

County buys Salado site for JP, annex

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Bell County Commissioners at their April 22 meeting approved closing on the \$1.65 million purchase of 2.4 acres and a 7,400 sq. ft. building at 11057 Event Drive in Salado to be renovated as Justice of the Peace Precinct 2 and a Bell County Annex to serve this growing area.

After voting unanimously to close on the purchase, commissioners approved a reimbursement resolution to fund the debt for the purchase and renovations of the building into an annex through the issue of tax-exempt obligations. Commissioners announced their intention earlier to issue \$138 million in debt for expansion of the Bell County Jail and other projects in the county.

"We have had several discussions about this item over the past several months," Judge David Blackburn said. "We have been talking about the needs associated with the Justice of the Peace office and the Bell County complex."

"This is a significant purchase and a significant remodel. I have been concerned about whether we are doing the most efficient thing for taxpayers," County Commissioner Bobby Whitson said. "Salado ISD has been very gracious in letting us lease space at the Civic Center. We have outgrown that space for some time now. The need is there for a new

facility."

"This wasn't my first pick, particularly since the property is on the commercial corridor. I didn't want to take that off of the tax rolls," he added.

"With building costs going through the roof, there is a real value in this building," he added. "It is well over built for what we need right now. There are more restrooms and septic capacity than we need right now. There is more parking than we need right now."

"We are having the architects go through it for our capacity to renovate that building. Buying this building right now at this price," he added. "We are getting a great deal and will have plenty of room to build on to carry us into the future."

The most recent tax appraisal for the property by Bell County Tax Appraisal District valued the property at a market value of \$1.07 million for the 2.4 acres, 7,400 sq. ft. (under heat and air) building and 50,384 sq. ft. of asphalt parking.

Following the purchase of the property, commissioners authorize Judge Blackburn to enter into a contract with MRB Group to provide architectural and engineering design services to renovate the building at a cost not to exceed \$146,550.00.

When it was originally built, the building served as a dance hall, then an event center and finally as a private school before being purchased by the county.



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Up in Smoke

Despite wet and cool weather last weekend, the first annual Salado Volunteer Fire Department Up in Smoke Barbecue cookoff was deemed a tremendous success. The cook off had more than 40 teams participating, including a team from the Salado Masonic Lodge with Doug McNeese and Ty Tulloch checking their chicken entries (top picture) and the winners (above right): Grand Champion Breaktime BBQ and Reserve Grand Champion Doodle Q. The day-long event featured cornhole and washer tournaments. Constable Rolly Correa is shown above left working on his cornhole game. The day also included the drawing of the winner of the custom built 7 mm rifle from Blackland Precision of Troy. Braiden Broussard drew the name of Heather Zabrowski for the rifle. (PHOTOS BY TIM FLEISCHER)

No mask mandate in Bell County

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"I've got good news for you," County Judge David Blackburn told Temple resident Nell Brindley after her comments before the Commissioners on April 22. "There is no mask mandate in Bell County."

Judge Blackburn repeated the statement and said, "We have followed the Governor's orders," Judge Blackburn said, adding that the County has mirrored the actions taken and language used by Governor Greg Abbott, including his language about "strongly encouraging but not mandating" the use of masks by individuals.

Three citizens spoke against mask mandates, to include signs that "strongly encourage" the use of masks.

"It is time for Bell County to get in line with our governor who wisely lifted the mask order. Remove the mask order and the signs," Brindley said.

"Not a single study prior to March 2020 says masks stop the spread of viruses," she said. "It is time for you to treat your constituents as adults and give us our freedom."

"Never before have we quarantined the healthy. We have quarantined the sick. Leviticus says to quarantine the sick and let the healthy go about. I respect the rights

of those who choose to wear a mask. You should respect those of us who choose not to wear a mask."

Mollie Goodson of Temple is an organizer of the Unmask Bell County group, which she says has grown to 2,200 people. She said that she announced the meeting for the day and hoped "there were 2,200 watching online." According to the counter on the online cast, there were 22 watchers online, including this reporter.

She asked the court to strike the "strongly encouraged" language for one that "confirms masking choice."

Goodson said that because of the action by counties and health departments, many school districts were continuing to enforce mask mandates when "children are not the spreaders."

"This has become a little over the top," she said, referencing how a child was told to put books down and stand back six feet from the check out at a local library. She told commissioners that after the governor lifted the mask mandate, she and her daughter went to the Temple train station, but were barred admission because they did not wear masks. "We were told that this was because of the leadership here and the mayor of Temple. Everybody is trying to do the best to follow the rules and do what is right."

Goodson added that since the lifting of the mask mandate, there has not been a surge in COVID-19 cases. On the day Gov. Abbott lifted the mask mandate, there were 6,400 new cases of COVID diagnosed in Texas. The latest figure for April 18 showed 1,434 new confirmed cases. The highest number of confirmed cases for one day was December 29, 2020 with 27,000.

She added that enforcement at schools has led to a "whole new issue of bullying."

Jill Robbins said that the current signs, "sends a politically-correct message." She added that "A lot of critical-thinking scientists, researchers and epidemiologists are saying something completely different than what is being portrayed in the mainstream media."

She suggested commissioners read the book, Doctrine of Lesser Magistrate. She said the book had many examples of when "local officials made the decision to stand between the state and its citizens." She cited example in Illinois where local police announced that they would not arrest any business for opening during the shut-down issued by the governor. "That is when the lower magistrate stands up to the higher magistrate when they become tyrannical. Defend us from them and we

will be behind you."

Commissioner Russell Schneider said that the county never issued a mask mandate. "I don't think the County government ever mandated masks. We decided it was up to each business whether they make people wear masks or not," he said. "Then the governor came out two days later and mandated it, stripping us of our authority."

Schneider added that the county did not deploy any law enforcement or expend any money, facilities or personnel to enforce the state mask mandate.

Judge Blackburn told the speakers that it is now up to each business whether they require masks or not. "Those are private businesses on private property," he said.

He stated that the County commissioners took no action requiring masks in the court system. "That is a different branch of government," he stated. "The Texas Supreme Court issued a separate set of guidelines and requirements. The Judge gets to decide what is appropriate and what is not appropriate in his courtroom."

The Office of Court Administration set guidelines and standards for courts across the state of Texas to use. "They stand apart from any legislative or executive directives," Judge Blackburn said.

Saladoans are honoring their neighbors and first responders who went beyond the call of duty during the once-in-a-lifetime Ice Storm that caused Texans to go days without electricity during an extended period of record lows.

The Ice Storm Heroes, as they are being called, will be honored during 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.

The Ice Storm Heroes dinner was brewed up over coffee one morning when local residents 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

Ice Storm Heroes dinner set April 24

stories of Saladoans 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. An Ice Storm Heroes committee formed itself and began to put together this way of saying "Thank You" to the many people who showed through their actions why Salado is a great community.

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 or let the committee know about a local Ice Storm Hero, please contact one of the committee members.

Among the Ice Storm Hero Committee members are (alphabetically) Diana Coggin, Mayor Michael Coggin, Alderman Paul Cox, Shirley Cox, Jeanie Grant, Lawson Grant, Donald Hogue, Linda Lopez, Larry Nathanson and Tommye Prater.

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Reserve: Industrial production increases 1.4% in March alone

The Markets

The old tried and sometimes true S&P 500 Stock Index closed out the week at a new record high of 4185.47 leaving it up 1.37% for the week and 11.43% year-to-date. The one-year return was misleading but worth mentioning because of its absurdity, 45.60%. We are indeed in the grip of a massive bull market but measuring from the depths of a year ago distorts the image. Over the last ten years dating from April 2011, the SPX has turned in an average annual rate of return of about 12% but even a lot of that has been recent. The return over the past twenty years is probably a better guide as it averaged 6.77% per year. After it peaked in the year 2000 at about 1500, it took twelve long years to break that record. Periods of unusually high market returns are commonly followed by years of less impressive results. 2021 has indeed provided an ideal mix of low interest rates, abundant cash, rising earnings, and a rebounding economy. The CRSP Mid-Cap Value Index came along for the ride and rose 1.23% setting it up about 17% year-to-date. To paraphrase the legendary beer commercial, "It just don't get much better than this!"

One of the reasons for this week's stock rise was that the ten-year U.S. Treasury note yield declined about 4 1/2 % to 1.584% as fears of a core inflation increase continued to fade. West Texas Intermediate crude oil (WTI) jumped over 6% to \$63.08 as logistics and processing backlogs collided with dramatically increased demand. As another example of how distorted one-year comparisons are right now, WTI is up 248% since last April!

The Economy

There was an abundance of good economic news for the week, but all of it needed careful filtering. It was a year ago that the economic impact of the coronavirus pandemic hit. As a result,

Market & Economic Update

By Jeffrey W. McClure



literally every economic data point that is based on a one-year measure is misleading. For example, the Labor Department announced that previously somnolent inflation soared in March, year over year, to 2.6% as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI). Digging deeper revealed that the big driver in that number was the 22% jump in gasoline prices combined with the fact that prices a year ago were declining as the lockdowns hit. If we exclude food and fuel from the equation, the annual rise was only 1.4% and if we adjust for the price decline a year ago, inflation drops to a mere 1%. Inflation may actually be declining. Interest rates fell on the announcement as traders did the math.

