

Commissioners ready to issue \$138 Million of debt obligation

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The Bell County jails are over capacity.

Bell County Commissioners are ready to issue more than \$138 million in certificates of obligation to fund an expansion of the jail complex and to fund other capital projects in the County. The Court unanimously approved at their March 29 meeting publication of their intent to issue the \$138 million in certificates of obligation. The public notices were published this week in two daily newspapers.

"The last jail expansion was in 2008," County Judge David Blackburn said. "At that time, 658 beds were added to the 526 beds we had for a total capacity of 1,184."

"But that is just a paper number," Judge Blackburn added. "Due to staff issues and other circumstances and regulations, we cannot house 1,184 inmates."

He said that a realistic capacity is closer to 1,000 inmates. And as of that Monday morning, Bell County had 1,081 inmates to house, which requires sending inmates to other locations.

Bell County has entered into local agreements with other counties (Milam, McLennan and Burnet) to temporarily house overflow inmates. Yet with the growth in central Texas, those counties are facing the same issues as Bell County.

So far this fiscal year, the County has spent \$650,000 to transport and house the excess inmates. "By the end of the year, we can expect that cost to be \$2 million," Blackburn said.

Blackburn said that Bell County has grown considerably since the jail was expanded. "Bell County was 280,602 then and the latest number shows our population at 362,924. I would maintain we are approaching 400,000 population in Bell County, which is almost 40% growth since the last jail expansion."

"Growth requires more streets and roads, more parks, more police, more firefighters, more jail capacity," he said. "With growth there is an increased cost for the criminal justice system, which includes housing inmates. The court has been working for several months with the Sheriff's office to address the issues of being at or near or above capacity."

"There are no inexpensive solutions," he added. "There just isn't"

Judge Blackburn said that the commissioners court has kept two guiding principals in mind "as we have struggled with this issue over the last several months."

"Number one, we need to build as much as we can and as much as we can afford. Growth is continuing and

we should not expect to see it stop."

"Number two, we need to build what we can afford within our existing tax rate," he said. "We looked at refinance existing debt as the vehicle to finance the jail expansion. This will be done without an increase in the tax rate. This can only be done because we are in excellent financial condition."

Two other factors have come into play for timing the capital projects.

"Interest rates are at historic lows. There has never been a better time to finance capital projects," Judge Blackburn said.

The other factor is that the County will receive \$71 million in COVID relief funding. "We can leverage this money into significant debt reduction. These windows will close. We should take full advantage of these while we have the chance."

The certificates of obligation will also finance the expansion and rehabilitation of the Killeen county annex and the purchase/construction of Justice of the Peace Precinct 2 facilities in the Salado area.

"We will continue to work on these projects before it is brought before us on May 17 for a final vote," Judge Blackburn said, adding that the \$138 million cost "will not go up. It may go down."

"We think we will have new growth. That new growth will go to finance the debt issued," County Auditor Tina Entrop told commissioners. "We've got other revenue streams that are rather strong to recover that revenue. This will set us up to be able to adopt the no new revenue tax rate."

Other revenue streams include recovering lost funds due to COVID. "We can recapture fines and fees, hotel revenue, expo center revenue lost due to COVID and make those revenues whole between FY 2021 and FY 2024,"

"We feel like this is the maximum amount we can issue and still have potential of voting the no new revenue rate," she added. "The preliminary appraisals come in next month and we will see if those numbers are what we expect."

Commissioner Bill Schumann told his fellow commissioners, "This has been a lot longer process than just the past few months. To be in position we are right now, to be able to make investment in community and still work within the no new tax rate, has taken years.

"I do not want to double our debt service," Commissioner Bobby Whitson said. "I hate to borrow \$138 million, but I see it is necessary to keep the citizens of Bell County safe."



(PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)

The Salado Chamber of Commerce hosted its 21st Wildflower Art Festival on the grounds of the Salado Civic Center on Main Street this past weekend, a sign that life may be returning to some sense of normalcy. Just up the street, Salado Winery Co. held its Texas Wine and Rogue Art Fest. For more photos of the two events, turn to page 5A this edition.

Bills to restrict voting head to Texas legislature

By Roz Brown
Texas State News Service

AUSTIN, Texas -- A bill to make it harder for Texans to vote in future elections was scheduled to be heard by the Texas Legislature on March 29.

Senate Bill 7 would make the state's already restrictive voting rules even tighter.

Dan Quinn, senior communications specialist for the Texas Freedom Network, said the record turnout by

voters in 2020 that nearly turned the state "blue" could be swept away and make getting people to the polls, especially voters of color, far more difficult.

"The last two elections have been very close in Texas, and I think that's one of the things Republicans are trying to move to reverse as fast as they can," Quinn asserted. "They lose Texas, they lose the country; the White House will be out of reach for them."

If passed, the bill would require voters with disabilities who want to vote by mail to show proof that they cannot make it to the polls.

Drive-through voting would be banned, and local election officials could not encourage people to vote by mail, even if someone meets the requirements.

Republicans who support the bill say they're trying to prevent voter fraud, although the Department of Homeland Security has confirmed

no consequential voter fraud was found in the 2020 November election.

Quinn pointed out the proposed laws would make voting in urban areas, where people of color primarily live in Texas, more difficult.

"These are really focused on large counties with a lot of voters, and local folks put measures in place during the election to make turnout there easier," Quinn explained.

Ice Storm Heroes day set April 24

It started over coffee one morning.

Several Salado were talking about the days without heat and electricity due to the terrible ice storm that covered much of Texas in February.

Time and time again, there were stories of Saladans who went out of their way to help others during those dangerous and scary days.

In true Salado fashion, the idea came to light to honor and recognize those heroes

who went beyond the call of duty.

Several Salado residents formed an Ice Storm Hero Committee to honor those volunteers, churches, first responders and neighbors. Among the Ice Storm Hero Committee members are (alphabetically) Diana Coggin, Mayor Michael Coggin, Alderman Paul Cox, Jeanie Grant, Donald Hogue, Linda Lopez, Larry Nathanson and Tommye Prater.

The Ice Storm Heroes to be honored will include

Salado Police Department, Salado Volunteer Fire Department, local Churches and other locations that opened their doors to provide a warm shelter for those without power and water and local residents who provided warmth, food, water, transportation to those in need.

The Ice Storm Heroes Day will include a come-and-go barbecue dinner 4-7 p.m. April 24 at The View at The Creek. During the dinner, a special 2021 Ice Storm Hero lapel pin will be presented to

these Ice Storm Heroes.

When they learned that the local committee was planning an event to honor the Ice Storm Heroes, Vicki and Billy Helm donated Mill Creek Country Club's event venue, The View at The Creek for the evening. Others have donated the meat for the barbecue dinner and other items that are needed. If you would like to donate, please contact one of the committee members.

Local family needs your help

Chances are, you've known them for years. They are a quiet, friendly and hard-working family that came to Texas from Korea in 2004.

Sohee and Jae Yoo have owned and operated Salado Cleaners for more than 15 years. They immigrated to America from Korea, landing in Texas in 2004, and coming here with their young son Seounggho and daughter Easel to open Salado Cleaners in 2005.

They have worked hard for a better life for their children. Seounggho is a nurse in the U.S. Army, stationed in Korea. Easel recently graduated from University of North Texas with a degree in music education and looking forward to a career as a public school teacher.

Things were looking up for this immigrant family. That was until June when Jae began to suffer for several weeks with stomach pain. He visited a nurse practitioner who recommended he go to a hospital for a series of tests.

Due to financial issues and a lack of health insur-



The Yoo Family, Seounggho, Jae, Sohee and Easel. (COURTESY PHOTO)

ance, the family sent Jae back to his native Korea to seek affordable treatment. He was diagnosed last year with stage 4 colon cancer there in Korea. According to his daughter, Jae's condition deteriorated daily. The family was told by doctors that Jae doesn't have much time left and can't make his way back to Texas.

Sohee waited for her daughter to finish college and take over operations at Salado Cleaners so that she could go to Korea to stay with her husband. While there, she was diagnosed with an early stage of thyroid cancer. She was able to get surgery while in Korea and is in remission. She returns this week to Texas.

Amy Biddle, a customer and friend of the Yoo family, has established a Gofundme page for their benefit. Funds raised will help Sohee return to visit with Jae in Korea, as well as for Sohee to get regular checkups and future treatments here in Texas.

If you would like to donate, visit <https://gofund.me/13fa4e05>.

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An Open Exchange of Ideas

Americans split COVID relief checks into thirds for debt, spending, savings

The Markets

The S&P 500 Stock Index (SPX) continued its seemingly relentless march toward the sky for the week ending on the 26th, climbing 1.57% to 3974.54. It is now up 5.82% so far this year, and an astounding 78% from its bottom last spring. Very notably, the NASDAQ Composite, an index that works well as a proxy for tech stocks, lost 0.6% for the week as the CRSP Mid-Cap Value Index rose a like amount and is now up 14.41% year-to-date. The majority of the appreciation in the SPX for the week was in large-cap value stocks, focused in banks and energy shares. Despite the speculative frenzy we saw earlier in the year, the stock market continues to gradually reorient itself away from high-priced momentum stocks toward lower priced shares with solid earnings and underlying intrinsic value. In our opinion this is a healthy transformation.

The yield on the 10-year U.S. Treasury note fell 2.61% to 1.681% for the week as the Core Personal Consumption Expenditure Price Index (Core PCE) rose only 0.1% for the month and was only up 1.4% from a year ago, putting inflation fears to rest for the moment. The Treasury yield curve remains steep, suggesting economic expansion for the next one-to-two-year period. The 10-year rate may have slipped a bit from last week, but it is still up 83% from the end of last year, a rise that historically would have sapped the stock market, but this year seems to be an exception. West Texas Intermediate crude oil (WTI) followed along with interest rates as it fell one percent to \$60.81 but remained up 26% year to date, and an unbelievable 178% from one year ago.

The Economy

In a bit of welcome, not-so-bad news, new unemployment insurance state

Market & Economic Update

By Jeffrey W. McClure



filings dropped to 684,000 for the week ending March 19. While that number is still huge, it is finally below 700,000 for the first time in a year. In a separate announcement, the Labor Department stated the unemployment rate remained constant at 6.2% for February. While both numbers are elevated, given the weather event of that month, it was not worse, and that is good.

