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COVID, SNOVID, growth mark 2021

By TIM FLEISCHER EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

We started the year 2021 with the announcement of Bell County reclosing bars due to spiking numbers of local COVID cases. We end the year 2021 with the looming threat of Omicron variant and more than 35,400 total cases of COVID in Bell county since the pandemic began in early 2020.

On Jan. 5, Bell County had its highest number of cases reported in a single day with 730 and 3,000 active cases at that time. The County was at Level 1, Severe Uncontrolled Transmission. On Dec. 28, the County reported 225 cases with 613 active cases at Level 3 Moderate, Controlled Transmission.

Early in the year began the roll out of vaccines: first to healthcare workers, the elderly and those with compromised health issues, then to any adult wishing one and as the year closes, to children as young as five years old. With that, Bell County reports that 170,355 residents have received at least one vaccination shot, just under 50% of the total population. A total of 340,792 doses have been administered in Bell County, according to the Centers for Disease Control, which also reports that 55.6% of the total US population is fully vaccinated.

In the midst of this came the snow, about six inches of it in early January, making Salado a winter wonderland. A month later, came more snow, and ice, and

in payroll taxes and \$20,000 in training.

Salado fire department will go into 2022 with a new chief: Jim Franz. Shane Berrier will become the assistant chief of the department beginning Jan. 1, 2022. Berrier was honored as the Citizen of the Year by the Salado Chamber of Commerce during an awards reception in April. The Chamber honored Sugar Shack as the Business of the Year and Colleen Brooks as the Volunteer of the Year. Dave Hermann's name was added to the Salado Chamber of Commerce Hall of Fame. Nancy Best took over the reins of the Chamber, serving as Chairman for 2022.

As Fire Chief, Franz will be the first full-time employee of the Salado Fire Department. The Department will continue to heavily rely on volunteers to respond to calls.

Spring brought the announcement from Governor Greg Abbott that Texas is fully open. He increased the capacity of businesses to 100% and lifted any mask mandates.

Local parents quickly approached Salado ISD to lift any mask mandates, but trustees maintained the policy until June 2021. The board later adopted and then rescinded a COVID protocol which would have required masks on a campus that hits 2% active cases.

Salado ISD has reported a total of 398 cases among students and staff since the beginning of the pandemic in 2020. There have been 187 cases reported in the 2021-2022 school year. When students left for the winter break on Dec. 17, there were 10 active cases reported in the previous seven days, five at the Middle School, four at the High School and one at Thomas Arnold Elementary. In May, Bell County announced that Hill Country Community Action will manage the county's CO-VID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) using \$10.9 million in CARES Act funds received from the U.S. Department of the Treasury. The Treasury Grant required the county to utilize all the allotted funds before the end of September 2021 The Village of Salado received the first payment of \$293,626.34 of American Relief Plan, Local Fiscal Recovery Funds in early September. The village has been awarded a total of \$587,252.70 under the American Relief Plan funding program. Aldermen are prioritizing drainage projects on which to spend the funds. The projects include drainage work on Mill Creek Rd., Chisholm Trail, Blaylock and Park Roads, Bluff Circle and Stagecoach Circle. At their last meeting of the year, the Board of Aldermen voted to bring Bluff Circle into its inventory of public streets.

property valuations, the village lowered the tax rate by 4¢ to \$0.495300.

Salado ISD lowered its tax rate slightly to \$1.372000 per \$100 valuation. In 2020, the tax rate was \$ 1.374700. The school board on Oct. 18 amended its budget to reflect a \$2.1 million deficit. Part of the deficit is from the \$986,155 purchase of 50 acres on Williams Rd. across from Salado Middle School. The rest is due to \$2 million

Bell County adopted a \$118.8 million operating budget and set the tax rate at \$0.3942 per \$100 valuation, a slight decrease from the 2020 tax rate of \$0.396800. The County also issued \$138 million in certificates of obligation for the expansion of Bell County jail. In April, Commissioners voted to purchase the former Acton Academy property for \$1.65 million to serve as a County Annex. The Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace office and court and the Precinct 2 Bell County Constable office will be housed in the annex. Commissioners in November approved \$1.1 million for the renovation of the building.

Despite the high rates of COVID-19 early in the year, the late summer spike in cases due to the Delta variant and the most recent increase in diagnoses due to the Omicron variant, the local economy bristled with activity, if you consider sales tax revenues as an indicator of economic health.