In yet another misleading report, the Chinese GDP was reported to have grown more than 18% in the last year. Again, the reality is that the Chinese economy was virtually stopped in March of 2020. An 18% rebound in one year is impressive, but the longer-term estimate is closer to 6% growth for 2021, similar to that of the United States.

The Federal Reserve announced that industrial production in the U.S. increased 1.4% in March alone after only rising 1% in the previous twelve months. That solid but uninspiring industrial number was small change compared with the Commerce Department's announcement that domestic retail sales and food services were up an astonishing 9.8% in March and a more realistic 14.1% in the first quarter. The heart of the surge was, as you might guess, food services. Automobile sales were a bit of a drag on the number as computer chip shortages slowed production and it appears to be filtering down to the

sales lot. Again, the number is distorted, but retail sales are now up about 28% from a year ago.

In an interesting pattern, the price of imports rose 1.2% in March while the average price of our exports rose 2.1%. Apparently, what we make, and export is growing more valuable to the rest of the world. That did not keep our material trade deficit from climbing to \$1.7 trillion for the first half of the federal fiscal year. In absolute terms, our economy is now the fastest growing in the world, and at the same time the largest. We literally have a lot more demand and money to fulfill that demand than anyone else. The thing about the trade deficit is that we really don't have one. We export a product that is not counted but is manufactured in the U.S. only, has intrinsic value, and is greatly desired by people all over the globe, the U.S. dollar. Thirty years ago, in 1991, the U.S. Dollar Index (DXY) stood at 89.21, today it is at 91.54. Along the way it has been as high as 117 and as low as 72 but it has remained remarkably stable despite all the trade deficits. The reality is that the world runs mostly on a product we uniquely manufacture and control. As the world economy grows it needs more dollars, and we supply them by exchanging them for what others make. As long as we maintain an independent Federal Reserve and it carefully controls the money supply, it works. Will it ever break? No one knows. The Romans made a similar system function for about a thousand years.

The bottom line is that our economy is growing and appears to be rapidly recovering to where it was pre-pandemic with every indicator suggesting that there is a lot more room to grow.

Sewer, Sanctuary sold on facts that never existed, promises that never happened

To the Editor:

The Village hired a "so-called" autopsy attorney to go over the Sanctuary agreements and meeting minutes only to determine what we already knew - it was a one-sided deal favoring the developer for the next 45 years. There's no indication that the attorney dove any deeper, which is unfortunate. But I have.

Through the Texas Public Information Act, in 2017-2018 I received information and communications that point toward conflicts of interest, information suppression, deception, misrepresentation of facts and government malfeasance - except from Mayor Blancett, who refused to provide his email communications from his personal yahoo email account from which he admitted doing government business. Now that he's no longer in office, these records will be requested again. All of this needs to be looked into further, by law enforcement if necessary.

Both the sewer bond and Sanctuary were sold on facts that never existed and promises that never came to pass. Looking back, it is obvious that the plan to secretly intertwine the sewer to benefit Sanctuary was contrived months if not years earlier to a gullible public.

Chapter 39 of the Penal Code defines abuse of official capacity, official oppression, and misuse of public information, all of

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which should have been explored if the village government was truly interested in voiding the terrible Sanctuary agreements. Instead, they got a white-washed opinion and newly elected officials will attempt to nibble around the edges.

What kind of reasonable government entity would execute a multi-million dollar economic development agreement without requiring financials of any kind?

What kind of reasonable government entity would guarantee unlimited wastewater volume to Sanctuary against the advice of its own attorneys?

What kind of reasonable government entity would sign off on a 45 year development agreement without benchmarks and progress metrics?

What kind of reasonable government entity would rebate 50% of property taxes for 15 years AFTER the recording of each plat AND 50% of the Hotel/Motel Tax?

What kind of reasonable government entity would commit the village to a costly Public Improvement District to administer?

What kind of reasonable government entity takes 75% off the sewer impact fee, leaving non-benefiting taxpayers with the bill?

What kind of reasonable government entity would admonish/threaten constituents for expressing concerns about the one-sided arrangement?

No kind of reasonable government entity. None of this is reasonable and the village government met secretly over 20 times, not to protect the interests of the citizens of Salado, but to manipulate the public and give it away.

All for six acres of land on the other side of a hill, a wastewater permit that the village could have obtained itself in a matter of months, and 297 acres of voluntarily annexed land that six years later, remains Ag-Exempt.

Meanwhile, City Manager Ferguson is waiving sewer impact fees for tiny lot developers and mapping out irrational sewer line extensions while socking it to landowners of viable valuable properties along Interstate 35. Here we go again. Higher taxes and developers walk away with everything they want.

The village government is looking to raise taxes on existing property owners while protecting itself and the previous administration. The people deserve a forensic investigation.

Respectfully,
King Copeland

Woke Disinformation Trumps Russian Trolls

Why do the Russians need to bother spreading disinformation when our own domestic sources do a much better job at it?

We just went through a four-year national obsession with Kremlin disinformation. It supposedly swayed the 2016 presidential election. It was "sowing divisions" in American society. It accounted for the discovery of Hunter Biden's laptop during the 2020 election.

Social media companies were excoriated for allegedly letting Russian disinfo poison their networks, and the American mind.

There was nothing that some Russian operators -- spending a pittance -- couldn't do. The former Time magazine managing editor and Obama state department official Richard Stengel wrote a book called "Information Wars: How We Lost the Global Battle Against Disinformation and What We Can Do About It." According to Stengel, the Russians had mounted "an unprecedented attack against the very foundation of our democracy."

The Russians were amateurs, though. If they really knew what they were doing, they'd spread rank lies about election reforms passed by an American state, make the deceptions so pervasive that the president of the United States would casually repeat them, unjustifiably dredge up memories of a terrible period of repression in America, relentlessly racialize the debate, and intimidate corporate America into thoughtlessly entering the partisan fight and discrediting itself with a significant segment of the population.

No, Russian trolls op-

Rich Lowry



erating somewhere in St. Petersburg didn't undertake this highly successful information operation against the Georgia election law -- Stacey Abrams and her allies in media and politics did.

If the Russians had the requisite skill, they'd spread the false story that a talented American governor had sold out his citizens by letting a campaign contribution distort his distribution of COVID-19 vaccines, suppressing all facts to the contrary and stoking yet more conspiratorial thinking about the governor among his political opponents.

The Russians couldn't pull this off -- yet "60 Minutes" did, in a laughably dishonest report about Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis using the most popular grocery store chain in the state to get the vaccine in the arms of Floridians.

If the Russians were devious enough, they'd take a god-awful mass shooting, ignore all of the evidence about the perpetrator's motives to define it as a crime driven by racial hatred, and undermine faith in the local police and FBI when they presented the facts.

The Russians couldn't manage this, either -- but a veritable army of media commentators and progressive politicians could. They insisted against the available evidence that the Atlanta spa shooter must have been driven by hatred of Asians, while Democratic senators openly dissent-

ed from the FBI director's statement that the shooting wasn't a hate crime.

If the Russians had the power or know-how, they'd spin a story of American law enforcement as a racist occupying force that should be resisted in "largely peaceful" protests all over the country, putting the cops on their back foot and creating an environment of spiraling disorder and violence in some of the most iconic U.S. cities.

Of course, the Russians also had nothing to do with this -- Black Lives Matter and the media did all of the hard work and have largely managed to ignore the rising tide of crime that is undoing one of the signal America domestic accomplishments of the past several decades.

None of this is to dismiss the pernicious influence of Russian information operations and cyber strikes, especially overseas, or to minimize the hideousness of the Putin regime. But it is galling to see the same people who sounded the klaxons about Russians undermining faith in the American system for years themselves spread -- or at least casually accept -- progressive narratives based on poisonous lies about our own country.

The Russians are never going to stop running their information campaigns against the West, which date back to the Soviet Union. But they must occasionally be tempted to stand back in envy and awe at all that the U.S. promoters of woke narratives have been able to accomplish without them.

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Amazed singing in concert at Cedar Valley Baptist on April 24

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Cedar Valley Baptist Church invites you to listen to Amazed in concert at 6:30 p.m. April 24 at the church located at 12237 FM 2843, eight miles southwest of Salado.

The Church reminds you of its Fourth Friday Gospel Singing at 7 p.m. April 23 and invites you to be prepared to participate in singing or just listening.

Amazed is a family twice bonded together, some of them by birth and others grafted by God in marriage, but all through Salvation.

Amazed was formed in 2009 with John and Kim Watson, Russell Thompson and Elisabeth Thompson, but have relocated to Central Texas and added Milissa Beechem.

Their calling is to Minister to God's people and spread His Holy word through the power of song.

The mission of this ministry is to see souls brought to Christ and encourage His Church," member Kim Watson said. "Also to see the lives of Gods people empowered and enriched with all He promised in His Word. We are deeply humbled and honored to be called to Serve Almighty God."

