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Bell County receives \$11 million fed grant for rent, utility help

By TIM FLEISCHER Editor-in-Chief

Bell County will receive \$11 million from the U.S. Treasury for the COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance Program using Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funds to the county. The program will be administered by the Hill Country Community Action Associa-

The Program provides financial assistance to qualifying applicants to prevent housing instability, potential eviction, and financial hardships of tenants and landlords because of the CO-VID-19 public health emergency, Ashley Johnson told County Commissioners during their March 1 meeting.

Households must have income at or below 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI), as defined by Housing and Urban Development (HUD). According to the US Census Bureau, the median household income for Bell County in 2019 was \$54,884.

Additionally, one or more of the tenant household members have qualified for unemployment benefits or attest in writing that they have experienced a reduction in household income, incurred significant costs or experience financial hardship as a result of the COVID-19 pan-

Households must also demonstrate that they at risk of homelessness or housing instability by providing an eviction notice or past-due utility or rent notice; or that they are living in unsafe or unhealthy housing conditions.

The housing unit must be the primary residence and must be located within Bell County.

The program will also pay unpaid utility

Any unpaid rent or utility bills that can be applied for

can go no further back than March 13, 2020.

The program will roll out March 15 with a target date of expenditure of all funds by the end of September. "That is a quick process," Johnson told commissioners.

The Bell County Rent Relief Program can help renters with the following costs starting as far back as March 13, 2020 (this means you could potentially request assistance for up to 11 months of past due bills):

- Past due, current and up to 3 months of projected rent costs
- Past due, current or up to 3 months of expected utility and home energy expenses
- After the initial 3 months of projected assistance, you can apply for 3 additional months of projected assistance if funds are still available

All payments will be made directly to the landlord and/or utility provider.

Payments will be made using ACH deposit. As part of the application process, the landlord will be asked to provide bank routing information to complete the pay-

Both landlords and tenants can submit an application on behalf of the tenant via drop-off or online kiosk. If residents or landlords need assistance completing an application, HCCA customer service staff can assist them with the application by

As part of the Program application, all tenants and household members must submit the following documentation to confirm eligi-

- Application Packet will include an attestation of duplicative benefits.
- Government- or current public school- issued ID for at least one household member on the lease
- Copy of rent or lease agreement (or rent receipt)

• Notices of late rent payment or notice to evict, if ap-

- Copies of utility bills, if utility assistance is being re-
- Income Documentation for all household members above the age of 18 (or head and/or co-head of household if all members are under 18) must be provided from one of the two options below:
- 2020 Federal Tax Return including filing a 2020 IRS Form 1040, a 2020 IRS Form 1040-A or a 2020 IRS Form 1040-EZ.
- If you have not yet completed your federal income taxes for 2020 or you are not required to file a federal income tax return for 2020, you will need to provide all income documentation for the 30 days prior to your application date.
- If another local, state, or federal program verified household income, a determination from that entity can be used if the income verification was made on or after January 1, 2020.
- If no documentable income was received, applicants can submit a no income written attestation. If using this method, income must be re-assessed every three months.

As part of the Program application, the landlord must submit the following documentation to confirm eligibility:

- Rental Packet Completed IRS Form
- Household Application (if not being provided by the
- Household Income Documentation, as listed above (if not being provided by the
- HCCA will work local Justice of the Peace courts, as well as other entities that work regularly with those who are most likely to qualify for the program, in order to inform them of the opportunity the program affords.



Salado Volunteer Fire Department responded to a two-vehicle accident on I-35 Northbound at mile marker 282 involving a box truck and an 18-wheeler with entrapment. Four Salado emergency trucks arrived on the location to find three people pinned in the box truck (pictured above). Temple Medic 25 and Belton Medic 2 began triage while Salado VFD began operations to extricate the three patients. After the patients were successfully removed, two patients were transported to Scott & White via Ambulance. PHI Med 1-5 transported one patient by helicopter. Grones Environmental Emergency Response Hazmat Team arrived and began removal of hazardous materials from the scene. Temple Towing and Goode Towing & Recovery removed the vehicles from the roadway. The call went out at 10:19 p.m. Feb. 20. Salado FD cleared the scene at 3:12 a.m. Feb 21. The Salado VFD received assistance from the Village of Salado Police Department, Bell County Sheriff's Department and Texas Department of Public Safety.

County moves forward on improvements to Expo

By TIM FLEISCHER

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Bell County Commissioners at their March 1 meet-Fund for the construction of a multipurpose arena/stalls/ pen area. The project is funded by \$551,000 in revenue from the sale of County Right of Way at the Expo Center.

This year's capital expenditure is part of the multiyear Capital Improvements Plan. In FY 2019, the County spent \$692,760 on the area/ stalls/pens area.

The County also spent in FY 2019 \$2.3 million and \$390,100 in FY 2020 for drainage and pipe at the Commissioners

Expo Center. The County has also

spent almost a million dollars on lighting, fencing, gates and water vault at the ing approved the transfer of Expo Center in the past two \$551,000 from the Fiscal fiscal years. In FY 2019, Year 2021 Capital Projects the County spent \$410,000 and \$551,000 in FY 2020 on those improvements. Of those expenses, \$551,000 was funded by the sale of Right of Way at the Expo Center.

The County spent \$7.9 million in FY 2019 and \$3.4 million in FY 2020 on its CIP. The county will spend \$4.5 million in FY 2021, \$3.2 million in FY 2022, \$3.3 million in FY 2023 and \$5.9 million in FY 2024 on the CIP.

In other business, the

resolutions for a \$66,500 Drug Court Grant and a \$49,400 Veterans Court Grant. Both grants are 100% federally funded, needing no local match. They will be used to fund the court coordinator position and other expenses to meet the stan

The Court also authorized County Judge David Blackburn to execure an agreement with Baylor Scott & White to provide Patient Navigation Services through Sept. 30.

Commissioners also accepted the appointment of Matthew Dutton as the Bell County Elections Administrator and set his salary at \$65,160, which represented a 5% increase over the current budgeted salary.

Apartments to be built off of South Main St.

By TIM FLEISCHER Editor-in-Chief

RREAF Holdings presented Salado aldermen with plans for Water's Edge, a \$55 million apartment, townhouse and single family living development on the south end of Main Street. The acreage for Water's Edge was purchase by RRE-AF Holdings from Sanctuary developers.

It deviates from the Old European style of architecture that the Sanctuary developers said would be the key look of Sanctuary properties. Instead, it opts for a simpler, historic Texas design in its architecture that features lap siding, high pitched roofs, limestone and board and batten siding.

"We tried to model the majority of our features after buildings in Salado like the Stagecoach Inn," James Zavodny told aldermen at their Feb. 25 meeting.

Phase 1 of the development will be 210 units of apartments along with a resort-style pool, a leasing headquarters and clubhouse. Phase 2 will be an expansion of multi-family residential with 90 units. The third phase will include the 10 single family residential units.

Water's Edge will include a new road, Nottingham Street, that enters onto South Main Street. Edinburgh Street will connect College Hill Dr. to Santa Maria.

The first phase will have seven three- or four-story apartment buildings. Phase 1 will have nine studio apartments, 77 one bedroom apartments, 92 two-bedroom apartments and 32 three-bedroom apartments.

The studio apartments are 610 sq. ft. One bedroom apartments are 724-788 sq. ft. The two-bed apartments are 1,108-1,170 sq. ft. and

the three bedroom apartments are 1,331 sq. ft.

All parking is interior of the complex, not outside the footprints of the buildings themselves, according to Zavodny.

"These are high-end, nice looking units," Zavodny said. "They are significantly more energy efficient than standard single family

Zavodny said that the developer expects to start work in May. It will have a build time of 18-20 months. In May 2022, multi-family for sale will begin construction. The final phase, which will include 90 more apartments, will begin in Dec. 2022.

Zavodny told aldermen that the studios would lease for \$950 per month. One bedrooms will lease for \$1,150 per month, two bedrooms for \$1,500 per month and three bedrooms for \$1,700 per



An Open Exchange of Ideas

Commerce reports US household income increase 10% in January

Our old familiar, if sometimes not particularly accurate, indicator, the S&P 500 Stock Index (SPX) had a rough week as February's trading days ran out. The SPX declined 2.45% after falling 0.71% last week to close at 3811.15. That decline came in a week where the Index flirted with record highs on Wednesday as its cousin, the Dow Jones Industrial Average did set a new record, only to get the jitters on Thursday as a sell-off occurred in the bond market. As we have warned, the declines were led by the big tech companies that have led this bull run. The week and month close leaves the SPX still up 1.47% year-to-date. At the base of the Index, the CRSP US Mid-Cap Value Index fell 1.09% and remains up over 7% this year.