For the Village, 2021 was a record year as the Village received a total of \$691,802.45 in sales tax revenues, an increase of more than 21% over 2020 sales tax revenues.



Salado had its own Abominable Snowman on Jan. 9 when between four and six inches of snow fell on Salado. While the fire department and police responded to at least seven accidents due to the driving conditions, Saladoans who stayed at home took advantage of the historic snowfall to build snowmen and blast their siblings with snowballs in epic fights. Fortunately, there were few, if any, reported outages of electricity during the Snowy day. Texas was not so lucky in February. (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)



massive power outages. First responders and neighbors banded together to check on fragile neighbors, deliver firewood and food and offer warming places during what became affectionately called SNOVID or Snowmageddon. Salado was fortunate that no one died as a result of the historic ice storm. Across the state, however, 210 deaths were linked to the ice storm and power outages, according to Houston Public Media.

The year saw the formation of the Bell County **Emergency Services District** #1 serving the Salado area. Directors were appointed by the County Commissioners and were given their oaths of office. The first directors of Bell County ESD #1 are Don Engleking, Alan Dillon, Don Hogue, David Matthews and Ashley Voss-Liebig. The board developed a \$1.17 million budget and adopted a tax rate of \$0.09 per \$100 to fund a \$550,000 annual contract with the Salado Volunteer Fire Department to provide emergency response services. It also dedicates \$440,000 for capital expenditures for the department.

The budget calls for a full-time fire chief to administer the organization. The plan also calls for hiring at least two part-time firefighters/EMTs. The department calls for a total of \$247,000 in human resource costs: \$100,000 for part-time employees; \$70,000 for fulltime chief; \$40,000 in stipends to volunteers; \$17,000

Aldermen adopted a \$1.8 million general operating budget with a deficit of \$120,000 coming from fund balance. Due to increases in

Salado Public Library received a total of \$573,239.68 in 2021 for the half-cent in sales tax that it levies, an increase of 23% over 2020. The Library entered into an agreement this year to purchase the duplex immediately to its east for expansion of the children's library.

The Village also learned this year that it qualified for a \$150,000 matching grant from Texas Parks and Wildlife for construction of an all abilities playground.

The Village hired a new Tourism Director in 2021. Andrea Howard started her new job as the Village of Salado Tourism Director on Feb. 22, almost a year since the vacancy was created by the departure of Chadley Hollas in 2020.

Village administrator Don Ferguson introduced her to the Board of Aldermen during their Feb. 4 ZOOM meeting.

Howard has more than 20 years of experience in public relations, community relations, communication, marketing and events. Howard "will make a great addition to the staff and build upon the mission and vision of the Village's Tourism Department."

The Tourism Department announced in September that it was awarding \$30,500 in community tourism grants, following the recommendation of the Tourism Advisory

Work crews with RT Schneider began the reconstruction of Salado Plaza Dr. in late July and completed the project in October. (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)

Board.

The grant recipients and events are as follows:

Barrow Volksride, which is anticipating 300 out-oftown visitors and 100 hotel stays, \$4,000.

Northbound and Down, Barrow Brewing Co., which is anticipating 750 visitors and 120 hotel stays, \$4,000.

Salado Springs Beer Festival, Barrow Brewing Co., which anticipates 3,500 visitors and 100 hotel stays, \$2,500.

Cowboy Music and Poetry Gathering, which anticipates 300-1,000 visitors and

50-100 hotel stays, \$8,000.

Blow Your Own Ornaments, Salado Glassworks, which anticipates 930 visitors and 930 hotel stays, \$4,000

Highland Games, Salado Museum, which anticipates 4,000 visitors and 2,500 hotel stays, \$8,000.

Village mayor Michael Coggin has spent much of his 2021 trying to renegotiate the agreements with Sanctuary. Aldermen were presented with plans in March for the construction of an apartment complex on the Sanctuary North section of land at

the south end of Main St.

The final plans were approved in August and work on the apartment complex began in November.

Aldermen hired outside counsel early in the year to review the agreements with Sanctuary. Counsel advised the Village that the agreements, while legal and still in force, were extremely onesided to benefit the developer with the Village reaping little benefit.