Kim has always had a calling on her life to sing for Jesus, but did not answer that call until joining with the others to form Amazed in 2009.

"When God calls you to do something he will give you what you need to do it," she said.

John is the sound engineer for Amazed, drives the bus, does all the photography, and manages the group.

Although he does not sing he has a deep love for Gospel music, people, and

he is Kim's number one critic and fan.

Elisabeth was reared in a Christian home that was very musically inclined and has been singing most of her life. For the last several years Russell and Elisabeth have been part of the Praise and Worship team in their church. She has a passion for sharing the love, grace and mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

"Being a part of the ministry of Amazed is a blessing, and a great opportunity to share the love of Jesus," she said. "It is my desire to share Jesus so that souls are saved and delivered out of the hand of the enemy."

Russell began singing and playing music at a very early age. He can play several instruments but has a deep love for the guitar. He has traveled and ministered with many groups such as Sovereign Grace Singers, Master's Harvest, Eastern Sky and Amazed. Russell and his wife Elisabeth also are a part of the Praise and Worship team in their church.

From a young age, Milissa Beechem began to sing. Inspired by the love of music from her mother and other family members, this Texas-born singer began singing at the age of three in churches where her father was a minister and her mom or dad would stand her up on the alter to sing. The family traveled all over the United States singing.

At the age of nine along with her family singing group known as the Sovereign Grace Singers they recorded a record album in Dallas, Texas.

At the age of 14 she lost her father, a life altering event which forced the rest of the family to stop travel-

ing.

Two years later, she began singing again along with her Mother, Brother and his wife Elisabeth with the group named Masters Harvest and they recorded an album Title "Masters Harvest."

She attended and graduated from Troy High School and eventually attended and graduated with a degree in Education from Baylor University.

She was married in 1990 to Michael Beechem. They have a daughter Cortney Beechem, born in 1995.

"As my mother would say be thankful and use the talent that God gave you to praise our Heavenly Savior," she said. "And I am certainly thankful to the Lord every minute of every day for His blessings."

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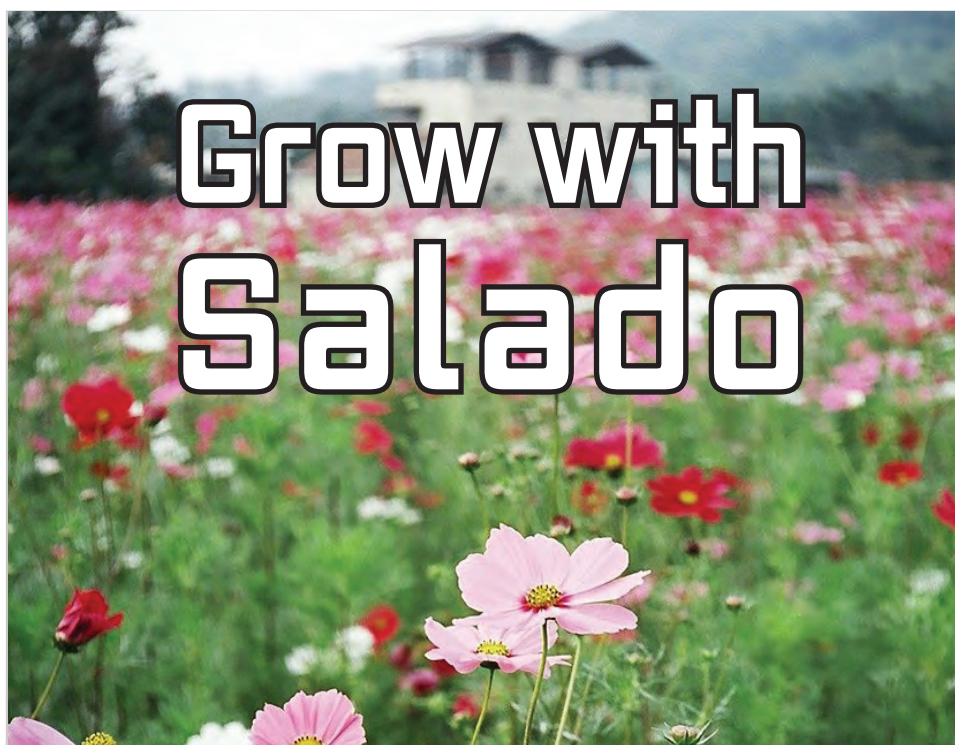
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For questions and more information, contact Marilyn Griffin via email at Griffmr6@gmail.com or 512-431-0928 or contact Jodi Miller via email a psalm34.3@gmail.com or via phone at 254-231-9795.

she felt God leading her to gather women to worship and seek Him together. She began by bringing a small group of women together to pray for the community and direction for how this gathering could look.

The first You Are Conference was in 2014. "There were testimonies of women deciding to follow Jesus in full surrender, repentance, and new freedom," Lee said. "We witnessed God healing families, spiritual wounding, and physical sickness. After the first gathering our team felt God clearly leading us to move forward."

"Our prayer is that we will grow deeper in our faith through teaching and worship, connect with other women, and leave encouraged in who God really is and who He says we are," said You Are founder Stephanie Lee.

In 2013, Lee said that

Casey Davis inducted into honor society

Local student from Salado Casey Davis is inducted into Phi Theta Kappa honor society. Fifty-eight Temple College students have been inducted this spring into the

Lambda Theta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), the international honor society for students in two-year colleges.

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Ladies of the Salado Area Republican Women are excited to offer their 14th annual Fine China Luncheon and Fundraiser. "Since many of us have been cooped up we hope by June there will be more freedom to mingle and enjoy each other's company," said Barclay McCort, SARW President. The event is scheduled for June 8 at the Blue Heron of Tenroc. The event starts at 11:30 a.m. but the doors open at 10:45 a.m. for table viewing and voting for the best table. The entertainment will be a style show by two local boutiques Susan Marie's and H and H Décor and Apparel. Twenty-five hostesses have agreed to sponsor a table including four area businesses. Table sponsors are not required to sell all the tickets to their table but are certainly able to reserve any number of seats they wish. Individuals interested in buying a ticket can visit either Susan Marie's at 201 N. Main or H & H Home Décor and Apparel at # 1 Royal Street. Tickets may also be purchased by mailing \$30 to S.A.R.W., PAC; Post Office Box 373; Salado, TX 76571. For more information contact Sherrill Gardipee at sherrillgardipee@gmail.com or 254 760-5738, Second Vice President.

Cross the Creek OK for Education Foundation

Salado Education Foundation's Cross the Creek OK is scheduled 2-5 p.m. for April 24.

This "race" will begin at the First Baptist Church. The race will take you "cross the creek" via the Main Street bridge to finish at Barrow.

You'll walk just a bit but you will celebrate like you ran an entire race," according to Jennifer Angell, one of the organizers of the event.

The Cross the Creek is an outdoor, family event held on the Barrow Brewing Company grounds. Entry fee is \$25 per person or \$95 for a family of four.

Each paid participant

will receive an event T-shirt and one free beer or lemonade donated by Barrow Brewing Company.

There will be a variety of food trucks on site, as well family activities to include performances from Salado ISD student organizations, bounce houses, and games!

A silent auction will offer a variety of goods to bid on during the event.

For those who sign up online, they can pick up their packets at Barrow Brewing Co. 5-7 p.m. April 22 and 4-6 p.m. April 23.


Race packet pick up is available the day of the event beginning at 1 p.m. at the registration table at First Baptist Church.

You can sign up online at <https://runsignup.com/Race/TX/Salado/SEFCRC>. Registration ends April 23 at 12 a.m.

If you have any questions about this race, contact the race director at saladoeducationfoundation@gmail.com.

Since 2001, Salado Education Foundation has provided \$456,750.00 in scholarships to graduating Salado High seniors.

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Village of Salado Calendar of Events

Mondays

Bikes & Brews, 6 p.m. at Barrow Brewing.
 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 information.
 Vinyl Nite with Shannon at Barrow Brewing Co., 5 p.m.

Thursdays

Open Mic Night with Dustin Brown, 6 p.m., Barrow Brewing Co.
 Bikes & Brews, 6 p.m. at 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
 Farmers Market at Barrow Brewing Co. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on the grounds.
 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 22

Pint Night at Chupacabra Craft Beer, 4 p.m.-midnight. Get a free pint glass with every purchase of the featured brewery. This week featuring Bishop Cider.

April 23

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

April 23

Live Music at Chupacabra, Shady Villa, 7 p.m. Britton Ryeatt.

April 23

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.

April 23-24

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

April 24

Cross the Creek OK for Salado 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 24

Ice Storm Heroes barbecue, 4-7 p.m. at The View at the Creek. Honoring our Police, Fire, Constable and others who went above and beyond the call of duty during the 2021 Ice Storm. If you know of someone who should be honored for what they did during the ice storm, contact Linda Lopez at (254) 947-3152.

April 24

Amazed in Concert, 6:30 p.m. at First Cedar Valley Baptist Church, FM 2843. Potluck Dinner will follow the concert.

