

VOL. XLIV, NUMBER 39 THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 2022 254/947-5321 SALADOVILLAGEVOICE.COM **Bell Co. Health District changes COVID-19 threat** level to significant due to spike in positive cases

County Public Bell Health District will change the Covid-19 Threat Level from Level 3 (Moderate) to Level 2 (Significant) due to the increasing incidence rate.

The Bell County Public Health District tracks local COVID-19 data and reports to the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) for the state dashboard. The local dashboard can be found on the health district website, www.bellcountyhealth.org.

Bell County began to see a decrease in active cases starting in early October 2021 after the Delta surge over the summer. The latest surge over the last couple of weeks has once again increased active cases and the incidence rate like what was seen in early August 2021. The Bell County Public Health District dashboard showed the rate jump to over 300 late last week after the holidays.

The dashboard shows that as of Jan. 4, there are 1,854 active cases of COVID-19 in Bell County. Of those, 491 cases were reported on Jan. 4 alone. Total deaths in Bell County due to COVID-19 is 752 as of Jan. 4. The dashboard reports that there have been 36,800 cases reported in Bell County with 34,194 recoveries.

"We strongly encourage full vaccination and a booster dose if eligible. The vaccines provide a layer of protection which can prevent or reduce the severity of Covid-19, including death. Currently, due to significant spread of COVID-19, we encourage added layers of protection by wearing a mask especially when in crowded areas." Interim Health District Director Nikki Morrow said.

Due to of the increased contagiousness of the Omicron variant compared to earlier variants, proper mask use in indoor areas is critical, and recommended even for those who have been vaccinated, but especially those who have not completed the vaccine series or had a booster.

Dr. Janice Smith, Local Health Authority for Bell County, recommends the use of high-quality well-fitting masks, e.g., a three-ply surgical type mask or KN95 or N95 mask. "Single ply cloth masks and bandanas are simply not very effective against this variant." Dr. Janice Smith, Local Health Authority for BCPHD said.

Widespread vaccination is a critical tool in protection against COVID-19, especially for those at highest risk from severe illness, and death. Additional layered protection strategies such as masking, social distancing, avoiding crowded areas, frequent hand washing, and monitoring your daily health are also important steps to slowing the spread of the virus.

COVID-19 vaccines have been found to be very safe and effective and are being continuously monitored by the FDA with the most comprehensive and intense safety monitoring program in U.S. history.

Dr. Smith also recom-

mends that anyone who has been exposed to or tested positive for COVID-19 closely follow the recently revised recommendations for isolation or quarantine.

"While allowing persons to return to work after only five days of quarantine or isolation if they are not having symptoms, the individual must wear a mask for an additional five days. For those unable or unwilling to wear a mask, the isolation and quarantine periods are still 10 days. We are hopeful these changes will cause less disruption to our workforce while keeping our community safer." Dr. Smith said.

Meet your Salado Village Voice staff family

The Salado Village Voice newspaper was founded by the late Dayton Kelly with the first edition on February 17, 1979.

The newspaper has seen four decades of service to the Village of Salado.

For three of those decades, Tim and Marilyn Fleischer have been at the helm of the Salado Village Voice.

Salado Village Voice newspaper has always been a family affair, since its founding by Dayton Kelly in 1979. After Dayton's death, his sons Dennis and Bill operated the newspaper until the Fleischer family purchased the newspaper in 1988.

Salado Village Voice is locally owned and operated. "We are vested in Salado and invested in Salado," says publisher and editor-in-chief



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as I know how, as much information as possible for

She has also won awards from the TCNA. She has twice been honored. She won second place for Best Feature Photo and second place for Community Service for her work with the Salado Family Relief Fund.

The Fleischers helped to establish what became known as the Public Arts League of Salado and the Salado Ambassador Program.

The Fleischers' children -- Royce Wiggin and Jenny Potter, both graduates of Salado High School -- have grown up in the eye of the community. Royce graduated in 2007, beginning in second grade in Salado schools. Jenny began her school career as a kindergartner at Thomas Arnold Elementary School and graduated in 2009.

Marilyn welcomed her

Tim Fleischer.

As we begin 2022, Salado Village Voice staffers would like to re-introduce themselves to the community they serve.

Salado Village Voice has a staff of three full time family members, including publishers Tim and Marilyn Fleischer and their son Royce Wiggin, staff photographer and office assistant,

In addition to individual awards by staff members, Salado Village Voice has been honored by the community and state. The newspaper was the first-ever Business of the Year, awarded in January 2003 by the Salado Chamber of Commerce.

For 30 years, Salado Village Voice has published Salado: A Jewel in the Crown of Texas, a quarterly magazine.

The newspaper also maintains an active website at www.saladovillagevoice. com and has electronic editions of the newspaper available for subscribers.

The newspaper joined the Texas Press Association in 2010.

Tim Fleischer

Tim Fleischer has been a newspaperman since he was 16, working for both weeklies and daily newspapers. "I got the Devil's Ink at an early age and haven't been able to get rid of it," he said of his 39 years in the newspaper industry.

For 33 years, he has been the editor of the Salado Village Voice.

But his love for Salado has been for more than three

with my parents for the Art Fair and Gathering of the Clans when I was growing up in Coryell County," he said. "I drove through it every day on my way to run a small newspaper in Florence."

Marilyn Tim and Fleischer have published the newspaper since 1988. During that time, the newspaper has grown from an eight-page tabloid to a fullsize broadsheet newspaper with four sections.

"We have grown with the community and are a reflection of it," he said.

In those years, the newspaper has won several awards from the Texas Community Newspaper Association, where Salado Village Voice competed against newspapers from San Antonio, Dallas, Houston, Austin and around the state.

Tim has won several TCNA awards: advertising design (third in state for large ad format and third in state for advertising series); editorial work (first in state for editorial writing, third in state for editorial writing, third in state for column writing) and second in state for community service (for articles during the incorporation election).

In 2019, he and Royce Wiggin won a Texas Press Association award for Feature Photography in 2019.

Fleischer has been named to the Texas Association of School Boards Media Honor Roll several times during his tenure at the helm of the newspaper, including the recommended and nominated for the Honor Roll by local school boards for their coverage of schools.

He has also served the community in a variety of capacities, including four different terms on the board of directors of the Salado Chamber of Commerce and six years on the board of directors of the Institute for Humanities at Salado.

He was president of the Salado Chamber of Commerce in 1998 and treasurer for two years of the Institute for Humanities at Salado.

Fleischer was Chairman of the Salado Chamber of Commerce in 2015.

He served a term on the inaugural board of the Salado Community Foundation.

He was also on the first board that established the Mentoring program in Salado.

Tim is a Mason and twice Past Master of the Salado Masonic Lodge #296. He served as District Deputy Grand Master for Masonic District #48 in 2011-12 and is the current Secretary for the Salado Lodge. He was presented the Golden Trowel award in 2011. As one of the highest honors any Texas freemason can receive, the Golden Trowel Award was established by the Grand Lodge of Texas for the purpose of recognizing any mason who has consistently demonstrated outstanding and exemplary service to in the community. Golden Trowel recipients display commitment to masonic

or in their lodge. He is the Lodge Flag Committee chairman.

He currently serves on the Village Park advisory board for the Village of Salado.

He is known to great grandson Nate Timothy Potter as DoDo (like the bird).

He and wife Marilyn share responsibilities at the newspaper. "She runs the office and makes the business decisions and I make editorial decisions," he said.

The Fleischers are covering their third generation of Salado kids. "We are recognizing the names of the kids of those kids we covered in the late 80s and early 90s," Tim said. "Not very many newspapermen can say that they are covering multiple generations of families in a community."

"A community newspaper should be both a cheerleader and a conscience for the town it serves," he adds. "We celebrate our successes whenever we can."

