Ave. M for failure to ID, possession of marijuana and possession of between four and 200 grams of a controlled substance.

Ashley Nicole Gonzales, 32, was arrested at 2 a.m. Tuesday in the 900 block of 27th Street for possession of marijuana and tampering with evidence.

A 27-year-old man was arrested at 1:07 a.m. Sunday in the 1400 block of 23rd Street for driving while intoxicated.

A 22-year-old man was arrested at 1:09 a.m. Sunday in the 1400 block of 23rd Street for public intoxication.

A 30-year-old woman was arrested at 5:22 a.m. Sunday in the 3600 block of Ave A for driving while intoxicated.

A 32-year-old woman was arrested at 4:55 a.m. Sunday in the 1900 block of Ave. M for possession of marijuana.

A 42-year-old man was arrested at 2:05 p.m. Monday in the 1900 block of 23rd Street for driving while intoxicated.

A 40-year-old man was arrested at 1:30 a.m. Tuesday in the 900 block of 27th Street for terroristic threats.

• Thefts

A theft was reported at 11:17 a.m. Friday in the 1000 block of 37th Street.

A theft was reported at 12:02 p.m. Friday near the intersection of FM 644

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Fall armyworms on the march across Texas

Cooler temperatures and widespread rain across Texas have forage and crop producers scrambling to fight armyworms, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service expert.



Armyworm caterpillars are the larval form of a moth that migrates by the millions northward

in the spring and summer to lay their eggs. Infestations can be extremely destructive to home gardens and forage and row crops from Bermuda grass to corn and rice.

Vanessa Corriher-Olson, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension forage specialist, said inquiries about the pest have inundated her office after dry conditions were followed by a cool front and rain — ideal conditions for armyworm outbreaks.

“I spent all of Friday taking calls on armyworms. The entire day,” she said. “So, it is an issue. I’m hearing from Central to North Texas mostly and have not heard from anyone in West to South Texas. But with most of the state out of drought and temperatures where they are, it’s hard to imagine they are not everywhere.”

Corriher-Olson said irrigated fields like most forage production meadows in the Panhandle may be especially susceptible to the pest because of forage quality and quantity.

Harvesting forages can be a quick solution to climbing armyworm numbers because they do not consume dry plant matter, she said. They

will, however, consume freshly cut grass and should be treated when armyworm numbers are beyond three or more caterpillars per square foot.

Corriher-Olson said it is critical that producers have pesticides ready for applications as soon as armyworm numbers near the recommended threshold. Armyworms in those numbers should be treated immediately because they consume 85 percent of their diet in the last two or three days of their larval stage.

“The big question is how long will they be a problem, and the answer is until the first killing frost,” she said. “Armyworms are not a ‘spray once and they won’t be a problem’ kind of thing. This could be a two-, three- or four-spray situation if forage for hay or grazing is valuable to them.”

Armyworms — know your enemy

Armyworms are green, with brown or black colorations and can be identified by the white inverted Y on their head. They can grow up to 1 inch in length when mature.

The pest got its name because they appear to march across hay fields, consuming the grass in their path.

Armyworm moths can lay up to 2,000 eggs that hatch in two to three days, according to a 2019 report by Allen Knutson, Ph.D.

Corriher-Olson said there are four to five generations that move throughout the state per growing season. They typically move north from Mexico and South Texas as temperatures warm in the spring. Generations will push further north into

Midwestern states, but moths and larvae remain present throughout the state.

Drier, hotter conditions slow their life cycles, she said. Moths lay fewer eggs and caterpillar growth is slowed. But rainfall and cooler temperatures can trigger major infestations when local populations, new hatches and migrating moths descend on areas with quality food sources.

“They are there the whole time, we just may not see them due to their size, numbers or both,” she said. “It just takes the right weather conditions and you can see an explosion in a matter of days.”

Corriher-Olson said armyworm caterpillars are picky eaters and prefer high-quality, fertilized forage typically found on fields maintained for hay production. They are a common pest of Bermuda grass, sorghum, corn, wheat, rye grass and many other crops throughout Texas.

Producers should scout each morning for armyworms, she said. Armyworms are primarily night feeders unless conditions, such as cooler temperatures with overcast skies, allow. They try to avoid warmer daytime temperatures.

Armyworms are extremely destructive, especially when infestations escalate out of control, Corriher-Olson said. Dalton Ludwick, AgriLife Extension entomologist, estimated two armyworms per square foot can consume 84 pounds of foliage per acre based on U.S. Department of Agriculture data.

“It’s important to act immediately because if armyworms are left unchecked,

they can devastate a forage crop in a matter of hours,” Corriher-Olson said. “I’ve seen entire hay meadows that were consumed overnight.”

Be ready, be proactive
Pesticides are the only way to prevent armyworms from consuming existing stands or new growth post-harvest, Corriher-Olson said, and available products are directed at controlling armyworms in the larvae stage

She recommends insecticides labeled for armyworm control in pastures and hayfields, including pyrethroids, which are affective in killing the caterpillars. A combination of pyrethroid and growth inhibitor is recommended.

“The pyrethroid only takes care of the ones that are in the field while the growth inhibitor provides a residual effect that will kill new hatches and any caterpillars that migrate into the field,” she said.

Applicators should always follow all label instructions on pesticide use and restrictions, she said.

Corriher-Olson said she was not aware of any pesticide shortages, but suggested producers should have products on hand and be prepared for immediate action when armyworms near threshold.

“I thought there might be short supplies due to trucking or workforce, but I have not heard any complaints from producers or concerns among suppliers regarding product availability,” she said. “But you want to have products on hand and ready. Just follow the proper storage directions and it will be fine.”

Source: Adam Russell — Texas A&M AgriLife

Blotter

Continued from Page 2

A suspicious person was reported at 9:54 p.m. Monday in the 800 block of 28th Street.

• **Criminal trespass**
A criminal trespass warning was issued at 11:48 a.m. Saturday in the 8600 block of FM 644.

A criminal trespass warning was issued at 12:07 a.m. Sunday in the 3000 block of U.S. Hwy. 180.

A criminal trespass warning was issued at 1:38 a.m. Monday in the 3900 block of Ave. O.

A criminal trespass warning was issued at 7:11 p.m. Monday in the 300 block of 35th Street.

• **Accidents**
A two-vehicle accident was reported at 4:30 p.m. Saturday near the intersection of 37th Street and Ave. E. A two-vehicle accident was reported at 3 p.m. Sunday near the intersection of FM 1606 and Hwy. 208.