The real market excite-

ment for the week was in the bond market where the yield on the 10-year U.S. Treasury note soared to above 1.55% Thursday. As interest rates (yields) rise the underlying market price for the bond or note declines. That means that there was a sell-off in the bond markets. The 10year U.S. T-note ended the week yielding 1.415%, up 5.6% for the week after rising nearly 11% the week before. In a reversal of the last year's trend, the yield on the 30-year Treasury Bond rose to 2.3% and was higher than it was at this time last year. The yield curve continues to steepen, suggesting vigorous economic activity ahead. Joining in the goodtimes-are-a'coming party, West Texas Intermediate crude oil (WTI) jumped 4.44% to \$61.66 per barrel. That rise puts the price of oil up over 35% in the past three months as demand appears to be recovering faster than supply.

The Economy

The headline economic news for the week was that the Labor Department announced the number of workers applying for new **Market & Economic Update**

By Jeffrey W. McClure

unemployment benefits fell spent by the person to be by 111,000 to 730,000. As employable while a restaunew layoffs have been stubbornly stuck near 900,000 for several months, the new lower number is a relief, if it holds. For anyone who missed it, Texas, with the second largest population in the Union, had a bit of an administrative slowdown last week and when the late numbers are tallied, things may be a little different. 730,000, although a welcome respite, is still more than three times the pre-pandemic level of about 200,000 per week.

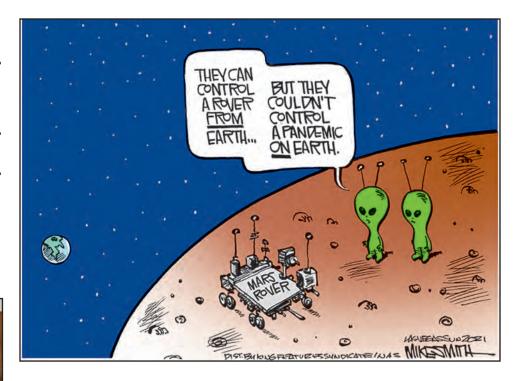
Accompanying, and perhaps validating the decline in new jobless claims was the news from the Commerce Department that U.S. household income rose 10% in January. The rise was entirely the result of last year's stimulus bill that paid out \$600 per person to lower income households. Without that government infusion, the average household income would have declined, and spending would have likely dropped with income. Instead, we saw a 2.4% rise in spending, the first gain in three months. While much of the spending went to goods, and particularly on long-term goods, spending on services rose too for the first time since October.

ue at a rate higher than we sumers that make up about have seen since 1982, there two thirds of our GDP have is evidence of a resurgence more in savings than at any in the jobs market as U.S. time since such things have employers added 49,000 net been measured and when jobs in January, a trend that the threat recedes, they are appears to be growing into very likely to spend a lot February. Soaring housing of money. Economists are demand has accelerated hiring by construction companies and warehouse workers will shift from the -3.5% we are in high demand. The saw in 2020 to something chokepoints are that even a like a +9.5% in 2021. It is forklift driver needs a certi- looking a lot like spring is fication to be hired and that on the way. takes time and money being

rant worker can start with no training.

That soaring housing demand is being reflected in an average increase in the price of similar residences over the last year by 10.4% according to the S&P Core-Logic Case-Shiller National Home Price Index. Sales of previously owned homes rose to the highest level since the housing boom of 2006 as the available supply of homes for sale dropped by 23% from December 2019.

In short, there is a shortage of homes for sale driven in part by a shortage of qualified workers to build homes. The same situation is occurring in warehousing and transport of goods. Demand has risen faster than expected and is encountering a qualified worker shortage. Meanwhile, layoffs are hitting automobile assembly plants because of a shortage of computer chips. We are living in a very different economic world than we knew a year ago and more change is likely to occur in the next few months. The pandemic has changed our lifestyles and they are unlikely to revert to what they were before. One thing we see that appears to be most Even as layoffs contin- predictable is that the connearly unanimous in predicting that GDP change



Crisis within a crisis: Record-breaking winter storm within the pandemic means civil legal aid must be considered essential

By Nathan L. Hecht

As we approach the first anniversary of pandemic-induced lockdowns, hundreds of thousands of Texans are still grappling with job loss, eviction, or domestic violence stemming from the stay-at-home orders, among other issues. Now, we have just endured one of the worst winter storms on record-plunging millions of Texans into frigid temperatures and darkness due to a days-long loss of power, along with loss of clean wa-

The pandemic caused many in our communities to seek out civil legal assistance for the very first time to obtain benefits, home and safety. The added stresses of the winter storm effects mean even more Texans will need help as we work to recover from the costliest natural disaster in our state's history.

Civil legal aid is an essential resource that ensures all Texans have equal access to the justice system. While legal aid providers are working tirelessly to provide these invaluable services, the need for assistance grows as the economic and health effects from COVID-19 continue and will increase on the heels of the winter storm.

Since March 2020, more than four million Texans filed jobless claims. From 2019 to 2020, TexasLawHelp.org, a statewide legal aid website that provides free legal information, saw an almost 1,500% increase in website traffic

for unemployment help. Additionally, the web traffic for eviction help jumped by 185%, and the site saw an increase of 230% for people facing foreclosure.

The increased need for civil legal help became so great that the Texas Supreme Court helped create the Texas Eviction Diversion Program to assist tenants and landlords struggling with paying or collecting rent due to COVID-19. Yet the problem remains. Many Texans are still struggling as they try to decide what bills they are able to pay this month, and what ones they will have to let go past due. To compound the issue, Texans are now facing a crisis within a crisis as they are experiencing food and water insecurity and property loss from the winter storm—on top of the economic hardships inflected upon them by the pandemic.

Civil legal aid remains essential for Texans facing obstacles beyond unemployment, evictions, and damaged or destroyed property. Veterans who are denied their rightful benefits, elderly who have been refused access to proper medical care, and families that are continually on the verge of homelessness, all depend on the irreplaceable work of the legal aid programs.

To keep these essential organizations and programs running, more funding is critical, especially as a primary source of legal funding—the Interest on Lawyers' Trust Accounts (IOLTA) program—declined significantly in 2020. In March 2020, just as COVID-19 began to wreak

havoc on Texans, interest rates were cut unexpectedly, resulting in a 50% reduction in funds-or about \$750,000 per month—in just 13 days.

Legal aid providers are a lifeline for so many Texans in good times, and much more so during a pandemic followed by a natural disaster. While the funding we have received has been critical in doing our job, the need remains as the wave of economic emergencies from the pandemic has yet to subside, and the fallout will be felt for years to come. It is because of this most unprecedented time in our history, the Texas Supreme Court is requesting additional funding because of the dire need for assistance.

All Texans deserve access to basic civil legal services. Helping Texans obtain assistance with civil legal needs is a bipartisan, good government issue. Families deserve help when facing eviction, veterans deserve access to benefits, children and mothers deserve safety from abusive situations, and Texans deserve assistance when their homes have been damaged due to a major disaster. On behalf of the Texas Supreme Court and our civil legal aid providers, I thank those who recognize and prioritize this right and ask that you remain committed in ensuring access to justice for all.

Nathan Hecht is chief JUSTICE OF THE TEXAS SU-PREME COURT AND A U.S. NAVY VETERAN.

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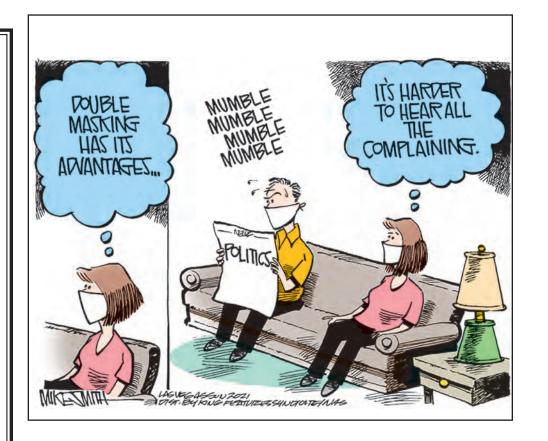
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Bell County Museum Presents "African Americans in WWII"

seum will debut "African Americans in WWII" on Thursday, Feb. 25. The temporary exhibition focuses on contributions of African American servicemembers during World War II and is on display until May 1. Admission to the museum is

Over 2.5 million African Americans served in all branches of service, and in all Theaters of Operations during World War II. Despite extensive discrimination and segregation, they met the challenge, persevered and served with distinction and honor. Many black infantrymen were involved in the war in Europe and the war in the Pacific. In addition, black support of war efforts from the home front was important to the success of allied forces.

"Our team is excited to present this exhibit in Bell



County. We hope it deepens visitors understanding of WWII history and leads

Governor Abbott, HHSC Extends Emergency SNAP Benefits for March

and the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) will provide approximately \$229 million Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) food benefits for the month of March as the state continues its response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Recipients will also continue to receive a 15 percent increase in their total benefits, which will continue mobile app to manage their monthly until June 2021. This additional 15 percent

Governor Greg Abbott increase and the emergency allotment amount should appear in recipients' accounts by March 31.

Administered by HHSC, in emergency Supplemental SNAP is a federal program that provides food assistance to approximately 1.6 million eligible low-income families and individuals in Texas. Texans in need can apply for benefits, including SNAP and Medicaid, at YourTexasBenefits.com or use the Your Texas Benefits benefits.