"Because we live here, pay taxes here and serve in our community, we feel a responsibility to holding local officials accountable for their actions," he adds. "This is not always an easy thing to do, but we owe it to the taxpayers, businesses and residents to do this."

"The one thing I try not to do is to tell my readers what to think," he adds. "This is why we have not officially endorsed or opposed a candidate for school board or board of aldermen. We try to present, in as fair a manner

the residents and voters to make up their own minds."

Marilyn Fleischer

Marilyn got the Devil's Ink in her blood after meeting Tim 33 years ago.

She is managing editor and advertising manager of Salado Village Voice.

She worked in the corporate world prior to the purchase of the Salado Village Voice in 1988.

She also owned and operated a business in the Killeen/Copperas Cove area for several years while raising her three children.

During their years in Salado, Marilyn has served the community in many ways.

She was honored by the Salado Chamber of Commerce in 2020 by being named to its Hall of Fame.

"I think I have been most satisfied with my work with the Salado Family Relief Fund," she said. For her birthday in 2017, Marilyn asked her friends to contribute to the Salado Family Relief Fund, raising more than \$1,000.

In addition to her work to establish the Family Relief Fund, Marilyn has also been Art Fair chairperson for multiple years, and served three years as a Chamber of Commerce Director.

She served two three-year terms on the Salado Civic Center board of directors.

She was on the founding board of the Salado Community Foundation and continues to serve on the foundation board.

ninth grandchild to the world in 2015. Beren Crow Baggett was born on August 26, 2015.

Great-grandparents to Nate Potter, the Fleischers welcomed twins Kace and Brynn Potter in June 2020.

Royce Wiggin

Royce Wiggin is one of those rare species: a native of Salado, born here on July 5, 1989.

His first home was the historic Levi Tenney House in Salado's Pace Park.

He has attended school in Salado since second grade graduating in 2007.

While in high school, he was a trumpet player in the Salado Eagle Marching Band.

He began work at the newspaper over the summer of his junior year in high school.

His responsibilities include photography and reporting, classified advertising, placing and rotating ads on pages, directing phone calls in the office, proof reading, typesetting and a myriad of other duties.

Royce is the staff sports photographer, traveling to games on Tuesdays and Fridays to shoot football, volleyball, basketball, cross country, soccer and in the spring, track, baseball and softball.

He is the son of Tim and Marilyn Fleischer, owners of the newspaper, and is glad to finally get paid for all the hours he spends at the newspaper office.

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An Open Exchange of Ideas

S&P 500 increases 26.89% for 2021, averages 23.83% rate of return since 2017

The Markets

It has been a big year for the S&P 500 Stock Index (SPX), capping the biggest three-year runup since 1999. The SPX ended 2021 at 4766.18, and while not a record, as that was set on Wednesday when the Index closed at 4793, but up 26.89% for the year, and a respectable 0.85% from the close last week. Three years ago, the SPX stood at 2510.03 and has turned in an amazing 23.83% average annual compound rate of return since then. There is certainly something ominous about that three-year return comparison as the rather unsettling bear market of 2000 through 2002 obviously started the following year.

There is a big difference between 1999 and 2021 though. At the end of 1999 virtually almost every stock was soaring, including those with no earnings and no plan or hope of becoming profitable. In 2021, there were over 300 listed stocks that fell 50% or more.

If there is a bubble in stock prices, it seems to have been deflating all year. Another point that is different is that in late 1999 pundits hailed the great bull market of the 1990s and claimed, "this could go on forever" and "it's different this time," even as the U.S. and global economies were already beginning to sag.

Currently, the major economic indicators are almost unanimous in pointing to a better economy ahead and the pundits are all in fits of worry. As the year end rolled around at the end of '99, the Treasury yield curve was already beginning to invert with short-term rates higher than long-term rates. Here at the end of 2021, that curve is steep and quite healthy looking. The other stock index we track, the CRSP US Mid Cap Value Index, closed out the week at a new record high of 2597.26, up 1.97% for the week and 26.68% for the year. The U.S. 10 Year Treasury Note yield celebrated the end of 2021 with a rise of 1.271% to end the work week yielding 1.514%, up 64.7% in 2021 from the 0.91% yield it

Market & Economic Update By Jeffrey W. McClure

offered last year at this time. The Treasury yield curve remains quite healthily steep with the 30-year T-Bond yielding 1.906%. Short-term rates remain at historic lows with the 1-year bill yielding 0.387% and only rising to 0.730% for two years. West Texas Intermediate crude oil (WTI) crept up about 2% to \$75.42 per barrel, around the middle of the trading range where it has been since September.

The Economy

The big economic news this week was again the Omicron variant of COVID-19. There is ample evidence that this relatively new variation of the virus is spreading far faster than either the original form or the Delta variant that dominated the second wave of infections. On the plus side, Visa/Mastercard reported an 8.5% increase in holiday spending for 2021 over the previous record period back in 2020. The back side to that data is that the spending has again shifted away from restaurants and other service-oriented establishments and once more is focused on buying goods.

Another and relatively dependable sign that our economy is on good footing popped out of the numbers this week. On a four-quarter moving average, state and local government income receipts have been ahead of expenditures for the last year and a half, the best results we have seen since the 1970s. The Conference Board Leading Economic Index (LEI) was reported to have risen 1.1% for the biggest monthly jump this year. While the LEI isn't perfect, it has never failed to fall noticeably six months to a year ahead of any recession since it has been in existence. We don't normally give tips on where to put your money, but as a New Year's gift, this week we will make an exception. Over at www. treasurydirect.gov you can

invest up to \$10,000 per person per year in U.S. Saving Bonds - Series "I". Because of the way those savings bonds are structured, they are paying an astounding 7.12% interest currently until May. At that point, the system will look back at recent reported inflation rates and then pay an annualized rate twice that of the annual Consumer Price Index for the next six months. You do have to hold them for at least one year, and if you liquidate within the first five years you will lose the last quarter's interest, but they are guaranteed and the closest to a "sure-thing" you will find in the world today. Note that you cannot buy them from a broker or a bank but must go to the Treasury Direct website to make your purchase. If you are married and both of you purchase a bond, you can sock away a full \$20,000. They also make great gifts to children and grandchildren. They are subject to federal income tax at redemption but exempt from federal tax when used for qualified education funding.

The bottom line as we close out 2021 is much the same. The supply chain issues appear to have peaked but don't be surprised if they are still presenting problems through the first half of 2022. Omicron is still a threat, but the threat appears to be only that it might slow economic growth in the first quarter. Underlying it all is the fact that the U.S. economy is roaring. Unemployment, by many measures, is lower than at any time in the last half century, cash reserves are still at historical highs, and all the indicators still look positive. In short, 2022 looks extremely good from what we know now. The future is always uncertain, but in our experience, it looks as good as it has in the half century we have been observing the economy.

Rethinking Work and Life

Americans are quitting bad jobs in record numbers because they're rethinking what matters.

As a writer, I get stuck every so often straining for the right words to tell my story. Over the years, though, I've learned when to quit tying myself into mental knots over sentence construction. Instead, I step back and rethink where my story is going.

This process is essentially what millions of American working families are going through this year as record numbers of them are shocking bosses, politicians, and economists by stepping back and declaring: "We quit!"

Most of the quits are tied to very real abuses that have become ingrained in our workplaces over the past couple of decades — poverty paychecks, no health care, unpredictable sched-



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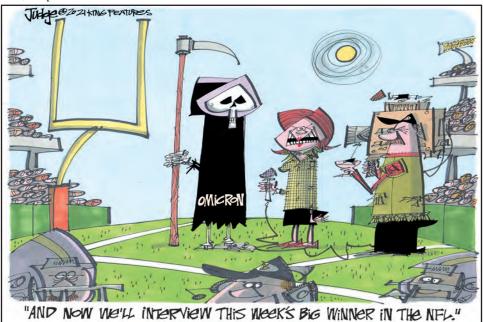
ules, no child care, understaffing, forced overtime, unsafe jobs, sexist and racist managers, aggressively rude customers, and so much more.