A hit-and-run was reported at 7:16 a.m. Sunday in the 400 block of 36th Street.

A one-vehicle accident was reported at 3:03 p.m. Monday near the intersection U.S. Hwy. 84 and LP Fuller Ranch Road.

• **Animal concerns**
Livestock on the roadway were reported at 8:21 a.m. Saturday near Hayes Ranch Road, at 11:20 a.m. Saturday near the intersection of FM 1606 and CR 4146, at 5:35 p.m. Saturday near the intersection of FM 1606 and CR 4167, at 12:40 p.m. Sunday in the 2400 block of 26th Street, at 10:41 a.m. Sunday near the intersection of FM 1269 and CR 2173 and at 12:26 p.m. Monday near U.S. Hwy. 180.

Dogs-at-large were reported at 8:58 p.m. Sunday near the intersection of El Paso Ave. and 37th Street.

• **Fires**
Controlled burns were reported at 11:12 a.m. Friday in the 3100 block of Gary Brewer, at 12:02 p.m. Friday near the intersection of U.S. Hwy 180 and CR 3132, at 11:26 a.m. Saturday in the 4300 block of CR 3132, at 7:24 p.m. Saturday in the 7100 block of CR 4196, at 6:40 a.m. Sunday in the 1200 block of Harlan Ave, at 1:43 p.m. Monday in the 8600 block of CR 465 and at 5:48 p.m. Monday in the 5200 block of CR 465.

A fire was reported at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the 2300 block of 27th Street.

• **Blotter notes**
Sixteen 911 hangups were reported. Scurry County EMS responded to 14 medical calls. Twenty-one non-accident, traffic related calls were received. Six alarms were reported. Fourteen welfare checks were requested. One close patrol was requested. Law enforcement responded to 27 civil issues.

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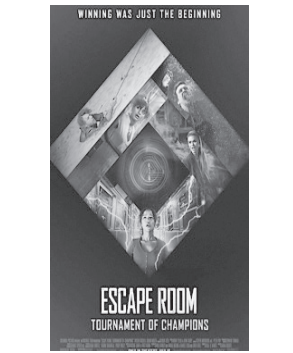
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Six people unwittingly find themselves locked in another series of escape rooms, slowly uncovering what they have in common to survive. Joining forces with two of the original survivors, they soon discover they've all played the game before

Oil Report

Scurry County

Unitex Oil and Gas, LLC, has recompleted the No. 2W Burney C oil well, 8 miles northwest of Ira. The well was retested to produce .1 barrel of 35.6 gravity oil with 100 barrels of water. Perforations were from 2,286-2,250 feet in Section 144 of Block 97 of the H&TC RR survey.

Kinder Morgan Production Company, LLC, has completed the No. 15-18H SACROC Unit oil well, 9.4 miles north of Snyder. The well was tested to produce 613 barrels of 40 gravity oil with 544 barrels of water. Perforations were from 7,856-11,609 feet in Section 441 of Block 97 of the H&TC RR survey.

Kinder Morgan Production Company, LLC, has recompleted the No. 156-6 SACROC Unit injection well, 6.8 miles northwest of Snyder. Perforations were from 6,767-6,971 feet in Section 291 of Block 97 of the H&TC RR survey.

Peregrine Petroleum Partnership, Ltd., will drill the No. 8702H Willingham A oil well, 6.75 miles northeast of Hermleigh. Planned for a

depth of 6,875 feet, the drill site is located in Section 87 in Block 3 of the H&TC RR survey.

Strawn Petroleum Operating, LLC, will drill the No. 1H JT 149 Unit oil well, .5 miles southwest of Hermleigh. Planned for a depth of 8,900 feet, the drill site is located in Section 149 of Block 3 of the H&TC RR survey.

Verado Energy, Inc., will drill the No. 1H Foxtrot oil well, 10.7 miles east of Snyder. Planned for a depth of 9,000 feet, the drill site is located in Section 62 of Block 3 of the H&TC RR survey.

Fisher County

Browning Oil Company, Inc., will drill the No. 2H Canyonlands E 61-60 oil well, 8.2 miles southwest of Rotan. Planned for a depth of 7,500 feet, the drill site is located in Section 61 of Block 2 of the H&TC RR survey.

LCS Production Company will drill the No. 14R BF Carter oil well, 7 miles northeast of Eskota. Planned for a depth of 2,900 feet, the drill site is located in Section 2 of Block 19 of the T&P RR survey.

Borden County

Scout Energy Management, LLC, has recompleted the No. 1503 CR G Tract 3A oil well, 10.8 miles northwest of Gail. The well was retested to produce 4 barrels of 37 gravity oil with 74 barrels of water. Perforations were from 6,318-8,786 feet in Section 15 of Block 31 of the T&P RR survey.

PIE Operating, LLC, will drill the No. 2 Livestock 18 oil well, 7 miles southwest of Gail. Planned for a depth of 9,300 feet, the drill site is located in Section 18 of Block 31 of the T&P RR survey.

Surge Operating, LLC, will drill the No. 3SH Nessie Unit A 34-46 oil well, 20.3 miles northeast of Big Spring. Planned for a depth of 8,000 feet, the drill site is located in Section 34 of Block 31 of the T&P RR survey.

Surge Operating, LLC, will drill the No. 3AH Orthrus Unit A 34-22 oil well, 20.21 miles northeast of Big Spring. Planned for a depth of 8,500 feet, the drill site is located in Section 34 of Block 31 of the T&P RR survey.

