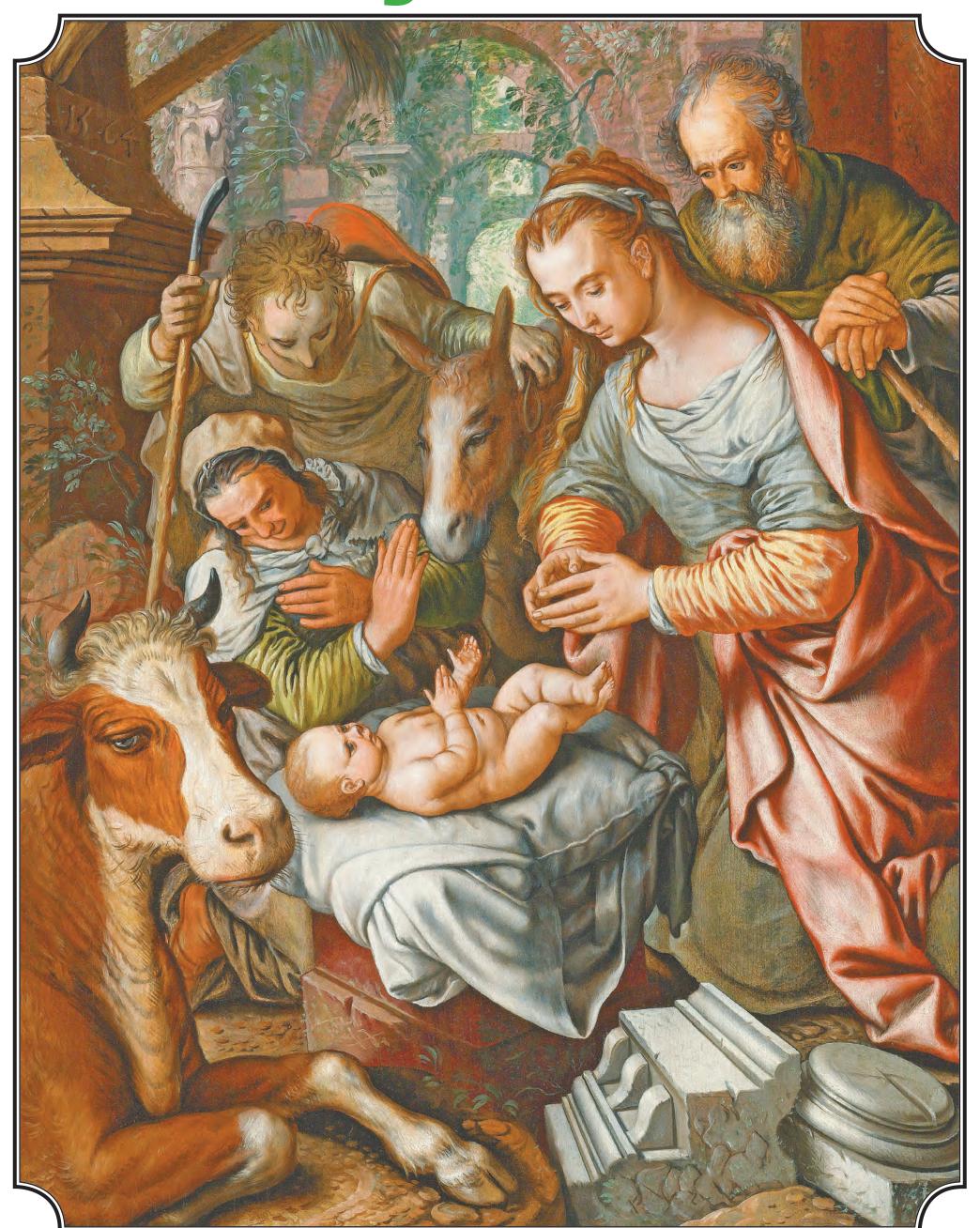
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Glory to God



Across the land, let the story be told

King James Version: The Gospel According to St. Luke, Chapter 2

- 1 And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.
- 2 And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.
- 3 And all went to be taxed, everyone into his own
- 4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which
- is called Bethlehem; because he was of the house and lineage of David;
- 5 To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.
- 6 And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.
- 7 And she brought forth her first born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.
- 8 And there were in the same country shepherds
- abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.
- 9 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.
- 10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.
- 11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.
 - 12 And this shall be a sign

- unto you; Ye shall find the known to us. babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.
- 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,
- 14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.
- 15 And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made
- 16 And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.
- 17 And when they had seen it, they made known abroad they saying which was told them concerning this child.
- 18 And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.
- 19 But Mary kept all these things, and pondered
- them in her heart. 20 And the shepherds

returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

21 And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called JESUS, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

About the Art:

Joachim Beuckelaer, The Adoration of the Shepherds, Antwerp, 1534-1574. Public Domain, wikicommons.org.

Vaccines could lead to economic growth in 2021

The S&P 500 Stock Index (SPX) weaved about a bit but finally finished the week at 3709.41, up 1.25%. The rise was widely credited to sustained hope that Congress would finally reach agreement on a bill to provide further relief to the economy in the face of record numbers of COVID-19 infections, hospitalizations, and deaths. The index has risen 14.81% year-to-date and 4.27% in the last month. Leadership in the SPX returned to the few large-cap growth stocks that have dominated the index most of the year as the CRSP US Mid-Cap Value Index rose only 0.35% for the week.

The yield on the U.S. Treasury ten-year note rose 6.088% to 0.947%, once again putting it within striking distance of the elusive 1% per year yield mark. Meanwhile the 90-day T-bill, the other loan benchmark, declined slightly to yield 0.085% on an annualized basis and the yield curve remained steadfastly positive. West Texas Intermediate crude oil (WTI) once more showed more optimism than either stocks or bonds, rising 5.24% to an even \$49.00 per barrel as export demand, much of it from China, continues to rise.