April 24

Live Music at Chupacabra, Shady Villa, 8 p.m. Calamity Jane.

April 26

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

April 27

Salado Community Chorus spring concert, 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Salado. It's been a year since this group has been able to perform and they are looking forward to singing for you! Out of an abundance of caution, entry will be limited to the first 200 attendees in order to support social distancing.

April 29

Pint Night at Chupacabra Craft Beer, 4 p.m.-midnight. Get a free pint glass with every purchase of the featured brewery. This week featuring Austin Eastcider.

April 30

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

April 30-May 1

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

May 1

"You Are" Conference at Grace Church Salado, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. where the conference will be webcast. Register online for the conference by going to www.youareconference.com. Be sure to enter Grace Church Salado in the Host Section of the registration form.

May 1

Live Music at Barrow Brewing, 7 p.m. from KCD Band

May 1

Live Music at Chupacabra, Shady Villa, 8 p.m. Tim Fralik.

May 2

Live Music at Barrow Brewing, 4 p.m. from Earl Nelson

May 5

Around the World Dinner Series at Alexander's Craft Cocktails + Kitchen, 6:30-9:30 p.m., featuring the flavors of Mexico's interior. Four courses and pairings include Gulf snapper and shrimp ceviche, crispy skin striped bass and apricot tomatillo salsa, tamale de cabre estofado, Costilla de Ternera Estofado con mole, and Mexicano flan. Tickets at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/destination-mexico-around-the-world-dinner-series-tickets-144772978877>.

May 6

Pint Night at Chupacabra Craft Beer, 4 p.m.-midnight. Get a free pint glass with every purchase of the featured brewery. This week featuring Legal Draft.

May 6

Village of Salado Aldermen meeting, 6:30 p.m., 301 N. Stagecoach Rd. Also cast via Zoom. Link will be posted at saladotx.gov 72 hours before meeting.

May 7

Live Music at Chupacabra, Shady Villa, 7 p.m. Big Joe Walker.

May 7-8

Barrow Brewing, hosting Salado Cowboy Poetry Gathering poets and musicians.

May 8

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

May 8

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

May 8

Central Texas Poetry Reading, 5 p.m. Thom the World Poet will host the 27th Annual Central Texas Poetry and Prose Readings at Tablerock Amphitheater in Salado, Texas. Admission is \$10.00 per adult, and \$1.00 each for children 12 years and younger. The Readings will take place outside in the Amphitheater. In case of rain the readings will be moved inside to the large room behind the Tablerock stage.

May 8

Live Music at Chupacabra, Shady Villa, 8 p.m. Dustin Simmons.

May 8-9

Salado Market Days 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at Salado Antique Mall 721 Stagecoach Road. Salado's original Market Days event.

May 9

Barrow Brewing, live music at 4 p.m. from Walt Wilkins

May 13

Pint Night at Chupacabra Craft Beer, 4 p.m.-midnight. Get a free pint glass with every purchase of the featured brewery. This week featuring Locust.

May 14

Free Outdoor Movie Night on the grounds of Barrow Brewing. This month is Up!

May 14

Live Music at Chupacabra, Shady Villa, 7 p.m. Stephen Brahear.

May 15

Barrow Brewing Co., live music at 7 p.m. from Tennessee Stiffs.

May 15

Live Music at Chupacabra, Shady Villa, 8 p.m. Deanna Wendolyn.

May 15

First Cavalry Division Band Concert at Tablerock Amphitheater.

May 16

Barrow Brewing Co., live music at 4 p.m. from Amanda Brown

May 17

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



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Salado Chamber of Commerce Representatives welcomed the Vista Real Estate office to Salado with an official ribbon cutting on April 19. Emilio Perales cuts the ribbon with Assoc. Broker Jason Hancock and Supervisor Bret Friemel. Vista Real Estate was established in 2013 by Jimmy Torres and Emilio Perales. They now have 5 office locations in Central Texas with 50 Real Estate Agents. Stop in and visit the Salado office at 560 N. Main Street, Ste. 1. You can reach them at 254-308-2038 or online at thevistarealtors.com. Realtors in the office are: Jason Hancock, Bret Friemel, Tilatha Denman, Chris Cano, Amberly Gill, Suzanne Payne, Lauren Doskocil, Sara Matthews, Katlyn Volney, Stephen Torres and Ann Vandergriff.



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♣ A Q 4

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♥ 8 5 3
♦ 10 6 4 2
♣ J 8 7

EAST

♠ Q 10 7 6
♥ 7
♦ Q 9 8 3
♣ K 10 5 2

SOUTH

♠ 5 2
♥ A Q J 10 9 4
♦ A 7
♣ 9 6 3

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
Pass	1♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥

Opening lead — king of spades.

South ruffs the third spade and does not have to think very hard to conclude that East has the missing queen of spades. It is inconceivable that East would play the 7-6-10 of spades, in that order, unless he also had the queen.

South's prospects therefore are extremely good at this point, provided he does not now fall into the trap of drawing trumps, cashing the ace of diamonds and then finessing the jack.

In the actual case, the jack of diamonds would lose to East's queen, and when declarer later attempted a club finesse, he would lose that also and finish down one. True, it would be unlucky for South to have both finesses fail — the odds are 3-to-1 that one or both will succeed — but that's the way the cookie sometimes crumbles.

However, if South takes advantage of his knowledge that East has the queen of spades, he can assure the contract in a perfectly simple way. After ruffing the third round of spades, he draws three rounds of trump ending in dummy, leads the jack of spades and discards a club on it.

East takes the jack with the queen but is helpless. He must either return a club into dummy's A-Q-x or a diamond into dummy's K-J-x, and regardless of which he chooses, South acquires his 10th trick.

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by Steve Becker

Card-reading — the ability to figure out how the opponents' cards are divided based on bids and plays they have or haven't made — is a crucial element in the play of many hands.

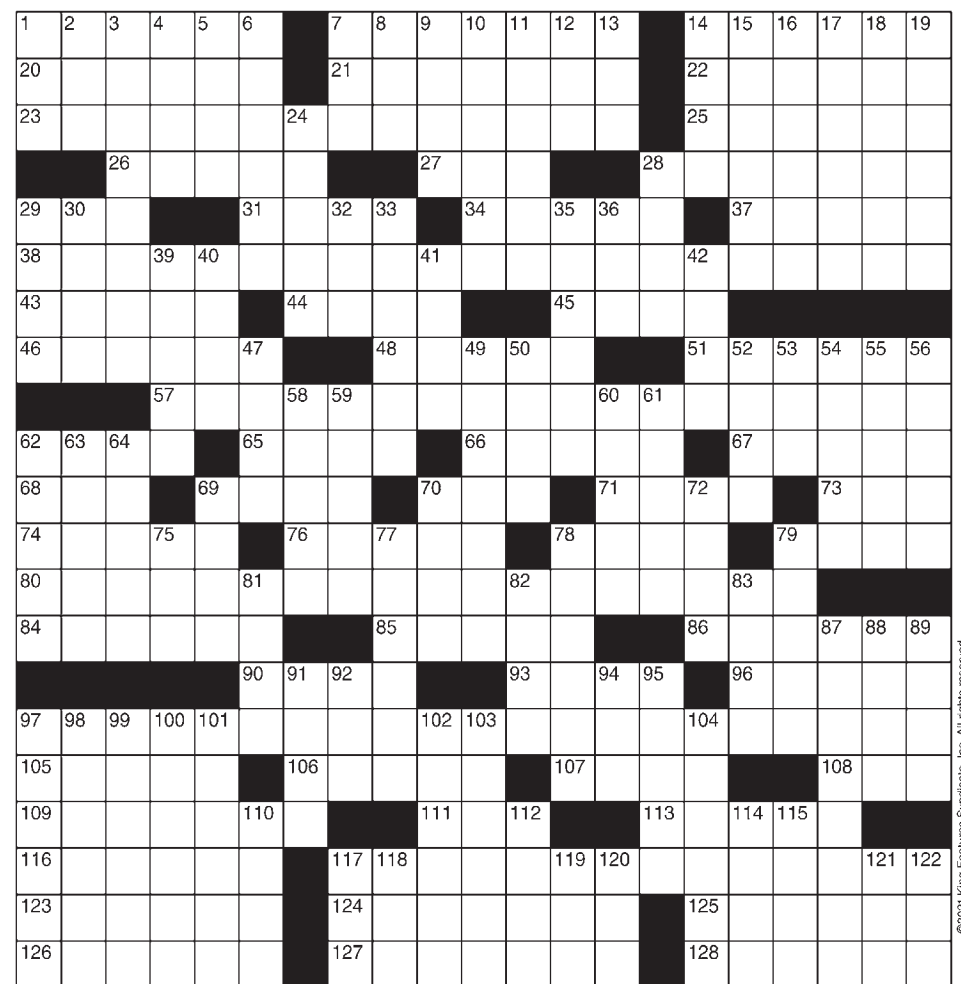
Consider this deal where West leads the king of spades, on which East plays the seven. West continues with the ace and another spade, East playing the six on the ace and the ten on dummy's nine.

