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## **Chamber honors citizen,** volunteer & business of year

Salado Chamber of Commerce honored the Citizen of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Business of the Year and Hall of Famer during a reception April 22 at the Stagecoach Inn Longhorn Room.

#### Citizen of the Year **Shane Berrier**

Bert Henry announced Salado Volunteer Fire Department Chief Shane Berrier as the 2020 Citizen of the Year

Berrier has lived in Salado for 37 years and is a 1997 Graduate of Salado High School. He has been a member of the Salado Fire Department for 23 years and was appointed to the position of Chief in 2013.

"In 2020, Chief Berrier successfully led a team in the creation of Bell County Emergency Services District #1, the first ESD in Bell County," Henry said of Berrier. "On November 3, 2020, the Proposed Creation of Bell County Emergency Services District #1 passed with a 72% voter approval!"

"Taking into consideration the financial hardships experienced during the CO-VID-19 Pandemic, in a district with newly increased property tax rates, this proved to be a huge success in an uncertain financial climate," he added. "This level of success is a direct reflection of how the citizens of Salado and the District support the Salado Fire Department, under Chief Berrier's leadership. He should be justifiably proud to have played such a crucial role in creating Bell County's first ESD and even more so that he did it right here in Salado!"

"Chief Berrier has dedicated all of his adult life to serving the Village of Salado and the surrounding community in the protection of life and property with the Salado Fire Department," Henry said. "He possesses a level pride, professionalism and attention to detail that has earned the respect and admiration of the men and women under his command, as well as that of the citizens and local business owners of Salado."

#### Volunteer of the Year **Colleen Brooks**

Dave Swarthout presented Colleen Brooks with the Volunteer of the Year award, reading from a letter by Pat Darnell. "From this vantage point (St. Joseph's Church on North Main), we see people coming and going all the time. In fact, we can spot this lady in a heart beat because she drives a golf cart that has clearly identifiable markings. She is out there picking up trash along the roadways, not because she has to, but because she can. You may not know her name, but you will surely recognize her."

"She is constantly up on College Hill planting, cleaning, cutting, watering and working the compost pile. She volunteers at Helping Hands Ministry, unpacking clothes and helping wherever needed there," Swarthout

"And did you know that she painted almost all of the rooms at the Salado Museum by herself?" Swarthout said. "Give her a paint brush and watch her transform dull rooms into rooms filled with light."

Swarthout vouched for her painting the Museum, where he said she painted him into a corner.

#### **Business of the Year Sugar Shack**

Laci Gunter told the audience that she was one of many to nominate the Sugar Shack for Business of the Year. "This business has been a pillar of our community since 2012 and has continued to run a successful business through many challenges, such as construction obstacles that Salado faced and even through the Covid pandemic," Gunter said of

thrive in our community by willingly supporting our youth, our school, and many non profits that come by asking for support," she said.

"This business is not just a candy store it is an experience that every local resident proudly shares with family and friends when they come to visit our sweet village," Gunter said. "It's a feeling. A feeling as though you are entering your grandma's kitchen and she is waiting ready to spoil you and make all your wishes a reality."

Owner Andrea Johnson and store manager Allison Clennon accepted the award. **Hall of Fame** 

#### **Dave Hermann**

"Have you ever had the feeling of walking into a business.... And knowing you were valued. That they were glad you were there.

They wanted to get to know you. Embracing your uniqueness focusing on your story," Claire Hartman said in introducing the newest entry into the Hall of Fame. "Only to find that special something in you. And then catering to your needs in a way that truly touches you. Ever had that feeling?"

"Sometimes you find there are sayers.... Explaining what needs to be done... then you find do-ers.... Those that know it is their time to make the change happen. And sometimes someone is BOTH, the sayer and the do-er."

The Hall of Famer "came to Salado because they knew the mystique, the ambiance that Salado offered. This person felt they could magnify that mystique. They brought their business... and shared their craft. And created an experience.

"In their career they have many accolades and notorieties and could go anywhere, but they chose Salado. And in Salado they made a difference," she added.

"In 2020 they took on COVID with fervor," she said. "Took what they did for a living and found a way to make it relevant in our new reality. Finding ways to serve their community. Taking care of each of us differently, with a twist.

"Then comes SNOWGEDDEN.... member Frozen February. ..... This person found a way to use their craft to help oth-"Not only do they run ers, including those that had successful business, they no way of getting out of their home," she added.

> "His Team is Salado and he is a team player. He wants us all to rise up!" she added.

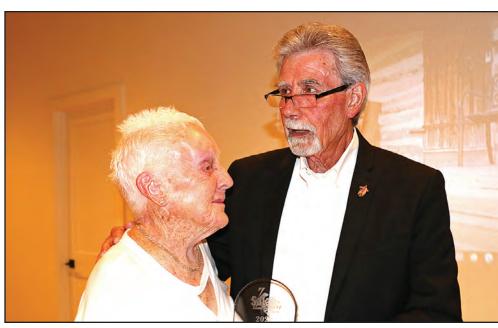
"So if you have ever heard the phrase 'in CONCERT with' or 'That DOVETAILS into'... then you know our 2020 Hall of Fame recipient, Dave Hermann!"

Outgoing Board Chairman Lara Tracy gave remarks about the challenge Salado businesses faced in shifting their presence during the shutdown due to COVID-19 and the role the Chamber played in promoting its business members.

Incoming Board Chair Nancy Best unveiled the new look of the salado.com Chamber of Commerce website for the audience and talked about the Chamber's responsibilities of supporting and promoting its member



Citizen of the Year Shane Berrier with Bert Henry. (PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)



Volunteer of the Year Colleen Brooks with Dave Swarthout. (Photo by Marilyn Fleischer)



Business of the Year Sugar Shack. Above, from left, store manager Allison Clennon, store owner Andrea Johnson and Laci Gunter, who nominated the store.



"Kid Zone" during Salado

(PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER) Claire Hartman presented the Hall of Fame award to Dave Hermann.



(PHOTO BY LILIAN HEREDIA)



grader at Salado Independent School District, carefully extracts an oversized block from a tower of Jenga blocks during the April 24 Cross the Creek Fundraiser for the Salado Education Foundation.

(PHOTO BY LILIAN HEREDIA)

## An Open Exchange of Ideas

## Conundrum: 8.4 mil seek work; 7.4 mil job openings

The Markets

The S&P 500 Stock Index was basically flat for the week after hitting an all-time intraday high a couple of times but ended down 0.13% for the week to 4180.17. It sagged midweek when a plan for higher capital gains taxes was announced but then bounced back when traders realized it would only apply to incomes above \$1 million per year. It is now up 11.3% year-to-date. The CRSP US Mid-Cap Value Index was up 0.35% for the week and has now risen 17.41% in 2021. The slow rotation to smaller, value-based stocks appears to be continuing.

The yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note fell 1.3% to 1.564% as inflation fears continued to abate. There has been a significant increase in cash flow from Chinese government bonds into the U.S. Treasury market in the last month, effectively lowering yields, as the U.S. economy continues to show signs of health. West Texas Intermediate crude oil (WTI) followed stocks and yields down 1.65% to \$62.04 per barrel, still at a very profitable level for producers.

