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Aldermen table action on Sanctuary

By TIM FLEISCHER EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Following a half-hour executive session Feb. 15, Village of Salado aldermen tabled any action concerning the Sanctuary Public Improvement District in order to consult with Village attorneys regarding a Feb. 15 letter sent to four aldermen by Billie Hanks, Jr., owner of the Sanctuary develop-

Hanks' letter followed a special meeting Feb. 8 in which aldermen unanimously voted to authorize service and assessment plans for Sanctuary East with a bond term of 25 years at an assessment rate of \$0.50 per \$100 valuation with no exclusion of properties related to that prior to assessment. The motion was made by Jasen Graham with a second from Bert Henry. The board took no action on the Sanctuary North-South PID service and assessment plans.

"You have suddenly, behind closed doors in an Executive Session, chosen to reduce the Sanctuary net proceeds by \$370,199 in the first bond issue and a total reduction of \$756,195 for the East PID by reducing the bonds from 30-year to 25-year," Hanks stated in a letter sent to village administrator Manny De La Rosa and aldermen Paul Cox, Jasen Graham, Bert Henry and Jason Howard. Neither Mayor Michael Coggin nor Mayor Pro Tem Rodney Bell received the Hanks letter.

"Furthermore, you have reversed a prior agreement to include all the homes in the East PID in the bond issue," Hanks stated in the let-

"Unless you act honorably and reverse your thinking, then we will simply add our sizable past damages to the current damages and pursue greatly unwanted litigation against Salado," Hanks stated. "It's astounding to us that Salado would enter into agreements in good faith and then the current Mayor and Aldermen take action against those agreements."

"The valuable land which is in the Hanks-Cabiness Christian Trust plus the profits from all the Sanctuary's annex acreage have long been either given or pledged for higher Christian education and other Great Commission ministry," Hanks stated. "My parents prayerfully planned this action in deep appreciation to God for His blessings. Therefore, stop and seriously consider - against whose cause has Salado's Aldermen been unknowingly working?"

"The actions by the Village have taken away from the funds that would have been given to fine Christian colleges and seminaries," Hanks stated. "However, because of you those funds are being jeopardized. Is this what you want? If so, please aske yourself who benefits when God's work is hindered?"

"Our family loves Salado. My granddad proposed to

my grandmother in the creek in a buggy, " Hanks stated, adding "and I first kissed my wonderful wife by Ser-

ena (sic) 35 years ago, and

we still love our small ranch

overlooking the lake." "Someone has totally deceived you regarding our family and the Sanctuary's outstanding purpose," Hanks stated. :We make our living from oil and gast not from the Sanctuary, so if you force us to sue Salado for damages, it will break our hearts. However, we can and definitely will do it."

"Now that you have acted dishonorably again," Hanks stated, "we will employ Texas' finest litigators to hold you accountable for our damages and your unethical

CastleRock Communities is building the homes in Sanctuary East. According to their billboard at the FM 2268 entrance to Sanctuary, homes start at \$354,000. A homeowner of a \$354,000 home would pay an annual PID assessment of \$1,770. Amortized over 25 years, the total PID assessment would be \$44,250. Amortized over 30 years, the total PID assessment would be \$53,100.

The total PID assessment for Sanctuary East for improvements reimburseable to the developer is \$15 million, according to the Village of Salado resolution adopted in Feb. 2023 creating the Sanctuary East Public Improvement District.

In addition to the PID assessments being paid to the Developer, the Developer will also receive 50% property tax rebates, sales tax rebates and hotel occupancy tax rebates not to exceed \$6 million with an end date of Dec. 1, 2042, according to the "First 380 Economic Development" Agreement approved by aldermen and signed by Mayor Michael Coggin and Billie Hanks, Jr. on Nov. 30, 2022.

The Developer also have Wastewater Impact Fees of up to \$6 million waived by the Village with an end date of Dec. 1, 2042, according to the "First Amendment to Wastewater Service" approved by aldermen and signed by Mayor Michael Coggin and Billie Hanks, Jr. on Nov. 30, 2022.

Steve Metcalf, a lawyer for the Sanctuary development team, told aldermen Feb. 15 during public comment that "The bonds for this were calculated to be 30 years. The PID policy said up to 30 years. Everything we ever submitted on the deal has said 30 years. We will lose \$750,000 on the East PID. I am not sure what it does for the city to reduce the bonds from 30 years to

He added that more than 80% of the PIDs have bond payouts of 30 years.

"I continue to protect the Salado taxpayer and fully support a 25 year maximum length of the proposed Sanctuary public improvement district," Mayor Coggin said.

Wrestlers grapple in 5A State Tourney

This year Salado High School had three athletes qualify for the UIL 5A State Championship Tournament at the Berry Center in Katy: Sophomore Keagan Sieracki, Junior Nathan Rechfertig, and Junior London Woods.

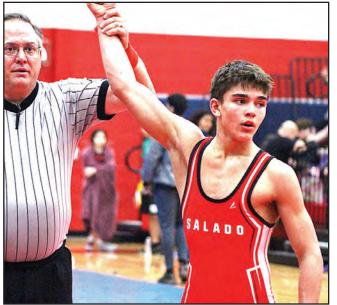
All the Salado Wrestlers made it through the first day of hard wrestling.

After the end of the second day final results: Keagan Sieracki is State Runner Up Silver Medalist at 126 lbs; Nathan Rechtfertig was sixth place at 138 lbs.

As a team Salado Highs School placed 17th out of 91 5A Schools.

"I am very proud of these three, and all the rest of the team that trained hard to get the team where it is," Coach Kris Perkins said. "We had a lot of freshman boys start this year, and had a good first year. I hope we continue to see that kind of growth. I am really hoping some of the girl athletes will take advantage of what wrestling has to offer, and join the team."

"Next year everyone is



Keagan Sieracki State Silver Medalist. (Courtesy photos)



London Woods State Qualifier.

coming back, and we have some middle school athletes ready to wrestle for the High School, so I see us winning District next year, being in the top 10 as a team, and bringing home a few individual State Championships. 2025 State Championship training starts this week," he added.

Perkins was assisted by Coach Nathan Carman.



Nathan Rechtfertig, sixth place.

ballots set for May 4 /illage, two-year term. First-year May 4. The last day to regis-

lage of Salado will have elections in May, while Salado Public Library District will cancel its May election.

Cooper Gill filed on Feb. 20 as a write-in candidate for the Salado ISD Board of

He filed last week to appear on the ballot; however, his application was incomplete and could not be accepted by the school district.

Chris Diem filed for reelection to the SISD Board of Trustees.

Michael Apodaca filed for election to the SISD Board of Trustees.

The Village of Salado will elect its Mayor and two

Mayor Michael Coggin filed for re-election to the

Aldermen in May. Early Voting will be April

alderman Bert Henry also filed for the Mayorial position. The Mayor's term is two years.

Two two-year terms on the Board of Aldermen will also be decided in May. Alderman Paul Cox filed for re-election. Michael Mac-Donald and Zach Hurst have also filed for election to the Board of Aldermen.

Nancy Mills Mackey and Keith Cryar are the only two candidates to file for two two-year terms on the Salado Public Library District board of directors. The Library District election will be canceled and Mackey and Cryar will be elected to the

22-30. Election Day will be

gter to vote in the May general election is April 4.

The last day to apply for a Ballot by Mail is April 23. The last day to receive Ballot by Mail is May 4 at 7 p.m. if carrier envelope is not postmarked, or May 6 at 5 p.m. if carrier envelope is postmarked by 7 p.m. at the location of the election on Election Day (unless overseas or military voter deadlines apply).

Commerce will host Village of Salado Candidates for Mayor, Alderman and School Board for a question and answer forum at 6 p.m. April 9 in the Thomas Arnold Elementary cafeteria.

Moderator Nancy Best, will introduce the candidates at the beginning of the session.

Each candidate will have four minutes for opening remarks which may include biographic information, platform information or any other pertinent information they wish to impart.

Questions will be collected from the audience for each group, fielded and given to the moderator for the candidates to answer. Each candidate will be given two The Salado Chamber of minutes to answer. Candidates will rotate during the process.

> At the end of the question/ answer period, in reverse order to the introductions by Nancy Best, each candidate will be given two minutes for closing remarks.

Village given clean audit

By TIM FLEISCHER EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The Village of Salado received a clean audit report from Armstrong, Vaughan & Associates, P.C. for the 2022-23 fiscal year.

Phil Vaughan, CPA, presented the findings of the annual outside audit at the Feb. 15 meeting of the Board of Aldermen.

The audit report showed that the village had a \$328,772 deficit operating budget for 2023. Driving the deficit was capital expenditures of \$637,110.

Vaughan reported that the deficit drops the fund balance from a buffer of 7.9 months operating costs to 4.8 months operating costs. "Six months is the fold standard for cities," Vaughan said. "Three months is getting into a danger zone."