ACROSS

- 1 Tribal emblems
- 7 Sobbing
- 14 Hunt for food
- 20 Of a big blood vessel
- 21 Church part near the altar
- 22 Mistreating type
- 23 Start of a riddle
- 25 Starts a PC session
- 26 Copies a cat
- 27 Pop singer Grande, to fans
- 28 Doctrine in copyright law
- 29 Buy that can be deleted
- 31 With 110-Down, decisive trial
- 34 Hawk's nest
- 37 Goldman's partner
- 38 Riddle, part 2
- 43 Fig and fir
- 44 Foster
- 45 Miner's strike
- 46 Unruffled
- 48 Plotting group
- 51 Pastry variety
- 57 Riddle, part 3
- 62 Pieces of gig gear
- 65 Bridle part
- 66 Of a central point
- 67 Perform wonderfully
- 68 Buck mate
- 69 Apple's apple, e.g.
- 70 Miss.-to-Minn. dir.
- 71 Foyer floor protectors
- 73 Linking word in Leipzig
- 74 Befogged
- 76 1960s radical Hoffman
- 78 Huge hauler
- 79 February 14 deity
- 80 Riddle, part 4
- 84 Weds on the fly
- 85 University of — Dame
- 86 Buddy from way back
- 90 Group in a roundup
- 93 Griffin who created "Jeopardy!"
- 96 Debonair
- 97 End of the riddle

DOWN

- 1 Shooting marble
- 2 Cry of delight
- 3 Stomped on
- 4 Kin of -ess
- 5 Japanese soup variety
- 6 Investment bigwig Charles
- 7 Hosp. section
- 8 Bruins' org.
- 9 "I did it!"
- 10 Bait
- 11 More tender
- 12 Mr. —! (old detective game)
- 13 Foxy
- 14 FDR's dog
- 15 Wind section player
- 16 Little kid
- 17 "That being the case ..."
- 18 Hostess in a kimono
- 19 Borgnine of "Marty"
- 24 Grouchy Muppet
- 28 Familial fight
- 29 Deeds
- 30 Prune
- 32 34th prez
- 33 Priest's assistant
- 35 Threw the dice
- 36 Altar avowal
- 39 Conducts
- 40 In re
- 41 "Damn it!"
- 42 Relinquish
- 47 The younger Saarinen
- 49 Grammy winner Tony
- 50 State frankly
- 52 Grows older
- 53 Shoot down
- 54 Rack up
- 55 Old-style office scribe
- 56 Clings (to)
- 58 "Just Shoot Me!" actor George
- 59 Mourner of myth
- 61 Pin it on
- 62 Wise truism
- 63 Roadhouse
- 64 Basil-based sauce
- 69 Overdue
- 70 Boy, in Bolivia
- 72 DVR pioneer
- 75 Sci-fi power
- 77 Family on "Married ... With Children"
- 78 Jacket part
- 79 Finish
- 81 Court king Arthur
- 82 Cookbook writer Rombauer
- 83 Snow queen in "Frozen"
- 87 Openers of many locks
- 88 Chevy debut of 2004
- 89 Some watch displays, for short
- 91 Leg up
- 92 Pop's Carly — Jepsen
- 94 Like a prof. emeritus
- 95 Flashy Chevy, for short
- 97 Texas city
- 98 Got close to
- 99 Doughnut-shaped figure
- 100 Harmonious
- 101 Hoists
- 102 Took pains
- 103 Physician, often
- 104 Lay in concealment
- 110 See 31-Across
- 112 Roll call reply
- 114 Proficient
- 115 — -Grape (Ocean Spray flavor)
- 117 URL part
- 118 "Take that!"
- 119 Sweaty, say
- 120 Old Tokyo
- 121 Prop- or hex-ender
- 122 The, in Vienna



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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. U.S. CITIES: What is the name of the mountain and city where the famous Hollywood sign is located?
2. MOVIES: "Ferris Bueller's Day Off" was filmed in and around which American city?
3. LITERATURE: Which 20th-century novel featured a character named Daisy Buchanan?
4. TELEVISION: Which 1960s sitcom's theme song is "The Fishin' Hole"?
5. ANIMAL KINGDOM: Which island nation is home to lemurs?
6. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the birth flower for people born in November?
7. GEOGRAPHY: Where are the Harz Mountains located?
8. HISTORY: What kind of mammal was the first to be cloned successfully?
9. MUSIC: Which rock group performed the 1970s song "Doraville"?
10. MEASUREMENTS: What does a kilopond measure?

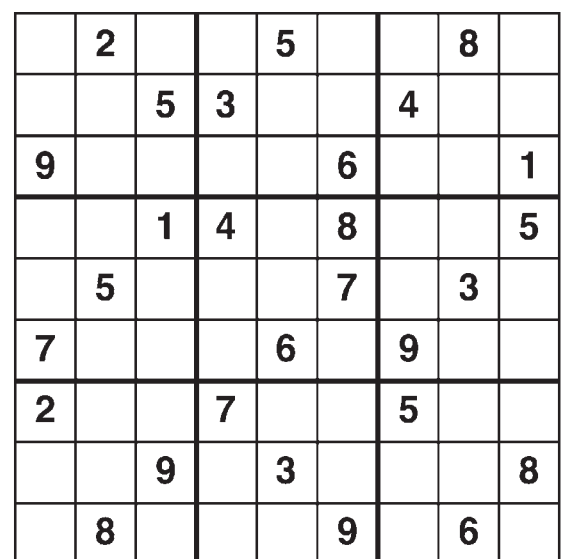
Answers

1. Mount Lee, Los Angeles
2. Chicago
3. "The Great Gatsby"
4. "The Andy Griffith Show"
5. Madagascar
6. Chrysanthemum
7. Germany
8. A sheep
9. Atlanta Rhythm Section
10. Force

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

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Weekly SUDOKU

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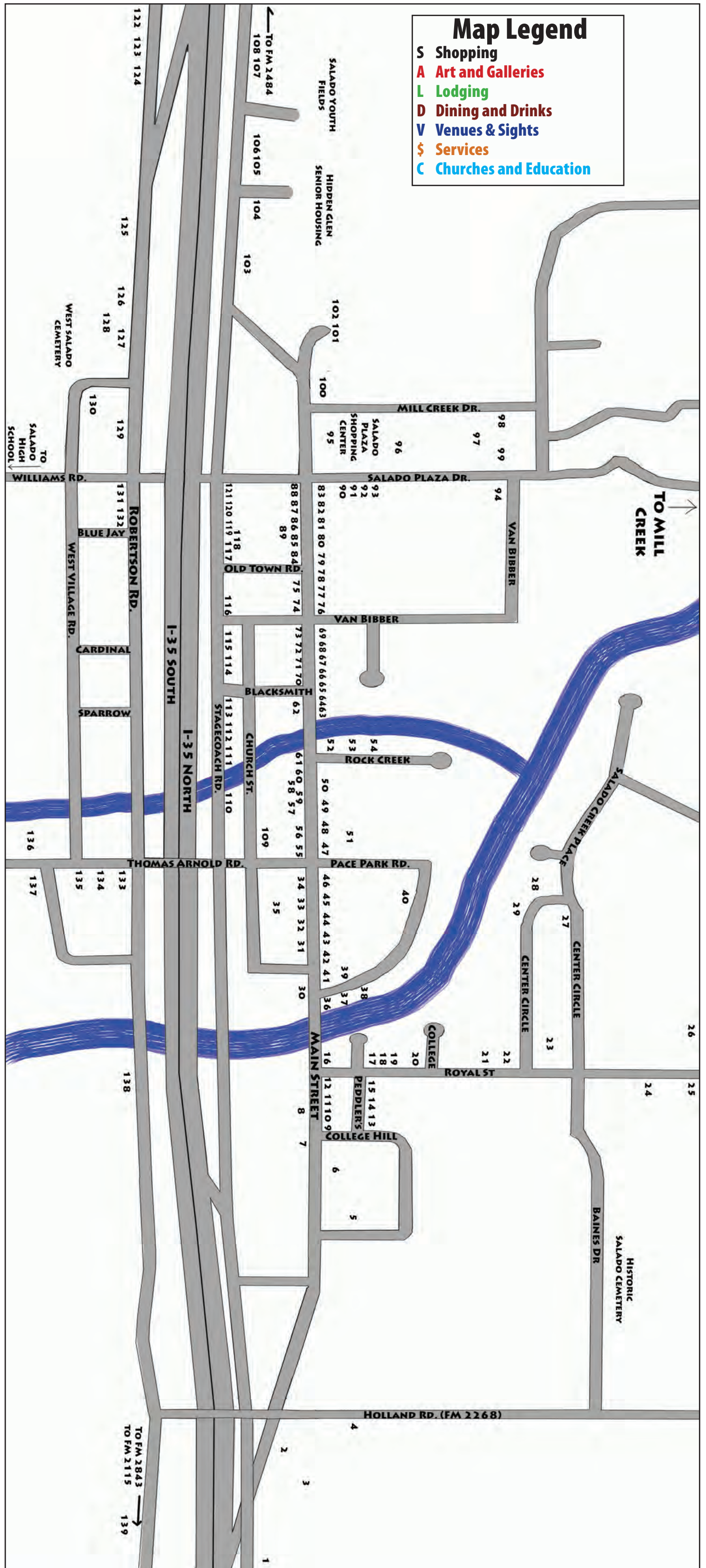
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	Salado Chamber of Commerce 254-947-5040	\$
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	Chupacabra Kitchen (254) 308-2019	D
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15	Rio Salado Cocina y Cantina 254-308-2044	D
16	The Sugar Shack 254-947-8840	S/D
17	Barrow Brewing Co. 254-947-3544	D
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21	The Venue 254-947-5554	V
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29	Inn on the Creek 254-947-5554	L
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30	First Baptist Church 254-947-546	C
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32	First Texas Brokerage 254-947-5577	\$
34	First Community Title 254-947-8480	\$
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53	Salado Creek Healing 254-308-0242	\$
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60	Salado Creek Jewelry 254-855-5538	S
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101	Salado Cleaners 254-947-7299	S
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Masks will remain in place in SISD until June 1