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to greater appreciation for the African-Americans who served under adverse conditions both at home and abroad during the conflict," said museum Executive Director Coleman Hampton.

"African Americans in WWII" features several African American soldiers from Bell County and highlights the 761st Tank Battalion, a battalion of primarily African American soldiers who completed final training at Camp Hood. Lieutenant Jackie Robinson, arguably the most famous member of the 761st, faced a general court martial during his time at Camp Hood for refusing to sit at the back of a bus.

The Bell County Mu-

seum exists to engage and educate the community by collecting, preserving, and interpreting the prehistoric and historic heritage of Bell

The vision for the Bell County Museum is that all people are drawn to a unique and welcoming museum experience where they can learn about and develop an appreciation for those who have gone before, engage with their community of today, and develop a passion to preserve those experiences for future generations.

The museum is open Tue.-Fri 12-5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.. Admission is always free.

SALADO Village Voice, March 4, 2021, Page 3A Presbyterians to meet in person

Presbyterian Church returns to in-person services. It is currently the intent to open the church for Worship Services, the Tuesday 8 Men at Prayer meetings, plus Tuesday and Thursday

Yoga sessions. March 7 Worship Service - Starts again

March 9 Men@Prayer -

Starts again March 9 Yoga - Starts



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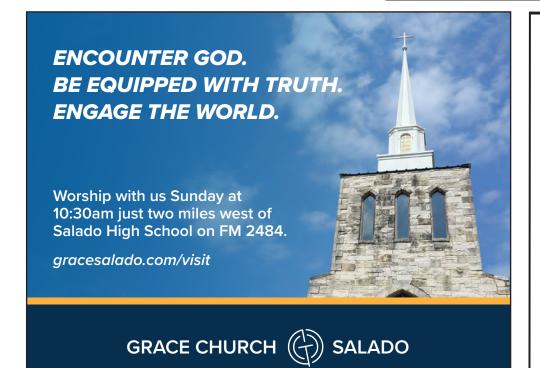
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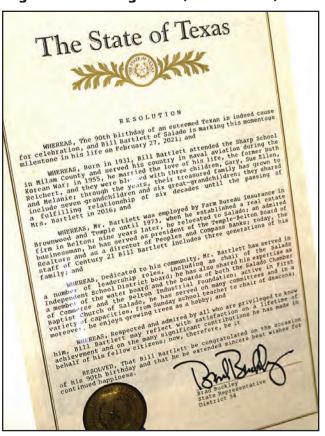
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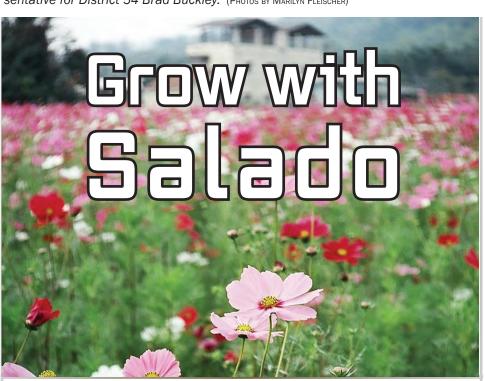
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Happy 90th birthday Bill Bartlett

Salado Mayor Michael Coggin presented longtime Saladoan Bill Bartlett with a Key to the City on the occasion of his 90th birthday. Bartlett is shown above with Coggin and Mayor Pro Tem Rodney Bell. Bartlett also received a Proclamation from State Representative for District 54 Brad Buckley. (Photos by Marilyn Fleischer)





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Tom Maynard, board member of the State Board of Education, spoke to an audience of the Salado Area Republican Women. He stressed the role of the Board and how local control fits into the school curriculum. Salado Area Republican Women meet at 11:30 a.m. March 25 at the Civic Center. Dr. Robert Lawson will be speaking on Socialism. Reservations can be made with Shirley Stephenson at 254-338-5717.

County partners with local hospitals to administer COVID-19 vaccines

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Bell County is now partnering with the three largest hospital systems to administer COVID-19 vaccines. Bell County Judge David Blackburn announced the partnership last week. It began earlier this week.

The Bell County Public Health District will retain 213 vials (1,278 doses) to distribute through its own vaccination centers. However, the way in which those centers operate will be changing in the days and weeks to come.

Bell County is partnering ith Baylor Scott & White. AdventHealth Central Texas and Seton Medical Center in Harker Heights.

"We'll be able to offer area residents more locations and more options for getting their vaccination," Judge Blackburn said. "I am very thankful to Seton, Advent, and Baylor Scott & White for their willingness to help us in this continuing endeavor."

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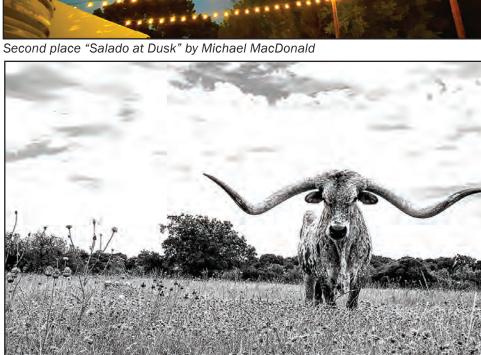












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announced the winners of its photography contest.

In the adult division, there were three winners.

Terry Rascoe was first place with a photograph of Summers Mill. Rascoe received a VISA gift care valued at \$200.

Michael MacDonald was second place with his photograph Salado at Dusk. He received a VISA gift card valued at \$150.

Pansy Cornett was third place with her B&W photograph of a Longhorn. She received a VISA gift cared valued at \$100.

TERRY RASCOE

Terry Rascoe, MD, is a

practiced family medicine in central Texas for the last 30 years.

Artist's Statement: "Only in the last decade or so did I start seriously trying to enhance the photographic images that I create. This journey, in many ways, has paralleled my career in medicine."

"Initially, as an early learner, I was pleased with some degree of success, even when I wasn't quite sure why things worked out.

"I initially spent the majority of my time getting better at the scientific and technical aspects without fully appreciating the true art behind the practice."

"Finally, I have learned to build on that foundation created by the science of the craft and complement it with the personal, emotional, and spiritual aspects of this field."

"Now, while I enjoy photographing a wide variety of subject matters, my passion is shooting outdoors and travel images, especially when the dance of light and shadows of the scene creates a magical moment.

MICHAEL

MacDonald

Michael MacDonald is a Salado resident, U.S. Army retiree, husband and father. His is the Chairman of Vet-Com.org in Salado.

tographer by accident. However, I find myself looking for unique points of view that gives meaning to the world we share and live

in." "Inspiration: Photography provides a snap-shot in time that preserves a moment of the five senses."

"Salado at Dusk gives the impression of humid air and the stir of anxious anticipation that only Salado at Dusk can provide."

PANSY CORNETT

Artist's Statement: "I have been a visual artist all my life. As a kid growing up in the suburbs of Washington D.C., my personal development was shaped by my exposure to fine arts and history. As a lover of nature and being outdoors, I started taking photos to use for sketching and painting. I found that I could employ the same elements of art and principles of design like balance, color, texture, etc to photographs and then started playing with camera settings. Photography has become another artistic medium through which I can digest and interpret the world around me. Admittedly, I'm a novice whose passion and curiosity outmatch my skill level but I'm having a great time learning."





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Floor practice at Salado Masonic Lodge #296, 95 S. Church St., 6:30 p.m. except

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Trivia every Monday at Chupacabra, 7 p.m.

Tuesdays

Tuesday Night Prix Fixe at Alexander's Craft Cocktails + Kitchen. \$14.95 for entree, dessert and glass of wine. Prix Fixe menu changes weekly. Visit Alexander's Facebook page for weekly updates on Prix Fixe.

Wednesdays

Guest food truck day at Barrow Brewing Co., 108 Royal St. 4-9 p.m.

Tastes of the World at The Barton House Restaurant, 5-9 p.m. \$14.99 per person. Menu changes each week. Call 254-947-0441 for more information.

Thursdays

Open Mic Night with Dustin Brown, 6 p.m., Barrow Brewing Co.

Run4Beer Group meets at 6:30 p.m. at Barrow Brewing

Fridays

The Saint Stephen Lent-en Fish Fry is ON! Exclusively drive-through pick up 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Saint Stephen Catholic Church, 601 FM 2268. \$10/plate (no child plates, no substitutions). Two pieces of fish, fries, hush puppies, Cole slaw, beans, dessert and a bottled water. Pre-boxed in the kitchen with all safety measures in place. Pre-order to prolife@saintstephenchurch.org or call the office during office hours. (254)-947-8037.

Live Music at Chupacabra Craft Beers, 7 p.m.

Live Music at Barrow Brewing Co. 7:30 p.m.

Saturdays

Bikes and Brews, 8 a..m. Barrow Brewing Co.

Baked at the Brewery will have fresh-made cinnamon rolls for sale, beginning at 10 a.m., Barrow Brewing Co.

Live Music at Chupacabra Craft Beer and Kitchen, 7 p.m. Live Music at Barrow Brewing Co., 7:30 p.m.

