

# Snyder Daily News

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**WEATHER**



Madison Yescas  
Tuesday's high: 79 degrees  
Tuesday's low: 68 degrees  
7 a.m. reading today: 68 degrees  
Precipitation: 0.16 of an inch  
2013 precipitation: 7.71 inches



**Burn Ban Lifted**

**TODAY'S QUOTE**  
If you haven't got any charity in your heart, you have the worst kind of heart trouble.  
- Bob Hope

**FINANCES**  
WT-Int. Crude \$95.05  
WTIC Posted \$91.00  
Natural Gas \$4.17  
Patterson-UTI \$21.41  
Oxy-Pemian \$93.44  
Kinder Morgan \$39.62

**AROUND TOWN**  
**Pool hours**

The Scurry County Parks Department said that the Towle Park pool will open at noon Saturday and at noon Tuesdays through Sundays.

**Ladies Night Out**  
Ladies Night Out will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday at Texas Cafe 2.

**Awards ceremony**  
Snyder Elementary School will hold its kindergarten awards ceremony at 8:30 a.m. Friday in the cafeteria.

**LOTTERY**  
Tuesday's Results  
Mega Millions  
4-12-25-32-54 MB: 36  
Megaplier: 4

Cash Five

## Heavy rains helped some county farmers

Many Scurry County farmers benefited from last week's rainfall, but some were out of luck, according to Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Agent Greg Gruben.

While Snyder has received more than seven inches of rain this year, with more than four inches coming last Thursday, Gruben said the rainfall totals have been "spotty."

"The rainfall totals are still all over the board," he said, noting that while 4.58 inches were reported at Winston Field, Fluvanna only had .15 of an inch.

"It fell so hard that we did not have a lot of runoff," he said. "But we are absolutely in a better spot than before last Thursday."

Gruben said many farmers' outlook prior to the rain was "dismal."  
"They seem to be more positive now. I would say their outlook is cautiously optimistic," he said.

One of the reasons the outlook did not look good prior to the rain was the underground moisture was very low.

Gruben said that a result of the three-year drought Scurry County is currently enduring.

Fields in Hermleigh remain underwater and Gruben said that will help with the underground moisture.

But if it stays waterlogged for too long, it will damage the crops that are already planted, he said.

"Hermleigh has gotten a good bit more rain than the rest of the county," Gruben said. "The areas west of Snyder are still dry. They haven't caught as much rain. Some guys are in better shape than others."

Gruben said the crop outlook could become better if the county receives one or two more good rains. He said the lands need to soak in the moisture to make a crop this year.

What farmers do not need is the damaging winds and hail that accompany many spring storms.

"We still have several hurdles to jump through. If we get some rain over the next few weeks, I think by the end of June they will be pretty optimistic," Gruben said.



SDN Photo/Bobby Allen  
A portable building was turned inside-out by last week's storms, which dumped significant rain on Snyder and other parts of Scurry County. The forecast calls for a 20 percent chance of showers tonight.



SDN Photo/Bobby Allen  
The Scurry County Sheriff's Office received an equipment grant this week from the U.S. Deputy Sheriffs Association. Deputies pictured are (l-r) Cody Shannon, Kevin Roemisch, Chief Deputy Brian Martinez, Sheriff Trey Wilson, Randy Romero, Maggie Souder and Lee Ortiz.

### Sheriff's office receives equipment from grant

Scurry County deputies will have more safety and investigative tools at their disposal, thanks to a grant from a national organization.

The United States Deputy Sheriffs Association (USDASA) awarded the department a grant for two portable breathalyzers and first-aid kits and traffic vests for each deputy in the department after an application filed by Chief Deputy Brian Martinez was approved.

Martinez said the organization provides the

equipment based on what is most needed by each applicant. He said that the breathalyzers are a good investigative tool for deputies.

The USDASA, based in Wichita, Kan., is a non-profit charity organization that benefits county law enforcement agencies around the country through equipment grants, training and education. The equipment donation is the result of government grants and private contributions to the charity.

## Governor signs bill creating water fund

From Staff and Wire Reports

Gov. Rick Perry signed into law the creation of a state fund to finance new water projects he says will help spark \$30 billion worth of infrastructure spending over the next 50 years.

At a signing ceremony Tuesday, Perry said the measure was making history by securing the state's water supply for generations. Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and House Speaker Joe Straus also applauded the bill.

The Colorado River Municipal Water District will be eligible for the funds, said General Manager John Grant.

"This bill created a mechanism to make the funding available," Grant said. "The legislature also restructured the water development board, so we will have to wait until all that gets in place with the new rules and criteria. We think it's a good deal and the funds will be available to the people of West Texas."

The Legislature approved \$2 billion for the fund, but voters must still ratify its creation on the November ballot.

If approved, it will jumpstart projects to guard against Texas' frequent, punishing droughts.

## BCD awards \$2,000 to businesses

In a 30-minute meeting this morning, the Board of County Development approved \$1,000 grants from the board's business improvement plan to two different businesses.

The businesses that received the funding were Herculease and Rosie's School House.

Action on Western Auto's request was tabled pending the board receiving more information on the improvement plans.

The board will be accepting

applications from businesses planning to improve exteriors of buildings through September, although it is suggested that plans be submitted as soon as possible to ensure money will be available.

A report on the streaming webcam for the courthouse square was also given.

The work is underway and is expected to be completed as in the near future, the board was told.