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Early voting through May 3

Early voting in local elections will continue through May 3 at the Salado Civic Center.

As of presstime on April 26, 111 voters have cast ballots in the Salado I.S.D. race and 96 have cast ballots in the Village of Salado race. In the last race for Mayor in 2014, a total of 691 ballots were cast.

Three races in Salado are contested with write-in candidates in each of the races.

This has led to some voters in Salado feeling more than a bit of angst about how to mark the ballots with the write-in candidate of their choice.

The polling location in Salado will have a list of the write-in candidates for each of the three races: Salado I.S.D. Board of Trustees, Mayor of the Village of Salado and Board of Aldermen.

A sample ballot and a list of the write-in candidates will be on the table where voters register to cast their ballots.

Also, each voting booth will have a list of write-in candidates on display.

If a voter wants to cast their vote for a write-in candidate they simply fill in the bubble and then write in the name of the candidate that they want to vote for.

All of the ballots will be looked at physically by the election officials to determine the intent of the

As long as the election officials can determine the intent of whom the voter is voting for, the ballot will be counted.

Candidates for two three-year terms on the Salado I.S.D. Board of Trustees are Jeff Kellev. Darrell Street and write-in candidate Michael Matthews.

Candidates for the Village of Salado Mayor are Hans Fields and write-in candidate Skip Blancett.

Candidates for two two-year terms are Frank Coachman and write-in candidates Dr. Amber Preston-Dankert and Linda Reynolds.

In-person early voting hours are 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. weekdays April 25 through May 2 with extended early voting hours of 7 a.m.-7 p.m. on April 26 and May 3.

Election day, polls will be open at the Salado Civic Center 7 a.m.-7 p.m.



Extreme endurance competitors will be coming to Salado this spring and fall.

520K training camp this weekend

endurance Extreme athletes will converge in Salado this spring and fall for an Ultra 520K event.

The spring event April 29-May 1 is billed as the Ultra Underground extreme training camp and clinic.

The first day of the Ultra Underground will have a 3.5 mile open water swim, followed by a 67 mile bike ride. The second day will be a 134 mile boke ride. The third day will be a run from 6.2 to 20 miles in distance.

Registration is online at

active.com, keyword Salado Ultra520K.

Athletes can sign up to do one of the races or all three of the races, or any combination in between.

There will be nutrition classes during the threeday event.

Corporate sponsorships are available as well by contacting event organizers at gojoendure@gmail.

The three-day event will be a preview of the fall 520K Ultra Endurance event on Oct. 21-23. That event will include a



Ultra competitors swim, run and bike for miles unending during the weekend races.

6.2 mile open water swim in Stillhouse Hollow Lake followed by a 93 mile bike ride. Day Two will be a

172 mile bike ride. Day Three will be a 52.4 mile run (back-to-back mara-

BOA to mull drainage issues on Stagecoach Circle

By TIM FLEISCHER Editor-in-Chief

Salado aldermen will discuss drainage issues at Stagecoach Circle and Chisholm Trail as well as an appointment to the Village Planning and Zoning Commission during a workshop session 6:30 p.m. April 28 at the Municipal Building.

In executive session, aldermen will discuss economic development projects as authorized Texas Government 551.087, Eco-Code Development, nomic incentive agreements with Stagecoach 1943 Limited Partners.

No votes will be taken during the workshop agen-

The board will review recommendations by the Village Engineer from 2007 and 2009 regarding the drainage and flooding issues for residents at Stagecoach Circle and Chisholm Trail.

The issue is not a new one, even predating the incorporation of Salado in

"This location is designated by the Federal Emergency Management Agencyas being in Zone AE, which means it is within the 100-year Floodplain," John Simcik wrote after a



(PHOTO FROM 2007 STUDY BY JOHN SIMCIK)

A culvert and drainage ditch off of Chisholm Trail near Stagecoach Circle. The area is subject to flooding and some of the property is in the Federal Emergency Management Agency 100-year Floodplain. Aldermen will discuss the issue and possible solutions to the problem during their April 28 workshop meeting.

site visit to the properties in 2007.

"The existing slope in this area is nearly flat, which tends to drain stormwater slowly," Simcik added in a letter to aldermen. "This has resulted in sedimentation of the existing roadside channel. The flat portion of the channel extends to the next set of culverts at the driveway of the adjacent property. Beyond that, the existing channel slope increases and drainage does not appear to be an issue."

Simcik offered three options.

"The only way to permanently ensure that future flooding will not occur would be to construct a conveyance that would have the capacity to convey the 100-year storm event," Simcik stated. "This

would require an analysis of the watershed to determine peak flows, design of the conveyance(most likely an open channel), and acquisition of drainage easements for construction of the improvements."

The option, at that time, was "impractical," according to Simcik, who cited the costs of design, easement acquisition and construction.

"A more cost effective long-term option which would improve drainage through the area would be to line the existing channel with concrete from the point where the existing culvert crosses Chisholm Trail to the driveway of the adjacent downstream property," Simcik said. "The concrete lining would facilitate drainage by creating a smoother surface and would also be easier to maintain."

A third, short-term option would be to "clean the silt out of the channel and reestablish positive drainage between the culverts. This would improve drainage," according to Simcik, "but it should be cautioned that because of the flat slope of the channel, additional silt buildup in the channelcan be expected and regular maintenance will be required."

Simcik visited the area again in 2009 at the request of then-aldermen Danney McCort.

Again looking at cleaning out the channel, Simcik advised that because the property lies within the 100-year floodplain "any material that is excavated during the channel cleaning process must be hauled offsite to a location outside of the 100-year floodplain."

caution should be used when excavating in the vicinity of underground utilities," he added. "Most of the proposed improvements are located on private property."

The improvements to the drainage system "are not intended to prevent all flooding occurrences in this area, nor are they permanent improvements," Simcik advised. "The frequency and risk of flooding to said properties will be reduced, but not eliminated."

He further advised that regular maintenace of the drainage conveyances "will be a necessity to ensure they have maximum available capacity in order to reduce future flooding

"These improvements will not, nor are they intended to, remove any properties from the FEMA designated 100-year floodplain," he added.

Aldermen will consider the qualifications of volunteers to serve on the Planning & Zoning Commission. Those volunteers seeking appointment to the Commission include Allie Guenther, Bill Kinnison, Jim Reed, Cameron "Guy" Slimp, Eric Stone and Curtis Strong.

Spring Concert tonight

Community Chorus will celebrate working men and women

Americans have always been passionate about recreation and work. Join the Salado Community Chorus for its spring concert 7 p.m. April 28 at 7:00 pm at the First Baptist Church

Salado as the group celebrates American pastimes and professions.

The theme of the spring concert is Work and Play in the USA

Enjoy an evening "surfing" with the local singers through some familiar sports and recreational activities and expect a few surprises along the way. Ride the rails with the Chorus through cotton fields, the classroom, and the military profession, to

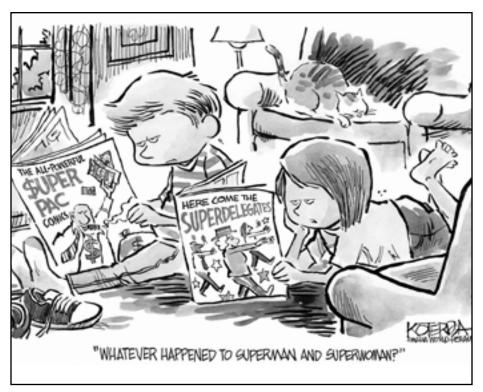
name a few. You can even this ride with us. catch a wave of musical nostalgia as your chorus presents a tribute to other select pastimes and professions of our great country. The community is invited to come along and enjoy

The Salado Community Chorus is directed by Jim Mohon and meets each Tuesday evening at 6 p.m. at the Salado Civic

For more information

on the Salado Community Chorus visit the website at http://www.saladochorus. com or you may contact Jim Mohon (254) 541-7824 or Lezlie Mann (254) 791-9263.

An Open Exchange of Ideas



Trump Wuz Robbed

Give Donald Trump credit for planning ahead. He is preparing to be a sore loser.

Trump's complaints that he is being undone by a rigged system crafted by a corrupt Republican Party is the dress rehearsal for his campaign's closing argument should it come up short in Cleveland. Trump will, in his telling, have been stabbed in the back by insiders and be fully justified in wreaking a terrible revenge on the party that he briefly sought to

Facts and logic don't particularly matter to Trump or his mouthpieces, yet the "rigged" charge is absurd even by the standards of his standard-less campaign.

Colorado occasioned the latest Trump fusillade. Colorado's offense against fairness and decency was Ted Cruz winning all of its delegates in the same caucus system it has used for years.

The only change in the state, implemented back in August, before many people took Trump seriously, was canceling its presidential preference poll, which didn't have any role in binding delegates anyway. The Colorado system -precinct caucuses electing delegates to district and state assemblies, where they are selected for the

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national convention -- isn't undemocratic. But it rewards a different, more demanding and engaged sort of participation than a primary.

For understandable Trump would reasons, prefer that every contest be an open primary. The Republican calendar has plenty of those. But it has other varieties of contests as well, reflecting the different histories and characteristics of the state parties. The diverse, patchwork system forces a candidate to demonstrate strength all over the geographical map and in myriad ways. If Trump is a master at message and free media -- both driven by his outsized personality -- the delegate game has

shown Cruz's campaign is much more technically proficient.

For all of Trump's complaints, the nomination system was set up to favor the front-runner and get him over the top as soon as possible. He's won about 37 percent of the vote and 45 percent of the delegates. Still, the whining serves several Trump purposes. It feeds his psychological compulsion to never admit he's been beaten or outmaneuvered; and it sets the predicate for his argument at a convention (it'd be "unfair" if he didn't get the nomination), and, more importantly, for ditching the party if he

It is hard to think of a major presidential candidate, let alone a front-runner, who has ever had so little regard for the unity or interests of his own party or is so clearly preparing to bring it down, like Samson at the temple of Dagon, if it doesn't bend to his will. Trump is doing all he can to delegitimize the GOP in the eyes of his voters.

Trump portrays himself as a perpetual winner, yet also cultivates a sense of aggrieved victimhood that is clearly part of his appeal to his supporters. Most unsuccessful candidates seek to avoid the appearance of being a sore loser, no matter what their true feelings. In another departure from the rules of politics, Trump would embrace the role with gusto. His signature line would go from "Make America Great Again" to "We Wuz Robbed."

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Local readers sound off: Sewers, developments, being positive, aldermen

To the Editor:

As owner of a Main Street business with a perfectly functioning septic system I have the following questions:

1. Will Main Street connections be made mandatory even though I have a septic system?

2. Will I be required to remove my functioning septic system?

3. What does the Village of Salado project as the cost of connection to the new sewer system?

4. When the septic system is expanded to service the residential areas will connection be mandatory?

It must also be noted that to physically remove a functioning septic system will be thousands of dol-

It is my observation that much of the negotiations between the Village of Salado and the Sanctuary have been conducted with little input from the businesses and residents of Salado. I understand that negotiations can not be done totally in public. I also understand those negotiations with little input from the residents and businesses of Salado are wrong. It is wrong to present the deal as a "done deal" without additional input from the residents and businesses of Salado.

A sewer system will enhance the value of Main Street Property and I will benefit from this. However, the main beneficiary will be those that have a high volume of sewer use, such as restaurants, wineries, breweries, etc. that can not now open due to septic tank restrictions. My business does not need a sewer connection. Other businesses do. In effect we will be subsidizing those businesses by our bills for a sewer connection we do not need.

Your Voice

Letters to the Editor

cerns and questions to the attention of our city gov-

"It is not the critic who

Respectfully Charles Dunifer

To the Editor:

counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who doses actually strive to do the deeds; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at best knows the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat." Theodore Roosevelt

The road forward is never an easy one. For the Village of Salado over the last several years, it has been the stuff of nightmares. In the Table of Contents for this digest of bad dreams are: (*) a seemingly never-ending Interstate construction project (*) the closing of the single most identifiable landmark in our village, the Stagecoach Inn (*) the on again, off again Sanctuary saga, (*) Sewer and Wastewater Treatment Plant issues. (*) There are street maintenance projects in every direction, (*) long needed revision of arcane and unworkable Please bring my con- ordinances, and (*) the

encroachment of several projects surrounding our boundaries that threaten land-lock.

The list of town needs, new and deferred, is endless. We un-load the responsibility for all these issues (and more) squarely in the laps of a non-professional, un-paid, and all-volunteer work crew. We call them "Aldermen."

Most of us who fall into the "We the People" category (myself included) are guilty of practicing the skill of harsh critique from the safety of our tidy little cocoon outside the arena. We do little and expect much. We're not in the fight day after day. "We're not marred by dust or sweat or blood" and we do not expose ourselves either to failure, or to inevitable criticism (failure or not) as do these folks who labor freely in our behalf. With Mayor Blancett at the helm of our little town ship, we've navigated through some pretty choppy and shark infested waters the last couple of years. Even with the delays of some mid-course corrections, we've still come a long way. I wonder if any of us in the wheelhouse could have done as well. I wonder if any of us would have done as much.

I believe that this crew Mayor Skip Blancett, Aldermen Frank Coachman and Amber Preston Dankhart, deserve our thanks, our continued support and our vote. Now is our next best chance to get in the arena and become

> Tom McMahan Salado, Texas

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Cameron Is Cornered

The Panama Papers exposed how the British prime minister BENEFITED FROM HIS FATHER'S STEALTH WEALTH.

