

First Cav Band performs May 15 at Tablerock

Join the First Team in celebrating Armed Forces Day as the 1st Cavalry Band will perform a free concert at Tablerock Amphitheater 7-8:30 p.m. May 15.

This live music performance will feature the 1st Cavalry Division Band and local high school musicians.

The 40 piece band will be from Fort Hood and from San Antonio, Texas. The Tablerock concession stand will be open to sell hotdogs and cold drinks.

Combining rich traditions with modern production values, the 1st Cavalry Division Band provides comprehensive musical support to the 1st Cavalry Division, III Corps, Ft. Hood, and Central Texas communities. As early as the Civil War, the 1st Cavalry Division Band has enhanced morale and

promoted American popular music throughout a variety of military campaigns.

The band's present day mission is to provide music across a wide spectrum of operations, instill in our Soldiers the will to fight and win, foster the support of our citizens, and promote our national interests at home and abroad.

The 53 Army Musicians of the 1st Cavalry Division Band have studied in some of the finest conservatories and music schools across the Nation and are capable of performing music in all styles: Classical to Jazz, Rock to Country, and everything in between.

Whatever the need or occasion, the 1st Cavalry Division Band is ready to honor the legacy of America's First Team.



(PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)

Young cowgirls are ready to learn how to play harmonica. Gary Allegretto gave harmonica lessons at the Salado Museum and participants took home their own harmonicas as part of the first annual Salado Cowboy Poetry and Music Gathering that took place May 6-9. For more photos of the event, turn to page 1C this edition.



Alderman Rodney Bell was re-elected to office unopposed and was sworn in by Mayor Michael Coggin. Bell was also elected Mayor Pro Tem. (PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)



Alderman John Cole was re-elected to office unopposed and was sworn in by Mayor Michael Coggin. Cole begins his second term on the board. (PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)



D. Jasen Graham was elected to a three-year term on the Village of Salado Board of Aldermen, He was sworn in on May 6 by Mayor Michael Coggin. (PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)

After being sworn in, BoA denies officer's grievance

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Salado aldermen at their May 6 meeting, denied a request for relief in a grievance filed by police officer Aaron Motta against the police chief on a 4-1 vote following a one-hour executive session.

Following the closed session, alderman John Cole gave a motion to deny Motta's request for relief and to direct the village administrator Don Ferguson to take appropriate actions to make sure that policies are maintained in the future. The motion received a second from Mayor Pro Tem Rodney Bell.

Jasen Graham, who earlier in the night took his oath of office for his new position as Village Aldermen, told his fellow board members that he agreed with the motion, "but want an amendment to it." He added that he wanted to be clear that "in this, the grievance was approved, but what is being requested in light of the grievance is not proportional to.... The grievance is valid. It didn't have a



Juana and Ricky Preston were honored by Mayor Michael Coggin for their many years of service to the Salado community. (PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)

bearing on the outcome."

"You need to tighten up your policies and procedures," he added. "I believe the city administrator is going to address that. It is important, at least my position in terms of discussion is that the grievance is valid."

Graham's proposed amendment died for a lack of a second. In a roll call vote of the aldermen, Paul Cox and Jason Howard joined Cole and Bell in voting in favor, while Graham voted against.

In other business, alder-

men hired a new Village Attorney, when they authorized the Village Administrator to execute a professional services agreement with the law firm of Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta LLP to provide City Attorney/Legal Services for the Village.

Ferguson told the board that in March, the Village put out a Request for Qualifications and received responses from the following nine firms: West Webb Allbritton Gentry of Temple, Russel Rodriguez Hyde Bullock of



Mayor Michael Coggin and the Board of Aldermen presented a resolution honoring out-going member Amber Preston-Dankert. (PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)

Georgetown, Denton Navarro Rocha Bernal & Zech of Austin, Guevera Law Firm of Cedar Park, Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta LLP of Austin, The Bojorquez Law Firm of Austin, Messer Fort & McDonald of Austin, Naman Howell Smith & Lee of Waco and The Knight Law Firm of Austin.

Mayor Michael Coggin and village administrator Ferguson interviewed three firms: Russel Rodriguez Hyde Bullock, The Knight Law Firm and Bickerstaff

Heath Delgado Acosta LLP.

Aldermen interviewed representatives from the law firm before approving the motion to terminate its existing agreement with The Bojorquez Law Firm and enter into a professional service agreement with Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta LLP to serve as City Attorney for the Village. The professional service agreement lists fees of \$235 per hour.

In other business, aldermen approved \$15,000 for a preliminary study of im-

provements to the South Ridge Low Water Crossing. Numerous improvements to the crossing have been suggested including, but not limited to, raising the crossing, widening the crossing, repairing the sawtooth section on the bridge, to creating a walkway on the bridge. Village staff will prepare a scope of work for the preliminary feasibility study.

At the beginning of the meeting, the board honored outgoing alderman Amber Preston Dankert, who served two separate terms on the board.

The board also honored Ricky and Juana Preston for their many years of service to the community through the Salado Water Supply Corporation.

Rodney Bell, John Cole and D. Jasen Graham were all given their oaths of office. They each were elected to two-year terms on the board in an unopposed election. Their terms end in May 2023. Bell was re-elected as Mayor Pro Tem for the next year.

HB 3774 creates new 478th Judicial District in Bell County

AUSTIN, Texas – The Texas House of Representatives passed House Bill 3774 on Friday, May 7. Authored by State Representative Jeff Leach (R-Plano), House Bill 3774 relates to the operation and administration of and practice and procedure related to proceedings in the judicial branch of state government.

House Bill 3774 creates various judicial districts around the State of Texas. For Bell County residents, HB 3774 creates the 478th Judicial District, adding a 5th Judicial District to Bell County.

The 478th Judicial District will be composed of Bell County and will begin on the first Mondays in Janu-

ary, April, July, and October. Currently, Bell County is served by the 27th, 146th, 169th, 264th and 426th Judicial Districts. House Bill 3774 will add a concurrent jurisdiction with the creation of the 478th district.

"Despite a growing population and increasing caseloads, we have not had a new district court since

2007. This new district court will allow us to better serve the citizens of Bell County. Thanks so much to Rep. Shine, Rep. Buckley, and Senator Buckingham for guiding this legislation through the House and Senate." Said Local Administrative District Judge, Gordon G. Adams.

In Texas, District Courts

are trial courts that's geographical area are created by the Texas legislature. Each county must be served by at least one district court. District Courts have original jurisdiction in various types of cases in both criminal and civil cases.

"I am excited to see Bell County get served by an additional District Court", said

Representative Hugh D. Shine (R-Temple), "With an additional court, Bell County residents can see faster turnaround in legal proceedings".

House Bill 3774 will take effect on September 1, 2021. The next steps for House Bill 3774 is to be passed by the Senate and then be signed into law by Governor Abbott.

FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas

As jobs growth slows, Fed will hold interest rates

The Markets

In a not uncommon, “bad news is good news” event, a disappointing jobs report from the Labor Department sent the S&P 500 Stock Index (SPX) soaring to a new record on Friday of 4232.60, up 1.23% for the week and 12.69% year-to-date. The reported cause behind the rise was that with jobs expanding at a lower-than-expected rate, the Federal Reserve would continue to hold interest rates down. That sentiment was reinforced as Chairman Powell warned that a resurgence of COVID infections was a real threat to the economy as new and more contagious variants spread. In the smaller, value-oriented side of the SPX, the CRSP US Value Index rose 2.77% for the week and is now up almost 22% for 2021, continuing the mid-cap value asset class recent outperformance.

As fears of incipient inflation continued to fade and buyers swooped in from around the globe to bid at the U.S. Treasury auctions, the ten-year U.S. Treasury note yield slipped to 1.575%, back where it was at the beginning of March but well within its recent trading range. The yield curve remained quite steep, forecasting better times ahead. WTI crude oil futures climbed 2.11% to \$64.81 for June, reflecting continuing strong demand for fuels.

The Economy

The consensus view among traders and economists was that the U.S. would report it had added about a million new jobs in April, so the Labor Department’s announcement that the net number of new jobs

Market & Economic Update

By Jeffrey W. McClure



was only 266,000 came as a real surprise. Potentially even more surprising was the news that the official unemployment rate rose to 6.1% from March’s 6.0%. That monthly number, released on Friday had been preceded on Thursday by news that weekly jobless claims had dropped by 92,000 to 498,000, the lowest number since the pandemic began, increasing the confusion.

A careful look at the numbers revealed some possible reasons for the reduction in job growth. First, the April jobs report was for the whole month of April, a time when jobless claims remained stubbornly high. Temporary workers employed declined by 111,000 and were not generally included in jobless claims. The computer chip shortage caused several auto manufactures to shut down lines, generating temporary job losses of about 18,000. Oddly, retail jobs fell by 15,000 and healthcare by 4,000. Meanwhile, for those still working, average wages climbed as did hours worked, primarily in restaurants and hospitality businesses. Still, the new job creation low number remains largely a mystery as the total number of employed persons in the U.S. economy remains about 8.2 million below where it was in January 2020. There is some evidence that in some families, one parent, previously employed, is remaining home to take care

of children as school and day care centers are not yet open across the country. Others have reported on surveys that they are hesitant to work in a customer-facing environment out of fear of COVID-19. The bottom line is that we will have to wait another month to see if this was an anomaly or a trend.

In a related bit of good news, the Labor Department also announced nonfarm business sector labor productivity rose at a whopping annual rate of 5.4% in the first quarter. Output increased at an 8.4% rate while hours worked only increased by 2.9%. A bright spot on the report was that hourly compensation rose in the quarter at a 5.1% rate, but unit labor costs actually declined 0.3%, meaning that the higher wages do not portend an increase in inflation as worker productivity is rising much faster than wages.

Despite the chip shortages and rising raw material costs, the ISM Manufacturing Purchase Managers Index, held at a very strong level of 60.7 on a scale where numbers above 50 indicate future growth. Across the board, manufacturers are operating at nearly full capacity with growing backlogs of orders. Meanwhile, auto manufacturers are abandoning 50 years of “just-in-time” parts supply, a practice we taught to the Japanese following WWII and then adopted across the U.S. in the decades that followed. The pandemic-related stops and surges in supply and demand revealed just how complex and relatively fragile our supply chains really are.

Despite the less than stellar jobs report, the economy continues to recover and grow. Every indicator points to GDP surpassing where we were in the last quarter of 2019 sometime in this quarter. Notably, if we do so, it will be with about eight million fewer workers producing more than we did before. We still seem to be in the sweet spot for continued expansion.

There was a large turnout and you could feel the crowd getting into the music song after song. There was a time when the first responders in the audience along with former military were asked to stand and be recognized and the ovation was Thunderous. We look forward to the Christmas concert. Hope to see you there.

Sincerely,
Larry Nathanson

Your Voice

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

The performance by the Salado Community Chorus directed by Dottie Shirley was FANTASTIC. The chorus members have been thinned by the virus, Listening you would think they were at full strength. The soloists sang with great feeling The music had tears in my eyes all night . The selections made you feel proud to be an american.

A Racist Country?

“America is not a racist country.” That was Sen. Tim Scott giving the Republican response to President Joe Biden’s first address to a joint session of Congress, calling on the nation to “root out systemic racism that plagues America.”

Scott is the only Black GOP member of the Senate at this time. Joe Biden is not the only white Democrat, but the two of them pretty much said the same thing. However, it was Scott who suffered far more abuse as a token of a party that is now home to almost all bigots. He was quickly hashtagged “Uncle Tim” (if you don’t understand why that’s a particularly toxic play on words, then you aren’t very woke).

First of all, let’s remember the context of his rebuttal: “I have experienced the pain of discrimination. I know what it feels like to be pulled over for no reason. To be followed around a store while I’m shopping.” It was only then that he said, in spite of his experiences, that “America is not a racist country.”

In the uproar that followed, the media got the reaction from every politician of color they could convince to get up early enough to appear on their morning news and cooking shows. Vice President Kamala Harris got roped into “Good Morning America,” where she was asked if she thinks America is a racist country (not exactly an unobvious question). Her reply:

“No. I don’t think America is a racist country, but we also do have to speak

Bob Franken



truth about the history of racism in our country and its existence today.”

Now, how is that so different from Sen. Scott’s point? Besides, what is a “racist country” anyway? For that matter, what is a rebuttal? The answer to that last one is somewhere along the line of bureaucrats deciding that the president’s opposition should have an opportunity to say that “he is full of malarkey.” Except that the one chosen to do so has three minutes; the president has as much time as he wants.

Besides, we are so racist that we cannot possibly have a comfortable conversation about race.

Actually, Scott could have been more precise. And, in the process, he would have been less controversial. After slavery and Jim Crow, we have evolved to the point where we suffer from what Uncle Joe called “systemic racism.” Not that those bland words aren’t tragic enough, certainly if you include the disproportionate number of minorities who are murdered by police and the infinitesimal number of law enforcement representatives who serve any time for their slaughter. But it also extends to housing discrimination and African Americans being routinely assigned to sub-

Republicans No Longer Fazed by Big Spending

Rich Lowry



Once upon a time, Joe Biden’s spending proposals would have launched mass demonstrations in opposition.

Little else would have been talked about in conservative media, and ambitious Republican politicians would have competed with one another to demonstrate the most intense resistance, up to and perhaps including chaining themselves to the U.S. Treasury building in protest.