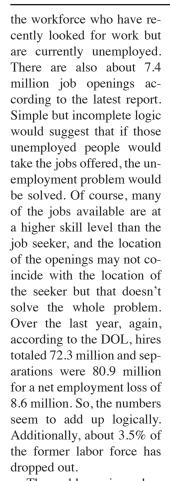
#### The Economy

The leading U.S. economic news was a report from the Labor Department that new unemployment claims reported by the states fell 39,000 to 547,000. Those who have been following this issue will remember that the weekly numbers have remained stubbornly above 700,000 for months despite other signs of an improving economy. Yes, the pre-pandemic average was 218,000, but the number is finally moving, and in the right direc-

Speaking of unemployment, there is a clear conundrum in the employment numbers. Some of the numbers are pretty straight forward. According to the DOL household survey, there are about 8.4 million workers, or about 6% of

Market & Economic **Update** 

By Jeffrey W. McClure



The problem arises when we get out and note that there are "now hiring" signs up at many businesses and the Federal Reserve Beige Book and other surveys note that employers across the country are limited by a lack of workers to fill jobs, particularly for entry level openings. So, we did some quick calculations to look at the personal economics of being unemployed, particularly for low wage workers. First, the national average for state unemployment weekly benefit is \$320. In Texas, a laid off \$15 per hour worker is eligible for UI This recovery has all the payments of \$312 per week. Add in the federal \$300 per week supplement, and the worker who was making about \$555 per week, after payroll taxes, when working, is now making \$612 per week as long as he or she is applying for jobs. Suddenly it is understandable why employers are reporting accepting as many as 20 employees from applications

and interviews at the entry level, but they are lucky if one shows up to actually work. Still, with 6% of the workforce unemployed only 2.6% of that workforce are drawing unemployment benefits. That leaves 3.4% or about 5.5 million without income and looking for work. This is a complex issue. Come September, when the federal benefit runs out, we will see the true state of employment situation in the United States.

Meanwhile, the economic survey firm, IHS Markit announced Friday that its U.S. services index rose to 63.1 in April from March's 60.4 on a scale where numbers above 50 indicate growth. That is the highest reading for the index since the data-collection for the index began. At the same time, the IHS purchasing manager's index for manufacturing climbed to 60.6, another record high. Both sectors are reporting that they are having trouble meeting demand in the face of a limited qualified labor supply and slow supply chains. Despite their complaints, employers do not appear to be raising wages faster than they did pre-pandemic, so the prime inflation driver is not present, but that will bear watching.

We are not out of the woods yet, but daylight is showing between the trees as the U.S. economy appears to be coming back strongly. earmarks of becoming the base for a longer-term expansion that could take us well beyond anything we dreamed of back in 2019. If we can find enough qualified workers and beef up our infrastructure and supply chains, we can envision this expansion lasting for the rest of the decade.

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## An apology to the grandkids

To the Editor:

A lady friend once told me that she routinely apologizes to her grandkids for the world she is leaving them. That made me think in depth about their inherited challenges which consist

...technologies intended to improve communication but that have become vehicles for fraud, theft, disinformation, agitation and invasions of privacy

...a dysfunctional government rife with self-serving, avaricious politicians and bureaucrats who are purveyors of misinformation and actual lies

...legislators who support, endorse and enable the arming of sociopaths

... politicians spending tax moneys in attempts to populate and modify planets inhospitable to habitation while simultaneously subsidizing industries, activities and policies intent on the destruction of this good earth's environment that is/ was ideal for the creation and perpetuation of life as we know it

...reckless consumption of the earth's resources to satisfy greed, gluttony, and corporate avarice

...a dysfunctional healthcare "system" that is not a system and that ignores and depreciates available and effective protective and life saving mechanisms

...a decayed infrastructure allowed to deteriorate due to lack of funding while moneys were wasted on destruction and then shoddy reconstruction in foreign

## **Your Voice**

Letters to the Editor

...an increasingly hostile international posture exacerbated by corporate-encouraged colonialism; continual wars precipitated and perpetuated by lies and disinformation; abandonment of allies; and embracing of enemies

...a nation of immigrants divided about immigration

...a failing monetary system that penalizes savers and small investors while favoring speculators, bankers, wall street manipulators and that subsidizes the costs of government waste... inequitable tax policies that favor the ultra rich, international corporations, tax dodgers, and illegitimate 'non profit" entities

...an increasingly divided populace encouraged and perpetuated by racial agitators and ambitious politicians, including those that advocate the taking of assets from citizens who never owned slaves and giving them to citizens who were never slaves yet who, despite their ancestors' mistreatment, are much better off than had those ancestors not been brought to North America

...perpetual agitation by rewriters of history and magnification of vague affiliations that might fend" some minorities

...an apathetic electorate

that ignores facts and glorifies false prophets while allowing itself to be misdirected by emotional issues and the feeling that its "rights" should override the rights of others

...increasing subsidization of individuals, homeless and otherwise, who prefer to feed off the generosity of those who work and contribute to the economy

...allowing the growth and arming of anarchist cults intent on destroying established and historically effective governmental pro-

...a theocratic invasion of governments and populaces that has precipitated and sustained warfare and genocide worldwide and that in the U.S. has discredited science in favor of mysticism and unfounded, unproved, and disproved religious allegations.

All in all, this is not a legacy to boast about, and the continuation of these trends guarantees the ongoing downgrading of the United States from its one time pinnacle of excellence established by our post World War II ancestors and their predecessors. The current situation does not speak well about today's descendants of those folks.

Tom Curb Salado

## Donald Trump's Future

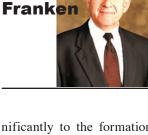
Bob

Could it be that Donald Trump is losing his touch? "Who?" you ask, and that's exactly the point. With the Trumpster sliding from the main stage to lounge act, we may soon imagine a world where he's traveling from small town to small town in a rickety old bus, playing before a handful of seats in a shabby motel with a dwindling number of old white guys as an audience, all that's left of his massive

The rest will have turned their attention elsewhere, died off or be among the white supremacists still in prison for their crimes stemming from the Jan. 6 siege of the United States Capitol building. Although the participants who had been released still might be spotted mumbling conspiracy theories about the Capitol invaders actually defending the building from antifa.

Nevertheless, for the conspirators, the planners of the most violent tactics, their crimes would be considered so serious that they'd end up serving their sentences at the "Supermax" penitentiary in Colorado.

If so, it'd be the rare case where the punishment fit the crime. However, to see the danger in that scenario, we have to go back nearly 20 years, to Iraq and Camp Bucca, a U.S. operating base plopped right in the desert. It grew into Buccamax, where the worst Iraqi POWs were held. Unfortunately, it also threw together a bunch of hard-nosed anti-Americans with substantial military experience. Their organizing abilities contributed sig-



nificantly to the formation of ISIS. When they were released, they went on a sweep across the vast sands of the Middle East, capturing huge chunks of territory and oppressing the population, particularly women, with their capricious moral

The point is a bunch of politically likeminded white supremacists in prisons would have lots of time to get organized into heavily armed (in the United States, nearly everyone can be heavily armed) militia units once released. Besides guerrilla drills, they would have little to do but go to the occasional Donald Trump show when it passed through on that rickety old

Trump, reduced to a guy pitching magical elixirs and snake oil medical products with an intermittent 1-800 number infomercial on TV, wouldn't even be booked for "Dancing With the Stars." "The Apprentice" would be a distant memory, and so would his presidency.

In reality, he's already being reduced to the infrequent appearance, where he gets lousy reviews from audiences of Republicans who are consistently disappointed. Take his recent one before party fat cats

at Mar-a-Lago, where he called Mitch McConnell a "dumb son of a b\*\*\*h. It was supposed to be a "unity" conference, but it was the same doodoo, different day: Trump talking about how he had the election stolen from him, how his handling of the pandemic was masterful, etc. By the next day, the timid officeholders of the GOP were using expressions like "not helpful." They want to move on, but Donald Trump doesn't want to be moved on from. He's already lost his starring roles on social media, and now he is losing his grip on the spotlight. And just losing his grip.