The Commerce Department announced Friday that U.S. household spending fell 1% in February as household income also fell 7.1% after rising 10.1% in January. Take that sobering news with a grain of salt though as most of the spending decline was attributed to the winter storm that took much of the southern states offline for about a week. Anecdotal information suggested that March is already seeing a return to vigorous economic expansion. Restaurant bookings by Open Table, for example, are exceeding those for the same period in 2019 for Texas. Real personal spending is showing a marked coordination with the receipt of stimulus checks so expect to see both income and spending to rise substantially in March.

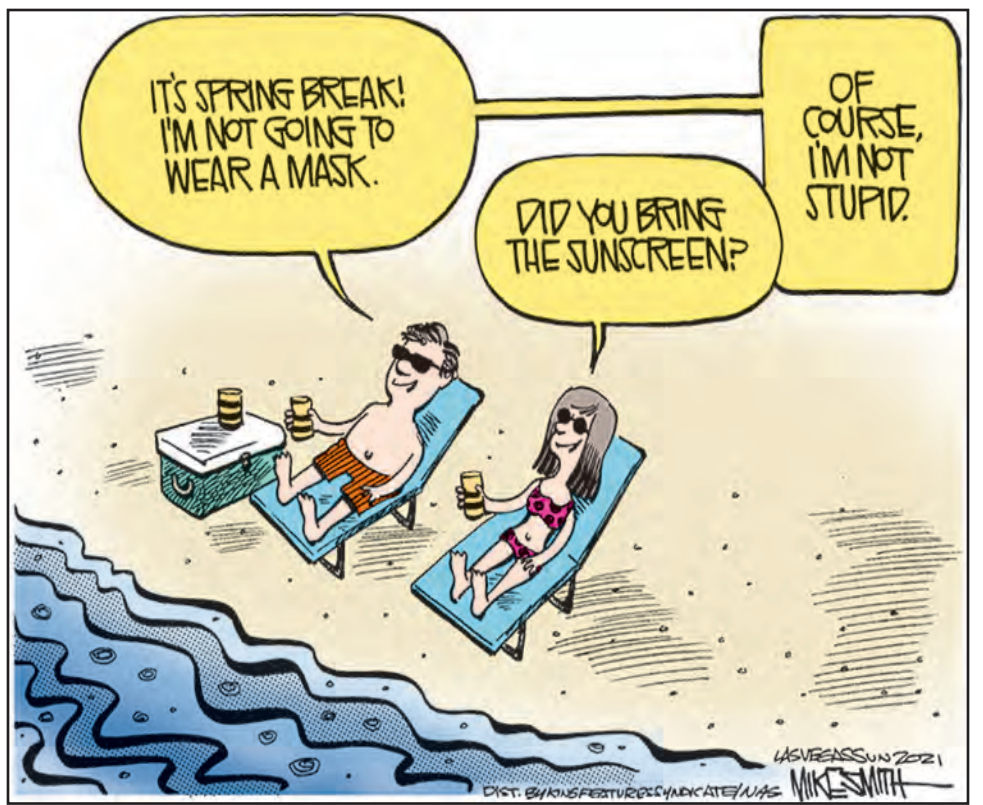
To put this in perspective, durable goods spending was still up 16% from January 2020, before the pandemic. On the other side of the coin, the savings rate declined from January's 20% of income to a still eye-popping 13.6% in February. The reality is that Americans are sitting on a lot of cash. The total estimated household savings and checking balance is now up to \$14 trillion, needless to say, an all-time record level. Add to that the fact that much of the three stimulus checks' value has been used

to pay down higher interest debts associated with credit cards and paycheck loans. The evidence is there that once Americans perceive that the economic threat of COVID-19 is behind us, people will start to spend that money. As economists predicted, about one third of the cash from the government checks was used to pay down debt, about a third was spent, and the remainder was socked away in savings positions.

In a leading indicator that only an economist could love, Canadian Pacific Railway agreed to buy Kansas City Southern for about \$25 billion. The merger of the two railroad companies would provide for the first time a unified system crossing North America from north to south, from deep inside Canada, across the Midwest U.S. to the heart and ports of Mexico. It is one thing for economists to suggest that an economic boom is coming, but when a company drops a \$25 billion bet on commerce rising to record heights in the near future it brings that suggestion into a high probability.

Speaking of leading indicators, the Conference Board's Index of Leading Economic Indicators rose again in February, despite the weather and the lagging effect of the pandemic. The Conference Board is now forecasting a 5.5% rise in U.S. GDP for 2021. In an even more upbeat prediction, Moody's Economics is predicting GDP will climb 6.5%.

The recovery continues with strong signs that the future will hold much better economic news.



The Split Personalities

Bob Franken



In many cases, yes.

But what about those who are so aroused by compassion that they join the demonstrations and otherwise embrace whichever demographic group is under attack? Do we open our arms? A lot of us, yes.

The point is obvious. We can neither define a "national identity," nor determine the voter instincts in an individual state. It is such a puzzle that Wisconsin, for instance, can elect as a U.S. senator Ron Johnson, who is as obvious a bigot as there ever was one, while also choosing Tammy Baldwin, an outspoken progressive.

Johnson, of course, would deny he's a bigot; most do. But there he was on right-wing radio -- and most of it is right-wing -- proudly proclaiming ... well, I'll let him express his feelings about the Jan. 6 invasion of the Capitol and why he "never really felt threatened": "I knew those were people that love this country, that truly respect law enforcement, would never do anything to break the law, and so I wasn't concerned." But then he went on: "Had the tables been turned, and President Trump won the election and those were tens of thousands of Black Lives Matter and Antifa protesters, I might have been a little concerned."

Johnson's term is up

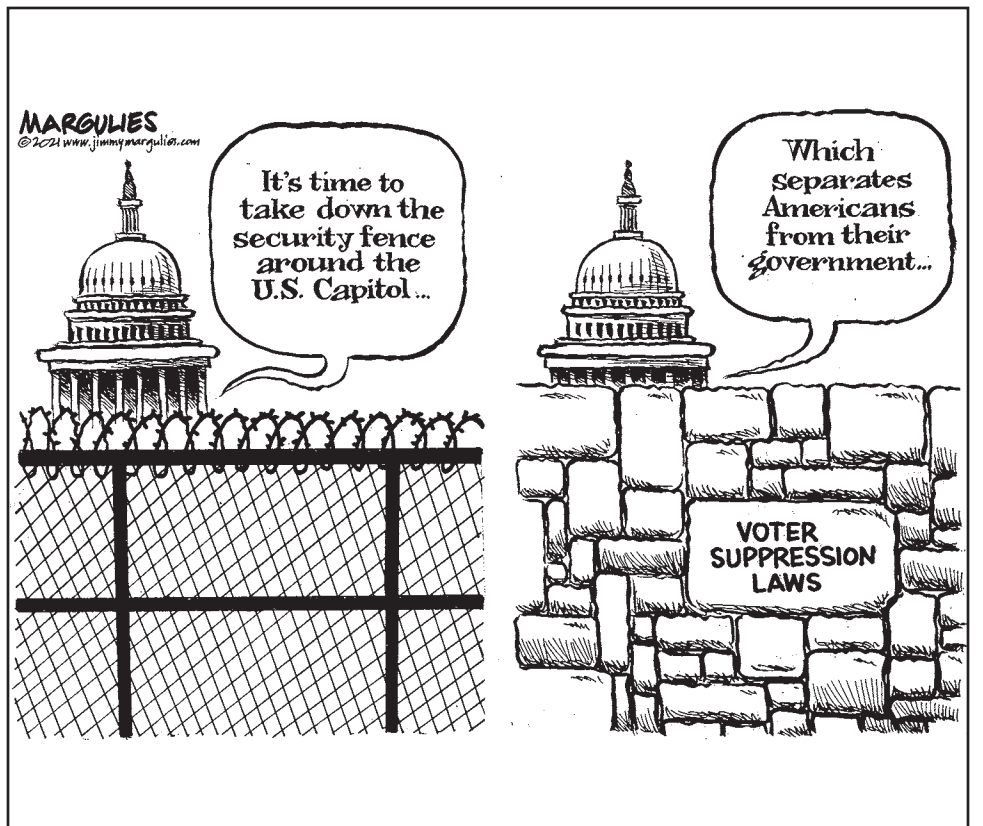
next year, and he hasn't announced his plans. Will he run for re-election or not? Will Wisconsin have, once again, a choice between a Robert La Follette, who was the stereotypical progressive, and a Joe McCarthy, just as stereotypically the hard-right demagogue who beat La Follette in an upset? Johnson won his Senate seat by defeating incumbent Democrat Russ Feingold. Twice. Is Wisconsin repeating schizophrenic history? And then there is Donald Trump. If he can stay out of jail, he's a real threat to get nominated again by the Republicans. He's the standard bearer for them and a significant chance to defeat Joe Biden.

Biden is preoccupied at the moment, and will possibly spend most of his term getting things done, which means undoing the mess that Trump left behind.

Once again, it might well be a choice between the unqualified hustler who has a remarkable self-marketing ability and the flawed achiever, who has a mediocre record of self-promotion. It would be a battle between America's darkest instincts and its brightest. Like so many of our incessant zigs and zags, at any moment it can go either way.

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Holy Week Services in Salado

Local churches invite you to the Community Easter Sunrise Service at 7 a.m. April 4 at Tablerock Amphitheater.

Joe Keyes of Salado Church of Christ will deliver the Easter message. Salado United Methodist Church will provide music. Several other local churches will be represented and participate in the community program.

Please mark this Salado tradition on your calendar and make plans to attend.

Local churches are planning special services for Holy Week to celebrate Easter.

First Baptist Church

First Baptist Church will have Good Friday Services at 6:30 p.m. April 2 in the church sanctuary.

Easter Services are planned for 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. April 4 in the Sanctuary.

The church is located at 210 S. Main St. Salado.

Salado United Methodist Church

Salado United Methodist Church will host Good



Friday services 6:30 p.m. April 2 on the grounds of the church.

The church will hold two Easter Services on April 4 at 9 and 11 a.m. The services will be held at Thomas Arnold Elementary Cafeteria, 510 Thomas Arnold Rd.

Salado Church of Christ

Salado Church of Christ will hold in person worship at 10 a.m. on April 4. No Bible classes are being held yet. The morning services are livestreamed via the church's Youtube page.

The Church is located at 217 N. Stagecoach Rd. in Salado.

