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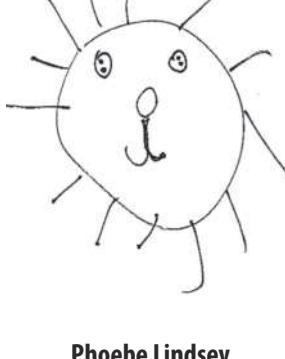
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## WEATHER



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Thursday forecast: Sunny  
Friday forecast: Sunny  
Saturday forecast: Sunny  
Precipitation (Sat-Tues.):  
none  
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

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.

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### 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	\$2,723,130,170	-17.06

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-Pyron 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.

## 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.

A few more

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 pro-

ceeding."

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 state-

ment, 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 re-

quired at least one of three el-

ements to be present in a tam-

pering with evidence case:

Concealment, destruction or

tampering. He said the indict-

ment was based on the ele-

ment of concealment, which

had not happened in this case.

Wilson, the arresting of-

ficer, was the first witness

called to the stand.

According to the tamper-

ing 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 de-

liberation as early as this af-

ternoon.

The trial is being held in

the District Courtroom on

the fourth floor of the Scurry

County courthouse.

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 West-

ern Texas College Volleyball

Tournament scheduled for

August 27 and 28.

Board also members heard

updates on a Texas Depart-

ment of Agriculture grant and

upcoming Chamber events.

The board then went into

a closed session but no ac-

tion 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 sched-

ule for teachers, nurses and

librarians, the 2021-22 com-

pensation 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 up-

dates on homeschool student

participation in University

Interscholastic League (UIL)</

# 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](mailto: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, Sharlyn 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](http://www.bellcypertseale.com).

Hatfield

## 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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## Bertha Gilbert

January 28, 1917-  
Friday, July 23, 2021

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.eastsidechurchsnyder.org](http://www.eastsidechurchsnyder.org)

Online condolences may be expressed to the family by visiting [www.millerfamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.millerfamilyfuneralhome.com)

# Blotter

## • 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 Carrisale, 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

POSTMASTER send change of address to P.O. Box 949, Snyder, Texas, 79550.

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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.

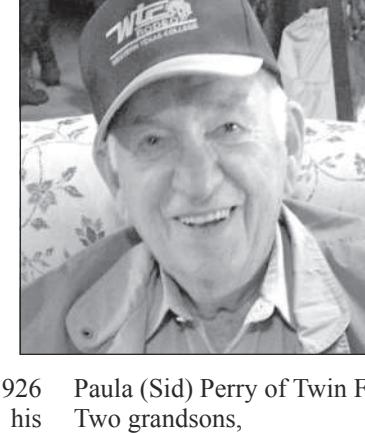
## • Suspicious persons

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 (Verlin Laverne) 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 boy's games or activities they were doing a rarely missed one of the grandkids or

## Diversified

## 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



Greg Gruben

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 effective 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

## 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.

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.

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 34 of Block 31 of the T&P RR survey.

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## Area News

**ROSCOE** — After a fire destroyed most of its building, The Luminary 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 are creating other problems, the newspaper reported.

**SWEETWATER** — The Sweetwater Enterprise for Economic Development Municipal Development 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,

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

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.

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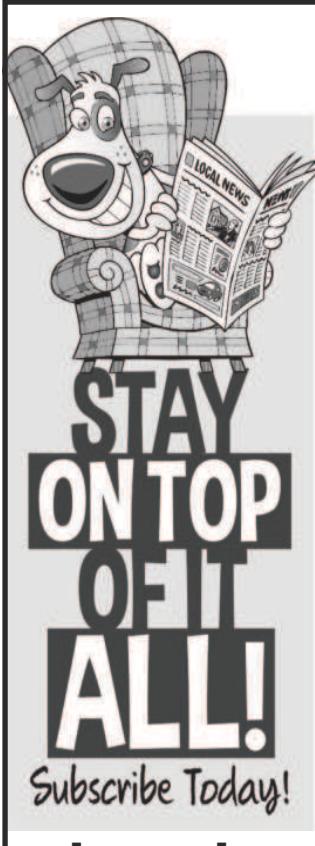
EMS Summer Camp. On day one, the teens and pre-teens learned how to perform CPR with life-like dummies and under the direction of EMS professionals. According to an article in the *Seminole Sentinel*, the July 5-7 camp was held at the EMS facility.

**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-

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## Miller Family Funeral Home

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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-Cypt-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.

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## Seliger files bill to end line-item veto

## Texas Tribune

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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  
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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-

eas 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.

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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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## Shining Stars athletes to compete at state level



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 Rosston 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.

## Lady Tiger volleyball camp



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

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## 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

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



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