There's nothing worse than going bonkers in front of a shrinking audience. But the worst of all would be if this script didn't play out and Donald Trump recovered his showbiz traction and we end up making the same mistake twice. It would be some sort of national amnesia if we elect him again -- him or one of his Republican clones.

A lot depends on Joe Biden and his people to remind everyone what we had to recover from and making Trump nothing more than a distant memory.

Bob Franken is an Emmy Award-winning reporter who covered Washington for more than 20 years with

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#### Salado Book Club news

Book Club had the opportunity to visit with Rhonda Graff Jolley, a first time author and a friend of several members of the Club. Jollev discussed her book, Echo of Silence, with the group. The book deals with serious and sometimes disturbing issues of domestic abuse. Set in both Boston, Massachusetts, ancl South Texas, the story follows the life of Vic-

toria Campbell, a successful woman who struggles to cope with isssues, from her past. Jolley's goal in writing the book was to shed light on the toll of abuse and how to recognize predators but also to provide hope and encouragement for those who might find themselves in similar situations. Echo of Silence is a fast paced, easy read book, available at many online bookstores.



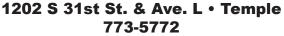
Salado Book Club recent meeting. Back row - L-R Holly Heitz Hensley, Terri Raines, Barbara Newman, Lynette McCain Jones, Gayla Fossum Ray , Stacey Westphal, Front row L-R: Tina Alderman, Janet Gravette





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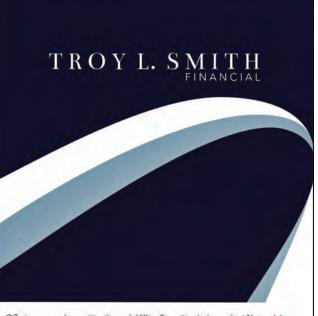
Top - Salado Mayor Michael Coggin serves a plate of barbeque to Jenna Berrier, the Salado fire chief's wife, during the Ice Storm Heroes event held on Saturday, April 24 at The View. The come and go style event provided catered food from Miller's Smokehouse and a variety of homemade desserts.

Bottom - Ray Don and Mary McIntosh and their children Titus, Bethany, and Selah are awarded a certificate of recognition and locally designed lapel pin during the Ice Storm Heroes event on Saturday, April 24. Ray Don McIntosh is the family life minister at the Church of Christ which provided sanctuary to locals and travelers effected by the extreme weather last month. Church members and locals alike brought food, blankets, and other essential items to the church that maintained power throughout the storm.

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#### GLENDA JOYCE GRAY

Glenda Joyce Gray died on Monday, April 19, 2021 after a short illness. She was born on April 27, 1942, the third of four daughters of Robert Leland Gray and Beula Huckabee Gray, lifetime residents of Holland, Texas. Glenda was a gradu-

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881 North Main Street (254) 947-3160 StJosephSalado.org and Mary Hardin Baylor University with a degree in home economics education. Upon receipt of her degree she began work as a homemaking teacher in the Rosebud-Lott Independent School District where she remained employed until her retirement. She resided in Lott since the 1980s.

ate of Holland High School

Glenda was preceded in death by her parents and two older sisters, Dortha Jean Potts, of Belton, Texas, and Frances Marie Gray of Port Lavaca. She is survived by a younger sister, Nancy Grav Curb of Salado, and nephews Robert Roy and John Potts and Bill and Bob Curb and nieces Patty Potts Wilson and Pamela Curb Stephens as well as several grand nephews and nieces.

She will be interred in the Gray family plot in Holland under the auspices of Broecker Funeral Home of Salado. Due to the covid pandemic, there will be no viewing and only family-attended graveside services.

## You Are conference casts from Grace Church on May 1

Grace Church Salado invites you to You Are Conference May 1 at the church, located at 5798 FM 2484 where the conference will be webcast.

You can register online for the conference by going to www.vouareconference. com. Be sure to enter Grace Church Salado in the Host Section of the registration

For questions and more information, contact Marilvn Griffin via email at Griffmr6@gmail.com or phone 512-431-0928 or contact Jodi Miller via email a psalm 34.3@gmail.com or via phone at 254-231-9795.

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"Our prayer is that we will grow deeper in our faith through teaching and worship, connect with other women," Lee said.







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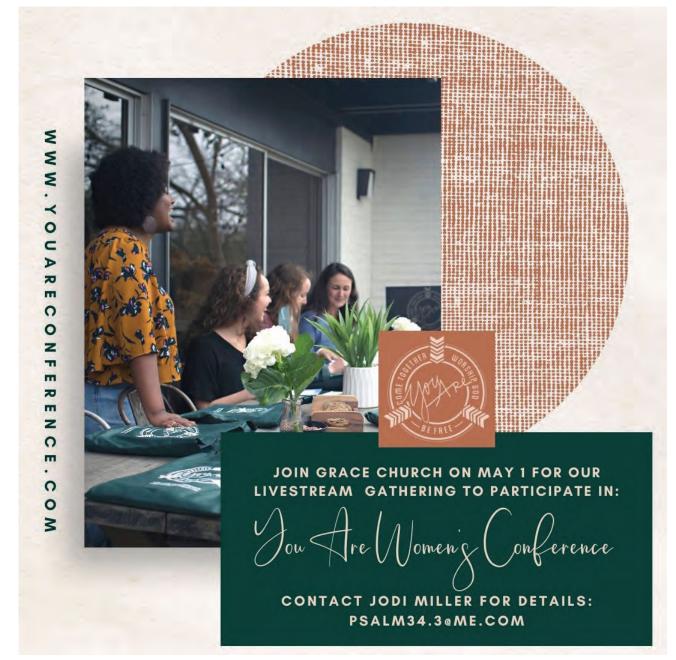
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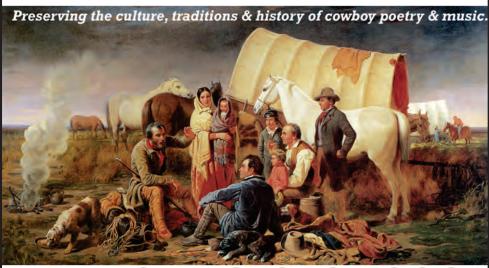
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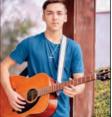
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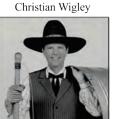
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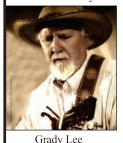
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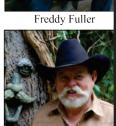




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## Cowboy Poetry, Music Gathering in downtown Salado on May 6-9

etry and Music Gathering May 6-9 brings together a group of poets and musicians who are doing their part to preserve the culture and heritage of the American West.

Performers are men and women who are now or have been in the past a part of the working cowboy environment.

The Salado Cowboy Poetry and Music Gathering launches with a Local Artists' Reception 6 p.m. May 6 at the Salado Museum, 423 S. Main Street in Salado. The reception is sponsored by the Salado Cultural Arts District and is open to the public. Barrow Brewery and Stagecoach Inn are providing snacks. Saladoan Bill Lutz from Heritage Country Church will provide live entertainment. A donation of \$10 is requested to benefit the Salado Museum and College Hill Park.