In 2009, President Barack Obama created a spontaneous, hugely influential conservative grassroots movement on the basis of an \$800 billion stimulus bill and a health care plan estimated to cost less than a trillion. In 2021, Biden is proposing to spend about \$6 trillion in his first three big bills, and he can barely create more interest than the debate on wearing masks outdoors.

The conventional wisdom was that after the free-spending Trump years, Republicans would snap back to being deficit hawks when out of power. There’s been some of that, but the relatively muted reaction to Biden’s almost incomprehensible spending ambitions is testament to the fact that, no, Republicans simply aren’t as interested in fiscal issues anymore.

The party has changed and would much rather talk about the border than the budget, and cancellations than Congressional Budget Office scores. Of course, no Republicans will vote for Biden’s proposals and all will strenuously object, but that his plans won’t engender the fierce reaction they

would have 10 years ago is yet another way in which the Overton window has shifted on deficit spending. What happened? The short answer is Donald Trump.

He demonstrated in vivid fashion that as the GOP coalition had become older and more working class, it didn’t care as much about spending restraint or entitlement reform as the party’s leaders had presumed.

Trump taught Republicans how to relax and love expansionary fiscal policy. By 2019, he was running a nearly \$1 trillion deficit at a time of peace and prosperity, and of course the pandemic blew the lid off in 2020.

After that, it’s difficult for the party to come back and sound the klaxons again about the dangers of red ink.

Besides, the klaxons have issued false alarms before. Republicans realized that past dire warnings of imminent economic harm from deficit spending -- rising interest rates, spiking inflation, a debt crisis -- haven’t panned out.

Indeed, this is one reason the center-left now believes all such admonitions should be ignored, and there’s almost no upper bound on deficit spending.

Meanwhile, Republican politics has become focused on culture war issues, another change symbolized by Trump. These issues hit close to the bone in a way

standard schools even after the Supreme Court ruled in 1954 in a unanimous decision that “separate educational facilities are inherently unequal.”

As a result, they must choose from lower-level jobs or suffer the indignity of higher unemployment, which explains why the death rate and incidence of COVID is unbalanced against minorities, who are deprived of adequate health care and nutrition. They had work, those who did, that required face-to-face contact, as opposed to hiding behind technology like Zoom, for those who could even afford a computer.

That’s part of what is called “systemic racism,” and that stacking of the deck is what’s left of minuscule generational progress.

With the advent of smartphones, where police are forced to deal with video of their most egregious abuses, law enforcement reform is a good place to start. But there are plenty of good places to start for Americans who have been dragged kicking and screaming into the 21st century. There are enough of them these days to tackle the remnants of bigotry so deeply embedded in our social fabric. It’s time to rip them out. Is America not a racist country, as Sen. Scott claims? Well then the country can solve our problems. A good idea, Senator, is starting with your fellow Republicans.

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that fiscal matters don’t. Conservatives worry about their free-speech rights getting trampled, about schools distorting the minds of their children, and about the country’s history getting redefined -- and it’s hard to get them to care more about a balance sheet than these other, more definitional questions.

None of this means that Biden has a free hand. He will presumably be less successful in getting all that he wants with his latest two roughly \$2 trillion spending bills. Even in a permissive environment, natural political exhaustion with the high levels of spending will kick in, and it’s always more complicated when tax increases are proposed to pay for at least part of the bill.

Republicans aren’t going back to their debt-obsession circa 2010, but they should aspire to be, if not the party of green eyeshades, the party of fiscal sanity.

Deficit spending hasn’t led to damaging outcomes to this point, although that doesn’t mean it never will. If interest rates do ever markedly increase again, the level of debt will strain the economy and force unpalatable choices on policymakers of steep tax increases or spending cuts or both. The status of the U.S. dollar as the world’s reserve currency could be threatened.

Why increase these risks if it’s not strictly necessary?

That question won’t bring people into the streets, yet it’s one that President Biden and his supporters can’t persuasively answer.

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Salado Historical Society names Bonnie Smith Person of the Year

The Salado Historical Society selected Bonnie Smith as its Person of the Year for 2020. The award was presented to her at the May 4 Board of Trustees meeting. Her name will be inscribed on the Historical Society's plaque in the Civic Center. Bonnie Smith is recognized for her dedication to her duties as Treasurer in 2020. In addition to serving for two years as Treasurer, she has stepped in to maintain the membership role and has volunteered to fill in several other positions when vacant. Her support of the Historical Society's goal to preserve and promote Salado's history has added greatly to the historical legacy of Salado.



The Salado Historical Society's Person of the Year 2020 award was presented to Bonnie Smith on May 4, by Bill Kinnison, President of the Salado Historical Society.

Obituaries



WILLARD "WILL" DEMPSEY CLIFTON, JR.

Willard "Will" Dempsey Clifton Jr, 77 of Salado, passed away on Sunday, May 2, 2021. A celebration of life was held May 8, 2021 at 3C Cowboy Fellowship. Burial followed in Salado Cemetery.

Clifton was born April 17, 1944, in Waco, the son of Willard D. Clifton, Sr. and Evelyn Fuqua Clifton.

He attended Waco public schools and graduated from North Texas State University in 1969. He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Cindy Schleede Clifton, oldest son Mark Clifton (Linda) of Dallas, daughter Stacy Clifton Miller (Mark) of Dallas, youngest son Ryon Clifton (Lacey) of Salado, and his seven grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister Dolores "Dee" Huggins of Waco, and brother Larry Clifton and wife Denise of Leroy, along with his nieces and a host of friends. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Will was co-founder of the Salado Athletics Booster Club, and was a member of the Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association,

American Brahman Breeders Association, and served on the Bell County Youth Fair board.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Salado Volunteer Fire Department (P.O. Box 503, Salado, TX 76571).

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Salado Village Artists spent April 27 painting hats for a day of fun. The club meets Tuesdays from 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. or later in the little red building behind Salado Civic Center at 601 N. Main Street. During the year SVA works on art, offers classes and other activities. SVA is interested in increasing membership and artists are welcome from all local communities. Visit and try SVA out. For more information call Jeanette Dunlop at 254-721-0369.

UMHB Spring Commencement

BELTON, TX – The University of Mary Hardin-Baylor honored its 165th graduating class during a commencement ceremony May 8 at Crusader Stadium. An estimated 490 students were awarded degrees for the spring semester, which included 415 baccalaureate degrees, 57 master's degrees, and 18 doctoral degrees.

UMHB President Dr. Randy O'Rear commended students for their dedication and determination to finish their degrees during unprecedented times.

"During your junior year, the COVID-19 pandemic altered almost every aspect of college life. It was the longest spring break of all our lives!" O'Rear said. "As seniors, you also survived the once-in-a-lifetime winter storm. These things helped you learn to be intentional and to not take anything, even the little things, for granted. I hope that is one lesson that stays with you as you leave UMHB."