It's said that there's nothing more vicious than a wild animal that's cornered. I'd add that there's nothing more devious than a top corporate or political official caught in a hypo-

critical scandal. Witness the huge menagerie of political critters who've recently been backed into a corner by the Panama Papers - a trove of leaked documents revealing billionaires, rich celebrities, corporate chieftains, and seemingly pious public officials who've hidden their wealth and dodged their taxes by stashing their cash in foreign tax havens.

Of course, we've known for a while that tax dodging is a common plutocratic scam. But the details from the leaked files of an obscure Panamanian law firm called Mossack Fonseca now gives us

names to shame. One is David Cameron, the prime minister of Britain. He's loudly declaimed tax sneaks in public, but — oops — it turns out that his own super-rich father was a Mossack Fonseca client. The Conservative Party leader himself has profited from the



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that critics "hate anybody who has even got a hint of wealth in their life." Again, no - it's the self-serving hypocrisy of the elites that we the people hate.



(PHOTO: WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM/ FLICKR)

stealth wealth he inherited

from his dad's secret stash. Trapped by the facts, the snarling, privileged politician used middle-class commoners as his shield. "If you want to pass your home to your children," he said of critics of his secluded wealth, "they will tax it." No, mister prime minister — the rest of us merely want to tax those who try to pass off tax frauds on the pub-

One of Cameron's partisans even claimed

Doubling down on their hypocrisy, Cameron & Co. have announced that they'll host an anti-corruption summit to address the problem of offshore tax evaders.

As Lily Tomlin says: "No matter how cynical you get, it's impossible to keep up."

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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

Please be a part of the Positive Salado I once knew. I know the more people we have in Salado, the more opinions we have. We can all disagree without having a negative attitude. Salado is indescribable!! We try to put it into words, but the words do not do justice to the charm and love in this village. We look after one another and care for one another like no other place I know.

Our history is rich!! Our creek and ambiance is matchless for a town this size. Larry and I were drawn here in 1982 because of the HISTORY. The Levi Tenney house, built in 1855 is where we lived when our sons were 4 and 6 years old. What a treasure... Robert and Doris Denman, my parents lived in the "historic" Barton House (The Range, now). The Orgain House (The Inn @ Salado, now), The A.J. Rose house (Rose Mansion, now) and the Halley House have all been in our care through our 34 years living here. We LOVE historical properties and have been members of the Salado Historical Society all of these years. My parents built the charming building that is now the Salado Public Library.

Now I have the opportunity to continue the preservation of Salado's history by being the current chair of The Main Street project along with volunteers in this community. We have a group of volunteers who are working vigorously to preserve our history and make our Main Street the most enchanting in Texas. Our village has turned in preliminary plans that the volunteers have been compiling for months. The city has applied for a grant from TXDot. We are striving for the grant for walking paths, unique street lights, park benches and bike lanes where possible. Right now, it is very unsafe for walking along Main Street especially when we have special events. None of the materials have been decided on for the walkways, but they will be in keeping with our historical setting. If you have anyone who has something negative to say about our Main Street plans, and should you want "the rest of the story" please call me @ (254) 913-5468 and I will share more information.

Finally, the Mayor, the City Manger, and the Aldermen/Alderwoman and your Main Street Project volunteers all want to preserve the history of Salado. In the meantime, think positive and hope that we receive the grant money for enhancing this historical treasure...

Please be a part of the positive attitude of the Salado I once knew.

Cathy Sands Salado

To the Editor:

At the February 18, 2016 Board of Alderman meeting, the current Mayor co-opted a CTCOG map of Bell County ETJs and added notations for "New Plats, Developments, & Proposed Developments" to justify his vote to overturn the Village's Planning & Zoning Commission's vote to deny rezoning for a number of Billy Hanks Jr.'s Sanctuary properties. He further equated Texas Metropolitan/IH 35 Corridor growth with future

growth in the area. The 1-0 properties noted on the co-opted map are:

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1a. "Solana Ranch" is multiple properties outside the Village ETJ encompassing nearly 9,000 undeveloped acres acquired by Frank W. Michaux from 1950 through 1984.

1b. "Whitis MUDs" are three undeveloped properties outside the Village ETJ totaling 1.221 acres acquired in 2011 by Bruce Whitis. These three properties aren't MUDs and nothing is pending before TCEQ to make them so.

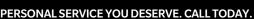
2. "Hidden Springs" is a completed 318 lot subdivision with portions outside the Village ETJ.

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Jim and Alvalin Woodul from Killeen are the Directors of Tablerock's Annual Gospel Festival and will also perform at the two day event.

The Gospel Festival will feature many artists who perform all over Texas. A partial list of artists includes: Angel Erfurt from West, Texas; Steve Coleman from Chalk Bluff, Texas; Beaux Jones from Waco, Texas; the Gospel Crossroads from Beeville, Texas; The Armstrong Family from Garland, Texas; Cliff Underwood from Temple, Texas; Joyce Emile from San Antonio, Texas; Loretta Williams Gurnell from

Houston, Texas; Joyful Sound from Fort Worth, Texas and The Revelation Singers from San Antonio, Texas.

Admission for adults -\$5, children 7 through 12 - \$3 Tickets (yellow wrist bands) are sold at the gate and are good for all day Saturday allowing attendees to visit downtown to shop. A different color wrist band will be sold on Friday evening. On both

days the concession stand will be open for hot pulled pork sandwiches, hot chili dogs, soft drinks, coffee and homemade desserts.

Tablerock's Goodnight Amphitheater is located at 409 Royal Street in Salado, Texas. Go to www.tablerock.org for a map. For more information you may also call Jim or Alvalin Woodul at 254-634-4658 or Tablerock at 254-947-



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By Linda Cawthon Contributor

The 2016 Salado Reunion reunion marks the 80th anniversary of a 1926 gathering held at the big bubbling spring of the Salado Creek, east of the Main Street Bridge.

The Salado Reunion will be held June 11 at the Salado Intermediate School, 550 Thomas Arnold Rd. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m.; reunion ends at 3:30 p.m. A catered lunch will be served. Any questions, call Sherry at 254-760-0663 or Linda at 254-721-3095.

The first Salado Reunion was a "welcome home" party given in honor of John Shanklin and Mrs. Felda Davis Shanklin, as they returned from a several years' stay in Mexico. Their friends decided an all day picnic would be an appropriate way to welcome them back. It proved to be such an enjoyable gathering that they decided to meet again the following year.

Although there had been earlier reunions of students of the Salado College and Thomas Arnold High School in the late 1800's and early 1900's, it is this 1926 event which seems to be the most likely origin of the present day reunion tradition.

The following year, 1927, they met again as agreed at the "Old Salado Grove" campground and park on the south side of the creek near the Big Spring. A vote was taken, and it was decided to hold yearly reunions. The 1928 meeting was held at a Spring located on the Robertson's Plantation property, just west of town on the Salado Creek. Here the Salado Reunion Association is said to have been organized, and the reunion has been held annually ever since, with the exception of the war years of 1942 through 1945.

In earlier days, the reunion was called "The Old Settlers' Reunion"

and was a meeting time for early families of Salado, their descendants, and alumni of the Salado College and Thomas Arnold High School. As the years passed, the name changed from the "Old Settlers' Reunion" to the "Salado Reunion and Homecoming," and now is often just referred to as the "Salado

Reunion." All of the reunions before 2000 were pot-luck gatherings, with tables loaded with an abundance and a variety of homebaked and home-prepared main dishes, side dishes, and desserts. (We have sacrificed the variety of those earlier meals for the simplicity and convenience of the catered meals of today's reunions)

The reunion attendance has varied widely through the years. In a newspaper article about the 1958 reunion, it was noted that there were about 400 in attendance. That number had dropped to about 200

by 1967, and down to 104 registered guests by 1973. The numbers stayed at about 100-200 throughout the 70's.

A new emphasis was put on the fact that the reunion wasn't just for Salado alumni, but for new residents as well, and for anyone with an interest in Salado. Despite this new emphasis, the numbers remained about the same through the '80's and the 90's. At the 1999 reunion, there were only about 100 guests registered. As the numbers seemed to be declining, rather than increasing, a new approach was suggested beginning with the year 2000. Each past graduating class was to have a contact person who would send invitations to his/her former class members. With this change, the 2000 reunion had more than 220 guests registered. The attendance in the past decade has been averaging 200 or

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8:30 a.m. Classic Worship Service 9:45 a.m. Bible Study

11 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service

11 a.m. Primera

Dr. Travis Burleson, Senior Pastor WEDNESDAY

5 p.m. Fellowship Meal

6 p.m. Adult Bible Study

6 p.m. ESL

6 p.m. The Mix (Pre-K - 6)

6 p.m. Bible Drill (Grade 4 – 6)

6 p.m. MIDWEEK

7 p.m. Worship Choir Rehearsal

SPJST Car Show set for May 7 in Seaton

The 11th Annual SP-JST Car Show and Czech Heritage Celebration is Saturday, May 7, at SP-JST Lodge 47, Seaton Star Hall. Star Hall is located at 10842 State Highway 53, which is seven miles east of Temple in the community of Seaton. The event is open to the public, and no admission will be charged.

Car show registration opens at 8 a.m. and closes at 10:30 a.m.

Judging begins at 11 a.m., and awards are at 3 p.m.

First, second, and third place trophies will be awarded in 40 independently judged classes. Other awards include top three peopleas choice, SP-JST King's and Queen's Choice, club participation, distance, best of show, best paint, best graphics, best interior, and best engine.

Registration is \$30. The first 150 entries will receive tee-shirts and goodie bags. Online registration is available at www.spjst.org.

A variety of vendor

booths will display arts and crafts, services, and auto-related products. A 10-foot by 10-foot inside booth is available for \$35; an outside space is \$25. 254-931-0639 Call email lynettet@spjst.com for more information.

Adults and youth are encouraged to enter the kolache eating contest which will be at 2:30 p.m. For more information, call 254-534-0681 or email frankh@spjst.com.

Other activities include a children's fun activity area and a silent auction.

Czech Heritage Museum volunteers will have Czech heritage displays like noodle-making, rope-making, and lace-making. SPJST Education and Nature Center will also have activities.

Food and drinks will be available throughout the day.

The Praha Bros. band will play from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. SPJST District Two Beseda Dancers will perform at 1 p.m.

The event benefits two

501(c)(3)organizations Czech Heritage Museum located in Temple, and SP-JST Education and Nature Center in Ledbetter.

The Museum is dedicated to fostering educational, cultural, and genealogical opportunities, specifically as it pertains to people of Czech heritage.

The Education and Nature Center provides summer camps for youth and programs for schools and other groups throughout the year. It is also a venue for community activities and programs and wildlife conservation demonstrations and education.

SPJST's vision is to provide a wholesome family environment; to encourage cherished Czech traditions; and to provide high quality, competitive life insurance for members. The Home Office is located in Temple.

For more information, visit www.spjst.org or call 254-534-0809.

Daughters of the Republic of Texas: Still Carrying the Banner for Texas

By Dr. Betty J. Edwards
President General of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas

On April 21, 180 years ago, General Sidney Sherman's men led the left wing of Sam Houston's Army into battle against Mexican Dictator Santa Anna's troops at San Jacinto. These men carried the only banner the Texans had that day as they rushed to meet their fate in a life-or-death struggle for liberty

The bedraggled volunteers had been outnumbered and on the run from Santa Anna's army of trained soldiers for weeks after the massacres at Goliad and the Alamo. Their surprise attack on the Mexican Army shortly after 3:30 p.m. — during siesta — lasted just 18 minutes, but gave birth to the Republic of Texas.

The banner they carried into battle now hangs behind the speaker's platform in the Texas House of Representatives. It was a gift from the Galveston Chapter of the Daughters

of the Republic of Texas.

Preserving the histo-

ry of the men who fought to create Texas that day, and honoring their heroic struggles, has been the core mission of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas from the very start. Texas won its independence that day, and set into motion events that led to the United States acquisition of New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada, California, Utah, parts of Colorado, Wyoming, Kansas and Oklahoma.

The Battle of San Jacinto changed world history. But it would be 37 years until the men who fought for their freedom that day would meet in Houston and form the Texas Veterans Association to pass their story along.

The DRT didn't exist yet, but the 300 aging soldiers there took special effort to thank the women who forged Texas in the form of a resolution: Resolved — that the surviving pioneer women of the period we commemorate

who were joint sharers in the trials and privations of that period, and whose patriotism was equal to the occasion, we tender our kindest regards and remembrances.

The Daughters of the Republic of Texas was organized until 56 years after the battle, when they began to meet jointly with the few remaining members of the Texas Veterans Association. The legacy of the old soldiers had been passed along, and was in good hands.

The story of Texas, and the story of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, have been intertwined from the beginning. We didn't just save the Alamo. Texas acquired and preserved the San Jacinto Battlefield at the Daughters insistence. In 1902, the Daughters toured the battleground with a group of legislators and a San Jacinto battle survivor. They placed temporary, improvised monuments in a dozen locations, including the camp where Gen. Houston

lay wounded under a tree on the bayou, the same spot where Santa Anna was delivered to him as a captive.

The San Jacinto Monument was raised with the help of the Daughters in 1939. At 567 feet, the monument remains the tallest masonry column in the world, and 12 feet taller than the Washington Monument.

The story of Texas independence is a story known around the world. It is the story of the men who fought for liberty 180 years ago today at San Jacinto. The Daughters of the Republic of Texas exist still today to tell their story.

years of unfolding time shall never dim the spirit of liberty kindled on this field of battle," reads the inscription of a sundial placed at the battlefield by the San Jacinto Chapter. Keep that spirit of liberty kindled today, and fly your Texas Flag proudly every April 21 in remembrance.