Heritage Country Church will sponsor a Friday Night Concert with performances by a cadre of cowboys, including Don Cadden, Chris Isaacs, Gary Allegretto, Washtub Jerry, Freddy Fuller, Grady Lee, Christian Wigley, Jim Cathey, Gary J.C. Penny and the Heritage Country Church Band. Tickets are \$30.00 per person and can be purchased at https://centraltexastickets.com/ The gates will open at 5 p.m. for an opportunity to browse a store featuring art by the performing musicians/poets and an optional BBQ dinner prepared by Heritage Country Church Cook Team will be available for a donation of \$15 at the door. Heritage



take part in the Cowboy Poetry and Music Gathering May 6-9. (PHOTO BY BRET HARTMAN)

Country Church is located at 9929 Lark Trail in Sala-

Saturday events will dot downtown and Salado Creek. Maxdale Cowboy Church will have a Chuckwagon on the grounds of Barrow Brewing Co. beginning at 7:30 a.m. to offer cowboy coffee and Dutch oven biscuits. This event is

Barrow Brewing will also be the location of the MerTex Market, which will feature Mermaid, Texana and other crafts. The Mer-Tex Market benefits Sirenafest's efforts to build an all abilities playground in Salado's Pace Park.

Throughout the morning, there will be rotating mini-concerts slated to begin at 9:45 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. You will have 15 minutes between each performance to walk to the next venue. Barrow Brewing will host Freddy Fuller and Gary J.C. Penney. Salado Museum will host Gary Allegretto and Christian Wigley. Stagecoach Inn will host Grady Lee, Chris Isaacs and Ol' SEE COWBOY, PAGE 2B





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## Village of Salado Calendar of Events

Bikes & Brews, 6 p.m. at Barrow Brewing.

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

Trivia every Monday at Chupacabra, 7 p.m.

Tuesday Night Prix Fixe at Alexander's Craft Cocktails + Kitchen. \$14.95 for entree, dessert and glass of wine. Prix Fixe menu changes weekly. Visit Alexander's Facebook page for weekly updates on Prix Fixe.

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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 informa-

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

Live Music at Chupacabra Craft Beers, 7 p.m.

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

#### **Saturdays**

Farmers Market at Barrow Brewing Co. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on the grounds.

Live Music at Chupacabra Craft Beer and Kitchen, 7 p.m. Live Music at Barrow Brewing Co., 7:30 p.m.

#### Sundays

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

#### April 29

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

#### April 30

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

#### April 30-May 1

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

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

#### May 1

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

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

May 2 Live Music at Barrow Brewing, 4 p.m. from Earl Nelson

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

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

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

#### May 7

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

#### 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

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 Am-

phitheater. In case of rain the

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Sammy Kershaw at John-

ny's Outback, 301 Thomas

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p.m. Show starts at 7:45 p.m.

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and tickets at https://johnny-

Live Music at Chupacabra,

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Tablerock stage.

May 8

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

#### **May 15**

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

#### May 15

First Cavalry Division Band Concert at Tablerock Amphitheater.

#### May 16

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

May 17 Salado ISD Board of Trustees meeting, 6 p.m., Salado Civic Center.

May 20 Pint Night at Chupacabra Craft Beer, 4 p.m.-midnight. Get a free pint glass with every purchase of the featured brew-

ery. This week featuring (903). May 20 Village of Salado Aldermen meeting, 6:30 p.m., 301 N. Stagecoach Rd. Also cast via Zoom. Link will be posted

#### meeting. May 21

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

at saladotx.gov 72 hours before

#### May 21

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

#### May 21-22

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#### May 22

Heart and Hands Ministries food distribution to those in need in the Salado, Holland, Bartlett area, 9-11 a.m. at 213 Mill Creek Drive, Suite

135 in Salado Plaza.

#### 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

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# Cowboy

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Enjoy lunch following the mini-concerts and then join Gary Allegretto at the Salado Museum at 1 p.m. May 8 where you will learn to play the harmonica and get to take one home with you. Tickets are \$20 for the event and are available at https://centraltexastickets.

Fred Fuller hosts a Writers' Rendezvous 2-30-3:30 p.m. at the Salado Museum. There will be a roundtable discussion about the cow-

boy life and songwriting with Don Cadden, Chris Isaacs, Teresa Burleson, Grady Lee and Devon Dawson. This event will also have an opportunity for audience participation. Admission is \$10 at the door or free with purchase of both nights' concert tickets. Heritage Country

Church will sponsor the Saturday night concert, beginning at 7 p.m. May 8. KCEN meteorologist Andy Anderson will be the master of ceremonies for this event.

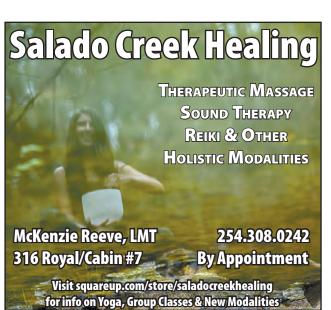
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Performers for the Saturday Night concert are Teresa Burleson, Devon Dawson, Don Cadden, Chris Isaacs, Gary Allegretto, Washtub Jerry, Grady Lee, Christian Wigley and the Heritage Country Church Band. Tickets are \$30 per person and can be purchased at https://centraltexastickets. com/. The gates will open at 5 p.m. for an opportunity to browse a store featuring art by the performing musicians/poets and an optional BBQ dinner prepared by Heritage Country Church Cook Team will be available for a donation of \$15 at the door.

Finally, on May 9 at 10 a.m. join Heritage Country Church for a traditional cowboy church service. The church is located at 9929 Lark Trail in Salado.

For more information and biographical sketches of the Cowboy performers, visit saladocowboypoetry.







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East South West North Pass Pass Dble 2 🖤 Dble 3 **♦**(1) Dble **Pass** Pass **4 ♥** Opening lead — four of diamonds.

Good bidding often finds its reward during the play. Here is an unusual case where East-West cooperated perfectly in both the bidding and play to defeat four spades.

After East opened with one heart, South doubled, West bid two hearts, and North doubled. In the partnership's style, North's double in this

sequence was "responsive," asking his partner to choose a suit.

East thereupon made the key bid of three diamonds. He realized — both from the strong bidding by North-South and from West's two-heart bid denoting a relatively weak hand that his opponents had the balance of power. East therefore bid three diamonds in an effort to pave the way to the best defense.

One round later, four spades became the final contract. West led a diamond — the suit his partner had bid secondarily — and this proved to be the only way to score four tricks. East ruffed and, mindful of his partner's raise in hearts, underled his A-K-Q in order to put West back on lead. West won with the jack and played a second diamond for East to ruff.

East shifted to the queen of clubs, which did declarer no harm, but South still had to lose a diamond to West's king and so finished down one. It was a bitter pill for North-South to swallow, and it was made all the more so by the knowledge that five diamonds was cold against any defense.

However, what's bad for one side is usually good for the other, and East-West had every right to congratulate themselves on a first-rate performance. ©2021 King Features Syndicate Inc.

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## **Super** Crossword

51 Place to grow **ACROSS** 1 Participated grapes in a PAC 54 TV program 8 Gridlock about kings 15 Muffler, e.a. and queens? 20 "Amen to 58 Settles up 59 Assistant on that!" 21 Blank-faced, an iPhone 61 Suffix with

as a comic 22 Gung-ho 23 Basic items on a canal boat? 25 Auto gear 26 Has it wrong 27 "Who is —?" 28 Day, to Diego

29 One hocking something 30 Nonclerical 31 Niche religion 32 Large-scale swindle?

35 Cubs hero Sammy 36 Hip dwellings 37 Make holy 38 Glowing molten rock? 42 Like acids 43 Rough-

(unfinished)

47 Wintry glaze 48 Dundee denial **49** "How precious! 50 "John Q."

Wimbledon champion Michael 98 Very light 99 Wry grimace 100 Weekly some British football? 104 Chapel part

hepta-62 Radius site 63 Granola grain 105 ln a funk 108 Hasty glance **64** European 109 Mac city famous 110 District for postdrinking 111 Flowing hair headaches? 112 Schoolyard 69 In history retort 72 Pot-au-113 Spanning

74 "Not so fast!" 75 Makes the decision 79 Press-on nails? suit 83 "Dream on!" 85 Radiant 86 Gun rights 120 When some

(French stew)

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say "I'm only human"?