Saint Stephen Catholic Church

Saint Stephen Catholic Church Easter week services are these:

Holy Thursday service, 7 p.m. April 1, bilingual.

Good Friday service, 3 p.m. April 2 in English.

Easter Vigil at 9 p.m. April 3, bilingual.

Easter Sunday Mass at 9 a.m. in English and 11 a.m. in Spanish.

Saint Stephen Catholic Church is located at 601 FM 2268.

Grace Church Salado

Grace Church Salado will be having Easter services at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. April 4 to celebrate the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Every-

one in the community is invited and welcome to attend either service.

Because of water damage to the building, childcare will be limited to Preschool and under. Social distancing is encouraged, but masks are not required on campus.

For those who can't join in person, the livestream service will be available online at gracesalado.com/currentseries

Presbyterian Church of Salado

Easter Sunday service will be 10 a.m. April 4.

The church is still wearing masks and practicing social distancing. They ask anyone who plans on attending their services to contact them at (254) 308-2023 so that they plan on your attendance.

The church is located at 105 Salado Plaza Dr. in Salado.

St. Joseph Episcopal Church

St. Joseph Episcopal Church invites you to its special services for Easter Week. The church is located at 881 N. Main St.

Maundy Thursday service with Eucharist, 6 p.m. April 1, outdoors.

Good Friday services, 6 p.m. April 2, no Eucharist, outdoors.

Easter Sunday service with Eucharist, 10 a.m. April 4, outdoors.

Heritage Country Church

Heritage Country Church will have an Easter Egg Hunt at 1 p.m. on April 3 at the church.

Easter Sunday service will be 10 a.m. April 4 with the Lord's Supper.

The church is located at 9929 Lark Trail.



Pictured is Central Texas Travel Club Member, Vivian Rush of Salado, on a 1950 American LaFrance 750 GPM pumper known as Invader at the Brenham Fire Department #1 in Brenham, TX while on a recent tour of Brenham and Chappell Hill. The next tour scheduled is April 15-18 to P. Allen Smith's Mossman Farm and Hot Springs, Arkansas. The Central Texas Travel Club will resume its monthly meetings on the third Tuesday of each month at 11 a.m. at Napoli's Restaurant, 110 E Central Avenue in downtown Belton. The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 20. There are no requirements or fees to attend the Central Texas Travel Club meeting. For more information concerning the meeting or upcoming tours, contact centraltexastravelclub@outlook.com or call 254-770-8905.

Scholarship Applications accepted now by Democratic Women

The Bell County Texas Democratic Women will be awarding six \$500 scholarships this year. If you are attending college or will be attending college in Fall

2021 and are a Bell County Resident you are eligible to apply for a scholarship. For more information and an application contact Melanie Caraway at 254-913-8610.

SARW will help out Ft. Hood USO center

Salado Area Republican Women are dedicating the month of April to helping Ft. Hood soldiers at the USO Center, according to Barclay McCort, President. Isabel Hubbard, Executive Director of the USO Central Division, reports the center is in need of donations to construct 200 24 Hour Toilet Kits for soldiers who get stranded at an airport due to airline delays.

Hubbard, who will be speaking to the SARW meeting April 22, stated

the following travel-sized items are needed: toothpaste, toothbrushes, shaving cream and body wash, preferably unscented. You may drop off the items at Salado Public Library or bring them to the April 22 meeting at 11:30 a.m. at the Civic Center. Deadline for the project is April 22.

USO's focus is strengthening America's service members by keeping them connected to family, home and country throughout their service to the nation.

Hygiene Clinic offering low-cost cleanings to qualified patients

Temple College Dental Hygiene Clinic offering low-cost cleanings for qualified patients

The Temple College Dental Hygiene program will be offering low-cost dental hygiene services to a limited number of patients this spring.

The program is looking for local residents who are in need of dental hygiene

care such as those who have not been to the dentist in several years, those who have tartar build-up on their teeth, or those with gums that bleed during brushing.

Prospective patients should call 254-298-8688 to schedule a screening appointment. Screenings will take place in the Jean and Ralph Wilson Dental Hygiene Clinic in the Temple

College Health Sciences Center.

Patients who are selected for care will pay only \$15 for an unlimited number of appointments and dental hygiene services, including cleaning and polishing, radiographs (X-rays), oral cancer screening and fluoride applications.

Newcomers Club activity schedule for April

The Bell County Newcomers Club announces the upcoming activities for the month of April.

April 5, Chat 'N Canasta; April 7, Popcorn Bridge & Casual Luncheon; April 9, TGIF Lunch; April 10, Couple's Night Out; April 12 Bookworms; April 13, Tuesday Canasta; April 15, Meet & Greet; April

16, Trailblazers; April 20, Bunco & Snack Time Mah Jongg; April 21, Popcorn Bridge; April 24, Exploring Wines; April 27, Virtual Happy Hour; and April 28, Fun Lunch.

Bell County Newcomers Club, Inc., is looking for new members. The Newcomers Club welcomes ladies who are new to Bell

County (within the past three years, as well as ladies who have recently retired, are recent empty nesters, or have experienced another life change within the past three years and would like to connect with other ladies.

Join the fun and check out the Bell County Newcomers Club at www.bell-countynewcomers.com

Some Newcomers Club activities have been suspended due to COVID-19.

For information on joining, please contact Cheryl Davis at ctdavis44@yahoo.com and for information about activities, contact Carolyn Webster at 404-791-4849 or email bobcar28@gmail.com.

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Brookshire Brothers #69 donated \$500 to the All-Abilities Playground to be built at Pace Park. Sirenafest founder Tiffany Schreiner (left) accepts the check along with Emily Jones (far right). Shown above are Schreiner, Brookshire Brothers employees Sandra Tippitt, store manager Jason Noske, and Christa Williams, former mayor Merle Stalcup who worked with the store to arrange the donation, and Jones and her son, JR Jones. Jones is the adult leader of the Sirenas of Salado, which is an Auxiliary Board of the Youth Ambassador Program formed in the Summer of 2019 to support and raise funds for the Centex All-Abilities Playground Park Project. The Sirenas of Salado are hosting the MerDash and Splash 5K, kicking off on the North Shore of Salado Creek at 7 a.m. April 3. Races start at 8 a.m. Three awesome trails 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>. (PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)

117th Congress designates April 5 as “Gold Star Wives Day”

Senator Richard Burr (NC) and Senator Joe Manchin (WV) on March 15 introduced a nonpartisan Senate Resolution designating April 5, 2021 as “Gold Star Wives Day”. This resolution passed unanimously on the Senate floor.

“Whereas the Senate honors the sacrifices made by the spouses and families of the fallen members of the Armed Forces of the United States; Whereas Gold Star Wives of America, Inc. represents the spouses and families of the members and veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States who have died on active duty or as a result of a service-connected disability; Whereas the primary mission of Gold Star Wives of America, Inc. is to provide services, support, and friendship to the spouses of the fallen members and veterans of the Armed Forces

of the United States...”.

Gold Star Wives of America, Inc. was organized in 1945, formed in New York City (NYC) by Marie Jordan Speer. GSW was originally called WWII Widows, later became federally chartered Gold Star Wives of America, Inc., with Eleanor Roosevelt as an original chartered member. As a result of the NYC Chapter, today there are 33 chapters located throughout the United States.

The organization of Gold Star Wives of America welcomes membership to all who meet the criteria. This organization does not discriminate against any person or persons on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, marital status, national origin, sexual orientation, or gender identity. For more information, visit www.goldstarwives.org.

Volunteers needed for April food distribution

The Central Texas Food Bank needs volunteers to assist with two mass food distribution events. Anyone interested in volunteering to support these special distributions should visit the Food Bank’s website, centraltexasfoodbank.org, and click on “Volunteer” to sign up.

At these special food distributions, the Central Texas Food Bank will distribute free food to help those who are facing increased food insecurity during the COVID-19 pandemic. Attendees will receive an assortment of food items which will vary, depending on available supplies. While these food distributions are primarily designed as drive-through events, no one in need of food will be turned away.

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: we recommend recipients without vehicles bring containers in which they can carry the food, as it will be in boxes that may be diffi-

cult to carry.

The dates for the distribution events are 9-11 a.m. April 3 at Temple College, 2600 S. 1st St. in Temple and 10 a.m.-noon April 22 at Waco ISD Stadium, 1401 S. New Rd. in Waco.

During the COVID-19 pandemic and the aftermath of the severe winter storms, the Central Texas Food Bank is continuing to meet the needs of those facing hunger.

In addition to these special distributions, Central Texans in need can also access food through the Food Bank’s network of partner pantries and mobile food pantry distributions throughout Central Texas. 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, 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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more information about last month's winter storms, visit Texas Severe Winter Storms (DR-4586-TX) | FEMA.gov

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) is allowing Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) recipients to use their food benefits to purchase hot foods and ready-to-eat meals due to impacts from the severe winter storm. Foods such as rotisserie chicken or grocery store deli foods can be purchased at retailers that accept SNAP anywhere in the state, using the Lone Star Card, through the end of March. Governor Abbott, HHSC Announce Federal Approval For SNAP Benefit Replacements Due To Winter Storm | Office of the Texas Governor | Greg Abbott

The IRS is giving Texans until June 15, 2021, to file various individual and business tax returns and make tax payments.

Texas residents who lost their jobs, along with

self-employed individuals who have been unable to work due to damage sustained from the recent winter storms, can now apply for Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA). The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) is accepting applications until March 26, 2021 for 126 counties and until April 1, 2021 for 18 counties. To apply go to Disaster Unemployment Assistance — Texas Workforce Commission (state.tx.us)

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has approved more than \$11 million in federal disaster loans to help Texas businesses and residents recover from the winter storms. Businesses, nonprofits and residents who sustained damage due to the storms are encouraged to apply for a loan prior to the April 20, 2021 deadline. Applications can be found at Disaster assistance (sba.gov). Or, call 800-659-2955.




Art and fun-filled weekend

The Salado Chamber of Commerce hosted the 21st Annual Wildflower Art Festival on the grounds of the Salado Civic Center. The show featured about four dozen vendors.

Up the street, at Salado Winery Co., owners June Ritterbusch and Sheldon Vickers hosted the Texas Wine & Rogue Art Fest, featuring food, artists and local Texas wineries.

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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.



