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Art festivals on Main St Salado this weekend

Come celebrate spring with wine, food, art, and the outdoors during the weekend of March 27-28.

You will find the Village of Salado filled with folks sipping wine, browsing art and nibbling on fantastic food at the Texas Wine and Rogue Art Fest, the biggest and best wine festival between Austin and Grapevine.

This year "going rogue" means the festival will be joined by the "Texas Wine and True Crime" podcast. Friends Brandy Diamond and Jaimee Hardwidge review and drink Texas wines while they discuss true Texas crimes. Salado Winery owner and winemaker, June Ritterbusch, discovered their intriguing podcast while pruning in the vineyard. Says Ritterbusch, "I love introducing Texas wine lovers to all things related to Texas wine and they epitomize the spunky spirit of Texas winemakers so I invited them to come and record podcasts at

The 2021 festival will also include 40 booths featuring art, wine, delectable foods, and handmade goods. Unlike previous years though, the wine tasting will be seated at tables of up to 8 people, scattered throughout the festival to encourage social distancing. It is recommended that wine drinkers make reservations in advance.

The festival is hosting several food trucks, including Hecho en Queso, and Toka Island Grill. Foodies will also enjoy experiencing Texas-based food from Sweet B's Candy, Victorina Chefina, and Rickey's Jerky. The full list of participants is available at www.saladowinefestival.com.

Being "rogue" however does not mean being foolish when it comes to preventing the spread of coronavirus. If you have any COVID symptoms such as fever, cough, shortness of breath, or other and stay.

the Texas Wine & Rogue Art symptoms of COVID-19, please stay home. Hand wash stations and hand sanitizer will be available. Tables for food and wine drinking will be provided and will be spread out throughout the event grounds.

The festival will be held on the grounds of Salado Winery & Salado Wine Seller at 841 N. Main St., Salado, rain or shine.

Families are welcome. Well-behaved pets on leashes are allowed. Admission is free and wine will be available for purchase.

Be sure to also visit the 21st Annual Wildflower Arts & Crafts Festival organized by the Salado Chamber of Commerce on the grounds of the Salado Civic Center at 601 N. Main Street.

Free Parking is available throughout the Village and now with Main Street sidewalks complete, it's very easy to stroll up and down Main Street to visit, eat, shop

Parents ask school trustees to reverse mask enforcement

By TIM FLEISCHER EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

A dozen local parents and one child implored Salado ISD Trustees at their March 22 meeting to reverse the district's stance on masks for all students and staff on cam-

About 50 people filled the audience seats and stood behind the chairs as school trustees sat at a table for each arranged at distances of more than six feet from each other and wearing masks. The majority of audience members were not wearing masks.

"I want a choice as far as masks goes for my child," Sharon Rhoades said during the public comment portion of the meeting. Speakers were limited to five minutes each and had to sign up before the meeting to speak to the trustees. There was no item on the agenda for trustees to address the issue.

Board president Kim Bird told the audience that the board would not respond to comments or questions during the open portion of the meeting. "But that does not mean that we are not listening to you," she added.

"If staff wants a vaccine, they are available to them," Rhoades said before reading a list of school districts that do not require students to wear masks.

"The past year has been unprecedented and school has had to make quick and decisive decisions," Jennifer Abraham said. "We all agree on the health and wellbeing of our children."

She pointed out that the death rate for children due to COVID is 1 in 100,000. "The numbers don't validate what we are doing to our children," she said.

Pam Usack said she was coming forward to speak for "the children who have been pushed out and left behind because of the mask mandate. It is time for Salado

schools to get back to normal sooner rather than later. The Governor's mandate the age of 10 from having to wear masks."

She said that she had to remove her children "from the school that they love and teach them at home. This has been huge burden on our family."

"They couldn't breathe," she added. "We are putting the health and psychological well-being of our kids at risk. People need people."

Kip Davidson about his daughter who was in tears every day when he would pick her up dealing with anxiety because she didn't understand what was happening to her.

"She tells me that she thinks her teachers are frowning at her, "I see it in their eyes,' she says," David-

Davidson told trustees that in the past year, the suicide rate among children is 10 times higher than a year ago. With the 1 in 100,000 death rate due to COVID 19, Davidson said that "it's 77 times more likely that they will die from choking on a hot dog. They are 241 times more likely to die in a car accident on the way to school."

"She can go to store without a mask. She can go to bowling alley without a mask. She can go to the theater without a mask. She can go everywhere, except the school, without a mask," he

His daughter then read a letter she wrote in which she said she was "so excited to finally go back to school, but you won't let me. Let me go back to school. I miss my teachers, I miss my friends. Let me go back to school."

Chris Hercules told trustees that the mask mandate is illegal for enforcement. He referenced a New York Times editorial that was sent out to all parents via email. Hercules said that this was "

discriminatory action politicizing medical information" that turned out to be wrong. exempted children under He said the Governor's rescinding the mask mandate was ignored by the board.

> "If you do not bring this to an emergency vote, you have failed us," Isaac Byers

> "I was on-board to protect those who are vulnerable to the virus," he added. "We have learned who is vulnerable and who is not. Who is not vulnerable are our children. Those who are vulnerable have access to a vaccine."

> "Our children are no more at risk from this than they are from a cold," he said. "Are they supposed to wear a mask forever and live in

> "I cannot allow you to take away my parental right," Emily Jones said. "Who on the board decided that it is reasonable treatment of a maskless person to put them into isolation?"

> Jones pointed trustees to Title II, Title III, Title XVIII concerning the enforcement

> April Lewis said that she was sympathetic to the position of the trustees because she is a veteran school teacher. "Each year schools are asked to do more and more of what parents should have been doing," she said, adding "Nobody here is responsible for my child getting a cold, the flu or COVID. Time to hold parents responsible for the health of their children.... Let parents decide what is best for their children."

Ruth Parker told trustees that her child has been told that "if she doesn't wear one, people may die." She added that she is "fed up with dictatorship."

Michele Hercules read the experience of a school child who has to begin wearing a mask at 6:15 in the morning until she gets home from the bus after 4 p.m. She SEE MASKS, PAGE 4A



Keep Salado Beautiful board members presented a donation of the hundreds of hours of volunteer work done by KSB volunteers during 2020 representing a monetary donation of more than \$283,000 to the Village of Salado. Shown above 9From left) are aldermen Paul Cox, Rodney Bell, Amber Preston-Dankert, John Cole, Mayor Michael Coggin, KSB President Lisa Nix, KSB board members Susan Terry, GeorgeAnn Valentine, Cathy Sands and melanie London. Not shown is alderman Jason Howard, who attended the March 18 meeting virtually. (Courtesy PHOTO)

Keep Salado Beautiful reviews 2020 work done

Keep Salado Beautiful presented a check to the Village of Salado representing \$283,492 of in-kind benefits the Village has received in the past year.

This included 6,658 hours (\$24/hour) in volunteer labor for the Garden and Adopta-Spot clean ups throughout the year, \$13,200 in grants and donations, the \$90,000 Keep Texas Beautiful grant for placement of the rail over I-35 at Thomas Arnold and \$20,500 in in-kind donations of heavy equipment and labor, garden supplies and technical support.

"The Village of Salado has received an amazing gift from the many volunteers that make Salado work," Su- year: the Chatfields, Bar-

san Terry said. "Just think what the value would be if all volunteer efforts were calculated."

Keep Salado Beautiful

projects coordinate efforts with the Village, Tourism, Chamber and other community groups. It offers education classes

for Salado ISD and the pub-It maintains the gardens at

Sirena, the Sculpture Garden and the Salado Museum.

Keep Texas Beautiful recognized Salado as a Gold Star Community and Award of Excellence.

Terry thanked the Adopta-Spot sponsors for cleaning their areas during the row Brewing, Salado High School National Honor Society, Salado High School Student Council, Salado Area Republican Women, Johnny's Steaks and BBQ, Colleen Brooks, Rotary Club of Salado, TX Scapes, Salado Masonic Lodge #296, The Shed, friends of Lillie Ada Bland Gardner, Salado Middle School Student Council, Old Mill volunteers, Smith Branch volunteers, DeGrummond neighbors, Sirena Ambassadors, Van Bibber neighbors, Acton Academy, the Rickey family.

There are six areas that are still in need of adoption in Salado. If you would like to do so, contact Susan Terry at slterry@gmail.com.

Mark your calendars for community chorus concert

Salado Community Choris wants you to mark your calendars for their return to performing.

"The Salado Community Chorus has been allowed to have a portion of their members provide a Spring Concert for the residents of Salado and surrounding community. It is our way of

helping everyone to return to normalcy after this terrible pandemic period," said publicity chair Marjorie Hair-

The spring concert is slated for 7 p.m. April 27 at the First Baptist Church of Salado.