He recommended that the Village review its permit fee schedule. "Bureau Veritas does your inspections," he said, adding that the Village should consider adopting a resolution that states that fees will be the actual cost of Burea Veritas for servic-

Village of Salado FY 2023 Audit				
General Fund	2021	2022	2023	Budget
Total Revenue	1,767,338	1,881,023	1,980,459	1,988,212
Total Expenditures	(1,917,043)	(1,720,835)	(2,309,231)	(2,288,669)
Other Sources/Uses	117,992	-	-	-
Change in Fund Bal.	(31,713)	160,188	(328,772)	(300,457)
Beginning Fund Bal.	864,709	832,996	993,184	
Ending Fund Bal.	832,996	993,184	664,412	
Capital Expenditures	554,044	214,506	637,110	
Months in General Fund	7.3	7.9	4.8	
Wastewater Fund	2021	2022	2023	
Operating Revenues	222,314	225,502	252,384	
Total Expenses	(1,029,220)	(920,200)	(875,055)	
Impact Fees	14,222	155,995	59,423	
Transfer from Debt Service	753,984	647,440	702,570	
Change in Net Position	(38,700)	108,737	139,322	
Beginning Net Position	2,083,569	2,044,869	2,153,605	
Ending Net Position	2,044,869	2,153,606	2,292,927	
Capital Assets	10,012,817	10,066,329	9,675,923	
Long-term Liabilities	(8,480,000)	(8,030,000)	(7,480,000)	
Months in Spendable Net Pos.	6.0	1.5	1.3	
Other Fund Balances	2021	2022	2023	
Hotel Tax	21,464	327,311	357,323	
Debt Service	143,852	140,465	123,026	
Capital Projects (All Abilities Pl	ayground)		329,345	
Other Balances				
United Datables	25225			

es plus a percentage to the Village for adminstration

Unspent ARPA Grant Money

Vaughan also reported minor findings concerning

monthly reports on tickets issued by police. "There were some months missing

350,373

and some data errors." Aldermen unanimously

approved the audit report on a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Rodney Bell and a second from alderman Bert Henry.

FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas

Don't Tread on States' Ag Rights

Recent events reminded me of a saying we have here in Texas, "Let Texans run Texas." This declaration is a reminder of the importance of states' rights, why we must protect our sovereignty, and every state's Constitutional right to determine their own laws based upon what is best for that state. It's a reminder that we are, indeed, the United States of America.

That's also why I've expressed my opposition to a bill in Congress, H.R. 4417, the Ending Agricultural Trade Suppression (EATS) Act, or anything like it. I realize the EATS Act is largely in response to California's misguided Proposition 12, a ballot measure California voters passed setting needless standards on pork, veal, and eggs sold in the state, which came into full effect on Jan. 1st.

While I don't agree with Prop 12, I'll defend to my dying day California's right to self-determination, and any state's ability to use its constitutional authority as that state's citizens best see

I understand the motivation for Congressional leaders to want to rein in California, the EATS Act or something similar is a massive overreach of federal power. And it's not a surprise that I am a proponent of less government and letting the states create and enforce laws that work for them, instead of DC politicians and bureaucrats doing it for us.

The bill's language is dangerously vague and could have the effect of taking authority over agriculture away from Texas — and federalize and centralize that authority in Washington, D.C. I don't need to tell you why that's a bad idea. The EATS Act would almost certainly trigger years of litigation and could cost our hard-work-

ing farmers and taxpayers alike millions of dollars they will never see again.

While my stand on states' rights, and specifically Texas' rights, may put me at odds with some well-meaning farm and agriculture groups who support EATS, it doesn't change the fact that the EATS Act, or anything like it, is an overreach of federal government powers over the nation's agriculture industry, holistically, and each state's agriculture laws, individually.

While some may think this problem has passed, it may very well be a false lull, the calm before the storm. We need to remain alert because we don't need the federal government wreaking havoc on the Tenth Amendment and overriding good, functioning state agriculture laws already in place that protect the health and livelihood collectively of millions of Americans. Just because California does something stupid, the people of Texas shouldn't be penalized. Let's stick with the Constitution and states' rights, and let Texans run Texas.

AN EIGHTH-GENERATION TEXAS FARMER AND RANCHER, SID MILLER IS THE 12TH COMMISSIONER OF THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (TDA). A TWENTY-FOUR-TIME WORLD CHAMPION RODEO COWBOY, HE HAS DEVOTED HIS LIFE TO PROMOTING TEXAS AGRICULTURE, RURAL COMMUNITIES, AND THE WESTERN HERITAGE OF TEXAS.

UK, Japan, Germany all show signs of recession; not so for US economy

The Markets

Our dearly beloved, and quite venerable, if often misleading index, the S&P 500 (SPX), did fall a bit for the week ending on February 16, 2024, but given the stream of less-than-optimal economic news, the impressive thing was that it generally held its ground. The index finished the week down 0.42% at 5005.57, leaving it up almost 5% this year and up 22.72% from this time last year. Our other followed index, the CRSP US Mid Cap Value Index, serving as an indicator of the market minus the Magnificent 7 large-cap, hightech stocks rose 0.87% to 2512.93, but is still down less than one percent for the year. The stock markets were, as they have been for some time, focused on the Federal Reserve and its interest rate-setting activities.

The benchmark 10-year U.S. Treasury note yield continued to inch slowly higher, ending the week yielding 4.30%, up from 3.88% as the year began. West Texas Intermediate crude oil stood at \$79.17 per barrel, a rise of about 3% for the week, reflecting the strong demand generated by the unexpected ongoing economic growth in the U.S.

The Economy

Some weeks, like last week, have few scheduled economic news releases but others, like the one ending on February 16, overflow with sometimes hard to interpret news. The first and commonly less than accurate inflation report for January was released by one of our favorite government agencies, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), followed by the Export and Import Price Indexes, and the Producer Price Index. All those reports have bold warnings that they are only an "advance estimate" and could be changed substantially anytime in the next several months, as well as notifications that the estimates may be off by sometimes more than the total.

Market & Economic
Update

by Jeffrey W. McClure



That in no way keeps the news and political media from jumping on them, examining the numbers under a metaphorical microscope, and then proclaiming their predicted results from those numbers.

Let's start with the Consumer Price Index (CPI) released on Tuesday, the 13th. The BLS reported that their seasonally adjusted, advance estimate of U.S. inflation rose 0.3% in January, bringing the unadjusted 12-month CPI to 3.1%. More alarming was the socalled "core" CPI, which does not include the volatile food and fuel categories. It rose 3.9% from a year ago. Stock and bond indexes reacted immediately by plunging. Then, people began to look more carefully at the numbers and disclosures, and the markets began to recover. The reported rises in prices stood in contrast to the Census Bureau's report that monthly retail sales declined 0.8%. As a side note, that same Census Bureau report adjusted December's retail sales to a 0.4% rise and warned that their estimates had a margin of error of + or -0.8%, about the same as the CPI report. It is important to realize that we really do not know what is happening in the economy until about three to six months after it happens. When a reported statistic is less than or equal to the margin of error, it mostly qualifies as "noise." Economics is not physics, no matter how much its adherents want it to be.

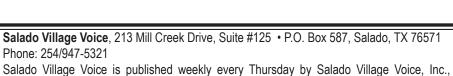
It is also important to look at all the data, both immediate and recent, and then go outside and, as we say, "count trucks." So, let's move on to other reports. The same beloved BLS released another report on Friday that is little reported,

but generally far more accurate and predictive than the famous CPI. The Producer Price Index, which is in essence a measure of wholesale prices paid by retailers, also increased 0.3% in January after declining 0.1% in December and advancing 0.1% in November, seasonally adjusted. Notably that increase in January was largely driven by a 2.2% increase in the cost of hospital outpatient care, an element unlikely to set off an inflationary sprial. Also noteworthy was the reported 0.2% decrease in the price of final demand goods. It is hard to imagine a resurgence of inflation while the wholesale price of goods is declining. Meanwhile, the interstate highway system is still jammed with trucks, strongly suggesting that commerce is still roaring along at a growth rate that is near our maximum sustainable level.

It is a different story across most of the rest of the world. Both the United Kingdom (England) and Japan officially reported a second quarter of contracting GDP, the classic definition of a recession, while Germany, the traditional growth engine of the European Union, remains in a recession. The German Purchasing Manager's Index was at 45.5 suggesting that their economic slump may have at least months before recovery is likely to occur. The Commerzbank Chief Economist forecast the German economy will contract by 0.3% in 2024 while Euro inflation was running at about 3.4%.

In short, American exceptionalism appears to be alive and well as our economy rolls on with what appears to be a full head of steam and plenty of momentum.





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Historic Society Potluck scheduled for March 4

The Salado Historical Society is pleased to announce an informal membership meeting 6 p.m. Monday, March 4, at the Church of Christ Activity Center, located at 225 N Church Street in Salado

This event is open to the public and will be held as a Potluck, to include provided pork loin with attendees to bring a side dish, salad, or dessert of their choice.

The Salado Historical Society welcomes the community to come together, share a meal, and delve into history. The highlight of the evening will be a presentation by local guest speaker Larnce Barker, President of Sons of the Republic of Texas, Sterling C. Robertson Chapter 22, that meets in Salado. Barker will share insights into key historical dates and their significance in Texas history:

March 2, 1836 -Texas Declaration of Independence



Salado Historic Society President Bill Kinnison shared information moving of the Old Church Place at the fall Historical Society meeting.

- March 6, 1836 -The Battle of the Alamo
- April 21, 1836 -
- The Battle of San Jacinto February 19, 1845 - Statehood

This event offers an opportunity to gain a more in-depth understanding of Texas history.

The Salado Historical Society, a non-profit 501(c) (3) organization, encourages community involvement and supports its mission

through in-kind donations and memberships available for \$25 (Single) or \$40 (Family) per year. By becoming a member, individuals contribute to the preservation of Salado's rich history and actively participate in enhancing the Village Community.