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Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission Approves Hunting Regulations Changes for 2021-22

AUSTIN — Hunting regulations for the 2021-22 season were approved by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission at its public meeting held online March 25. Hunters will see some changes this fall, including the elimination of the experimental pronghorn season in the northern Panhandle and extension of the general pronghorn season from 9 to 16 days statewide, and the addition of two days of hunting opportunity in the Special White-winged Dove Days within the South Dove Zone.

The following modifications and clarifications to the 2021-22 Statewide Hunting Proclamation have been adopted by the TPWC Commission:

- Add crossbow to the definition of lawful archery equipment
- Remove the prohibition on trailing wounded deer with dogs in Angelina, Hardin, Nacogdoches, Orange, Shelby, and Tyler counties; In addition, allow the trailing of wounded deer to no more than two dogs on a leash in

Jasper, Newton, Sabine, and San Augustine counties

- Eliminate the experimental pronghorn season in the northern Panhandle
- Extend the general pronghorn season from 9 days to 16 days statewide
- Close Panola County to hunting Eastern turkey season during the spring in 2022

- Implement mandatory reporting for spring turkey hunting (April 1 – 30) in the “Western 1 Gobbler” counties in southcentral Texas in 2022

- Add two days of hunting opportunity in the Special White-winged Dove Days within the South Dove Zone
- Establish season dates and daily bag limits for all migratory game bird hunting seasons

- Modify the muzzleloader definition to clarify only the bullet or projectile and powder must be loaded through the muzzle

- Modify opening day for chachalacas to be concurrent with quail season

- Align spring and fall wild turkey hunting seasons with consistent North and South

Zone boundaries along Highway 90 starting in the fall of 2021

Allow squirrel hunting statewide by opening the remaining closed counties to a year-round hunting season. Traditional East Texas squirrel season, May 1-31 and Oct. 1-last Sunday in Feb. remains unchanged

Hunters hitting the field in the upcoming season should make note of these changes and follow all regulations set for species, tagging, bag limits, counties, season dates and means and methods. Hunters can check the online version of the Outdoor Annual for complete and updated regulations. Information currently in the online version of the Outdoor Annual reflects last season's information. The 2021-22 season information will not be online until mid-August per usual practice.

More information regarding hunting season dates for the 2021-22 seasons can be viewed on the TPWD website at <https://tpwd.texas.gov>.

Deadline to Register Vehicles Approaching

Belton, TX – In March of 2020, Governor Greg Abbott announced a temporary waiver for some vehicle title and registration requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic. That temporary waiver will come to an end on Wednesday, April 14. At that time, motorists can once again be ticketed and fined for expired materials.

Given the expected surge in demand leading up to this deadline, Bell County Tax Assessor-Collector Shay Luedeke is suggesting that people make their appointments on the Tax Assessor's website as soon as possible.

“Thanks to our new appointment system, you can

schedule your visit online an avoid spending unnecessary time in the waiting area,” Luedeke said. “I strong encourage everyone to sign up for their registration appointments now, while there are plenty of available bookings in the system. If you wait until April, it may not be possible to get it taken care of before the state's deadline.

The initial waiver exempted Texas drivers from initial vehicle registrations and renewals, vehicle titling, renewal of disable parking placards, and 30-day temporary permits. Most of those

services require drivers to visit one of their county's Tax Assessor-Collector offices. Bell County residents can visit the offices in Belton, Killeen, or Temple.

If an owner's registration did not expire in or before May of 2020, it can be renewed either by mail or online. However, registrations that expired in or before that month must be renewed either mail or in-person. If a vehicle's inspection is more than a year old, a new passing inspection is required before a registration can be renewed.

Urban Buyers Stampede to Rural Texas

COLLEGE STATION, Tex. (Texas Real Estate Research Center) – Spooked by pandemic fears and urban unrest, herds of Texas city-dwelling buyers descended on rural locations in latter 2020. When the dust settled, 552,707 acres had been purchased for a record \$1.69 billion.

“Fourth quarter 2020 produced a remarkable increase in rural property transactions across most of Texas,” said Dr. Charles Gilliland, research economist for the Texas Real Estate Research Center at Texas A&M University. “Statewide, the 7,684 sales were up 28.9 percent from last year.”

The increased demand sent statewide land prices up 3.1 percent to \$3,064 per acre. The typical sale was 1,139 acres.

“Taken together, the third and fourth quarter results signal an active and rising

market with strong demand for land in most areas of Texas,” said Gilliland, who has studied state land markets for 40 years. “Currently, market professionals report a flood of interest in land purchases.”

“Austin-Waco-Hill Country rural markets exploded in the third and fourth quarters of 2020,” said Gilliland. “The 1,103 sales marked the first time the region recorded more than 1,000 in a quarter. Sales in the region were up 85.1 percent from the same time in 2019.”

Prices increased in all regions except for the Panhandle and South Plains. The West Texas and Austin-Waco-Hill Country Regions recorded small price increases. However, they did post large increases in the number of sales.

Only Far West Texas, hit by falling oil prices, reported a sales decline. Transaction

size fell everywhere except for South Texas. Total dollar volume fell in Far West Texas, grew modestly in the Gulf Coast and Brazos Bottom Regions, but expanded everywhere else.

A new report from the Texas Real Estate Research Center breaks down Texas land markets region by region. Read Texas Land Market Latest Developments here. See regional tables that follow. The report also includes limited rural land data for Alabama, Louisiana, and Mississippi. An article by Gilliland, “See Ya Later, Next-Door Neighbor,” will be published in the forthcoming issue of TG magazine.

The Texas Real Estate Research Center is hosting a virtual “30th Annual Outlook for Texas Land Markets” conference April 21-23.



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Barrow Brewing Co celebrates 5-year anniversary

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

It seems the glass overhead door at Barrow Brewing Co. has been open forever, but April 1 marks just the fifth anniversary since Graydon and KD Hill opened the brewery.

Perhaps it is because Barrow Brewing began laying the foundation for its introduction into the community long before they opened in 2016. That was by intent.

The Hills laid the groundwork for the first craft brewery in Bell County by circulating a petition to call for a local option election to allow for the legal sale of beer and wine in 2014. On Nov. 4, 2014, the local option election passed 784 in favor and 229 against.

That's where 784, one of the brews available year-round, took its name. 784 is one of the original flagship brews for Barrow Brewing. A Belgian witte (white) beer, 784 has orange rind and coriander with a traditional Belgian yeast note.

Evil Catfish IPA pays homage to Troy Kelley's catfish that is part of the Legend of Sirena. It has hoppy citrus notes with an intense but round bitterness.

For those who want something light, there is the Creek Don't Rise Lager,



(LEFT PHOTO BY CHRISTOPHER WINSTON. PHOTO ON RIGHT BY TIM FLEISCHER)

KD and Graydon Hill laid the groundwork for the first craft brewery in Bell County more than six years ago by circulating a petition calling for a local option election to allow the sale of beer and wine. After that passed in Nov. 2014, they worked for more than a year to turn the old Sanford-Guest building into Barrow Brewing Co.

described as "Crisp, bright, and refreshing."

Or you might try Big Bubbly Blonde. The springs on the grounds of Barrow Brewing are known as Big Bubbly which is where the newest Blonde in the Barrow lineup took its name. It is described as "perfect for drinking all day long during Texas' summer heat waves."

My personal favorite is the Tippy Vicar Stout. The malt balances the sweetness of the yeast.

Mystery of the Deep Double IPA packs a punch

of hop. Packing 9.2%, it's not for the timid beer drinker.

Barrow adds three main seasonal brews, the Swimming Hole Honey Pilsner in the spring, the Hat Tip Hefeweizen in the summer and the Farm to Market Per-simmon Saison in the fall. If you're lucky, you might find a barleywine at Christmas-time.

They add 14 others that rotate throughout the year in the taproom. You can't get these in stores, only by the pour at Barrow and various



taprooms and restaurants around Central Texas.

But it's not just the beer that brings you to Barrow. It is something that can't be concocted in giant tanks.

It's community. In addition to crafting beer, KD and Graydon have created a community here in downtown Salado. Even before opening the doors on April 1, the Hills were creating community by inviting people to watch their progress on social media. On the weekend they opened in 2016, Barrow had Kore-

an Kravings and Hecho en Queso food trucks on location.

Food and music are a big part of Barrow. Wayworn Traveler were the first to perform at Barrow and will be performing during the Fifth Anniversary weekend April 1-4.

Barrow continues to have guest food trucks on the grounds every week. Happy Pizza Co. is a mainstay on the courts, as is Longbow Roasters for coffee drinkers. Bobby-que Texas barbecue is the latest addition, selling

barbecue every Friday and Saturday night. Just over a year ago, the Hills partnered with several other Saladoans to open Rio Salado Cocina y Cantina across the street to offer Tex-Mex in Salado.

The fifth anniversary weekend will also mark the opening of the silo bar. Serving beer from there will allow the tap room to be used for private events and also frees the brewers from having to do "Jenga" every week with equipment and tables in order to open to the public.

The festivities kick off on April 1 with Open Mic Night with Dustin Brown at 6 p.m. and Run 4 Beer at 6:30 p.m. Get your Barrow anniversary commemorative swag that night.

Fussy Fuss and Cyclop Toad perform at 7 p.m. April 2. Salado artist Michael Pritchett will also be doing a live art demonstration on the grounds as well.

The Farmers Market kicks off on April 3, along with a Texas Made pop-up and music all day. Wayworn Traveler kicks it off at 11 a.m., followed by Jonny Jukebox, 1:30 p.m., Ruby Dive at 4 p.m. and Lilly and the Implements at 6:30 p.m. Korean Kravings food truck will be on the grounds.

The brewery will be open Easter Sunday as well with live music. Beth Lee plays at 1 p.m. and Aubrey Hays plays at 4 p.m.

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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 Co.

Fridays
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.

April 1
Village of Salado Board of Aldermen, 6:30 p.m. 301 N. Stagecoach Rd.

April 2-3
Blow Your Own Easter eggs. Reservations at saladoglassworks.com.

April 2
Live music 7 p.m. Fuss Rickett 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, leaving from Bell County Museum on Main St. Belton. Tickets are \$10/person; kids 10 years and under are free. All proceeds go to the Gault School of Archaeological Research. Registration is available on the museum website and payment can be made over the phone with the museum using a credit card.