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11 Reebok rival 12 Neighbor of Andorra 13 Tongs may be placed in

14 U.S. nav. officer 15 Auto types 16 Autocleaning services 17 Winemaking

18 Party hearty 19 Brother, in French 24 Use a couch 29 Boat landing 31 Like dirty chimneys

32 Wii user, e.g. 33 Nutrition fig. 34 Viral illness 35 "Good grief! 36 Club swingers' gp

45 "Not so fast!" 46 Pond critter 93 Actress 49 Gung-ho 94 Electrical 50 Service song 52 Emmywinning Ed 95 Susceptible 53 Cobble together 97 Magnate 55 Wetland bird 98 Bewildered 56 Schoolyard retort 100 Gorbachev's 57 Salvers 101 Perturb 60 Côte d'-102 "Capeesh?" (nation in 103 Software Afrique)

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1. GEOGRAPHY: What is Canada's northernmost territory?

2. TELEVISION: Which sitcom features a bar named Paddy's Pub? 3. SCIENCE: Mycology is the study

of what? 4. MUSIC: Which city is mentioned in the Eagles' 1972 song "Take It Easy"?

5. MEASUREMENTS: Which civilization was the first to divide a day into 24 hours?

6. U.S. STATES: How many states border Colorado? 7. MOVIES: "Hedwig's Theme" is the

music that marks which movie series? 8. LITERATURE: Who wrote the novella "Breakfast at Tiffany's"? 9. LANGUAGE: What does The

Magna Carta mean in English? 10. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the traditional birthstone for June babies?

#### Answers

1. Nunavut 2. "It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia"

3. Fungi

4. Winslow, Arizona Ancient Egyptians

6. Seven: Utah, Arizona, New Mexico, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma and

Wyoming 7. "Harry Potter" 8. Truman Capote

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Weekly SUDOKU

## 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:** ◆

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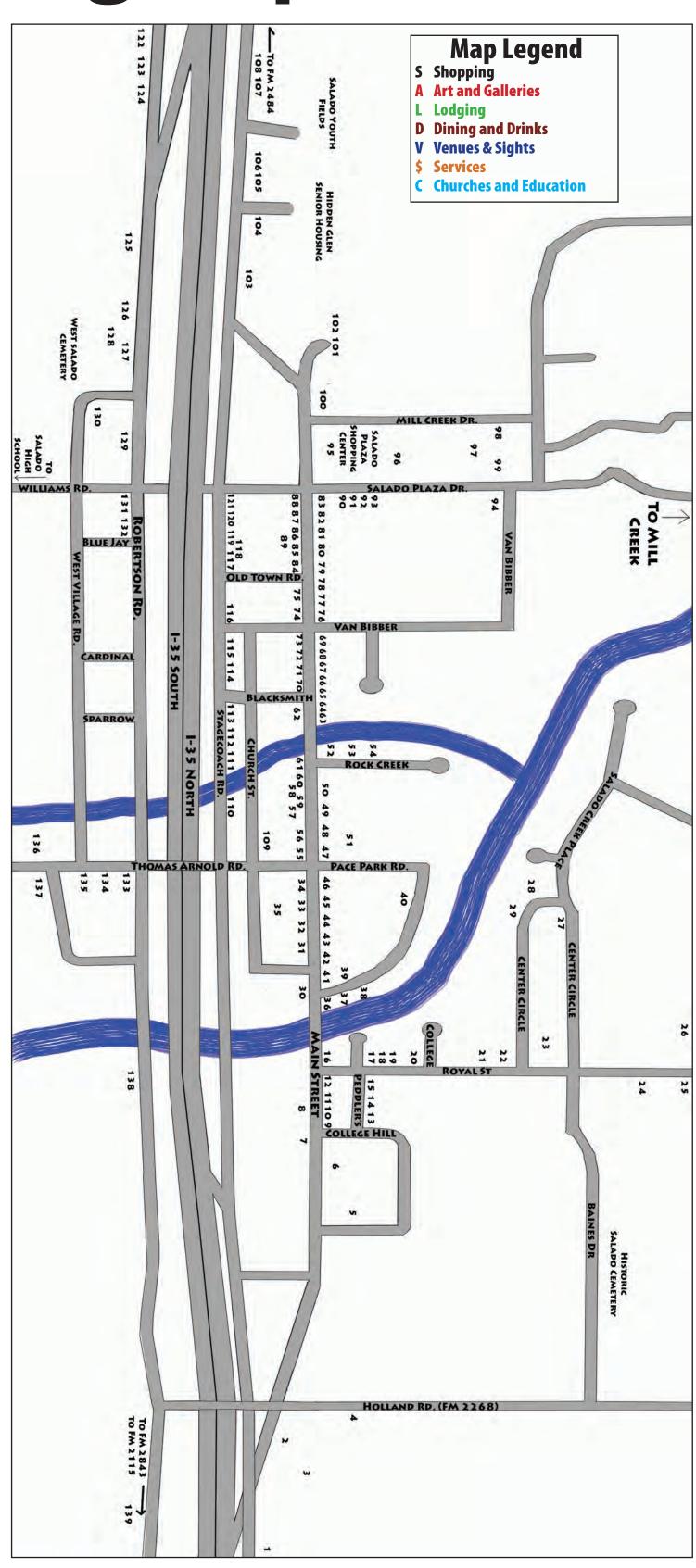
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Answers **2nber** Crossword

# **Shopping Map of Salado**





#### **Historical Markers in Salado**

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

The Barton House

51. The Levi Tenney House

The Norton-Orgain House

55. The Armstrong Adams House

- 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



Salado Lady Eagles are Region III Golf Champions. They are (from left) Reese Rich, Priscilla Torczynski, Maddy Bourland, Coach Scott Ringo, Kennady Moffatt, Cooper Meyer, Lydia Burleson. (Courtesy PHOTO)

## adies win Region golf

Salado Lady Eagles are two days. the UIL 4A Region III Golf Champions. They won the golf championship with a team score of 754, played over two days at Raven Nest Golf Club at Sam Houston State University in Hunts-

The Lady Eagles had a team score of 369 on the first day and 385 on the second day.

Three girls placed in the top 10 for Salado, all three right behind each other.

Maddy Bourland placed seventh overall with a twoday score of 183. She had

Priscilla placed eighth overall with 212. She had rounds of 109 a two-day score of 187. She had rounds of 88 and 99.

Cooper Meyer placed ninth in the field. She had a Meet with a team score of two-day score of 189 with 757. The boys shot a 372 on rounds of 95 and 94.

Reese Rich placed 13th with a two-day score of 195. She had rounds of 95 and

Kennady Moffatt rounded out the team scoring for Salado with a two-day total of 231. She had rounds of 117 and 114.

Lydia Burleson qualified rounds of 91 and 92 over the for Regional as an individ- for 59th with a total of 201.

Torczynski tied for 25th with a score of and 103.

> The varsity boys team placed 11th at the Regional day 1 and 385 on day 2.