Specific grievances abound, but at the core of each is a deep, inherently destructive executive-suite malignancy: disrespect.

The corporate system has cheapened employees from valuable human assets worthy of being nurtured and advanced to a bookkeeping expense that must be steadily eliminated. It's not just about paychecks. It's about feeling valued — feeling that the hierarchy gives a damn about the people doing the work.

Yet corporate America is going out of its way to show that it doesn't care — and, of course, workers notice. So unionization is booming, millions who were laid off by the pandemic are refusing to rush back to the same old grind, and now millions who have jobs are quitting. This is much more than an unusual unemployment stat. It's a sea change in people's attitude about work itself and life.

People are rethinking where their story is going and how they can take it in a better direction. Yes, nearly everyone will eventually return to work, but workers themselves have begun redefining the job and rebalancing it with life.



The Miracle of Bugs

"Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise." Proverbs 6:6

Edward O. Wilson, the Harvard biologist who has died at age 92, is most famous for his contributions to evolutionary biology, but he built his career on ants. He wrote multiple books on the insects, including a 700-page encyclopedic work in 1990 that has to count as one of the least likely winners of the Pulitzer Prize ever. Despite his agnosticism and the reductive materialism of his Darwinism, Wilson wrote with a real warmth and soulfulness. Amidst his storied academic career and the controversies kicked up by his theories, it's worth considering all he did to highlight the miraculous complexity and wonders of life via a lowly bug that is considered a pest when it isn't ignored altogether. There are more than 15,000 discovered species of ant, and perhaps another 10,000 yet to be found. Wilson exulted in the dizzying variety -- ants that can walk under water to find dead insects, or glide from one branch of a tree to another, or create super-colonies that extend for miles. If ants are extraordinarily diverse, their social organization makes East Berlin look fun and free by comparison. As Wilson wrote, "Karl Marx was right, socialism works, it is just that he had the wrong species." Ants have all the regard for individual dignity



scout tends to return to her nest in a straight line and then summon reinforcements that follow her path exactly. A species found in North Africa travels some 100 yards from its nest and then invariably finds its way back using cues from the sunlight. A species in the Kenyan rainforest uses the forest's canopy as a map. Can ants create their own ark? Check. When water invades a nest of fire ants, the insects unite to create a living raft. They float along, carrying the queen and eggs, larvae, and pupae until they find dry land again. Can they launch irresistible ground offensives? Yes, of course. One species sends as many as 700,000 ants out in a fan that moves as fast as 20-yards-an-hour. It can be heard approaching and destroys and consumes all in its path on the rainforest floor, from other insects to scorpions and tarantulas, to lizards and birds. The effect of Wilson's work on these lowly, yet fascinating, bugs is to create the same sense of marvel that he must have felt when he was an awkward boy first engaged in his amateur naturalism -- a feeling that should rightly never be exhausted. "Our sense of wonder," Wilson wrote, "grows exponentially: The greater the knowledge, the deeper the mystery and the more we seek knowledge to create new mystery." Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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Pretty much every ant you see doing something is a female. The males are pitiable creatures, good for nothing except their one-time task of trying to inseminate a female.

Among fire ants, would-be queens work together to try to establish a new nest. As soon as they've given birth to worker ants, though, the game of thrones begins. The workers seek out and kill all the queens, leaving only the one that is most fecund. Ant colonies take slaves and

fight wars of extinction. Henry David Thoreau wrote of an ant battle he observed at Walden Pond: "They fought with more pertinacity than bulldogs. Neither manifested the least disposition to retreat. It was evident that their battle cry was 'Conquer or die.'"

The massive and intricate level of cooperation of an ant colony is something to behold. Mark Twain spoofed an ant's crazy struggles upon discovering a grasshopper leg, lugging it the opposite way from home before she "gets madder and madder, then presently hoists it into the air and goes tearing away in an entirely new direction." In reality, it's the exact opposite. After finding food, a

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The handwritten note on the bottom of this postcard is particularly interesting. It says: South view Salado College Salado, TX Paid for Guthrie and Halsey.

o was Mark Halsey

By CAROL WILSON SALADO HISTORIAN

The image with this story is one of an old postcard featuring Collage Hill when the building was intact. The card was mailed to Dallas from Salado, postmarked January 20, 1914. We are fortunate that at some point this historical gem made its way back to Salado and into safekeeping. It is part of a collection of treasured documents and images cared for by Salado Historical Society in partnership with the local library.

The name Guthrie is a familiar one to anyone with even a casual knowledge of Salado's history. Doctor Edwin Guthrie was a much loved resident of Salado for most of his life, perhaps best known for his drugstore of longstanding. Dr. Guthrie, and several other local doctors, also kept their medical offices in a portion of the same wooden structure over the years. The store was located on the main road near the college. Ed's father, Shadrach Guthrie, had opened the A. M. Guthrie drugstore in the late 1860s (likely at a different location) and operated it until his death in 1888. Ed, who was attending medical school in Louisville at the time of his father's passing, took charge of the business when he returned to Salado. To locals, the Guthrie store was much more than a place to exchange money for goods. It was a gathering place, particularly for the town's most influential men, who often huddled around the fireplace in the rear of the store to discuss matters of importance.1

a man of strong character and interested in all public affairs, and a member of the Methodist Church, a Mason and a member of Karem Shrine at Waco.

Whereas, Mark Halsey had to work for his schooling, had ready sympathy for high school and Texas Technological students in Lubbock who needed assistance, and made it possible for hundreds who could not have secured an education otherwise to work in his stores, some of them moving into responsible positions among his personnel after completing their schooling; and

Whereas, Mark Halsey was an inspiration to his friends who are legion. . .

Indeed, Mark Halsey had been an inspiration and a mentor to many including at least one Salado native who rose to great heights.

By any standard, Mark's actions, both in business and in his personal dealings, generosity, his tireless civic work, and his dedication to mentoring ambitious students earned him a measure of local fame in West Texas. But Halsey could trace his formative years to Bell County and in particular to Salado. This excerpt from his obituary explains the significance of Salado to the Halsey family:

as, Feb. 23, 1888, he was the son of the late Hopkins Halsey. His father was a farmer and young Mark received a scant education in the rural schools near Rogers until he enrolled in the Thomas Arnold High School at Salado, a private

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But who was Halsey?

Marcus "Mark" Alexander Halsey was once a man of considerable note in Lubbock, Texas. He was also a graduate of Thomas Arnold High School. Although there is no shortage of examples of young men and women who studied at Salado College and Thomas Arnold High School and parlayed that benefit into a successful career, few examples are as pointed as that of Mark Hensley.

So praiseworthy were Halsey's accomplishments that the Texas Senate passed a resolution in his honor two months after his death on March 8, 1947, including these words:

Whereas, Mark Halsey was a lifelong resident of Texas, a loving father, and a staunch Christian character, were exemplary. At an early age he dominated the drugstore business in Lubbock where five large, modern stores bore his name. His





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Halsey was a graduate of Thomas Arnold FROM PAGE 3A High School in Salado in 1910

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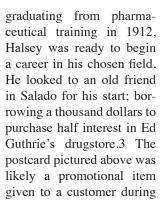
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601 FM 2268 947-8037 www.saintstephenchurch.org institution. He was graduated in 1910 and enrolled in the school of pharmacy of the University of Texas at Galveston.²

Mark's penchant for helping others secure a good education began with his siblings. The road that eventually brought the Halsey children to Salado for their secondary schooling had been a rough one. Mark's father, Hopkins Halsey, lost his first wife (Mark's mother) in 1889 when she was very young and Mark was an infant. Hopkins barely escaped death himself and fought a prolonged battle with typhoid fever that left him in a weakened condition. A second marriage ended much like the first, with the early death of the second Mrs. Halsey. The double tragedy left young Hopkins with four small children and a large farm. To his credit, and to the credit of Mark who worked alongside his father, Hopkins was able to send all four of his children to school in Salado. At Thomas Arnold, Marcus was particularly popular as a He looked to an old friend member of the school's beloved baseball team but was also a serious student.