For further information, contact: Beverly Turnbo (254) 541-2125 or visit www.saladohistoricalsoci-

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Harker Heights gets creative with Art Festivities before Eclipse

Experience the creativity of Central Texas! The City of Harker Heights Parks and Recreation Department will be hosting the Harker Heights Arts Festival, a two-day event full of colors, textures, and inspiration. Held at the Carl Levin Park Amphitheater at 400 Miller's Crossing on both Saturday, April 6 from 4-8 p.m. and Sunday, April 7 from Noon- 4 p.m., the public is invited to join for this fun weekend leading up to the once-in-a-lifetime event: the 2024 Total Solar Eclipse on April 8.

Families and friends are welcome to the park the weekend before the eclipse for free art related activities, shopping with art vendors, live music performances, and more. Citizens can also learn more about the upcoming solar eclipse with additional activities, vendors, and staff to help prepare for the day of the eclipse.

Artists who are looking to sell or showcase their work are invited to apply to be a vendor, as well as any vendors who wish to sell food. Vendor participation is free, and the application along with additional festival details can be found https://harkerheights.

gov/336-art-in-the-park. The deadline to apply to be a vendor is March 31, 2024.

To continue the festivities, the Stewart C. Meyer Harker Heights Public Library is partnering with the Harker Heights Parks and Rec's Activities Center to host an Art Show from April 1 - 8, 2. Located on 400 Indian Trail in Harker Height, visitors will enjoy a temporary 2,600 square foot exhibit in the main Activities Center ballroom. Artists who would like to participate in the art exhibit can submit their artwork for this show by applying before March 27. Information for the Art Show and application can be found https://harkerheights. gov/336-art-in-the-park.

on the Arts Festival, vishttps://harkerheights. gov/336-art-in-the-park. Citizens can also vishttps://harkerheights. gov/eclipse to learn more about the eclipse including safety tips, events and programs, educational material, and other important resources. For additional information please contact Parks and Recreation at 254.953.5657 or Event Staff at 254.953.5493 (atrujillo@

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Newcomers March activities



Bell County Newcomers Club announces the following activities for March.

March 4: Chat 'N' Ca-

March 6: Monthly Luncheon, popcorn Bridge

March 8: TGIF Lunch March 9: Couples Night Out

March 11: Bookworms March 12: Singing Bluebonnets, Newbies Orienta-

tion

Singles

March 15: Trailblazers Walking Group

March 16: Exploring

Wines March 18: Snack Time

Mahjong March 19: Bunco

March 20: Popcorn Bridge

March 21: Nonfiction March 13: Footloose Book Club, Meet & Greet

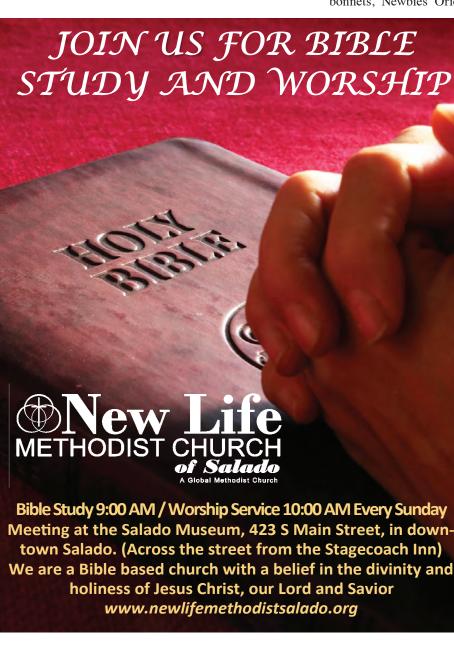
March 25: Well-Read Women, Crochet and Knitting, Canasta

March 26: Singing Bluebonnets

March 27: Fun Lunch March 30: Jimmy's Egg Through social activities, programs, and member-generated

groups September-to-June, Newcomers encourages friendship among women and provides a network for obtaining information about the community and its services. For more information, call Jan Fisher at 951-751-4002 or email at: 2txgrl@gmail.com

Visit the website: www. bellcountynewcomers.com





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(all ages)

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5:45p - Children's Bible Drill

6:00p - Kingdom Kids (K-6th) 6:00p - Student Midweek (7th-12th)

6:00p - Adult Bible Studies

6:00p - ESL (Ingles Idioma Segundo)

7:00p - Choir/Music Rehearsal

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CHARLOTTE BUTLER August 5, 1947 FEBRUARY 19, 2024

Funeral services for Charlotte Butler, 76, of Salado, will be held at 11 a.m. February 23, 2024, at Dossman Funeral Home with Pastor Bill Pinalto officiat-

Burial will follow at Salado Cemetery.

The family will receive friends for visitation 6-8 p.m. February 22 at the Funeral Home.

Butler died Monday, February 19, 2024 in a Round Rock Hospital.

She was born August 5, 1947 in Pampa, Texas, the daughter of Charlie Joe Hodges and Naomi Lucille (Billings) Hodges. As a child she lived in Hereford, Texas and New Mexico before moving to Temple.

She married Johnny Butler November 25, 1972 in

She worked for Scott and White for several years. Later she began working in childcare for 18 years. She retired from the daycare at First Baptist Church in Salado in 2009, after being with them for 12 years. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Salado.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Michael Hodges in 2023.

Survivors include her husband of 51 years, Johnny Butler of Salado; two sons Jason Lee Butler of Temple and James David Butler of Salado: nephews, Dennis Simonson and Dwayne Simonson.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to First Baptist Church Salado Children's Ministries.

Services under care of Dossman Funeral Home, Belton, Texas.

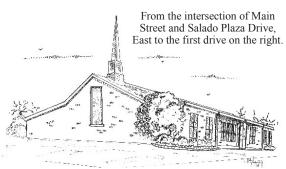


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Museum to offer a tour of historic Salado

As most Texans know, on March 2, 1836, Texas declared its independence from Mexico. In celebration, the Salado Museum will present an historical tour on March 2. The tour will begin at 10 a.m. at the Salado Museum.

Museum staff will present a brief history of Texas Independence Day, how Salado was established, and why the Salado Museum was started. Salado College was a huge factor in the settling of Central Texas and Salado specifically. The second part of the tour will continue to College Park just south of the museum. The college ruins are all that remains of our frontier college built in 1860. The statue of Colonel E.S.C. Robertson stands at the northwest corner of the Park along with other tributes to Salodoans.

In 1861 Texas entered the Civil War as a part of the Confederate States of America. While a devastating part of our history, we will focus on the reconstruction. In 1866, Texas rejoined the United States and adopted the US Constitution. As depicted in the museum exhibit, around 1866 to move the cattle north, the Texas Cattle Trails came through. We will visit the Chisholm Trail monument in front of the museum then take a short drive to Table Rock to see another Chisholm Trail marker and a cattle dipping

For the next 80 or so



Robertson Plantation

years, Salado was known for its ranches and its brave settlers that came to the edge of the "wild frontier!" The tour will include another short drive to the school building that replaced the Salado College building after it was destroyed by a third fire in 1924. The red brick schoolhouse and grounds are still owned by the SISD and contain the

SISD administration offices. Also, on the grounds are the cabins moved there by the Salado Historical Society in 1994. The cabins give a view of the life of the early pioneers.

The final leg of the Tour will be to the grounds of the Robertson Plantation. The Greek revival style structure was built of cypress and pine by Colonel Robertson.

The construction started in 1854 and in 1860, he, his wife and five of his children moved in. His family grew to a total of 12 children. The tour will not include the inside of the home, but we will see the exterior of the home, the slave quarters and the cemetery.

A \$10 donation is appreciated

Get your tickets now for Taste of Salado

The Public Arts League of Salado holds Taste of Salado on Monday, February 26, in the Blue Heron room of Tenroc Event Center located at 5471 Thomas Arnold Road. All proceeds are used for the purchase and maintenance of sculpture in the Salado Sculpture

Garden and on Main Street. The funds are also designated for art student scholarships and an annual student art show.

A social hour that includes music, libations, and a silent auction will begin at 5 p.m.. Restaurants providing tastes of their special-

ties will serve at 6 p.m.. A live auction conducted by Bobby Whitson will complete the evening.

Tickets for the event are \$30 and are available at the Salado Museum, 423 South Main, Salado and online at centraltexastickets.com.



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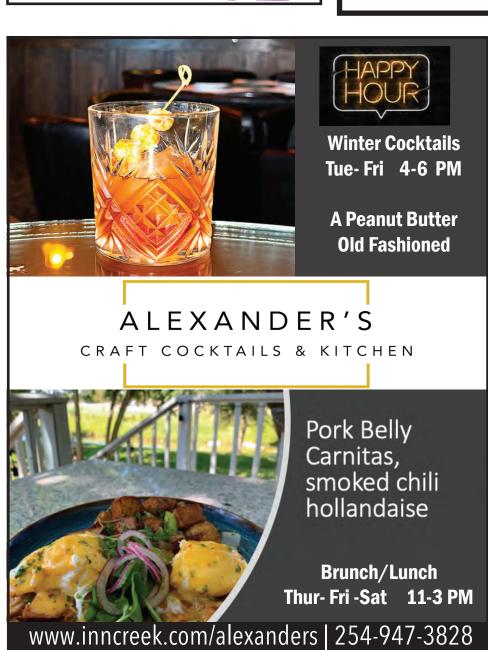
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Salado Senior Center open a.m.-3 p.m. Mondays at 650 Royal St. (Salado United Methodist Church Youth Activity Center). Coffee Corner, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Game Time, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.; Pickleball Courts open, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.; Chair Yoga with Joette Grieco, 9-10 a.m.; Dominoes 42, 10 a.m.-noon; Stretching (Bea.m.; Bridge, 12-3 p.m. Quilting with Lyna, 1-2 p.m. Crochet with Joettte, 1-2:30 p.m.