> Noah Self led the Eagles with a two-day total of 187, tied for 36th overall. Caleb Altum followed in 41st place with a two-day total of 190. Derek Mullinix was third with a total of 192. Carroll Cooper was in 50th place with a two-day total of 195. Cutter Meyer was tied

## Girls' softball makes playoffs

Salado Lady Eagles will face the La Grange Lady Leopards in the bi-district round of the UIL 4A Softball playoffs.

The teams will have a best-of-three series with game 1 played at 6:30 p.m. April 30 at Salado.

Game 2 will be 1 p.m. May 1 in La Grange with the third game, if necessary immediately following.

Salado finished in third place in District 19-4A while LaGrange is the second place team in District 20-4A.

La Grange is 21-6 with two of their losses coming in district contests with the 24-1 Smithville Lady Tigers.

Other playoff pairings from District 19-4A and 20-4A are these:

First place Lake Belton versus fourth place Eastside Memorial (20-4A).

Second place Taylor (19-4A) versus third place Giddings (20-4A).

Fourth place Burnet (19-4A) versus district champ Smithville (20-4A).

Salado beat the Jarrell Lady Cougars 19-2 in a mercy rule shortened game on April 20. Salado hammered Jarrell

for 22 hits on the night with all batters getting multiple

Bartek led the girls with three hits, three RBIs and two runs.

Preston had three hits, one RBI and two runs. Droulliard had three hits and two runs.

Oborski had two hits, two RBIs and two runs. Giganta also had two hits, two RBIs and two runs. Cantu had two hits, two RBIs and a run. Dudeczka had two hits, an RBI and three runs. Water had two hits, an RBI and a run.

Water got the win on the mound. She pitched four innings and allowed seven hits and two earned runs. She struck out five batters and walked none. Hudson closed the game and allowed three hits in her one inning appearance.

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## SISD Trustees vote to end mask-wearing on June 1

The Salado ISD School Board met on Monday, April 19. The following is a summary of that meeting:

- Thirty parents and students spoke during public comment either in support of discontinuing the Texas Education Agency maskwearing mandate or in support of continuing the Texas Education Agency maskwearing mandate through the end of this school year.
- The Board voted to end the Texas Education Agency mask-wearing mandate, effective Tuesday, June 1, and to allow our high school graduates to not wear masks when they cross the stage at graduation on Friday, May 28.
- The Board discussed our three year enrollment comparison. We currently have 2,119 students, as

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by Dr. Michael Novotny

compared to 2,059 students in April 2020 and 1,944 students in April 2019.

- The Board reviewed our monthly financial re-
- The Board approved the minutes from the March 22 school board meeting.
- The Board approved the renewal of teacher con-
- The Board approved budget amendments.
- The Board approved the 2021-2022 Instructional Material Allotment (IMA) and Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) certification.
- The Board approved the adoption of pre-kinder-

garten curriculum materials. • The Board approved the hiring of three teachers and

- one teacher/coach. • The Board approved an amendment to the Salado ISD District of Innovation Plan.
- The annual announcement regarding completion of school board member training hours was made and all seven school board members have exceeded the number of required hours for this past year.

Our next regular school board meeting will be held on May 17, at 6:00 p.m. at the Salado ISD Civic Center, 601 N. Main Street.



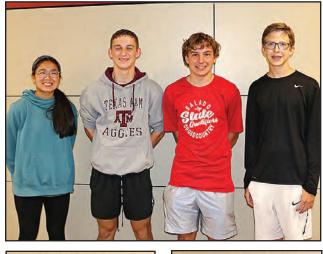
#### **Calculator Applications** (1st Team)

(From left) Ashlyn Fossett, Paige Fariss, William Won, Ayham Chtay.



#### Mathematics (1st Team)

(From left) Amy Manning, William Won, Aaron Trela, Aubrey Watkins.



#### Number Sense (1st Team)

(From left) Paige Fariss, Cooper Chambliss, Trey Graham, Ryan Novotny.



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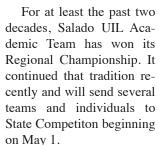
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## **SHS** repeats as Regional Champs, heading to state



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Salado had 281 total

For at least the past two points, compared to second decades, Salado UIL Aca- place Hardin-Jefferson at demic Team has won its 140 points. Giddings had 138 points, Little Cypress had 132 points and Liberty had 70 points.

> Following are Academic Team placements and individual placements in Academic competitions.

Calculator Application (First Place Team). Individual placements, William Won, first, Ashlyn Fossett, second and Paige Fariss, sixth. Ayham Chtay is also on the Calculator team.

Mathematics (First Place Team): Aubrey Watkins, second place: William Won, third place; Aaron Trela, fourth place, and Amy Manning, sixth place.

Number Sense (First Place Team): Cooper Chambliss, first place; Trey Graham, third. Other team members are Ryan Novotny and Paige Fariss.

Spelling and Vocabulary (Second Place Team): Madeline Sunshine, first; Kimberly Kendall, second; team members Jeb Rine

and Lydia Burleson.

Speech (First Place Team). Speech competitions

Informative Speaking: Hunter Foster, first, Lindsey Neas, second, Wriley Rhoads, fourth.

Persuasive Speaking: Connor Howard, first, Kate Neas, seventh. Poetry: Diego Romero,

second, Preslee Webb, sixth, Caroline Dabney, eighth.

Prose: Jessica Young, first.

LD Debate: Sawyer Bagley, first, James Tipton, fourth.

Journalism, Feature Writing: Diego Romero, third place.

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## 4X400, runner, jumper head to state

Salado Eagles 4X400 Meter Relay chased the heels of defending state champion LaVega at the 4A Region III Track Meet April 23 and 24 and earned a spot in the State Meet May 6 in Austin.

The Eagles dogged LaVega's Nikzayver Rice, Majors-Sterling, Stegon Nickerson and Dol'Dreveon Degrate to set a Salado school record of 3:19.44 in the preliminary round on April 23. LaVega had a slight advantage of 3:19.18.

LaVega built on that with a blistering pace of 3:18.53 to win the finals on April 24. Salado took silver with a time of 3:20.83.

LaTrell Jenkins, Noah Mescher, Wrook Brown and Reid Vincent will represent Salado at Mike A. Myers Stadium in Austin at 8:20 p.m. May 6.

Vincent will also compete in the Long Jump, which he tied for first with Jarrell's Derrick Warren with a leap of 22-06.75. He will leap from Pit 1 at 10:45 a.m. May 6. Of the competitors qualifying from the four regions, Vincent and Warren



Salado will send five seniors to the State Track Meet on May 6. The 4X400 Meter relay team of (from left) LaTrell Jenkins, Noah Mescher, Wrook Brown and Reid Vincent will be joined at the meet by distance runner Logan Rickey. Vincent will also compete in the Long Jump. (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)

had the longest mark by a full inch last week. Sergio Soto of Seminole won Region 1 with his personal best of 25-05.25 to come closest to Vincent and Warren.

Logan Rickey was edged out by Taylor's Christian Rohlack to earn silver at the Region III Meet in the 800 Meters with a time of 1:59.21, a personal record.

Rohlack won with a time of 1:59.12. Joshua Gonzales of Clint Mountain View is the apparent runner to beat. He won in Region I with a time of 1:55.17. Rickey and Rohlack will face stiff competition at the State meet where the other six runners all turned in faster times at their respective Regional meets.

Rickey placed fourth in the 1600 Meter with a time of 4:40.67. Burnet's Hudson Bennett won the race with a time of 4:29.34.

Salado's 4X100 Meter Relay team of Chris Bates, Brown, Mescher and Vincent placed fifth in Region III with a time of 43.21. La Vega won the relay with a time of 41.76.