April 3
Easter Egg Hunt at Heritage Country Church, 9929 Lark Trail at 1 p.m.

April 3
Five-year Anniversary at Barrow Brewing Co., 108 Royal St. Live music, food trucks, family events and more. Farmers Market opening day

April 4
Easter (open regular hours) at Barrow Brewing Co., 108 Royal St.

April 4
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April 5-May 8
Salado Youth Volleyball girls spring volleyball training camps. Mondays and Fridays 6-8 p.m. Follow Salado Youth Volleyball League on Facebook for more information.

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 at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/destination-south-africa-around-the-world-dinner-series-tickets-142915059791>.

April 8-11
Texas Packard gathering in Salado. CANCELED

April 9
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. Salado's original Market Days event.

April 10-17
Keep Salado Beautiful annual Trash Off. Pick up your kits 8:30 a.m.-noon April 10 at the Salado Civic Center. Drop off your old electronics on April 10 for the Salado High School Robotics program. Pick up trash any time April 10-17. Post your photos to Facebook. Prizes will be given for the most unusual trash and the most trash picked up and turned in. Turn in trash and recyclables to the dumpsters located at the Salado Civic Center. Turn in vests and pickers to Village office or Salado Museum by April 19.

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. Guaranteed \$3,500 payout with cash prizes and trophies for the first through fifth places in each meat category, as well as Grand and Reserve Champion. \$150 per team for chicken, rib and brisket entries. Jackpots pay 50% cash for first, second and third place for Beans and Margaritas categories. For more information and to register your BBQ team, visit <https://www.saladofire.org/events>.

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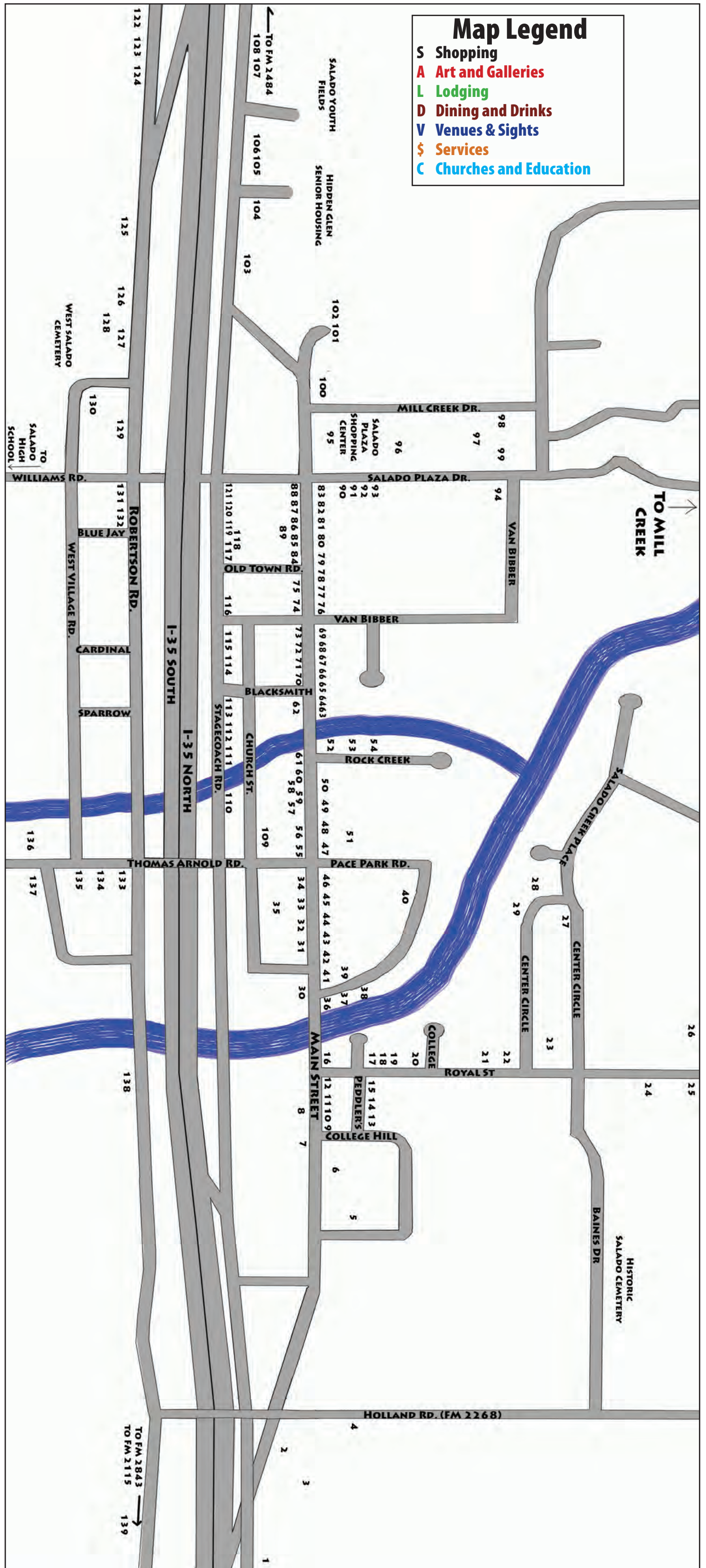


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SHS wins District UIL Academics, heading to Regionals

Salado High won the UIL District 19-4A Academic Meet March 26-27 and earned more points than all of the four teams combined.

SHS had 791 points for the Sweepstakes award, followed by Burnet, 216 points, Taylor, 122 points, Lake Belton, 112 points and Jarrell, 66 points.

Grace Beene was named the Outstanding District Academic Student as she earned 69 points. Beene was also named the Best Performer in District One Act Play.

Salado's One Act Play won the district contest. There will be public performances of Little Women at Salado High School at 7 p.m. April 1 and April 8.

Following are individual and team results from the District Academic Meet:

Calculator Application (First Place Team): Individual placements are First Place, William Won; Second Place, Ashlyn Fossett; Third Place, Paige Fariss and Fifth Place, Ayham Chtay.

Current Issues (Second Place Team): Individual placements are Fifth Place, Kole Maedgen and Sixth Place, Noah Mescher.

Journalism (First Place Team):

Copy Editing: Second Place, Grace Beene

Editorial Writing: First Place, Grace Beene and Second Place, Meri Fischer.

Feature Writing: First Place, Diego Romero; Second Place, Grace Beene and Third Place, Meri Fischer.

Headline Writing: First Place, Grace Beene.

News Writing: First Place, Grace Beene; Second Place, Diego Romero.

Literary Criticism: First Place, Kaitlyn Casper.

Mathematics (First Place Team): Individual placements are First Place, Aubrey Watkins; Second Place, Amy Manning; Third Place, William Won; Fourth Place, Aaron Trela.

Number Sense (First Place Team): Individual placements are: First Place, Cooper Chambliss; Second Place, Trey Graham; Third Place, Ryan Novotny and Fourth Place, Paige Fariss.

Ready Writing: First Place, Kaitlyn Casper; Third Place, Alexandria Dworaczyk and Fourth Place, Haleigh Wilk.

Science (First Place Team): Individual placements are First Place, Jacob Tipton; Second Place, Zach Oas; Third Place, Casey Davis; Fourth Place, Anne Gilmore; Fifth Place, Cutter Meyer and Sixth Place, Jaxson Leiskau

Top Biology: Jacob Tipton.

Top Chemistry: Jacob Tipton.

Top Physics: Zach Oas.

Social Studies (Second Place Team): Individual placements are Second Place, Robert McLane; Fourth Place, Jeb Rine and Sixth Place, Hailey Fariss.

Spelling and Vocabulary (First Place Team): Individual placements are First Place, Kimberly Kendall; Second Place, Madeline Sunshine; Third Place, Jeb Rine and Fifth Place, Gricelda Vargas.

Speech (First Place Team):

Informative Speaking: First Place, Wriley Rhoads; Second Place, Hunter Foster and Third Place, Lindsey Neas

Persuasive Speaking: First Place, Connor Howard; Second Place, Kate Neas and Third Place, Katy Bennett.

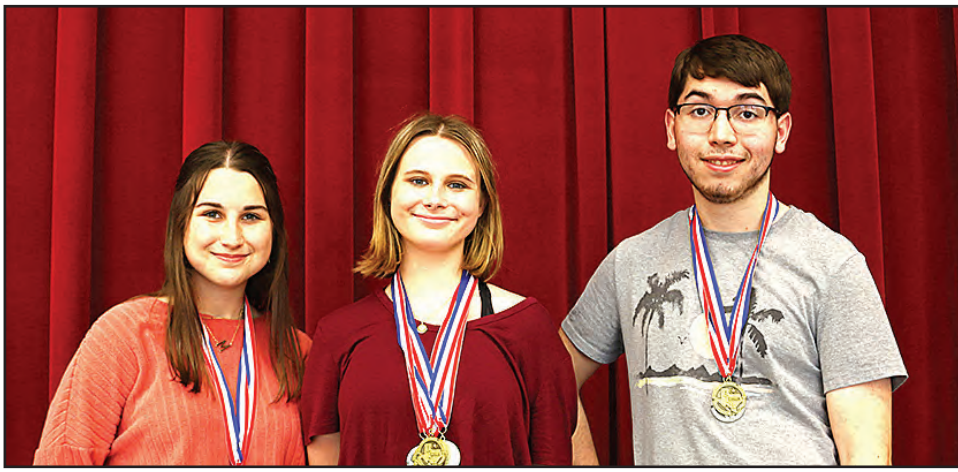
Poetry: First Place, Preslee Webb; Second Place, Caroline Dabney and Third Place, Diego Romero.

Prose: First Place, Jessica Young; Second Place, Lizzi Rose; Third Place, Rachael Jett.

Lincoln-Douglas Debate: First Place, Sawyer Bagley; Second Place, Lexi Glenn; Third Place, James Tipton and Fourth Place, Emma Hassell.



Literary Criticism (First Place): Caitlyn Casper



Journalism (First Place Team) I-r: Meri Fischer, Grace Beene, Diego Romero.



Outstanding District Academic Student: Grace Beene.



Poetry (First Place Team) Prose (First Place Team) I-r: Diego Romero, Preslee Webb, Caroline Dabney, Lizzi Rose, Jessica Young, Rachael Jett.



Lincoln Douglas Debate (First Place): Sawyer Bagley



Spelling and Vocabulary (First Place Team) I-r: Jeb Rine, Gricelda Vargas, Madeline Sunshine, Kimberly Kendall.