Sundays

Live Music at Barrow Brewing Co. 4 p.m.

March 4

Village of Salado Aldermen meeting, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Link will be posted at saladotx.gov 72 hours before meeting.

March 5

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March 5

Live music at 6 p.m., Anthony Garcia at Barrow Brewing Čo., 108 Royal St.

March 5

Live Music at Chupacabra, Shady Villa, 7 p.m. Cami Maki.

March 5-6

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Day. Reservations at saladoglassworks.com.

The Clothes Closet at Heart and Hands Ministries will be open 9-11 a.m. The closet has clothes, shoes, and coats for men, women, and children. It is located 213 Mill Creek Drive, Suite 135 in Salado Plaza shopping center.

Live music at 6 p.m. Ruby

Dice at Barrow Brewing Co., 108 Royal St. March 6 Live Music at Chupacabra,

Shady Villa, 7 p.m. Tim Fra-

March 7

Salado Starlets Dance Team prep classes, 2-4 p.m. at Thomas Arnold Elementary 3 Gymnasium. Come check out what being a Salado High School Starlet is all about. Open to all incoming eight through 11th grade students. Dress attire for the pre classes will be Any Salado shirt or white shirt, black shorts or pants, tennis shies, hair in ponytail. Masks and social distancing will be enforced. Tryouts will be March 22-27.

March 7

Live music 4 p.m. Lilly Milford at Barrow Brewing Co., 108 Royal St.

March 11

Salado Ladies Community League monthly meeting at Salado church of Christ, 217 N. Stagecoach Rd. at 9:30 for fellowship and refreshments followed by a short business meeting and program at 10. Everyone is welcome. Call Karen Kowaleski at 718-1418 for more information.

March 11

Around the World Dinner Series at Alexander's Craft Cocktails + Kitchen, 6:30-9:30 p.m., featuring the flavors of Vietnam. Five courses and pairings include fried spring roll, ban xeo, banh mi, pho, com tam broken rice with grilled pork tenderloin and che, coconut milk with fresh fruit. \$84.95 per guest, limited seating. Tickets at https://www.eventbrite. com/e/destination-vietnam-around-the-world-dinner-series-tickets-135774008715.

March 12

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March 12

Live Music at Chupacabra, Shady Villa, 7 p.m. Brad Rus-

March 12 & 13

The Nature Co of Salado is hosting a Spring Plant Sale with all profits benefiting Keep Salado Beautiful. Native and adaptable perennials will be available, as well as organically-grown vegetables and ers will be on hand to answer questions. The plant sale will be open 11 a.m.-5:30 p.m. March 12 and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. March 13. The Nature Co. of Salado is located at 371 S.

Main St. March 12-13

Blow Your Own beer mugs, glassware for Saint Patrick's Day. Reservations at saladoglassworks.com.

March 13

Heart and Hands Ministries food distribution to those in need in the Salado, Holland, Bartlett area, 9-11 a.m. It is located 213 Mill Creek Drive, Suite 135 in Salado Plaza shopping center.

March 13

Asana & Ales Yoga at Barrow Brewing Co., 108 Royal St., 10 a.m. (Tickets available online at www.barrowbrewing.com/store) March 13

Texas Made popup, Live music at 6 p.m. Wayworn

Traveler at Barrow Brewing Co., 108 Royal St. March 13 Live Music at Chupacabra,

Shady Villa, 7 p.m. Travis & Cindy Jo. March 13-14 Salado Market Days 9

a.m.-5 p.m. at Salado Antique Mall 721 Stagecoach Road. Salado's original Market Days

March 14

Live music 4 p.m. Pete Hernandez at Barrow Brewing Co., 108 Royal St.

March 15

Salado ISD Board of Trustees meeting, 6 p.m., Salado Civic Center. March 17

Live music 6 p.m. Rebecca Jane at Barrow Brewing Co., 108 Royal St.

March 18

Village of Salado Aldermen meeting, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Link will be posted at saladotx.gov 72 hours before meeting.

March 19

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March 19

Live music 7 p.m. Wes Perryman at Barrow Brewing Co., 108 Royal St

March 19

Live Music at Chupacabra, Shady Villa, 7 p.m. Steve Hamende.

March 19-20

Blow Your Own Easter eggs. Reservations at saladoglassworks.com.

March 20

The Clothes Closet at Heart and Hands Ministries will be open 9-11 a.m. The closet has clothes, shoes, and coats for men, women, and children. It is located 213 Mill Creek Drive, Suite 135 in Salado Plaza shopping center.

March 20

Live music 7 p.m. American Dreamer at Barrow Brewing Co., 108 Royal St.

March 20

Live Music at Chupacabra, Shady Villa, 7 p.m. Steve Hamende.

March 21

Live music 4 p.m. Guilia Millanta at Barrow Brewing Co., 108 Royal St. March 22

Salado Masonic Lodge #296 Stated Meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the Lodge Hall, 95 S. Church St. Dinner at 6:30

March 25

Salado Area Republican Women Membership Meeting at 11:30 a.m. at the Civic Center. Dr. Robert Lawson, SMU Professor, on socialism. RSVP Shirley Stephenson at steppnup@embarqmail.com or 254 338-5717.

March 26

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March 26

Royal Street Art Walk (RAW) 6-9 p.m. along Royal

March 26

Fourth Friday Gospel Singing 7 p.m. at First Cedar Valley Baptist Church, FM 2843. Pot luck to follow. Bring a favorite dish or dessert. March 26

Live music 6 p.m. Tennessee Stiffs at Barrow Brewing

Co., 108 Royal St. March 26 Live Music at Chupacabra, Shady Villa, 7 p.m. DeAnna

Wendolyn. March 26-27

Blow Your Own Easter eggs. Reservations at saladoglassworks.com.

March 27

Heart and Hands Ministries food distribution to those in need in the Salado, Holland, Bartlett area, 9-11 a.m. It is located 213 Mill Creek Drive, Suite 135 in Salado Plaza shopping center.

March 27

Live music 7 p.m. Dustin Brown at Barrow Brewing Co., 108 Royal St.

March 27

Live Music at Chupacabra, Shady Villa, 7 p.m. Sean Eddy. March 27-28

Salado Chamber of Commerce will be celebrating its 20th Annual Wildflower Arts & Crafts Festival on the grounds of the Salado Civic Center at 601 N. Main Street.

March 27-28

Annual Texas Rogue Art and Wine Festival, grounds of Salado Winery Co. Admission is free and wine will be available for purchase. Wine tastings will be seated.







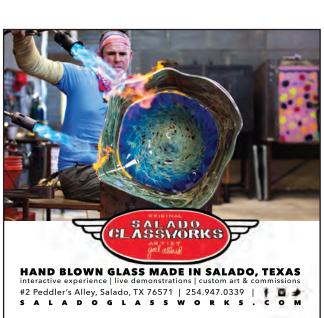
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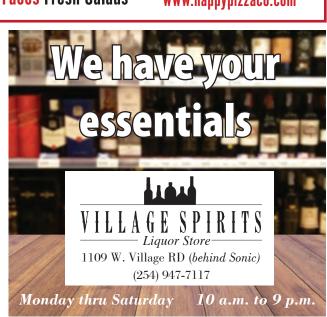


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by Jeff Pickering









Contract Bridge

THE BREAD-AND-BUTTER HANDS

South dealer. East-West vulnerable.

NORTH ↑ 7 4 2 **♥**A5 ◆ K 10 9 8 6 2 **1**0 7 **WEST EAST ♠** K Q 10 6 5 $\clubsuit 93$ **♥**743 **♥**QJ106 ◆ J 7 5 3 **4 ♣**K Q 9 8 4 2 **4**6 **SOUTH ♠** A J 8 **♥** K 9 8 2 ♦ A Q **♣**AJ53 The bidding:

South West North East 1 💠 Pass Pass 2 NT Pass 3 NT Opening lead — king of spades.

In the ordinary course of events, declarer will encounter a number of deals where his contract is sure to make regardless of how the opponents' cards are divided and how he chooses to play them. Such hands are sometimes called pianolas. In other hands that also are certain to

succeed, a moderate amount of skill may be required to protect against the possibility of defeat. These are the hands that appeal to the real student of the game.

Today's deal is from that class.

South is sure to make three notrump against any distribution of the opponents' cards, provided he takes a few necessary precautions.

Dummy's long diamond suit is good for six tricks unless one defender has four or five diamonds to the jack. Declarer's primary concern, therefore, is to guard against an unfavorable diamond break.

The first productive step is taken when West's king-of-spades lead is allowed to win. Refusal to take the trick acts as a barrier to the continuation of that suit and prevents the spade suit from later being run against declarer. This could happen if the ace were taken at trick one and East later gained the lead to return a spade through the J-8.

Let's assume West shifts to a heart at trick two. South takes care to win with the king, cashes the ace of diamonds and leads the queen. After West follows, declarer overtakes the queen with the king to guard against the possibility that West may have been dealt the J-x-x-x of diamonds.

This protective step may cost declarer a trick, but it guarantees scoring at least five diamond tricks, thereby assuring the contract. The diamond ten is next led, and at least nine tricks become a certainty.