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Dear Child of Mine devotional book makes great Mother's Day present for expectant moms

"Dear Child of Mine, an Heirloom Devotional for the Unborn Child" is a devotional book for expectant mothers written by Salado author Deirdre Tolhurts. It may make a perfect Mother's Day gift for the expectant mother in your life.

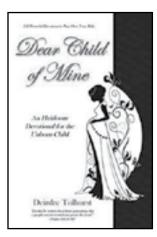
In Dear Child of Mine, Tolhurst finds the beauty in each day that passes from conception to birth. Addressing the growth of the baby within and giving God the glory for each of His miraculous works is the mainstay of this daily devotional.

To be read out loud, each devotion begins with sweet words to the baby. The baby is told every day that it is loved and wanted, and the devotion notes

what miracles are happening as the child grows. Followed by a prayer, the exciting changes inside the mother are spoken of with adoration of God's kindness and miraculous ways. A scripture completes the devotion, always bringing the glory back to God.

SEE DEAR CHILD, PAGE 6A

This uniquely person-



Writers sound off

Developed by Charles Patterson in 1999, with lot sales beginning in 2002. Adjoining Hidden Springs and FM 2843 are 4 properties outside the Village ETJ totaling 636 acres owned by Billy Pipes.

3. "Amity Estates" is an ongoing subdivision where Phase I (2009-2011) was 23 lots directly on West Amity Road. Acquired by James Herring in 2009, the remaining undeveloped 177 acres are platted with Phase II construction underway. Phase II will have 50 half-acre lots, and the remaining Phases (III-V) will total 150 half-acre

4. "Stinnett Mills" is 64 undeveloped acres acquired by Maurice & Charlene Carson in 2015, then acquired by Salado Mills Development Co. later that year.

5. "Helms" is 112 undeveloped acres acquired by Billy Helm in 2014. 7 lots were platted on Mackie Drive, leaving 112 undeveloped acres. Unnoted to the north is 105 undeveloped acres acquired by Scott and Jesica Law in 2014. The property is platted into only 9 lots to be known as "Salado Country Estates".

6. "Anderson" is Mill Creek Resources LTD (Hal Anderson) and is the remaining lots and undeveloped properties of the final unrealized phase of the Mill Creek Country Club. Mill Creek Resources currently has 9 lots for sale and 207 undeveloped

7. "Taylor" is a 17 lot completion of the Doves Landing subdivision on property acquired by Randy Taylor Custom Builder in 2011.

8. "Sanctuary" is mostly properties acquired by Billie and Freda Hanks and are now owned by their heirs. Billy Hanks Jracquired Wildfire Ranch Arena and its' 57 acres from Billy Pipes in 2015.

9. "Windmill Estates" is 93 undeveloped acres acquired by Billy Pipes in 2004.

10. "MUDS" is one huge Municipal Utility District, CLL MUD I. It's Schwertner Farms and encompasses thousands of acres over two counties, all outside the Village ETJ.

Excluded from the co-opted map is The Creeks of Salado, Heritage, Mill Creek Courtyard Homes and Terra Bella subdivisions. The Creeks is a completed 60 lot subdivision. Since 2008, 41 lots have sold with 19 lots remaining

9 am

10 am

11:15 am

for sale. The remaining undeveloped 383 acres is owned by White Water Funding. The Creeks and White Water are surrounded by, but aren't in the Village ETJ. Heritage is a completed 52 lot subdivision. Since 2004, 41 lots have sold with 11 lots remaining for sale. Courtyard Homes is a completed 10 lot subdivision. Since 2015, one home is complete and four more are

under construction.

The key development is Amity Estates Phase II. This is the first attempt at creating a significant number of half-acre lots since 2008. If the absorption rate is low, it will likely have a chilling effect on similar schemes. Sales of half-acre and larger lots is just 8% of the area residential market and has been a declining segment since

The Village government has no authority over land development outside its' ETJ, and for the current Mayor to bemoan this is deceptive. The same applies to equating Texas Metropolitan/IH 35 Corridor growth with future growth in Salado. There's little correlation as Salado doesn't have the employment opportunities these Metropolitan areas have.

Helm is considering

developing half-acre and larger lots on 47 acres west of the Oncor transmission

FROM PAGE 3A

of the Oncor transmission lines. Helm has no interest in being annexed or have access to a sewer. Anderson is considering developing half-acre and larger lots on 46 acres north of Hester Way. Salado Mills hasn't revealed their scheme yet.

That leaves the undeveloped Sanctuary and Windmill Estates. Both will eventually have access to a sewer, but some form of what is now Sanctuary has been around since 2000. Hanks Jr. has held a TCEQ wastewater discharge permit since 2009 and the best he could accomplish to date (other than the Village's unprecedented giveaway package) is Shepard's Glen. Pipes erected a massive rock entry at Windmill and left it at that.

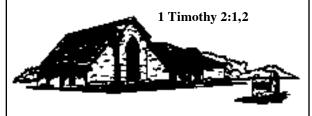
at that.

Whatever occurs, new residents outside the Village, but in the Salado ISD, will pay SISD property taxes and likely patronize Village businesses, generating additional commerce and sales taxes. The 3,000+ residents of the Sonterra MUD aren't in the City of Jarrell, but Jarrell is managing all the same.

Sincerely, John Newman, RA



I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone - for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.



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Worship Service in Chapel Contemporary

Wednesday, May 4

5:15 pm Fellowship Meal 6 - 7 pm Adult Ramp project

6 - 7:15 pm M & M Kids 6 - 7:30 pm "Fourtwelve" Youth in the YAC







Native plants were on sale, as well as eggshell gardens, during the annual Earth Day celebration in Pace Park (shown above) on April 23 in Salado. The night before, the galleries of Royal Street were open late for the first Royal Art Walk, which will be held on the Fourth Friday of each month (right).





John Davis (above, right) of the 112 Collective at 112 Royal Street discusses his painting with visitors to his gallery in the former red schoolhouse. Ro Shaw works clay on the potter's wheel (right) while Michael Pritchett teaches students to paint during a Cork and Create class, all part of the Royal Art Walk.









Meet Mayor Skip @ The Range

Tuesday, May 3rd @ 6:30pm

*Please no electoral candidates





Dear Child FROM PAGE 5A

al devotional has lines included each day so the mom can write the feelings and thoughts that captured her own heart at that stage of her pregnancy, making this a beautiful heirloom for generations to enjoy.

Tolhurst is a published poet and children's book author, e-book author, speaker, and blogger.

She is published in The Golden Treasury of Great Poems (1989) and is the author of A Christmas I Remember (2011).

She is also a member of the Texas Association of Authors. Deirdre writes a Christian blog, Thoughts and Prayers, at www.deirdretolhurst.blogspot.com. Deirdre has been married to her sweetheart for thirty-four years. They live in Salado, Texas, and attend Grace Christian Center in Killeen, Texas. You can connect with her at www. deirdretolhurst.com.

You can order the book through Westbow publishing at westbow.com.

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Covering Salado students from Thomas Arnold to SHS

April 28, 2016

SHS Academic Squad wins Regional contest

Salado High UIL Academic Squad won the Region IV Meet last week and will send 15 competitors to the State Contest in late May. Salado scored 187.5 points, followed by Wimberley with 183.50. Further back in the field was Sweeny in third place with 96 points.

Salado will have three teams go to State: Number Sense, which placed first, Current Issues, which placed second and qualified as a wild card team, and Spelling and Vocabulary, which also placed second and qualified as a wild card team.

The wild card team is the second place team with the highest score among all of the second place teams in the state.

Mathematics and Speed also placed second in Region. The UIL One Act Play is the Alternate for Region IV.

Following are individual and team placements in the Regional contest.

Number Sense, first place team, state qualifier: Peyton Kyburz, fourth, Jeremy Cannon, sixth, Trey Sheppard and Morgan Bird.



Salado HS UIL academic state qualifiers for 2016

(Front row, from left) Spelling: Keegan Menn, Orrin Kimbrough, Katie Kendall, Kayla Manning; Number Sense: Trey Sheppard, Peyton Kyburz, Jeremy Cannon, and Morgan Bird (Morgan also qualified in Calculator Applications). (Back row, from left) Journalism: Molly Rodeffer, Ellie Bragg; LD Debate: Tim Lane; Current Issues and Events: Luke Miller, Cassidy Brown, Austyn Giacomozzi, Nathaniel Sunshine, and Sydney Jarvis

Current Issues and Events, second place, state qualifier: Luke Miller, first, Austyn Giacomozzi, Sydney Jarvis, Nathaniel Sunshine.

Spelling and Vocabulary, second place, state qualifier: Kayla Manning, first, Katie Kendall, second, Keegan Menn, Orrin Kimbrough.

Calculator Applications: Morgan Bird, third, state qualifier, Tyler Armstrong, sixth.

Informative Speaking:

Tim Lane, second, state qualifier.

Lincoln Douglas Debate: Tim Lane, first, state

qualifier. News Writing: Ellie Bragg, second, state qualifier.

Persuasive Speaking: TJ Niedert, fifth.

One Act Play: third,

state alternate.

Hayden Ebeling, Best Actor; John Post and William Macek, All Star Cast; Bobby Cunningham, Honorable Mention; Rene Fillip, All Star Technician.

Fifty-three schools competed in the Regional Meet.



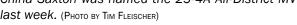
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Lady Eagles named to All-District soccer



last week. (Photo by Tim Fleischer)





State and DOT Inspections

With a near-perfect season that ended in the State Semi-final game against Jasper, Salado Lady Eagles dominated the 25-4A All District Team that was released last week.

Senior China Saxton was named the MVP of the district. She scored 18 goals and had 14 assists on the year. In District play, Saxton scored 11 goals and had six assists.

Junior Annie Ewton and Senior Sara Wilkerson were named the Co-Offensive MVPs in the district. Ewton scored 18 goals and had 14 assists on the season. In District play, she scored 11 goals and had seven assists.

Wilkerson scored 13 goals and had 16 assists for the year. In district play, Wilkerson had 11 goals and 11 assists.

Receiving nods to the First Team All-District were seniors Morgan Bird, Katey Ewton, Juniors Kristin Crouch, Olivia Sula, and Sophomore Reagan Morreale.

Seniors Daniela Gantenbein, Carly Nichols and Jessica Ringstaff were named to the Second Team. Sophomores Ashlen LaCanne and Tyler Pierce were also named to the Second Team All-District. Senior

25-4A Girls District Awards - 2016

Receiving Honorable Mention were senior Julie Craig, junior Rebecca Gonzales and freshman Brileigh Cole.

Coach Michael Goos was named Coach of the Year.



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Phillip Ellis slides back into third to beat the Burnet Bulldogs hotbox defense when he was caught between third and home. (Photo by Tim Fleischer)

Eagles headed to playoffs again

By TIM FLEISCHER EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Salado Eagles beat Llano and Burnet last week, improving to 9-0 in District 25-4A with just one game left in the regular season. The Eagles faced Taylor, which is 8-1 in district on April 26, the game played after presstime for this edition. Salado got

past Taylor 1-0 at home in the first loop of district play. **Eagles**

Llano

Salado Eagles scored four runs in the first and again in the fourth inning to beat the Llano Yellowjackets on their home field April 22 to improve to 9-0 in District 25-4A.

With one out in the top of the first, Chase Basham and Cody Wolf singled. An infield fly gave Salado two outs and kept the runners on their bases. Grant Taylor doubled to left to score Basham. Drew Dobbins singled and stole second. Garrett Lightfoot's deep shot to left scored both runners for a 4-0 lead.

Llano scored a run in the bottom of the first and in the bottom of the third to close the gap to 4-2.

With the first out recorded in the fourth, Preston Payne singled to left and stole second. He scored on a single to right by Basham. Basham also stole second and scored on a single to deep left by Wolf. Taylor hit his secscore Wolf. He scored on a single by Dobbins to bring the score to 8-2.

The Jackets scored two more runs in the seventh, but could not overcome the commanding Salado lead. Burnet **Eagles**

The Eagles scored seven runs with two outs in the third to overtake a four-point lead by the Burnet Bulldogs April 21 in a game that was rescheduled and moved to Georgetown East View due to threatening weather earlier this week.

Salado went on to win the game 9-5 as Burnet added a run in the fourth.

The onslaught came after flyouts to deep center and right fields by Chase Basham and Cody Wolf.

Jacob Wilk singled. He advanced on a single by Grant Taylor. Ryan Dunnahoo walked to load the bases and a walk issued to Garret Lightfoot scored Wilk and kept the bases loaded.

Drew Dobbins singled to score a run. Phillip El-

ond double of the night to lis was hit by the pitcher, driving in the third run of the game. Preston Payne reached on a fielding error on his shot to deep right field, scoring two runs. Ellis got caught in a hot box between third and home but was able to get back to third and later scored.

> An errant throw from the shortstop to first base allowed Chase Basham to get to second base and Payne to score the final run of the inning.

> Burnet took the early lead in the game scoring two runs in both the first and second innings. Salado closed the gap to 4-2 in the bottom of the second. Grant Taylor was hit by the pitcher and Dunnahoo walked. Taylor went to third on a passed ball . A single to deep left scored Taylor and Dunnahoo scored on the throw.

> Wolf got the win on the mound for the Eagles, pitching six innings. He struck out 10 batters, and gave up five hits and four unearned runs.

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Salado ISD encourages parents to attend the Student Health and Safety Night 6-7:30 p.m. May 2 at the Salado Intermediate School.

Rock Springs Hospital and Texas Tech doctoral students will address several topics during the informational sessions.

Topics will include these:

Jason Foundation presentation on educating youth suicide prevention through awareness pro-

Anxiety: learning the signs and coping skills.

Anger Management: Helping your child effectively express their anger.

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Evening Hours begin May 19 Thursday Nights until 7:30 p.m.