The following Salado students were awarded degrees: Bachelor's Degrees: Samantha Leigh Blank - B.S.N. - Nursing; Kerrigan Hutton Hearne - B.B.A. - Management; Karen Keyes - B.B.A. - Marketing; Jeffery Bud Stockton - B.B.A. - Marketing & International Business; Phillip Sueoka - B.S. - Physical Education.

Master's Degree: Katrina Channele Gordon - M.S.N. - Family Nurse Practitioner.



Adam D. Disler of Salado graduated on May 8 from Park University with a Master of Business Administrator degree in Global Business. He is the son of Jane and Don Disler of Salado


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Travel Club meets in Belton

The Central Texas Travel Club will meet Tuesday 11 a.m., May 18 at Napoli's Restaurant in downtown Belton.

The meeting is open to anyone interested in travel with no dues or membership requirements.

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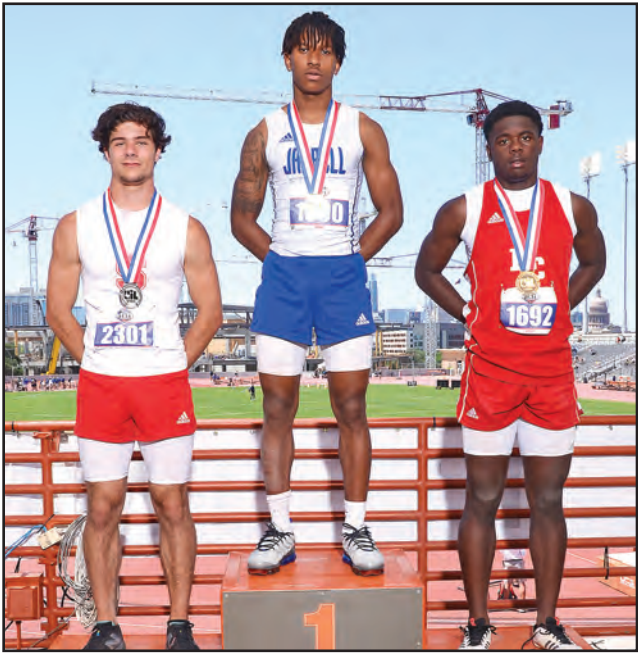
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Salado Eagles 4X400 Meter Relay Team on the UIL 4A State Track Meet Medal Stand with their silver medals along with first place La Vega and third place Dumas. Salado runners are (in white) LaTrell Jenkins, Reid Vincent, Wrook Brown and Noah Mescher. La Vega Runners (in blue) are Nikzavyer Rice, Sol'Dreveon Degrate, Stephon Nickerson and Jesse Majors-Sterling. Dumas runners (in Orange) are Oliver Ortiz, Emmanuel Ibanez, Christian Carrera and Cade COX. (PHOTO BY JEFFREY BISHOP OF 1STPHOTOTEXAS.COM)

Salado Eagle Reid Vincent is shown at right on the UIL 4A State Track Meet Medal Stand. He placed second in the Long Jump behind Jarrell's Derrick Warren (middle). El Campo's Rueben Owens (far right), placed third in the event.

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Eagles bring back silver in 4X400M, Long Jump

Salado boys track brought back silver medals from the UIL 4A State Track Meet May 6 in the 4X400 Meter Relay and the Long Jump.

The 4X400 Meter Relay team set a new school record when they placed second behind the defending state champion from La Vega in the final event of the night. The Eagles were less than a half-second behind the Pirates with a time of 3:17.23. LaTrell Jenkins ran the first leg, followed by Noah Mescher, Wrook Brown and anchor Vincent Reid.

The La Vega Pirates team of Nikzavyer Rice, Sol'Dreveon Degrate, Stephon Nickerson and Jesse Majors-Sterling won the race with their time of 3:16.79.

About a second later, the team from Dumas came in

third with a time of 3:18.07. It would be another three seconds before another team, Pleasanton, crossed the finish line at a time of 3:21.51.

Vincent also took the silver medal in the Long Jump, just behind his district foe, Derrick Warren of Jarrell.

Vincent had a leap of 22-11.00, which came on his first attempt. Warren had the winning distance of 23-2.00 coming on his second and third attempts. Vincent edged out Rueben Owens of El Campo, who had a mark of 22-10.75.

Senior Logan Rickey placed seventh in the State in the Boys 800 Meter Run with a time of 1:58.76. He ran the first 400 Meters in a time of 58.09 to be third in the field. Edwin Gomez, a senior from San Elizario

won the race with a time of 1:56.80. He was first after the first lap with a time of 57.91.

Senior Jaci McGregor competed in the Girls 1600 Meter Run and the 3200 meter Run in her final races as a Salado Lady Eagle. She placed eighth in the 1600 Meter Run with a time of 5:14.17. Adele Clarke, a junior from Celina, won the race with a time of 4:58.42. McGregor placed seventh in the 3200 Meter Run with a time of 11:16.14. Breanna Stuart, a junior from Canyon won the 3200 Meters with a time of 10:47.93.

Freshman Lexy Wilson placed ninth in the Girls Long Jump with a mark of 16-0.50, which she set on her first and fifth attempts. Senior Brianna Brand of Kennedale won the event with a leap of 18-8.75.

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Carthage drops Lady Eagles in 2

Salado Lady Eagles lost in two straight to the Carthage Lady Bulldogs in the Area Round of the UIL 4A Softball playoffs.

Carthage 3
Salado 2

The Carthage Lady Bulldogs scored three runs in the top of the seventh to come from behind and beat the Salado Lady Eagles May 7.

Salado scored a run in the fourth. Katey Bartek reached on a walk and went to second on a passed ball. A single to left by Reese Preston put runners at the corners. Amanda Cantu hit a sacrifice fly to right to score Bartek and move Preston into scoring position with one out, but the Lady Bulldogs were able to get the next two outs.

With an out in the fifth, Gabby Vidaure was hit by the pitcher. She scored after back-to-back errors put runners at second and third. Lexi Dudeczka and Rylee Oborski were left stranded when the next two batters fouled out along the first base line.

Van de Plas singled and went to second with two outs in the sixth, but was left stranded in scoring position.

The Lady Eagles left five runners in scoring position.

Natalee Dinnerville doubled, Madison Reynolds reached on a walk and Tessa Smith reached on an error to load the bases with Carthage runners in the top of the seventh. Dinnerville scored on a passed ball and Reynolds scored on a second passed ball with Smith going to third. Smith scored on a dropped third strike before the Lady Eagles were able to regroup and get the last two outs.

Salado went out three up, three down in the bottom of the inning for the loss.

Salado out hit Carthage four to two. Dudeczka, Van de Plas, Bartek and Preston each had a hit for Salado.

Hannah Hudson pitched 6 1/3 innings. She allowed two hits and three unearned runs. She struck out three



Harley Droulliard beats the throw to second when she stole base in the top of the sixth inning of the second game against Carthage. Even though she was safe, she was left stranded on base. (PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)

and walked one.