Mark Halsey's 1910 graduation from Thomas Arnold did not end his association with Salado. After







(PHOTO COURTESY OF SALADO HISTORICAL SOCIETY) The old drugstore in later years.

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the time the store was co-

The Guthrie/Halsey partnership was well timed, coinciding with the Guthrie family's desire to move to Waco so that their three sons could attend Baylor University. In 1913 Halsey married a local girl named Esther Campbell and two years later welcomed a son, Marcus Hopkins "Hop" Halsey. (In subsequent years, this native-born Saladoian served two terms in the Texas Legislature.) Esther was Salado's telephone operator at the time of her marriage.

The following year, with Ed Guthrie operating his own store in Waco, Halsey paid him \$1,400 for the remainder of the business. The increased cost of a share representing half the business suggests that the enterprise was either doing quite well or Ed Guthrie had initially given Mark Halsey a great deal. Whatever the circumstance, the bargain seems to have worked well have been somewhat easy for both parties. By 1919, for Mark Halsey to help Mark Halsey had expanded his investment in the drugstore business by buying half interest in a Belton store even though he continued to live in Salado until 1921.

thief also broke into the post office, and Guest's garage, escaping with two dollars in cash, \$500 worth of jewelry from the drugstore, and the postmaster's horse. Entrance to the store was made from a window into Dr. Ira Griffin's office adjoining the store. The horse was recovered on a street in Belton the following day and the thief, whose pockets were bulging with jewelry, was apprehended in Johnson County. Mark Halsey was summoned to the Sheriff's office to identify the cache of watches, rings and cameo pins that had been taken from his store.

By 1922 Ed Guthrie and his wife were eager to return to Salado and reclaim the old family store. Again, the timing proved opportune. Mark Halsey moved on, living for a time to Belton and then in 1924, moving to Lubbock where he met with tremendous success.

Due to his success it may struggling students in Lubbock by giving them jobs and otherwise mentoring them. But those generous gestures were nothing new for Halsey. In 1914, fresh out of college and a thousand dollars in debt, he was working to support himself and a new wife on his share of the Guthrie store profits. Even so burdened, Mark Halsey had offered board



Mark Halsey's photo appeared on page 1 of the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal for March 9, 1947 over the headline, "Mark Halsey Dies in Sleep." (newspapers.com)

in his tiny home to a young student in need. That friend was Thomas Rampy, who later became Major General Rampy, the first auditor general of the U.S. Air Force. Rampy was a financially strapped student in 1914, badly in need of a place to board, when Halsey offered him a room in his home and

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Section B **Marketplace, Dining, Overnight, Events** saladovillagevoice.com • January 6, 2022

EV charging station at Barrow Brewing

Barrow Brewing Company at 108 Royal St. now boasts a charging station for electric vehicles (EVs). Brewery founder, Graydon Hill, installed the charging station next to the beer garden where drivers can pull in, walk around the grounds, and even enjoy a craft beverage while recharging.

Barrow Brewing is located less than a mile from Interstate Highway I-35. the busiest corridor in Texas. The brewery frequently hosts visitors commuting between Dallas, Austin, and Houston. It is a prime location for a charging station and the only one currently between Belton and Georgetown. The site is listed on two of the most popular websites (PlugShare and ChargeHub) for locating charging stations and has seen a handful of visitors take advantage of the service since installing it one month ago.

The brewery already had the infrastructure in place to support guest food trucks. That infrastructure also supports the EV chargers. When a kind customer realized what Barrow was doing, he gifted a universal standard charger to the brewery.

Bonner Morren, a Tesla owner who recently stopped at the brewery to recharge, told brewery owner, KD Hill, that he was completely out of charge and was planning to hire a tow truck to get his car home. The Yellow House B&B owner, James Sharp, directed him to Barrow Brewing Company's charging station. Morren stated that Barrow Brewing Company was, "the best charging station he had ever visited. I enjoyed hanging out in the park-like atmosphere and appreciated walking my dog down to the creek. The beer was great and the people were super nice." Morren, traveling home to Austin from Dallas, said he had never stopped in Salado before but would definitely return soon. *contact info for Mr. Morren available upon request* On December 14, 2021 the U.S. Secretary of Energy Jennifer M. Granholm and U.S. Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg today signed a memorandum of understanding to create a Joint Office of Energy and Transportation to support the deployment of \$7.5 billion from the President's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to build out a national electric vehicle charging network that can build public confidence, with a focus on filling gaps in rural, disadvantaged, and



hard-to-reach locations.

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Village of Salado Calendar of Events

Mondays

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

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

Open Mic with Ryan White, at Chupacabra, 7 p.m. Tuesdays

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

Trivia with Rockin Rick, at Chupacabra, 7-9 p.m.

Wednesdays

Guest food truck day at Barrow Brewing Co., 4-9 p.m. Game Night at Barrow Brewing Co., 4-9 p.m. Trivia with Chad on second Wed.

Wine Down Wednesday at Alexander's Craft Cocktails & Kitchen, 5-7 p.m., Half price on select bottles of wine, featured wine by the glass and feature cocktail specials

change weekly. Karaoke, 7-10 p.m. at Ch-

upacabra.

Thursdays

Vinvl Nite with Shannon at Barrow Brewing Co., 5 p.m. Teen Writing Group, Sala-

do Public Library, 6 p.m. Run4Beer Group, 6:30 p.m., Barrow Brewing Co.

Pint night at Chupacabra, 4 p.m.-midnight.

Maxx Carter at Chupacabra, 6-10 p.m.

Family Night at The Shed. specials on beer and pizzas change every week.

Craft Beers, 7-11 p.m.

Brewing Co. 8 p.m.

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8:30 a.m., Barrow Brewing

Fridays Storytime with Ms. April,

Library.

Craft Beer, 4 p.m.-midnight. Get a free pint glass with every purchase of the featured brewery, Cedar Creek.

January 1-7

Brewing Co, Barrow Taproom and Beer Garden CLOSED **January 6**

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

January 6

Village of Salado Aldermen meeting, 6:30 p.m. 301 N. Stagecoach Rd. Meeting will be cast via Zoom. Link will be posted at saladotx.gov 72 hours before meeting. **January 7**

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

January 8

Asana & Ales Yoga at Barrow Brewing Co., 108 Royal

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the door. **January 21**

St., 10 a.m. (Tickets available online at www.barrowbrewing.com/store)

January 8-9

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

January 10

Sign up for Book Club at Salado Public Library. January 12

Trivia with Chad, Barrow Brewing Co., 7 p.m. **January 13**

Around the World Dinner Series, Destination Greece, Alexander's Distillery, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Reservations required, \$84.95 per person for curated menu. Tickets online at eventbrite.com.

January 13

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

January 14

Barrow Brewing Co., live music, Dennis O'Hagan at 7 p.m.

January 15

Seed Starting with Wayne Schirner, 10:30 a.m., Salado Public Library. January 15

Barrow Brewing Co., live music Terry Klein at 6 p.m. January 16

Barrow Brewing Co., live music, Jack Comeaux at 4 p.m. **January 17**

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

January 17

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

January 20

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

January 20

Village of Salado Aldermen meeting, 6:30 p.m. 301 N. Stagecoach Rd. Meeting will be cast via Zoom. Link will be posted at saladotx.gov 72 hours before meeting. January 20

Evening Adult Craft, 6 p.m., Salado Public Library. **January 20**

Salado Area Republican Women Candidate Forum for Republican Primary. Civic Center, 7 p.m. No reservation required but \$5 fee payable at

Barrow Brewing Co., live music, Eley Buck at 7 p.m.