Overtaking the diamond queen may seem wasteful, but since it insures against any possibility of defeat, it is clearly the right play.

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1. TELEVISION: Which 1980s-'90s

sitcom featured the Conner family? 2. LANGUAGE: What does the Greek prefix "pan" mean in English? 3. MOVIES: Which artist sang the song that inspired the movie title "Pretty Woman"? GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:

Rodriguez

4. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the first primary color that babies can see? 5. GEOGRAPHY: What is the world's longest cave system?

6. MEDICAL: What is a fasciculation, the medical term for a common ailment? 7. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which pres-

ident was the only one to be elected a U.S. senator after leaving office? 8. GEOLOGY: Emerald and aquamarine are types of which mineral? 9. U.S. STATES: What was the first state to ratify the U.S. Constitution? 10. MEASUREMENTS: What dosing measurement (metric) is used to

administer liquid medication? Answers

1. "Roseanne" 2. All

3. Roy Orbison

5 Mammoth Cave, Kentucky Involuntary muscle twitch

7. Andrew Johnson

9 Delaware

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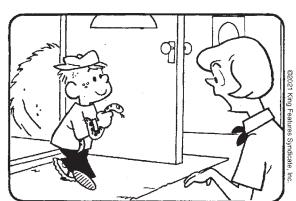
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by Steve Becker BY HENRY BOLTINOFF **HOCUS-FOCUS**

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Weekly **SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

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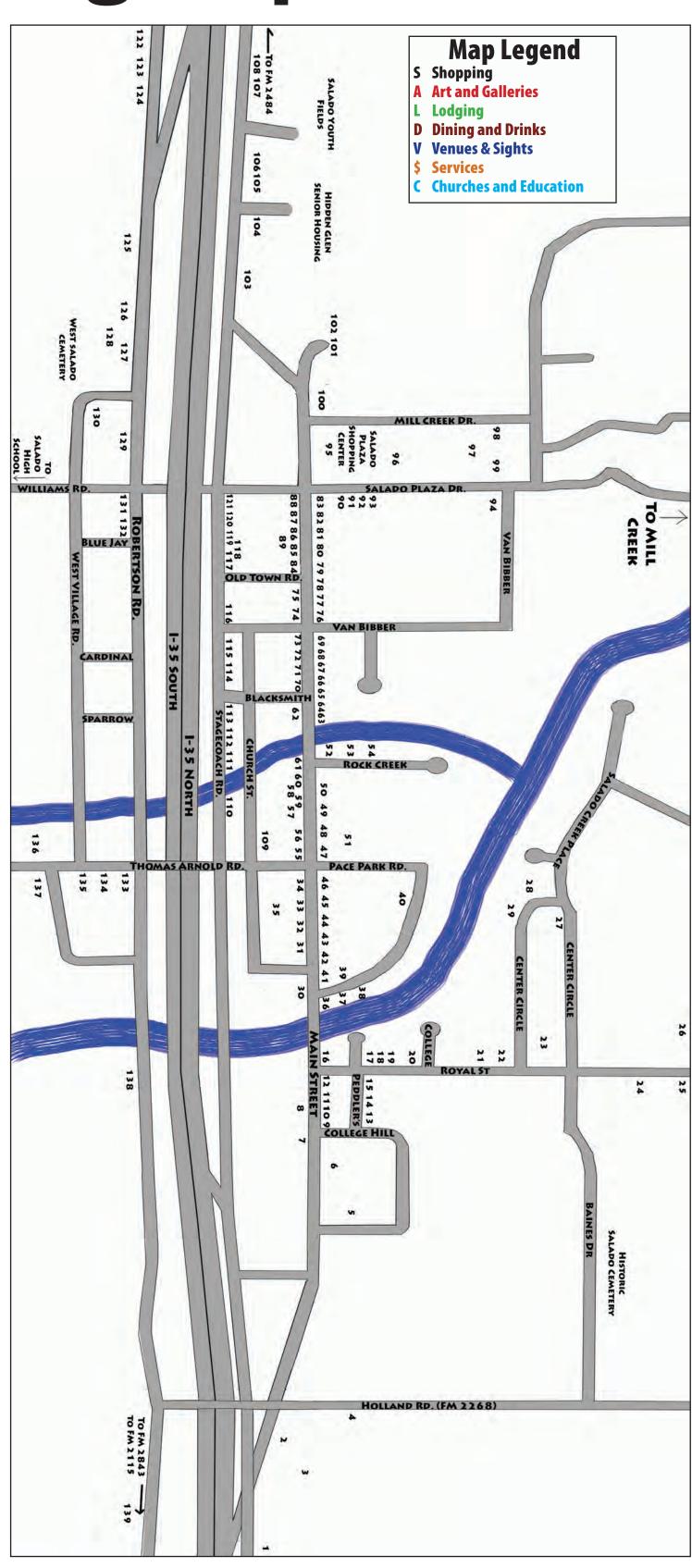
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Shopping Map of Salado





Historical Markers in Salado

- Salado Historic College Hill
- Shady Villa Hotel (Stagecoach Inn)
- Main Street Bridge
- Barber-Berry Mercantile
- 23. The Baines House 24. Historic Dipping Vats
- 25. The A.J. Rose Mansion
 - 26. Old Methodist Chapel

 - 27. Caskey-Hendricks House

 - 28. Dr. McKie Place (Twelve Oaks)
- 29. Alexander's Distillery 30. First Baptist Church 31. The Tyler House

The Norton-Orgain House

55. The Armstrong Adams House

- 35. Salado Masonic Lodge #296
- 45. The Anderson House

The Barton House

51. The Levi Tenney House

- Old Saloon
- 61. Historic Lenticular Bridge 49. The Vickrey House
- 76. Boles-Aiken & Denman Cabins
 - 77. The Robert B. Halley House
 - 79. The Reed Cabin
 - 100. The Josiah Fowler House

Connor Howard state debate champ

Salado Speech and Debate competed at the annual UIL Congressional Debate Meet. Connor Howard placed first becoming the State Champion. Also competing for Salado were Hunter Foster and Sawyer Bagley, Foster reached the final round. 64 contestants competed in the State meet.

Salado Speech and Debate coach Tim Cook said, "This one is special. Connor has lost a lot of his senior year. For him to win in the midst of everything that is going on is something that this community should really appreci-

The team will compete next at the TFA State Meet on March 11-13.



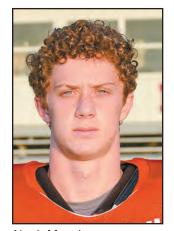
Connor Howard. (Courtesy PHOTO)



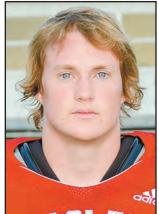
Salado senior Logan Rickey signed his National Letter of Intent to run Cross Country and Track at Southern Arkansas on Feb. 26. Rickey made three appearances at the UIL State Cross Country Meet. As a senior, he placed 11th overall with a time of 16:20.97. As a junior, he ran for a time of 16:00.11 for 17th place overall. As a sophomore. he placed in the top third of all runners, 47th overall with a time of 17:00.47



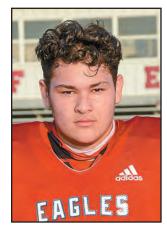
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Four Eagles garner All-State honors

Salado Eagles had four members named to the Texas Sports Writers Association All-State Football Team, including first team safety Wrook Brown.

Senior Wrook Brown was named as First Team All-State Safety. Brown started on both sides of the line of scrimmage. As a

safety, he had 104 tackles, 4 tackles for loss (TFL), 64 solo tackles, seven passes broken up (PBU) and an interception.

Senior Noah Mescher was named to the Third Team Texas Sports Writers Association's Class 4A All-State Football Team. Mescher, a 190 lb. senior

fullback carried the ball as part of a tandem of three bruising running backs in Salado's slot-T ground game. Mescher carried the ball 194 times for 1,577 yards and 21 TDs.

Senior Peyton Miller was named Honorable Mention All-State Outside Linebacker. He had 101 tackles, including 15 TFLs and 49 solos. He also had 4 sacks, 2 quarterback pressures, 4 PBUs, a fumble recovery and an interception.

Junior Gavyn Keyser was named Honorable Mention All-State Offensive Tackle.

The Eagles had an 11-2 season as District Champions in 2020.



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Cadets oust Eagles

By TIM FLEISCHER EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Salado Eagles sent the Connally Cadets to the free throw line six times in the final eight minutes and the Cadets converted eight of 12 attempts there, which was enough to lead them past the Eagles 42-37 in their Area round UIL boys basketball playoff game Feb. 24.

Salado held the narrowest of margins going into the fourth, 29-28, after Noah Self made the second of two free throws with 33 second left in the quarter.

The Eagles through most of the game as the Connally defense aggressively harassed Salado players at every turn. The Cadets held a four-point lead at the half, 21-17, but Salado chipped away at it with three-pointed by Josh Goings and Brady Ihler to tie the game at 23 midway through the third.