"At this time, out of an abundance of caution, entry will be limited to the first 200 attendees in order to support social distancing," Hairston said. "If things change, we will get the word out!"

The Community Chorus began practicing again on Tuesday evenings earlier this year. The members look forward to performing again for the community.

Chamberseeks nominees for its annual awards

Each year, the Salado Commerce Chamber of recognizes the work of volunteers, business owners, and the community at large through its annual awards.

These awards will be presented on April 22.

Awards include Business of the Year, Citizen of the Year, and Hall of Fame.

If there is someone you wish to nominate, note the following criteria:

Business of the Year: What business has made a considerable contribution to our community? What has set them apart from all the rest of our businesses either in service to their clients or service to the community?

Citizen of the Year: What person has made a difference in the community by their personal contributions? This could be a singular person or a couple.

Hall of Fame Award: What person or couple significantly contributed to the development of the Salado community in the past. They could be alive or deceased. Have they contributed to making Salado what it is today?

Email nominations to chamber@salado.com 5:30 p.m. on April 5.

Last year, the Chamber honored the following: Business of the Year: Horizon Bank Citizen of the Year: Deanna Whitson Hall of Fame: Marilyn Fleischer

Honoring Ice Storm heroes

There are countless stories of giving and caring for our neighbors that stem from the 2021 Ice Storm.

To celebrate these heroes who went out of their ways to help others to safety, food and warmth during those harrowing days without heat and electricity, there will be an Ice Storms Heroes dinner at The View at the Creek, 4-7 p.m. April 24.

Larry Nathanson, an organizer of the event, said that the local police, fire department and other first responders will be special guests invited to enjoy thebarbecue dinner and recognition that afternoon. "It will be come and go and we encourage them to attend," he said.

But there are so many stories of locals who turned out to be their neighbors heroes

that the group wants your help. If you know of someone who went beyond the call of duty to keep their neighbors safe during the dangerous storm, please make sure they know they are invited to the dinner as well.

More details will be forthcoming on this event, but mark your calendars now.

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An Open Exchange of Ideas

Jobless claims above 700K despite reopening moves

The old familiar S&P 500 Stock Index (SPX), our favorite if somewhat flawed U.S. stock market indicator, was clearly in a state of indecision for the week ending on the 19th. On Wednesday it broke all previous records to hit 3983.87 but then sagged a hundred points on Thursday. It finally closed out the week at 3913.10, down 0.77% for the week. It did hang on to its 4% year-to-date gain but is now lower than it was in mid-February. The CRSP mid-cap value index joined in the decline, but by less, dropping 0.52% to 2347.93 leaving it up 14.25% yearto-date. The reported culprit was the end of the Fed's one-year exception to the rule that banks had to hold more reserve cash as their deposits increased. That leaves the major banks with less money to pay out in dividends and share buybacks.

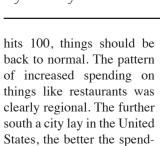
The other blamed event in the stock market stall was that the yield on the ten-year U.S. Treasury note rose to 1.726%, up a whopping 88% from where it stood at the beginning of the year. At the same time the 30-year T-bond yield rose to nearly 2.5%. Historically, those are still low numbers, but it was the dramatic change more than the levels that has some traders spooked. In effect, the return to normal interest rates is proceeding faster than some analysts had expected as both the ten and thirty-year rates are now higher than they were a year ago. On a macroeconomic level, that is good news, but the unexpected is always unsettling for stock traders. Crude oil prices joined in the slide as West Texas Intermediate (WTI) fell 6.35% to \$61.40 but held on to a gain of 27% for the year.

The Economy

Moody's Back-to-Normal Index jumped to 86 this week, driven by increased airline flight bookings, restaurant, and hotel spending. As a point of reference, it was down in the 60s about six months ago and when it

Market & Economic
Update

By Jeffrey W. McClure



ing rates were recovering.

Offsetting that good

news was the announcement from the Labor Department that in the week ending 13 Mar, 770,000 new claims for state unemployment insurance were filed in the U.S., a 45,000 rise from last week. Total claims, including contract workers, pushed the number to above 1 million. It is clear that there are still a lot of businesses that were hanging on by their metaphorical fingernails that are finally throwing in the towel. A mitigating factor is that a large portion of the increase came from Texas where last month's ice and snowstorm may have pushed businesses over the edge. Even with that caveat, it is clear that the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic is far from over. As a point of reference, the worst weekly claims number before this pandemic was 695,000, during the "great recession" and even with the opening up of most retail restrictions, we seem to be having a very difficult time getting the weekly layoffs down to that number.

Meanwhile, Americans on average, are still flush with cash and they are spending at least some of it. The problem is that they are mainly spending it on manufactured items rather than on services. The result is that here in the midst of an economy running at about 86% of where it was a bit over a year ago, logistics are jammed across the country. Container ships are having to wait weeks to dock and unload on the west coast, trucks and railroad cars are running at full capacity with long backlogs, and distribution centers are operating full-out. The good news is that anecdotal reports suggest that many Americans are making travel plans and fully intend to return to eating out as soon as they feel safe, a major shift from a couple of months ago when Americans seemed to despair of this ever being over. The backside to that surge is that there is already evidence of a shortage of available workers to meet the

coming demand. House prices continued to rise and that won't likely be offset by new homes being built. The FHFA average house price rose 11.4% in 2020, a record increase. Building materials prices have hit all-time records and continue to soar as demand dramatically outpaces supply. Throw in the transportation bottlenecks and new house construction prices are likely to continue to soar. Meanwhile, the NAR reports the number of homes available for sale are hovering near all-time lows.

Every indicator we fol-

low, including COVID infection rates, is signaling we are on the way to a full recovery and even a boom ahead. The Federal Reserve is pointedly announcing it will not cut the expansion off until at least the end of 2023 or 2024, and even the proposed tax increases being discussed to pay for some of what is being spent and infrastructure improvements are apparently targeted at household incomes above \$400,000. That is not to say that the unexpected event or development might not foul things up, but we are optimistic. All the elements are in place for a record economic expansion.



COVID Relief Bill: Bad Policy, Bad Faith

Joe Biden has signed what may well end up being the biggest accomplishment of his presidency, an enormous \$1.9 trillion COVID relief bill.

With his other priorities likely to molder in the Senate, the spending will probably stand as a signature statement of Biden's approach to governance and it should be a damning

The legislation is a misnomer; it is neither a COVID nor a relief bill. Only a tiny portion of the spending in the bill goes toward vaccinations and other priories directly related to the pandemic.

Much of the rest of the spending is not well-suited, or even designed, to respond to current economic conditions, which are increasingly favorable.

Democrats are telling themselves that it's like 1933, when we were in the midst of a depression, whereas it's more like 1983, when we were coming out of a punishing recession.

Or to put it another way, the Biden bill is reacting to the wrong spring. It is no longer the cataclysmic spring of 2020, with the economy shuttered and nothing to fight the virus except social distancing and masks, but the much more hopeful spring of 2021, with the economy opening back up, COVID cases steeply declining and vaccinations ramping up massively.

Jobless claims have decreased, and personal incomes are higher than when the pandemic started. Both the Congressional Budget Office and Goldman Sachs are projecting rapid economic growth in 2021. As states open back up, nearly

Rich Lowry



20% of the U.S. population has received at least one vaccination shot.

This isn't to say that all is well. There is an estimated \$420 billion hole in the economy, although, as even center-left critics of the bill have noted, you don't need a \$1.9 trillion bill to fill it.

The latest bout of spending is spread around willy-nilly on Democratic priorities and constituencies.

Take public education, where Democratic-allied teacher unions dominate. It's not clear why any additional spending is necessary, given that tens of billions of education funding from prior COVID relief bills are still unspent, even as many districts have already begun to reopen for in-person instruction.

Nonetheless, the bill spends roughly another \$130 billion on K-12 education, which will be spread out over years. The CBO projects more spending for elementary and secondary education will occur in fiscal year 2026 than this fiscal year.

The \$350 billion in aid to states and localities comes despite state and local tax revenue being down only a tick through much of 2020 compared with the year before. According to widely cited Moody's economist Mark Zandi, the state and local funding gap will be roughly \$60 billion through fiscal 2022. Still, states and localities will be showered with money, after more than \$500 billion in

aid to states and localities last year.

The bill spends \$86 billion bailing out union-negotiated multi-employer pension plans.

Transportation gets tens of billions of new spending, which by its nature doesn't happen quickly, and more than \$30 billion goes to expanding Obamacare, a long-term Democratic policy goal.