Coggin has worked to negotiate a new set of agreements that sets out a limited SEE 2021, PAGE 4A



An Open Exchange of Ideas

Consumers' shift to durable goods driving increase in inflation

The Markets

The venerable S&P 500 Stock Market Index (SPX), doing its usual stand-in for the U.S. stock market, turned in a good week as Christmas Eve reduced it to four trading days. Since last Friday, the Index rose 2.28% to close at a new record high of 4725.79. The catalysts appeared to be reports on the relatively low hospitalization rate for Omicron infected persons, a good consumer spending increase in November, and suggestions that inflation may not be quite as bad or as long-lived as was recently feared. The SPX is now up 25.82% year-to-date and 27.62% from this time in 2020. Looking back to the misty time before COVID, the Index has averaged an astounding 23.48% per year for the last three years. The CRSP Mid Cap Value Index closed at 2547.13, up 1.29% for the week and up 24.2% year-to-date.

The ten-year U.S. Treasury note yield was up 6.25% to 1.495% at the end of the business day, again on general news that the future was looking more and more like boom times. West Texas Intermediate crude oil joined in the party, rising 5.26% to \$73.83.

The Economy

Despite the increasing evidence that the Omicron variant of the pandemic-causing COVID-19 virus was spreading at a much higher rate than did any of its predecessors, U.S. consumers still managed to increase their spending by 0.6% in November over the previous month. The headlines suggested that was disappointing after the 1.4% rise in October, but we see it as exceptionally good. Annualized, that 0.6% comes to 7.2%, an amazingly high number when compared with years gone by. As we have often written and said, in an economy where the GDP is about 2/3 consumer spending, high numbers like that are prime drivers of future prosperity. The pattern

Market & Economic

By Jeffrey W. McClure

did shift in the face of the increasing infection rate with diners seated at restaurants down 15% nationwide for the week ending December 22 according to Open Table. As we have seen in the last two years, consumers are again shifting their spending from services to goods, resulting in a net gain over both last year and 2019.

The sobering side to this week's data was that the Personal Consumption Expenditures Price Index (PCE), the Federal Reserve's preferred measure of inflation came in 5.7% above last year in November. When taken as a whole, consumer spending this year appears to be about 3.5% higher than last year, and still well ahead of 2019.

In other (good) news, the Conference Board's Index of Leading Economic Indicators (LEI) rose 1.1% in November after rising 0.9% in October and 0.3% in September. While the LEI has had some false alarms, it has never failed to fall substantially six to eighteen months before a recession. The Board also released the results of their consumer confidence study and reported it up to 115.8 in December from a reading of 111.9 in November.

Some good analysis came out from the Council of Economic Advisors about the underlying causes of the surge of inflation we are experiencing. Looking back in history, what is going on in the economy appears to be not unlike what happened in 1946-1948 immediately after World War II when wartime wage, spending, and price controls were relaxed. Year-over-year inflation surged to about 8% but the high rise in prices tapered down to historical norms after about two years. What appears to be driving this increases is not an unusual surge in spending because,



after inflation, an annual rise of about 3.5% is well within normal parameters. Rather, it appears that the consumer shift from primarily spending on things like restaurant meals, movie tickets, travel, and other entertainment to mainly goods purchases overstressed our ability to make and transport and deliver those goods. Throw in the disruptions in production both here and overseas as absenteeism and imposed shutdowns occurred and a classical supply and demand imbalance emerged. A law of economics is that when there is more demand than supply, prices will go up, and they have. In short, what we are seeing mainly reflects the inherent dislocations from the pandemic rather than a result of excess government spending. The underlying drivers, at least so far, appear to be very different from those of the accelerating and systemic inflation of the 1970s.

Once more, the bottom line is that the U.S. economy is humming along very nicely, albeit with what appears to be a temporary spell of overheating. The primary threat to good times ahead continues to be the rapid spread of the Omicron variant with its potential to cause more disruptions but all signs appear to point to that threat resolving itself within a few months. The other major threat, geopolitical events such as a Chinese invasion of Taiwan or a Russian invasion of Ukraine appear to be real, but extremely unlikely. An example of why such events are unlikely is that the U.S. is now the number two supplier of natural gas to China. It is hard to imagine any country starting a war that would likely cripple its natural gas supply and thereby its economy.

Building Community, one fruit tree at a time

Some years ago, a young, hippyish couple knocked on my front door. They had noticed that I had fig trees in the yard, laden with summer fruit. If I wasn't going to pick them all, they asked, could they harvest some figs?