Village Artists- knitters, crocheters and stitchers meet, 1-4 p.m. Salado Village Artists' red building behind the Civic Center.

Bikes & Brews, 6:30 p.m. for a no-drop ride, Barrow Brewing Co.

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. Tonkawa Chapter Native Plant Society of Texas meeting, 6 p.m., first Monday of

month, Barrow Brewing Co. Second Monday Book Club meets at 7 p.m. at Salado Winery, 841 N. Main St.

Salado Democrats meet the third Monday of each month, 7 p.m., in the conference room of Salado Public Library.

Tuesdays

Village Artists- artists and crafters meet 9:30-11:30 a.m. Salado Village Artists' red building behind the Civic Center.

Knitting Group at Salado Public Library, 10 a.m.

Storytime with Ms. Mia at Salado Public Library, 11 a.m.

Tuesday Night Prix Fixe at Alexander's Čraft Cocktails + Kitchen. \$16.95 for entree, dessert and glass of wine. Prix Fixe menu changes weekly. Visit Alexander's Facebook page for weekly updates on Prix Fixe. Reservations en-

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 Chupacabra.

Thursdays

Salado Senior Center open 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Thursdays at 650 Royal St. (Salado United Methodist Church Youth Activity Center). Coffee Corner, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Game Time, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Exercise class with Alice Cooper, 9 a.m. Chair Tai Chi with Rich

Trautman, 10-11 a.m. Learn to Play Mah Jonng, 10 a.m.noon; Dominoes 42, 10 a.m.noon. Mah Jongg, 12-3 p.m. Beginner or Refresher Bridge, noon-2 p.m. Bridge, 12-3 p.m.

Bingo 1-2:30 p.m.
Pint night at Chupacabra, 4 p.m.-midnight.

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

do Public Library, 6 p.m. Run Club, 6:30 p.m., Barrow Brewing Co.

Weekly curated wine tasting hosted by Hannah Hendrick 6-8 p.m. at Salado Winery, 841 N. Main St. Tickets available online through Salado Winery Eventbrite https:// bit.ly/3MLXXOA. Call 254-947-8011 or check Facebook for more information.

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

Bikes & Brews, 6:30 p.m. for a no-drop ride, Barrow $Brewing\ Co.$

Run4Beer Group, 6:30 p.m., Barrow Brewing Co. Family Night at The Shed,

specials on beer and pizzas change every week.

The Bell County Master Gardener Association holds a free monthly seminar on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Texas Agrilife Extension Office, 1605 N. Main in Belton.

Fridays

Storytime with Ms. Mia, Salado Public Library, 11 a.m. Live Music at Axis Winery, 3-6 p.m.

Live Music at Chupacabra Craft Beers, 7-11 p.m.

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

Saturdays

Asanas and Ales, 9 a.m. every Saturday in the taproom at Barrow Brewing Co.

Live Music at Axis Winery, 2-5 p.m.

Live Music at Barrow Brewing, 7 p.m.

Live Music at Chupacabra Craft Beer, 8 p.m.

Sundays

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

February 22

Teens/YA Crafters Workshop, 4:30 p.m., Salado Public Library, 1151 N. Main St.

February 22

1-on-1 Technology Time with Salado Public Library, Salado Senior Center, 650 Royal St. RSVP at least a week beforehand at Senior Center.

February 22

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

February 22

Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 6 p.m., Frankie

February 22-24

Central Texas Youth Rodeo Association Rodeo, Heritage Country Church, 9677 Lark Trail, Salado. Thursday starts at 7 p.m. Friday starts at 7 p.m. Saturday starts at 6 p.m. Order of Events: Poles, Straights, Goats, Barrels, Chute Dogging, Dbl Mugging, Tie Down, Ribbons, Breakaway and Team Roping.

February 23

St. Stephen Catholic Church Lenten Fish Fry benefiting the church youth programs, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Drive-through pick up all orders. Stay and eat or take home. Dinner includes fish, french fries, hush puppies, beans, cole slaw and dessert for \$15 per plate. Orders larger than four plates must pre-order at prolife@saintstephenchurch.org.

February 23

Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 6 p.m., J&J Breakaway. February 23

Fourth Friday Gospel Singing 7 p.m. at First Cedar Valley Baptist Church, FM 2843. Pot luck to follow. Bring a favorite dish or dessert.

February 23

Live music at Chupacabra, 7 p.m., Kyle Mathis.

February 24

Live music at Chupacabra, 8 p.m., Donnie Dodson.

February 23-24

Blow-Your-Own St. Patrick's Day Event at Salado Glassworks. Blown Mug, Sipper or Tumbler, \$90 (ages 12+).

Fridays 3-5 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Registration opens January 23. Register online at saladoglassworks.com.

February 24

February 24

Teens/YA Switch Games, 1 p.m., Salado Public Library, 1151 N. Main St.

Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 6 p.m., KCD

February 25 Prep classes for the Salado Starlets dance team, 2-4 p.m. at Thomas Arnold Elementary 3 gymnasium. Preparing for tryout week Feb. 25-March 1.

February 25

Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 4 p.m., Karen & Chris.

February 25-March 1

Tryout week for Salado Starlets dance team. First meeting for girls trying out, 4:15 p.m. at Thomas Arnold Elementary 3 Gymnasium. Prep days 5-7 p.m. at 3 Gym, 5-7 p.m. Tryouts 5 p.m. March 1 at TAE 3 Gym. Wear throughout the week: black fitted top, black leggings, tennis shoes or half soles, hair in ponytail and red lipstick.

February 25

Parent info meeting on new Middle School dance team, the Salado Starlets, 5 p.m. at Thomas Arnold Elementary 3 Gym. Tryout prep week will be March 21-24.

February 26

Fraud Prevention Class with Cadence Bank and Constable Rolly, Correa, 10-11 a.m. Salado Senior Center, 650 Royal St. RSVP at least a week beforehand at Senior Center.

February 26

Arts & Crafts with Joan Smith. Salado Senior Center, 650 Royal St. RSVP at least a week beforehand at Senior Center.

February 26

Salado Public Library Board of Directors meeting, 4:30 p.m., Salado Public Library, 1151 N. Main St.

February 26

Public Arts League annual Taste of Salado, Tenroc Ranch, 5 p.m. Happy Hour, 6:30 p.m. dinner goodies provided by area restaurants. Tickets \$30 at centraltexastickets.com.

February 28

Salado Lions Club luncheon meeting, 11:30 a.m., Salado Civic Center.

February 29 Pint Night at Chupacabra

Craft Beer, 4 p.m.-midnight. Get a free pint glass with every purchase of the featured brewery, 5 X 5.

February 29

Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 6 p.m., TBD. March 1

St. Stephen Catholic Church Lenten Fish Fry benefiting the church youth programs, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Drivethrough pick up all orders. Stay and eat or take home. Dinner includes fish, french fries, hush puppies, beans, cole slaw and dessert for \$15 per plate. Orders larger than four plates must pre-order at prolife@saintstephenchurch.org.

March 1

Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 6 p.m., Wes Perrvman.

March 1-2

Blow-Your-Own St. Patrick's Day Event at Salado Glassworks. Blown Mug, Sipper or Tumbler, \$90 (ages 12+). Fridays 3-5 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Registration opens January 23. Register online at saladoglassworks.com.

March 1-2

First Annual Heritage Country Church CPRA/ UPRA Rodeo, produced by Diamond Cross Rodeo Co. Gates open at 6 p.m. Rodeo starts at 7:30 p.m. Free admission. There will be bareback riding, saddle bronc riding, ranch bronc riding, calf roping, team roping, women's break-a-way roping, steer dogging, barrel race, bull riding, mutton busting.

March 2

Texas Independence Day tour of historic sites in Salado, starting at Salado Museum at 10 a.m.

March 2

Texas Pizza Festival, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., Barrow Breing Co., 108 Royal St. Adult GĂ tickets are \$20 and include four slices. Child GA tickets are \$10 and get them two slices. Pizza trucks participating include Barrow Brewing Company's resident truck, Happy Pizza Company, Bahler Street Pizza, Pizza Pieros, Treno Pizzeria, Nocco Pizzeria, Waco Artisan Pizza, Carter Brothers Pizza, and Scott's Pizza.

March 2

Moon Rocks & Glow Jars, 11 a.m., Salado Public Library, 1151 N. Main St.

March 3

Live music at Barrow SEE CALENDAR OF EVENTS, PAGE 3B

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March 4

Adults Cold Case Murder Mystery, 1 p.m., Salado Public Library, 1151 N. Main St.

March 5 Salado Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours, 5:30-7 p.m., Holiday Inn Ex-

press, 1191 N. Stagecoach Rd. Registration is not required for March 6

Music Munchkins, 10 a.m., Salado Public Library, 1151 N. Main St.

March 6

Mini Makers, 11 a.m., Salado Public Library, 1151 N.