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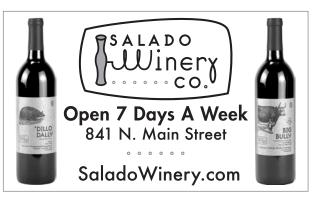


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January 21-31

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January 22

Barrow Brewing Co., live music, JM Stevens at 6 p.m.

January 23

Barrow Brewing Co., live music Conor Ritchie-Dunham at 4 p.m.

January 27

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

January 27

Date Night Blow Your Own Bowl Together. Visit saladoglassworks.com for reservations. Registration opens Ian. 5.



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Out on a Limb



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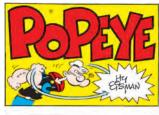




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by Linda Thistle

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I have done a lot of bridge teaching in my day, and I have always been baffled by why so many players have trouble making use of the number 13. Everyone knows that each player is dealt 13 cards and each suit has 13 cards, but far too many players don't utilize this bridge fact of life as they should. If they would simply invoke the magic number 13 more often, they'd find the play of the cards much, much simpler.

continues with the ace, South ruffing high. Declarer now plays the ace of diamonds, on which East shows out. It is only trick three, but declarer already has a vast amount of information about the opposing hands.

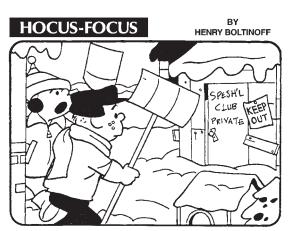
He knows from the play thus far that West started with one spade and four diamonds. He also knows from the bidding that West has at least five hearts headed by the ace (and probably the jack) because West could not double five diamonds without the ace and surely would not have bid two hearts with fewer than five of them. Ten of West's cards in three suits are thus known, leaving him with at most three clubs.

South is now in position to take advantage of what he has learned. He realizes that if he simply draws trump and plays a heart to the queen, he is likely to lose two heart tricks and go down one. To deal with this danger, he cashes the A-K of clubs, leads a trump to the ten and ruffs a club. This eliminates the clubs from West's hand.

South then draws West's two remaining trumps and leads the king of hearts. West, who now has only hearts left, can do no better than take his ace and return a heart, allowing South to score his ten and so make the contract.

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• by Steve Becker



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GENERAL KNOWLEDGE What was the first animal to appear on a U.S. coin?

6. FOOD & DRINK: How many herbs and spices are in the original recipe of Kentucky Fried Chicken?

7. MOVIES: How many movies did Ginger Rogers and Fred Astaire make together?

8. LITERARY: In the Harry Potter book series, what are N.E.W.T.s?9. TELEVISION: How many children were in "The Addams Family"

sitcom? 10. HISTORY: In what year was the first email sent?

Answers

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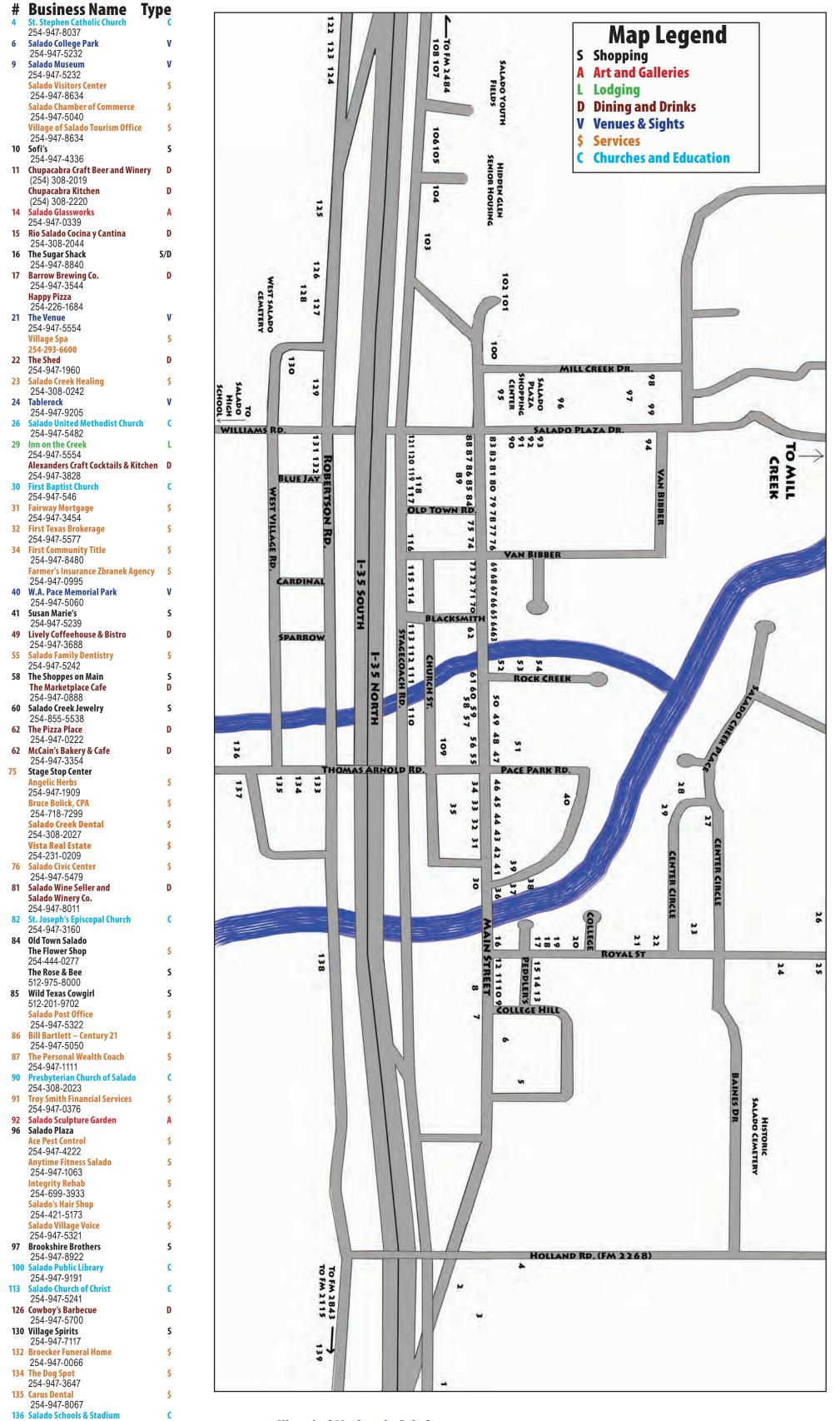
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Coach Joe Brown, Noah Self, Hutton Haire, Isaac Pettigrew, Josh Goings, Nolan Miller, Darius Wilson, Owen Pitcock, Cayden Stump, Caleb Sirmon, Josh Gilpin, Brady Ihler and assistant coach Harrison Sims. (COURTESY PHOTO)

Overtime win gives Eagles trophy at Rockport-Fulton

Josh Goings grabbed a missed free throw by Bandera's Liam DeMarchi with less than a minute left in overtime of the Salado Eagles' Championship game in the Rockport-Fulton basketball tournament, drove the length of the court and hit Darius Wilson under the basket to put the Eagles up 49-47. With less than half a minute left in overtime, Goings hit the front end of a one-and-one to put Salado up 50-47.

Bandera threatened to send the game into a second overtime, but a three-point shot by Noah Barnett rattled off the rim giving the Eagles the trophy on Dec. 28 at the end of the two-day tournament.

Goings launched the Eagles into overtime by hitting the first of his one-and-one free throws with about 10 seconds left in regulation to knot the score at 45-45.

With 2.5 seconds left to play, Barnett missed a free throw to win the game for Bandera.

Salado led early 11-8 in the first, but the Bulldogs outmatched Salado 19-10 in the second to lead 27-21. Salado tied the score at the The Eagles led 20-16 at the half and 31-28 after three.