Today's Scurry County Weather
Wednesday, July 28

Mostly Sunny 93/72

20% Chance Rain, Mostly Clear Evening

Sunrise 6:55 am,
Sunset 8:46 pm

Scurry County 3 Day Weather Forecast

Thursday 7/29



Sunny
94/73

S.E. Wind 5-10 mph
Mostly Clear Evening

Sunrise 6:56am, Sunset 8:45 pm

Friday 7/30



Sunny
95/73

Mostly Clear
Evening

Sunrise 6:56 am, Sunset 8:44 pm

Saturday 7/31



Sunny
98/75

Mostly
Clear Evening

Sunrise 6:57 am, Sunset 8:43 pm

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Scurry County

PTD	Operator	Lease	Contractor/Rig	Activity/Depth
9000'	Carr Resources	Kubena #2H	Scan Drill # Texas	Drilling Ahead
7800'	Kinder Morgan	Sacroc 234-2	Akita 521	Drilling Ahead
7100'	Strawn Pet	Mary Jo 80	Lasso Drilling	Drilling Ahead

Nolan County

PTD	Operator	Lease	Contractor/Rig	Activity/Depth
7,999	Cholla Pet	Equality #2H	Norton #08	Drilling Ahead
7950'	Winchester Energy	Whitehat Ranch 2106	Blueline #6	Drilling Ahead

Fisher County

PTD	Operator	Lease	Contractor/Rig	Activity/Depth
7200'	Peregrine Petro LTD	Lindsey Loo #1H	Power Rig LLC #7	Drilling Ahead
7500'	Browning Oil	Canyon Land W 61-60 #1H	Power Rig #4	Drilling Ahead

Borden County

PTD	Operator	Lease	Contractor/Rig	Activity/Depth
8,000'	Surge Operating LLC	Golem B 23-11 4HH	Latshaw Drilling #10	Drilling Ahead
7230'	Crocket Oper	Griffin 48-37 Unit A	Akita Drilling 22	Drilling Ahead

() last week

Other Rig Counts

Eddy Co, NM (23)37	Reagan (3)4	Howard (15)16	Midland (29) 24
Lea Co, NM (44) 42	Andrews (3) 3	Loving (16) 18	Reeves (24) 22
Upton (15)17	Glasscock (5)6	Martin (25)27	Ward (8)8



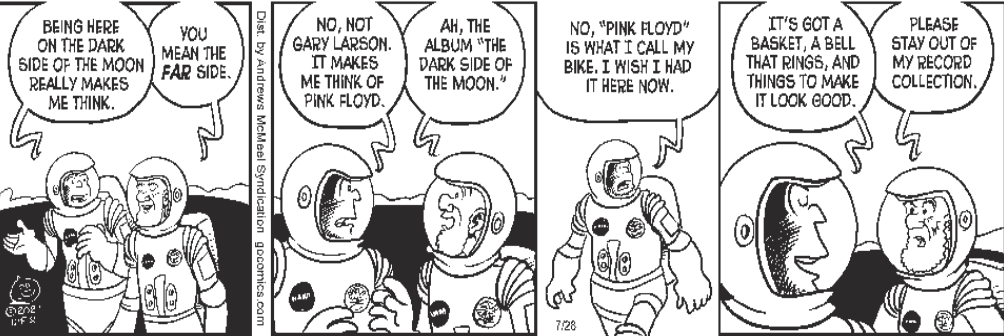
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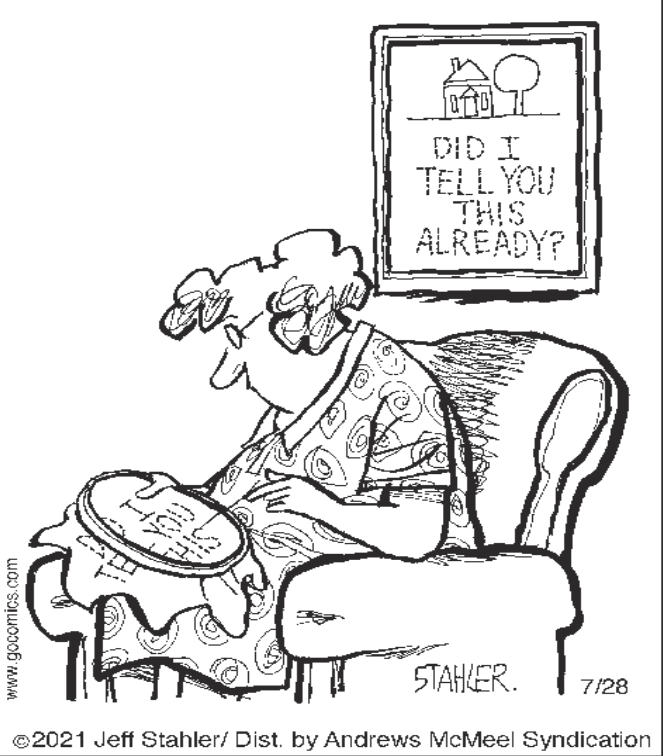
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Astro-Graph

Wednesday, July 28, 2021

Sign up for interesting courses to expand your mind, skills and awareness. Strive for perfection, and engage in practices that will help you advance. Preparation will be the key to turning this year from mundane to sublime. Take a deep breath, gain control and take a leap forward.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Look for a moneymaking opportunity. It's up to you to make decisions to help you achieve the lifestyle you want. Keep your eyes open to discover a practical way to excel.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Press on courageously. Seize the moment and embrace exciting prospects. Don't be afraid to nudge anyone who is holding you back. A passionate attitude will help you get your way.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Speak up and share your thoughts. Take part in events that address matters that concern you. Don't hesitate to become a spokesperson or act on behalf of an organization that shares your beliefs.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Observation is favored. Listen, gather information, formulate a plan and prepare to make adjustments that free you from things that are standing between you and what you want to achieve.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Stick close to home. Put time, effort and money into making your surroundings fit your lifestyle. Change begins with you, and a challenge will spark enthusiasm to turn your dream into a reality.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Keep your guard up, your mind open and your emotions under control. You have plenty to gain if

you focus more on what you are trying to achieve and less on what others do or say.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Set goals and don't stop until you are satisfied with the results you achieve. Discuss concerns with individuals who have insight into something you want to pursue. Do your part.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Assess your health, financial situation and personal life, and you'll come up with a plan that will help you tweak whatever isn't working for you anymore. A lifestyle change will promote better relationships.

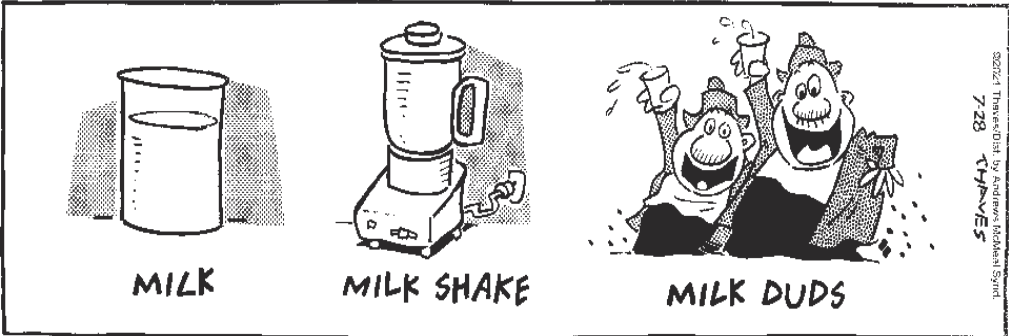
ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Look for new possibilities. An adventure will lift your spirits and get you excited about something you've never experienced. Make freedom and happiness your goals.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Don't leave anything to chance. Size up situations, ask questions and direct your energy to suit your needs. A physical change will boost your morale and give you added confidence.