Salado Public Library is experimenting with staying open till 7:30 p.m. on Thursday nights. Evening hours begin May 19

Lady Eagles make the playoffs

By TIM FLEISCHER EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Salado Lady Eagles lost the coin toss to determine the third and fourth place seeds for District 25-4A and faced Geronimo-Navarro, the first place team from District 26-4A, in the bi-district round of the playoffs on April 27, after press time for this edition.

Salado Village Voice will have a report from the game on the website at saladovillagevoice.com.

Navarro had a 20-10 record and 9-3 in district 26-4A. Salado's record was 17-7 and 5-5 in District 25-4A play.

Burnet won District 25-4A outright and faces La Vernia. Burnet's record is 21-4 and 9-1 going into the playoffs. La Vernia's record is 14-18 and 7-6 going into the playoffs.

Liberty Hill was second in District 25-4A with a record of 23-7 and 9-1 in district play. The Lady Panthers face Wimberley, which is 21-8 and 8-5 in district play.

Lampasas faces Cuero in the first round of playoffs. The Lady Badgers carry a record of 12-11 and 5-5 in district into the playoffs. Cuero has a record of 19-5 and 8-4 in district play.

Salado 12 Llano 0

Salado Lady Eagles shut out Llano on their home field in the final game of district play April 22, winning a Mercy Rule shortened game 12-0.

The girls got 12 hits on the way to the win, while Salado pitcher Bailey Tindell gave up just three hits and struck out seven batters. She walked one batter and hit another to send her to first.

Meagan Hill led off the game with a walk, advancing on a bunt by Rebecca Dockray. She scored on a single by Malory Schattle for a 1-0 lead in the first.

The girls added four more in the third. Abbie James was hit by the pitcher to lead off the inning. She scored on an error by the third baseman that allowed Meagan Hill to turn a grounder into two extra bases. Dockray doubled to play Hill and Schattle triple to plate Dockray. Schattle scored on a sacrifice fly by Payton Dreitz.

Returning to the top of the order in the fifth, Salado scored four more runs for a 9-0 lead. Hill led off with a single and Dockray bunted, putting runners at

Garage sale, lemonade stand for Class of '24

Salado's Class of 2024 is organizing its second annual Garage Sale and Lemonade Stand fundraiser for 8 a.m.-2 p.m. May 7 at the Salado Intermediate Cafetorium.

The Class parents are renting table spaces for the Garage Sale for \$25. You can sell your gently used items and keep all of the profits. The table rent will benefit the Class of 2024 Project Graduation and Senior Trip.

If you don't want to have a table, you can still donate any items to the Class of 2024 Table.

You can also donate baked goods, hot dogs or drinks.

The event is slated for 8 a.m.-2 p.m. May 7 at Salado Intermediate School cafetorium.

For table rentals or to donate items, contact Kathi Walrath at kathiwalrath@gmail.comr or Linda Roach at roachfamily92@gmail.com.



(PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)

Payton Dreitz gets Alex Barry out at first as the final part of a double play. Lindy Martin snagged the grounder, threw it to shortstop Malory Schattle to force out Natalie Frank going to second. Schattle then made the throw to first.

the corners. Schattle doubled to score Hill and an error by the shortstop on the next play allowed Dreitz to get to first, Schattle to get to third and Dockray to score.

Schattle scored on a single by Jenna Calder. An error by the second baseman loaded the bases with Dreitz going to third, Calder to second and Lindy Martin to first. A bunt by Tindell plated Dreitz and kept the bases loaded before the final two outs in the inning were made by the Lady Jackets.

The Lady Eagles put three more across the plate in the sixth inning. Dockray walked and Schattle singled. Madeline Murray hit into a fielder's choice that forced an out at third. Calder doubled to plate Murray and Martin doubled to plate Calder before the third out was recorded.

Defensively, the Lady Eagles allowed no Lady Jackets to get beyond second base. Llano was able to put just seven runners on base in the game.

Schattle led the girls, going 4-for-4 with two singles, a double, a triple, three runs batted in and scoring three runs.

Calder had two hits, a single and a double and 2 RRIs

Burnet 5 Lady Eagles 1

The Lady Eagles lost to first-place Burnet last night 5-1 at Liberty Hill, a game that was rescheduled to April 21 due to rains earlier in the week.

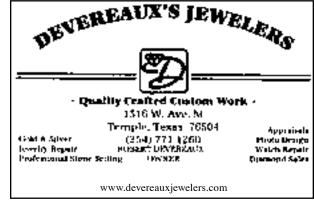
The lone run for Salado came in the third inning. Meagan Hill led off the frame with a bunt, beating the throw to first. Payton Dreitz followed with a bunt. An error on the catch by first baseman Alex Barry allowed Dreitz to get to first and Hill to turn the corner and get to third. With runners at the corners, Malory Schattle knocked a sacrifice fly to left field to score Hill and advance Dreitz before Burnet recorded the final two outs of the inning.

Burnet took command of the game in the second inning, scoring four runs with only two hits.

Natalie Frank reached on a walk. Barry singled to right and a fielding error let the ball roll to the fence and Frank to score. Barry made it to third on the error. She scored on a single to right by Soiee Still who stretched the single into a double. Vanessa Escamilla walked. Still scored on a passed ball while Escamilla stole second base. A double to center by Lexey Parker brought Escamilla across the plate before Hill struck out the next two batters in nine pitches.

Burnet added a run in the fourth. With two outs and no runners, Escamilla double to left. She scored on a single by Lexey Parker, who was left stranded on base.

Burnet had eight hits on Hill, who was issued the loss on the mound. Hill went seven innings, striking out 11 batters and walking four.





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Sprint Relay team of Sara Kate Kelarek, Abby Quick, Sugar Hill and Kate Robinson

Lady Eagles send 6 tracksters to Regional meet

Salado varsity girls 4X100 Meter Relay team led the pack at the Area Track Meet April 21 at Liberty Hill, winning the race with a time of 50.25 and earning a berth in the Regional Meet this week at A&M Kingsville.

Salado's 400 Meter Relay team of Sugar Hill, Katie Robinson, Abby Quick and Sara Kate Kelarek placed first with a time of 50.25.

Other girls qualifying for the Regional Meet are hurdlers Sara Kate Kelarek, who placed third in the 300 meter Hurdles with a time of 48.44 and Macy Thrasher, who placed fourth with a time of 48.60.

Brittany Vrooman placed third in the Discus with a throw of 110-11 to

qualify for the Regional Meet.

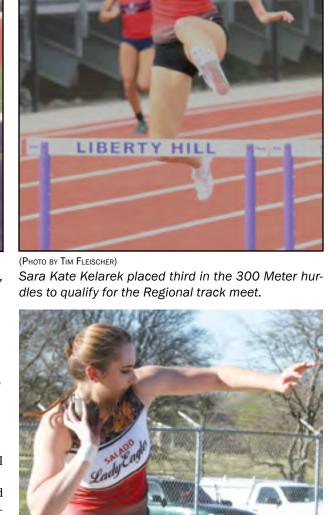
Katie Robinson placed fourth in the 400 Meter Dash with a time of 1:01.35.

Also placing in the top six at the Area Meet were Abby Quick, who placed fifth in the 200 Meter Dash with a time of 26.34 and Mariah VaillanCourt, who placed fifth in the Triple Jump with a total distance of 35-01.25.

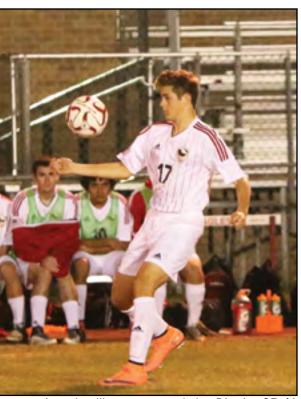
Two varsity placed in the top six at the Area track meet.

Preston Kimbrough placed fifth in the 3200 Meter Run with a time of 10:15.90.

Holden Ford placed sixth in the 110 Meter Hurdles with a time of 15.76.



Brittany Vrooman qualified for Regional track meet by placing third in Area. (PHOTO BY SHS YEARBOOK)



Constantinos Loullis was named the District 25-4A Offensive MVP. (PHOTO COURTESY SHS YEARBOOK)

Eagles named to All-District list

Salado Eagles placed niors Daniel Magadan second in district soccer this year and had several players to earn All-District honors, which were announced last week.

Sophomore Constantinos Loullis leads the team, having earned Offensive MVP Honors. He scored 19 goals and had five assists on the year. In District play, Loullis had eight goals and one assist.

Receiving First Team All-District honors were senior John Dawson, juand Camden LaCanne and sophomore Trey Sheppard.

Named to the Second Team All-District were senior Scout Pucket, sophomore Manuel Magadan and Brandon Rodriguez and freshman Caleb Chambliss.

Junior Ryan Cook and sophomores Armando Castillo and Kaden Smien received Honorable Mention.

Coach Michael Goos was named Coach of the



Allen Sirois represented Salado High School and Region 12 at the State Texas Art Education Association Visual Art Scholastic Event

Sirois awarded State medallion at VASE

Salado high school junior Allen Sirois earned an Exemplary rating and State medallion at the Texas Art Education Association Visual Art Scholastic Event (VASE) held April 22 - 23 at James Madison High School in San Anto-

nio. Out of more than 31,000 entries submitted in the 29 regional VASE events, 2,048 student works qualified for the State Vase Event. The exhibition featured the best artwork from high school students across Texas.

Jurors evaluated each artwork and scored Sirois sculpture entitled RecylaGoat with 18 out of 20 possible points earning him an Exemplary rating and State medallion.

Sirois art teacher is Kyra Mann. The sculpture will be included in the Salado High School Art Show held from 5 - 6 p.m. on May 31 at the SHS Cafeteria.

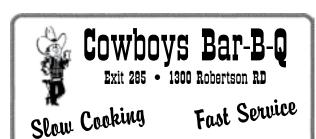


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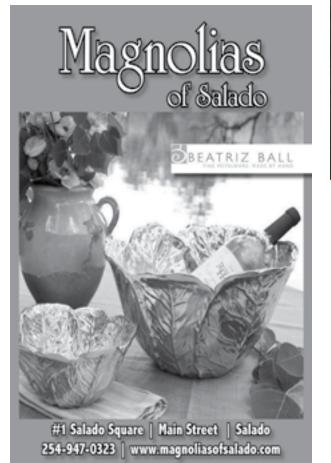
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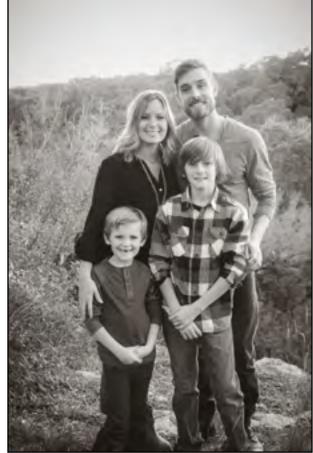


Barrow Brewing hosts Noonday Collection event May 4

Barrow Brewing Company and Noonday Collection are teaming up. Co-Owner of Barrow Brewing Co, KD Hill, and Local Ambassador with Noonday Collection, Erin Rigsby, invite local ladies to a fun and inspiring girl's night out 7 - 10 p. m. on May 4 at Barrow Brewing Company, 108 Royal Street.

Noonday Collection began as a fundraiser for a family in Austin who were adopting their son from Rwanda. Now, Noonday partners with artisans in 13 countries, creating sustainable jobs through fashion and design. At the heart of Noonday is adoption. Hostesses like KD can create a global marketplace in their home or place of business, and also raise money for an adop-

Erin Rigsby, Salado High School Class of '96, joined the growing community of Noonday Ambassadors in 2013. As a Noonday Ambassador, Erin has become a social entrepreneur, a stylist who helps women feel beauti-



A San Antonio family will benefit from the Noonday Collection event at Barrow Brewing Company.

ful, and a storyteller who shares the remarkable stories of the world-wide Artisans who create Noonday's pieces.

KD Hill and her husband, Graydon, opened

Barrow Brewing Company just last month. Before settling in Salado, KD spent time in Jordan where she witnessed first-hand the impact women in the workplace has on society.

When a woman is able to support herself and her family it is life changing - for the woman, her family, and the entire community. For this reason, the Hills wanted to open the brewery up for a Noonday event. The Hills are also excited about the opportunity to support a Texas family's adoption.

Ten Percent of ALL sales (Noonday and brewery sales) at this event will go to a family from San Antonio who are in the process of adopting a child from Ethiopia. Adoptive mama, Katie, will be at the event to share her adoption story. Katie and her husband Clayton have two sons and are looking forward to growing their family through adoption.

There will be over 100 pieces from Noonday Collection on display to see and try on, plus Barrow Brewing Company's selection of beers, kombucha, and coffee will be available for purchase.

For more information visit: www.noondaycollection.com/erinrigsby www.barrowbrewing.com

CTAS Star Party set for April 30 at Overlook Park on FM1670

Jupiter and its four brightest moons are high overhead this month, with Mars and Saturn rising towards the end of the evening. Bright moon Io will pass in front of

Jupiter and emerge onto the dark background of space. Mars is larger and brighter this month than at any time in the last 11 years. The rings of Saturn are wide open and several

bright moons are visible.

The Central Texas Astronomical Society will host a free public star parties 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. April 30 at Overlook Park near Belton

CTAS members will provide telescopes to view the visible planets and a selection of stars, star clusters, nebulas, and galaxies.

The seven brightest stars in the constellation Ursa Major form an asterism known as the Big Dipper. The Whirlpool Galaxy, M51, is located near the handle of the Big Dipper. M51 is visually distinctive, being entangled with another Spiral Galaxy, NGC5195. Another very beautiful Spiral Galaxy, M81, is also near the Big Dipper. The Beehive Cluster, M44, is an open cluster of roughly 1000 stars located in the constellation Cancer.