Goings and Self both scored 14 points to lead the Eagles.

Goings added 5 rebounds, 4 assists, 2 steals and a deflection. Self had 2 rebounds, an assist, a deflection and a steal.

Ihler had a double-double in the game with 12 points, 10 rebounds and an assist.

Also scoring were Wilson, 6 points, 4 rebounds, 3 assists and a steal; Caleb Sirmon, 4 points, 2 rebounds, 4 steals and a deflection; and Isaac Pettigrew, 2 points and a block.

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Salado Robstown

The Eagles had no problem handling Robstown in the first day of the tournament, taking the lead in the first quarter, 15-11 and never relinquishing it. The Eagles outscored Robstown 30-8 in the second before coasting in the second half.

Three players had double figures for the Eagles.

Goings led the team with 31 points, 7 steals, 4 deflections and 2 rebounds.

Self followed with 16 points, 9 rebounds, 2 assists,

assists, 2 deflections and 2 steals.

Ihler followed with a double-double of 13 points, 10 rebounds, an assists, deflection and a steal.

Also scoring for the Eagles were Sirmon, 9 points, 5 rebounds, 3 steals, 2 assists and 2 deflections; Self, 7 points, 11 rebounds, 3 assists and a steal; Wilson, 5 points, 3 rebounds, a deflection and a steal; Stump, 4 points, 2 rebounds; Owen Pitcock, 3 points and a rebound.

47 Salado 79 LaVega

The LaVega Pirates led Salado from beginning to end in their non-district game played over the break, winning 79-47.

Goings scored 20 points, 6 rebounds, 2 assists, 2 deflections and a block.

Also scoring were these: Self, 7 points, 7 rebounds, a steal and a block; Ihler, 7 points, 6 rebounds, an assist and a deflection; Sirmon, 4 points and 2 rebounds; Pettigrew, 4 points and a rebound; Wilson, 3 points, 4 rebounds, an assist, deflection and a steal and Miller, 2 points, a rebound and a block.



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end of the third 32-32.

Goings led the Eagles with 22 points, 9 rebounds, 2 steals, 2 assists, a deflection and a block.

Noah Self had a double-double in the game, scoring 17 points and grabbing 10 rebounds. He also had 2 steals and an assist.

Also scoring for the Eagles were Brady Ihler, 6 points, 4 rebounds, 2 deflections, a block and an assist; and Darius Wilson, 5 points, 4 rebounds, and a steal. 52

Salado **Rockport-Fulton 48**

Salado fought back from a four-point deficit in the fourth quarter of their thirdround match against host Rockport-Fulton Dec. 28 to win 52-48.

The Eagles led 8-5 at the end of the first and held onto the lead until early in the fourth when Rockport-Fulton rallied to take the lead.

2 blocks, a deflection and a steal.

Ihler score 15 points, 5 rebounds, an assist and a deflection,

Also scoring were Pettigrew, 4 points, 3 rebounds and an assist; Cayden Stump, 3 points and 2 rebounds, Wilson, 2 points, 4 rebounds, 2 assists and 3 deflections and Nolan Miller, 2 points, 3 rebounds and an assist.

Salado **Port Aransas**

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Salado beat Port Aransas in the first day of the tournament 65-46. The Eagles led from the start and never allowed Port Aransas in the game. The Eagles held a 20-8 first quarter lead, extending it to 36-20 at the half and 56-34 after three.

Salado had two players in double figures.

Goings led the team with 24 points, 7 rebounds, 6

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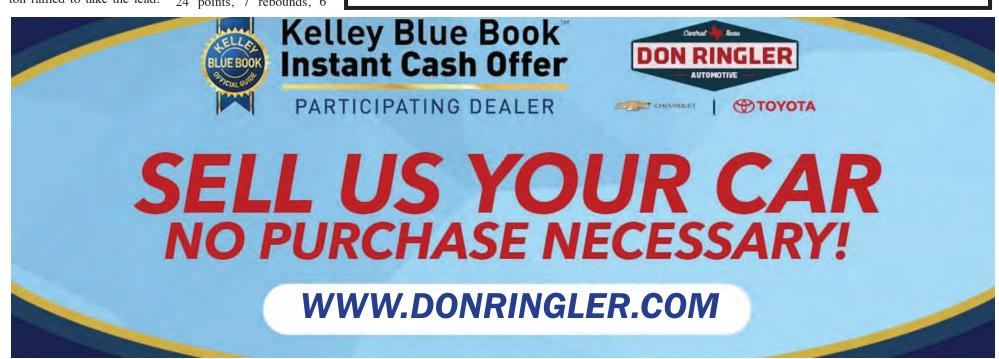
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Ladies win Thorndale Tourney

After losing to the Crawford Lady Pirates by a point earlier in the month, Salado Lady Eagles beat the Lady Pirates by a point in the championship round of the Thorndale basketball tournament to take home the trophy. SHS 43

CHS 42

Salado Lady Eagles held off a fourth-quarter charge by the Lady Pirates on Dec. 28 to win the championship game of the Thorndale Tournament.

Salado held a 12-6 lead after the first quarter and took a 23-17 lead into the locker room. Salado added a point to the lead in the third, 35-28 but were outscored 14-8 in the fourth.

Kenslee Konarik had a double-double to lead Salado, scoring 16 points and grabbing 15 rebounds. She also had 3 deflections, 2 steals and an assist.

Harley Droulliard followed with 9 points, 2 rebounds, 3 assists and a steal.

Also scoring for the Lady Eagles were Brooke McLaurin, 7 points, 12 rebounds, 2 assists and a deflection; Ally Ihler, 7 points, 2 rebounds, 3 assists and a steal and Nikki Poole, 3 points, 4 rebounds and 3 deflections. 53

SHS RRHS

Salado had a furious third quarter, scoring 19 points and holding the Homeschoolers of Round Rock to just 3 points, to overtake the Homeschoolers in the qualifying round of the tournament Dec. 28.

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Round Rock led 16-13 after the first and 32-23 at the half before Salado took the lead by the end of the third, 42-35.

Konarik turned in another double-double, scoring 12 points and grabbing 16 boards. She also had 2 steals, 3 deflections and a block.

Darci Pryor matched her 12 points and also had 4 deflections, a steal and a rebound in the game.



Salado Lady Eagles won the Thorndale Tournament. Shown above are (front, from left) Harley Droulliard, Marissa Lancaster and Darci Pryor; (back, from left) Reese Witmer, Nikki Poole, Elly Wade, Kenslee Konarik, Brooke McLaurin, Ally Ihler.

Ihler also had a doubledouble, scoring 11 points and grabbing 10 boards. She added an assist.

Also scoring for the Lady Eagles were McLaurin, 6 points, 6 rebounds and a deflection; Reese Witmer, 4 points, 5 rebounds, 2 assists, a steal and a block; Elly Wade, 4 points, 3 rebounds and an assist; Droulliard, 2 points, 8 rebounds, 2 steals and an assist; Nikki Poole, 2 points, 4 rebounds, 3 assists and 3 deflections. SHS **48**

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RHS

Salado Lady Eagles crushed the Rogers Lady Eagles 48-18 during the Thorndale Tournament Dec. 27. Salado sprinted to a 23-3 lead in the first quarter and coasted to the easy win.

Konarik had a doubledouble with 12 points, 11 rebounds, 3 steals, 2 deflections and an assist.

Ihler and Droulliard both had 10 points. Droulliard

added 6 assists, 6 steals, 6 deflections and a rebound. Ihler added 5 deflections, 3 rebounds and a steal.