The Economy

The economic news was a rich mixture of short-term bad news and longer-term optimism over the week ending on the 18th. Odds are rising that U.S. nonfarm employment will decline in December. The Labor Department reported that initial claims for unemployment insurance rose to 885,000 in the week ended December 12. That latest increase is a rise of 169,000 over the claims from two weeks ago. On the other hand, housing starts rose 6.2% to 1.547 million in November, a continuing indication that the better off among us are willing to invest in the

Market & Economic Update

By Jeffrey W. McClure

statistics. The starts were concentrated in multi-family buildings, suggesting that investors consider the job market woes to be tempo-

The Census Bureau reported that U.S. retail and food services sales for November declined 1.1% from October, a reversal of the traditional bounce that the Thanksgiving week and Black Friday sales provide. Despite that less-than-optimal trend, sales were reported up 5.2% from the same week last year, led by online sales, up a whopping 29.2% from 2019. On the other side of the coin, IHS Markit reported that U.S. manufacturing output grew at a solid pace but slower than it has been in three months, as the Index dropped to 56.5 from last month's 56.7, but manufacturing output remained 2.7% below where it was last year at this time, while the services index declined to 55.3 from last month's 58.4. Index numbers above 50 indicate growth. Here as in other aspects of the economy, growth continues but at a slower and slowing rate.

The Federal Reserve, apparently quite concerned about the health of the U.S. economy, effectively pledged to keep short term interest rates near zero and to purchase as much government debt and mortgage securities to keep interest rates ultra-low for as long as was needed until we see a full recovery. The central bank has been buying about \$80 billion in Treasuries and \$40 billion in mortgage bonds each month since June. It pledged to continue the purchases "over the com-

future despite dire current ing months." Separately, a Wall Street Journal survey of economists indicated that the consensus was that employment would fall below 4% and inflation would hit the Fed's goal of 2% by the end of 2023, marking a full recovery.

There are some very practical takeaways from that news. Savings interest rates are going to remain low, very low, and probably below inflation for at least the next couple of years. You may be tempted to succumb to offers of what even a year ago was considered a reasonable rate, but with even a 1.5% or 2% rate will come risk of loss. It is good to remember that the purpose of savings is not to earn interest at a good rate but rather to avoid loss. Another critical nugget is that when interest rates rise, the value of a bond or a portfolio of bonds fall. With interest rates at record lows and a consensus that within the next couple of years they will rise, bonds could be a dangerous place to put savings that you might need before the maturity date of those bonds.

The bottom line this week will sound familiar. In the short term, things could turn unpleasant but with two vaccines now deploying, the outlook is that by mid-2021 enough of us will be vaccinated to begin a jump start of the economy. That jump start will likely be fueled by the record quantities of cash stored up in this pandemic year by households and corporations alike and may well constitute the entry point for the roaring 20s of the 21stcentury.



An Open Exchange of Ideas



Use of license plate cameras

To the Editor,

Although I disagree with the Aldermen's decision to proceed with a program placing automated license plate reader (ALPR) cameras (Flock Safety, Atlanta GA) monitoring travel in and out of Salado, I appreciate the opportunity to express my opinion in a citizen-friendly manner via Zoom meeting, and I very much appreciate their service to our Village out of their own time.

While my personal reservation with this program is on the basis of privacy, I acknowledge that there is room for differing perspectives and reasoned debate on that subject. Regardless, there are financial and practical dimensions to making any decision in stewardship of our Village's resources, and I am concerned that there is insufficient justification for this program on those bases.

It is my understanding that the agreement with Flock Safety includes a 30day trial period, at the end of which the Village may decide to either cancel the program at no cost or to enter into a year-long contract. While I am further skeptical of anyone selling me anything with a "30-day Money Back Guarantee," I believe this offers the Village an opportunity to subject this program to more rigorous analysis such that a transparent, evidence-based decision can

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be made, rather than acting on a marketing, anecdotal, or hypothetical basis. As such, I have respectfully requested that our Village administration utilize this 30-day trial period to: -- Establish and collect

data on measurable and objective criteria by which to evaluate the performance of the system in terms of economic and material benefit to the Village during the trial period (expected number and type of flags, flags made during high risk hours, flags made during low on-duty census, expected false-positives, expected officer time for interventions, expected averted criminal activity, etc.).

- -- Obtain anonymized data from Flock regarding the number of plates detected and number and type of flags made during the trial period.
- -- Obtain anonymized data from Flock and SPD regarding which flagged incidents are acted upon by SPD, preliminary results of the action, resident vs.out of town vehicle, and any errors encountered (plate detection error, plate-auto mismatch, vehicle-driver mismatch, etc.).
 - -- Obtain information re-

garding any Flock system downtime, malfunction, or maintenance/repair dents.

- -- Obtain data from Flock regarding the amount and type of data from the system shared with other jurisdictions/systems outside of Salado, if any (i.e. TALON program).
- -- Make this information available to citizens and BOA members well in advance of the BOA meeting at which the decision will be made regarding continuing/ cancelling the program.

Additionally, should the system be retained, I respectfully requested that anonymized data (number of flags, type of flag, whether investigated) from the system be regularly reported as a separate section of the SPD Chief's Report in the Salado Village Voice.

I believe that this sort of analysis would be beneficial not only to the Village in weighing whether the program is of sufficient value to be continued, but also in helping citizens understand the operation, purpose, and effectiveness of this system with transparency.

Matt Crisp Salado

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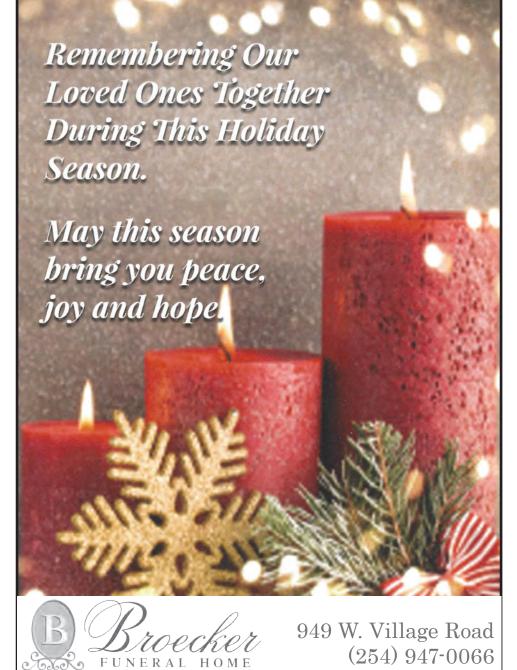
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Christmas Services

Local churches will celebrate Christmas with special services next week.