It's doubtful that the checks of \$1,400 to individuals are necessary; it is more supply -- i.e., businesses being closed or supply chains disrupted -- than demand that is hampering the economy now.

The continued elevated unemployment payments make unemployment more lucrative than employment for many people, and will discourage a return to work at the margins.

For all that, the bill is popular. From where Biden sits, why not spend as much as possible under the rubric of "COVID relief"? To paraphrase Rahm Emanuel, a pandemic is a terrible thing to waste.

Assuming the bill doesn't cause some disastrous unintended consequence, it will allow Biden to take credit for a roaring economic recovery that is already building.

This might be shrewd politics, but it is not evidence-based or bipartisan governance. It's getting while the getting is good, and assuming that no one will notice.

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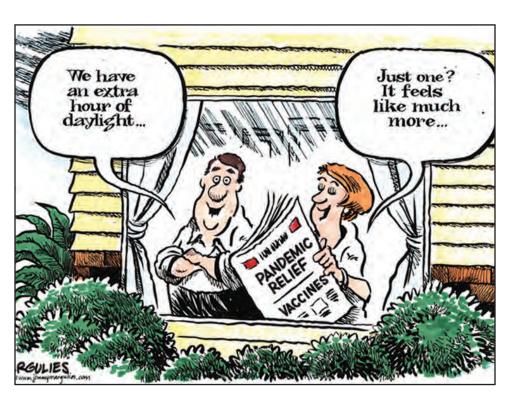
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Val Verde Baptist Church offers drive-in choice for SonRise service 8 a.m. April 4

Val Verde Baptist Church of Holland will have an outdoor Easter SonRise Service at 8 a.m. on Easter Sunday morning April 4.

The service will offer a choice: participants can drive in and stay in their cars, or park their cars and sit in the Tabernacle pavilion. Donuts, coffee and juice will be served to all participants, and "car-hop"

service will be provided for those who choose to remain in their cars. Everyone is invited to join with us in celebrating the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

There will be no Bible Study or Worship Service at the regular time on Easter Sunday only.

The church invites you to their regular services every Sunday (except Easter) when Adult Bible Study is at 9 a.m. and Worship is at 10 a.m.

Baptist "Val Verde Church hosted a drive-in service last Easter with great success," Pastor Richard Worden said. "Providing the option this year of sitting in the Tabernacle, we wish to accommodate every participant's level of comfort and

social distancing needs."

The Val Verde Baptist Church address is 1058 FM 2268, Holland, nine miles east of Holland on FM 2268, nine miles south of Rogers via FM 437 to FM

For more information please call or text Pastor Richard Worden at (254) 541-6581; or email to jard811@gmail.com.

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Leslie Virginia Townsend Guess passed away on Sunday, March 21.

She was born on February 13, 1933 to Leslie and Thelma Townsend.

"Gina" was an educator, musician and devoted daughter, wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She spent her life in the classroom teaching English, Speech and Theatre and her spare time playing the piano at church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Leslie and Thelma Townsend; her husband, James Guess and many family members.

She is survived by her daughter, Cyndi Felts and husband Tim of San Antonio; son, David Guess and wife Rebecca of Waco; brothers, Bruce Townsend and wife Ellen of Salado and Weldon Townsend and wife Shirley of Round Rock; grandchildren, Braden and Natalie Guess and Megan Felts Gill (Chris); and great grandchild Everett Finley Gill.

Visitation will be held at Dossman Funeral Home in Belton on Wednesday, March 24 from 5-7 p.m., and there will be a Service of Celebration at First Baptist Church of Salado on March 25 at 10 a.m. with Rev. Frank Wallace officiating. Burial will follow at Salado Cemetery in Salado.

In lieu of flowers gifts can be made to the Guess/ Townsend Memorial Scholarship at The University of Mary Hardin-Baylor (www. umhb.edu/giving).



FERN (NORWOOD) RALEY

Fern (Norwood) Raley, a long-time resident of Shawnee, Oklahoma, died Wednesday, March 17, 2021, at her daughter's home in Columbia, Tennes-

Mrs. Raley celebrated her 100th birthday on July 29, 2020. She was born in Salado, Texas, to Pearl (Cosper) and J. H. Norwood. She graduated from Salado High School in 1937 at the

age of 16. After attending business college, she worked in Belton and San Antonio, Texas, and Chicago, Illinois.

On March 24, 1945, Fern Norwood married Coleman Raley in the Salado Methodist Church. They had been married for 62 years when Dr. Raley died on June 17,

During World War II, Dr. Raley was a chaplain in the U.S. Navy. They lived in several locations up and down the Atlantic coast. Mrs. Raley accompanied her husband aboard ship to play piano for worship services that he led. She also played piano in churches of which they were members.

The Raleys moved to Shawnee, Oklahoma, in She worked for eight years in the office of the College of Fine Arts at Oklahoma Baptist University. Dr. Raley was a member of the faculty of the university. They became active members of the First Baptist Church, Shawnee.

Dr. and Mrs. Raley en-

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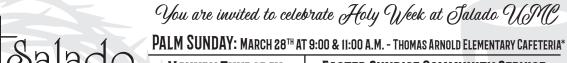
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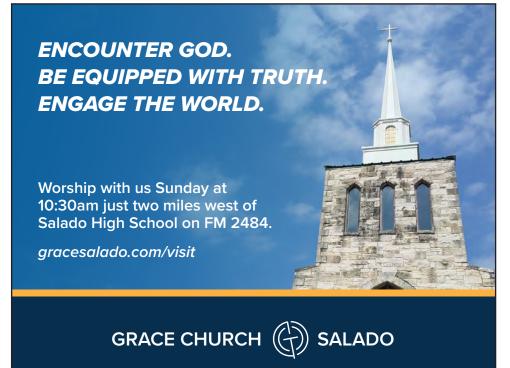
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Community Easter Egg Hunt March 28

The Salado Community Easter Egg Hunt will be 2 p.m. March 28 on the grounds of Salado United Methodist Church, 650

Royal Street.

The Easter Egg hunt is for children 0-12 years of age. There will be age level egg hunts, prizes, games and snacks. Pictures with the Easter Bunny will be available as well.

Please observe social distancing and mask wearing.



Calvary-Jesus Christ, 33, of Nazareth, died Friday on Mount Calvary, also known as Golgotha, the place of the skull. Betrayed by the Apostle Judas, Jesus was crucified by the Romans, by order of the ruler Pontius Pilate. The causes of death were crucifixion, extreme exhaustion, severe torture, and loss of blood.

Jesus Christ, a descendant of Abraham, was a member of the House of David. He was the son of the late Joseph, a carpenter of Nazareth and Mary, His devoted Mother. Jesus was born in a stable in the city of Bethlehem, Judea. He is survived by His mother, Mary, His faithful Apostles, numerous disciples, and many other followers.

Jesus was self educated and spent most of his adult life working as a Teacher.
Jesus also occasionally worked as a Medical Doctor and it is reported that He healed many patients. Up until the time of His death, Jesus was teaching and sharing the Good News, healing the sick, touching the lonely, feeding the hungry and helping the poor.

Jesus was most noted for telling parables about His Father's Kingdom and performing miracles, such as feeding over 5,000 people with only five loaves of bread and two fish and healing a man who was born blind. On the day before His death, He held a Last Supper celebrating the Passover Feast, at which He foretold His death.

The body was quickly buried in a stone grave, which was donated by Joseph of Arimathea, a loyal friend of the family. By order of Pontius Pilate, a boulder was rolled in front of the tomb. Roman soldiers were put on guard.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that everyone try to live as Jesus did. Donations may be sent to anyone in need.



Broecker Funeral Home of Salado 949 W. Village Road 254-947-0066



Instead of individual artist projects, Salado Village Artists enjoyed a "fun day" making Easter cards. Eve Fritch, a skilled card designer, donned an apron and gave Janet Wood and others tips on card making. SVA meets on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 11:a.m. or later in the little red building behind the Salado Civic Center at 601 N. Main Street. They are always interested in increasing their membership and artists are welcome from all local communities .You are invited to visit the group.. For more information call Jeanette Dunlop at 254-721-0369.

Easter Services at Grace Church announced

Grace Church Salado will be having Easter services at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday, April 4 to celebrate the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Family, neighbors, and friends are invited

Masks FROM PAGE 1A

gets to take it off for a short time during recess and to eat

Afterward, she told them that "strong distrust is growing in our community" because of enforcement of wearing masks.

"I respect the job you have," Jessica Law told trustees. "You are the voice for a community growing at a rapid rate."