Since I was about to take a trip, I said: Sure, have at 'em.

Upon my return, as I stood at the door fumbling for my keys, I looked down — and there were two jars of delicious fig jam awaiting me.

A little common neighborliness can be deeply enriching, in so many ways. I remembered my happy

I remembered my nappy fig exchange recently when I read that a fast-growing, underground fruit economy is spreading in cities across



America. Well, the move-

ment is underground, but,

naturally, the fruit is above

ground and - like my figs

it's called. It's being orga-

nized spontaneously by lo-

cal folks who look around

their neighborhoods and see

yards with trees bearing an

abundance of apples, plums,

oranges, pomegranates, and

other delights - an abun-

dance that largely goes un-

picked.

"Urban fruit foraging,"

- in plain sight.

to gather, distribute, and eat this "public fruit"? Cleverly, people are doing just that.

In Oregon, for example, the Portland Fruit Tree Project is a database of 300 trees for picking. The owners sign up, then alert foragers a couple of weeks before the fruit ripens so a harvest can be scheduled. Noting that one can only eat so many apples, one of the project's organizers says: "A fruit tree is really made for sharing with your neighborhood."

Others share with food banks, form backyard fruit co-ops, or put city-wide maps of available fruit on websites, or — well, come up with your own idea. To help guide you, check out fallenfruit.org. otherwords.org

So, why not find ways



The High-Water Mark of Biden-Era Progressivism

Joe Manchin and London Breed have nothing in common.

One is an old-school Democratic senator from West Virginia, surviving and thriving in an increasingly red state; the other is the progressive mayor of San Francisco, a city that is a byword for cutting-edge left-wing politics. Yet both, in their own ways signaled that Biden-era progressivism has reached its high-water mark. Manchin, of course, delivered an emphatic thumbs down to Joe Biden's signature Build Back Better plan, while Breed reversed field on crime in a stunningly frank endorsement of law-and-order in a jurisdiction infamous for the opposite. The de facto pincer movement by the wildly different Democrats from wildly different parts of the country -- San Francisco is roughly 19 times as large as the biggest city in West Virginia -- shows that the progressive tide that built in the Trump years is finally colliding with political reality and the real-world consequences of progressive extravagance. This doesn't mean that progressivism is spent obviously. It dominates the media, academia and almost all the rest of elite culture. At the same time, Democrats still control the elected branches of government in Washington. But a growing backlash against progressive excess has found expression in two notable acts of Democratic defiance.



has led to spiraling disorder. The Bay Area, home to the smash-and-grab robbery and other routine offenses against basic human decency, has been Exhibit A. Concluding that even the tolerant people of perhaps the country's most tolerant city wouldn't put up with it much longer, Breed had her Howard Beale moment. In a speech clearly meant to set down a political and rhetorical marker, she called for an end to "the reign of criminals who are destroying our city." The Breed turnabout, from police-defunder a year ago to would-be Rudy Giuliani now. marks an end to the period after George Floyd's death when anti-police sentiment was ascendant. There are other signs that the progressive momentum is beginning to give way. A rightward shift among Latinos shows the limits of paintby-the-numbers identity politics. That the left's response to the grassroots movement against critical race theory in schools has been to deny there is any critical race theory in schools speaks to a telling defensiveness. Next year, the Supreme Court may well knock out Roe and Casey, cornerstones of the progressive social agenda. Of course, the political and cultural war will continue apace. Still, December 2021 looks like an inflection point when, as Breed put it in her speech, "the bull***t" finally got a reality check. Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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Marilyn Fleischer, Managing Editor advertising@saladovillagevoice.com Royce Wiggin, Admin. Assistant rwiggin@saladovillagevoice.com Manchin's "no" on Build Back Better is familiar. Joe Biden campaigned as a pragmatic Democrat only to reverse field after his election and develop a heroic image of himself as the next transformational Democratic president in the line of FDR and LBJ.

This drove the mistake of not realizing that Manchin or any other Democratic dissenter in the 50-50 Senate had the power to derail Build Back Better and accordingly scaling it back from the outset. Instead, the White House and congressional leadership acted as if Manchin could be cajoled or bullied out of his oft-repeated qualms.