First Baptist Church

First Baptist Church of Salado will have two Christmas Eve services on Dec. 24. The first will be at 4 p.m. The second service will be candlelight at 6 p.m. Salado United Methodist Church

Salado United Methodist Church will have a special Candlelight Christmas Eve Serice at Tablerock Amphitheater at 6 p.m. Dec. 24. If it is raining, the outdoor service will be canceled.

Saint Stephen Catholic Church

Saint Stephen Catholic Church will have several services to celebrate Christ-

Christmas Eve Vigil in English will be held at 6 p.m. Dec. 24.

Midnight Mass in English will be held in English at 12:00 a.m. Dec. 25,

Christmas Mass in English at 9 a.m. Dec. 25.

Christmas Mass in Spanish will be held at 11 a.m. Dec. 25.

Grace Church of Salado

Grace Church Salado will be hosting an in-person Christmas Eve Service from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Dec. 24. For information on safety protocols, please go to https:// gracesalado.com/events

Presbyterian Church of

Presbyterian Church of Salado will send out a special Christmas Eve service via email to local members of the church.

Saint Joseph Episcopal Church

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Depending upon the weather, the service may

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be held outside with social distancing. If weather is inclement, the Mass will be held in the Parish Hall with limited seating. **3C Cowboy Fellowship**

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ESD Board named by Commissioners

By TIM FLEISCHER EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

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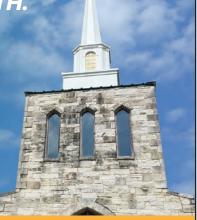
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County approves property purchase agreement for JP, Constable office

By TIM FLEISCHER Editor-in-Chief

Bell County Commissioners took steps at their Dec. 21 meeting towards addressing two issues stemming from growth in the County.

First, the commissioners authorized County Judge David Blackburn to enter into a real estate purchase agreement for a 2.4 acre property and building at 11057 Event drive in Salado for an amount not to exceed \$1.65 million.

The property will be renovated to house the offices of Justice of the Peace Cliff Coleman and Constable Rolly Correa.

The purchase agreement sets out other conditions, including a closing date for the purchase of May 1,2021. The county will put down \$60,000 in earnest money. The building is currently occupied by Acton Academy.

"We've been in discussions for some time about the needs of the JP office in precinct two," Judge Blackburn said. "This effort is a movement forward to address those concerns."

""We have outgrown the office space that we're leasing in the Salado Civic Center," Commissioner Bobby Whitson said. "The school has been very good landlords for us. There is an immediate need for more space for our JP's office and the Constable's office. There has been a lot of growth in Salado over the years. The building can be modified to our needs and we will do the taxpayers justice by buying

this building. It is the most economical means and is suitable for the next 20-30

He added that "we are still looking at other options in order to be prudent with the taxpayer dollar, but we need to start the negotia-

In other business related to growth in Bell County, the court awarded a contract not to exceed \$481,210 for architectural and professional design services in order to define the scope and estimated budget for a project for the expansion of the Bell County Jail to GHC/ MRB Group.

"Since I came on board in January 2019, we have been having discussions on capacity issues of the jail," Judge Blackburn said. "The action before you today represents one more step of expanding the capacity of our

Blackburn said that the county received Qualifications from eight or nine firms. Commissioners interviewed four firms and determined that GHC/MRB Group was the best choice.

"We are looking for the most cost-efficient and cost effective way of addressing the expansion," Judge Blackburn said. "A significant number of folks in hail have mental health issues. It is well known that the largest mental health facility in a county is the county jail. That is not anything new."

He added that building a mental health facility may be "more cost effective and efficient than just adding jail ETJ.

The court voted unanimously to award the contract to GHC/MRB Group.

In other business, commissioners approved:

• Interlocal agreements with the City of Little River-Academy and the City of Rogers relating to the regulation of subdivision plats. agreements would make the County the agency for approval of subdivisions in the ETJs of those municipalities. Similar agreements may be coming in the future for other municipalities in the county. New state law gives governing authorities only 30 days to approve or deny subdivision plats.

• an Interlocal Agreement with Regional Public Defender Office Local Government Corporation for Indigent legal defense services relating to capital murder cases at a cost of \$155,196 for 2021 calendar

 authorizing the County Judge to enter into a professional services agreement with Allison, Bass, & Magee, LLP, for legal services associated with game room regulations.

• final plats for Mullet Ridge," a 0.618-acre, 1 lot, 1 block Subdivision, located within the City of Belton's ET J. Bell County, Precinct 1; Ming Addition, a 2.5606acre, 3 lot, 1 block Subdivision, located within the City of Belton's ET J, Bell Countv. Precinct 1 and The Enclave at Lake Belton Phase II, a 28.354 acre, 17 lot, 2 block Subdivision, located within the City of Temple's

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distribution highly anticipated COVID-19 vaccine begin, Brookshire Brothers Pharmacy will be one of the first retailers in the nation to offer the vaccine, as it becomes available.

To maximize access to COVID-19 vaccines for all Americans, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) recently announced a governmental partnership with large chain pharmacies and networks that represent independent pharmacies and regional chains – including those in retail and grocery chains to further increase access to the vaccine across the country - particularly in traditionally underserved areas.

Brookshire Brothers will partner with HHS and the states of Texas and Louisiana in offering COVID-19 vaccine.

The vaccine will be available in a phased approach, with the first doses being offered to healthcare workers and residents of long term healthcare facilities, followed by essential

workers and other high risk individuals.

It is expected to be available to the general public by spring or early summer of 2021 and will be administered at no cost to patients.

Many pharmacists, such as the ones who work at Brookshire Brothers, are trained to provide immunizations and are already important immunizers in their communities.

By working with these partners, the federal government will rapidly expand access to COVID-19 vaccines.

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ESD Board meetings operate by the Texas Open

BoA approve 30-day trial period for use of license plate cameras

By TIM FLEISCHER

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Village of Salado aldermen at their Dec. 17 meeting approved a 30-day trial period for use of 5 license plate cameras followed by a yearly contract of \$12,000 for the continued use of the cameras.

During the Zoom meeting, two citizens, Michael use of cameras in the vil-

McDonald said that he

designed a camera system for a competitor to Flock, which is the company the Village entered into an agreement with. McDonald said that "cloud-based systems translates into security issues in the long term. Cloud based systems get hacked."

He also commented on the "ethical use of the cameras. I respect and un-McDonald and Matt Crisp, derstand the Police Chief raised concerns about the wanting to deter crime. However, at the end of th day, the system takes a picture of your car and license plate and the longitude and latitude of where you are at any point of the day.... We are not ready for this type of system."