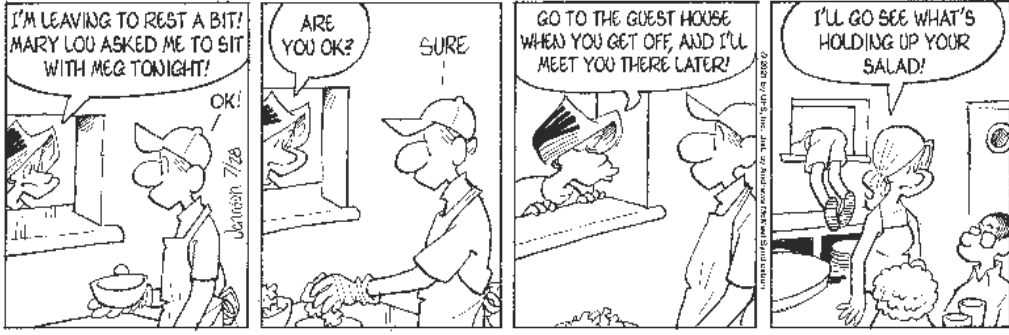
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Live and learn. Don't let outside influences interfere with your long-term goals. Say no to indulgent situations or behavior. Work harder and smarter, while also taking some time to relax.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Keep your thoughts to yourself. A situation will not be what you think, and responding too quickly will result in regret. Slow down, observe, and concentrate on personal gains.

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Almanac

Wednesday, July 28, 2021
Today is the 209th day of 2021 and the 39th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1914, Austria-Hungary declared war on Serbia, marking the official beginning of World War I.

In 1932, President Herbert Hoover ordered the U.S. Army to evict the Bonus Army protesters from government property in Washington, D.C.

In 1945, heavy fog caused a diverted U.S. military B-25 bomber to crash into the Empire State Building in New York City, killing 14 people.

In 2005, the Irish Republican Army renounced violence as a political tactic

and ordered its units to disarm and cease all terrorist activities.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Beatrix Potter (1866-1943), children's author/illustrator; Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis (1929-1994), first lady; Bill Bradley (1943-), basketball player/U.S. senator; Jim Davis (1945-), cartoonist; Sally Struthers (1947-), actress; Hugo Chavez (1954-2013), Venezuelan president; Scott Pelley (1957-), TV journalist; Dana White (1969-), UFC president; Manu Ginobili (1977-), basketball player; Harry Kane (1993-), soccer player.

TODAY'S FACT: Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis was fluent in French, Spanish and Italian.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1989, Vince

Coleman's stolen-base streak ended at 50. The Cardinals outfielder's record-setting streak included six steals from the 1988 season.

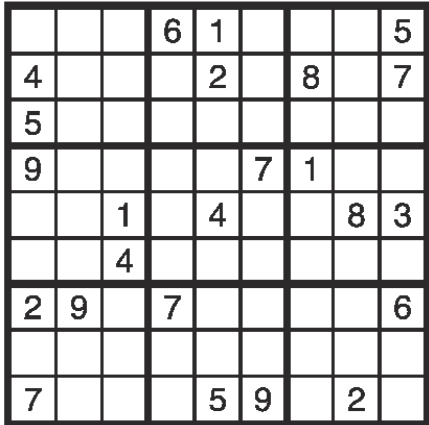
TODAY'S QUOTE: "What heaven can be more real than to retain the spirit-world of childhood, tempered and balanced by knowledge and common-sense." -- Beatrix Potter

TODAY'S NUMBER: 126 -- post-season games won together by San Antonio Spurs teammates Manu Ginobili, Tim Duncan and Tony Parker, the most by any trio of players on a single team in NBA history.

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (July 23) and last quarter moon (July 31).

Sudoku

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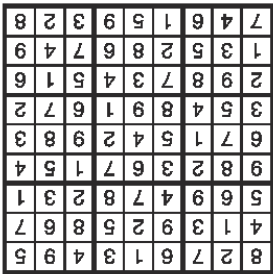


Fun By The Numbers

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Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!



ANSWER:

NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- 1 Hoel
- 4 Mil. rank
- 7 Tropical snake
- 10 Moistureless
- 12 On the horizon
- 14 Ode inspirer
- 15 Veined cheese
- 16 Gait
- 17 Encountered
- 18 Gloomy
- 20 Mexican money
- 22 Caesar's 52
- 23 Daily work
- 24 Once more
- 27 Sing
- 30 Mass neighbor
- 31 Frontier outpost
- 32 Acorn-bearer
- 34 I, to Nero
- 35 Vietnam neighbor
- 36 Came apart

DOWN

- 37 In inventory (2 wds.)
- 39 Full of energy
- 40 Fuel consumption meas.
- 41 Pep
- 42 Lots and lots
- 45 Administrative division
- 49 "Yecch!"
- 50 Watched
- 53 "Star Wars" princess
- 54 — Paulo
- 55 Wide valley
- 56 Wine label info
- 57 Ben & Jerry rival
- 58 First space lab
- 59 Drapery support

Answer to Previous Puzzle



- 4 Blue Grotto
- 19 German article
- 5 Two — kind
- 6 Shellac resin
- 7 Vagrants
- 8 Hydroxal rival
- 9 Kitchen pests
- 11 Ireland's capital
- 13 News story
- 19 German article
- 21 Diminish
- 23 Jolts
- 24 Poker card
- 25 Disco dancer (hyp.)
- 26 Pretty soon
- 27 Lumberjack commodity
- 28 Coil around
- 29 Famed marshal
- 31 Snake's tooth
- 33 Pivotal
- 35 Expired, as a policy
- 36 Opportune
- 38 Sound of deep thought
- 39 Turn sharply
- 41 "Star Wars" villain
- 42 Artifice
- 43 Old-time oath
- 44 Mariner's hello
- 46 — do-well
- 47 Ta-ta, in Turin
- 48 Patio view
- 51 Root vegetable
- 52 QB Manning

Bridge

Go higher, and either does worse

Peter Landesman, a screenwriter, film director, producer, journalist, novelist and painter, said, "Fourteenth- and 15th-century drawings are almost unheard-of. As a result, they generate jealous desire among dealers and curators. Museums in particular value rarity and pedigree more than attractiveness."