Also scoring for the Lady Eagles were Witmer, 6 points, 2 rebounds, 2 assists and a deflection; Wade, 4 points, 8 rebounds, 2 assists and a deflection; McLaurin, 2 points, 7 rebounds, 2 assists and 2 deflections; Pryor, 2 points, 4 rebounds, 3 deflections and a steal and Poole, 2 points, 4 rebounds, an assist and a steal. SHS 65 CTCS 15

The Lady Eagles did not turn the other cheek in the first round of the Thorndale tournament. Instead, they beat the Central Texas Christian School Lady Lions 65-15 on Dec. 27. The Lady Eagles held a 20-5 lead after the first and 41-10 lead at the half. Salado allowed CTCS to score only 5 points in the entirre second half, while adding another 24 points themselves.

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sists, a steal and a deflection.

Also scoring for Salado were Droulliard, 9 points, 6 assists, 4 steals and 3 deflections; Poole, 7 points, 5 rebounds, 5 deflections, 2 assists and a steal; McLaurin, 6 points, 8 rebounds, 3 steals, an assist and a deflection; Ihler, 5 points, 7 rebounds, 3 steals, 2 deflections and 2 assists; Witmer, 4 points, 6 rebounds, 3 steals and a deflection. SHS 37

CHS 36

Crawford Lady Pirates put coal in the Salado Lady Eagles Christmas stocking with a come-from-behind win Dec. 20, 37-36. Salado led 13-10 after the first and 25-17 at the half. Crawford closed the gap by outscoring Salado 8-4 in the third and 12-7 in the fourth.

Konarik had 21 points in the loss, as well as 11 rebounds, 6 steals, 4 deflections and 3 blocks.

Also scoring for the Lady Konarik had the first of Eagles: McLaurin, 6 points, a rebound and a steal. Ihler 5 points, 2 rebounds and 2 deflections; Droulliard, 2 points, 3 rebounds, 4 assists, 4 steals and 4 deflections; Wade, 2 points and a rebound.



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in the tournament, scoring 21 points and grabbing 10 rebounds. She also had 6 steals and 7 deflections.

Wade followed with 12 points, 6 rebounds, an as-



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SHS wrestling competes in 5 team tournev

Salado High School results from the Five-Team Cameron Wrestling Tournament on Dec. 27.

Teams competing were Salado, Cameron, Temple, Gatesville and Bishop Gorman HS of Tyler.

Nathaniel Rechtfertig, first place.

Winning second place in their respective weight classes were Cooper Scott, Cody Vincent, Jayten Burt, Ryley White, Jake Rechtfertig, Landon Blackwell.

Winning third place in their weight classses: Connor Lynch, Daniel Fisher.



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Students lay Salado Wreaths for Vets

Thank you to the nineteen students, parents, and community members from our school district that volunteered at the third annual Salado Wreaths for Vets event at the Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Killeen on Saturday, November 27. Special thanks to Salado Middle School student Segiv Eldridge for organizing this event.

This Saturday, January 8, will be the third annual Salado Wreaths Retrieval Event. Here are the details for anyone interested in participating:

Date: Saturday, January 8 Location: Section 18 of the Central Texas Veterans Cemetery, 11463 TX-195, Killeen, TX 76542

Parking: Volunteers may park on site through the bus entrance. Park in the lot across from the cemetery office.

Schedule:

8:30 a.m. – arrival time 9:00 a.m. - unload empty poles from trucks 10:00 a.m. - ceremony 10:15 a.m. - retrieve wreaths

Community service hours can be earned and you can e-mail Segiv Eldridge at saladowreathsforvets@ gmail.com if you have any questions regarding this event.

Superintendent's Corner by Dr. Michael Novotny



Students and parents participated in the laying of wreaths on Veteran gravesites in Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery

Saladoans listed on Angelo State Fall 2021 **Dean's List**

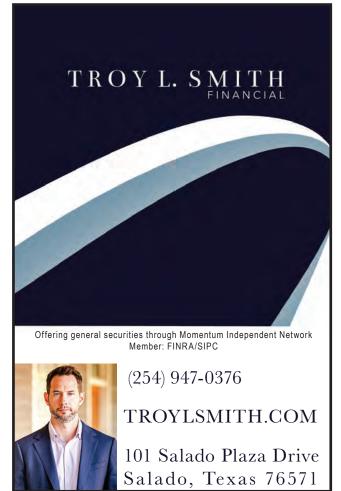
SAN ANGELO, TX (01/03/2022)-- Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas, has announced the students achieving the Dean's List designation for the 2021 fall semester.

To be eligible for the ASU Dean's List, fulltime undergraduate students must maintain a 3.25 or better grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

The complete Fall 2021 Dean's List is available at angelo.edu/comDean's List include: Aunnika Deen of Salado majoring in Management.

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Garrett Combs named Newcomer of Year Eagles land 6 first team offense, 5 defense All-District

Salado Eagles had six first team All-District Offensive players and five first team All-District Defensive players on the District 9-4A Div. 2 team which was announced over the winter break after District Champion China Spring won the State Championship.

The Eagles were runners-up in the district with their single district loss to the State Champions. The Eagles also lost to 4A Div. 1 Champions Stephenville in a non-district match. Salado finished the year with a 7-4 record, falling in the bi-district round to Rusk Eagles.

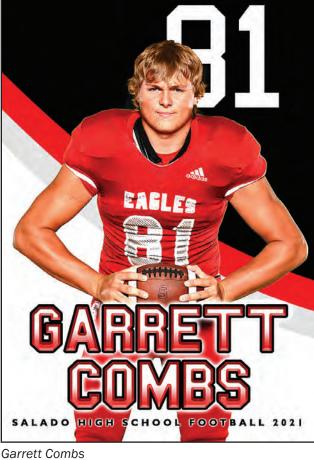
Sophomore Garrett Combs was named the Defensive Newcomer of the Year. Combs had 29 tackles, 23 assisted tackles, 3.5 sacks, and a forced fumble.

Senior Quarterback Hutton Haire was named to the First Team Offense. He completed 34 of 61 passes for 685 yards and 10 touchdowns while throwing just three interceptions. He also had 40 carries for 302 yards and eight TDs.

Senior Fullback Aidan Wilson was named to the First Team Offense. He rushed for 1,465 yards on 203 touches, scoring 24 TDs on the ground. He also caught two passes for 22 yards.

Junior Running Back Seth Reavis also was named to the First Team Offense. He averaged 9.6 yards per carry with 846 yards rushing on 88 carries and eight TDs. He also was the leading receiver for Salado with a 20.2 yard per catch average. He caught 13 passes for 262 yards and three TDs.

Senior Tight End Gavyn Keyser earned First Team



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9-4A Div. 2 Newcomer of the Year

Offense honors. He had six receptions for 157 yards and three TDs.

Junior Tackle Jaxson Leiskau and Senior Center Beau Hill were also named to the All District First Team. They provided blocking for the Eagles' Slot T offense that had 4,123 yards on the ground and 685 yards in the air.

Junior Outside Linebacker Nolan Miller earned First Team Defense honors. He had 58 tackles, 34 assists, two fumble recoveries (one returned for a touchdown) and a forced fumble.

Senior Outside Linebacker Nic Bates was also named to the First Team Defense. He made 49 tackles, 34 assists, two fumble recoveries and an intercep-

Junior Defensive End Cavahn Wilson was named to the First Team Defense. He made 31 tackles, 18 assists and three fumble recoveries, two of which he returned for TDs.

Safety Senior Josh Huckabee earned First Team Defense honors. He had 60 tackles, 27 assisted tackles, a fumble recovery, an interception and three forced fumbles.

Senior Defensive Tackle Blake Volk was also named First Team Defense. Volk had 13 tackles, nine assists, a sack and three fumble recoveries

Named to the Second Team Offense were Junior Running Back Adam Benavides, Senior Guard



Hutton Haire First Team Offense



Gavyn Keyser First Team Offense



Nolan Miller First Team Defense

Ethan Bagley, Senior Guard Waylon Padleski and Sophomore Kicker Daniel Chtay.