She said that she is coming before the board to give voice to teachers and coaches "who have prayed for me to speak up. I am speaking for them now. They hate that they are put in positions to make little children fear them like little zombies."

She told trustees that her child was told that he cannot talk during lunch, because he will get others sick. The enforcement of masks in the school system has become a form of bullying in itself, she said.

Todd Usack said that "Masks should be a choice. We have asked repeatedly for the school board to bring this up and discuss this, but you haven't."

The board meeting agenda did not include any discussion or action by trustees concerning masks.

Dr. Michael Novotny reported that of 2,136 students enrolled, 10% are still attending remotely.

to join them for one of the services. but are not re on campus. F

Because of water damage to the west wing of the building, we will only be having childcare for Preschool and under. Social distancing, is encouraged

but are not requiring masks on campus. For those who can't join in person, the livestream service is available online at gracesalado. com/currentseries"

Historical Society holds meeting March 29

Salado Historical Society will hold a general membership meeting 4 p.m. March 29, at the Church of Christ Activity Center in Salado. This will be an in person meeting with a Zoom link for those who cannot attend in person. Masks and social

distancing will be required. The Zoom link for the meeting will be sent out to the Salado Historical Society membership a day before the meeting. Note: this is not a pot luck meeting the group would normally have in March



(Courtesy photo)

Tom Westerberg celebrated his 90th birthday party last weekend with his family in Salado, daughters Dianne Ferguson, Carolyn Thompson, Deborah Huff and son Tom Westerberg. Tom was a long time resident of Salado (40 yrs) and now resides at the Wesleyan Assisted Care in Georgetown.



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Marquita Sayles owner off Hidden Treasures celebrated the opening of her clothes shop with Chamber members, family and friends at the official Salado Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting on March 19. Hidden Treasures is located at 113 N Stagecoach Rd. Ste. 3. You are encourage to stop in and meet Marquita. Chamber of Commerce Board representative CJ Harbuz conducted the greeting.



Isaiah from The Motovated Life will be in Salado during the Wildflower Arts and Crafts Festival. (INSTAGRAM PHOTO)

21st Wildflower arts & crafts fest here March 27-28

The Salado Chamber of Commerce welcomes you to the 21st Annual Wildflower Arts & Crafts Festival 10 a.m.-5 p.m. March 27-28 held on the grounds of the Salado Civic Center at 601 N. Main Street.

You'll enjoy more than 40 vendors who have been verified as makers of only handmade goods. Expect to see talented artisans selling woodwork, jewelry, paintings, photography, pottery,

The Salado Chamber of toys, soaps, crochet, emmerce welcomes you to broidery and more.

Free Parking is available throughout the Village and now with Main Street sidewalks complete, it's very easy to stroll up and down Main Street to visit, eat, shop and stay!

This family friendly event offers local food trucks ready to serve food, on-site, and live music to entertain you in the gazebo.

Tik Tok Social Media Influencer from @the_motovated_life will be available for photo opportunities at a Meet and Greet Kickoff hosted by SophistiKatz Bead Emporium 5-8 p.m. March 26. There will be additional photo opportunities on 9 a.m.-noon March 27 and 1-4 p.m. March 28.

SophistiKatz is located across the street from the vendor tents at 600 N. Main St., Salado.

All vendors and volunteers will be following the CDC COVID guidelines.

ABOUT The Motovated Life Isaiah spent 12 years as a firefighter with a helicopter unit. He lives in Loveland, CO and rides around on his 2017 CBR1000RR "Domino" dressed as Deadpool "Motovating" others. Find him on social media at You Tube - The Motovated Life, tiktok - @the_motovated_life, Facebook - The Motovated Life,Instagram - @themotovatedlife



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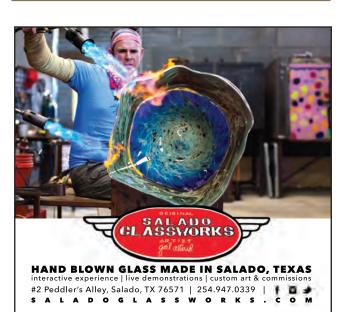




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Salado Calendar of Events

Mondays

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

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 informa-

tion. **Thursdays**

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

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

Fridays

The Saint Stephen Lent-en Fish Fry is ON! 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 25

Salado Area Republican Women Membership Meeting at 11:30 a.m. at the Civic Center.

March 26

The Saint Stephen Lenten Fish Fry is ON! Exclu-

sively 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). Pre-order to prolife@saintstephenchurch.org or call the office during office hours. (254)-947-8037.

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 26 & 27

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 herbs. Local Master Gardeners will be on hand to answer questions. The plant sale will be open 11 a.m.-5:30 p.m. March 26 and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. March 27. The Nature Co. of Salado is located at 371 S. Main St.

March 27

Heart and Hands Ministries food distribution to those in need in the Salado, Holland, Bartlett area, 9-11 a.m. March 27

Josh Abbott Band will appear live at Johnny's Outback March 27. Doors open at 6 p.m. Showtime at 7:45 p.m. March 27

Live music 7 p.m. Dustin

Co., 108 Royal St. March 27

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

Salado Chamber of Commerce 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.

March 28

Community Easter Egg Hunt, 2 p.m. on the grounds of Salado United Methodist Church, 650 Royal Street. For children 0-12 years of age.

March 28

Live music 4 p.m. Kerosene Pipedreams

April 2-3

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

April 2

Live music 7 p.m. Fuss Ricket at Barrow Brewing Co., 108 Royal St.

April 3 MerDash and Splash, kickoff on the North Shore of Salado Creek at 7 a.m. Races start at 8 a.m. Three awesome trails that will begin and end on the north banks of Salado Creek. Trophies by Salado Saw Mill for Top two times and one for Best Dressed. Benefits all abilities playground in Pace Park. https:// www.eventbrite.com/e/merdash-tickets-146029063861

April 3

Tour of Gault site sponsored by Bell County Museum on Main St. Belton. Tickets are \$10/person; kids 10 years and under are free. Registration is available on the museum website and payment can be made over the phone with

Brown at Barrow Brewing

April 3

Easter Egg Hunt at Heritage Country Church, 9929 Lark Trail at 1 p.m.

the museum using a credit

Five-year Anniversary at Barrow Brewing Co., 108 Royal St. Live music, food trucks, family events and more. Farmers Market opening day

Easter (open regular hours) at Barrow Brewing Co., 108 Royal St.

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• The Barton House, reservations, (254) 947-0441.

• Stagecoach Inn, reserva-

April 8

Around the World Dinner Series at Alexander's Craft Cocktails + Kitchen, 6:30-9:30 p.m., featuring the flavors of South Africa. Four courses and pairings include courgette, feta and butter bean salad, Peri Peri Chicken, Potjiekos and Malva pudding. Tickets https://www.eventbrite. com/e/destination-south-africa-around-the-world-dinner-series-tickets-142915059791.

Texas Packard gathering in Salado. CANCELED

Live music 7 p.m. Tumbleweed Hill at Barrow Brewing Co., 108 Royal St. **April 10-11**

Salado Market Days 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at Salado Antique Mall 721 Stagecoach Road. **April 10-17**

Keep Salado Beautiful annual Trash Off. April 16

Movie Night, at Barrow Brewing Co., 108 Royal St., showing A League of Their Own. April 16-17

Salado Volunteer Fire Department 1st Annual Up in Smoke Bar-B-Que Cookoff on the grounds of Fire Station #2, 3520 FM 2484, Salado. Guarantded For more information and to register your BBQ team, visit https://www. saladofire.org/events. **April 16-17**

Blow Your Own flowers,

bowls for Mother's Day. Reservations at saladoglassworks.

April 17 The Children's Advocacy Center of Central Texas will be hosting Divine Desserts at Tenroc Ranch at 7 p.m. April 17. Tickets to Divine Desserts

are \$175 for a couple or \$100 per person. For more informa-

tion or reservations, call 254-939-2946.

April 22 Salado Chamber of Commerce Banquet, details to be announced.

April 23

Royal Street Art Walk (RAW) 6-9 p.m. along Royal Street. April 23

Fourth Friday Gospel

Singing 7 p.m. at First Cedar Valley Baptist Church, FM **April 23-24**

Blow Your Own flowers, bowls for Mother's Day. Reservations at saladoglassworks. com.