Bri Water closed for Salado striking out two.

Salado 0
Carthage 1

With an out in the sixth, Carthage's Roo Harrison singled and went to second on an error, scoring on a single by Karsyn Isbell, enough to earn a 1-0 win over Salado and end the Lady Eagles' softball season May 8.

Salado left six runners in scoring position in the game, including runners at second and third with one out in the first, runners at second and third with no outs in the fourth, and a runner on third with no outs in the fifth.

The Lady Eagles had two hits with Lexi Dudeczka and Harley Droulliard each registering one.

Bri Water got the loss on the mound, pitching six innings and allowing four hits and an unearned run. She struck out three and walked two.



Senior Amanda Cantu nabs an infield fly against the Carthage Lady Dawgs. (PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)

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Reid Vincent signed a letter of intent to run track at Tarleton State University just a few days before he anchored the 4X400 Meter Relay team that earned a silver medal at the UIL State Track Meet and brought home a silver medal from the meet in the Long Jump. Vincent has run varsity track and played varsity football since he was a freshman at Salado High. His freshman year, he set the school record in Long Jump and was on the 4x400 Meter relay team along with Wrook Brown, Quade Brown and Wade Woods. He went to regionals in both events as a freshman. His sophomore year he missed the track season due to an injury, but still made it to regionals in long jump. He broke his own school record in long jump his sophomore year. As a senior, Vincent broke the school record with the 200 Meters with a time of 21.60. He also broke his long jump record with a leap of 23’ 11.5”. He won Region in that event and finished second in the state. He ran the anchor leg of the 4X400 Meter Relay team that broke the school record multiple times this season. Vincent, along with LaTrell Jenkins, Noah Mescher and Wrook Brown, set the school record a final time at the State Meet May 6, where they ran a time of 3:17.24 to finish second behind the reigning State Champs from LaVega High. He is shown above with family members, including Ross, a junior at Salado and his parents Richard and Gina Vincent and his older sister Maddie, who is graduating from University of Texas this year. His older brother Ryan could not attend. (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)

Lady Eagles get soccer honors

Salado Lady Eagle goal keeper Avery Wright was named to the 4A All State Soccer First Team.

The Lady Eagles had three players named to the All Region teams. Haley Piatak and Allison Carnahan were both named to the First Team All Region. Holly Wright was named to the All Region Second Team. Michael Goos was named the All Region Head Coach of the Year and Oscar Vargas received honors as Assistant Coach of the

Year.

Several Lady Eagles were named to the All District Soccer teams. Allison Carnahan was named the Most Valuable Player. Holly Wright was named the Offensive MVP. Haley Piatak was named Midfield MVP. Maria Pauer was named Defensive MFP. Avery Wright was named Goalkeeper MVP. Michael Goos was named Co-Coach of the Year.

The following players were named to the First

Team All District: Allison Carnahan, Holly Wright, Haley Piatak, Maria Pauer and Avery Wright

The following players were named to the Second Team All-District: Presley Maddux, Madisyn Maddux and Savvy Oylor

The following received Honorable Mention: Anna Lesley, Sydney King and Ashlyn Williams.

Salado Lady Eagles were Regional Champions with a final record of 21-7-3.

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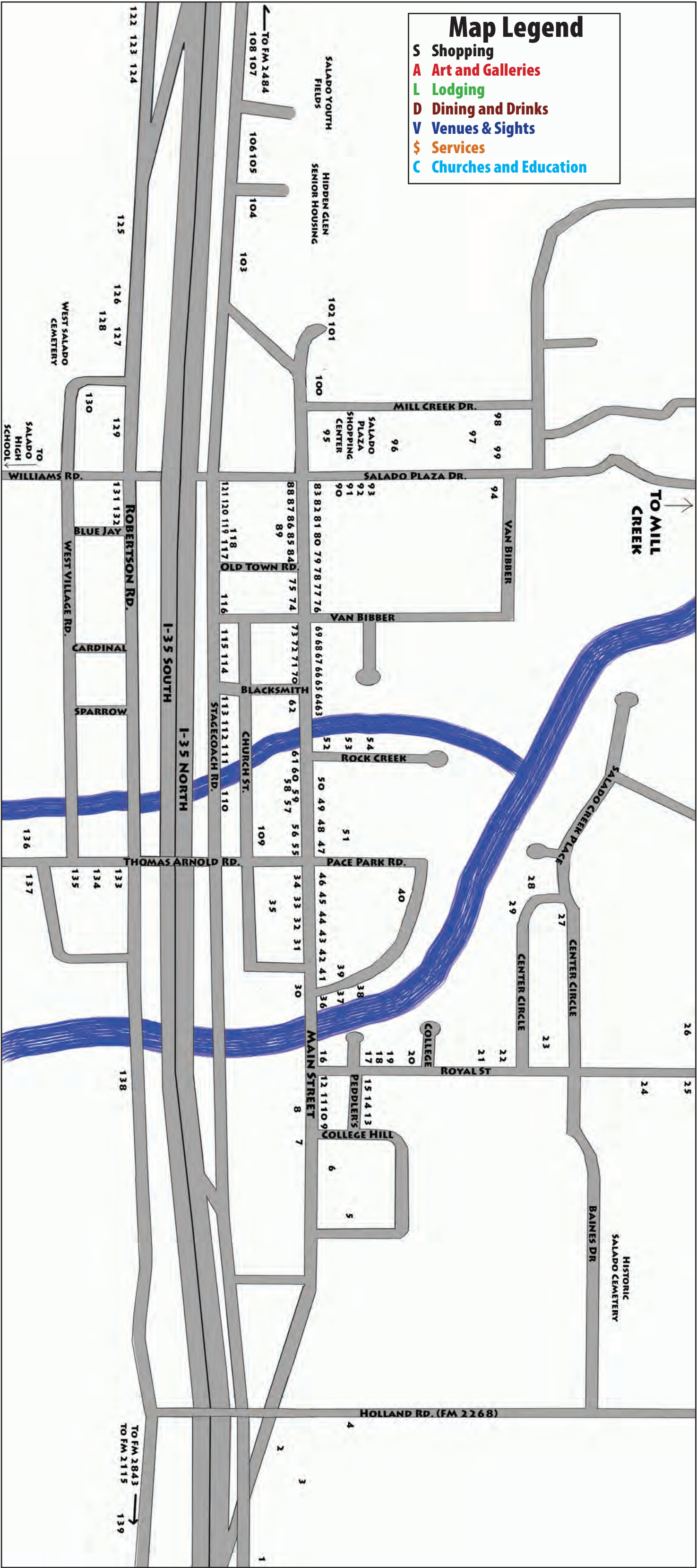
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♥ 10 8 3 2
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♣ 3

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♦ A Q 5 2
♣ A K 5 4

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Opening lead — seven of clubs.