Star parties are scheduled monthly, on moonless nights, which provide the best views of faint objects. Moon phases don't coincide with the calendar month, so the weekend of the month will vary. Visit centexastronomy.org for more information and di-

rections to the site. In the event of cloudy weather, a cancellation notice will be posted on the CTAS website homepage by 6 p.m.







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Village of Salado Calendar of Events

April 28, 29 & May 3 Early Voting, 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at Salado Civic Center. APRIL 28

Small Acreage - New Landowner Program Series, 5:30 p.m. at the Special Events Room of the Bell County Expo. AgriLife Extension service will present topics of interest. \$20 per person.

APRIL 28

Support Salado Schools at Freddy's in Harker Heights, 5 - 8 p.m. Freddy's will donate a percent of your purchase to Salado **Junior High Soccer**

APRIL 28 Coffee with the Director, 10 a.m. at Salado **Public Library. info:** saladolibrary.org

April 29 - May 1

Temple Belton Area Builders Association Parade of Homes. Homes located in Temple, Belton and Salado. Friday 6 - 8 p.m., Sat. and Sun. noon - 5 p.m. Tickets: \$5 info: www.tahb.org

APRIL 29 - MAY 1 Ultra520K Texas training camp and clinic.

info: ultra520ktexas.com

APRIL 30

Community Yard Sale to benefit the SUMC **Mothers Day Out Pro**gram Scholarship Fund, 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. at 841 N. Main Street (grounds of Salado Wine Seller)

APRIL 30 Sculpture Garden Clean Up Party, 10 a.m. -2 p.m. at Salado Sculpture Garden, 113 Salado Plaza Drive. Hosted by **Terra Living. Volunteers** encouraged.

APRIL 30

We're on a Roll!!! Class, 10:30 a.m. at Stamp Salado. \$26 info: (254) 947-8848

APRIL 30

Barre at Barrow, 10:45 a.m. at Barrow Brewing Company. instructor: Ashley Whitaker, space limited. \$15 Tickets at eventbrite.com

APRIL 30

Tea Cup Treasure Class, 1:30 p.m. at Stamp Salado. \$30 info: (254) 947-8848

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Open House at Salado Village Artists, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. info: saladovillageartists.com

May 2

Salado ISD Student Health and Safety Night, 6 - 7:30 p.m. at Salado **Intermediate School.** All parents and students grade 6 to 12 welcome to attend. Childcare provided for younger children.

May 4

Early Voting, 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. at Salado Civic Center.

May 4

Noonday Collection event, 7 - 10 p.m. at Barrow Brewing Company. 10% of all sales will go to a San Antonio family adopting from Ethiopia. May 5 and 12

Salado One Act Play: The Christmas Truce public performance.

May 6 - 7

Tablerock Gospel Festival, Friday 6 - 9 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. info: (254) 947-9205

May 6 - 8 **Mother's Day Get** Away Weekend. info: salado.com May 7

Local Election Day, 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. at Salado Civic Center.

May 7

Garage Sale to benefit the Class of 2024, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Salado Intermediate Cafetorium. Bake Sale, Chili Cheese **Dogs and Lemonade** Stand. Donate or rent a table to sell info: roachfamily92@gmail.com

May 12

Salado: Jewel in the Crown of Texas advertising deadline. Edition on stands July thru September. info: (254)947-5321

May 14 - 15

Salado Market Days, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at Salado Antique Mall, 721 Stage coach Road, behind Dee's Antiques on Main. info: (254) 947-3355

May 14

Cody Canada and the Departed, 7 p.m. at Johnny's Outback info: johnnysoutback.com

May 15

CD Release Party, 3 p.m. at Barrow Brewing Company. Salado by Richard Paul Thomas. May 16

Salado Masonic Lodge Stated Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

May **17**

Salado High School Athletic Banquet, 6 p.m. at Salado High School. Awards ceremony at 7:15 p.m.

May 23 - 26

Softball Camp, 3:45 -5:30 p.m. at SHS softball **field.** Grades 1 - 9, \$50 info: 947-6900 x1202

May 24 Salado ISD Band **Concert at Tablerock**

May 27 Kevin Fowler 7 p.m. at Johnny's Outback info: johnnysoutback.

May 28

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tion, 5 p.m. May 28

Bell County Star Party, 8 - 10 p.m. at Overlook Park, Stillhouse Hollow Lake on FM1670. Central Texas Astronomical Society. info: centexastronomy.org.

May 31

Salado High School Art Show, 5 - 6 p.m. at Salado High School Cafeteria

May 31

Senior Awards Night, 6 p.m. at Salado High School

JUNE 3 & 4

Shakespeare On The Rock at Tablerock. Kelly Parker directs The Comedy of Errors info: (254) 947-9205

June 4

Salado ISD Class of 2016 Graduation, 10 a.m. at Mayborn Center - UMHB

Cody Canada and the Departed will perform at Johnny's Outback on May 14

JUNE 6 - JULY **1**4

Eagle Performance Camp, 7:30 - 8:45 a.m. at SHS weight room. **grades 9 - 12,** \$75 info: 947-6900 x1072

JUNE 6 - JULY 14

Lady Eagle Performance Camp, 9 - 10:30 a.m. at SHS weight room. grades 7 - 12, \$75 info: 947-6900 x1118

June 6 - July 14

Junior High Boys Eagle Performance Camp, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. at SHS weight room. **grades 7 - 8,** \$75 info: 947-6900 x1072

June 7 - 10

Soccer Camps at Soccer practice field. Grades 7 - 9: 8 - 9:30 a.m., grades 10 - 11:30 a.m. \$50 info: 947-6900 x1072

JUNE **7** - **10**

Volleyball Camps at SHS gym. Grades 4 - 6: 8 - 9:30 a.m., grades 7 - 9: 10 - 11:30 a.m. \$50 info: 947-6900 x1118

JUNE **10**

The Public Arts League of Salado free concert, 6 p.m. at Pace Park. Kupira Marimba will bring their high-energy traditional African marimba music to the park for an evening of family oriented fun.

JUNE **10**

Kevin Fowler 7 p.m. at Johnny's Outback info: johnnysoutback.

JUNE 11

Annual Salado Reunion, 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at Salado Intermediate School. Catered lunch will be served, register for lunch at (254) 760-0663 or (254) 721-3095

June 11 - 12

Salado Market Days, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at Salado Antique Mall, 721 Stagecoach Road, behind Dee's Antiques on Main. info: (254) 947-3355

JUNE 13 - 16

Baseball Camp, 9 a.m. noon, SHS baseball **field.** Grades 3 - 9, \$50 info: 947-6900 x1123

JUNE 13 - 17

First Baptist Church of Salado Vacation Bible School, 9 a.m. - noon. info: 947-5465

JUNE **16**

Chisholm Trail **Chapter of American Business Women Annual Style Show and Benefit** Luncheon, 11 a.m. at the Venue. info: Barclaymccort@gmail.com or 947-3617.

JUNE 18

Dog Daze of Summer, info: salado.com

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ray of Arts Camp. Info: intothewildblue.co **JUNE 20 - 23**

Girls Basketball

Camp, SHS gym. Grades **1 - 5: 1-**3 p.m., grades 6 -9: 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. price: \$50 info: 947-6900x1075

June 30

Salado Masonic Lodge stated meeting, 7:30 p.m. Officers for 2016-17 will be elected.

JUNE 25

Bell County Star Party, 8:30 - 11:30 p.m. at Overlook Park, Stillhouse Hollow Lake on FM1670. Central Texas Astronomical Society. info: centexastronomy.org.

June 27 - 30

Boys Basketball Camps at SHS gym. grades 3 - 6: 8:30 - 10:30 a.m., grades 7 - 9 noon - 2 p.m. cost: \$50 info: 947-6900 x1203

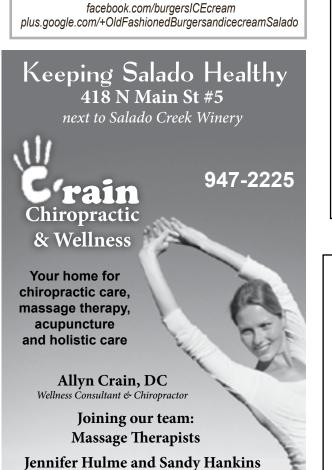
July 9 - 10

Salado Market Days, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at Salado Antique Mall, 721 Stagecoach Road, behind Dee's Antiques on Main. info: (254) 947-3355

JULY 11 - 14

Eagle Football Camp 1 (grades 2 - 8) 9 a.m. noon at Eagle Stadium \$50 info: 947-6900 x1072

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Regular Events in Village of Salado

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Central Texas Area Museum open, 10 am. - 4 p.m., Free admission **MONDAYS**

Yoga for Women's **Health**, 9 a.m. at The Yoga Room Info: (254) 681-7623.

Children's Story and Craft Time, 11 a.m. at Salado Public Library. info: (254) 947-9191

Salado Village Artists Stitchers & Knitters, 2 p.m. at Salado Village Artists Building.

Yoga Basics & Beyond, 6 p.m. at The Yoga Room. Info: (254) 681-

IN.FORM course, 5:30 p.m. at Angelic Herbs. Info: (2540 947-

Salado Masonic **Lodge**, Floor practice is 6:30 p.m. at the Lodge everv Monday except Stated Meeting. Stated meeting is 7:30 p.m. Monday on or before Full Moon.

FIRST MONDAY Salado First Monday **Gardeners**, 8 a.m. at the

Salado Community

Chorus practice, 6 p.m.,

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FIRST TUESDAY

less otherwise noted, info:

Salado Village Artists

Board Meeting, 9 a.m.

at the Village Art Build-

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Meeting at 10:30 a.m.

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Yoga for Core, 8 -

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Salado Lions Club,

Yoga for Healing, 9

Chair Yoga, noon - 1

p.m. at The Yoga Room

a.m. at The Yoga Room

Info: (254) 681-7623.

11:30 a.m., Salado Civic

6:30 p.m. at Temple Public

Visitor Center. **Salado Historical** Society board meeting, 6 p.m. at Salado Public Library.

Second Monday

Second Monday Book Club at Salado Winery, 7 -9 p.m.

Public Arts League of Salado open board meeting, 5 p.m. at the Visitor's Center on Main Street.

Salado FFA Meeting, 6 p.m. at Salado High School AG building Sept. - May.

Salado Youth Fair **Booster Club meeting,** after the FFA meeting at Salado High School AG building. Info: SYFB-Club@gmail.com

Salado Athletic **Boosters Club meeting,** 7 p.m. at the High School Library. Info: saladoathleticbooster.org.

THIRD MONDAY Salado ISD Board of

Trustees meeting, 6 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center.

YogaStrong, 9-10 a.m. at The Yoga Room. Info:

(254) 681-7623. Salado Village Artists, Village Art Building, 9 a.m., Bring your artwork fourth Tuesday will be

set up for still life. Adult game day at Presbyterian Church of

Salado, 10 a.m. Sit & Knit, 10 a.m noon at Salado Public Library. info: (254) 947-9191

Salado Rotary Club, 11:30 a.m. at Johnny's Steaks & Barbecue first three Tuesdays of month; Roving Social after hours on fourth Tuesday of month.

Chair Yoga, noon - 1 p.m. at The Yoga Room Info: (254) 681-7623.

Tex Mex Tuesday at Alexander's Distillery (254) 947-5554

Prix Fixe at The Range, 5 p.m.- close. \$14.95 for entree, dessert, drink.



Early voting has begun for the election to elect two Trustees for full three-year terms for Salado I.S.D. Board of Trustees, and two Aldermen and one Mayor for full two-year terms for the Village of Salado.

Info: (254) 681-7623. Hatha Flow levels **1&2**, 6:15 - 7:15 p.m. at The Yoga Room Info:

(254) 681-7623. Martinis and Manicures at The Lounge at The Range, 5 p.m.-close. \$25 for 2 ladies night adult beverages, a manicure and a selection of appetizers, space is limited. appointments: 254-947-3828.

Salado Aldermen meeting, 6:30 p.m., Municipal building, 301 N. Stagecoach Rd. Meeting is open to the public. First and third Thursday are regular meetings and second and fourth Thursday are workshop meetings.

FIRST THURSDAY

Chisholm Trail American Business Woman's Association meeting, 6 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church of Salado.

Second Thursday

Salado Ladies Auxiliary Meeting, 9:30 a.m. at the Salado United Methodist Church Youth Activities Center.

Crop Night, 5 - 9 p.m. at Stamp Salado, \$5 reservation required: (254) 947-8848

THIRD THURSDAY

Salado Chamber Adult craft group of Commerce Board meets at Salado Public Meeting, 8:30 a.m. at the Library, 2 - 4 p.m. Visitors Center. SECOND WEDNESDAY

Yoga on the Lively Salado Lions Club, Courtyard, 9 - 9:45 a.m., 11:30 a.m., Salado Civic info: 791-9440

Third Thursday Music Club, 5 - 8 p.m. at JD's Travel Center. Old time music, acoustic only. Everyone welcome to

come play or listen. FOURTH THURSDAY

Crop Night, 5 - 9 p.m. at Stamp Salado, \$5 reservation required: (254) 947-8848

FRIDAYS

Pop in for a pastry, 8:15 - 9:30 a.m. at First Community Title.

Friday Night Special at Mill Creek Country Club Bar and Grill. Menu changes every week. Call 947-5698.