April 24 Cross the Creek 0K for Sal-

ado Education Fundraiser, 2-5 p.m. A fun run for the rest of us. It starts at the First Baptist Church parking lot and makes its way across the creek to the grounds of Barrow Brewing (a couple hundred steps at most). There will be live music from the Salado High School Varsity Band, kids' activities and multiple food trucks. The Salado Starlets will also perform at Barrow during the event. Silent auction on-site and online. Cross the Creek fun run is \$25 per person and include a t-shirt and free beverage donated by Barrow. Sign up online at https://runsignup.com/ Race/TX/Salado/SEFCRC

April 26

Salado Masonic Lodge #296 stated meeting, 95 S. Church St. 7:30 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Salado Community Cho-

April 27

rus spring concert, 7 p.m. First Baptist Church of Salado. April 30-May 1

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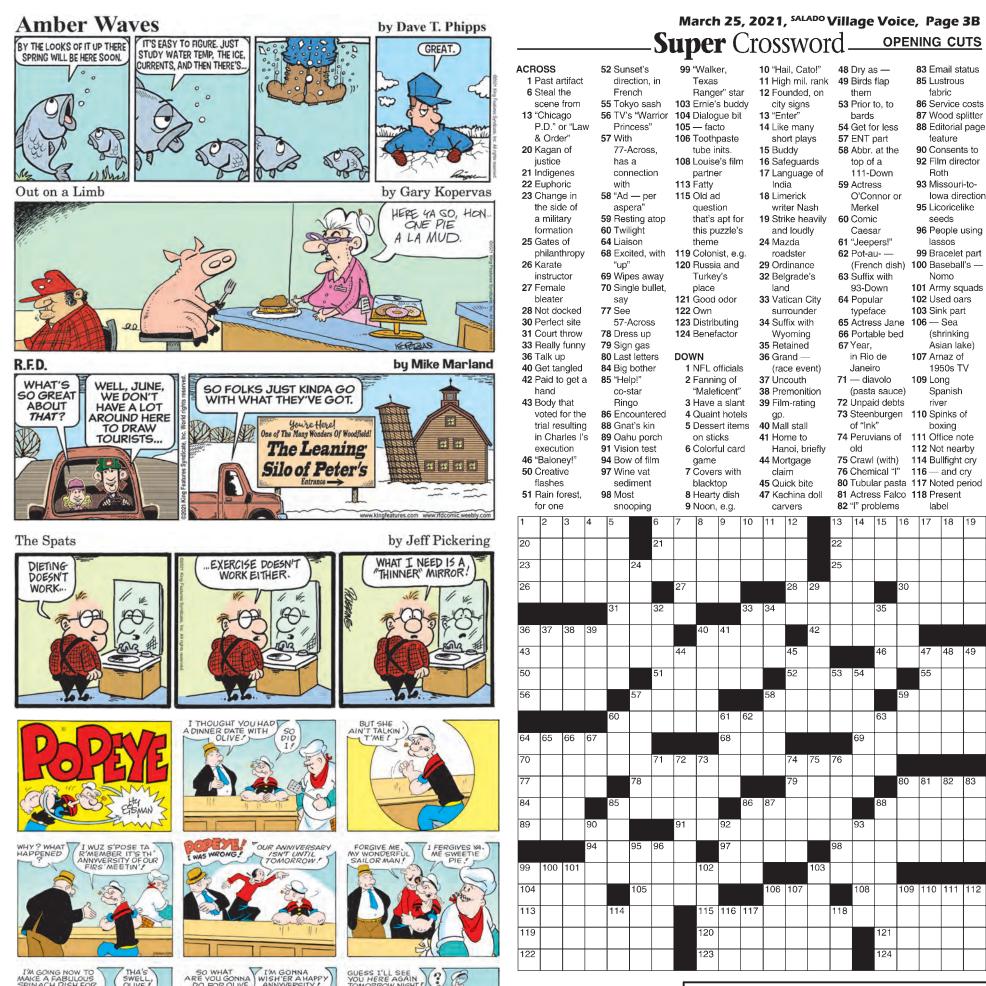
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4 🏚 2 🛧 3 🄷 Opening lead — three of diamonds.

Pass

There are times when declarer sees he cannot make his contract if the opponents defend correctly. But at the same time, he has the great advantage of knowing that his opponents do not know what he knows.

Here is a typical case. West led a diamond against four spades. East won with the ten and continued with the king, ruffed by South.

Declarer realized that he could not make the contract against proper defense, even if the opposing trumps

were divided 3-3. Thus, suppose he had led a trump to dummy's queen at trick three. In that case, East would take the ace and play another diamond, ruffed again by South.

Declarer would now have only two trumps left, the king and jack. After he played them, exhausting everyone of trumps, the best he could do would be to cash five club tricks and go down one. The defenders would score the last two tricks with the heart and diamond aces.

So, to give himself at least some chance to make the contract, South led a low heart toward dummy at trick three! Fortunately for declarer, West followed low, no doubt allowing for the possibility that declarer might have three hearts to the queen. In that case, playing low on South's heart lead would limit South to one heart trick.

But West soon found out that his seemingly innocent play had cost him the contract. After declarer won the heart with dummy's king, he played the queen of spades.

East took the queen with the ace and returned a diamond, forcing South to ruff, but declarer then cashed the K-J of spades and all of his clubs to finish with 10 tricks.

Of course, had West been able to see South's hand — especially the concealed five-card club suit — he would have put up the ace of hearts and led another diamond, leaving declarer no way to get home safely.

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GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the weight of a U.S. quarter?
3. MOVIES: What was the name of the skyscraper in the drama "Die

4. TELEVISION: What city was th setting for the sitcom "Mork and Min-

5. SCIENCE: What is the study of knowledge, reality and existence called? 6. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What are male blue crabs called?

7. GEOGRAPHY: What is the high-

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8. FOOD & DRINK: The acai berry is native to which continent? 9. LITERATURE: Who wrote the "Winnie-the-Pooh" book series for

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Answers

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- 3. Nakatomi Plaza Boulder, Colorado
- 5. Philosophy
- 6. Jimmies
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Steve Becker BY HENRY BOLTINOFF **HOCUS-FOCUS** DANGER THIN ICE

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Weekly **SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

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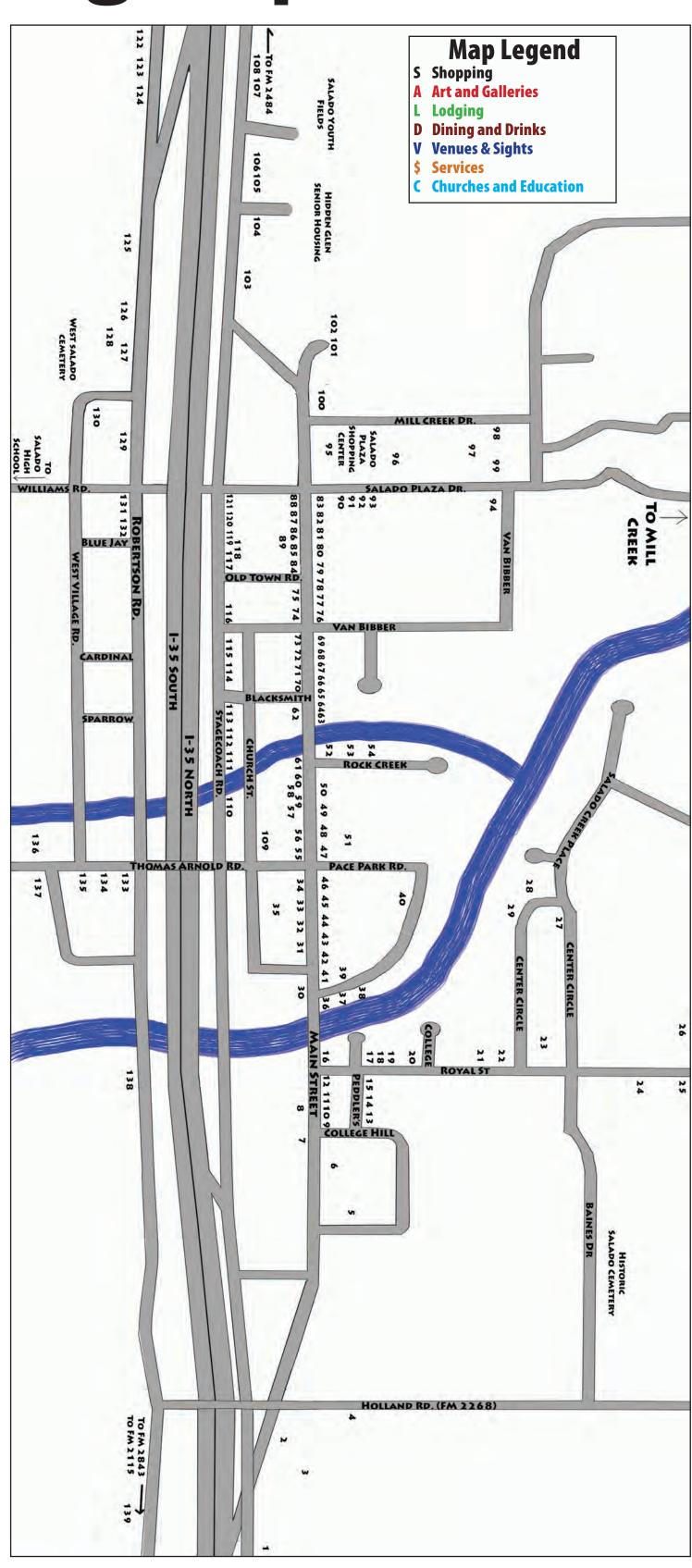
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Shopping Map of Salado