> Crisp asked the village if it had done any statistical analysis of crimes in Salado. He also asked "What other communities of this size have these systems? Have we contacted them?"

> He asked what data metrics will be used to decide on retention following the 30-day trial and continuing forward if the Village chose to continue.

> "I am not at a comfort level with this yet. I'd like to see these funds go back into human capital, not behind a tree in a stand," Alderman Rodney Bell said before

voting against the proposal.

Alderman John Cole gave the motion to proceed with the agreement, receiving a second from Alderman Amber Preston-Dankert. They were joined in voting in favor by Aldermen Paul Cox and Jason Howard.

The board also voted to rescind an earlier ordinance to place stop signs at the intersection of Winners Circle and Hester Way. Alderman Preston-Dankert voted against the rescinding ordi-

In other business, aldermen voted unanimously to authorize Village Administrator Don Ferguson to negotiate an agreement with the owners of the Tyler House to place a restroom trailer on the property.

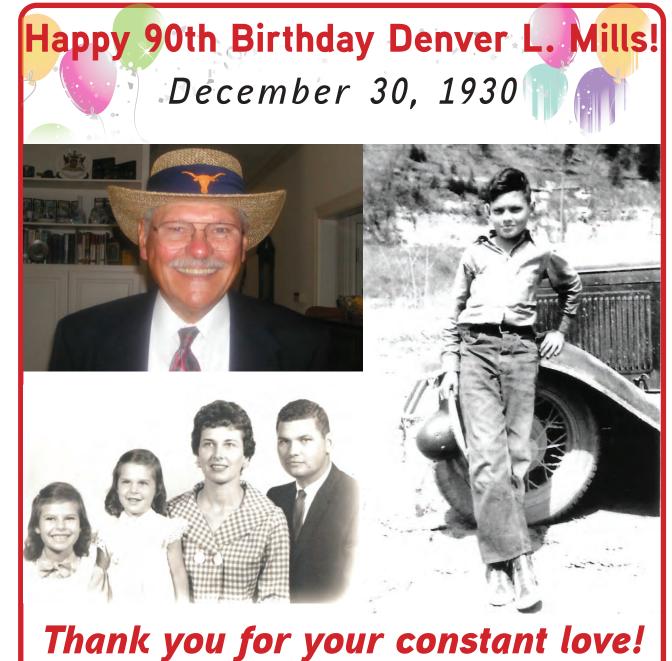
The board also changed the name of the Pace Park advisory board to the Parks Advisory Board and removed some of the membership limitations that were in place on the board. Bobby Whitson and Tim Fleischer are the only remaining members of the advisory board. The village will seek out applicants for the Parks Advisory board. The board will make recommendations concerning Pace Park, Sirena Park and the Sculpture Garden.



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Second Course Choices

- crab, cream, sherry, caviar.
- · Smoked Beet Salad-Red and yellow beets, dried pears, spiced walnuts, blue cheese, arugula, candied ginger vinaigrette.
- · Local mixed greenswith candied walnuts, house made farmers cheese, oven roasted tomato, cucumber vinaigrette.

Third Course Choices

- Filet of Beef- Truffle gratin, prosciutto wrapped asparagus, morel butter.
- Tomahawk Pork Chop-Hoppin' John, collard greens, poached pear, apple cider glaze.
 - Sea Bass-potato crust,

• She Crab Soup- Sweet minestrone, white bean puree, clams.

 Risottobutternut squash, toasted pumpkin seed, rocket.

Dessert Choices are Seven-layer Chocolate Cake or a traditional Crème brulée with chocolate dipped strawberry.

Reservations are \$94.95 per guest, includes sparkling Prosecco 'toast' with dessert.

There is a wine pairing supplement for \$35 per person. First course pairing- Sparkling Rose; Second course pairing-Mohua Sauvignon Blanc, New Zealand; Beef & Pork pairingOrin Swift, 8 years in the dessert; Sea Bass & Risotto pairing- Dr. Loosen Blue Slate Kabinett Riesling. Dessert pairing-Sparkling Prosecco.

THE BARTON HOUSE

The Barton House will have a special New Year's Eve dinner with seatings from 5-10 p.m. Dec. 31. Dinner is \$65 per person. Reservations are necessary.

The Menu will include these courses:

Appetizers: Choice of Crab Cakes, Mushroom Risotto or Foie Gras with Apple & Bourbon Bread Pudding (upcharge).

Entree Choices:

Southern Good Luck, Smoked Pork, Hoppin John with Black Eyed Peas and Collared Greens and Cornbread

Prime Rib, Lobster Bearnaise, Creamed Potatoes, Roasted Winter Vegetables

Veal Tenderloins, Morel Mushroom, Creamed Potatoes, English Peas, Cucum-

Salmon En Croute, Scallops Mousse, Puff-pastry, Citrus Beurre Blanc, Charred Broccoli.

Desserts Choice of

Chocolate Torte with Chocolate Mousse, White Chocolate Bavarian Creme

Resolution Destroyer Cake.

Reservations at the Barton House can be made by calling 254-947-0441.

New Year's Burlesque

You are invited to a special New Year's Eve Burlesque at the Swanky Sirena Speakeasy at The Barton House, 9 p.m.- midnight on Dec. 31. A night full of fun, costumes, frolic, music and more will include hors d'oeuvre, champagne toast and more and a Burlesque performance by artist Brown Burlesque. Cost is \$20 for Swanky Sirena members and \$40 per person for non-members. For reservations call 254-947-0441.

Stagecoach Inn

Stagecoach Inn is offering local Chamber members, their clients, customers and friends a special discount for New Year's Staycations.

"We believe in the legendary gems of our local community deeply and as such, we would like to extend a VIP local rate to you, your clients, customers and friends.," said Tiffany Schreiner, Sales and Events Outreach Director for the Stagecoach Inn.

The discount is offered Dec. 28-Jan. 7 for locals booking nights at the Stagecoach Inn, using the discount code SCOC Love-Stagecoach. Using the code, a single room is \$129 per night (regularly \$149) and \$249 per night for a suite (regularly \$289).

"Throughout the holidays and during your stay, we invite you to dine with us in savoring our beautiful, new and timeless culinary treats in our 'Texas Tradition' dining room.," Schreiner said.