Informative Speaking (First Place Team) Persuasive Speaking (First Place Team) I-r: Connor Howard, Lindsey Neas, Katy Bennett, Wriley Rhoads. Not Pictured: Kate Neas.



Science (First Place Team) I-r: Casey Davis, Anne Gilmore, Jaxson Leiskau, Jacob Tipton. Not Pictured: Zach Oas, Cutter Meyer.

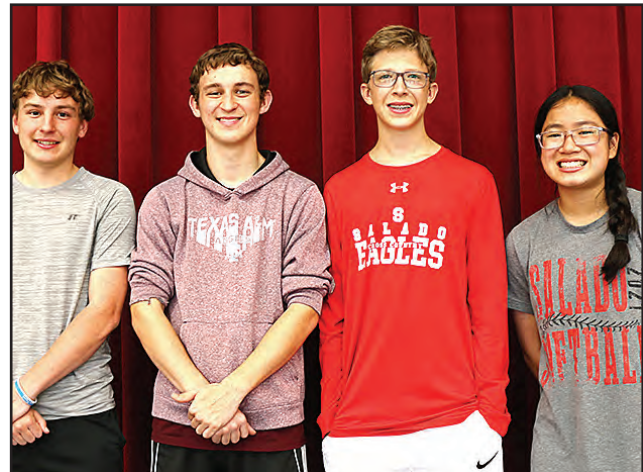


Calculator Application (First Place Team) I-r: Paige Fariss, Ayham Chtay, William Won. Not Pictured: Ashlyn Fossett.

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Social Studies (Second Place Team) I-r: Jeb Rine, Hailey Fariss. Not Pictured: Robert McLane.



Number Sense (First Place Team) Trey Graham, Cooper Chambliss, Ryan Novotny, Paige Fariss.



Mathematics (First Place Team) I-r: William Won, Amy Manning, Aubrey Watkins, Aaron Trela.

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Salado Eagles are Area soccer champions.

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Eagles are Area Soccer champs

Salado Eagles are the Area champs in 4A Region III Soccer and will face Sealy at 6 p.m. April 1 at Bryan Viking Stadium.

In the Area Round, Salado beat Bellville 4-2 on March 29 in Rockdale.

Jaxson Husung scored two goals for the Eagles against Bellville. Alex Pierce scored a goal and

Morgan Adams scored a goal.

Assists came from Pierce, Husung, Cooper Sands and Chris Ortiz.

Salado beat Mexia 4-1 in the Bi-District round at Waco ISD on March 26.

Goals were scored by Max Markham, Juaquin To-

bias, Jackson Husung, and Ryan Havelka.

Assists came from Alex Pierce, Chris Ortiz, and Nico Lemus.



Max Markham scores a goal for the Eagles against Mexia.



Morgan Adams gets a head on the ball near the goal against Mexia.



Sam Gist fights for the ball against Bellville. (PHOTO BY: JANET MADDEX)

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Alex Pierce takes a shot at goal against Mexia.



Cooper Sanders moves the ball for Salado against Mexia

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Why SISD requires masks

Governor Greg Abbott issued Executive Order GA-34 on March 2. This executive order took effect on March 10 and stated, "Individuals are strongly encouraged to wear face coverings over the nose and mouth wherever it is not feasible to maintain six feet of social distancing from another person not in the same household, but no person may be required by any jurisdiction to wear or to mandate the wearing of a face covering." The Governor's reference to "jurisdiction" was to counties and cities. Regarding school districts his order stated, "Public schools may operate as provided by, and under the minimum health standard protocols found in, guidance issued by the Texas Education Agency."

The Texas Education Agency Public Health Guidance for School Year 2020-2021 states that "Schools must comply with the following requirements: Every student, teacher, or staff member shall wear a mask over the nose and mouth when inside a school building, school facility, facility used for school activities, or when in an outdoor space on school property or used for school activities, whenever it is not feasible to maintain six feet of social distancing from another person not in the same household."

However, on March 3 the Texas Education Agency updated this directive with the following: "The governing board of a school system may modify or eliminate by formal action the above mask-related requirements."

That same day (March 3), I sent a survey to all of our employees asking for their feedback regarding whether or not they would be in favor of discontinuing the mask requirement at that time. While 18% of the employees that responded were in favor of discontinuing the mask requirement, the majority (82%) were in favor of maintaining the mask requirement. The top four reasons given by our employees to continue the mask requirement were:

1. Most employees had not yet had an opportunity to be vaccinated.
2. Our safety protocols (including requiring masks) have worked thus far, so we

Superintendent's Corner

by Dr. Michael Novotny



should continue them until the end of this school year.

3. We would have to quarantine a lot more students due to "close contact" with any positive cases if some students were not wearing masks.

4. We should wait to see if we have an increase in case numbers after spring break and/or Easter, similar to the increases in case numbers we experienced after Thanksgiving and Christmas.

As a result of this feedback, we are continuing to require students and employees to wear masks at this time. On March 9 I was able to obtain enough COVID-19 vaccine doses from the Bell County Public Health District for all of our employees that wanted to be vaccinated. Salado ISD will obtain enough additional doses so any interested Salado ISD employees will receive their second dose on April 1. It takes two weeks for people to reach the full level of protection after their second dose so that will be on April 15.

Approximately 75 school districts out of the 1,029 school districts in Texas have discontinued requiring students and employees to wear masks. Thus, approximately 7% of school districts have discontinued requiring masks, while approximately 93% of school districts are continuing to require masks.

The Bell County Public Health District is recommending that all school districts in Bell County continue the mask requirement for the remainder of this school year. As of now, all of the other school districts in Bell County are still requiring the use of masks. Some of those districts have already decided that they will continue to require masks for the remainder of this school year, while other districts (including Salado) have said they will continue to monitor the situation to determine if and when they will make any changes to the

mask policy.

We have heard from parents and employees advocating to discontinue the mask requirement as soon as possible because they feel that wearing a mask is negatively impacting their students.

We have also heard from parents and employees advocating to continue the mask requirement for the remainder of the school year because they are concerned about the possibility of contracting COVID-19 and/or being quarantined due to close contact with someone that tests positive and was not wearing a mask. (The definition of close contact for quarantine purposes is being within six feet of the person for 15 minutes or more within a 24 hour period, unless BOTH people were wearing a mask).

The school board will discuss this topic at our next regular board meeting on Monday, April 19, and decide whether or not to modify or eliminate the mask requirement. We are waiting until then so that all of our employees have had an opportunity to be fully vaccinated.

If the school board decides to discontinue the mask requirement before the end of this school year, I will recommend that we implement a "safety threshold" of 1% of the population of each school (students and employees combined). This would mean that if 1% or more of the population of any of our three schools test positive for COVID-19 within a one week period, we will require students and employees at that school to wear masks for at least 10 calendar days and until the percentage drops back below 1%. This is halfway to the 2% threshold of COVID-19 cases that would require us to close a school for a week. I will also recommend that we implement a similar "safety threshold" of 10% of the school population being quarantined due to close contact. We

will also give students at the middle school and high school the option of switching their seat assignment in classes to avoid the possibility of being quarantined due to close contact with someone that tests positive and was not wearing a mask. Parents of students at the elementary school level will have the option to make a similar request regarding their child's seating assignment.

If the school board decides to continue the mask requirement for the remainder of the school year, I will recommend that the mask requirement be discontinued on May 29. This would allow us to transition to a "mask optional" environment during the summer when we have fewer students and employees. It would also be during a "lower stakes" time (i.e., summer school, athletic camps, etc.) in terms of quarantining as compared with "higher stakes" activities (i.e., extracurricular competitions, prom, graduation, etc.). All of this would help us prepare for a "mask optional" start to the 2021-2022 school year.

You are welcome to e-mail me at michael.novotny@saladoisd.org if you have any feedback regarding whether or not our school board should discontinue the mask requirement prior to the end of this school year. I have already been forwarding all of the e-mails that I have received this month regarding this topic to all seven of our school board members and I will continue to do so until the board meeting on April 19.

I am very proud of the outstanding job that our teachers and other employees have done keeping our students safe this year. While many schools across the nation are just now starting face to face classes for the first time in over a year, our schools have been open since September 8. We have not missed any school days or had to forfeit or reschedule any extracurricular activities this year due to COVID-19.

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Salado Lady Eagles soccer team are Bi-District Champs. They are (back row, from left) Avery Wright, Savannah Oyler, Haley Piatak, Allison Carnahan, Taylor Dabney, Lily Lougheed, Leyla Peralta, Ashlyn Williams, Maddy Schultz; (middle row, from left) Sydney King, Payton Cunningham, Kennedy Anthoney, Presley Maddux, Lydia Lesley; (front row, from left) Mady Rosamond, Madisyn Maddux, Maria Pauer, Holly Wright, Aubrey Hefner, Nohemi Pena and Anna Lesley (PHOTO BY: LEE SCHWEGER)

Lady Eagles beat Mexia for bi-district

Salado Lady Eagles traveled to Waco March 26 where they beat the Mexia Black Cats 2-0 for the Bi-District Championship.

Anna Lesley scored the first goal with an assist from Payton Cunningham.

The second goal was scored by Lydia Lesley, who was assisted by Savvy

Oyler.

The shutout was earned by Avery Wright and the Eagles defense.

Salado played in the Area Round on March 30 against LaGrange at Rockdale Stadium in a match played after presstime for this edition.

Results will be published online as soon as possible.



Lydia Lesley moves the ball through the Mexia defense.



Leyla Peralta plays the ball near midfield.



Taylor Dabney establishes control over the ball.



Payton Cunningham stops the ball midfield.



Madisyn Maddux passes the ball past a Mexia player.

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Aidan Wilson placed eighth in the State in the 220 lb. weight class on March 27. At the state meet, Wilson had a squat of 585 lbs., a bench press of 330 lbs. and deadlift of 530 lbs. for a total lift of 1,445 lbs. He is shown above with boys powerlifting coach Alan Haire. (COURTESY PHOTO)

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Boys second at Jarrell Meet

Salado Varsity Boys Track team placed second in the Cougar Relays hosted by Jarrell High School March 25. Salado placed second with 116 points. La Vega won the meet with 144 points.