Goings converted the second half of two free throws and then hit a two-pointer to give Salado a three-point lead with 1:55 left in the third.

Kobe Black sank both free throws to pull within



Noah Self and Luke Law defend against a Cadet. (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)

one of Salado, Goings hit another short shot to put Salado up 28-25 before Jy'lon Nobles sank a two-pointer to keep the game at a onepoint advantage.

Goings kept Salado in the game in the first, scoring six of the Eagles' eight points with the Cadets taking an 11-8 lead at the break.

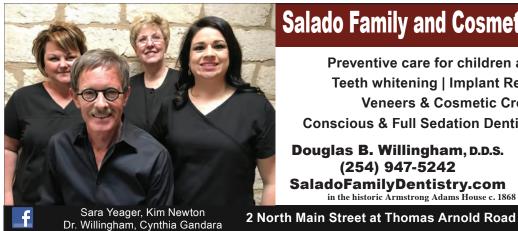
In the second Peyton Miller closed a seven-point gap, scoring two two-pointers over a three-minute period, including a layup after stealing the ball. Goings tied the game at 17 with a three-pointer with 2:15 left in the half, before Tyler Webb and Jelani McDonald sank buckets to take a 21-17 halftime lead over Salado.





Noah Self secures a rebound. (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)





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Eagles open baseball season with 3 wins at home tourney

Salado Eagles won three out of their four games in their tournament Feb. 25-27, losing in the first round to Lorena before beating Gatesville, Academy and Lampasas. Troy beat Gatesville to win the tournament.

Lampasas 1 Salado 4

Lampasas had a lead over Salado Eagles, briefly in the third inning, before the boys went on to score two runs in the bottom of the third and bottom of the fourth for a 4-1 win Feb. 27.

Ace Whitehead walked and stole second and third base before scoring on a single by Logan Coleman to put the Badgers up 1-0 in the top of the third.

Isaac Pettigrew led off the bottom of the third with a walk and went to third when Drew Bird laid down a bunt and reached first on an error. Pettigrew scored on an error when the Badgers tried to pick him off at third. Bird went to third on the same error. Bird scored when Caden Strickland grounded out to short.

With an out in the fourth, Kory Walker singled on a line drive to left field, going to second on an error by the left fielder. He scored on a single to center by Kole Maedgen. Maedgen stole second base and scored on an error by the first baseman.

Nolan Williams, Dillon McDaniel, Walker and Maedgen each had a hit in the game. Maedgen added



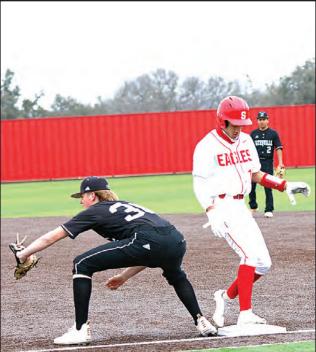
Brady Wilson swings for one of his two singles during the Eagles' game against Gatesville. (Photo By TIM FLEISCHER)

an RBI. Strickland also had an RBI

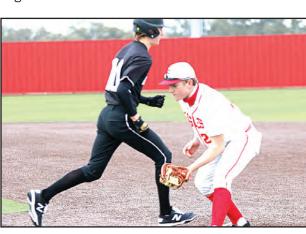
On the mound, Brady Wilson got the win, allowing just one hit and an earned run. He struck out six batters and walked five.

Academy 1 Salado 24

Academy had a short lead over Salado, scoring



(PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)
Isaac Pettigrew gets safely back to first base during the Eagles' win over Gatesville.



(Photo by Tim Fleischer)

First baseman Logan Atchison gets the runner out during the Salado Eagles' win over Gatesville.

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a run in the top of the first, but the rest of the game, the Bees were brutalized by Salado batters who tallied 15 hits and 24 runs over threeand-a-half innings.

Salado scored six runs in the bottom of the first, 10 in the bottom of the second and eight in the bottom of the third before the game was mercifully ended.

Dillon McDaniel had a two-run homer while he went three-for-three with five RBIs in the game. He also walked and scored three times. He had a double and a single to reach base.

Caden Strickland went two-for-three with two RBIs.

Nolan Williams and Brady Wilson both went two-for-two. Wilson had three RBIs while Williams had two RBIs.

Lane Heath went twofor-four with two RBIs. Isaac Pettigrew went onefor-two with an RBI.

Josh Adams went onefor-one with three RBIs. Kole Maedgen went onefor-four with an RBI and Drew Bird went one-forfour. Logan Atchison had an RBI.

Maedgen got the win for Salado, striking out two and allowing three hits, Academy scored one earned run against him.

Gatesville 2 Salado 3

Nolan Williams hit a two-out homer over the centerfield fence, his second of the day, to give the Eagles a 1-0 lead over the Gatesville Hornets in the second round of the Salado Classic tournament Feb. 25.

The Eagles added two runs in the second, when Isaac Pettigrew dinged a single into left field to score Brady Wilson and Kole Maedgen. Wilson and Maedgen both reached on singles and advanced on a passed ball before scoring, to put the Eagles up 3-1 after two innings.

The Hornets added one in the top of the seventh

as Poynter singled, stole second and scored on two passed balls before the Eagles put the next three batters down in order.

Wilson led the Eagles in batting, going 2-of-3 with two singles and a run. He also hit a single in the sixth but was left stranded on third.

Logan Atchison added a single in the fourth, but was thrown out in the front half of a double play.

Caden Strickland got the win on the mound for Salado. He pitched 6-1/3 innings, striking out 11 batters and walking two. He gave up three hits and one earned run.

Wilson struck out the final two batters in the game, pitching to close.

Lorena Salado S

Salado Eagles scored two runs in the fifth and three in the sixth of their tournament opener against Lorena, but it was not enough to close the Leopards' early lead as the Eagles fell 7-5 Feb. 25.

With two outs in the fifth, Caden Strickland reached on a single to centerfield and scored on a booming homerun over the centerfield fence by Nolan Williams, the first by an Eagle since the new baseball diamond opened for a truncated season last year.

The Eagles added three more in the seventh. Dillon McDaniel singled to left and went to third on a double by Brady Wilson. McDaniel scored but Wilson was held up at third on a double to center by Kole Maedgen. Both runners scored on a single to right by Josh Adams before time ran out in the game.

McDaniel, Maedgen and Strickland all went two-for-three at the plate.

McDaniel got the loss on the mound, pitching three innings in which Lorena scored all of their seven runs. He gave up three hits and walked eight while striking out three batters.

Ladies fall to Lake Belton, lead district

The Salado Lady Eagles remain at the top of the leaderboard in district soccer after suffering their first district loss last week against Lake Belton.

The Lady Eagles beat Jarrell 5-0 on March 1 with goals from Holly Wright, two from Anna Lesley, Allison Carnahan, and Haley Piatak. Assists were recorded for Anna Lesley, Allison Carnahan, Haley Piatak, Holly Wright, and Lily Lougheed. The shutout was earned by Avery Wright and

the defense.

The girls won a tough battle against Academy on Feb. 23 in a low scoring match, 2-1. The first goal was scored by Allison Carnahan off of a corner kick by Maria Pauer. The second goal was from a penalty kick made by Haley Piatak.

Salado hosted Lake Belton, who the Lady Eagles beat earlier in the season, on Feb. 26. The Lady Mustangs won the game 2-1 in overtime. Salado's lone goal came from Sydney King.

Eagles are 9-0 in district soccer

District soccer (as of presstime March 2) with shut outs of Burnet, Lake Belton and Academy in recent play.

Salado shut out Burnet, 6-0, in a March 1 road match.

Alex Pierce led the Eagles with two goals. Also scoring goals for Salado were Tyler Anderson, Jackson Husung, Ryan Havelka and Chris Ortiz.

Contributing assists were Max Markham with two assists and Cooper Sanders, David Ochoa and Grant Sellers, with an assist each.

The JV boys also shut out Burnet on March 1, winning 6-0. Ayden Shannon led the JV boys with three goals while Zion Mus-

selman scored two goals and Jake Rechtfertig scored a goal.

The Eagles, playing on the road at the new Lake Belton High School, beat the Mustangs, 4-0, Feb. 26. Morgan Adams led the

Eages with two goals. Alex Pierce and Chris Ortiz also scored goals in the game. Salado shut out the

Salado shut out the Academy Bees, 4-0, Feb. 23 playing on the road.

Alex Pierce led the team with two goals. Jackson Husung and Morgan Adams also score goals.

Assists came from Piuerce, Andrew Gilmore and Cooper Chambliss.



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Lady Eagles fall to West Lady **Trojans in final of West tourney**

Salado Lady Eagles went 4-1 in the West softball tournament, falling to the host Lady Trojans in the championship round on Feb. 27. The girls beat Graham, Connally, Robinson and Groesbeck to get to the championship game.

Salado West 16

Despite two homeruns by Rylee Oborski, Salado Lady Eagles could not keep up with the West Lady Trojans, falling 16-6 in the championship game.