See if you can spot the rarity in today's deal from a 21st-century tournament. Also, what is the par contract, the best possible result for both sides?

South, with six losers, was slightly aggressive in bidding game, but he knew it could be laydown. East's double of four spades was speculative, but players often do that sort

of thing in pairs events, especially if needing a good result to place. Also, here East was

theoretically right because South had four losers. Although South could establish the diamond jack by leading twice toward his hand, the discard would serve no purpose.

However, West understandably led the club queen. But when declarer incorrectly ducked that, West shifted to the heart 10. Declarer ducked that too, so West went back to clubs, South capturing East's king with his ace. Declarer drew three rounds of trumps, West throwing hearts, and exited with the diamond two from hand. West went in with his nine and cashed the club jack: down one.

What was the unusual feature of the deal? East doubled the final contract, but West won all four defensive tricks!

Strangely, the par result is four spades doubled and down one (after any lead but a club!) because East-West can make four hearts. The only game for North-South is three no-trump.

North		07-28-21	
♠ K 7 5 2			
♥ K J 3			
♦ 7 4			
♣ 8 7 5 4			
West		East	
♠ —		♠ J 9 4	
♥ 10 9 8 7 6 5		♥ A Q 2	
♦ 9 5 3		♦ K Q 10 8 6	
♣ J 9 2		♣ K 3	
South			
♠ A Q 10 8 6 3			
♥ 4			
♦ A J 2			
♣ A 10 6			
Dealer: South			
Vulnerable: Neither			
South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
4♣	Pass	Pass	Dbl.
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead: ♣ Q			

Area News

ROSCOE — After a fire destroyed most of its building, The Lumberyard in Roscoe held a concert Friday night. Glen Templeton performed on a temporary stage. The popular concert venue also announced on social media that it was accepting donations to help rebuild.

FISHER COUNTY — Complaints to city officials about Republic Services and the lack of trash collections are increasing. According to an article in the *Double Mountain Chronicle*, trash is overflowing several dumpsters and some customers have not had trash picked up in six weeks. According to company officials trucks have frequent breakdowns, drivers are unfamiliar with routes and overflowing dumpsters, the newspaper reported.

SWEETWATER — The Sweetwater Enterprise for Economic Development Municipal Develop District began holding interviews for a new executive director last week. The organization is replacing long-time director Ken Becker, who announced his retirement several months ago.

BIG SPRING — Big Spring author B.J. Mayo held a pair of book signings for his first novel, Alfie Carter,

recently. Community members were able to meet Mayo and get their books signed at Hotel Settles and the Heritage Museum, according to an article in the *Big Spring Herald*.
LAMESA — Investigators are trying to determine the cause of a recent fire that destroyed a mobile home. “There were no utilities there, so it’s suspicious,” Lamesa Fire Chief Larry Duyck told the *Lamesa Press-Reporter*. “We know the area (of the house) where the fire started but we’re not sure yet what caused it,” Duyck said. The house was fully engulfed in flames when firefighters arrived after receiving the call.

DAWSON COUNTY — A huge crane recently lifted new heating, ventilation and air conditioning units onto the roof of Lamesa Middle School. Lamesa school board members agreed in March to contract with E3 Energy Solutions to replace 162 rooftop units and nine smaller wall units at a total cost of over \$2.93 million. According to an article in the *Lamesa Press-Reporter*, the district expects to save at least \$180,000 per year in energy costs and maintenance expenses.

SEMINOLE — Twenty campers, aged 12-18, attended the three-day Seminole

EMS Summer Camp. On day one, the teens and pre-teens learned how to perform CPR with life-like dummies and under the direction of EMS professionals. According to an article in the *Seminole Sentinel*, the July 5-7 camp was held at the EMS facility.

GAINES COUNTY — Gaines County Riding Club vice president Anthony Easley said attendance records were broken as anxious visitors packed the Seminole Rodeo Arena. According to an article in the *Seminole Sentinel*, for the first time, Mo & Mule Productions partnered with the Riding Club to present the rodeo with over 60 merchants and nine food vendors.

BROWNFIELD — The Terry County Commissioners Court received the 2020 county audit, which pointed out that Terry County is considered debt-free and has no long-term debt, according to an article in the *Brownfield News*.

ANDREWS — The Andrews County Commissioners Court voted unanimously to approve a resolution opposing a license for high-level nuclear waste storage at WCS’ site in Andrews County. The decision came after a meeting in which public comment was received. According to an ar-

ticle in the *Andrews County News*, the resolution may or may not impact the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission from issuing a license later this year.

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AREA BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT...

Miller Family Funeral Home

Kenny Miller, along with his brothers, was born and raised in Snyder. His brothers decided early on to become morticians and funeral directors, but it took Kenny a little longer to follow that career path.

After graduating high school in 1989 and attending Western Texas College, Kenny worked several jobs, but did not feel that any of them were the occupation that God intended for him.

Religious faith and compassion for his fellow man have always been of great importance to Kenny, even to the point of doing mission work in South Africa.

Local and distant volunteer work are important to Kenny. He volunteered in West, Texas where the fertilizer plant exploded. He also made trips to Houston where he volunteered in soup kitchens during holiday seasons when the college students that usually work were not available. He also enjoys being a youth mentor in hunting and fishing.

Kenny decided to attend the Dallas Institute of Funeral Science in 2003 and eventually joined his brother, who has his own mortuary in Lubbock.

Kenny had the opportunity to move to Snyder

and work for Bell-Cypert-Seale. This move allowed him to get closer to his family.

Later, Kenny was presented an opportunity to buy Wright Colonial Funeral Home. Kenny prayed about the matter and came to the conclusion that it would be a great opportunity to minister to the people of Snyder and the surrounding area. So, in the spring of 2015, Miller Family Funeral Home opened its doors.

Miller Family Funeral Home offers both traditional funeral services and cremations. Memorial services are also held at the chapel, located at 200 E 37th Street in Snyder.

Pre-need planning is offered, as well as insurance handling. Kenny can help with headstones and monuments.