March 7

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

March 7

Teens/YA: Unhinged Art, 4:30 p.m. Salado Public Library, 1151 N. Main St.

March 7

Salado Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening for Sterling Meadows, a D.R. Horton Community, located at 14816 Sterling Meadows, Salado, 5:30 p.m. March 7

Adults learn to make Irish Soda Bread, 6 p.m. Salado Public Library, 1151 N. Main St.

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March 8

St. Stephen Catholic Church Lenten Fish Fry benefiting the church youth programs, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Drivethrough pick up all orders. Stay and eat or take home. Dinner includes fish, french fries, hush puppies, beans, cole slaw and dessert for \$15 per plate. Orders larger than four plates must pre-order at prolife@saintstephenchurch.org.

March 8-9

Blow-Your-Own St. Patrick's Day Event at Salado Glassworks. Blown Mug, Sipper or Tumbler, \$90 (ages 12+). Fridays 3-5 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Registration opens January 23. Register online at saladoglassworks.com.

March 9

Galaxy Sharpie Art, 11 a.m., Salado Public Library, N Main St

March 9-10

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

March 11

Monday Book Club, 2 p.m., Salado Public Library, 1151 N. Main St.

March 11

March 13

Cold Case Murder Mystery, 6:30 p.m., Salado Public Library, 1151 N. Main St.

Adult Lunch & Learn Series, 11 a.m. Salado Public Library, 1151 N. Main St. March 13

Pokemon Day, 1:30 p.m.,

Salado Public Library, 1151 N. Main St. March 14

All Ages story-time with Ms. Frizzle, 1 p.m., Salado

Public Library, 1151 N. Main March 14 Book & Bites, 2 p.m., Sal-

ado Public Library, 1151 N. Main St. March 14 Pint Night at Chupacabra Craft Beer, 4 p.m.-midnight.

Get a free pint glass with every purchase of the featured brewery, St. Arnold's. March 14

Teen/YA Crafter's Workshop, 4:30 p.m., Salado Public Library, 1151 N. Main St.

March 14

Adult True Crime Book Club, 6 p.m., Salado Public Library, 1151 N. Main St.

March 14

Around the World Dinner Series at Alexander's Distillery, 6:30 p.m. Reservations online through eventbrite. com for \$100 (includes tax and gratuity or \$1,000 for annual passport) for five course themed dinner. This month's Destination, New Orleans.

March 15

St. Stephen Catholic Church Lenten Fish Fry benefiting the church youth programs, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Drivethrough pick up all orders. Stay and eat or take home. Dinner includes fish, french fries, hush puppies, beans, cole slaw and dessert for \$15 per plate. Orders larger than four plates must pre-order at prolife@saintstephenchurch.org.

March 15-16

Blow-Your-Own St. Patrick's Day Event at Salado Glassworks. Blown Mug, Sipper or Tumbler, \$90 (ages 12+). Fridays 3-5 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Registration opens January 23. Register online at saladoglassworks.com.

March 15-16

Texas Vaulting Expo 2024, Heritage Country Church, 9677 Lark Trail. Seminars and training both days. Public exhibition, 3-6 p.m. March 16. Discover equestrian vaulting in Texas by seeing these demonstrations and competi-

March 16

Teens/YA: Kanoodle Tournament, noon, Salado Public Library, 1151 N. Main

March 16

Teens/YA Smol Space Painting, 2 p.m., Salado Public Library, 1151 N. Main St. March 16

Adult Twine Easter Bunnies, 5 p.m. Salado Public Library, 1151 N. Main St. March 20

Music Munchkin, 10 a.m., Salado Public Library, 1151 N. Main St.

March 20

Adult Craft: Sun Painting, 1 p.m., Salado Public Library, 1151 N. Main St.

March 21

Salado Chamber of Commerce Lunch N' Learn, noon, at the Chamber office, 423 S. Main St. hosted by Texell Federal Credit Union. They will be covering topics such as SBA Loans, small business loans, and what makes the most sense for your small business. Registration is free for members and \$20 for non-members. Registration is required at salado.

March 21

Thursday Book Club, 2 p.m. Salado Public Library, 1151 N. Main St.

March 21

Pint Night at Chupacabra Craft Beer, 4 p.m.-midnight. Get a free pint glass with every purchase of the featured brewery, 3 Nations.

March 21

Teens/YA Crafter's Workshop., 4:30 p.m., Salado Public Library, 1151 N. Main St.

March 21-24

Salado Sparklers dance team tryouts for sixth-eighth grade girls, Prep week 4:15-6 p.m. at Salado Middle School gym. Tryouts at 4:30 p.m. March 22. Wear black fitted top, black leggings, tennis show or dance shoes, hair in ponytail. Performances will be at football games, basketball game, pep rallies and spring show. Parent infor meeting 5 p.m. Feb. 25 at TAE3 Gym.

March 23

Teens/YA: Switch Games & Beyblade, 1 p.m., Salado Public Library, 1151 N. Main

March 23-24

24th Annual Wildflower Arts & Crafts Festival, Salado Civic Center, 601 N. Main. Free admission 10 a.m.-5 p.m. March 23, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. March 24.

March 24

Salado Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting for Terlingua on Main, 112 N. Main St., 5:30 p.m.

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Adult Movie, Apollo 13, 1 p.m., Salado Public Library, 1151 N. Main St.

March 25

Salado Public Library District Board of Directors meeting, 4:30 p.m., Salado Public Library, 1151 N. Main St.

March 25 Adult Spring Up Your Wardrobe, 6 p.m., Salado Public Library, 1151 N. Main

March 27 Adult Movie, The Martin,

March 27

Adult Craft: Sun Painting, 5 p.m., Salado Public Library, 1151 N. Main St.

March 28

Adult Movie, Alien, 1 p.m. Salado Public Library, 1151 N. Main St.

March 28

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

March 28

Teens/YA Crafter's Workshop, 4:30 p.m., Salado Public Library, 1151 N. Main St. March 30

Teens/YA: Astrology Tote

Bags, 1 p.m., Salado Public Library, 1151 N. Main St.

March 29-30 Blow-Your-Own Easter Egg Event at Salado Glassworks. One weekend only! Egg, \$60 (ages 3+). Friday 3-5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Registration opens February 29. Register online at saladoglassworks.com.

March 31

Easter in Salado. Make reservations early for Easter brunch at the area restaurants. April 4-7

45th annual Texas Packard Meet of Packard cars built from 1899 to 1958. Public viewing of cars morning of April 6 on the grounds of Holiday Inn Express.

April 6

Barrow Brewing Co. Eight Anniversary celebration. Live music, food trucks and more, 11:30 a.m.-10 p.m.

April 6 Farmers Market at Barrow

April 8 Total solar eclipse, the last one of this century in the United States, begins at about 12:19 p.m. Central Daylight Savings Time. At 1:36 p.m., night will fall as the moons blocks out

Brewing Co., 108 Royal St.

seconds.

Around the World Dinner Series at Alexander's Distillery, 6:30 p.m. Reservations online through eventbrite. com for \$100 (includes tax and gratuity or \$1,000 for annual passport) for five course themed dinner. This month's Destination, Singapore.

April 11-13

Central Texas Youth Rodeo Association Rodeo Finals, Heritage Country Church, 9677 Lark Trail, Salado. Thursday starts at 7 p.m. Friday starts at 7 p.m. Saturday starts at 6 p.m. Order of Events: Poles, Straights, Goats, Barrels, Chute Dogging, Dbl Mugging, Tie Down, Ribbons, Breakaway and Team Roping.

April 13-14

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

April 30

Salado Community Chorus Spring Concert, 7 p.m., First Baptist Church of Salado, 201 N. Main St. Concert is

May 2

Faith leaders from the different churches in Salado hold four community gatherings to pray for peacepeace in the world, peace in our country, and peace in our hearts, not just a cessation of hostilities, but true peace. The second Community Gathering will be held at Salado United Methodist Church on May 2 at 6 p.m.