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West exited with a diamond, South ducking East's nine and winning the next diamond as West discarded a spade. When the diamonds failed to divide 3-3, declarer had to look elsewhere for a ninth trick.

So he turned his attention to the heart suit, playing the king and then overtaking the jack with the queen. He then cashed the ace, hoping the ten would fall and establish the nine. But when the ten did not appear, South had to go down one.

It is true that three different possibilities — the diamond finesse, a 3-3 diamond break or the fall of the heart ten — failed to materialize for declarer. But it is also true that he started the play with nine ironclad tricks and wound up with only eight. All he had to do to guarantee the contract was to play low from dummy on the opening lead and win West's seven with the king!

This seemingly frivolous play — disdaining the "free" club trick offered by playing the jack — assures South of the dummy entry he needs to score four heart tricks rather than three. After winning the king of clubs, he cashes the K-J of hearts and leads a low club toward the J-10. Nothing can then stop him from scoring four hearts, three clubs and his other two aces to make the contract.

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by Steve Becker

Sometimes a declarer suffers a blind spot that causes him to go down in an ice-cold contract. Why this happens is anyone's guess, but it happens often enough to be a cause for concern for any player who takes his game seriously.

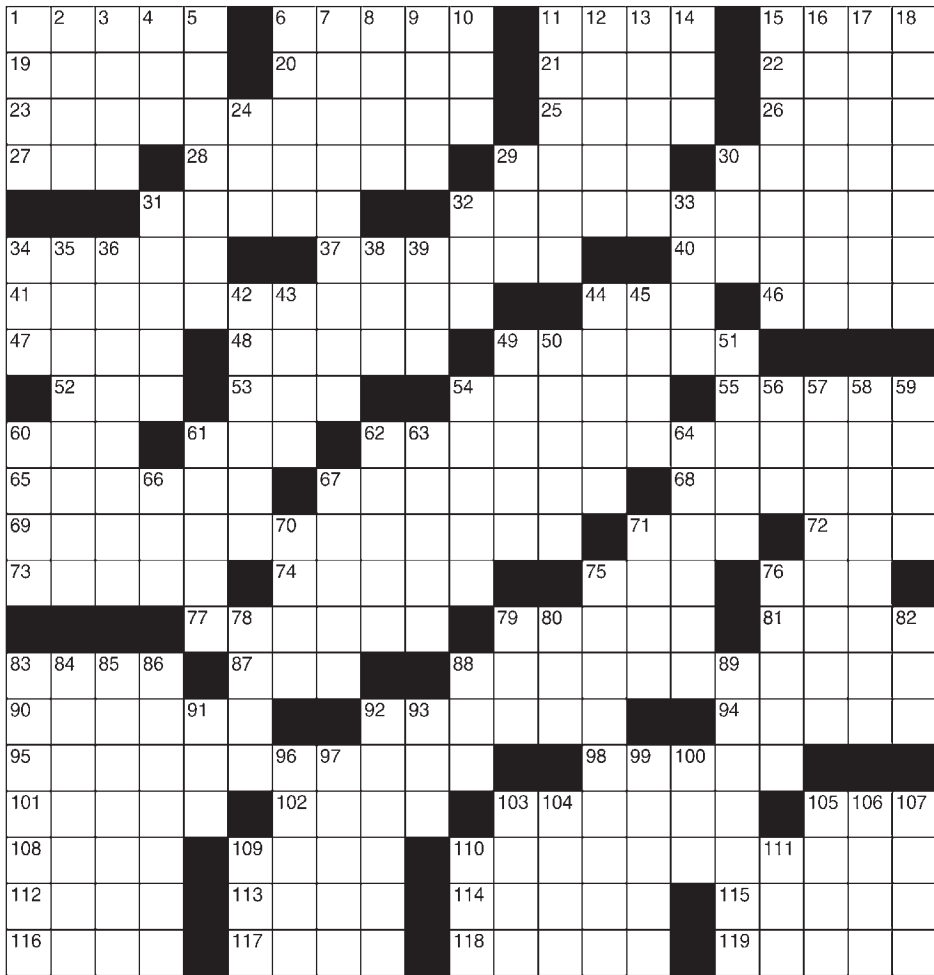
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44 — -fi
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52 Jewel box contents
53 1986-2001 space station
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62 "Charlie's Angels" co-star
65 Notwithstanding
67 Jungle jaunts
68 More cruel
69 Many a metal alloy, chemically
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6 — Ababa, Ethiopia
7 A genial mood
8 Missing GI
9 Really
10 Overhead trains
11 Magnetism
12 Purse part
13 Estate house
14 Face part
15 Place in bondage
16 Devalued
17 Not generic
18 Emissary's residence
24 Mendes of "Hitch"
29 For every
30 She-sheep
31 Doesn't go
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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- LAW: What is the subject matter of the Seventh Amendment to the U.S. Constitution?
- HISTORY: What was the bloodiest single-day battle of America's Civil War?
- MEDICAL: What is a common name for somnambulism?
- GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of British Columbia in Canada?
- MUSIC: What was Elvis Presley's last No. 1 hit?
- SCIENCE: Which two elements on the Periodic Table are liquid at standard room temperature?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president had the most children?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the Pritzker Prize given for?
- LITERATURE: Which novel was the first to feature a place called King's Landing?
- TELEVISION: Which animated TV character's favorite expression was "Hokey Smokes!"?

Answers

- Right of trial by jury in civil cases
- Antietam
- Sleepwalking
- Victoria
- "Suspicious Minds"
- Mercury and bromine
- John Tyler (15 children by two wives)
- Lifetime achievement in architecture
- "A Game of Thrones," the first in a series called "A Song of Ice and Fire"
- Rocky Squirrel on "The Bullwinkle Show"

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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

Super Crossword

REPEATED NOTES

ACROSS

- 77 "Goodness!"
79 Singer Cole
81 Meat cut
83 Magnetism
87 Ireland's — Lingus
88 Bright blue gem
90 Book before Jeremiah
92 Semi engine
94 — beat (falter slightly)
95 What you can hear from an audible clock
98 Garbage
101 Put in a tomb
102 Torchiere, e.g.
103 Ineffective
105 Block of history
108 Fashion's von Fürstenberg
109 Cakewalk
110 Yoga pose with hands and feet on the floor
112 Artful dodge
113 Son of Adam and Eve
114 Fuse
115 "— Meenie" (2010 hit song)
116 Floored it
117 Nothing but
118 Swamp critter

DOWN

- 1 Funny Fox
2 First-aid plant
3 Make fuzzy
4 Spill-catching neckwear
5 Like Iran's religion
6 — Ababa, Ethiopia
7 A genial mood
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Mondays
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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.

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
Local Artists' Reception, 6-8 p.m. at Salado Museum, 423 S. Main St. Appetizers provided by Salado Cultural Arts District and Barrow Brewing. Bill Lutz from Heritage Country Church will provide live entertainment. \$10 donation for Salado Museum requested. Gallery show will run May 6-20

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 6-30
Gallery showing of Local Artists' works at Salado Museum, 423 S. Main St., Salado.