Oborski hit solo home runs in the third and fifth innings. Her homer in the third tied the game at 1-1, but the Lady Trojans answered with seven runs in the bottom of the frame

Harley Droulliard doubled and scored on a single by Kailonee Razo in the fourth. West added eight runs in the bottom of the fourth.

In the fifth, Oborski homered, Angel Van de Plas doubled to score a runner. Van de Plas and Bri Water scored on a single by Razo to make the score 16-6 ending the game.

Razo, Oborski and Van de Plas each had two hits. Razo had three RBIs, Oborski had two RBIs while Van de Plaz had one.

Lexi Dudeczka, Gabby Vidaure and Droulliard each had a hit,

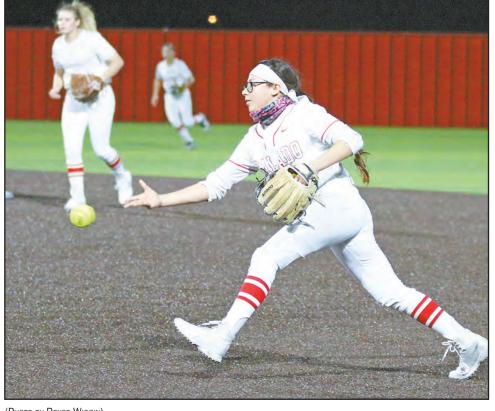
Water was issued the loss in her 2 1/3 inning appearance. She struck out two batters while giving up six hits and five earned runs. Hannah Hudson struck out two batters and gave up 11 hits and 11 earned runs.

Groesbeck Salado 10

Salado Lady Eagles took

advantage of wild pitching in the second inning to score seven of their 10 runs to beat Groesbeck 10-3 in the morning game Feb. 27.

The Groesbeck pitcher walked four batters and



Kailonee Razo throws a ground ball to first for an out against East View.

hit another and then Katey Bartek, Bri Water, Angel Van de Plas, Reese Preston and Brooke McLaurin all got singles in the second in-

In the third, Gabby Vidaure was hit by the pitcher to lead off. She went to second on a single by Victoria Giganti. Both runners stole base and Vidaure scored on a ground out by Rylee Oborski. Giganti scored on an error to make the score 9-0.

Groesbeck scored three runs in the fourth.

Van de Plas scored in the fifth after walking.

Bartek went two-forthree and had two RBIs. Oborski and Water both had two RBIs on one-for-three batting. Droulliard was onefor-one with an RBI while Giganti was one-for-two with an RBI. Lexi Dudeczone-for-two and Van de Plas was one-for-one.

Pitching 3 1/3 innings, McLaurin got the win for Salado. She allowed no runs or hits. Droulliard closed

the game, allowing three runs on five hits. Salado 12

Robinson 10 The Lady Eagles scored nine runs in the top of the third to come from behind

to beat the Robinson Lady

Rockets, 12-10, on Feb. 26. Rylee Oborski hit a solo homer in the first. Katev Bartek followed with a solo homer to kick off the scoring in the second. Doubles by Bri Water, Harley Droulliard an Bartek along with singles by Pazlee Conrad,

uted to the nine-run inning. Conrad doubled and scored on an error that allowed Gabby Vidaure to reach and go all the way to third. She scored on a single by Lexi Dudeczka.

Oborski and Water contrib-

Salado had 14 hits in the game while Robinson had ka had an RBI. Preston was 12 hits off of Water. Water struck out two.

Connally Salado 16

Salado had 11 hits on the way to 16 runs against the Connally Lady Cadets, winning 16-3 on Feb. 26.

Oborski had a home run for four RBIs on her two hits. Droulliard also had two hits and four RBIs. Reese Preston had three RBIs on a bases loaded double. Katev Bartek had two hits, one RBI. Hannah Hudson had two hits, one RBI. Also getting the bat on the ball were Lexi Dudeczka and Bri Wa-

Hudson pitched for the win, allowing three hits and two earned runs. She struck out three batters.

The Lady Eagles opened the West Tournament with a 14-1 win over Graham, but no stats were kept for the

East View Salado 0

Salado Lady Eagles lost their season opener 8-0 when they hosted East View Feb. 23.

Lexi Dudeczka led the girls with two singles. Also getting singles in the game were Rylee Oborski and Victoria Giganti.



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Perez is girls District 19-4A MVP

named the District 19-4A district play. MVP for her effort.

Perez averaged 12.26 points per game, 17.125 in district play; 8.85 rebounds per game, 8.45 in District; 2.11 steals per game, 1.9 in District and 0.85 blocks per game, 1.27 in district play.

Amanda Cantu was named the Defensive MVP. Cantu scored 6.85 points per game, 7.36 in district play and grabbed 3.85 rebounds per game, 4.09 in district. She also had 2.78 steals per game and 3 per district game and 2.63 assists per game, 3.27 in district play.

Junior Kenslee Konarik was named the Sixth Man of the District. She led the girls with 10.5 rebounds in district games, 6.33 per game for the year. She also scored 5.85 points per game, 8.375 in district appearance and

Lorena Perez led the had 1.63 steals per game, Lady Eagles to the District 2.875 in district and 1.26 Championship and was blocks per game, 2.25 in

> The Salado starters were named to the All-District First Team: Priscilla Torczynski, Reese Preston and Katie Law.

Torczynski scored 4.11 points per game, 4.81 in district; grabbed 2.41 rebounds per game, 1.55 in district play and had 1.19 steals per game, 1.55 in district play.

Preston scored 5.48 points per game, 6.9 in district; grabbed 2.63 rebounds per game, 3.0 in district play and had 1.3 steals per game, 1.4 in district.

Law scored 8 points per game, 9.27 in district, and grabbed 6.81 points per game, 6.72 in district.

Megan Manibusan was named to the Second Team All District. Darci Pryor and Reese Witmer both received Honorable Mention.



Lorena Perez (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)

Math, science teams go virtual for meet

Salado High math and science competitors placed at the Texas Math and Science Coaches Association Virtual Invitational Meet on Feb. 27.

The Number Sense team placed third overall.

Cooper Chambliss placed first for 11th graders and first overall individual in the Number Sense con-

Trey Graham placed fourth among 12th graders.

Ryan Novotny placed second among 10th graders.

Ashlyn Fossett placed third among 11th graders in Calculator.

William Won placed fourth among 12th graders in Calculator

Amy Manning placed seventh among 12th graders in Mathematics.

Aubrey Watkins placed sixth among 11th graders in Mathematics.

The Math and Science team is coached by Dennis Cabaniss and Brian Osfor Salado and had 34 assists and 33 offensive board for the Eagles. Freshman Luke Law

shared Co-Sixth Man of the Year with Jarrell DJ Warren. Law came off the bench to score 93 points for Salado in 22 games. He also grabbed 65 board and had seven assists. He made seven steals, nine deflections and blocked five shots.

Senior Peyton Miller and junior Brady Ihler were named to the First Team All-District.

Miller played in 18 games, coming over from football. He scored 162 points in 506 minutes of playing time. He had 101 rebounds, 46 assists, 17 steals and 22 deflections for the Eagles.

Ihler scored 159 points for the Eagles in 22 games. He also grabbed 143 rebounds for the Eagles and 24 assists. Ihler blocked 11 shots, deflected 26 passes and had 19 steals defensive-



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Josh Goings (Photo by Royce Wiggin)

ings was named Co-MVP of

the District 19-4A All Dis-

trict basketball team, shar-

ing the honors with senior

Burnet Bulldog Luke Kiser.

the field on his way to a 24.6

points per game average.

Goings scored 566 points in

23 games and 720 minutes

bounds and had 82 assists,

70 steals and 36 deflections

for the Eagles. Goings shot

68% at the free throw line

on 195 attempts and 28%

from beyond the arc on 133

was named the Defensive

Player of the Year. He was

also named to the Second

Team for his offensive per-

games and grabbed 35 de-

fensive boards over 445

minutes on the court. He

also had 30 steals and 28

deflections of passes while

committing just 54 fouls.

Mescher scored 65 points

Mescher played in 17

formances in the season.

Senior Noah Mescher

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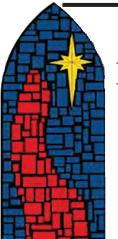
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Recipients who are driving through are requested to make appropriate space in their trunk or hatch. Those arriving via public transportation or on foot should look for the designated walk-up area. Please note: they recommend recipients without vehicles bring containers in which they can carry the food, as it will be in boxes that may be difficult to car-

For the latest information on getting help, go to centraltexasfoodbank.org and click on "Find Food Now". Once you find the distribution site nearest you, please call them to confirm their hours of operation since things are changing rapidly. You can also call 2-1-1 for the latest information.

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Texas Realtors releases 2020 Texas Real Estate Year in Review

TEXAS HOME SALES, MEDIAN PRICE BREAK RECORDS WHILE HOUSING INVENTORY HITS ALL-TIME LOW.

Feb. 25, 2021 – AUSTIN - For the sixth consecutive year, the Texas housing market broke records in terms of the number of homes sold and median hit a critical all-time low, according to the 2020 Texas Real Estate Year in Review report released today by Texas Realtors.