Lexy Wilson and Jaci McGregor will both compete at the State Track Meet May 6 in Austin. They both earned silver medals at the Region II Track Meet.

The senior's record this

Gregor ran a 5:09.99 as a sophomore, about a second behind Stuart, who is also returning to the State Meet. No one got to run in the state last year due to COVID-19.





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## McGregor, earn silver medals at Regional track Salado senior Jaci Mc-Morgan Mayes made up the

Gregor will return to Austin to run in the 1600 Meter and 3200 Meter races. She qualified for the State Meet by placing second in both events at the 4A Region III meet April 23-24 in League

She will be joined by teammate Lexy Wilson, who earned silver at the Regional Meet in the Long Jump with a leap of 16-

McGregor also ran anchor on the 4X400 Meter Relay, which placed fifth in the Regional Meet with a time of 4:14.16. Avery Fossum, Ellie Mescher and

Sara Yeager, Kim Newton

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other three legs on the relay

Mescher ran in the 800 Meters, placing fourth with a time of 2:30.30. Her teammate Natalie Burleson was sixth with a time of 2:33.22.

Darci Pryor placed fifth in 100 Meter Hurdles with a time of 16.91. In the preliminaries, she was seventh with a time of 17.82.

At the Regional Meet, McGregor placed behind Kayleigh Wagnon of Lufkin Hudson in both events. Wagnon ran a 5:20.61 in the 1600 Meters while Mc-Gregor ran for a season record of 5:23.30.

(PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)

vear is off the pace she ran at the State Track Meet as a sophomore, when she placed third behind Canvon's Breanna Stuart. Mc-

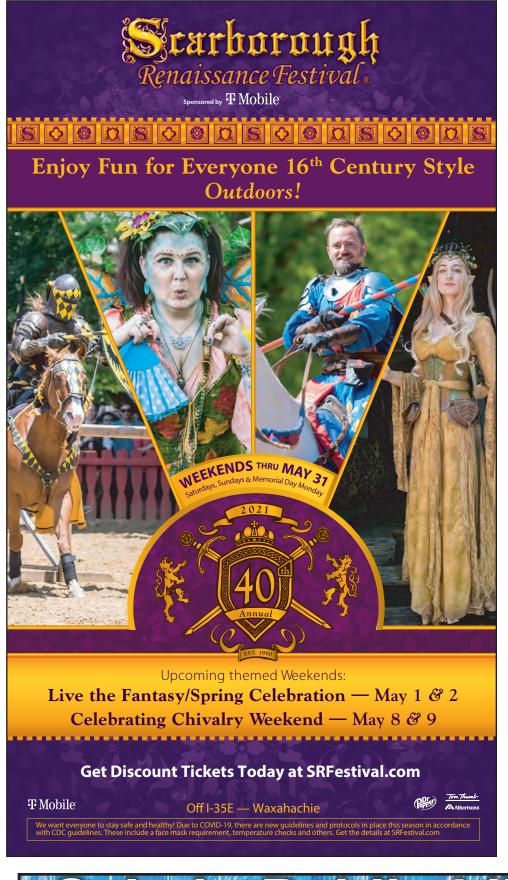
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Salado High senior Reese Preston will play volleyball for Temple College next year. She signed a letter of intent to play for the Lady Leopard program on April 27. She is shown above with her parents David and Jodee Preston and her brother Jacob. In her senior year, Preston had 393 assists, with an average of 4.1 per set. She had 190 digs, for an average of 2.0 per set and she had a serving percentage of 91.5%. She had 55 service aces, or an average of 0.6 per set. In her varsity career, Preston had 1,687 assists, 669 digs and 125 aces. Her career serving percentage was 89.73%. (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)

## **Eagles heading to playoffs**

Salado Eagles are headed error. to the 4A baseball playoffs. The varsity boys are currently in third place and have two games left in district, both against Jarrell.

They swept both their games against Gateway Prep last week.

Gateway Salado

Salado Eagles scored five runs in the bottom of the six and held Gateway College Prep scoreless in the top of the seventh to win 8-3.

Gateway scored a run in each of the fourth, fifth and sixth innings to knot the score after Salado opened up a 3-0 lead in the bottom of the third.

Drew Bird led off the bottom of the third with a single to right. He advanced on a single by Caden Strickland. Dillon McDaniel was hit by the pitcher to load the bases. Kory Walker plated Bird with a sacrifice fly to center. Strickland stole third and Nolan Williams singled to deep center to score Strickland. McDaniel scored on a single by Josh Adams before the third out was recorded

With an out recorded, two errors and a walk loaded the bases. Strickland hit a fly to center to score a runner. McDaniel doubled to score two runners. He scored on a double by Kory Walker, who scored on an

The Eagles had 10 hits on the night, led by Williams with two hits and an RBI. Bird had two hits and two runs while Kole Maedgen had two hits.

McDaniel had a hit, two RBI and two runs, while Strickland had a hit, an RBI and a run and Adams had a hit and an RBI.

Brady Wilson got the win, pitching all seven innings. He allowed four hits and three runs, two of them earned. He struck out three and walked six.

Gateway Salado

The Eagles scored five runs across two innings for a come-from-behind win over Gateway College Prep April 24, winning 8-5.

Gateway scored two runs in the top of the first to lead until Salado scored two in the bottom of the third.

With two outs on the books, Caden Strickland tripled to center. Dillon Mc-Daniel walked and both runners scored on a double to deep right by Kory Walker.

Gateway retook the lead th a run in the top of the fourth, but the Eagles tied the game again after Kole Maedgen doubled and scored on a single by Josh Adams.

Gateway took the lead for the third time with two runs in top of the fifth.

Salado answered with three straight doubles in the bottom of the fifth to score three runs. McDaniel walked and went to third on a double by Walker. Kofi Stoglin knocked in two runs with a double and scored on a double by Maedgen, who was left stranded on second.

The Eagles added two more in the sixth. With two outs, McDaniel and Walker singled, both scoring on a double to deep left by Stoglin, who was left on base.

Salado pelted Gateway for 13 hits. Stoglin led the boys with three hits, four RBIs and a run. Walker also had three hits, adding two RBIs and two runs. Maedgen had three hits, an RBI

Jake Windham had a hit and an RBI while McDaniel had a hit and scored three runs. Strickland had a hit and a run. Adams had a hit.

Strickland got the win on the mound, allowing eight hits and five runs, three of them earned. He struck out seven and walked none.

#### Gateway JV Salado JV Red 11

Salado JV Red put the mercy rule into effect on visiting Gateway, scoring two runs to end the game on a walk-off double by Jaxson Leiskau, 11-1, on April 24.

Gateway led after scoring a run in the first, but Salado tied the game in the bottom of the frame. Brody Naegale tripled and scored on a single by Leiskau to tie the game at 1-1.