Perhaps Democrats will reunite with the senator on a scaled-back spending bill in the new year, but the era of FDR fantasies is definitely over. Democrats should ask themselves, if they had a mandate to remake the country, why the entire project depended on the approval of a single conservative Democrat from West Virginia?

Now, Democrats are looking down the barrel of a midterm election wipe-out that could give the GOP a durable House majority that will put paid to any thought of BBBstyle legislation for years.

If Manchin said "enough" to big-spending federal aggrandizement, London Breed said it to the soft-on-crime consensus in blue cities that

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Historical Commission awards grants

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and cultural resources, is-

Bell County Historical Commission Chairman Nancy Kelsey recently announced five organizations will receive grants totaling \$4,400 for historic preservation purposes. Three of the organizations are in Salado, located in Commissioners Court Precinct 2, represented by Bobby Whitson. Grant recipients are:

Salado Historical Society - Replacement of porch roof at historic Boles-Aiken Cabin.

Salado Museum and College Park - Improvement of museum lighting.

Salado Cowboy Poetry and Music Gathering - Presentation of "Life on the Chisholm Trail" at Salado schools.

Dyess Family Cemetery Association - Repair and leveling of headstones at a **Bell County Newcomers**

January events

The Bell County Newcomers Club, Inc. is looking for new members and extends a warm welcome to ladies that are new to Bell County and the surrounding areas. The group also welcomes ladies that have just retired, are recent empty nesters, or have experienced another life change within the past 3 years and would like to connect with other ladies. For information about joining, contact Cheryl Davis at ctdavis44@yahoo.com or (254)493-4623.

The Bell County Newcomers Club activities for January are: Jan. 3 Chat N' Canasta, Jan. 5 Monthly Luncheon, and Popcorn Bridge, Jan. 8 Couples Night Out, Jan. 10 Bookworms and 42 Dominoes, Jan. 11 Singing Bluebonnets, Jan. 12 Wednesday Canasta, Jan. 14 TGIF lunch, Jan. 17 Snack Time Mah Jongg, Jan. 18 Bunco, Jan. 19 Popcorn Bridge, Jan. 20 Meet and Greet, Jan. 21 Trailblazers, Jan. 22 Exploring Wines, Jan. 24 Well Read Women, Crocket & Knit, and Monday Canasta, Jan. 25 Singing Bluebonnets, Texas Historic Cemetery. National Society Daughters of the American Revolution Betty Martin Chapter - Preservation of oral history interviews of veterans of World War II.

The commission, established to assist the Bell

JEFF D. MCKINNEY DECEMBER 30, 1930 DECEMBER 23, 2021

Jefferson (Jeff) Dunnam McKinney was born December 30, 1930 in Waco, Texas and died peacefully at home in Salado, Texas on December 23, 2021. Jeff spent his early years in Waco with his parents, William H. McKinney and Mayme Dunnam McKinney, and his siblings, Ruth, W.H. Jr., Douglas, Mayme, Robert, Myrtle, Juanita and Dorothy. Later he moved to Holland, Texas where his family owned and operated a dairy for several years. It was while attending high school and earning letters in three sports that he met the love of his life, Joyce Steglich. After high school graduation, duty

called him to serve his country in the United States Navy during the Korean Conflict. He was stationed on Midway Island where he worked as an aviation electronics technician. In December of 1952, he was granted a short leave during which he and Joyce Steglich were married at St. John's Lutheran Church in Bartlett, Texas. Soon after, he was assigned to Naval Air Station Hutchinson in Kansas, and it was there that their first child was born, son Michael.

After being honorably discharged from the Navy, he moved his young family to Austin, Texas where he attended the University of Texas and received a BBA degree in Accounting. During this time, he and Joyce added two daughters to the family, Debra and Kathleen. After completion of his education, Jeff took a job in Dallas, Texas as a computer programmer with Mobil Oil. After several years there, he had an opportunity to move back to central Texas and took a position as an accountant for the Steck Vaughn Paper Company. Later, he worked as the Comptroller at the Texas Insurance Advisory Association and was there until he retired in 1995. He was a faithful Texas Longhorn fan and enjoyed following football, baseball, and basketball. During his time in Austin, he was an active member and deacon at Woodlawn Baptist Church and later at Bannockburn Baptist Church, serving as the church treasurer as well as chairman of the finance committee.