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
- 35. Salado Masonic Lodge #296

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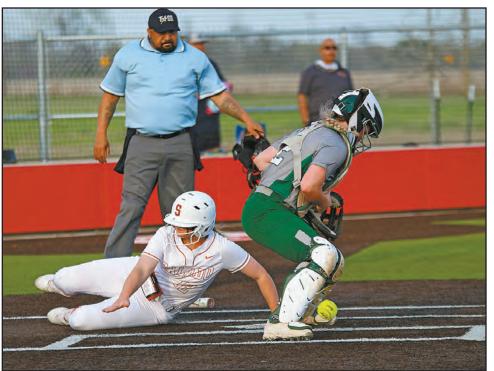
The Barton House

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- - 76. Boles-Aiken & Denman Cabins
 - 77. The Robert B. Halley House 79. The Reed Cabin

61. Historic Lenticular Bridge

100. The Josiah Fowler House



Katey Bartek slides safely into home during the Lady Eagles' 7-5 loss to the Taylor Ducks at home on March 16. For more photos from the Taylor game, visit saladovillagevoice.com. (Photo by Royce Wiggin)

Ladies split softball games

Bartek stole second and

went to third on a fielder's

choice before stealing home

the bottom of the second.

Victoria Giganti walked to

lead off the frame. Gabby

Vidaure hit a ground ball

and reached on an error by

the first baseman. A walk to

Dudeczka loaded the bases

and Bartek singled to plate

the fourth and then scored

three runs in the sixth to

the seventh, Salado could

only score one run, not

enough to close the gap.

Oborski led off with a dou-

ble to deep left and went

to third on a single by Du-

deczka. Bartek doubled to

deep left to score Oborski

but she and Dudeczka were

left stranded when Taylor

the game. Bartek had two

hits, two RBIs, a run and a

walk to lead Salado. Dudec-

zka had two hits, a run and

walk. Oborski also had a hit

and a walk in the game.

Salado had five hits in

recorded three quick outs.

take a 7-4 lead.

Taylor tied the game in

Even with three hits in

Salado took the lead in

for the third run.

By TIM FLEISCHER EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

16 Salado Lampasas

Salado Lady Eagles crushed the hosting Lampasas Lady Badgers 16-4 to bounce back from their district-opening loss to Taylor.

Lampasas had the early lead in the game, scoring a run in the bottom of the first two innings, but the Lady Eagles took over the game in the top of the third, scoring five runs.

Lexi Dudeczka led off with a walk. Rylee Oborski reached on an error. Katey Bartek was hit by the pitcher to load the bases. Reese Preston laid down a ground ball, but an error by the catcher allowed the three runners to score and Preston to reach second. Amanda Cantu singled to center to put runners at the corner. She stole second. Lampasas put the next two batters down but Gabby Vidaure knocked the ball to deep center for a two-run double. She was left on base.

Lampasas added a run in the bottom of the frame to make the score 5-3.

Salado added two more in the top of the fourth. Dudeczka fought the pitcher for another lead-off walk. She went to second on a passed ball. Oborski singled to right. Both runners advanced on a ground out by Bartek and scored on a two-out single by Amanda Cantu. Angel Van de Plas doubled but both runners were left on base.

Salado plated nine runs in the top of the fifth. Vidaure led off by reaching on an error. Harley Droulliard singled and Oborski tripled to deep right to knock in both runners. She scored on a passed ball. Preston walked and scored on an error that allowed Cantu to

reach. Van de Plas reached on an error and Victoria Giganti reached on an error that allowed Cantu to score. Vidaure doubled in her second at bat of the inning and Droulliard knocked in both runners with a double in her second at-bat of the inning. Droulliard scored on a single by Dudeczka. Oborski also singled, but she and Dudeczka were left on base.

Lampasas scored a run in the bottom of the frame and the mercy rule ended the game after the fifth.

Oborski had four hits, two RBIs and three runs to lead Salado.

Vidaure had two hits, three RBIs and two runs. Cantu had two hits, two RBIs and two runs. Droulliard had two hits, two RBIs and two runs as well. Dudeczka had two hits, an RBI and two runs. Van de Plas had a hit and scored a run.

Four girls had extra base hits: Oborski had a double, Vidaure had two doubles and Droulliard and Van de Plas had doubles.

Bri Water got the win on the mound for Salado, pitching all five innings. She allowed seven hits and four runs, two of them earned. She struck out six batters and walked four.

Taylor Salado

Taylor Lady Ducks scored three runs on four hits in the top of the sixth inning to get past the Salado Lady Eagles in their district opener March 16 at Eagle Field.

Both teams scored three runs in the first.

Rylee Oborski led off the bottom of the first with a walk. Lexi Dudeczka reached first on a fielder's choice that allowed Oborski to reach second. A walk to Katey Bartek loaded the bases. Oborski stole home. Dudeczka also stole home.



Salado High debaters Hunter Foster and Katy Bennett placed second in the UIL CX State Meet March 19-20 at which 28 schools competed. On March 19, they went 4-0 during the preliminary rounds of competition, as a result they were the seconnd seed entering elimination rounds. The team defeated Carthage on a 2-1 decision in the quarterfinal round. In the semifinal round, they defeated Aubrey on a 2-1 decision. In the final round of competition they lost against Lindale. The Salado High School Speech and Debate Team will compete next at the UIL District Speech Meet on March 26. The team is coached by Tiffany Walthrop and Tim Cook.

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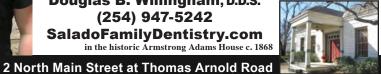


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Eagles get district win over Burnet

By TIM FLEISCHER EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Salado Eagles are 1-2 in district play after splitting their games with Burnet and Lake Belton last week.

Burnet 8 Salado

With four runs in the bottom of the fifth, Salado put away the Burnet Bulldogs in a home district baseball game March 19. The Eagles won 8-4.

Burnet scored a run in the top of the first, but Salado tied the game in the bottom of the frame.

With two outs on the books, Dillon McDaniel singled to left field and scored on a double by Kory Walker, who was left stranded on

The Eagles took the lead in the next inning, scoring

Caden Strickland led off with a single and stole sec-

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Pitcher Caden Strickland catches a pop up for the third out in the third inning of the Salado Eagles' 8-4 win over Burnet. For more photos, visit saladovillagevoice.com. (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)

put runners at the corner. A run. passed ball allowed Strickland to score and Adams to go to second. He went to third on an error and scored after tagging up on a fly ball to center by Nolan Williams.

With an out recorded, Drew Bird singled and went to second on a single by McDaniel. Walker walked to load the bases and Kole Maedgen was hit by the pitcher to plate Bird and keep the bases loaded. After a strikeout, Adams walked to plate McDaniel and keep the bases loaded. Brady Wilson doubled to score Walker and Maedgen. He and Adams were left in scoring position.

Salado outhit Burnet 10 to six. McDaniel led Salado, going three-for-four and scoring three runs.

Bird was two-for-four

Kory Walker, Kole Maedgen and Josh Adams all had a hit, and RBI and a run. Adams added a walk.

Wilson had two RBIs on

Strickland got the win on the mound, pitching four innings. He allowed two hits and two runs, one of them earned. He struck out nine batters and walked three. Wilson got the save in his three innings of work. He gave up four hits and allowed two earned runs while striking out three and walking one.

Salado **16** Lake Belton

Salado had just four players reach base on only a single hit in their 16-1 loss to Lake Belton March 16.

Kole Maedgen reached second on an error in the top of the fifth. He scored on a single by Josh Adams, who was left on base ending the game.

Maedgen got the loss for Salado. Lake Belton scored nine earned runs on 10 hits and two walk during his 1 Belton went through three other Salado pitchers: Wilson, 2/3 inning, one strikeout, two walks, no runs; Williams, four earned runs, no hits, four walks and Isaac Pettigrew, two innings, two hits, two runs, one earned run, one strikeout, two walks.