For reservations go to www.stagecoachsalado.com or call 254-947-5111.







Salado Calendar of Events



106 North Main Street

(254) 855-5538 Private Showings

Mondays Bikes & Brews Barrow

Brewing Co., 6:30 p.m. Trivia every Monday at Chupacabra, 7 p.m.

THURSDAYS

Bikes & Brews Barrow Brewing Co., 6:30 p.m. Run4Beer at Barrow Brewing Co., 7 p.m.

FRIDAYS Live Music at Ch-

upacabra Craft Beers, 7 p.m.

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

Bikes & Brews, Barrow Brewing Co., 7:30

Live Music at Chupacabra Craft Beer and Kitchen, 7 p.m.

Live Music at Barrow

841 N. Main St

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Brewing Co., 7:30 p.m. SUNDAYS

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

DECEMBER 24

Special hours for Happy Pizza and Barrow: 12-6 p.m. at Barrow Brewing Co.

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DECEMBER 25

Christmas Day dinner at The Barton House, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Cost is \$65 per person. Reservations at 254-947-0441.

December 25

Barrow Brewing Closed.

DECEMBER 26

Britton Pyeatt plays at Chupacabra, 7 p.m.

DECEMBER 26

Sam Lee Grona live music at 7 p.m. at Barrow Brewing Co.

DECEMBER 31

Special hours for Happy Pizza and Barrow: 12-9 p.m. Live music at 6 p.m. from The Amanda **Brown**

DECEMBER 31

New Years Eve special Dinner at Alexander's Craft Cocktails & Kitchen. Call 254-947-3828 for reservations. Seatings at 5:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. \$94.95 per person. \$35 for wine pairing with each course.

DECEMBER 31

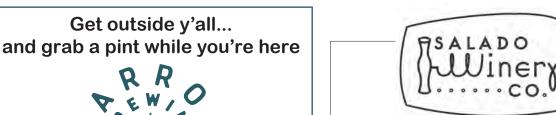
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DECEMBER 31

Cedar Valley Baptist Church annual Watch Night service.

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122 Peak: Abbr

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16 Slack-jawed

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21 Portable grill

38-Down

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28 Magazine

agent's

success

30 Total failure

36 Run — (buy

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32 Riddle,

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39 Sleep study

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40 Big vases

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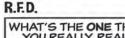
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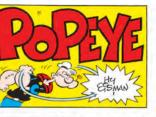


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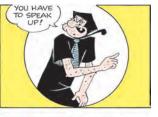
























Contract Bridge

PLANNING THE PLAY

East dealer. East-West vulnerable. NORTH **♠** Q 9 7 5 4 **♥** 10 7 4 ♦ A 9 6 2 WEST **EAST** ♠ K J ♥AJ3 **♥**8652 **♦**8754 ♦ K Q 10 3 **♣**AK96 **♣**10 8 4 3 2 SOUTH ♠ A 10 8 6 3 2 **♥**K Q 9

♣Q 7 5 The bidding: North East South West Pass Dble 4 🏚 1 🏚 Pass Dble Pass Opening lead — king of clubs.

Endplays seldom come about by themselves. Declarer must usually do at least some preliminary preparation to develop the end position he seeks.

Consider the present case where West leads the king of clubs against four spades doubled, then shifts to the king of diamonds at trick two. Declarer wins with dummy's ace and

stacked against him, he could lose a spade and two hearts in addition to the club already lost.

loser if the spades are divided 2-0, so he should focus on holding himself to one heart loser instead of two. In line with this, he ruffs a diamond at trick three, the first step in the elimination process that he hopes will produce the

He next plays the ace of trump, on which East shows out, and continues by ruffing a club, a diamond, a club and, finally, dummy's last diamond. Having eliminated all the clubs and diamonds from his own hand and dummy, South

South then loses only one heart trick. It pays to plan the play.

South has no control over the trump desired result. Without this diamond

ruff, South would lose the contract. is ready for the coup de grace.

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by Steve Becker

sees that if the missing cards are badly

At this point, dummy has three hearts and two trumps, as does South, while West is down to three hearts, a club and the trump king. Declarer now puts West on lead with a trump. West wins the trick — the second for his side — but he is not happy. If he returns a club, he hands South a ruffand-discard and with it, the contract. And if he returns a heart instead, the outcome is exactly the same, since

of Giza (Eqypt) were constructed? 5. MUSIC: Which pop song repeats the chorus, "Why can't you see? You belong with me"? 6. LITERATURE: What kind of novel is written in a series of letters?

7. MEASUREMENTS: How many cups are in 1 pint?
8. MYTHOLOGY: What is the home

1. MOVIES: In how many movies did Sean Connery play the character

ADVERTISING SLOGANS: What product is touted as "the fabric

3. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: How many laps do drivers have to complete in the Indianapolis 500 race? 4. HISTORY: How many Pyramids

of the Greek gods? 9. ANATOMY: How much of the adult human body is made up of water?

10. GEOGRAPHY: What is the most densely populated continent on Earth? Answers

2. Cotton

3, 200

4. Three

5. "You Belong With Me" by Taylor Swift

6. Epistolary

7. 2 cups 8. Olympus

9. About 60% 10. Asia

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Answer

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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF **HOCUS-FOCUS**

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Santa's boots are black. 2. Building is shorter. 3. Brick pattern is different. 4. Car wheel is black. 5. Boy's coat

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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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: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging ♦ ♦ ♦ HOO BOY!