A recent offering by the funeral home is live streaming of the funeral service so that folks who are not able to attend the service can see it in real time.

Kenny emphasizes that directing the funeral is just a fraction of what he does. He truly enjoys working with people and feels that helping others during difficult times is his true calling.



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Seliger files bill to end line-item veto

Texas Tribune
www.texastribune.org
A Republican state senator on Tuesday said Gov. Greg Abbott no longer deserves line-item veto authority, after using his executive power to jeopardize the jobs of thousands of state workers.

Sen. Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo, filed a bill in the special legislative session aimed at removing the governor’s line item veto power. Seliger is the only author listed on the bill, which is a constitutional amendment, meaning it would need two-thirds approval from each chamber and then voters would get to decide.

But the bill is largely symbolic, as the Legislature is currently at a standstill, unable to move any legislation because House Democrats broke quorum two weeks ago when they fled to Washington, D.C. to block the GOP voting bill.

“Vetoing this funding doesn’t punish legislators who left. It punishes regular hard-working folks who have nothing to do with voting for or against bills,” Seliger tweeted. “We now have less than 4 weeks before the veto eliminates pay for Capitol post office staff, researchers, caseworkers in district offices, those responsible for answering open record requests, etc”

“They have not left their posts but are worried about health insurance, rent, and paying for their children’s school supplies,” he added.

Seliger, who did not immediately respond to a request for comment, is now one of few Republicans to openly blame Abbott for putting staff jobs at risk. In recent weeks, as tensions have bubbled over the quorum break, some Republicans have pointed the finger at Democrats for refusing to return to the Capitol and preventing the Legislature from being able to restore the money for staffers.

The legislative branch budget, spelled out in Article X of the state’s biennial fiscal budget, includes funding for House and Senate lawmakers, their staffers and those working in nonpartisan legislative agencies.

In total, more than \$410 million was allocated in the 2022-23 fiscal budget. The veto affects the jobs of 2,165 legislative staffers and individuals working at legislative agencies, according to data from the state comptroller. Lawmakers’ salaries are constitutionally protected, so they do not lose their pay.

Abbott vetoed funding for the entire branch in June as retribution after House Democrats broke quorum on the last day of the regular legislative session to block passage of a GOP priority elections bill that would limit voting access across the state.

However, Abbott, who decides what can be considered in the special legislative sessions, added restoring the funds to the agenda for the current session — likely intended to be an incentive to keep Democrats from leaving again. Bills in the House and the Senate intended to restore the funding have not passed, since Democrats did in fact leave a second time and are still out of the state Democrats previously asked the Texas Supreme Court to block Abbott’s veto on the grounds that it’s unconstitutional.

The governor’s office did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Earlier this week, Texas House Administration Chair Will Metcalf, R-Conroe, spelled out what would happen if Article X funding is not restored. The House would not have the authority or funding to pay for employee salaries and the services, contracts and leases currently in place beginning Sept. 1.

CDC wants more vaccinated people and schoolchildren to mask up

Texas Tribune
www.texastribune.org

Citing new evidence that the delta variant of the coronavirus could be spread through rare “breakthrough” infections in vaccinated people, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on Tuesday recommended increased public mask use in regions where the variant is spreading quickly and at schools.

The new guidelines are aimed at everyone, regardless of whether they’ve been vaccinated, signaling a reversal by the CDC for the first time since recommendations were relaxed in May.

In Texas, however, Republican state leaders held their ground against allowing local schools and governments to require masks, sticking with statewide bans on pandemic-era restrictions even as hospitalizations continue to rise and large cities and counties in the state have been strengthening their health recommendations.

Gov. Greg Abbott “has been clear that the time for government mandating of masks is over,” said Renae Eze, Abbott’s press secretary, in an emailed statement to The Texas Tribune. “Now is the time for personal responsibility. Every Texan has the right to choose whether they will wear a mask, or have their children wear masks.”

On Tuesday, a prominent Texas teachers group called on Abbott to let districts impose campus mask mandates with school set to begin in two weeks while national education advocates applauded the new CDC guidelines.

“Educators are eager to return to the classroom, but the pandemic is still dangerous,” said Ovidia Molina, president of the Texas State Teachers Association, in a statement Tuesday.

The CDC now recommends that all students, teachers and visitors wear masks in schools, and that vaccinated people start masking up again in indoor public spaces in “ar-

reas with substantial and high transmission,” officials said Tuesday.

Officials did not say how they would define a “high-transmission area” in terms of percentages or numbers. Texas, however, has seen sharp increases in hospitalization rates for COVID-19 patients across much of the state since early July — with the fastest increases being reported in East Texas, in metro areas, and in some of the more rural counties between Austin and Dallas, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services.

The new CDC guidelines are not mandates and don’t carry the weight of law, and Texas is one of a handful of states that won’t allow enforcement of such rules.

Eze said Abbott’s office continues to urge all eligible Texans to get the vaccine, calling it “the most effective defense against contracting COVID and becoming seriously ill,” but added that the vaccine “will always remain voluntary and never forced in Texas.”

The CDC’s updated guidelines do not include a recommendation for vaccine mandates.

About 50 percent of Texans have gotten at least one dose of a coronavirus vaccine, and 43 percent are fully vaccinated. That number fluctuates drastically by area, with some metro counties reporting vaccination rates upwards of 60 percent while other, more rural counties are under 35 percent.

Cases, positivity rates and hospitalizations are still down compared with earlier surges in the winter and last summer, both in Texas and across the country. Texas has seen nearly 9,000 COVID-related deaths since February, and all but 43 of those were unvaccinated people as of last week.

And while daily vaccination rates in Texas have seen an uptick in recent weeks, the pace has fallen off dramatically compared with the high demand seen across the nation in the spring — worry-

ing state health officials who blame the delta variant of the virus for sending hospitalization rates back up for the first time since the winter.

“These aggressive variants, combined with the millions of Texans who have no protection against the pandemic virus, create the very real potential that the surge we are already beginning to see could be another rapid surge with devastating consequences for Texans,” Texas State Health Commissioner Dr. John Hellerstedt said in a video statement Friday.

Hellerstedt pleaded with Texans to get vaccinated.

“We’re so close, Texas,” he said. “Let’s end the pandemic, let’s end the illness, and the loss of life. Let’s show

the world that Texans care. Please, Texas. Get fully vaccinated, get your second or first dose today. We are in a race against time, and we can win.”