100 Meter Dash: Reid Vincent, first, 10.92.

800 Meter Run: Logan Rickey, first, 2:01.38; Owen Pitcock, sixth, 2:14.51.

1600 Meter Run: Logan Rickey, first, 4:45.77; Trey Graham, sixth, 5:15.05.

3200 Meter Run: Ryan Novotny, fourth, 11:16.21; Jake Rechfertig, fifth, 11:25.31.

110 Meter Hurdles: Nolan Williams, fourth, 17.73.

300 Meter Hurdles: No-

lan Williams, second, 43.10.

4x100 Meter Relay: Chris Bates, Wrook Brown, Noah Mescher, Reid Vincent, second, 43.36.

4x200 Meter Relay: Chris Bates, LaTrell Jenkins, Noah Mescher, Wrook Brown, 1:33.53.

4x400 Meter Relay: LaTrell Jenkins, Noah Mescher, Wrook Brown, Reid Vincent, first, 3:24.24.

Long Jump: Reid Vincent, first, 21'-3".

Pole Vault: Jackson Bragg, fourth, 11'-6".

Salado JV Boys Track placed sixth in the Cougar Relays hosted by Jarrell High School March 25.

100 Meter Dash: Seth Reavis, sixth, 11:94.

800 Meter Run: Alex Hauck, fourth, 2:17.26.

1600 Meter Run: Grant Sellers, first, 4:57.615.

3200 Meter Run: Robert Joiner, fifth, 13:37.42; Chance Heck, sixth, 13.53.70.

4x100 Meter Relay: Nic Bates, Seth Reavis, Ayden Keating, Josh Huckabee, fourth, 46.65.

4x400 Meter Relay: Nic Bates, Luke Drigalla, Alex Hauck, Josh Huckabee, fifth, 3:57.703.

Shot Put: Garrett Combs, third, 36'1 1/4".

Pole Vault: Cooper Thomas, second, 10'-0"; Ryland Woods, fourth, 8'-6".

Lady Eagle runners take second at Cougar Relays

Salado Varsity Girls Track team placed second in the Cougar Relays hosted by Jarrell High School March 25. Salado placed second with 114 points. Lake Belton won the meet with 129.6666 points.

100 Meter Dash: Janiah Del Rio, fourth, 12.90.

400 Meter Dash: Morgan Mays, first, 1:01.74.

800 Meter Dash: Ellie Mescher, third, 2:33.49; Natalie Burleson, fifth, 2:39.17.

1600 Meter Run: Jaci McGregor, second, 5:49.27.

3200 Meter Run: Jaci McGregor, second, 12:40.93.

100 Meter Hurdles: Darcie Pryor, third, 16.91.

300 Meter Hurdles: Darcie Pryor, fourth, 52.02.

4x100 Meter Relay: Kryslin Wickline, Janiah Del Rio, Avery Fossum,

Morgan Mays, second, 51.38.

4x200 Meter Relay: Kryslin Wickline, Janiah Del Rio, Avery Fossum, Paige Farris, fourth, 1:51.90.

4x400 Meter Relay: Avery Fossum, Ellie Mescher, Jaci McGregor, Morgan Mays, second, 4:22.61.

Long Jump: Lexy Wilson, fourth, 15'-2"; Natalie Burleson, fifth, 14'-10 1/2".

Shot Put: Ariel Cebreco, fourth, 28'-1"; Kayla Adams, sixth, 27'-4".

Discus: Kayla Adams, sixth, 88'-4".

Pole Vault: Audrey Bender, second, 8'-0"; Meri Fischer, second, 8'-0".

Salado JV Girls Track placed third in the Cougar Relays hosted by Jarrell High School March 25.

100 Meter Dash: Abbi

Holt, fourth, 14.23.

200 Meter Dash: Evelyn Wickert, fifth, 29.636.

400 Meter Dash: Jolee Lindsey, second, 2:47.18;

800 Meter Run: Jolee Lindsey, second, 2:47.18.

1600 Meter Run: Emma Donohue, first, 6:34.86.

3200 Meter Run: Emma Donohue, first, 14:24.60.

100 Meter Hurdles: Evian Magoulick, fourth, 19.38; Heidi Teichelman, sixth, 19.87.

300 Meter Hurdles: Katy Bennett, third, 57.658; Heidi Teichelman, sixth, 58.735.

4x100 Meter Relay: Evian Magoulick, Evelyn Wickert, Emma Stoehr, Abbi Holt, second, 55.28.

4x200 Meter Relay: Evelyn Ackerman, Evelyn Wickert, Emma Stoehr, Abbi Holt, fourth, 2:00.74.

4x400 Meter Relay Katy Bennett, Joanna Steigerwalt, Emma Donohue, Jolee Lindsey, third, 4:48.184.

Long Jump: Joanna Steigerwalt, fifth, 12'-11"; Evelyn Ackerman, sixth, 12'-10".

Triple Jump: Evelyn Ackerman, first, 30'-0"; Joanna Steigerwalt, fifth, 28'-1".

Lady Eagles bounce back from Lake Belton loss to blank Burnet

Salado Lady Eagles bounced back from a loss to Lake Belton to shut out Burnet on March 26.

Burnet 0
Salado 2

Salado Lady Eagles allowed only four base runners in their 2-0 shut out of Burnet on March 26.

Salado scored a run in the fourth and another in the sixth.

Katey Bartek hit a single with an out in the fourth, stretching the hit to reach third on an error. She scored on a single to right by Bri Water.

With two outs and empty bases in the sixth, Angel Van de Plas singled and went to second on a single by Victoria Giganti. The two runners stole base before Gabby Vidaure was hit by the pitcher, loading the bases. Lexi Dudeczka walked to push the run across.

Salado had seven hits against Burnet.

Bartek had two hits and a run while Giganti had two hits. Water had a hit and an RBI. Hannah Hudson had a hit and scored a run. Van de Plas had a hit.

Water pitched the entire game. She allowed four hits but no runs to score, striking out nine batters and walking none.

Salado 4
Lake Belton 9

Lake Belton scored five runs in the first thanks to four homeruns and never relinquished their lead, winning 9-4 on March 23.

They added four more runs in the third.

Salado scored three runs in the fourth. Rylee Oborski singled and went to second on a single by Katey Bartek. Hannah Hudson doubled to plate both runners. She

scored on a double by Reese Preston.

Oborski led off the sixth with a triple to right field and scored on a ground out to short by Bartek.

Lake Belton had 14 hits against Salado while Salado had six hits.

Oborski had three of the hits and scored two runs. Bartek had a hit, an RBI, a walk and scored a run. Hudson had a hit, an RBI and scored a run. Preston knocked in two RBIs with her hit.

Water got the loss for Salado, pitching 2/3 inning. She allowed five hits and Lake Belton scored five earned runs.

Hudson pitched the remaining 5 1/3 innings. She allowed nine hits and four earned runs while striking out two and walking one.

Lady Eagles JV 13
Lake Belton JV 2

Lady Eagles JV Softball beat the Lake Belton JV squad 13-2 on March 23.

Brooke McLaurin went three-for-three with a double and knocked in 4 RBIs.

Paige Fariss was two-for-two with a three-run double and a walk.

Burnet JV 2
Lady Eagles JV 11

Salado Lady Eagles JV softball beat the Burnet Lady Bulldogs in a home game March 26.

Pazlee Conrad got the win on the mound for Salado. She allowed four hits and a walk.

Ariel Cebreco led the girls at the plate going three-for-three with a double and two RBIs.

Kaelyn Houston added a 2 RBI single with two outs on the board.

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SHS tennis squad wins at Taylor

Salado High took first in girls singles and in mixed doubles at the Taylor tennis tournament last week.

Lizzy Rose placed first in girls singles.

Amy Manning and Connor Howard placed first in mixed doubles

Charlie Thomas and Caley Aycock took third place in girls doubles.

Ashlyn Fossett took third place in girls singles.

Katy Law and Lorena Perez won the consolation prize in girls doubles

Ava Magoulick earned the consolation medal in girls singles.

The tennis team is coached by Kenny Mann.

They practice on the new tennis courts at Salado ISD.



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Ava Magoulick earned Consolation in girls singles at the Taylor tennis tournament.

Eagles beat Taylor, Jarrell, fall to Georgetown Gateway

Salado Eagles beat Taylor 6-1 on March 29 after splitting their 19-4A district baseball games last week, falling to Georgetown Gateway and beating Jarrell.

Salado 6
Taylor 1

Salado and Taylor were tied at 1-1 after the first inning, but the Eagles took control of the game in the fourth and added runs in the sixth and seventh on March 29 to win 6-1.

With two outs and empty bases, Dillon McDaniel walked and went to second on a passed ball. He scored on a single to right by Kory Walker.

Brady Wilson walked, scoring on a double to left by Josh Adams for a 2-1 lead.

Nolan Williams beat the throw to first on a dropped third strike to lead off the sixth. Wilson walked and both runners scored on a

double down the third base line by Drew Bird.

Walker walked and Williams knocked him in with a shot over the left field wall for the final lead of 6-1.

Walker had two hits and an RBI. Williams had a hit, two RBI and scored two runs. Bird had a hit and two RBI. Adams had a hit and an RBI.

Wilson got the win for Salado, pitching 5 2/3 innings and allowing four hits and an earned run. He struck out 10 and walked four.

McDaniel closed the game, getting two strikeouts.

Salado 1
Gateway 6

Georgetown Gateway scored five runs in the fourth and another in the sixth to beat the Salado Eagles, 6-1, whom they hosted on March 23.

Salado scored its single run in the fourth. With one out in the frame, Kory Walker singled to center field and went to second on another single to center by Kole Maedgen. Walker scored on a fielder's choice that caught Maedgen going to second.

Salado outhit Gateway four to three.

Registering hits were Drew Bird, Josh Adams, Walker and Maedgen. Caden Strickland got an RBI with his fielder's choice shot to left.

Dillon McDaniel had 3 2/3 innings of work on the mound and was issued the loss. He allowed five earned runs on two hits and 10 walks. He struck out five batters. Brady Wilson had 2 1/3 innings on the mound, allowing a hit and an earned run while walking three and striking out two batters.

Jarrell 1
Salado 11

Kofi Stoglin's shot to left field plated Drew Bird for the 11th run, enough to end the game against Jarrell by the mercy rule on March 26 at home.

Scoring three runs in the fourth, Salado led 3-1 before hammering Jarrell for eight runs in the sixth.