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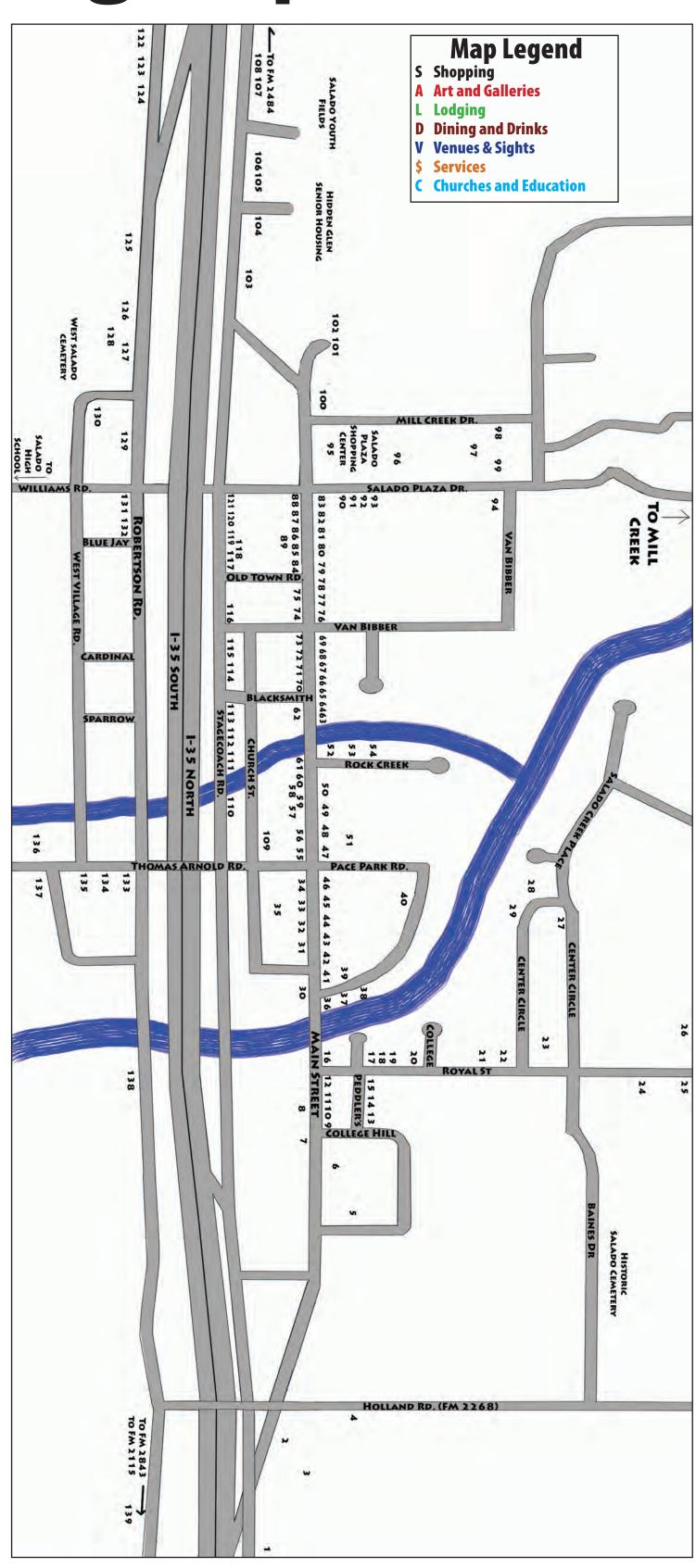
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Shopping Map of Salado





Historical Markers in Salado

- 6. Salado Historic College Hill
- Shady Villa Hotel (Stagecoach Inn)
- Main Street Bridge
- Barber-Berry Mercantile
- 23. The Baines House 24. Historic Dipping Vats
- 25. The A.J. Rose Mansion
- 26. Old Methodist Chapel
- 27. Caskey-Hendricks House
- 28. Dr. McKie Place (Twelve Oaks)
- 29. Alexander's Distillery
- 30. First Baptist Church 31. The Tyler House
- 35. Salado Masonic Lodge #296
- 45. The Anderson House

The Barton House

51. The Levi Tenney House

The Norton-Orgain House

55. The Armstrong Adams House

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

Eagles beat Connally, B-E fall to Austin NE last week

Salado Eagles 55 Waco Connally 45

Salado Eagles went on the road to defeat the Waco Connally Cadets Dec. 19.

The Eagles trailed the Cadets 12-13 in the first quarter and scored seven in the second to trail 19-26. Brady Ihler scored 14 of Salado's 18 third quarter points to help Salado take a 37-31 lead over the Cadets. The Eagles scored another 18 points in the fourth quarter to secure a 55-45 win.

Brady Ihler led the Salado Eagles in scoring with 19 points. Also scoring for Salado were Josh Goings, 17 points, Peyton Miller, 10 points, Noah Mescher, 4 points, Luke Law, 3 points, Noah Self, 2 points.

Salado Eagles **Austin NE**

Salado Eagles were beaten at home by Austin NE Dec. 18.

The Eagles fell behind 15-19 in the first quarter and scored another 15 points in the second to trail 30-32. Salado outscored Austin NE 21-17 in the to take a 51-49 lead heading into the fourth. The Eagles were unable to hold the lead in the fourth scored 13 points to lose 64-

Goings led Salado in scoring with 31 points. Also scoring for Salado were Miller, 15 points, Ihler, 12 points, Self, 6 points.

Salado Eagles 83 **Bruceville-Eddy 36**

Salado claimed a win against Bruceville-Eddy at home Dec. 15.

Salado leapt out to a 29-9 lead in the first quarter and carried a 50-17 lead into the half. The Eagles scored 22 points in the third to lead Bruceville-Eddy 72-26 and added 11 in the fourth for the 83-36 win.

Goings led Salado in scoring with 26 points. Also scoring for Salado were Ihler, 16 points, Law, 10 points, Mescher 8 points; Darius Wilson, 8 points, Self, 7 points, Owen Pitcock, 4 points, Miller, 4



Noah Self goes up against Austin NE. (PHOTO BY: ROYCE WIGGIN)

JV Eagles McGregor 18

Salado JV Eagles beat the McGregor Bulldogs at home Dec. 21.

The JV Eagles led the Bulldogs 14-6 in the first quarter and added 6 in the second to lead 20-8. Salado scored 14 in the third to lead by 34-12 going into the fourth. The JV Eagles scored another 10 points in the fourth quarter to win 44-

Ethan Llobergat led Salado in scoring with 12 points. Also scoring for Salado were Nolan Miller, 8 points, Isaac Pettigrew, 7 points, Cayden Stump, 7 points, Kase Maedgen 6 points, Caleb Sirmon, 2 points.

JV Eagles Waco Connally 47

Salado JV Eagles were beaten by Waco Connally Cadets on the road Dec. 19.

Salado led the Cadets 11-9 in the first quarter and fell behind 15-17 in the sec-

ond quarter. Salado scored 7 in the third to trail 22-35 and added 8 in the fourth to lose 30-47.