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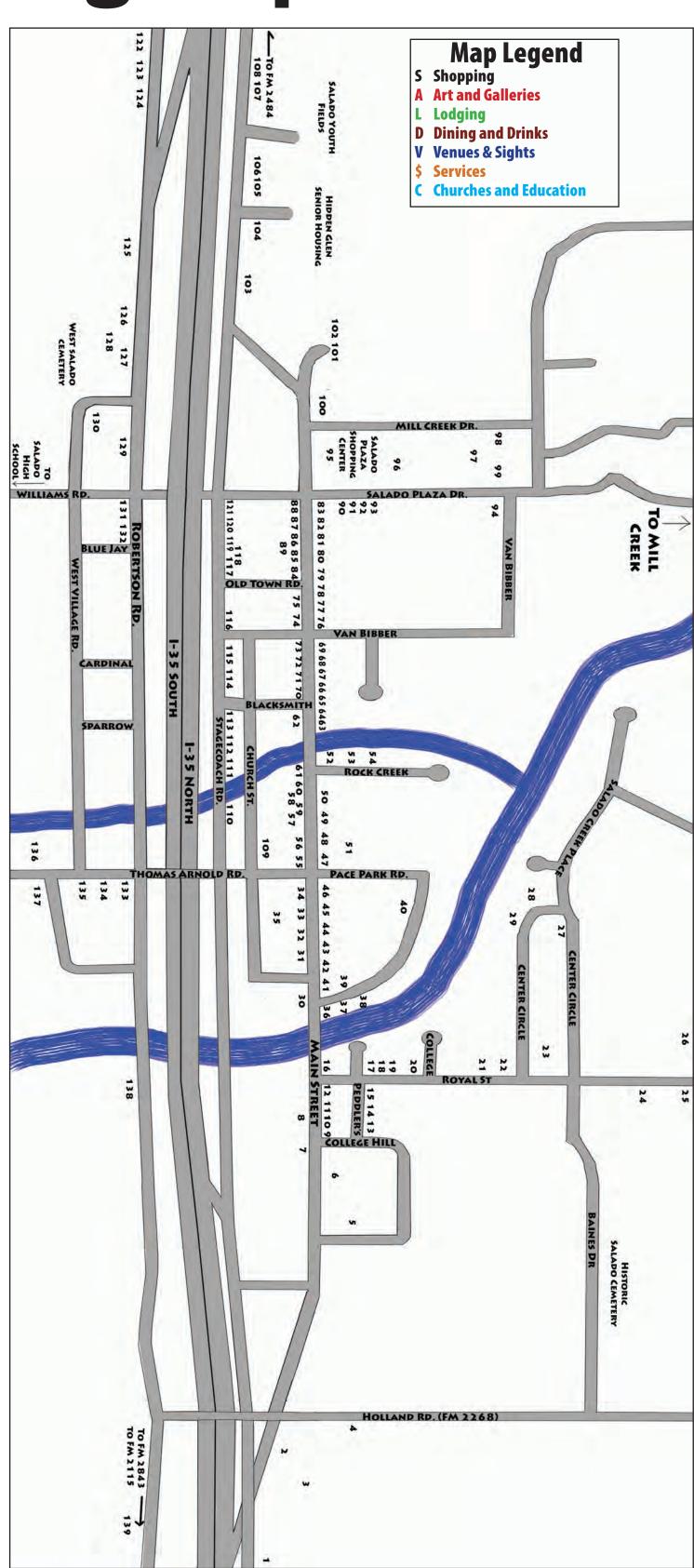
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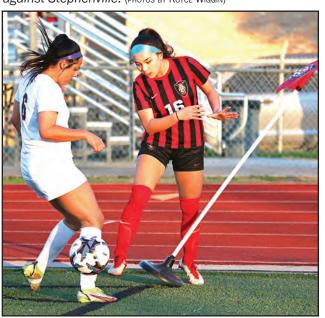
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 - 100. The Josiah Fowler House



Cade Harris and Sydney Lange celebrate Harris's goal against Stephenville. (PHOTOS BY ROYCE WIGGIN)



Izzy Blancaflor on offense in first half. Blancaflor made one of the Lady Eagles' two goals against Stephenville.

Ladies beat Gatesville, Stephenville in soccer

Salado Lady Eagles shut out the Gatesville Lady Hornets 5-0 on Feb. 16 to remain undefeated through the first round of District 23-4A soccer.

Izzy Blancaflor scored the first goal for the Lady Eagles from a cross by Lexi Rice.

Rice scored off an assist from midfielder Emily Le-

mus.

Reese Lange sent a ball

into the box which Rachel Bender headed into the goal. In the second half, Sydney Lange scored off Shelby

Hollywood's assist.

The fifth and final goal was scored by Cassie Var-

gas from outside the 18 from Rylee Young's cross.

"Props to another shut out in goal by Taylor Dabney and Cambry Edmondson. Also, to a great display of poise and control in the midfield by Emily Lemus," Coach Michael Goos said. We look forward to seeing these ladies continue their undefeated stride through

district! Also, to continue

watching them represent

our town well with their

sportsmanship, talent, and

LADIES BEAT

dedication.

STEPHENVILLE 2-1
Salado Lady Eagles beat district rival Stephenville

Honeybees 2-1 on Feb. 13.

Cade Harris scored the first goal for Salado off of Reese Lange's cross into the box.

In the second half Skylar Gardner crossed the ball into Izzy Blancafor who slipped the ball past the keeper for a 2-0.

"Our ladies strongly defended their goal the entire game, but unfortunately gave up a P.K. which gave Stephenville a point," Coach Michael Goos said. "It is amazing to witness the connection this team has on the field. Shout out to Cambry Edmondson for an amazing night in goal. Also to the defense for shutting down this tough competitor and allowing offense to do their job."

JV LADY EAGLES

Salado JV Lady Eagles beat their counterparts from Stephenville 7-1 earlier in the night on Feb. 13.

To kick off the game Kenadi Smith put two goals away wasting no time. Presley Goos then snuck in a goal of her own, followed by another banger from Smith. Britney Hernandez joined in on the goal scoring with two of her own. To finish it off Smith found that net once more. Stephenville fought back and got a goal of their

"Shout out to Eva Alcozer and Kenadi Smith for setting up the goal scoring opportunities with beautiful assists," Coach Amy Thomas said. "Emma Terwilliger, Annabelle Schwartz, and Lucy Johnson played great defensive and provided movement in the middle."

Ladies fall in OT to Connally

Salado Lady Eagles lost 52-44 in overtime to the Waco Connally Lady Cadets in the Region III 4A Quarterfinals Feb. 20. The loss ends Salado's season at 23-13 and 7-3 in District 23-4A.

The game was tightly fought throughout regulation as Connally held a 14-13 lead after the first. The Cadets led 23-22 at the half and 30-29 after the third before Salado tied the game at 39-39 to end regulation.

Connally's Tinia Minnitt hit five of six free throws and Kaley O'Neal hit two threes to lead the Lady Cadets past Salado in the overtime period.

Ally Ihler led the Lady Eagles with 16 points, including two three-pointers.

Karlee Konarik and Elsie Law followed with 9 points each.

Also scoring were Riley Guthrie, 6 points, Brylee Craddick, 3 points and Lorali Bookout, 1 point. District 23-4A has two

teams remaining in the playoffs: Connally and topranked La Vega. Salado trounced Jack

Yates 65-39 in the Area

Round of the playoffs on Feb. 16.

Elsie Law added another double double to lead Salado. She scored 14 points and had 10 rebounds, an assist

and 2 deflections.

Riley Guthrie followed with 11 points, 8 rebounds



(PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)

Riley Guthrie puts up a shot against Waco Connally in Regional Quarterfinal.

and 2 deflections.

Ally Ihler also had double figures with 10 points, 4 rebounds, 5 assists, 2 deflections, 3 steals and a block.

Also scoring for Salado were Lorali Bookout, 8 points, 7 rebounds, 11 assists, 4 deflections and 3 steal; Karlee Konarik, 8 points, 4 rebounds, 3 deflections and 4 steals; Giselle Salazar, 5 points and a steal; Abigail Klein, 4 points and 4 rebounds; Ariel Cebreco, 3 points, a rebound and a deflection and Brylee Craddick, 2 points, 6 rebounds, 2 assists, a deflection and 2 steals



Elsie Law and Ally Ihler defend against Yates' Kennedy Moore. (рното ву Royce Wiggin)









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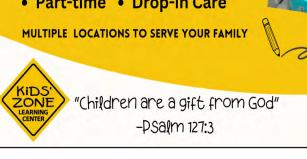
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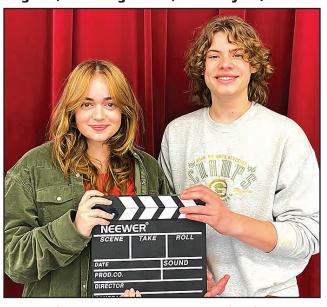
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Amanda Sgobbo and Ben Wickert qualified for the state finals with Torn.



Segiv Eldridge qualified for state with Compensate.

Two SHS pieces named as **Young Filmmaker Finalists**

UIL released the 2024 UIL Young Filmmaker state finalists on Feb. 13. The Salado Film Squad had two films qualify for the state finals.

Salado films advancing to state finals were:

Torn in Narrative: Pro-

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duced by Amanda Sgobbo and Ben Wickert. In this short thriller film, witness how the protagonist finds herself entangled in a series of disappearances terrorizing the town of Waypoint. https://www.youtube.com/ watch?v=5T12Xa22d0M

Compensate in Traditional Animation: Produced by Segiv Eldridge. Boy and his best friend find a vape on the ground. Hopefully, nothing bad happens? https://www.youtube.com/ watch?v=Fm8s0KYt-MI

Starlets, **Sparklers** tryouts set for 24-25

The SHS Starlets will begin tryouts for the 2024-25 school year with a parent meeting for SHS Starlets 2/25 at 4:15 p.m. Feb. 25 at Thomas Arnold Elementary 3 gym.

Starlet Tryouts will be Feb. 26-March 1 at the Sal-

Sparklers will be March 18-



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ado Middle School Gym.

The Salado Middle School Sparklers dance team will have tryouts for their inaugural year (2024-25) at 5 p.m. Feb. 25 at Thomas Arnold Elementary

Tryouts for the Salado



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Salado Starlets (from left) Grace Tipping, Hannah Gearhart, Alyssa Neagle, Aubrey Forrest, Shelby Maples, Kristen Clifton, Presley Lochridge.

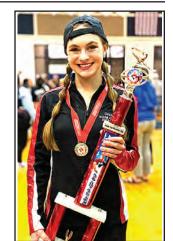
Starlets bring home trophies from final comp

The Salado Starlets Varsity Dance Team competed in their last competition for the season this past weekend at the Lost Pines Dance Showcase Competition in Bastrop.