May 7
First Friday Breakfast, 8:30-9:30 a.m. at First Community Title Salado office, 40 N. Main St.

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

May 7 & 8
Salado Eagles versus La Grange Leopards in the bi-district round of the UIL 4A baseball playoffs. Game 1, 7 p.m. May 7 the Salado ISD Athletic Complex. Game 2 will be 2 p.m. May 8 at La Grange with game 3 30 minutes later, if needed.

May 7-8
Barrow Brewing, hosting Salado Cowboy Poetry Gathering poets and musicians.

May 8
Shred Day at Century 21 Bill Bartlett Real Estate parking lot, 860 N. Main St. 9-11 a.m. Paper Shredding Event. Limited to 3 boxes. No binders or binder clips. Stapled papers or catalogs must be under 1" thick. No trash or plastic.

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
Salado Lady Eagles will travel to Malakoff High School to face the Carthage Lady Bulldogs in the area round of the softball playoffs. Game begins at 3 p.m.

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
Sammy Kershaw at Johnny's Outback, 301 Thomas Arnold Rd. Gates open at 6 p.m. Show starts at 7:45 p.m. Tickets \$20 - Advance General Admission (\$25 Day of Show); \$40 Lawn Seat. Info and tickets at <https://johnnyssteaksandbbq.com>

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 11
Salado Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting 5 p.m. at The Flower Shop, 602 Old

Town Rd. #9.

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
Household Hazardous Waste Collection event 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Killeen Special Events Center, 3601 South W.S. Young Dr. Accepting the following waste items: fluorescent bulbs/tubes, petroleum products, pesticides/herbicides, acids and other chemicals, household cleaners, cooking oil, paints, antifreeze, used oils and batteries. Do not bring tires, electronics, fire alarms, smoke detectors, explosives, pressurized containers or brush. Open to residents of Bell, Coryell, Hamilton, Lampasas, Milam, Mills, and San Saba counties. Bring proof of residency.

May 15
First Cavalry Division Band Concert at Tablerock Amphitheater Armed Forces Day Concert. Free admission. Concert will feature 40 members of the 1st Cav Band along with high school musicians. Tablerock concession stand will have hot dogs and cold drinks.

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 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.

May 18
Senior Awards Ceremony, 7 p.m. in the Salado High School Gym. Celebrate the Class of 2021 with the presentation of their awards and scholarships.

May 20
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 (903).

May 20
Friends and neighbors gathering at Mill Creek Country Club, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Complimentary burgers and hot dogs. Dos Hermanas will have full menu inside. Cash bar.

May 20
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 21
Barrow Brewing Co., live music at 7 p.m. from Eric Turner

May 21
Live Music at Chupacabra, Shady Villa, 7 p.m. Steve Hamende.

May 21-22
Blow Your Own mugs, tumbler or sippers for Father's Day. Ages 12+. Reservations at saladoglassworks.com.

May 22
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 22
The Oak Ridge Boys at Johnny's Outback 301 Thomas Arnold Rd. Gates open at 6 p.m. Show starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$30 in advance for General Admission. Reserved Lawn Seating - \$50. Info and tickets at <https://johnnyssteaksandbbq.com>

May 22
Barrow Brewing Co., live music at 7 p.m. from the Jarrells Band.

May 22
Live Music at Chupacabra, Shady Villa, 8 p.m. Steve Hamende.

May 23
Barrow Brewing Co., live music at 4 p.m. from Jac Carson

May 24
Salado Masonic Lodge #296 Stated Meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the Lodge Hall, 95 S. Church St. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

May 27
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 Alstadt.

May 28
Barrow Brewing Co., RAW and live music TBD

May 28
Live Music at Chupacabra, Shady Villa, 7 p.m. Trey Yenger.

May 28
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.

May 28-29
Blow Your Own mugs, tumbler or sippers for Father's Day. Ages 12+. Reservations at saladoglassworks.com.

May 29
Barrow Brewing Co., live music at 7 p.m. from Mary Charlotte Young

May 29
Live Music at Chupacabra, Shady Villa, 8 p.m. Kyle Mathis.

May 30
Barrow Brewing Co., live music at 4 p.m. TBD

May 31
Memorial Day ceremony at Salado Cemetery, 9:30 a.m.

June 4
First Friday Breakfast, 8:30-9:30 a.m. at First Community Title Salado office, 40 N. Main St.

June 4-5
Blow Your Own mugs, tumbler or sippers for Father's Day. Ages 12+. Reservations at saladoglassworks.com.

June 8
Fine China Luncheon by Salado Area Republican Women, Blue Heron at Tencro. 10:45am. For information, contact Shirley Stephenson steppnup@embarqmail.com 254 338-5717.

June 11-12
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June 12
Charley Crockett at Johnny's Outback, 301 Thomas Arnold Road. Gates open at 6, show starts at 7:45 p.m. Tickets are \$15 in advance for General Admission. Reserved Lawn Seating - \$25. Info and tickets at <https://johnnyssteaksandbbq.com>.

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Driving across Texas has been an interesting occupation for foresters and arborists these past few weeks. Many trees appear as healthy and vibrant as they have ever been, but littered in among the growing green are an equal – and seemingly arbitrary – population of barren oak trees.

Oak trees - two with leaves and one in the front that is barely showing leaves

Oak trees remain stressed after Winter Storm Uri. Homeowners are advised to be patient through their recovery. (Texas A&M Forest Service photo)

This bizarre phenomenon has intrigued professionals across the state – especially since oak trees, and particularly live oak trees, are known to be an incredibly resilient species. Now, months after Winter Storm Uri swept across Texas in mid-February, many of the oaks still aren't leafing out. Standing in contrast to their vibrant and vivacious brethren, they look dead.

Courtney Blevins has spent almost 40 years with Texas A&M Forest Service, and he can't recall any past freeze leaving so many oaks looking bare this late into the spring.

"I've been telling people my whole career that the single toughest species we have up here is live oak," said Blevins, a forester out of Fort Worth. "And yet, it's the live oaks that seem to be most stressed from this freeze. I'm shocked by that."

Blevins isn't the only one. Neil Sperry, a Texas gardening and horticulture expert known across the state, has been stunned by the variability, and the scope, of damage left in the wake of that freeze. Followers of his Facebook page have submitted over 2,000 photos of struggling oak trees, including all varieties of species and from every single region of the state.

"I have been in this business professionally since 1970, and I've never seen anything like this," Sperry said. "We think of oaks as permanent as concrete and steel, and for them to selectively be affected by this freeze is particularly odd."