Burnet JV Red

Salado JV Red fell to Burnet Bulldogs. 7-4 on the

Salado High School senior Diana Hernandez ad-

vanced to the second round in the HOSA state job seeking skills competition. She

will participate in a live interview via Zoom on March

25, and the final results will be announced on March 26. Due to Covid, all events

Hernandez competes at state

job seeking skills competition

road March 19.

The Bulldogs scored six runs in the third to take control of the game.

Salado scored a run in the bottom of the first. Andrew Gilmore hit a single to deep right and scored on a single to right by Jaxson Leiskau.

Phoenix Flores scored a run in the second. He walked and stole second, scoring on a single by Colton Dockray.

Leiskau doubled to lead off the third. He went to third on a single by Lane Heath. He scored on a groundout by Dylan Wigley. Heath scored on a passed

Brody Naegele got the loss on the mound, pitching five innings. He allowed 10 hits, seven earned runs and struck out three.

Cayden Stump pitched two innings, allowing a hit and striking out one and walking one.

JV Red **Lake Belton 10**

Salado JV Red lost to Lake Belton 10-3 on March

The Eagles scored all three of their runs in the fifth. Owen Crisp led off with a walk and stole second. A single by Kase Maedgen put runners at the corners. Maedgen stole second. Jaxson Leiskau flew out to deep left to score Crisp. Dylan Wigley doubled to knock in the other two runners.

The Eagles had five hits in the game: Brody Naegele and Maedgen each had a hit and a run; Wigley had a hit and two RBIs while Colton Dockray and Caleb Dockray each had a hit.

Wigley got the loss for Salado. He pitched three innings. Lake Belton had two hits and five runs against Wigley, who struck out two and walked two. Phoenix Flores pitched 1 1/3 innings, allowing three earned runs on one hit. He struck out one and walked four. Maedgen walked two and allowed two runs on one hit in his appearance.

Burnet JV JV White

Salado JV White lost to the Burnet Bulldogs 5-3 on March 18.

Lucas Beyer doubled with two outs in the second and went to third on an error. He scored on a single by Bryton Massar.

In the sixth, AJ Fach singled with an out. He stole second and scored on a double by Dusty Rhiddlehoover.

In the seventh, James Renick walked and scored on a single by Morgan Adams.

ond. Josh Adams singled to Strickland had a hit and a

Burnet narrowed the gap with a run in the third and Salado put the game away in the fifth with four runs.

Thanks to two errors in the sixth, McDaniel scored the final run for Salado. Burnet answered with two runs 1/3 inning appearance. Lake in the top of the seventh, not enough.

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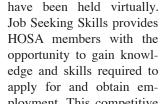
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Sellers competed in the 3200m on Friday and ran a personal best of 10:35.71.

Equestrians compete in Regional

Congratulations to Mea Fuller, Emily Steigerwalt, and Josie Stone for competing at the Hill Country Riding Academy and qualifying for the Interscholastic Equestrian Association (IEA) Regionals.

Mea Fuller participated in the Varsity Open Over Fences High Point and she won the Varsity Champion-

Josie Stone participated in the Varsity Flat High Point.

Josie Stone and Emily Steigerwalt both qualified for the Zone 7 finals in Shawnee, Oklahoma.

They are all students at Salado ISD.

Logan Rickey and Grant He placed 72nd in a field of 129 elite distance runners.

Logan Rickey ran in the Elite 800m division on 1:58.86 set in 2013 by Rob-March 20.

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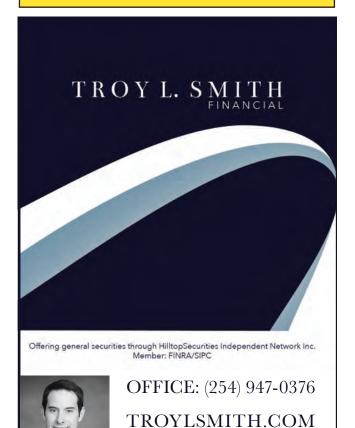












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Soccer teams Waco-bound for 4A playoffs

Salado High won the District Championships in both boys and girls soccer and both teams will travel to the Waco ISD Athletic Complex for the bi-district round of the playoffs on March 26.

The girls team will play first at 5:30 p.m., where they will face the Mexia Lady Blackcats, the fourth place team from District 17-4A.

The boys will play the second game at 7:30 p.m. when they face the Mexia Blackcats, the fourth place team from District 17-4A.

Both varsity teams play in their respective Region III playoff bracket against teams from Districts 17-24

The Varsity boys shut out

the Jarrell Cougars, 4-0, in the final home game of the season March 22.

Senior Ryan Havelka scored two goals for the Eagles. Alex Pierce, Max Markham also scored goals for the Eagles.

Assists came from Alex

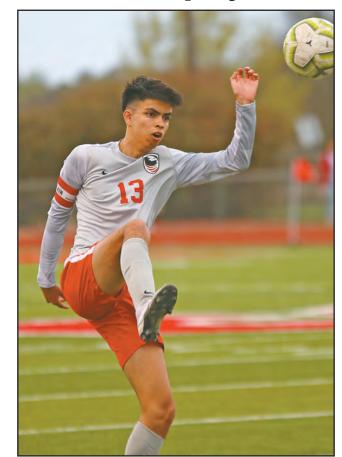
Pierce, Senior Chris Ortiz and Senior Sam Gist.

Goal keeper Juaquin Tobias recorded his 14th shut out of the season.

This has been a recordsetting season so far for the Eagles, who have recorded 14 district wins and no losses. Salado had scored more goals in district with 73 and allowed the fewest number of goals in district play with just two.

Alex Pierce has scored the most goals in a game with six and the most goals in district play with 24. He is second behind Costas Loullis (33) for total goals in a season with 30.

Cooper Sanders and Chris Ortiz are tied for fourth in season assists with nine each. Ortiz and Nico Lemus are first and second for most assists in a game with five and three respectively. Ortiz is second in district play for assists with nine.



(PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)

Chris Ortiz goes after the ball during the Salado Eagles' win over Jarrell Cougars. For more photos, visit saladovillagevoice.com





Salado High sent five girls to the State 4A Division II Powerlifting Meet in Corpus Christi March 19. Shown above are (from left) Here are Jade Oliver, Lexy Wilson, Kailonee Razo, Caelan Teer, Jaine Rainwater. Oliver placed sixth in the 132 lb. division with a total lift of 705 lbs. Rainwater placed sixth in the 259 lb. class with a total lift of 830. Teer was seventh in the 114 weight class with a total lift of 590. Razo with 10th in the 105 lb. weight class with a total lift of 555 lbs. Wilson placed 12th in the 148 lb. weight class with a total lit of 720. They were coached by Troy Ramsey.

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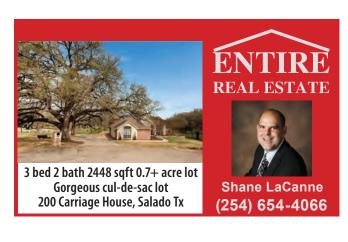
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Texas bluebonnets typically peak at the end of March through mid-April. Bluebonnets often start blooming near Interstate 10 between San Antonio

and Houston and then farther north toward the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex. The native range of Texas bluebonnets is primarily the Hill Country and Blackland Prairie Ecoregions, although Texans have seeded these flowers well beyond.

"Recent Texas flora Facebook posts, and photos from native plant enthusiasts, that I received during the winter storm included blooming bluebonnets covered in ice in central Texas," said Jason Singhurst, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) botanist. "Believe it or not though, most native perennial or biennial plants such as bluebonnets fared just fine under the insulated snow and ice. If we can get some steady rain in the coming weeks and temperatures stay in mid-80's or below through April, it should be a great Texas bluebonnet spring."

During the early spring, Texans everywhere can expect to see a flourish of trout lilies, butter cups, many mustards, Dakota vervain, four-nerve daisy, spring beauty, violets, Texas rainbow cactus, fishhook barrel cactus, Texas mountain laurel flowers, among many others.

Singhurst says that he anticipates that this spring will allow for a very promising wildflower season in the Big

Bend and far west Texas region. Previous years have had extremely dry winters but this season will likely be more colorful due to increased wet weather over this winter. In central Texas, Singhurst anticipates that residents will see many vegetative bluebonnets, Engelmann's daisy, Blackfoot daisy, Drummond's skullcap, Lindheimer's paintbrush,

Missouri primrose, prairie fleabane, and many others.

Texans who set out to view wildflowers this spring can log the flora they see on iNaturalist and contribute to biologists knowledge of the state's wildflowers. The platform also allows other plant enthusiasts to assist one another in identification of species throughout the state.