In May, the CDC recommended that vaccinated people wear masks in mass-transit situations and health care settings with high-risk people nearby, but said overall that those who were inoculated against the virus could resume most of their pre-pandemic lifestyles — large, maskless gatherings and all.

The relaxed guidelines, which came around the same time that Texas lawmakers banned vaccine “passports” by businesses and ended government and school mandates, were based on sharp

reductions in deaths and hospitalizations and the effectiveness of the vaccine against the variants.

The vaccine is still extremely effective against the virus, scientists say. But in recent weeks, an “extraordinary amount of viral transmission” — coupled with outbreak investigations that have shown rare instances of transmission through vaccinated people — signals a return to caution by everyone is needed to slow the spread, particularly in areas with rapidly increasing rates, Dr. Rochelle Walensky, director of the CDC, said Tuesday.

“Unlike the alpha variant that we had back in May, where we didn’t believe that if you were vaccinated you

could transmit the virus, this is different with delta,” Walensky said. “We are seeing that it is now possible, with the rare breakthrough infection, that you can transmit it further, which is the reason for the change.”

In the U.S., just over 49 percent of the population is fully vaccinated, according to the CDC.

With so many people still unvaccinated and allowing unfettered spread through their populations by the delta variant, “the big concern” is that a new, more dangerous — and perhaps vaccine-resistant — strain could emerge, Walensky said.

The virus is still spread mostly through unvaccinated people.

PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with Section 152.013(b) of the Local Government Code, notice is hereby given that the Scurry County Commissioners' Court has proposed an increase in their annual budget for 2022 for Elected Officials salaries as follows: Increase is made up of 1.3% COLA and longevity.

	Proposed Salary Increase
County Judge	\$881.01
County Commissioner, Pct. #1	\$1,016.77
County Commissioner, Pct. #2	\$776.77
County Commissioner, Pct. #3	\$928.28
County Commissioner, Pct. #4	\$1,016.77
County Clerk	\$920.90
District Clerk	\$1,040.90
County Attorney	\$1,211.65
County Treasurer	\$860.90
Tax Collector	\$1,050.80
Justice of the Peace, Pct. #1	\$986.76
Justice of the Peace, Pct. #2	\$866.76
County Sheriff	\$1,195.59

Any other proposed increases in expenses/allowances may be found in the proposed County Budget which is available in the office of the County Clerk, Scurry County Courthouse, Snyder, Texas. Call County Auditor, Angela Sanchez, at 325/573-7121 or County Judge, Dan Hicks Jr., at 325/573-8576 for information relating to salaries, expenses or allowances proposed to be increased and the amount of the proposed increases or any other budget information.

DAN HICKS JR.
COUNTY JUDGE

Zoning board to discuss residential-area carport

Snyder’s Zoning Board of Adjustments will discuss and vote on the future of a carport in a residential area when it meets Thursday.

Ralph and Sandra Hernandez requested a variance to the city’s ordinance 2060, which regulates carports in a

residential zone.

Decisions made by the Zoning Board of Adjustments are final and do not require city council approval.

The meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the council chambers at Snyder City Hall and is open to the public.



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UT, OU make bolt to SEC official

Burrows, Perry named to committee

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After a week of speculation, the University of Texas at Austin announced Tuesday that, alongside the University of Oklahoma, it has asked to join the Southeastern Conference starting July 1, 2025.

The news came a day after both schools announced they would not renew their media rights contracts with the Big 12 in 2025. If the two schools were to join the SEC, they would join the likes of top football schools such as the University of Florida, Louisiana State University and the University of Alabama.

“We believe that there would be mutual benefit to the Universities on the one hand, and the SEC on the other hand, for the Universities to become members of the SEC,” UT President Jay Hartzell and OU President Joseph Harroz Jr. said in a joint letter to SEC Commissioner Greg Sankey.

Sankey said in a statement that while the SEC hasn’t actively pursued new members, it will welcome change when there is consensus among members.

“We will pursue significant change when there is a clear consensus among our members that such actions will further enrich the experiences of our student-athletes and lead to greater academic and athletic achievement across our campuses,” Sankey said.

The move leaves the rest of the Big 12 conference, which includes Texas Tech University, Baylor University and Texas Christian University, in a state of uncertainty. On Monday afternoon, Big 12 Commissioner Bob Bowlsby said in a statement that the remaining eight institutions will work together to ensure future success.

“Although our eight members are disappointed with the decisions of these two institutions, we recognize that intercollegiate athletics is experiencing rapid change and will most likely look much different in 2025 than it does currently,” Bowlsby said. “The Big 12 Conference will continue to support our member institutions’ efforts to graduate student-athletes, and compete for Big 12 and NCAA championships.”

The departures of UT and OU could have major financial ramifications on the Big 12 and its remaining schools. UT and OU are the conference’s most prominent football programs, and the conference could stand to lose significant revenue from a television contract without them.

TCU spokesperson Holly Ellman said in a statement Monday afternoon that the school will continue to make decisions that best serve its student athletes, its community and the long-term success of its athletic programs.

“We have nothing to announce at this time but have been engaged in deliberations with our conference colleagues and others and continue to support the Big 12 and its members,” the statement said.

Membership in a “power” athletics conference is a major driver of revenue and attention for universities. Texas Tech athletics made \$90.4 million in athletics revenue during the 2020 fiscal year. Revenue earned from the Big 12 accounted for more than one-third of those earnings. Losing UT and OU could put the Big 12’s status as such a conference in question.

This isn’t the first time UT has weighed leaving the Big 12. It happened 11 years ago when the university considered joining the Pac-12 conference alongside Texas A&M, but it eventually opted to stay put. A&M ended up leaving for the SEC, and its leaders have since made it clear they want to be the only Texas school that is part of that league.

“A&M is a flagship university, and with the size and scale of our place, we should have our own stand-alone identity in our own conference,” A&M athletic director Ross Bjork said last week.

A&M’s board of regents will continue discussions on the topic during a special meeting at 4 p.m. Wednesday. They began conversations Monday but stayed in closed session for the entirety of the conversation.

The move has also generated pushback from lawmakers, with Republican Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick saying on social media that he wanted to form a legislative committee to study the athletic and economic impact of UT’s exit on other Texas schools and communities. State Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, was asked to chair the committee.

Both State Sen. Charles Perry and State Rep. Dustin Burrows were appointed to the committee.