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

After listening to 30 speakers, Salado ISD Trustees voted unanimously to continue with the current COVID-19 policy of requiring masks until June 1. The board also instructed superintendent Michael Novotny to investigate allowing graduating seniors to go across the stage for graduation to receive their diplomas without wearing a mask.

The direction came on a motion by trustee Jeff Kelley that received a second from Amy McLane after just over an hour of public comments. Thirty people spoke, including parents, teachers and students. Of those, 11 spoke in favor of maintaining the current policy and 18 spoke in favor of ending the mask mandate immediately. One, Amy Chapman, used her allotted time to lead the audience in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dr. Novotny told trustees that since emailing parents on March 24, he received 41 responses from households in Salado ISD. Of those, 32 supported maintaining the mask policy while nine supported ending the mask mandate as soon as possible.

Some of those speaking in favor of the policy said that their support was due to the possibility of quarantine measures possibly being taken if the mask mandate were lifted. Parent Jodi Lander remarked that her son was moved up from being an alternate on the state cross country team to having to run the race because two Salado students on the team had to be quarantined. "We still have kids competing in UIL who could have to be quarantined," she said, if the mask mandate were lifted and they were in a class with a student or teacher who turned up COVID-19 positive "Imagine your child coming home crying because they don't get to go to prom or because they don't get a chance to win at state because we are still under the quarantine guidelines."

High school math teacher Dennis Cabaniss spoke in favor of the mask policy, because the measure "minimizes the number of remote students." For those students who are attending school in person, their parents "have entrusted us to do everything in our power to take care of them.... If we do away with masks four to five weeks before the end of school, they would see it as a betrayal of trust."

Jason Pickrell said the

mask policy "is a moral failure. We have taken prayer out of the schools. We have rejected God and His law." He added that if his daughter is forced to wear a mask to school, "she's not going. In fact, I will move and take my tax dollars elsewhere.... We are entering a very evil time. There is a Luciferian agenda and there is a lot more coming. Get ready for summer."

Children with developmental and speech issues, Danielle McCulloch said, "really need to be able to see people's faces," in order to get non-verbal cues, to read lips and learn to speak properly. She said that for kids, the masks are "germ contaminated" because the kids "throw them down when they play and then put them back on later." She advocated for a more flexible policy concerning attendance and being sick. "Just let us stay home if my kids are sick and leave it at that without having to get 15 doctor's notes," she said.

"I don't think our children can stand a return to what happened last year," Jennifer Scott said, "If this is the only way to guarantee that we will not face a shut down like we did last year, I am willing to wear a mask.... We kept our numbers down because we wore masks. My hope is that next year, we never have to wear a mask again."

"Everybody in this room got to choose whether they were going to wear a mask," April Lewis said. "Our students don't get to choose. Parents don't get to choose. I want our students to have the same rights as each person in this room to choose whether they wear a mask or not."

"My pandemic experience has been incredibly difficult," said Laurel Kilpatrick, a palliative care doctor. "I have been with those who survived and those who died. We stay socially distant and wear masks. Even with the vaccine, we have seen numbers increasing. I am glad to have my kids in a school that understands science. As things change over summer, I want us to come back in the fall with a plan."

"When entitled mindsets that have personal frustrations with inconvenience begin to prevail in public spaces during a global pandemic, as much as even I hate to admit it, it is an appropriate time and place for rules in public spaces," Jessica Mall said.

She encouraged the board "to continue to con-

sider the needs of the most vulnerable in our community before they bend to the wills of the most entitled in our community."

"TEA never implemented masks for children 10 and younger," Pamela Usack said. "There is zero requirement to have those children wear masks." She added that the current mask policy was to make people "feel good and have a false sense of security."

Usack said that more than 110 schools are now mask choice in Texas.

Richard Dabney said that the Bell County Health Department has this area at Level 4, Minimal Risk. "It's over, why are we doing this?" he asked. At a minimum, he said, "I would like to get a picture of my daughter crossing the stage at graduation and seeing her smile."

During discussion by board members, McLane said that under the current quarantine policy, without masks in place, 30% of the high school would have had to quarantine in the last week because three students and a staffer tested positive for COVID.

"I have listened to all of you and I understand your concerns, but January 5th I get a phone call at noon," Kelley said. "My 19 year old daughter is not breathing and has no heart beat. We spend three days with her in ICU, with her body chilled and we don't know if she is alive or dead and she has every tube in the world coming out of her body. Every test they did turned up negative except for one."

"We have 27 days left," he said, adding that "to know that even one parent of a nine year old or a 19 year old doesn't have to go through what we did... I am willing to give that 27 days to this man (Dr. Novotny)."

Trustees questioned administrators about summer school and camps, which will have fewer students. They also talked about other schools that have waived quarantine protocols. "How did Liberty Hill change their quarantine rules," trustee Troy Smith asked Dr. Novotny.

"That's a good question. I don't know how they did that," he responded.

Dr. Novotny informed the board that since the mask mandate was lifted on March 5, Salado ISD has had 13 confirmed cases among students and staff, nine at the high school, two at the middle school, one at the elementary and one staff

that splits time between the high school and middle school.

Smith said he favors "keeping masks until the end of the school year and have a plan going forward from that."

"Hopefully TEA will change their guidance" over summer, "but if they don't we may need to put in place

threshold numbers for putting masks back on" if numbers go up too much in the fall.

"This summer gives us a lot of time to do research and planning," Board president Kim Bird said. "We're getting there. This summer will give us time to look at a school year that looks totally different than this year

has." "We will have a lot more information from TEA and Bell County," Dr. Novotny said. "We will know if quarantine rules change."

Dropping the policy now, McLane said, "is like going into the final minutes of the game and pulling your starters."

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Salado High School won UIL Lone Star Cups in 2008, 2012, and 2013. Only 42 of the 1,317 high schools in Texas have ever won a UIL Lone Star Cup. Only 10 high schools have won more UIL Lone Star Cups than Salado.

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by Dr. Michael Novotny



score and ranking updates each year after specific activities are completed.

As of the second update on March 19, Salado High School earned points in the following activities:

Congressional debate = 3 points for winning the state championship

Volleyball = 2 points for qualifying for playoffs and 2 points for winning the bi-district round of playoffs = 4 points

Girls' basketball = 2 points for qualifying for playoffs, 2 points for winning the district championship, and 2 points for winning the bi-district round of playoffs = 6 points

Boys' basketball = 2 points for qualifying for playoffs, 2 points for winning the district champion-

ship, and 2 points for winning the bi-district round of playoffs = 6 points

Football = 2 points for qualifying for playoffs, 2 points for winning the district championship, 2 points for winning the bi-district round of playoffs, and 2 points for winning the area round of playoffs = 8 points

As of March 19 we had a total of 27 points and we are ranked #22 out of the 206 high schools at the 4A level in Texas.

Congratulations to all of the students and coaches that competed in these activities this year. I will provide three more updates regarding the Lone Star Cup scores and rankings when the UIL publicizes that information on April 30, May 28, and June 22.



(PHOTOS BY ROYCE WIGGIN)

Lorena Perez (above left) and Katy Law (above right) placed second in the District 19AAAA Tennis Meet last week and qualified for the Regional level. The girls doubles team of Caroline Dabney and Ashlyn Fossett (below center and right) placed third in girls doubles while Ryan McBurney (below left) placed third in boys singles.



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Salado Eagles celebrate Caden Strickland's home run. (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)

Eagles sweep Burnet

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Salado Eagles swept the Burnet Bulldogs last week, beating them in a home game 13-2 on April 16 and 6-1 on their field April 13.

Burnet 2
Salado 13

Burnet scored two runs in the top of the first and it was the only time they would lead the game as Salado went on to beat them by the 10 Run Rule, scoring four runs in the bottom of the first, five in the second and four more in the third.