Josh Gilpin led Salado in scoring with 10 points. Also scoring for Salado were Isaac Pettigrew, 5 points, Ethan Llobergat, 3 points, Caleb Sirmon, 2 points, Adam Benavides, 2 points, Kase Maedgen, 2 points, Cayden Stump, 2 points, Nolan Miller, 2 points, Dawson Barksdale. 2 points.

JV Eagles **Austin NE 36**

Salado JV Eagles bested Austin NE in a home game

Austin NE led Salado 10-8 in the first quarter and

See Eagles, Page 2C

Senior Wrook Brown signed his Letter of Intent to play football for the University of Wyoming Cowboys on Dec. 18. He was recruited by the Pokes to play safety. Universitoy of Wyoming competes in the Mountain West Division. Brown was a four-year letterman and three-year starter for the Eagles. He was named the District 9-4A Most Valuable Player, leading the Eagles to a District Championship with an 11-2 record, losing in the Region Semi-finals to Carthage. Brown started on both sides of the line of scrimmage. As a safety, he had 104 tackles, 4 tackles for loss (TFL), 64 solo tackles, seven passes broken up (PBU) and an interception. He also punted and kicked for Salado. As a running back in Salado's aggressive Slot-T offense, Brown had 12 TDs on 75 carries for 653 yards. He also had five receptions for 67 yards and 2 TDs. Brown also kicked for Salado, making 51 of 54 extra points and punted for an average of 38.3 yards. (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)

Lady Eagles drop road game to China Spring

Lady Eagles China Spring

Salado Lady Eagles were beaten in a road game by China Spring Dec. 15.

The Lady Eagles trailed China Spring 7-9 in the first quarter and scored 6 in the second to enter the half behind 13-28. Salado outscored China Spring 8-3 in the third to make the score 21-31. The Lady Eagles the fourth, scoring 6 points for the 27-44 loss.

Lorena Perez led the Lady Eagles in scoring with 7 points, 11 rebounds, 2 steals. Also scoring for Salado were Reese Preston, 6 points, 1 rebound, 1 assist, 1 steal, Megan Manibusan, 3 points, 5 rebounds, 1 assist, Kenslee Konarik, 3 points, 4 rebounds, 1 steal, 1 block, Katie Law, 3 points, 5 rebounds, 1 block Amanda Cantu, 2 points, 5 rebounds, 3 assists, 1 steal.

JV Lady Eagles 21 San Saba

Salado JV Lady Eagles were beaten at home by San Saba Dec. 21.

The JV Lady Eagles were down 3-13 in the first quarter and trailed 9-19 at the half. Salado scored 7 points in the third to trail 16-32 and 5 points in the fourth for the final 21-39.

Scoring for Salado were were unable to catch up in Elly Wade, 5 points, Ariel Cebreco, 5 points, Brooke Ellithorp, 5 points, Marissa Lancaster, 2 points, Harley Drouillard, 2 points, Evie Wickert, 2 points.

JV Lady Eagles 30 Georgetown

Salado JV Lady Eagles beat Georgetown on the road Dec. 18.

The JV Lady Eagles led Georgetown 8-5 in the first quarter and scored 6 points in the second to hold a 14-13 at half. Salado extended the lead to 21-15 in the third and scored 9 points in the

fourth for the 30-21 win.

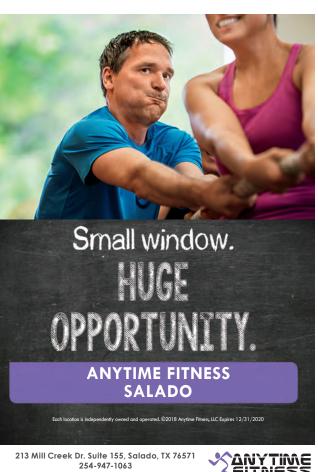
Ariel Cebreco Salado in scoring with 17 points. Also scoring for Salado were Cooper Meyer, 5 points, Hannah Hudson, 4 points, Kaelyn Houston, 2 points, Ellie Mescher, 2 points.

JV Lady Eagles 35 China Spring 23

Salado JV Lady Eagles defeated China Spring on the road Dec. 15.

Salado JV Lady Eagles fell behind 2-4 in the first quarter and scored 6 points in the second to enter the half trailing 12-17. Salado outscored China Spring 12-4 in the third to take a 24-21 lead. Salado added 11 points in the fourth quarter for the 35-23 win.

Brooke McLaurin led Salado in scoring with 11 pionts. Also scoring for Salado were Cooper Meyer, 10 points, Lancaster, 6 points, Wade, 5 points, Ellithorp, 2 points, Drouillard, 1 point.



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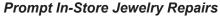


Above, Chris Fowler, Salado Masonic Lodge Senior Deacon, presents a \$1,500 check to Heart & Hands Ministries during the food bank's final distribution of 2020. Below Lodge members Jeff Johnson and Tim Fleischer present toys and bicycles to Salado Family Relief Fund. The Lodge adopted a family of three and purchased bikes for another family through SFRF. The Lodge also adopted two foster children through Lighthouse Family Network.



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Eagles

Salado scored 13 points in the second to take a 21-16 lead. Salado added 14 points in the third quarter to lead 35-29 and scored another 14 in the fourth to win 49-36.

Gilpin led Salado in scoring with 14 points. Also scoring for Salado were Barksdale, 9 points, Llobergat, 9 points, Pettigrew, 5 points, Brandon English, 4 points, Stump, 4 points, Sirmon, 2 points, Maedgen, 2 points, Miller, 2 points.

JV Eagles Bruceville-Eddy 19

Salado JV Eagles beat

FROM PAGE 1C

Bruceville-Eddy in a home game Dec. 15.

Salado took a 19-5 lead in the first quarter and scored 20 points in the second to lead 39-10. Salado added 18 points in the third and scored another 21 points in the fourth for the 78-19 win.

Llobergat led Salado in scoring with 14 points. Also scoring for Salado were Gilpin, 10 points, Benavides, 8 points, Maedgen, 8 points, Miller, 8 points, Barksdale, 8 points, Pettigrew, 7 points, English, 4 points, Kayden Lewis, 4 points.

Salado Freshman 36 McGregor

Salado Freshman bested McGregor Dec. 21.

Salado Freshman Eagles trailed the Bulldogs 5-12 in the first quarter and scored 9 in the second to make the score 14-18. Salado scored 10 points in the third to close the gap 24-26. The Freshman Eagles took the win in the fourth scoring 12 points for the 36-34 final.