"We are so proud of these amazing and hardworking young ladies," said coach Traci Tipping.

They received the following awards from the American Dance Drill Team judges:

- Sweepstakes (score of 90 or better on all three dances).
- Gussie Nell Davis (score of 93 or better on all 3 dances).
- Judges Award for Team Jazz (score of 94 or better).
- Judges Award for Team Pom (score of 94 or better).
- Judges Award for Team Hip Hop (score of 94 or bet-
 - First Runner Up Best in
 - Bronze Best Overall.

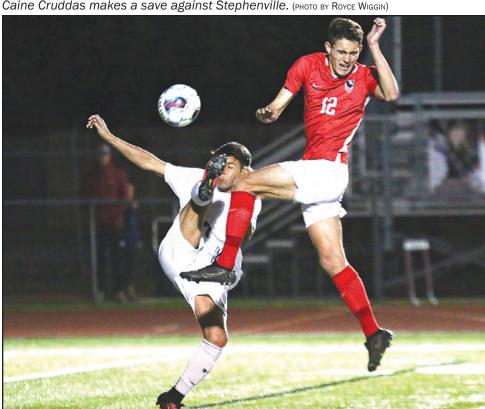


Grace Tipping

- Division 1 Rating on all three dances.
- Grace Tipping: First Runner Up Lyrical Dance



Caine Cruddas makes a save against Stephenville. (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)



Luke Anderson fights for the ball against Stephenville. (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)



Thad Heckman eyes the goal. (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)

Varsity Eagles second in 5-4A after Stephenville loss

Salado Eagles are in second place in District 5-4A after falling to Stephenville

in penalty kicks last week. The Eagles are 14-2 and 5-1 in district play (as of

presstime). Salado soccer won a district game 3-1 on the road

16.

Scoring goals for Salado were Thad Heckman, Luke Anderson, Morgan Adams.

Assists were made by Thad Heckman, 2 assists; Morgan Adams, an assist.

Salado Eagles were beat-

against Gatesville Feb. en in penalty shots against Stephenville 5-4, Feb. 13.

Scoring goals for Salado were: DeVonte Foster and Luke Anderson. Assists were made by Gabe Merriman and Cody Roquemore.

Salado played China Spring Feb. 20, results were past presstime.

Eagles start baseball season with win

Salado Eagles won their home opener against Lorena 3-1 Feb.. 19.

R H E LHS 1 1 1 SHS 3 6 2

The Eagles had six hits, led by Kannon Baird, 2 hits, a run; Logan Flores, 2 hits and Brody Cole and Trey Waters, a hit each. Knocking in runs were Owen Curtis and BJ Amann.

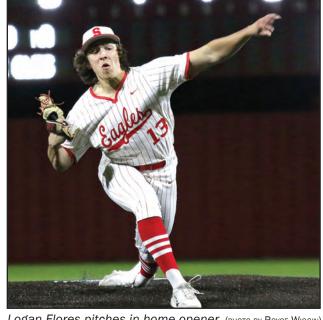
Logan Flores got the win on the mound, striking out 14 and allowing one hit.

R H E LHSJV 2 5 3 SHSJV 9 9

Salado JV Eagles won their season opener 9-2, hosting Lorena.

Collin Strickland got the win, striking out two and allowing three hits. Cash Adam allowed two hits and struck out three.

Contributing for Salado were Landon Noske, 2 hits, 3 runs; Brayden Naegele, 2 hits, 2 RBIs; Jamison Stephens, a hit, 3 RBIs; Mason Olson, a hit, 2 runs, and RBI; Garrett Light, a hit, a run, and RBI; Trey Waters, a hit, an RBI; Collin Strickland, a run.



Logan Flores pitches in home opener. (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)

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Lady Eagles win Stephenville tourney Salado Lady Eagles have home run for 3 RBIs, 1 run; Brooklyn Williamson, 1 hit,

started out with a 7-0 run, winning the Stephenville tournament last week.

R H E FRHS 0 0 2 5 6 1 SHS

Bri Waters got her first no-hitter of the year with 11 strikeouts as the Salado Lady Eagles shut out Fossil Ridge 5-0 on Feb. 15 in the first round of the Stephenville tournament.

Tallying hits for the Lady Eagles were Bri Tutor, 2 hits, including a homerun, 2 runs, 3 RBI; Toni Pugh, a hit, 2 runs; Waters, a hit and an RBI; Shelby Dodge and Lexi Dudeczka, a hit each.

R H E 2 3 1 **EHS** 6 8 9 SHS

Salado beat Early 6-2 in the second round Feb. 15.

Ally Schauer got the win on the mound, striking out nine, walking one and allowing two earned runs.

Getting hits for Salado were Bri Tutor, 2 hits, 2 RBIs; Lexi Dudeczka, 2 hits, 1 run; Bri Waters, a Ally Schauer, 2 hits, a run; FRHS 0

Ally Schauer, 1 hit, 1 RBI; Shelby Dodge and Ryley Li- hit, 4 runs; Lexi Dudeczka, tchfield, a hit each.

R H E SHS 5 3 1 BHS 2 3 2

Salado beat Boyd 5-2 in the third round Feb. 16.

Kaitlyn Weber got the win, with two earned runs strikeouts. Bri Waters got the save with three strike-

Earning hits for Salado were Bri Tutor, 1 hit, 1 run, 2 RBI; Lexi Dudeczka, a hit and an RBI; Ally Schauer, 1 hit. Ryley Litchfield, Shelby Dodge and Paisley Friemal all scored runs.

R H E SHS 19 15 0 BHS 0 2 0

Sissies 19-0 Feb. 16.

Lady Eagles were Ryley Litchfield, 3 hits, 3 runs, 2 RBIs; Shelby Dodge, 3 hits, 2 runs, 5 RBIs; Bri Waters, 2 hits, 2 runs, 2 RBIs;

4 runs, an RBI; Bri Tutor, a a hit, 2 runs, an RBI; Kaitlyn Weber, a hit, a run, and RBI; and Toni Pugh, a hit, 3 RBIs.

R H E13 12 0 SHS 0 2 2 PHS

Salado hammered on three hits and three Peaster Lady Greyhounds for 12 hits and 13 runs in the shut out victory Feb. 17.

> Ally Schauer got the win on the mound, allowing two hits while striking out six. Aubree Zammat pitched in relief, striking out one and walking one.

Getting hits and scoring for Salado were Toni Pugh, 3 hits, 3 runs; Ryley Litchfield; 3 hits, a run and 2 RBIs; Shelby Dodge, 2 Salado pelted Bridgeport hits, 3 runs; Kaitlyn Weber, 2 hits, 2 runs, 3 RBIs; Getting hits for the Bri Waters, 1 hit, 1 run, 3 RBIs; Paisley Friemal, 1 hit; Brooklyn Williamson,

> R H E SHS

Salado shut out Fossil Ridge Lady Panthers 7-0 in the Stephenville championship match Feb. 17.

Bri Waters struck out nine and allowed two hits in the win.

Contributing to the win were Kaitlyn Weber, 2 hits, 2 runs and an RBI; Waters, 2 hits, and RBI; Toni Pugh, a hit, a run and an RBI; Brit Tutor, a hit; Brooklyn Williamson, a run and RBI; Lexi Dudeczka, a run.

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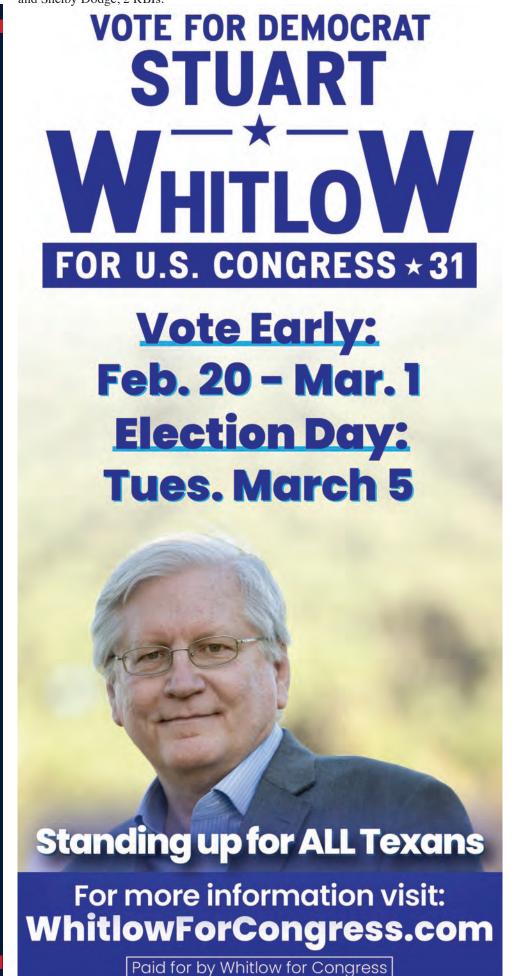
Salado beat Georgetown East View 9-2 in the first game of the season Feb. 13.

Bri Waters got the win, striking out 11, allowing five hits, two earned runs and three walks.

Getting hits for the Lady Eagles were Ryley Litchfield, 2 hits, 2 runs, 2 RBIs; Lexi Dudeczka, 2 hits, a run and an RBI; Ally Schauer, Brooklyn Williamson, Toni Pugh, and Bri Tutor each with a hit, a run and an RBI; Bri Waters, a hit and a run and Shelby Dodge, 2 RBIs.