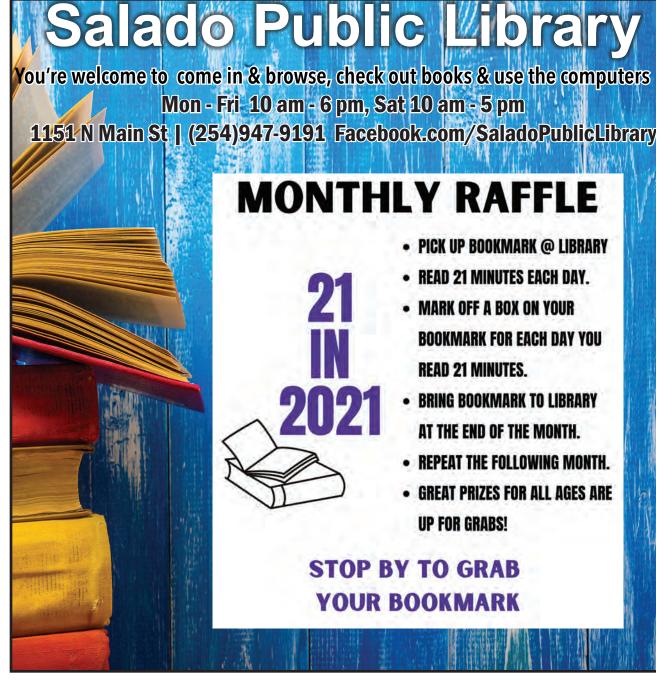
Salado added two runs in the second. A Gilmore led off with a single, scoring on a double by Dusty who stole home after advancing on a single by Flores.

Salado scored six runs in the third. Dylan Wigley led off with a single and Cole Taylor reached on an error. A single by Caleb Dockray loaded the bases and Andrew Gilmore singled to center to score two runners, Dusty singled to load the bases again. Phoenix Flores singled to score Gilmore. Naegele singled to load the bases. Dockray singled to score Dusty and Flores and Leiskau singled to score Naegele before the final two outs were recorded.

Salado had 18 hits in the game, led by Leiskau, three hits, four RBIs. Gilmore had three hits, two RBIs and two

Calen Dockray had two hits, two RBIs and a run. Dusty had two hits, one RBI and two runs while Flores had two hits, an RBI and a run. Naegele had two hits and three runs while Wigley had two hits and a run.

Wigley got the win on the mound. He pitched five innings and allowed five hits and an earned run while striking out eight batters and walking three.





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# Texas existing home sales rebound in March, supply-side constraints persist

COLLEGE STATION, Tex. (Texas Real Estate Research Center) – The Texas housing market rebounded in March after Winter Storm Uri shocked activity during the previous month. Existing homes sold through Texas Multiple Listing Services increased 9.8 percent on a month-over-month (MOM) basis.

"Texas housing sales continued to trend upward amid historically low mortgage-interest rates and waning effects of the pandemic," according to Dr. Luis Torres, research economist for the Texas Real Estate Research Center at Texas A&M University.

According to the National Association of Realtors (NAR), existing home sales fell 3.7 percent MOM but increased 12.3 percent over

March 2020. Annual metrics, however, should be interpreted with caution.

"We have reached the one-year mark of when COVID-19 prompted a nationwide economic halt, which is distorting standard year-over-year measures," said Torres. "It may be more useful to look at higher-frequency data or to make comparisons with 2019 for the next few months."

Existing home sales in Texas were 16 percent higher than in March 2019.

Supply-side activity also rebounded from the February weather shock, with a 16 percent MOM increase in the number of new listings on the market. New listings, however, have failed to keep pace with sales, leading to diminished inventories

"Texas' months of inventory sank below 1.3 months for the first time in series history, highlighting the shortage of homes on the market," said Torres. "The lack of supply, particularly for homes priced under \$300,000, is one of the greatest challenges to the housing market and, more broadly, the Texas economy."

NAR announced similar constraints at the national level pushed the median existing home sale price up 17.2 percent YOY.

Existing homes in Texas had a similar YOY price increase, reaching a record \$279,740.

Torres notes how these explosive growth numbers may be deceptive.

"While the median price is more robust to outliers

than the average price, compositional changes in home sales can still cloud real growth in prices," he said. "Our Texas Repeat Sales Index avoids this composition bias, showing annual growth in real housing prices closer to 12 percent. This rate of home-price appreciation, however, is still taxing housing affordability across the state." Read more about the Real Estate Research Center's predictions of economic activity. Funded primarily by Texas real estate licensee fees, the Texas Real Estate Research Center was created by the state legislature to meet the needs of many audiences, including the real estate industry, instructors, researchers, and the public. The Center is part of Mays Business School at Texas A&M University.



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# Median Texas home price up 13.4% during first quarter of 2021

Texas Realtors releases 2021-Q1 edition of the Texas Quarterly Housing Report

April 22, 2021 – AUS-TIN, Texas – The median sales price of homes in Texas reached \$274,300 in the first quarter this year, an increase of 13.4% over the same period last year, according to the 2021-Q1 Texas Quarterly Housing Report released today by Texas Realtors.

"The demand for housing in Texas remained strong despite the winter storm in February and the pandemic," said Marvin Jolly, chairman of Texas Realtors. "With a low supply of homes for sale, though, prices in most areas have gone up significantly, and competition among buyers has increased as well."

During the first quarter of this year, 84,464 homes were sold in Texas, jumping 10.1% compared to the first quarter of 2020. One-third of homes sold were in the \$200,000-\$299,000 price range, the largest percentage of any price range.

Luis Torres, Ph.D., research economist with the Texas Real Estate Research Center at Texas A&M University, commented, "Depleted inventory is the greatest challenge to Texas' housing market, pushing up prices at elevated rates as demand remains strong, making it one of the most competitive housing markets for homebuyers since the 2006-07 housing boom.

Rising mortgage rates in 2021 combined with recent rapid price growth will slow demand and, consequently, price growth to more sustainable levels."

Active listings declined 53% from last year and stood at 43,542 homes for sale at the end of the first quarter of 2021. Homes spent an average of 47 days on the market before going under contract, which is 20 days less than the first quarter of 2020. The average total time from hitting the market until the sale closed was 87 days, down 13 days from the previous year. Housing supply in Texas decreased from 3 months in the first quarter of 2020 to 1.3 months of inventory in the first quarter this year.

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Chairman Jolly concluded, "Many homes are attracting multiple offers and selling for thousands above asking price. Price plays a key role in winning offers, of course, but other considerations can come into play as well. Realtors have been helping their buyers and sellers sort through their options to help them achieve their real estate goals during a market that presents some unique challenges."

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## Salado Police Department Report April 19-25

Alarm Business

## OFFENSE/INCIDENT REPORTS:

04/19/2021:

A crash investigation was conducted at Salado Plaza and Williams Rd. During the investigation it was found that one of the drivers had an outstanding warrant for their arrest. The driver was arrested and transported to the Bell County Jail.

#### 04/23/2021:

Around 11:45pm a suspicious person was observed near Royal and Peddlers Alley. During the contact it was determined that the person had a warrant for his arrest. The subject was arrested and transported to the Bell County Jail.

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 Number Description of Calls

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Alarm Residential	0						
Animal Complaint							
Assist Another Agency							
Calls for Service							
Citations	27						
Civil Matter	3						
Crash	2						
Disorderly Conduct	1						
Disturbance	1						
Fire	1						
Follow-Ip Investigation	1						
House Watch/RU OK?	39						
Medical/FD Assist	2						
Open Door	1						
Public Service	3						
Reckless Driving	1						
Suspicious Circumstances/Persons	2						
Terroristic Threat	1						
Traffic Control	1						
Traffic Hazard	1						
Warrant Service	2						
Welfare Concern	1						

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**Incident Type** 

Hemorrhage / Laceration Chest Pain Unknown Status - Man Down Carbon Monoxide Incident Cooking Fire - Confined to Container Unconscious / Fainting Motor Vehicle Accident with Injuries

Dispatched & Cancelled en route Motor Vehicle Accident with Injuries

No Incident Found Difficulty Breathing Lift Assist

Motor Vehicle Accident with Injuries Motor Vehicle Accident with Injuries

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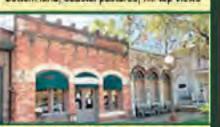
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