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3/16/2021:

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A purse was found in the street near the CEFCO gas station. The owner was contacted and their property was returned to them the same day.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING (Request for Conditional Use Permit)

Notice is hereby given that the Planning and Zoning Commission of the Village of Salado will hold a public hearing and consider possible action at the Salado Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Road, on Monday, April 12, 2021, at 6 p.m. regarding a request for a Conditional Use Permit to allow for no more than eight (8) chickens to be kept on property zoned Historic District (HD) located at 35 S. Main Street in Salado, Bell County, Texas. Upon recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission, the Board of Aldermen of the Village of Salado will hold a public hearing and consider action regarding the referenced request on Thursday, April 15, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. at the Salado Municipal Building. Comments on this request from any member of the public may be presented in person at the Salado Municipal Building, by mail (P.O. Box 219) or by email (dferguson@ saladotx.gov) prior to the hearings. The public will be granted an opportunity to speak at the hearings. Information regarding the request for a conditional use permit is on file for public examination in the Salado Municipal Building. If you require interpreter services for the deaf or hearing impaired, please contact the Village Secretary at City Hall at least 48 hours in advance, at 254-947-5060.

Call Type
DescriptionNumber
of Calls911 Hang Up1

911 Hang Up	1
Alarm Residential	1
Animal Complaint	4
Assist Another Agency	2
Calls for Service	32
Citations	24
Citizen Contact	2
Civil Matter	1
Crash	2
Criminal Mischief	1
Criminal Trespass	2
Fire	1
Found Property	1
House Watch/RU OK?	38
Open Door	1
Reckless Driving	2
Stalled Vehicle	4
Theft	1
Traffic Hazard	2
Welfare Concern	3







VILLAGE OF SALADO, TEXAS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS ON ZONING REQUEST

Notice is hereby given that the Planning & Zoning Commission of the Village of Salado will hold a public hearing at the Salado Municipal Building on Monday, April 12, 2021, at 6 p.m. to consider following: A Village-initiated application to zone the residential lots in the Eagle Heights Subdivision as SF-7A (Single-Family Residential) and the commercial lots in the same subdivision as Local Retail (LR). The approximately 86.678-acre subdivision is located at the southwest corner of the intersection of Williams Road and West Village Road. This is the initial zoning designation for the subject property that was recently annexed into the Village of Salado. Upon recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Commission, the Salado Board of Aldermen will also hold a public hearing on Thursday April 15, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at the Salado Municipal Building. Comments on this request from any member of the public may be presented in person at Salado Municipal Building, by mail (P.O. Box 219, Salado, TX, 76571), or by email (dferguson@saladotx.gov) prior to the hearings. The public will be granted an opportunity to speak at both public hearings. Additional information concerning the proposed action is available for review at the Salado Municipal Building located at 301 N. Stagecoach Road in Salado, Texas.



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Friday noon deadline
for following Thursday publication

Salado Fire Department Report March 14-20

Date	Address	Incident Type
03/15/2021	INTERSTATE 35, Bell County	Authorized Controlled Burning
03/15/2021	W VILLAGE RD, Salado	Chest Pain
03/16/2021	SOUTHSHORE SPUR, Bell County	Dispatched & Cancelled en route
03/17/2021	ELM GROVE SPUR, Bell County	Difficulty Breathing
03/17/2021	INTERSTATE 35, Belton	Motor Vehicle Accident
03/18/2021	LOST ARROW TRL, Bell County	Choking – Partial Obstruction
03/18/2021	EAGLES RIDGE DR, Bell County	Sick Person
03/19/2021	STAGECOACH RD, Bell County	Convulsions / Seizures
03/19/2021	INTERSTATE 35, Bell County	Dispatched & Cancelled en route
03/19/2021	BREWER LN, Bell County	Forest, Woods or Wildland Fire
03/20/2021	INTERSTATE 35, Bell County	Motor Vehicle Accident with Injuries
03/20/2021	INTERSTATE 35, Bell County	Motor Vehicle Accident
03/20/2021	BLACKBERRY, Bell County	Authorized Controlled Burning
03/20/2021	LYNDAL LN, Bell County	Falls

Total On-Scene Time: 16 Hours 24 Minutes

254-947-5577





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ALLAN PERSKY 254-760-2924

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3217 Stratford Dr
View this luxurious home with magnificent
trees & a porte-cochre grand entry. Step
inside, & you will be welcomed with high
ceilings & grand staircase.
\$469,900



Armstrong Road
This is your rare chance to own part of Salado
Creek. Come see this spectacular 60 acre ranch
that is an easy 40-45 minute drive from Austin
or 20 minutes to Temple/Belton.
\$1,200,000



9121 Bell Meadow Blvd
The home has approx 4,000 sq ft living area including 4 bedroom 3 and half bath. This home features two master suites, one upstairs master with expansive views and one downstairs master with a large master walk-in closet \$999,648



806 Hillcrest Drive
Extraordinary "House on the hill" in Mill
Creek. Step inside and immediately feel the
warmth and true southern charm built into this
incredibly detailed home.
\$529,900



9460 Hodge Canyon Dr
Absolutely Stunning Hill Country homel Find your
new escape to paradise at 9460 Hodge Canyon Drive.
Breathtaking vaulted ceilings when you walk through
the front door, grand staircase to your right and large
windows offering incredible natural light.
\$829,900



INCREDIBLE commercial property located in the heart of Salado. Rare opportunity to own commercial real estate in the coveted Salado downtown area, with multiple uses.

\$675,000



4052 Pecan Meadow Dr
STUNNING custom David Foust home in the coveted
Mystic River neighborhood! Walk through the front
door and notice the luxurious 20-foot ceilings opening the living room to the modern kitchen.
\$699,900



407 Creekside Meadow Dr
Beautiful custom home in Salado that SPARKLES!
Walk outside into your own personal summer getaway
with large screened in porch, custom pool/pool house
with half bath, and covered porches.
\$775,000



128 S Main St

EXCELLENT 1.0 ACRE TRACT ON MAIN STREET WITH
LARGE LIVE OAK TREES. MAIN STREET HAS JUST
RECENTLY BEEN COMPLETED FROM TWO YEARS
OF CONSTRUCTION WHICH WILL ENABLE TRAFFIC
COUNT BOTH FOOT AND VEHICLES TO INCREASE.

\$575,000



2030 Catkins Drive

Must see this absolutely gorgeous home in Harker
Heights before it is gone! This spacious 5 bedroom,
2 1/2 bath, with 3 car garage home will make you
never want to leave!
:\$359,900



2016 Smith Bluff Road
Beautiful home in the established neighborhood of Mill Creek in Salado. The location allows for golf cart travel to downtown Salado's restaurants, shops, and golf course.
\$320,000



TBD Tract 2 Fm 1123
Rare find! Build your custom dream home on acreage in Holland ISD. *** Go and look - Do not drive on property due to planted crops - Farmer has the right to plant and harvest crop from this spring to summer.
\$237,500



Royal Ridge Subdivision

10+ Acre tracts of Hill Country acreage minutes from downtown Salado & Mill Creek Golf Course. An abundance of options: Live Oaks, small creek, beautiful bottom land, coastal pastures, hill top views

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<u>7.695 acre</u> Investment Property in Temple off South 31st ST, \$649,900

1.979 acre 2801 S Interstate 35 Belton, TX 76513

NEIGHBORHOODS

Spring Creek - Salado's newest neighborhood, West of town on FM2484 Beautiful hardwood trees. The peaceful spot you've been searching for to build your new home. Few miles out of Salado, a short drive from Belton, Harker Heights and Georgetown. Mill Creek Meadows - Dream home on a golf course? Whether you are a golfer or just enjoy overlooking a well-maintained course from your home, Mill Creek Meadows is for you! Gated, community park within strolling distance of Mill Creek Golf Course and a golf cart ride away from Salado shopping and dining.

<u>Mystic River</u> - Lots overlooking the Leon River. Neighborhood shaded by a canopy of Live Oak and Pecan trees, walk from your back door to your personal dock at the river bank.

ACREAGE

10 Acres along I-35 frontage, sewage available \$1,750,000 30 Acres on the Leon River, Belton

107 Acres with 4,500 feet on Leon River

<u>5 Acres</u> 2251 County Road 234 Georgetown, TX 78633 **300 Acres** 0000 CR 212 Coolidge, TX 76635

15 Acres Vilas Rd. Holland

14 Acres Vilas Rd. Holland 4.488 I-35 and Rose Lane

100 Acre Ranch 1208 Us Hwy 67

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