"Texas real estate sales broke records despite being in the middle of a pandemic," said Marvin Jolly, 2021 chairman of Texas Realtors. "Housing inventory dropped to historically low

price, while inventory levels levels in many areas of the state, and that shortage of homes for sale made many markets extremely favorable to sellers and challenging for buyers."

> Home sales across the state increased 9.5% in 2020, with 393,615 homes sold. This is a larger increase than the 3.8% increase in 2019.

> > Housing inventory

dropped to 1.7 months of inventory, a decrease of 1.3 months from 2019. According to the Texas Real Estate Research Center, a market balanced between supply and demand has between 6.0 and 6.5 months of in-

Median home price increased 8% from the prior year to \$259,230. Price class distribution showed that the largest percentage of homes sold across the state (34.5%) fell in the \$200,000-\$299,000 price

"The 2021 housing market will be characterized by strong demand with low inventories accompanied by strong price growth," explained Luis Torres, Ph.D., research economist with the Texas Real Estate Research Center at Texas A&M University. "Inventories of homes priced under \$300,000 will be especially low, affecting sales in that price range. The economic recovery helped by the additional federal fiscal stimulus and vaccination rates will contribute to Texas housing demand in 2021."

Active listings statewide declined 22.1% from 2019 to 2020. Homes spent an average of 55 days on the market, four days less than 2019.

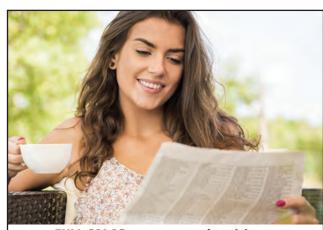
Chairman Jolly concluded, "Rising home prices coupled with the housing shortage has made affordability a challenge across our state. These issues remain top of mind for Texas Realtors as we continue through the 87th legislative session. We will continue to champion legislation that will ensure homeownership remains attainable and a sound investment for years to come."

About the Texas Real Estate Year in Review Report Data for the Texas Real Estate Year in Review Report is provided by the Data Relevance Project, a partnership among local REALTOR® associations, their MLSs, and Texas RE-ALTORS®, with analysis by the Texas Real Estate Research Center at Texas A&M University. The report provides annual real estate sales data from a statewide perspective and for 25 metropolitan statistical areas in Texas. To view the report in its entirety, visit TexasRealEstate.com.

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Date	Address	Incident Type
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02/21/2021	OLD MILL RD, Salado	Cardiac / Respiratory Arrest
02/21/2021	SAINT LUKE ST, Bell County	Stroke
02/21/2021	DOVES LANDING CT, Bell County	Sick Person
02/22/2021	BLACKBERRY RD, Salado	Diabetic Problems
02/22/2021	FM 2115, Bell County	Sick Person
02/22/2021	SETTLEMENTS RD, Salado	Falls
02/23/2021	MARY LN, Salado	Unconscious / Fainting
02/23/2021	CHISHOLM CT, Salado	Stroke
02/23/2021	CRYSTAL SPRINGS CT, Bell County	Falls
02/24/2021	FM 93, Bell County	Grass fire (Mutual Aid)
02/24/2021	FM 2843, Bell County	Public Service
02/24/2021	FM 1670, Salado	Traumatic Injury
02/24/2021	SMITH BLUFF RD, Salado	Stroke
02/24/2021	ROYAL ST, Bell County	Unconscious / Fainting
02/25/2021	STINNETT MILL RD, Bell County	Lift Assist
02/25/2021	CEDAR KNOB CHURCH RD,	Bell County Dispatched & Cancelled en route
02/25/2021	WILLIAMS RD, Salado	Dispatched & Cancelled en route
02/25/2021	WILLIAMS RD, Bell County	Alarm System Activation – No Fire
02/25/2021	DAY DR, Bell County	Lift Assist
02/25/2021	MILL CREEK DR, Salado	Seizure / Convulsions
02/26/2021	THOMAS ARNOLD RD, Salado	Assault
02/27/2021	INTERSTATE 35, Salado	Motor Vehicle Accident
02/27/2021	LANE LOOP, Bell County	Difficulty Breathing
02/27/2021	SETTLEMENTS RD, Bell County	Lift Assist
02/27/2021	FM 2843, Bell County	Motor Vehicle Accident w/ Injuries

Total On-Scene Time: 34 Hours and 58 Minutes

Salado Police Department Report Feb. 22-28

OFFENSE/ **INCIDENT REPORTS:**

Between Feb 22nd and Feb 28th, 2021, Salado Police Officers responded to the following calls in which offense or incident reported were taken:

OFFENSE/INCIDENT REPORTS:

02/22/2021:

A welfare concern report was taken where an individual had threatened to harm themself. The individual voluntarily went to the hospital for evaluation. No arrests were made.

02/23/2021:

An assist another agency report was taken where it was reported to an Salado Police Department officer that during the spring of 2020 illicit photos were taken of another person and posted on a social media website. The offense was determined to have occurred outside the jurisdiction of the Salado PD, the case was forwarded to the Bell County Sheriff's Dept for follow-up. No arrests were made.

02/26/2021:

A resident in the 3300 block of Chisholm Trail received multiple text message threats. The messages appeared to be a part of a scam where threats are made using photos that the victim posted on social media platforms. No arrests were made.

A motor vehicle was stolen while in the parking lot of CEFCO. The investigation revealed that the owner

on IH 35. He struck several vehicles in Georgetown and subsequently was caught in Ingleside, TX by Ingleside Police Department. The suspect was arrested and evaluation. charged in their jurisdiction for Unauthorized Use of a above-mentioned calls, Sal-Motor Vehicle.

A report of a suicidal subject who was combative was reported in the 300 block of Thomas Arnold. Salado Police Department responded

left the vehicle running, un- an found that an individual locked and unattended when who was intoxicated and a white male took the vehicle combative with his friends. without the owners consent. The individual was highly The suspect fled southbound agitated and combative with the officer and he was subsequently subdued and taken into custody and transported to Baylor, Scott and White for a mental health

In addition to the ado Police Officers handled the many other calls for service in which a report was not required. Below is a breakdown of those calls:

Call Type Number of Calls **Description** 911 Hang-up **Alarm Business** 3 Alarm Residential 1 4 Assist Another Agency Calls for Service 44 Citations 10 Citizen Contact Civil Matter Crash Disturbance 1 House Watch/RU OK? 4 3 Medical Noise Disturbance 1 3 Public Service Call 2 **Reckless Driving** 3 **Stranded Motorists** Suspicious Circumstances 5 Theft Water line break 1







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Texas State Parks recommend reserving day passes, campsites ahead of spring break

AUSTIN - With Spring Break around the corner, Texans will be looking to explore and get outside. Texas State Parks are already seeing day passes and campsites filling up for the spring and summer months, so visitors planning a state park adventure this Spring Break are encouraged to make their reservations as early as possible.

During holidays like Spring Break, state parks see more campers because of the extra time off from work and school. Those looking for a change of scenery during the holiday

are encouraged to consider visiting on a weekday as they typically see less crowds than on Fridays and Saturdays.

Many popular parks, especially those in Central Texas, are already seeing reservations for Spring Break and the summer months, but still have some availability. Parks that are already seeing a high rate of both day use and overnight reservations include Garner, Inks Lake, Pedernales Falls, Guadalupe River, Mother Neff and Enchanted Rock state parks.

Visitors can avoid the

large Spring Break crowds by exploring a new state park this year. Several parks throughout the state have day-use and overnight reservations available for the upcoming spring and summer season, including Goose Island, San Angelo, Lake Somerville and Sea Rim state parks.

Texas State Parks are operating at a limited capacity, so friends and families who are planning to hit the trails for a day trip at a park should also reserve day passes in advance, as many parks reach capacity limits daily. Some Texas State Park facilities remain closed due to the recent severe cold weather, so visitors are encouraged to check with their park of interest before hitting the road.

Visitors can purchase day passes up to one month in advance, guaranteeing access to parks even during busy times. To purchase a day pass or to reserve a campsite, visit the Texas State Parks Reservation System page on the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) website or call (512) 389-8900.

Guests, including annual pass holders, who have reserved day passes or campsites but are unable to visit are encouraged to cancel their reservations, so others have an opportunity to visit the park.

Those visiting state parks are encouraged to recreate responsibly and follow posted rules and regulations to ensure safety during the ongoing pandemic, including wearing a mask when inside buildings or when gathered with others. See the online state park guidelines to stay safe and healthy. Local and statewide limitations and restrictions apply and can change rapidly. TPWD rec-

ommends checking social media or calling parks directly for updates before traveling.

For those who are unable to make your Texas State Park reservations in time but still want to enjoy the outdoors this Spring Break, there are many other options besides state parks. Texas Nature Rocks is a great resource to find local city and county parks, green spaces, nature centers and other outdoor opportunities near you. Visit the Texas Nature Rocks website for more information.

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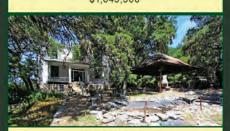
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