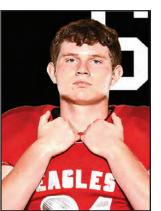
Named to the Second Team Defense were Senior Inside Linebacker Braydon Sumners, Junior Defensive Tackle Levi Thomas, Junior Safety Drew Bird, Junior Isaac Pettigrew and Junior Cornerback Darius Wilson.

Honorable Mention Offense were Junior Tackle Dray McLane, Junior Tight End Ryland Woods and Sophomore Running Back Kase Maedgen.

Honorable Mention Defense went to Senior Safety lake Windham and Junior



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The Salado High School's Mu Alpha Theta (National Mathematics Honor Society) inducted 16 new members in their 7th annual induction ceremony, Monday December 6th at the Salado Civic Center. Other Mu Alpha Theta members that were recognized were 18 Associate members, 12 second year returning members, 11 third year returning members, and five fourth year returning members. 2021-2022 Salado Mu Alpha Theta Officers: President James Tipton, Vice-President Cooper Meyer, Secretary Holly Giesecke, Treasurer Cutter Meyer, and Historian Lydia Burleson. Inductees: Allison Alcozer, Katy Bennett, Ty Castro, Daniel Chtay, Luke Drigalla, Paige Fariss, Morgen Glossup, Allyson Gouveia, Davis Graham, Anna James, Lillian James, Kase Maedgen, Cameron Morris, Reese Rich, and Cooper Thomas Associate Members: Kaci Atchison, Betzaida Bahena, Rachel Bender, Erin Breit, Sofia Cadenas, Luke Craig, Netanel Eldridge, Juliet Glenn, Lincoln Hossfeld, Sydney Lange, Shelby Maples, Samuel Nutter, Anna Redelsheimer, Elliot Self, Cassandra Vargas, Brooklyn Williamson, Valente Hernandez, and Ewan Yarbrovan Second Year Returning Members: Allison Alcozer, Katy Bennett, Ty Castro, Luke Drigalla, Michael Edwards-Sarver, Paige Fariss, Morgen Glossup, Davis Graham, Kase Maedgen, Reese Rich, Wyatt Schoenrock, and Cooper Thomas Third Year Returning Members: Andrew Bird, Lydia Burleson, Jordan Ferguson, Holly Giesecke, Evan Hardt, Dray McLane, Ellie Mescher, Cooper Meyer, Cutter Meyer, Ryan Novotny, and James Tipton. Fourth Year Returning Members: Kaitlyn Casper, Cooper Chambliss, Ashlyn Fossett, Darci Pryor, and Aubrey Watkins. (Courtesy photo)

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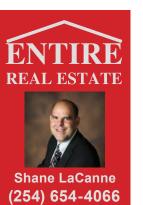




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Know options if your home loan payment suspension is ending

(StatePoint) Is the COVID-19-related payment suspension (also known as a forbearance) on your home loan ending? Ready to resume making mortgage payments? Understanding your options and being proactive can help ensure a smooth process, say experts.

"Loan servicers are currently reaching out to customers through emails, letters and calls to help them with exiting forbearance. Responding to this outreach promptly is crucial," says Rulon Washington of Wells Fargo, who's worked with nonprofits throughout the pandemic to educate homeowners on what they'll need to do as their forbearance plans come to an end.

Below, Washington answers common questions homeowners have when exiting their forbearance:

Can I move missed payments to the end of the loan term? In most cases, if you were current on your mortgage or home equity payments when the suspension started and are ready to resume your regular monthly payments, you may be able to move missed payments to the end of the existing loan term. This additional balance won't accrue interest and will be due when the loan is paid in full, refinanced, or when the home is sold.

What other options are available? You may have the option to pay off missed payments in full or follow a repayment plan, which divides what's due into manageable amounts, and adds it to the regular monthly payment.

What if I need help with a lower monthly payment? If you need a reduced pay-



(Photo courtesy Ridofranz / ISTOCK VIA GETTY IMAGES PLUS) If your home loan payment suspension is coming to an end, you should understand your options.

ment, you may qualify for a loan modification. Wells Fargo and several investors provide streamlined, no-document modification review processes in many cases.

What if I can't afford reduced payments and need to sell? Your loan servicer can work with you as you attempt to sell your home, and in many cases, enable you to take advantage of the strong increases in U.S. home prices.

Who controls how my loan is handled? Many loans are insured, guaranteed or owned by third-party "investors" who set the rules for how loans are managed. Investors include government-sponsored enterprises, like Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac, government agencies, such as FHA, VA or USDA, banks and private companies. While many investors offer similar programs to help homeowners coming to the end of a payment suspension, exact programs may vary.

Will my home be foreclosed if I stay in forbearance or can't resume payments? Servicers will not move to foreclosure or eviction on anyone who remains in an active, approved payment suspension plan. In the case of Wells Fargo-owned loans, all foreclosure-related activity and evictions have stopped on occupied properties through the end of 2021, except in very specific cases. For loans Wells Fargo services for other investors, we follow the investor's requirements for customers as they exit payment suspensions.

"We'll make every effort to reach out to customers to discuss deferral of missed payments, modifications and other available programs before advancing or initiating foreclosure," says Washington.

What if I'm exiting a COVID-related forbearance but have been impacted by a natural disaster? Contact your loan servicer for options during this difficult time.

Other Resources

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Governor, HHSC Announce Extension Of Emergency SNAP Benefits For January

Housing and Urban Development can help assess your situation, navigate available programs and even work with your servicer on your behalf. To find an approved agency, call HUD toll-free at 1-800-569-4287 or visit www.hud.gov/counseling.

Additionally, states. U.S. territories and Native American tribes are being granted federal funds designated for helping qualified homeowners address payments missed during a suspension and with payments going forward. Check with the appropriate housing finance agencies or contact a housing counseling agency for information about when these funds may be available and to determine if you might qualify for assistance.

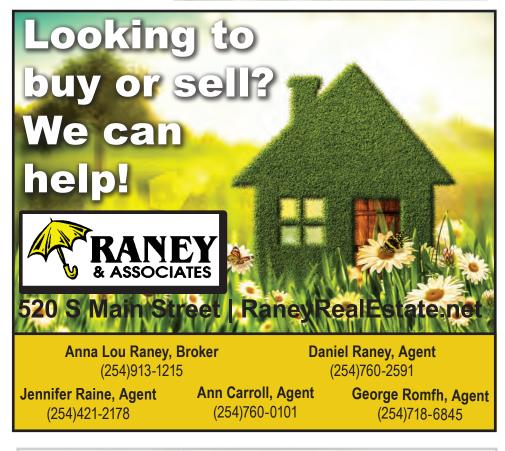
"If your payment suspension is ending, help is available. Be sure to contact your mortgage servicer for next steps," says Washington.



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"This emergency SNAP support will ensure more than 1.5 million families can continue to put food on the table," said Governor Abbott. "Thanks to the USDA for their continued collaboration with HHSC to provide healthy meals to Texans across the state."

"As Texans ring in the new year, this additional support will help families start 2022 with food on the table for themselves and their children," said Texas HHS Access and Eligibility Services Deputy Executive Commissioner Wayne Salter.

HHSC received federal approval from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to extend the maximum, allowable amount of SNAP benefits to recipients based on family size, and all SNAP households will receive a minimum of \$95 in emergency allotments. This additional emergency allotment should appear in recipients' accounts by January 31.

The emergency January allotments are in addition to the more than \$5.4 billion in benefits previously provided to Texans since April 2020.

Administered by HHSC, SNAP is a federal program that provides food assistance to eligible low-income families and individuals in Texas. Texans in need can apply for benefits, including SNAP and Medicaid, at YourTexasBenefits.com or use the Your Texas Benefits mobile app to manage their benefits.





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Page 4D, SALADO Village Voice, January 6, 2022 Salado Police Report Dec. 29-Jan. 4

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