Scoring for Salado were Tate Franks, 8 points, Camrin Rogers, 8 points, AJ Fach, 7 points, Z. Roche, 6 points, J. Ingrum, 4 points, N. Johnson, 3 points.

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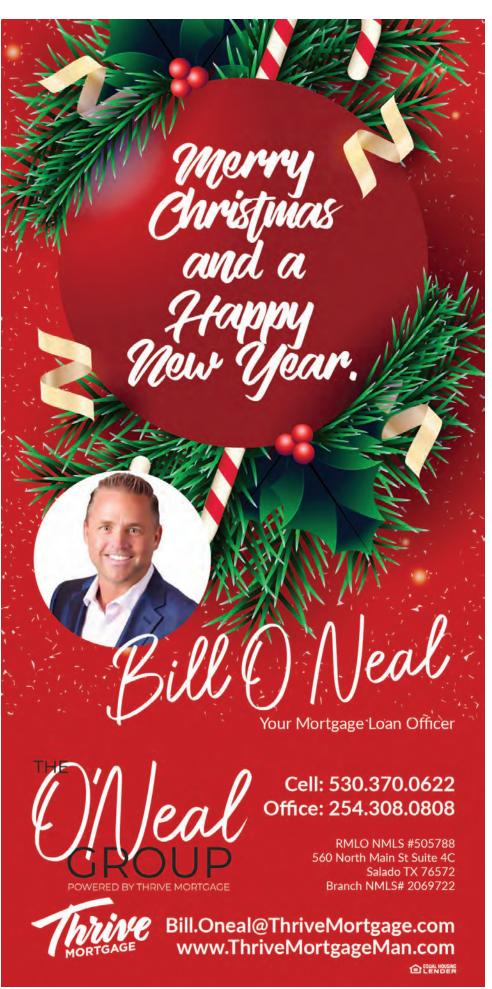
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Despite challenges of COVID, SISD has much to be grateful for

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Superintendent's Corner

by Dr. Michael Novotny

Even though COVID-19 has made things very challenging, we have so much to be thankful for during this past year. While all of the schools in Texas were closed the last several weeks of the 2019-2020 school year, our teachers provided remote instruction to our students during that time. Our Salado High School Class of 2020 graduates were able to participate in a commencement ceremony outside at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor's Crusader stadium in June.

This 2020-2021 school year we are offering our students the option to attend school in person or remotely. We opened our beautiful new middle school in September. Our cross country teams, football teams, vollevball teams, marching band, and FFA all had phenomenal seasons this fall. Our new high school dance team is also having a great first year. Our basketball teams and soccer teams are already off to a great start.

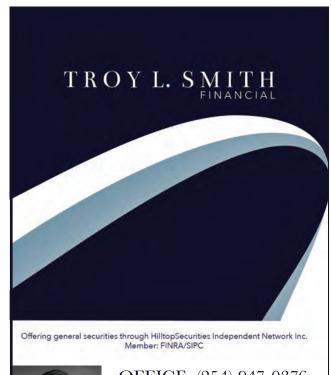
Thankfully our CO-VID-19 numbers have remained low enough so we have not had to close school or cancel any extracurricular activities. While we have had 42 students and 25 employees that have tested positive for COVID-19 since March, thankfully all of them have recovered so

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I hope all of our students and employees are having a wonderful Christmas break with their families. Bob Hope once said, "My idea of Christmas, whether old-fashioned or modern, is very simple: loving others. Come to think of it, why do we have to wait for Christmas to do that?" Merry Christmas!





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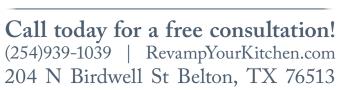
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3217 Stratford Dr View this luxurious home with magnificent trees & a porte-cochre grand entry. Step inside, & you will be welcomed with high ceilings & grand staircase.

\$469,900



121 Eagle Rock Extraordinary home inside and out, custom all the way from the floors to the hand painted ceilings. Step through these beautiful double doors and into your next piece of Salado countryside, only minutes from downtown! \$579,900



2821 Sulphur Wells Rd A very detailed custom home with approx 4,900 sq ft. The property is overlooking 37 beautifully wooded acres including a separate guest house. \$1,649,900



4102 Joe Bozon Drive Spectacular four bedroom 2.5 bath home in Amity Estates that sparkles from floor to ceiling! Notice the grand living room as you walk through the front doors with no detail left untouched. \$389,900



8201 Collins Creek Drive Come see this new Randy Taylor Home in Spring Creek. Randy brings a beautiful mix of modern flair with traditional warmth inside this home. \$349,900



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



RECENTLY BEEN COMPLETED FROM TWO YEARS

OF CONSTRUCTION WHICH WILL ENABLE TRAFFIC

COUNT BOTH FOOT AND VEHICLES TO INCREASE.

53 W Creek Drive

Unique opportunity to own acreage in the heart of Salado. Come see this stunning custom Hill Country styled home nestled in hardwood trees.



8425 Anna's Spring Drive Randy Taylor brings a beautiful mix of modern flair with traditional warmth inside this modern farmhouse. \$515,000



903 Rose Way, Salado Your chance to own this picturesque Bed and breakfast in the heart of downtown Salado \$950,000



605 Newberry Court SPARKLING home from floor to ceiling! Walk into this beautifully fully upgraded home and be impressed with the herringbone tile and upgraded wood ceiling detail immediately in the foyer. \$320,000



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



1152 W FM 218 **EXCELLENT HUNTING / WEEKEND RANCH** OR PERMANENT HOMESTEAD WITH OVER 3,000 SQUARE FOOT HOME BUILT IN 1976. \$699,900



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



10002 Hartrick Bluff Road AS IS/WHERE IS - Calling all investors! This home and acreage has huge potential and incredible views overlooking the river and valley! \$229,000



Another incredible David Foust Custom Home available in 2020. Located in the beautiful Salado Mills Subdivision offering golf cart access to Salado as well as a beautiful community pool. \$472,500

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

1.979 acre 2801 S Interstate 35 Belton, TX 76513

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

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.

Course and a golf cart ride away from Salado shopping and dining.

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

37.2 Acres 2821 Sulphur Wells Rd

Woods of Salado (Starts @ \$99,900) 15 Acres Vilas Rd. Holland

14 Acres Vilas Rd. Holland



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