Caden Strickland and

Nolan Williams hit two-run homers to opposite fields in the bottom of the first to start the fireworks for the Eagles.

The Eagles collected 12 hits in the barrage, while Strickland allowed just one hit by the Bulldogs in his win on the mound.

Strickland struck out 11 Bulldogs and walked none. He threw 74 pitches with a 74% strike percentage. Burnet scored two unearned runs.

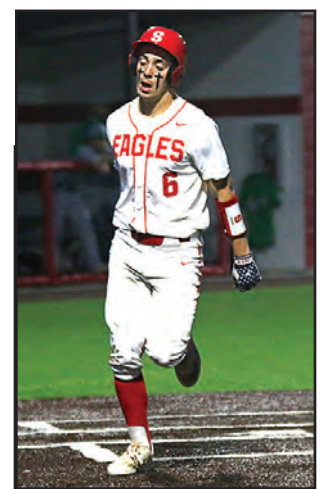
Five Eagles had two hits against Burnet. Strickland led the batters with two hits, two RBIs and three runs. Dillon McDaniel had two hits, two RBIs and two runs. Kory Walker had two hits, two RBIs and a run. Kole Maedgen had two hits, three RBIs and a run. Lead-off batter Drew Bird had two hits and three runs.

Williams had a hit, two RBIs and two runs. Kofi Stoglin had a hit and a run.

Salado 6
Burnet 1

Salado Eagles scored five runs in the top of the second and a run in the third to beat Burnet 6-1 April 13.

Brady Wilson got the win



(Photo by Royce Wiggin) Nolan Williams scores on a single by Kole Maedgen. He also scored on a home run in the first inning of the Eagles' win over Burnet.

on the mound. He pitched seven innings and allowed four hits while striking out six and walking two. Burnet scored an earned run against him.

The Eagles had nine hits on the night, led by Dillon McDaniels, who had two hits and an RBI. Nolan Williams had two hits and two runs while Drew Bird had two hits. Lane Heath and Isaac Pettigrew both had a hit, an RBI and a run. while Josh Adams had a hit.

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Ladies win 2-of-3

Salado Lady Eagles won two of their three district games last week, beating Gateway Prep, 14-1, April 16 and Burnet, 6-1, April 13 after losing at home to Lake Belton, 3-0, April 15. **Gateway Prep 1 Lady Eagles 14**

Salado Lady Eagles hammered Gateway College Prep 14-1 in a mercy rule-shortened game at home April 16.

Gateway scored its only run in the top of the fourth.

Salado scored three runs in the first and two in the second to warm up for an onslaught of seven runs in the third, including a three-run triple to right by Rylee Oborski, a one-run double to left by Reese Preston and a two-run homer to right by Amanda Cantu.

Oborski added a two-run homer in the fourth.

Salado blistered Gateway for 12 hits and 12 RBIs, led by a Oborski, who had three hits, four RBIs and four runs. She also walked once to get on base at every opportunity.

Cantu had three hits, four RBIs and a run.

Lexi Dudeczka had two hits and three runs while Preston had two hits, an RBI and two runs.

Katey Bartek had a hit, three RBIs and two runs. Gabby Vidaure had a hit and a run.

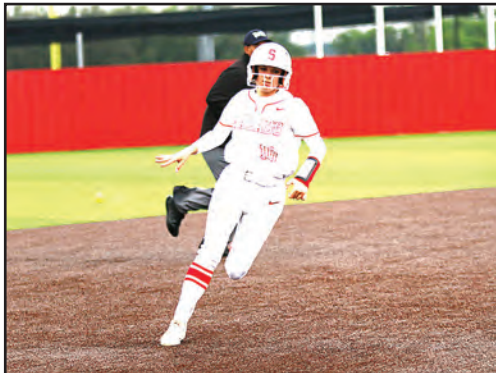
Bri Water won the game, pitching five innings. She allowed six hits but struck out seven batters. Gateway scored an earned run against her.

Lake Belton 3 Lady Eagles 0

The Lady Eagles lost their final home game of the year, 3-0, to the 19th-ranked Lady Broncos of Lake Belton on April 15.

All three runs came in the top of the fourth on a three-run homer over centerfield by Anna Ramirez.

Salado left runners in scoring position in the bottom of the first. With an out on the books, Lexi Dudeczka singled to center and



Reese Preston rounds the bases in Salado's 14-1 win over Gateway Prep



Senior Reese Preston with parents David and Jodee Preston.



Rylee Oborski catches a strike by Bri Waters,



Senior Rylee Oborski with parents Pat and Cathy Oborski.



Amanda Cantu beats the throw home.



(PHOTOS BY ROYCE WIGGIN) Senior Amanda Cantu with parents Gilbert Cantu and Tina Williamson.

stole second. Katey Bartek walked and both runners stole base before Shelby Schultz got the next batters out with a strikeout and a groundout.

In the fourth, Reese Preston walked with an out recorded and went to second on a single by Amanda Cantu, the only other hit in the game for Salado. Schultz forced a pop up back to her and the catcher threw a batter out trying to get to first after a dropped third strike.

Bri Water saw four innings on the mound. She struck out two and walked three, allowing no hits or runs.

Hannah Hudson had three innings on the mound for Salado. She allowed four hits, walked two and struck out two. Lake Belton scored three earned runs in the

game. **Salado 6 Burnet 1**

Salado Lady Eagles scored three runs in the first, two in the second and one in the fourth to beat Burnet, 6-1, on the road April 13.

With an out on the books, Lexi Dudeczka singled to left and went to second when Katey Bartek was hit by the pitcher. Reese Preston doubled to score Dudeczka. Bartek scored on a stolen base. Amanda Cantu singled. Preston stole home before Victoria Giganti singled to right. Both runners were left on base.

Gabby Vidaure and Dudeczka walked in the second. Bartek's double plated Vidaure and Dudeczka stole home before the next two batters were put out to end the inning.

Bartek got on base for the third time with a single to lead off the fourth. She went to third on a double to left by Hannah Hudson. She stole home.

Salado pelted Burnet for 13 hits, led by five girls who had two hits: Bartek, two hits, and RBI, two runs; Vidaure, two hits and a run and Hudson, Cantu and Giganti, two hits each. Preston had a hit, an RBI and a run; Dudeczka had a hit and two runs and Harley Drouillard had a hit in the game.

Water pitched three innings, allowing a hit. She struck out four and walked one. Burnet scored an earned run against her.

Hudson pitched four innings, allowing a hit and striking out six while issuing no walks.

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Salado Middle School boys golf teams competed April 12 in their first golf tournament of the season Mustang Creek Golf course in Taylor. Out of four teams, the eighth grade boys took first with a team score of 173 while the seventh grade boys took second place with a team score of 188. Net Eldridge placed second and Jacob Preston placed third overall. Eldridge shot a 41 on the Mill Creek course while Preston shot a 42. Other Salado eighth graders shooting were these: Harrison Thrasher, 44, Brandon Wilson, 46 and Colby Ramm, 48. Shooting for the seventh grade were B.J. Amann, 45, Beau Thompson, 47, Owen Piatt, 47, Luke Bingham, 49 and Cade Fenoglio, 53. Shown above from left are Preston, Thrasher, Wilson, Ramm, Eldridge, Fenoglio, Amann, Bingham, Thompson and Piatt. (PHOTO COURTESY RANDI BINGHAM)



Wrook Brown hands off the baton to anchor Reid Vincent while everyone else has to wait for their runners to catch up.... they never did. The Salado 4X400 Meter relay won the Area race by more than six seconds with a time of 3:21.48. The relay team has the fastest time in state for 4A 400 Meter Relays. They compete this weekend for a chance to make the state meet. (PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)

Varsity Eagles team takes silver at Area track meet

Salado Eagles varsity track team placed second in the Area Championship April 14, led by the 4X400 meter Relay team which blew away one of the top five relay teams in state at the finale of the meet.

LaGrange won the meet with 114 points while Salado had 86 points and Smithville had 77.

The 4X400 Meter Relay registered one of its best times this year with a blistering 3:21.48, a full six seconds ahead of the Smithville squad.

They will run in the Region III Meet in League City this week.

They are LaTrell Jenkins, Noah Mescher, Wrook Brown and Reid Vincent.

Vincent also earned gold and qualified for Regionals with his mark of 23-01.00 in the Long Jump.

He will also anchor the 4X100 Meter Relay which earned silver in the Area Meet with a time of 42.34, just behind LaGrange's team of Dana Baker, Trey East, Jordan Scott and Jonathan (Bravion) Rogers that ran a time of 42.14. Chris Bates ran the first leg of the sprint relay with Brown and Mescher running the second and third legs respectively. Vincent earned a second



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Nolan Williams clear's the final hurdle in the 300 Meter Hurdles.



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Logan Rickey lunges forward at the finishing line of the 800 Meters.

silver medal, this time in the 200 Meters with a time of 22.11, just behind Smithville's Brice Chabot's 21.95 time.

Logan Rickey earned two silver medals at the Area meet and will compete in Regionals in the 800 Meters and 1600 Meters. Taylor's Christian Rohlack edged him out in the 800 Meters with a time of 2:00.65 compared to Rickey's 2:00.70.