FOURTH FRIDAY

Fourth Friday Gospel Singing, 7 p.m. at First **Cedar Valley Baptist** Church on FM 2843. Pot luck to follow, bring a favorite dish or dessert.

SATURDAYS

Hatha Flow Levels 1 & 2, 8:30-9:30 a.m. at The Yoga Room. Info: (254) 681-7623

Studio Time for Salado Village Artists members, 10 a.m. info: saladovillageartists.com

Restorative yoga and Meditation, 3 - 4 p.m. The Yoga Room. Info:



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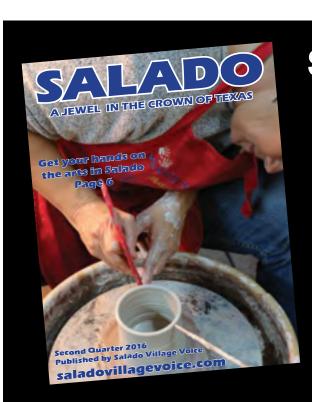
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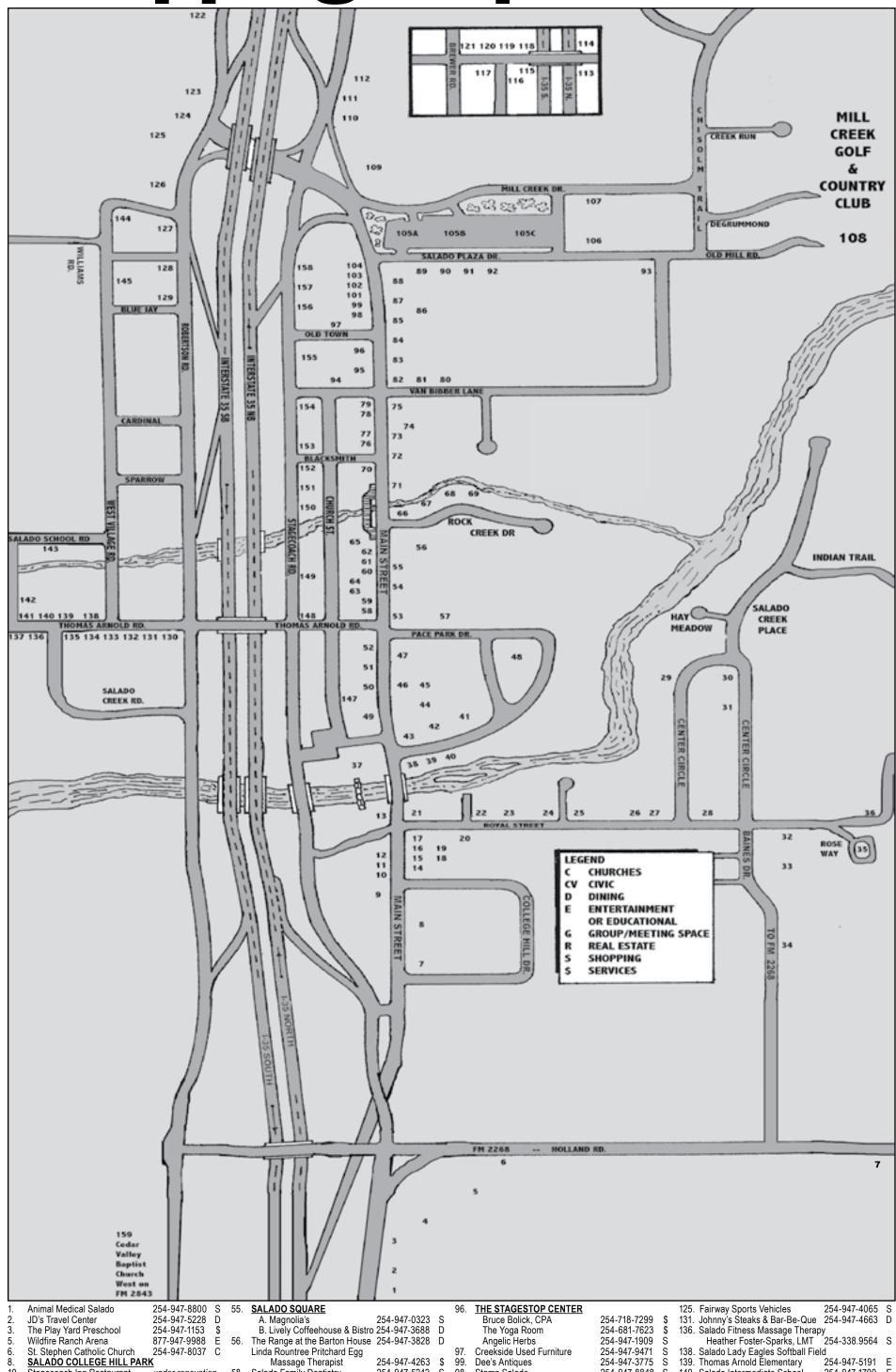
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SISD trustee candidates on student transfer fees

Three candidates are vying for two three-year terms on the Salado I.S.D Board of Trustees: Jeff Kelley, Darrell Street and write-in candidate Michael Matthews.

We asked each of the candidates the following questions:

1. In the past two years, what has been the best thing to happen to the Salado ISD that can be attributed in any part to actions of the Board of Trustees or administration? What has been the worst thing to happen in the past three years attributed to the trustees or administration? What would you do to correct the latter? (150 words)

2. What is your stance on the elimination of the transfer fees for students? Why or why aren't you in favor of this? (150 words)

3. Much has been said about increasing teacher pay. How can SISD increase teacher pay to be more competitive with school districts such as Killeen ISD? (100 words)



JEFF KELLEY

Question #1: The best thing to happen to Salado ISD that can be attributed to the administration would be that although the state cut our budget we were not forced to lay off any employees. In the past three years we have dealt with various issues in our school district but I feel none of them were directly attributed to the decisions made by school board or administration.

Ouestion #2: I am in favor eliminating transfer fees because it actually generates more income for our school. The previous charge for transfer students in Salado would be far less than the amount the state provides for that student to attend our disQuestion #3: The state

has started to reimburse money that was taken away in the past years. As this money comes in one of our top priorities is to increase not only teacher pay but all those that work in our district.



DARRELL STREET

Question #1: Part A: Within the past two years, we have been presented and gladly approved by a 7-0 vote two balanced budgets. We got hit by some major unbudgeted expenses within the last two years, like totally redoing our high school track. Because of these unbudgeted items, we have had to get into fund balance but not reply and

we remain in great shape financially. While doing what we had to do to protect and preserve our schools, we were always mindful of the true and absolute fact that we were spending the people's money!

Part B: Hindsight is 20/20 but I trusted the representative of the company bidding on resurfacing of our track had done "all" his homework. As the winning bidder started to work, they "discovered" that the base for the track had major issues and had to be reworked. We had no choice. That episode reminded me what Ronald Reagan said: "Trust but verify."

Question #2: Yes, I'm in favor of continuing to allow a restricted number of transfers until that time that our student population living 100 percent within our district can support our total budget 100 percent. This is a tricky issue, but we have been told over and over again: "run that school like a business and don't make a habit of

spending more than you bring in." When state funding was cut several years back, we were able to limp by for a couple of years but it was not a good situation. We were facing two choices to balance the budget, start cutting employees and with that came cuts to program and many of those things making us a little different than other schools our size, or bring in more money. For what I believed was the benefit of all facets of our school, I supported the solution of increasing our student count. I still do.



MICHAEL MATTHEWS

Question #1: First of all, I would like to say that I'm not here to judge the decisions that the board

students. In all these questions I have been asked, I never observed the word student. We need to focus on the students. That is why we are in education in the first place. The concern of mine is providing the best education available to the student. Make sure the teachers are evaluated with a proper evaluation system. The question should be: What will I suggest to the board to evaluate teachers? Professional Development Appraisal System of Texas should be used to evaluate teachers. At this time, Salado ISD uses a self-evaluation system, which requires the teacher to evaluate themselves. In addition, ACT scores have fallen in the past 5 years. We have way too many students going to college and in the first semester they are returning home. All these items must be addressed. Question #2: The stu-

has made in the past. I

want to do the job that I

can do. Bring new ideas to

the board and support the

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Mayoral candidates on economic development

Two candidates are vying for a two-year term as Mayor of the Village of Salado: Hans Fields, whose name appears on the ballot, and Skip Blancett, who is a write-in candidate.

We asked each of them the following questions:

Question 1: In the past two years, what has been the best thing to happen to the Village of Salado that can be attributed in any part to the local government? What has been the worst thing to happen in the past two years attributed to local government? What would you do to correct the latter? (150 words)

Question 2: What is your stance on The Sanctuary and Stagecoach Inn and other economic development efforts within and outside of the Village? What can or should be done to improve the tourism industry in Salado? (150 words)



HANS FIELDS

1. The Best: Three roads have been resurfaced and we're not broke (yet), in spite of our taxes tripling, our reserves being depleted, our Village staff payroll of nearly \$250,000. our sewer debt of \$8.25m with no sewer, no Stagecoach Inn, no improvements to Main Street, and Sanctuary remaining an unfulfilled fantasy.

The Worst: The growing distrust of our government over secrecy and lack of transparency. Yes there have been rosy rhetorical blogs and town halls to beat up on TXDOT, but more importantly, there have

been an unprecedented number of executive sessions, 7 a.m. meetings and late night decisions made to empty rooms, groups going to Austin to beg for money and failing to engage public input in the process, and overruling not only the people's will, but the decisions of their own self appointed boards.

Ouestion 2: Salado is a jewel in spite of our challenges. Our first economic priority must be to take Main Street off lifesupport. The reopening of the Stagecoach is one key that unlocks Salado's future success. Long term development will take years, decades in the case of the Sanctuary.

If there is a market, developers will come. Some already are here. That doesn't mean we throw 45 years of incentives at them. If developers think we appear so desperate that we will do

anything to seal the deal (e.g. Sanctuary), they will demand it.

If I am elected, we will grow smart, not fast. We will retain the history and beauty that belongs to this wonderful community. We must deliver on our end with whatever legally enforceable obligations that have been signed by the current administration, but I will never again put the village in the position to be held hostage to developer demands.



SKIP BLANCETT

Question 1: The best was the election of outstanding Aldermen.

Without them, these complicated, time-sensitive issues could not be accomplished: Stagecoach, Sanctuary, Sewer Bond, Sewer, Road Repair, Construction Progress, Chamber-Village Partnership, Re-writing Ordinances, Purple Heart City Selection, CTCOG's appointment to their Executive Director's Board, weekly communication, cleaning low water crossing, 2 grants totaling \$1.3 million, Historic District protection, outstanding/working relationships with Federal, State, and County Officials -- just to

No other Aldermen have met such demanding issues. No complaining or quitting; they just did it -for no pay, recognition, or

name a few.

Additionally, the Citizens and Business Owners working together – Salado strong. Their commitment and dedication are deter-

mining Salado's present/ future.

Considering issues, there is no "worst-thing." We walked through the fire and became stronger; more resilient. We are a model for small Villages/

Disappointment: Ordinances could not be written/re-written quickly. Ordinances are essential and must be right.

Question 2: Sanctuary was a necessity for Salado's future. As a Sanctuary MUD, Salado's growth would cease. Surrounded by housing developments that will not annex, Killeen pushing West, Belton at Amity Road, Temple marching east, and Jarrell saying they want everything on I-35 north; who would pay for Salado's infrastructure roads, improvements, lights, parks, etc.?

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n economic development BOA hopefuls

Three candidates are running for two two-year terms on the Village of Salado Board of Aldermen: Frank Coachman and write-in candidates Amber Preston-Dankert and Linda Reynolds.

We asked the candidates the following questions. Their answers are below:

1. In the past two years, what has been the best thing to happen to the Village of Salado that can be attributed in any part to the local government? What has been the worst thing to happen in the past two years attributed to local government? What would you do to correct the latter? (150 words)

2. What is your stance on The Sanctuary and Stagecoach Inn and other economic development efforts within and outside of the Village? What can or should be done to improve the tourism industry in Salado? (150 words)



Frank Coachman

Question 1: The Village was given a permit and 6 acres of land for a waste

water treatment plant. The Sanctuary Development has not been nor will be given any cash or contributions towards any of the development costs within their project. In exchange for bearing the total cost of their complete infrastructure, a 50 percent rebate of property taxes will be provided for 15 years from platting for residential sections and 15 years from Certificate of Occupancy for commercial establishments. The rebate is only from the Salado basic 19.99 tax rate. There are no sales tax rebates and all other taxing entities are excluded from this agreement. The Village will only share future increased tax revenues generated within the development. If the Sanctuary had formed a MUD, our Village would have received nothing from future property or sales taxes. Due to chronic problems with the inherited sewer plant it must be decommissioned.

Question 2: "Embrace the Future and Honor the Past." Our Village limits cannot become land locked in any direction available to us. We must entice future developments to be part of the Village. Without this growth, we will not continue to sustain a lower tax rate than the cities around us,

because so few of us will

be bearing the burden to support the quality of life we all desire. We must endeavor to reestablish one of our most historic land marks and tourist attractions - The Stagecoach. The iconic name is synonymous with Salado. I feel we are on the right path with the establishment of the position of Salado Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Director and an associate. We need to give these professionals the opportunity to do their appointed tasks. I believe they have a positive start. Our sales tax revenue is up for the first



Dr. Amber

Preston-Dankert Our best accomplishment was the passage of the sewer bond. Salado was in desperate need of a sewer to alleviate immediate septic issues along Main Street and to improve economic development along our western corridor of I-35. The addition of larger businesses along the high-

way will add immediate tax relief while preserving the quaint, historic downtown we all appreciate. The worst thing to happen has been the unreasonable construction delays along I-35. Hind-sight is 20/20, so I can now see that we should have been more involved in the highway construction process from project conception. We trusted that timelines would be met and that the design would not have impacts on our natural resources. Timelines drag on years overdue, design failures increased water flow into overburdened drainage systems, and our creek stays muddy and contaminated after rain events. We must do more now in terms of scrutiny and accountability.