Caden Strickland led off the bottom of the third with a single to left. Dillon McDaniel followed with a single to left and both runners scored on a double to center by Nolan Williams, who would score on the throw attempt.

With Salado leading 3-1 going into the bottom of the sixth, McDaniel led off with a single. He went to third on a single by Walker. McDaniel scored and Walker went to second on a passed ball. Williams singled to put runners at the corners, going to second on an error. Kole Maedgen singled, scoring Williams. Salado the fourth for four straight walks to load the bases and force a

runner across home. Brady Wilson singled to score Isaac Pettigrew. Strickland scored on a passed ball, the third base runner to do so in the frame. When Jarrell managed to get the first out of the inning with seven runs recorded, Bird then scored on the shot to left by Stoglin to end the game.

Salado had eight hits in the game while Jarrell managed two.

Williams led the Eagles with two hits, three RBIs and two runs scored. McDaniel had two hits and two runs while Walker had two hits and an RBI. Maedgen had a hit and two RBIs. Strickland had a hit and an RBI.

Strickland notched the win on the mound, pitching 5 1/3 innings and allowing one run and two hits. he walked three and struck out nine batters.

Wilson closed the game with two strikeouts.

Salado JV Red 2
Taylor 3

Salado JV Red lost to Taylor 3-2 on March 29.

The Eagles scored two runs in the fourth inning. Jaxson Leiskau reached on an error and Lane Heath was hit by the pitcher. Cole Taylor and Brian Sablotne hit RBI singles to plate the runners.

Taylor had two hits and an RBI. Sablotne had a hit and an RBI. Caleb Dockray

and Phoenix Flores both had hits.

Leiskau pitched 5 2/3 innings, allowing four hits and three runs, two of them earned. He struck out three and walked two.

Jarrell JV 0
Salado JV Red 8

Salado JV Red shut out Jarrell, 8-0, March 26, scoring three runs in the first, a run in the second, two in the third and two in the fourth.

The JV Red squad had six hits in th game. Lane Heath led the team with two hits and an RBI. Owen Crisp had two hits and two runs. Jaxson Leiskau had a hit, two RBIs and a run. Cole Taylor had a hit and three RBIs.

Cayden Stump pitched the entire game for the win, allowing two hits, no runs and striking out seven batters while walking three.

Austin Waves 11
Salado JV White 4

Salado JV White lost to the Austin Waves, 11-4, on March 27.

Corde Ramsey got both hits in the game for Salado and scored two runs. Josh Barker had an RBI and scored a run after earning a walk.

Dusty Rhiddlehoover was issued the loss, pitching seven innings. He struck out 10, while walking six. Of the 11 runs scored, only one was earned against the pitcher.

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TPW approves changes to freshwater fishing regs

AUSTIN - The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission adopted multiple changes to the freshwater fishing regulations for the upcoming 2021-2022 season at the meeting held virtually March 25. Changes to length and bag limits for blue and channel catfish statewide and at specific locations highlight this year's list of freshwater fishing regulation changes. The changes also include minor modifications to passive gear float dimensions.

The changes that were enacted for the 2021-22 license year and take effect September 1, 2021, are listed below. In addition, the details of these new regulations will be incorporated into the 2021-22 edition of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Outdoor Annual.

The current statewide regulations for blue and channel catfish consist of a 12-inch minimum length limit and a 25-fish daily bag limit that combines both species. The changes remove the minimum length limit (fish of any length could be harvested) and retain the 25-fish daily bag. However, of the 25 blue or channel catfish that could be harvested per day, anglers will be limited to harvesting no more than 10 fish that measure 20 inches or longer.

Two new exceptions to the statewide regulations for blue and channel catfish were ad-

opted. The first category follows the no minimum length limit and 25-fish daily bag limit for blue and channel catfish from the approved statewide regulations but further limits the number of fish 20 inches or larger that could be harvested per day to five and further limits the number of fish 30 inches or larger that could be harvested to one. A total of 12 locations were approved for this category. Following are the locations and their current regulations.

Six locations that are currently under statewide regulations: Lakes Belton (Bell and Coryell counties), Bob Sandlin (Camp, Franklin, and Titus counties), Conroe (Montgomery and Walker counties), Hubbard Creek (Stephens County), Lavon (Collin County), and Ray Hubbard (Collin, Dallas, Kaufman, and Rockwall counties).

Three locations currently under a 30- to 45-inch slot length limit: Lewisville (Denton County), Richland-Chambers (Freestone and Navarro counties), and Waco (McClellan County).

Two locations currently under no minimum length limit and a 50-fish daily bag limit but with harvest limits of five fish that measure 20 inches or longer: Kirby (Taylor County) and Palestine (Cherokee, Anderson, Henderson, and Smith counties).

Lake Tawakoni (Hunt, Rains, and Van Zandt counties) currently is under similar regulations: no minimum but with harvest limits of seven over 20 inches and two over 30 inches.

The final new exemption category is a 14-inch minimum length limit and a 15-fish combined daily bag for blue and channel catfish. Locations for this category, which are currently under statewide regulations, are:

Lakes Braunig (Bexar County), Calaveras (Bexar County), Choke Canyon (Live Oak and McMullen counties), Fayette County (Fayette County), and Proctor (Comanche County).

Additionally, two reservoirs will be added to an existing blue and channel catfish regulation category: no minimum length limit and a 50-fish bag limit with the additional restriction that no more than five fish of 30 inches or larger could be harvested per day.

Those reservoirs are Lake Livingston (Polk, San Jacinto, Trinity, and Walker counties), which has a 12-inch minimum length limit and 50-fish daily bag limit, and Lake Sam Rayburn (Jasper County), which is currently under statewide regulations.

These two reservoirs, Lake Livingston and Lake Sam Rayburn and these reservoirs, Lakes Caddo (Harrison and

Marion counties) and Toledo Bend (Newton Sabine, and Shelby counties), and the Sabine River (Newton and Orange counties), which are currently in the above regulation category, will also be added to the regulations for commercial harvest.

Current statewide length and bag limits for commercial harvest will remain at 14 inches and 25 fish [both species combined], and a five-fish bag limit will apply on all community fishing lakes and lying totally within a state park.

Changes were also adopted to standardize the descriptions for float dimensions for some passive gears as length and width rather than height and diameter. Also, inadvertently, the width of the float for minnow traps was listed as 6 inches, and it should be 3 inches.

The changes to the 2021-22 Statewide Recreational and Commercial Fishing regulations take effect on September 1, 2021. All fishing regulations can be found in the Outdoor Annual on the TPWD website.

The online version of the TPWD Outdoor Annual will not reflect any new changes until mid-August. More information regarding these amendments for the 2021-22 season can be viewed on the TPWD website.

Salado Police Report March 22-28

OFFENSE/INCIDENT REPORTS:

02/22/2021:

A theft occurred between March 21st and March 22nd in the 1900 block of Kevlin Trail where unknown persons took two piles of stones that were placed in front of the residence for an upcoming landscape project. No arrests were made, this case is still under investigation.

A report was made about someone breaking one of the solar lights on over the basketball goal in Sherrill Park in the 800 block of Park Dr. It was believed that the someone may have damaged the light with a basketball. There are no suspects in this case.

02/24/2021:

A report of a hit and run between a motor vehicle and mailbox in the 1300 block of Old Mill Road occurred on March 24th. The suspect vehicle was later located in the neighborhood and they returned to the scene and agreed to fix the damage. The case was closed as the complainant refused to pursue charges.

02/25/2021:

At about 11:00pm SPD responded to NB IH 35 near mile marker 282 where a crash occurred between a semi-truck and a four door sedan. The driver of the sedan attempted to walk away from the scene and was subsequently detained as she was believed to be intoxicated. TX DPS arrived and took custody of the driver for being suspected of driving while intoxicated and they also handled the crash scene.

02/26/2021:

Officers responded to the 700 block of Royal to attempt to locate a suicidal person who had called a friend to tell them that she wanted to harm herself.

While the officer was attempting to locate the caller she was located by the Tem-

ple police department and subsequently taken to the hospital for evaluation.

02/27/2021:

A report of criminal mischief was made in the 100 block of N. Main st where unknown persons broke a window on a business during the night. No suspects were identified.

In addition to the above-mentioned calls, Salado Police Officers handled the many other calls for service in which a report was not required. At left is a breakdown of those calls:


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Alarm Business	1
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Assist Another Agency	10
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Salado Fire Department Report March 21-27

Date	Address	Incident Type
03/21/2021	MARY LN, Bell County	Unconscious / Fainting
03/22/2021	WHISPERING OAKS DR, Salado	Lift Assist
03/22/2021	O W LOWREY DR, Salado	Dispatched & Cancelled en route
03/22/2021	MARY LN, Bell County	Chest Pains
03/22/2021	MILL CREEK DR, Salado	Unconscious / Fainting
03/23/2021	CHISHOLM TRL, Salado	Falls
03/24/2021	NORWOOD DR, Bell County	Falls
03/24/2021	LARK TRL, Bell County	Convulsions / Seizures
03/25/2021	INDIAN TRL, Salado	Hemorrhage / Laceration
03/25/2021	BLACKBERRY RD, Bell County	Dispatched & Cancelled en route
03/25/2021	ROSE LN, Salado	Motor Vehicle Accident
03/25/2021	I-35 SERVICE RD, Bell County	Sick Person
03/25/2021	INTERSTATE 35, Bell County	Motor Vehicle Accident with Injuries
03/26/2021	INTERSTATE 35, Belton	Motor Vehicle Accident with Injuries
03/26/2021	INTERSTATE 35, Belton	Dispatched & Cancelled en route
03/26/2021	S Main ST, Salado	Falls
03/26/2021	WILLIAMS RD, Bell County	Motor Vehicle Accident with Injuries
03/27/2021	TRIANGLE RD, Bell County	Vehicle vs Pedestrian
03/27/2021	INTERSTATE 35, Bell County	Motor Vehicle Accident with Injuries
03/27/2021	MILL CREEK DR, Salado	Controlled Burn

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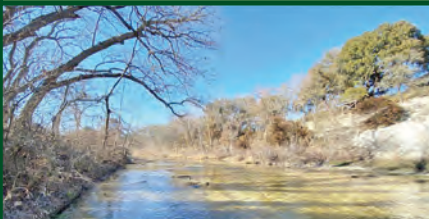
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