What experts are saying
Blevins and Sperry have spent the past few months responding to residents and landowners who are concerned about the health and condition of their trees. But as the weeks ticked past—and oak trees across the state still didn't leaf out—Sperry decided to pull together a blue-ribbon panel of certified arborists, foresters, horticulturists, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service specialists, nursery leaders and garden communicators to send out a unified message. Their advice to landowners who are wondering what they should do, and whether they should cut down their valuable trees, is a simple one: just wait.

"If your tree is dead, there's no rush to take it down," said Blevins. "That's one big mistake people are making. They're in a big hurry to take that thing down, thinking it's dangerous to leave a dead tree standing, and it's not."

Trees can stand firm for years after they have died. And while nobody wants a dead tree in their yard for long, landowners who are eager to replace their dead or dormant trees should note that spring isn't the best time of year to plant trees in Texas, anyway. Instead, Texans should plant trees in the fall or early winter, when the roots are able to grow and further establish the tree.

But Blevins and Sperry are more concerned about landowners cutting down trees that could have recovered if just given the time.

"I think most of the oaks are going to come through okay," Blevins said. "If your tree is leafing out really late, it's obviously stressed. But most trees die from a combination of stressors, not

just one thing."
What happened
With a prolonged, deep freeze like the one brought on by Uri, experts expected some kind of response from trees – primarily finetwig and branch dieback. The outermost branches and stems of even the most established trees lack insulation and are at risk of freezing in very low temperatures. This is a partial explanation as to why some trees have growth closer to their trunk and innermost branches, while the edges of their canopies remain bare. But it doesn't explain why so many trees are leafing out late, or not at all.

One popular theory suggests that the trees that are struggling right now were likely stressed or struggling before the winter storm, especially given past conditions.

"It's been a tough decade for trees," said Gretchen Riley, the Urban and Community Forestry Program leader at Texas A&M Forest Service. "In 2011 we had unprecedented drought across the state, and we lost 500 million trees. Those that we didn't lose experienced pretty heavy stress. And in the past decade, we've seen a lot of tree mortality that really had its roots in that drought."

Riley attributes the potential mortality of mature oak trees to that drought and other preexisting conditions, but she attributes the overall delay in leafing out to a natural, physiological process that was interrupted by the freeze.

Every February in Texas, trees begin the process of pulling nutrients from their roots up into their branches and the finer twigs. This combination of sugar, starches and water is then used to produce buds, which – over the course of a few weeks – become leaves and supply the tree with food that can again be stored in the roots for the following winter. However, because there is a liquid component to this energy, it is susceptible

to freeze damage – and once frozen, it cannot be repurposed.

It's also worth noting that the week before the freeze, temperatures reached as high as 80 degrees across the state. Warm temperatures like that often cue trees to begin the process of budding out, and in Texas late-February is as common a time as any for trees to start leafing out.

"That super freeze froze back a lot of those buds that were about to open up," said Blevins. "Now, the trees that were preparing to bud out have to generate a whole new set of buds to leaf out, and that takes time."

This theory would best explain the variability of the impact that Texans are seeing on their trees, since there doesn't appear to be much of a correlation between which species of oak have been hit the hardest, or why urban trees are experiencing equal delays in leafing out.

It would also help explain why some of the trees that were late to begin leafing out are still struggling. With the last of their energy reserves being put toward reproducing buds and leafing out, they have little energy left to put toward defense. In Central Texas, in particular, Texas A&M Forest Service biologists are seeing a significant population of caterpillars. With the trees being more susceptible to disease pathogens and insects, many are losing their leaves to insects as they're actively trying to leaf out.

What you should do
While this helps explain what is happening, most residents are more interested in how they can help their trees. Unfortunately, experts are saying there isn't much you can do, and there is very little that you should do.
"They've been stressed, and they don't need any more stress," Blevins said. "So, I'm telling people, when we get into the heat of the summer—especially if we have abnormal heat, like we're supposed to this year—one thing you might want to do is maybe give them supplemental watering once or twice."
Other than the occasional watering—and you don't want to overwater

your trees lest the roots be flooded with water and lack the oxygen they need to breathe—Blevins recommends patience. Even fertilization should be avoided unless the tree is experiencing a specific nutrient deficiency. Fertilization leads to growth spurts, and when a tree is putting its energy into growth, any energy that could be applied to its defense goes down.

Insecticide and fungicide are tempting treatments as well since stressed trees are

more susceptible to disease and insect infestation. But again, Blevins and Riley counsel patience. There's no need for "preventive" treatments, and insect infestations and diseases should be treated on a case-by-case basis.

"If by mid-July they have zero leaves on them, that tree's dead," Riley said. "If they have a small, poor showing of leaves, you might wait until next year to make that call. It could improve."

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A sexual assault was reported by an agency in Arizona that occurred during the fall of 2020. There is a suspect and this case is currently under investigation.

05/06/2021:

A report of a dog bite occurred in the 300 block of Salado Creek Place. The owner of the dog was identified and the dog has been placed in quarantine. This case is still under investigation.

05/07/2021:

SPD Officers assisted the Bell County Sheriff's Dept with locating and stopping a vehicle that was driving recklessly on IH 35. The driver was suspected of being intoxicated and was arrested and transported to the Bell County Jail for processing.

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

Call Type Description	Number of Calls
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Alarm Business	2
Alarm Residential	1
Animal Complaint	4
Assist Another Agency	6
Calls for Service	51
Citations	14
Civil Matter	2
Crash	1
Criminal Mischief	1
Criminal Trespass	1
Disturbance	1
Found Property	1
House Watch/RU OK?	49
Medical/FD Assist	3
Public Service	3
Reckless Driving	1
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05/02/2021	PACE PARK RD, Salado	Unknown Status – Man Down
05/03/2021	FM 2484, Bell County	Falls
05/04/2021	LARK TRL, Bell County	Sick Person
05/05/2021	INTERSTATE 35, Salado	Motor Vehicle Accident
05/05/2021	HESTER WAY, Bell County	Motor Vehicle Accident
05/05/2021	INTERSTATE 35, Salado	Falls
05/06/2021	INTERSTATE 35, Bell County	Motor Vehicle Accident with Injuries
05/06/2021	CHISHOLM TRL, Salado	Dispatched & Cancelled en route
05/06/2021	FM 2843, Bell County	Sick Person
05/06/2021	LAUREL HIGHLANDS DR, Bell County	Choking / Partial Obstruction
05/07/2021	PRAIRIE LN, Bell County	Unconscious / Fainting
05/07/2021	STAGECOACH RD, Salado	Convulsions / Seizures
05/07/2021	FM 2843, Bell County	Motor Vehicle Accident
05/07/2021	INTERSTATE 35, BELTON	Authorized Controlled Burning
05/07/2021	BLAYLOCK DR, Salado	Unknown Status – Medical Alarm
05/08/2021	YELLOW ROSE DR, Bell County	Chest Pain
05/08/2021	W. VILLAGE RD, Salado	Falls
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