Question #2: If managed right, development will add value to Salado, bring in tourists and tax base, and not deplete our emaciated budget. Numbers show that the tax breaks offered to Sanctuary may cost the village more to support (i.e. police support, infrastructure) than what we make off its taxes. We cannot continue to offer more incentives than we can afford. With the Stagecoach, we are offering benefits that fit the industry standard and

Stagecoach directly ben-

efits tourism in Salado. I

am confident that with the completion of I-35, we will see Stagecoach emerge as a beacon of light for Salado. Improvement of the tourism industry starts with the individual business. Businesses must keep up with supporting interests of the ever-changing tourists that visit Salado. We need to be asking what tourists want to see and what hours they want to shop. Give them what they want, and they



LINDA REYNOLDS

Question #1: Dr. Amber Dankert spent many hours to offer the Salado Community an opportunity to openly discuss what many perceive as a growing wildlife problem in the Village. I felt that I had a voice on the issue, and an opportunity to participate.

Even though the community seems split on an approach to the problem, I did feel the BOA would

make some decision. The worst thing that happened is no decision was made. Mr. McDougal

made a motion to set aside \$10,000 for the problem, and then the issue was never placed back on an agenda. Dr. Dankert is one alderman and to place an item on the agenda, two alderman must make the request of the mayor pro-

What did the \$10,000 accomplish? Nothing.

Where is the \$10,000? Your guess is as good as mine.

I will not vote to raise taxes for the third straight year in a row.

Question #2: Stagecoach and Sanctuary agreements were negotiated by the mayor pro-tem and alderman Coachman. They negotiated the deals, including the village administration's use of Eminent Domain. None of the current information is available on the Village web-site, so it is difficult to respond to this question.

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Aldermen

Be careful how you answer the above three questions!

If you say no to all or any, you'll be labeled negative. Just like the bullies

in school, Name-calling is the easiest trick of bul-

lies... even children do it. I will not vote to raise taxes for the third year in

I will not vote to raise taxes.

> I will not raise taxes. Pretty negative, huh?

Mayor

Sanctuary, with water and sewer, would be a town keeping all property and sales taxes; building whatever /wherever without Salado's voice; and offering conveniences that present/future generations are accustomed. would be Salado's future? Stagecoach

dents of families who live,

pay taxes, and contribute

to the district are served

first. We need to freeze the

transfer of students into

the district. If we had done

tiations are in the final stages. No secrets; from the beginning, Stagecoach requested confidentiality.

Serious dialogue with Developers is happening. Salado will grow regardless; the Village government must have an active

Tourism is evolving

oversight. We are compet-

ing with the lowest total of

student at this time in our

pay in Salado is low, \$3000

less than Jarrell. We need

Question #3: Teacher

Board

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with new events, social media, creative marketing, construction ending and an energetic Chamber. Salado will prosper.

Answering questions fully is difficult. There is a 300-word limit for all questions.

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save the district money. The board has missed several opportunities and approved several administrative positions that could build revenue over the past years. This money could go to the teachers and building revenue to go to other pressing situations.

this in the past we would to, once again consider not be in class 4AAAA, the student. We have an which makes us one of the administrative overload. It smallest schools at this seems that the board has level. Salado enrollment approved several adminisexceeded the cut off by trative positions that could 12 student students, this is



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Northern Mockingbird

The state bird of Texas is a masterful mimic

If I have haven't said it enough in this column already, let me say it again. Things in the natural world are not always as they seem. Oftentimes birders will rely not only on their sight for observations, but on their ears as well. However, when it comes to the official state bird of Texas, what one hears may not be the species that is actually present.

The Northern Mockingbird (Mimus polyglottos) is an extremely common bird throughout much of the southern portions of the United States, ranging from the Atlantic Seaboard westward to northern California. From there it occurs throughout much of the Chihuahuan Desert, Mexican Plateau and Sierra Madre ecoregions of Mexico. It can be observed throughout the entire state of Texas. It is not a migratory species, meaning that it occurs in its Texas range year-round.

This attractive and subtly colorful species of bird is of small to medium build with a body length of approximately twelve inches, while the wingspan can approach five inches more. The breast coloration of adults is generally light gray to nearly white; juvenile bird's breast coloration is the same but usually have several scattered graybrown spots as well. The back is colored a medium gray, as is the crest of the head. The wings are a



mixture of gray and black with two white wing bars near the shoulder area and large white patches on the outer wing area. The tail is quite long, colored like the wings and has white outer feathers. The black beak is short and thick, while the legs are gray, long and thin.

common Both the name and the scientific name of this avian species adequately describe the voice imitations that bird will utilize while calling. The common name "mockingbird" describes the many imitations that this bird will sound off with, including items that are not only other birds, but dogs, insects and even machinery. The scientific epithet is derived from the Latin words "poly" which means "many" and "glottos" which refers to the "tongue".

Mockingbirds are commonly seen while foraging for food in and around human habitations, primarily while on the ground or perched on a fencepost. It is an omnivorous species, which means it feeds on both plant and animal material. The animal portion of the diet is primarily small invertebrates such as moths, grasshoppers, and fruits. beetles; the plant portion includes a variety of fruits.

This bird typically prefers to live a solitary life except during mating season, the timing which can vary annually depending on weather conditions. This species of bird is monogamous, and research has shown that a pair may establish a long-term breeding relationship. Two to three broods per year are produced, with the cup-shaped nest containing between two and six one inch bluish to greenish eggs that are marked with small blotches of brown. Incubation time is a mere two weeks, and the young are unable to take care of themselves at hatching. Both sexes will feed the young birds during the next two weeks as the youngsters learn to hunt for food and to evade predators.

Mockingbirds tend to be somewhat less timid than other bird species, often allowing observers to get in close proximity before flying away to an area where it feels safe again. Mockingbirds thrive in a wide variety of habitats, although most are seen near man-made structures. It can be enticed to visit a bird feeder that is filled with various seeds and



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Salado Police Department Incident Report April 17-24

4:14-4:16 p.m., Salado. Agency Assist, dispatched to Salado Vet hospital for an alarm. Arrived on scene and talked to business owner and she states it is weather related and they will have to call the alarm company and reset it. April 18

7:37 p.m., IH 35 Northbound. Agency Assist, dispatched in reference to a reckless driver possibly impaired. I parked and waited at the 283 NB and was unable to locate the vehicle.

8:14-8:23 p.m., 800 Block North Main Street. Criminal Trespass, Salado was advised by dispatch that a homeless man was staying under one of the covers out front of 800 Block North Main Street. The man was asked to leave the property, in which he complied . I offered to give the man a ride and he said no. The caller tried to give him some food and also offered to put him in up in the Holiday Inn for the night. Male declined all offers.

8:55-9:00 p.m., 200 Block Royal Street. Disturbance, dispatched in reference to a disturbance in progress. Arrived on scene and met with three of the parties involved in the disturbance. One of the parties involved had fled the scene before my arrival. On scene, I took a report for Assault.

10:28-10:32 p.m., 1700 Block Guess Drive. Out in reference to a possible overdose. I arrived on scene and met with individual, the possible victim. Individual told me she took approximately 6 of the sleep aid pills. Individual realized what she did and went to her friend's house and told them what she had done. They then called 911 and asked for EMS and police to their address. Patient got into the ambulance voluntarily.

April 19 3:36 p.m., College Street. Disturbance, arrived and called for Bell County CIT Unit, female was transported. April 20

11:32 a.m., 300 Block College Street. Civil Mat-

ter, dispatched because of earlier incident with individual from and earlier disturbance. Bell County advised me she was being released and returning her home. Individual was advised to be a problem or threat anymore. Individual agreed and went inside the house for the night.

7:53-7:57 p.m. 1610 Club Circle (Country Club). Welfare Concern, caller dialed 911 stating subject fell off of golf cart. Refused EMS and disconnected without giving any names. Checked area, no one on scene. Clear. April 21

4:45-4:49 p.m., 100 Block Pace Park Rd. W. A. Pace Park. Miscellaneous, child locked in vehicle. SVFD arrived on scene with 20C and unlocked vehicle. Child is code-4, clear.

8:37-8:45 p.m., FM 2268 at S. Stagecoach Rd. Vehicle with no oil, move out of lane of traffic. Familv en route with oil.

9:57-10:13 p.m., 301 Thomas Arnold Rd. (Johnny's). 94 Decibels in south parking lot, 85 decibels in west parking lot, 112 decibels in front of business on Thomas Arnold. Made contact with owner and advised him of the noise violation. Owner stated he would turn it down. Clear. April 23

10:49-10:52 p.m., 400 Block W. Village Rd. Crash, two vehicle crash at above location. Info exchanged and blue forms is-

April 24 6:32 p.m., Salado. Criminal Mischief, dispatched to Salado Creek Jewelers in reference to a possible Criminal Mischief. I arrived on scene and met with the owner of the business, who showed me several different pieces of women clothes that had been cut. The owner advised me she had gotten into an argument with this employee a few days prior, so when a customer tried to buy some of the clothes she noticed it was cut and brought to the attendee at the counter. This worker then showed the damaged clothes to the owner at Salado Creek Jewelers. On

scene I gave the owner a written statement form and asked her to write down what she had told me. I further advised her to make a list and dollar amounts of the items that were damaged. The owner agree and advised the list and dollar amount would be ready tomorrow. I advised her that would be fine and I would pick the items from her.

7:39-7:42 p.m., 1000 Block North Robertson Rd. Theft, dispatched to Sonic in reference to a theft, where a person stole 26.37 dollars of food in silver in color vehicle. The on duty manager called the store manager and advised us she would review the video and if a license platen umber is found they will call us and inform us tomorrow. As of now the manager was given a business card and advised and event would be filed on this theft for now. Sonic employees had no license plate number, vehicle description other than it was silver in color with a Hispanic male with tattoos driving it. I asked them if they had seen male before. They said no. The manager advised the Hispanic male tried to use the credit card outside but it wouldn't work, so he handed to the car hop ans asked her if

she would try it inside. The male drove off with the food without paying when the car hop went inside to try the card. The credit card had a female name on it and was no longer valid, it is probably stolen so I collected the credit card and gave the on duty manager a business card with event number. I had dispatch search the name on the card, but the name was not listed int heir in-house system. I cleared the scene, report pending possible video from store manager.

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Texas A&M AgriLife they will all be coordinated to educate participants on various timely topics. This series of programs is designed to address the many questions that new and typically smaller acreage landowners have related to their land. Participants will learn about Natural resource management, water related issues, plant identification, setting realistic goals for your

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land, and various livestock April 28; registration at and crops related enterprises that are often asked about. Participants will meet other new and small acreage owners to share with and learn from as the program series progress.

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5:30-6 p.m., the program will be \$20/person topics will include:

1. Who is Who is Bell County Agriculture/ Natural Resource Management

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ting for your land 4. "Stewardship and

Basics of Land ownership" by Dr. Barron Rector, Associate Professor and Extension Range Specialist, College Station

Group discussion to hear what topics are of interest to participants. This information will be used to plan future programs. (Future programming efforts will be planned as a result of this discussion)



sion Service entomologists are informing Texans on how to protect themselves from the mosquito vectors that spread Zika and other diseases.

"The ongoing outbreak of the Zika virus has spread throughout most of South America, Central America and the Caribbean," said Sonja Swiger, AgriLife Extension entomologist, Stephenville. "The effects this virus will have on the United States are not entirely known, but experts are concerned about the possibilities."

According to health officials, more than 350 travel-associated cases of Zika have been confirmed in the U.S., with 27 to date being in Texas. All of these cases occurred when the affected individual traveled to an endemic location and was bitten by an infected mosquito.

"The primary means of contracting Zika virus is through the bite of an infected mosquito, but it can also be transmitted sexually through semen," Swiger noted.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention officially confirmed Zika virus as the cause of the increased cases of microcephaly in newborns that have been occurring in Brazil and other countries since fall 2015.

"Microcephaly is a condition affecting unborn children where the baby's head is much smaller than expected," said Swiger, who recently coordinated the North Texas Mosquito Education Conference in while media reports tend Grapevine and is conduct- to emphasize the risk to ing workshops throughout

"This occurs due to the

decreased of the baby's brain while infected with the virus. Microcephaly can occur under other conditions but a significant increase of cases has been seen in Brazil since fall of 2015 and new cases are now being reported in Colombia."

Swiger said the CDC is instructing pregnant women or women who plan to become pregnant to not travel to endemic outbreak areas at this time. The CDC's website also has tips for men who plan to visit endemic areas at http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/ travel/page/zika-travelinformation.

"Thus far, Zika is not here in the Texas mosquito populations, but what the future holds for Zika in the U.S. is not entirely known," Swiger said.

Previous diseases have entered the U.S. by means of travelers bringing them in, but have failed to infect the local mosquito populations long term, she said.

"The Aedes aegypti mosquito is the main vector of the Zika virus, as well as dengue and chikungunya," said Molly Keck, AgriLife Extension entomologist, Bexar County. Keck recently presented mosquito education programs in Bexar, Comal and Atascosa counties.

"Health professionals have established a strong connection between the Zika virus and Guillain-Barré syndrome and microcephaly, as well as an autoimmune disease with neurological symptoms similar to multiple sclerosis," Keck said. "And pregnant women, the virus holds potential dangers for people of all ages."