Rickey ran a 4:31.25 for a personal record in the 1600 Meter race. Burnet distance runner Hudson Bennett won the race with a time of 4:30.53.

Nolan Williams also earned a silver medal to qualify for Regionals in the 300 Meter Hurdles with a time of 41.82.

Earning points for Salado were these:

Ryan Novotny, fifth place, 3200 Meter Run, 10:55.22.

Chance Hill, fifth place, discus, 117-04 (PR).

Jackson Bragg, sixth, pole vault, 12-00.00.

Chris Bates, sixth, 100 Meters, 11.68.

4X200 Meter Relay, sixth, 1:30.95, Bates, Mescher, Jenkins, Vincent.



Morgan Mayes cheers on relay anchor Jaci McGregor as Salado girls 4X400 Meter relay took second place in the Area meet. (PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)

Ladies qualify for Regionals

Jaci McGregor had season records in both the 1600 Meters and 3200 Meters, earning gold in both events at the Area Track Meet April 14 in Giddings.

Salado girls placed fourth in the Area meet.

She won the 1600 Meter Run by more than three seconds with a time of 5:31.65 and then turned around to anchor the 4X400 Meter Relay for a second place finish as the girls' finale of the Area meet.

She won the 3200 Meter Race by half a minute with her time of 12:07.83.

The 4X400 Meter relay team earned silver with a

time of 4:10.90 led off by Avery Fossum along with Ellie Mescher, Morgan Mayes and anchor McGregor.

Mescher had earned silver and qualified for Regionals in the 800 Meter run earlier in the meet with a time of 2:30.01. She edged out team-mate Natalie Burleson who won bronze and qualified for Regionals with her time of 2:30.37.

Lexy Wilson also earned a silver medal in the Long Jump with her mark of 17-03.00.

Others earning points in the Area Meet for Salado were these:

Mayes, fifth, 400 Meters, 1:02.22.

Kate Neas, fifth, 3200 Meters, 14:02.12 for a personal record (PR).

Darci Pryor, fifth, 100 Meter Hurdles, 17.07 (PR).

Pryor, fifth, 300 Meter Hurdles, 50.05 (PR).

Meri Fischer, fifth, pole vault, 8-06.00.

4X100 Meter Relay, sixth, 51.97, Kryslyn Wickline, Janiah Del Rio, Paige Fariss, Fossum.

4X200 meter Relay, sixth, 1:53.13, Del Rio, Wickline, Fariss, Fossum.

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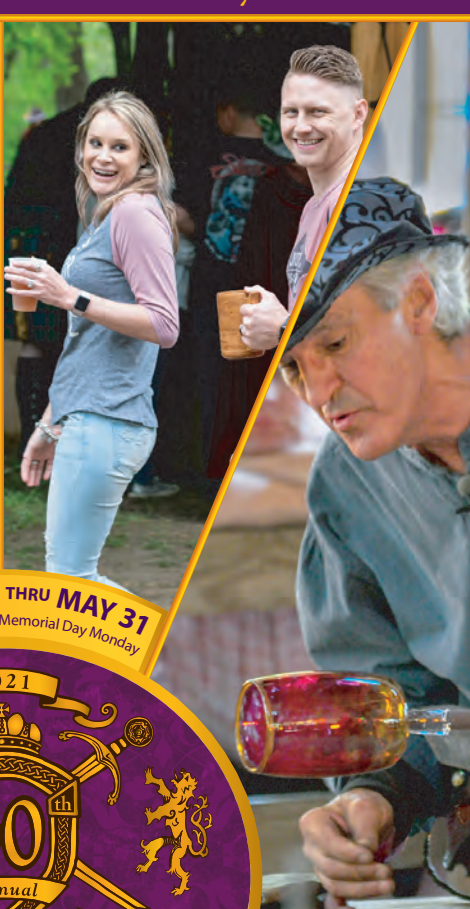
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Animals that are most often picked up by well-meaning citizens are baby birds and deer fawns. However, it is important to realize that many such human-animal encounters

are unnecessary and can even be detrimental to the wildlife concerned.

The deer fawning season begins in early to mid-May. A newborn fawn's mottled coat and mother's care usually hides them from predators. As fawns mature, they shed these coats for a more adult color which causes them to catch the eye. A doe may leave her fawn for hours at a time while she is browsing for food. During that time people may spot a fawn lying alone in tall grass or in a brushy area. Many people interfere with the fawn thinking that they have been abandoned by their mothers

and need help. This is rarely the case.

Leave all young animals alone unless it is obviously injured or orphaned. To be sure, spend time observing the wild animal from a distance to make that determination. Staying too close may deter the mother from returning. Interfering to soon may do more harm than good.

The same principals apply to young birds, who might be out of their nests but cannot fly. If the bird's eyes are open, it has a coat of feathers and is hopping around, it is probably fine. Grounded fledglings will usually be up and flying within a few days.

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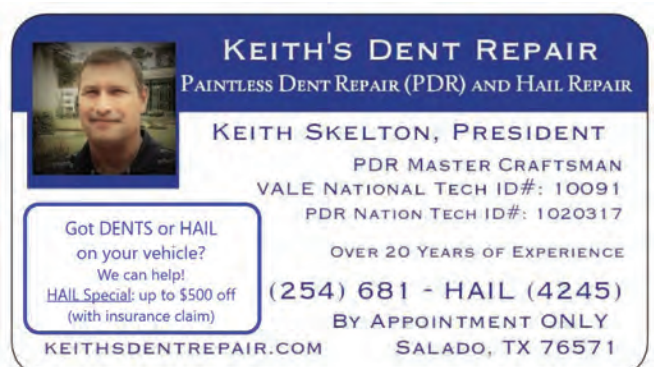
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911 Hang Up	1
Alarm Business	2
Alarm Residential	1
Animal Complaint	3
Assist Another Agency	7
Calls for Service	43
Citations	31
Citizen Contact	4
Crash	5
Disturbance	2
Escort	2
Fire	1
House Watch/RU OK?	60
Illegally Parked Vehicle	1
Medical/FD Assist	2
Open Door	1
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Suspicious Circumstances/Persons	3
Terroristic Threat	1
Traffic Hazard	1
Welfare Concern	1

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04/16/2021:

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04/11/2021	INTERSTATE 35, Bell County	Motor Vehicle Accident with Injuries
04/12/2021	FOX RD, Bell County	Sick Person
04/12/2021	SPRING CREEK LOOP, Bell County	Alarm System Activation - No Fire
04/13/2021	WATER WORKS RD, Bell County	Dispatched & Cancelled en route
04/13/2021	CREEKSIDE DR, Salado	Alarm System Activation - No Fire
04/14/2021	WILLIAMS RD, Salado, TX 76571	Dispatched & Cancelled en route
04/14/2021	CEDAR KNOB CHURCH RD, Bell County	Falls
04/15/2021	INTERSTATE 35, Salado	Motor Vehicle Accident with Injuries
04/15/2021	INTERSTATE 35, Bell County	Motor Vehicle Accident with Injuries
04/15/2021	INTERSTATE 35, Bell County	Motor Vehicle Accident with Injuries
04/16/2021	WINNERS CIRCLE DR, Salado	Water Heater Malfunction
04/16/2021	UNION GROVE PARK RD, Bell County	Unconscious / Fainting
04/16/2021	MARY LN, Bell County	Medical Alarm
04/17/2021	INTERSTATE 35, Bell County	Dispatched & Cancelled en route
04/17/2021	FM 2484, Bell County	Traumatic Injury
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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



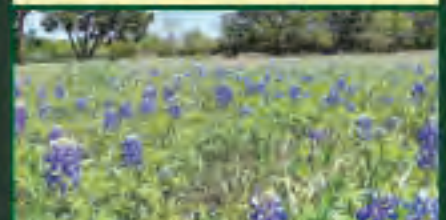
9121 Bell Meadow Blvd
The home has approx 4,000 sq ft living area including 4 bedrooms 3 and half bath. This home features two master suites, one upstairs master with expansive views and one downstairs master with a large master walk-in CLOSET.
\$999,648



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.
\$889,900



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



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



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



Wood Road
Country living at its best! Build your dream home in Holland ISD. Just over 15 acres nestled on a quiet road. Come take a look today!
\$229,000



Tract 6 Royal Street
Royal Ridge Subdivision represents a very rare and unique opportunity to purchase hill country acreage just minutes from downtown Salado & Mill Creek Golf Course.
\$300,000



21 N Main Street, 182
NOW AVAILABLE FOR LEASE! Over 4,600 sqft of premier retail space located centrally in Salado. Main Street frontage with parking and side walks make this location impossible to miss!
\$7,685

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7.695 acres Investment Property in Temple off South 31st ST, \$649,900

1.979 acres 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.

Mystic River - 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

5 Acres 2251 County Road 234 Georgetown, TX 78633

300 Acres 0000 CR 212 Coolidge, TX 76635

4.488 I-35 and Rose Lane

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