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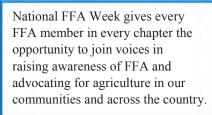
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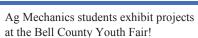
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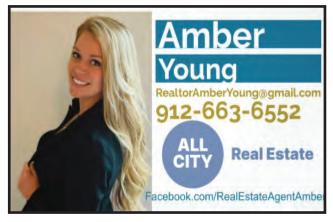








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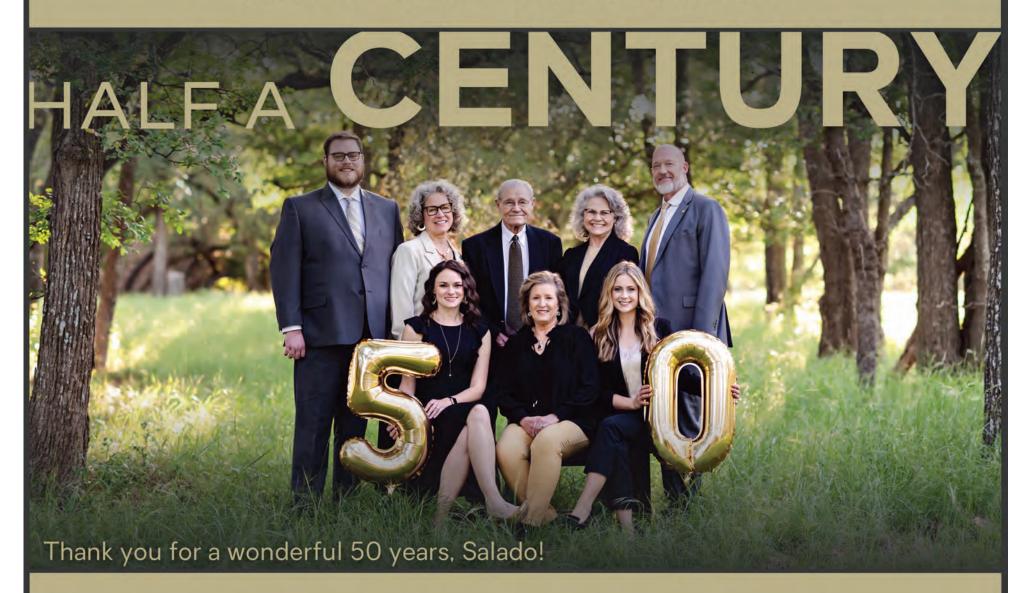




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Political party primaries underway

Political party primaries will be held March 5, 2024.

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In-person Early Voting will be 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Feb. 20-23; 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Feb. 24; noon-6 p.m. Feb. 25; 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Feb. 26-March

Bell County Early Voting locations are these:

Early Voting will be conducted in person each weekday at:

Bell County Belton Annex, 550 East 2nd Ave., Belton.

Bell County Annex, 304 Priest Drive Killeen.

Jackson Professional Learning Center, 902 Rev R A Abercrombie Dr. Killeen.

Senior Center at Lions Club Park, 1700 E. Stan Schlueter Loop, Killeen.

Temple ISD Admin Building, 401 Santa Fe Way, Temple.

Salado Church of Christ Activities Center, 225 North Church St., Salado.

Harker Heights Parks & Recreation Center, 307 Millers Crossing, Harker Heights.

Morgan's Point Event Center, 60 Morgan's Point Blvd. Morgan's Point Re-

On Primary Election Day March 5, you may vote at any of the 42 Bell County polling places. Polling locations can be found here: https://www.bellcountytx. com/departments/elections/ election_day_locations.php

You may apply to vote by mail, if you meet any of the following standards:

- 65 years or older;
- sick or disabled;
- out of the county on election day AND the entire period of early voting;
- expected to give birth within three weeks before or after election day; or
- confined to jail, but otherwise eligible to vote

Applicants for ballot by mail may submit applications to: Bell County Elections Department, P.O. Box 1629, Belton, TX 76513.

The last day to apply for a ballot by mail request (must be received, not postmarked) is Feb. 23.

The deadline for receiving ballots by mail (must be postmarked by election day) is March 5.

REPUBLICAN BALLOT Bell Co., Precinct 203 FEDERAL

President: Chris Christie, Vivek Ramaswamy, Asa Hutchinson, David Stuckenberg, Donald J, Trump, Nikki Haley, Ryan L. Binkley, Ron DeSantis, Uncommit-

U.S. Senator: R E. (Rufus) Lopez, Holland "Redd" Gibson, Ted Cruz.

U.S. Rep., Dist. 31: Mike Williams, Abhiram Garapati, John Caman Anderson, John Carter, Mack Latimer, Williams Abel.

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Railroad Commissioner: Christi Craddick, James "Jim" Matlock, Christie Clark, Petra Reyes, Corey Howell.

Justice Supreme Court, Place 2: Jimmy Blacklock.

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 4: Brian Walker, John Devine.

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 6: Jane Bland.

Presiding Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals: David J. Schenck, Sharon Keller.

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 7: Barbara Parker Harvey, Gina Parker. Judge, Court of Criminal

Appeals, Place 8: Michelle Slaughter, Lee Finley. Member, State Board

of Education, District 10: Tom Maynard, Mary Bone, "DC" Caldwell I.

State Representative, District 54: Brad Buckley.

Justice, 3 Court of Appeals District, Place 2: John Messinger.

District Judge, 27th Judicial District: Cheyenne Minick, Debbie Garrett.

District Judge, 146th Judicial District: Mike Russell, Ashley Clapper Ben-

District Judge, 426th Judicial District: Steven J.

District Attorney, 27th Judicial District: Stephanie Newell, Jeff Parker, James Berry "J" Stapler.

COUNTY

County Attorney: Jim Nichols.

Sheriff: William (Bill) Cooke, Frank Hernandez, Fred Harris.

County Asses-Tax sor-Collector: Shay Luede-

Constable, Precinct No. 2: Chris Bazar, Jesse Mon-

County Chair: Adelaide Baird.

Propositions

Prop. 1: Texas should eliminate all property taxes without increasing Texans' overall tax burden.

Prop. 2. Texas should create a Border Protection Unit, and deploy additional state law enforcement and military force, to seal the border, to use physical force to prevent illegal entry and trafficking, and to deport illegal aliens to Mexico or to their nations of origin.

Prop 3. The Texas Legislature should require the use of E-Verify by all employers in Texas to protect jobs for legal workers by preventing the hiring of illegal aliens.

Prop 4: The Texas Legislature should end all subsidies and public services, including in-state college tuition and enrollment in public schools, for illegal

Prop 5: Texas urges the United States Congress not to grant any form of amnesty or a pathway to legalizations for illegal aliens.

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Prop 6: The Texas Legislature should prohibit the deployment of the Texas National Guard to a foreign conflict unless Congress first formally declares war.

Prop 7: The Texas Legislature should establish authority within the Texas State Comptroller's office to administer access to gold and silver through the Texas Bullion Depository for use as legal tender.

Prop 8: The State of Texas should ensure that Texans are free to give or withhold consent for any vaccine without coercion.

Prop 9: The Republican Party of Texas should restrict voting in the Republican primary to only registered Republicans.

Prop 10: The Texas Constitution should be amended to restore authority to the Texas Attorney General to prosecute election crimes.

Prop 11: Texas parents and guardians should have the right to select schools, whether public or private, for their children, and the funding should follow the

Prop 12: The Texas Constitution should be amended to require proof of citizenship before any individual can be registered to vote.

Prop. 13: Texas should ban the sale of Texas land to citizens, governments, and entities from China, Iran, North Korea, and Russia.

DEMOCRATIC BALLOT Bell Co., Precinct 203 **FEDERAL**

President: Dean Phillips, Joseph R. Biden Jr., Star Locke, Frankie Lozada, Armando "Mando" Perez-Serrato, Cenk Uygur, Marianne Williamson, Gabriel A. Cornejo.

United States Senator: Steven J. Keough, Carl Oscar Sherman, Roland Gutierrez, A. "Robert" Hassan, Thierry Tchenko, Colin Allred, Meri Gomez, Heli Rodriguez Prilliman, Mark Gonzales.

United State Representative, District 31: Stuart Whitlow, Rick Von Pfeil, Brian Walbridge.

STATE

Railroad Commissioner: Katherine Culbert, Bill

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 2: Randy Sarosdy, DaSean Jones.

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 4: Christine Vinh Weems. Justice, Supreme Court,

Place 6: Joe Pool, Bonnie Lee Goldstein. Presiding Judge, Court Taylor.

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 7: Nancy Mulder. Judge, Court of Crimi-

nal Appeals, Place 8: Chika Anyiam.

Member, State Board of Education, District 10: DC Caldwell I, Raquel Saenz Ortiz.

State Representative, District 54: Dawn Richard-

Justice, 3rd Court of Appeals District, Place 2: Melissa Lorber, Maggie Ellis, Edward Smith.

Justice, 3rd Court of Appeals District, Place 3: Chari Kelly.

Justice, 3rd Court of Appeals District, Place 5: Karin Crump, Thomas J. Baker

Justice, 3rd Court of Appeals District, Place 6: Gisela D. Triana.

District Attorney, 27th Judicial District: Kurt W. Glass.

COUNTY

County Attorney: Michelle Cummings.

County Tax sor-Collector: Brandy L. L.

County Chair: Jonathan



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