“We are going to have a fair, unbiased hearing to delve into how the changing landscape in college sports might impact our economy here in Texas,” she said.

Burrows, R-Lubbock, also attempted legislative action.

He filed a bill Friday that would prohibit Texas public colleges and universities from switching their affiliations with collegiate athletic conferences without a vote from the Legislature, but the move is purely symbolic.

Burrows has also advocated for examining how the state’s Permanent University Fund (PUF).

The PUF is a public endowment contributing to the support of eligible institutions of The University of Texas and The Texas A&M University Systems. The PUF was established in the Texas Constitution of 1876 through the appropriation of land grants previously given to The University of Texas, as well as an additional one million acres of land. Additional land grants to the PUF were completed in 1883 with the contribution of another one million acres. Today, the PUF contains over 2.1 million acres of land primarily located in 19 counties in West Texas.

The legislation is not on Gov. Greg Abbott’s special session agenda, meaning lawmakers cannot take it up.

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Information will be provided by Kinney Robinson, Hospice Social Worker and Chaplain of Cogdell Home Health and Hospice.

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Shining Stars athletes to compete at state level



Contributed Photo
Pictured are advancing Shining Stars athletes and coaches on the front row, (l-r) are Damian Jaramillo, Luke Hale, Ethan Velasquez, Karina Stelluti, Percy Stelluti, Harley Parras and Lydia Jaramillo. On the back row are Shelby Bufkin, Stephen Read, Ava Read, Caden Read, Christian Wright, Talyn Chavez, Mya Hale, Elizabeth Turner, Adrianna Melhado, Nikki Hale and Kayla Hess. They will compete at the state TAAF meet Thursday through Sunday.

Shining Stars Sports and Recreation athletes recently competed at the Texas Amateur Athletic Federation (TAAF) Region 9 track and field meet. Twenty-nine Shining Stars athletes qualified for the TAAF state meet in Corpus Christi Thursday through Sunday.

In the girls 6-and-up division, Lydia Jaramillo advanced in the 50- and 100-meter dashes and Karina Stelluti advanced in the 50-meter dash.

In the girls 8-and-up division, Kirstyn Perez advanced in the 200-meter dash and Piper Griffith advanced in the 400-meter dash and the 800-meter run.

In the girls 10-and-up division, Adrianna Melhado advanced in the 100- and 200-meter dash, Hagan Williamson advanced in the 400-meter dash, Aviella Davila advanced in the 800-meter run, Ava Read advanced in shot put and Elizabeth Turner advanced in the 200- and 400-meter dashes and shot put.

In the girls 14-and-up division, Mya Hale advanced in the 100- and 300-meter hurdles.

In the boys 6-and-up division, Harley Parras advanced in the 50- and 100-meter dashes.

In the boys 8-and-up division, Manuel Davila and Roston Wilson advanced in the 400-meter dash.

In the boys 10-and-up division, Parker Huestis advanced in the 200- and 400-meter dashes, Aven Bufkin advanced in the 400-meter dash and long jump, Damian Jaramillo and Percy Stelluti advanced in the 800-meter run and Luke Hale advanced in long jump.

In the boys 12-and-up division, Blake Williamson advanced in the 400-meter dash, Kullen Daniel advanced in the 80-meter hurdles and high jump and Ethan Velasquez advanced in shot put.

In the boys 14-and-up division, Ethan Jaramillo advanced in the 400-meter dash, Boden Griffith advanced in the 1600-meter run, James Covington advanced in the 1600- and 3200-meter runs, Caden Read advanced in shot put and discus and Christian Wright advanced in shot put.

In the boys 16-and-up division, Talyn Chavez advanced in the 100-, 200-, and 400-meter dashes, Kody Daniel advanced in shot put and discus and Luke Darlin advanced in shot put.

Hermleigh slated to finish near top of district

Hermleigh Cardinal football is projected to finish near the top of its district in the most recent edition of *Dave Campbell's Texas Football*.

The magazine has Hermleigh tabbed as the second place finisher within District 7-1A D1, right behind the rival Ira Bulldogs.

Coming off an impressive 9-2 record last season, *Texas Football* expects the upward trajectory to continue. The Cardinals improved from 2019 to 2020 under former coach Heath Gibson (they went from four wins to nine wins), which paints the picture of a team ready to “take the next step,” as *Texas Football* put it.

Texas Football's Preseason Offensive MVP, quarterback Jonathan Digby, expects to play a big part in the Cardinals offense this upcoming season. Running back/linebacker Stetson Digby was another player highlighted as being a focal point to the team's success on offense. He and Jonathan form a pretty electric one-two punch out of the backfield, the magazine said.

Other players highlighted as ones to watch by *Texas Football* include tight end/defensive lineman Zane Nachlinger, wide receiver/linebacker Mateo Clement, running back/linebacker JJ Granados, tight end/defensive lineman Patrick Carr and wide receiver/linebacker Jase Ellison.

The rivalry between Hermleigh and Ira projects to be a good one this season, according to *Texas Football*. Both programs are coming off impressive 2020 campaigns, and both are looking to establish themselves as the best team in the district moving forward in 2021.

Ira duo named all-state baseball



Luna



Partain

A pair of Ira Bulldogs were named to the Texas Sports Writers Association's Class A all-state baseball team.

Freshman Anthony Luna and sophomore Bryton Partain were both named honorable mention all-state pitchers and shortstops.

Seniors Trey Edwards from Borden County was named a second team all-star outfielder and Tommy Mack Kingston was named honorable mention shortstop.

Lady Tiger volleyball camp



TSN Photo Chad Goebel
Lady Tiger youth basketball campers ran warm-ups this week during the three-day camp. Pictured (l-r) are Gemma Marquez Ramirez, Zoey Ramon, Chloe Henson, and Melanie Monroe

Sports Briefs

WTC baseball tryouts

Western Texas College Baseball is hosting baseball tryouts August 3 at the WTC baseball complex at 9:30 a.m. The cost is \$75, and the tryout camp is limited to 50 players. The tryout will feature a “pro-style workout” and intrasquad sessions, allowing pitchers to throw to live hitters. Register online at wtcathletics.com/sports/bsb/2020-21/releases/BaseballTryoutCamp.

Snyder football season tickets

Previous Snyder High School season ticket holders will be able to renew their tickets August 3-18 and can make changes to their seats if available. Season tickets will go on sale to the general public beginning August 19 and running through September 3.



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