Texas A&M study finds rural wells

with these agricultural compounds

in their water linked to birth defects

Houston, Dallas, San Antonio and Brownsville have been identified by the National Center for Atmospheric Research as some of the highest-risk cities in Texas for Zika. According to public health officials, if it does enter Texas it will likely begin as small "pockets" of locally acquired human cases that are the result of infected travelers returning from countries where the disease is endemic.

"Currently the chances are slim for anyone in Texas to get a disease such as Zika or chikungunya, but there is a possibility these could become endemic through transmission by the Aedes aegypti, which is prevalent in this state," Keck said.

She explained chikungunya was recently brought to the U.S. by travelers returning from places where the disease is endemic. Its symptoms include fever and joint pain, headache, muscle pain and swelling.

Keck also noted the hundreds of cases of another mosquito-borne disease — West Nile virus — in Texas during recent years. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, in 2013 there were 183 human cases of West Nile in Texas. In 2014, there were 379 cases, and in 2015 there were 252 cases.

"The common denominator in each of these diseases is there is a mosquito vector that transmits them," she said.

Both Keck and Swiger said the best means to defend against any mosquito-borne illness is to biology and control, go eliminate the vector or, if to that is not possible, to defend against it using what

they call the "four Ds."

The Ds are to dress in long, loose-fitting, lightcolored pants and shirts; drain any standing water from containers, ponds, tires, gutters, etc. around the home; reduce outdoor activity during dusk and dawn; and defend using a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency or CDCapproved insect repellent.

Keck recommended homeowners "attack the mosquitoes at the larval stage" by removing standing water and using mosquito dunks in areas where they might breed.

"Homeowners should apply their efforts to draining and removing the items that might make for a good mosquito breeding ground and/or putting mosquito dunks into any pools of standing or stagnant water," she said. "A mosquito dunk is a small, brown donut-looking object that floats on water and slowly dissolves, releasing a bacterium that kills mosquito larvae."

Keck said generally it's a waste of time, money and effort for the average homeowner to try and control mosquitoes at the adult stage.

"The best you can do when they're at the adult stage is try to avoid them. If that's not practical, be sure to wear a good repellent when outdoors."

Additional information on Zika can be found at these websites of the Texas A&M University System: http://preventingzika.org https://vitalrecord. tamhsc.edu/zika360.

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atrazine, nitrate and arsenic-commonly found in drinking water from private wells in rural agricultural areas may cause birth defects in developing fetuses, according to research from the Texas A&M Health Science Center School of Public

Three contaminants—

Health. Jean D. Brender, R.N., Ph.D., professor emeritus at the Texas A&M School of Public Health, has spent years studying the effects chemicals in water can have on developing fetuses. Based on her work and extensive review of the published literature, she's found that three substances in drinking water have been associated with birth defects.

"We know what's in our public water supply, but many people are on private wells for their drinking water, and those wells aren't routinely tested," Brender said. Her work and other studies have shown that women who drink primarily from these private sources, especially in rural areas, may be most at risk.

Brender's previous work, funded in part by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and pub-

lished in Environmental Health Perspectives, found that women who had babies with birth defects such as limb deficiencies, cleft palate and cleft lipwere almost two times more likely than other new mothers (those having babies without major birth defects) to have ingested water with large amounts of nitrate, a component in many common synthetic fertilizers, during their pregnancies. Now, she has looked at various studies of other compounds and found that atrazine and arsenic may also be linked to birth defects. The findings of her and co-author Peter Weyer, Ph.D., of the University of Iowa, were recently published in Current Environmental Health

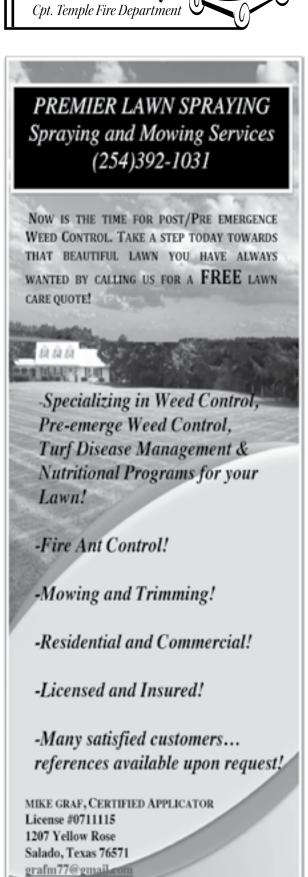
Atrazine is commonly used to grow corn, and it can then leech into the soil and then into drinking water sources. Arsenic is also a problem in drinking water in Texas, even in municipal systems, but that may be due to naturally occurring sources in the bedrock, rather than agricultural use. Still, it may cause problems, especially because the current "safe" levels of arsenic have been computed for cancer risk,

not reproductive harms. Another unclear aspect of the science, as it stands now, is what happens when two or more of these substances get into the water. "One thing that needs to be studied more fully is the effects of mixtures of these chemicals," Brender said. For example, nitrate and atrazine often occur together as contaminants in drinking water, and these two chemicals can react together to form a compound called N-nitrosoatrazine. In a recent study of animal models exposed to N-nitrosoatrazine, investigators at the University of Nebraska Medical Center observed numerous birth defects, including heart, neural tube, abdominal, eye and other defects.

That's why Brender cautions women to find out what's in their water even before becoming pregnant. "People who live in rural areas and who use private wells need to have their well water tested, particularly if they are thinking about becoming pregnant," she said. "If testing shows the water does exceed acceptable limits for any of these chemicals, they would want to use an alternative source

of water." Women whose drinking water source is from a private well should consult with their local health department to determine a water testing facility or call the federal Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800-426-4791.

Those who are on city water can easily find reports of contaminants. Suppliers are required to periodically test their water for these compounds and must make the results available. Women who are still worried can filter their water or buy bottled. "When we were working on our NIH-funded study of nitrate and birth defects, we were missing information about nitrate levels in the bottled water," Brender said. "We traveled all over Iowa and Texas, to the grocery stores within a few miles of where the women in the study lived, and collected samples to test. We found, without exception, that the nitrate levels in the bottled water were well below the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) standard for drinking water, so we are fairly confident that nitrate levels in bottled water are low."



Parade of Homes April 29- May 1

Temple, TX - The second weekend of the 2016 Parade of Homes is April 29- May 1. Homes will be open on Friday from 6 -8 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 12 - 5 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for adults and free for children 12 and under. Tickets may be purchased at any home on the tour. Tickets are good for all 6 days of the Parade for unlimited viewing so attendees should feel free to return to any home on

tour if they wish. This annual tour is the best way to view the latest homes and the newest communities throughout our area.

There are 22 beautiful homes on Parade this year from 14 of our area's finest builders ranging in size from 1900 square feet to over 4000 square feet. This year, featured homes range in price from \$189,000 to over \$700,000. There is something to see for everybody's needs and

budget. If you are not in the market for a new home, come out anyway. Many homes are decorated and showcase great ideas and the hottest design trends.

The official Parade of Homes information will be available online at www.tahb.org/parade. Tickets will be sold at every Parade home. Homes this year are located in the Temple, Belton, and Sala-

"We are excited about

this year's Parade of Homes and the assortment of designs and styles said Patrick offered," Johnson, President of the Temple Area Builders Association. "Whether you want ideas for your current home, are looking for your next home or just love to browse new homes, the Parade has something for everyone."

New for this year, Parade attendees can download a free application for their smartphones - Parade Smart. Parade Smart includes great information about the homes and includes mapping features that allow attendees to plan their routes, rate the homes, leave comments, or reach out directly to a builder.

The Temple Area Builders Association (TABA) is the voice of the home building industry throughout east Bell County, and provides members opportunities for business development, education, professional growth, networking and community involvement. The membership, comprised of builders, remodelers, developers, and sales & marketing professionals, is affiliated with the Texas Association of Builders and the National Association of Home Builders. The members of TABA are building excellence together for the neighborhoods and communities of tomorrow.

Salado Volunteeer Fire Department Report April 18-23

1:44-2:55 a.m., 278 SB. No injuries, vehicle had moderate front end damage. We assisted with traffic control and remained on scene until wrecker arrived on scene and removed vehicle from roadway. Once vehicle was removed all units cleared. 2 units, 3 personnel.

11:55 a.m.- 12:07 p.m., 278 NB County Line. Out to a Motor Vehicle Accident at the 278 NB. Went en route and before arrival was canceled. Motor Vehicle Accident was confirmed in Williamson County and Jarrell VFD on scene and needed no further assistance, all units canceled en route. 3 units, 5 personnel.

10:25-10:53 p.m., 1700 Block Guess Dr. Out for a female patient overdose. Arrived on scene to find the patient sitting on the couch, aware. Patient stated she took the sleeping pills on purpose with intent to harm herself. Salado Police Department arrived on scene, FD passed along info. 2 units, 5 personnel. April 19

10:24-10:46 a.m., 8900 Block Union Grove Ln. Out to a patient with allergic reaction. Arrived on scene to find the patient sitting at front gate of park. Patient was aware, and complained of her feet hurting from some kind of infection. Harker Heights Medic arrived on scene and took over patient care. Harker Heights Medic transport. 1 unit, 1 personnel.

April 20

6:18-6:36 a.m., West Village Rd. and Sonic. Out for a tree across the road. Arrived on scene to find around a 12" tree all the way across the road at West Village and Sonic entrance. Took and removed tree from roadway and all

units cleared. 2 units, 3 personnel.

2:15-2:58 p.m., 800 Block E. Amity. Out for a patient with diabetic problems. Arrived on scene with Belton Fire Department Medic and assisted them with patient care. Belton transported patient. 1 unit, 1 personnel. April 21

7:02-7:55 a.m., IH 35 SB at Thomas Arnold. Dispatched to a one car Motor Vehicle Collision. Arrived on scene to find one car SB Ih35 at Thomas Arnold Rd. Patient was out of vehicle walking around talking to state trooper. Patient had small red mark on left shoulder from seat belt. Patient refused any treatment. I-35 was opened back up and all units cleared. 3 units, 4 personnel.

11:31 a.m.- 12:05 p.m., 1300 Block Royal St. Out for a patient that got bit by dog. Arrived on scene with Salado Police Department and found patient on front porch of house. Patient had towels wrapped on hand. Took and cleaned wounds on hand there were 2 puncture wounds on the hand. Applied 4x4's and wrapped. There were also puncture wounds on knee they were also wrapped and bandaged. Scott & White arrived on scene and patient refused to be transported. 3 units, 4 person-

4:39-4:53 p.m., 100 Block Pace Park Dr. Out to a priority 2 call for a child locked in a vehicle. Arrived on scene to find the child locked in the car in his car seat in the rear passenger side. BC Constable and Scott & White on scene prior to arrival, assisted in using lockout fit to open door. Checked on patient, no injuries. 2 units, 3 personnel.

8:57-9:53 p.m., 286 NB. Out to a Motor Vehicle Accident unknown injuries. Arrived on scene to find the two vehicles with moderate damage blocking the inside lane of I-35 at the 286 SB. Checked for injuries and found 2 patients, 1 patient per vehicle. 1 patient complained of lower back pain and right side cheek pain and wanted to go to the hospital. The other patient was just shook up and had no injuries. Scott & White got a no transport on one patient and the other patient they loaded on stretcher and transported. Remained on scene with traffic control and scene safety. Once wreckers arrived on scene and remove vehicles from roadway, all units cleared and highway was responded. 5 units, 10 personnel.

2:55-7:51 a.m., Under 2484 Bridge. Dispatched to I-35 MM 284 for a possible vehicle fire. Dispatch advised that the Motor Vehicle Collision was North I-35 and MM 286 FM 2484. Arrived on scene to find a 18-wheeler that had struck the wall and left the roadway Set I-35 command and advised to have the BCSO shut I-35 down and divert traffic to feeder road. Advised dispatch for heavy wrecker needed and also Hazmat clean up crew to be notified for fuel spill and debris clean up before Hwy can be opened. James Construction Rep arrived on scene and advised that they had a crew en route to repair the safety wall. Scene safety with BCSO/ DPS. Wards Towing arrived on scene and started vechile recovery efforts. Grones arrived on scene and took over hazmat clean up efforts. Cleared and returned to service once roadway was re-opened. 7 units, 10 personnel. April 23

1:51-2:26 a.m., 11100

Block Ridgewood Dr. Out for a patient with high blood pressure. Arrived on scene to find patient sitting in chair in living room. Patient was aware and complained of a little pain down her back and around chest area. Got vitals on patient and charted them. Patient info was relayed to Scott & White. Scott & White arrived on scene and took over patient care. Assisted them with loading patient. Scott & White transported. 1 unit, 2 personnel.

1:09-1:46 p.m., 700 Block Baines St. Out priority 2 for a 48 year old female with abdominal pain. Went en route and arrived on scene to find patient on couch with medic on scene with patient care. Assisted medic with patient and moving them onto the stretcher and into the ambulance. Medic needed no further assistance. Medic transported. 2 units, 4 per-

1:17-1:59 p.m., 11200 Block Oak Tree Dr. Arrived on scene to find a 65 year old male laying on the ground. Patient had a blanket over him and a pillow under his head. Patient stated he was ok and just needed help getting up. Patient was shaking and mumbling his answers. Vitals signs as charted. Assisted lifting patient to couch. Scott & White Medic arrived on scene and took over patient care. A report was give to medic. Patient transported. 2 units, 3 personnel.

3:49-5:04 p.m., I-35 and Hill Rd. Out to a Motor Vehicle accident possible rollover, unknown injuries. Arrived on scene to find the accident in Williamson County with Jarrell VFD on scene. No other accident in Bell County, all units cleared. 3 units, 6 personnel.

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