After retirement, Jeff and Joyce relocated to Salado, Texas where they built their forever home. Jeff became active in the community serving as treasurer for the Salado Lions Club for many years and later for the Thursday Club Alzheimer Respite in Temple, Texas, a mission of First Baptist Church Belton where he was a faithful member and deacon. Jeff took great pride and pleasure in his family, especially his grandchildren, attending numerous school and sporting events in support of them from elementary school through college. In the years that followed, he saw his family grow and multiply with the marriages of his grandchildren and the additions of two great grandchildren.

Jeff was preceded in death by his parents, William Hester and Mayme McKinney, his siblings, Ruth Smith, W.H. McKinney, Jr., Douglas McKinney, Mayme Lee Parker, Robert McKinney, Myrtle Grace McEver, Juanita Raborn, Dorothy Halloran and his daughters, Debra Lynn McKinney and Kathleen McKinney Vitek. He is survived by his wife of almost 69 years, Joyce Jean (Steglich) McKinney, his son, Michael McKinney (and wife Susan), grandson Scott McKinney (and wife Erin), granddaughter, Elizabeth McKinney Sauppe (and husband Jakob), great grandaughter, Mattie McKinney, great grandson, Grayson McKinney and son-in-law, Ron Vitek. Jeff's was a life well-lived as he valued his faith and family above all else. We were blessed to call him husband, Dad and Poppi. He will forever be in our hearts as we all look forward to being together again.

The family would like to express their deepest appreciation for all the acts of love and kindness shown to them during this difficult time in their life. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be sent to The Salvation Army Bell County or to Pioneer Bible Translators (pioneerbible.org). Services are in the care of Broecker Funeral Home of Salado.

Visitation will be held at 1:30 p.m. January 2, 2022 at First Baptist Church of Belton, 506 N. Main St. Service will follow at 2:30 p.m. with Andy Davis officiating.

tax-exempt organizations or institutions located in Bell County are eligible to apply for a grant for any project, except construction, that preserves and/or promotes Bell County history. Sandy Mason chairs the commission's grants committee.



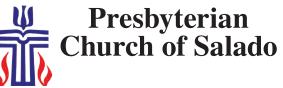






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Janelle Ann Benton, aged 77, of Santa Fe, NM, escaped this mortal realm on Friday, December 17th, 2021, leaving behind 28 empty glass jars, 237 plastic bags, 88 twist ties, 3,028 pieces of scrap metal and multitude of other random items that may prove helpful in the event of a zombie apocalypse.

In her teens she planned to travel the world as a marine biologist - instead she ended up married at 17 and had two amazing, artistic, creative, strong willed daughters. Many gawked at her career as a jewelry designer and goldsmith. At 5' tall, she was a tiny woman with giant green eyes, wearing high heels and a leather apron, holding a torch over a centrifugal machine. She could make anyone fall in love with her!

Most people thought she was crazy for racing cars in high school and she drove a GTO even after supposedly "settling down." Janelle took apart her last vehicle, a Cadillac, in 1979 in an attempt to fix the "damn catalytic converter." Any vehicles owned by her afterwards ended up in a junkyard because she had an uncanny knack for destroying their electrical devices. One mechanic told her, "Lady, you don't need a mechanic, you need a priest."

Once burdened by the 70's vehicle debacles, Janelle took to the skies flying hot air balloons in the 80's in Albuquerque, Santa Fe, Taos, Farmington, Durango and Pagosa Springs rallies. Her bumper sticker read "Champagne & Propane - Breakfast of Balloonists." She once flew the Dalai Lama and instructed her crew, "no shenanigans today." Her flight crew notoriously named, "Femme Fatale" consisted only of female derelicts, inept of any culture. They were found at the landing site, pants down picking cholla cactus barbs out of one another's behinds while a faint chuckle could be heard from his Holiness. Her regrets were few but include landing a hot air balloon in the median of HWY 285, outside of Espanola during a low rider parade. Janelle is survived by some people in the witness protection program, countless cousins, her daughters, Beverly Dawn Benton and Brandy Ann Benton (Raymond Finck); sister, Trevelyn Dee Sawyer; nieces, Pamela Dee Bone and Michelle Sawyer (John) and great niece, Hannah; Janelle was preceded in death by her parents, Roy Carson Lindley and Myra "Polly" Finis Cook Lindley. In lieu of flowers, Janelle requested that one never votes for Donald Trump or any of his family members. Janelle also requested her ashes be scattered where she loved to fly hot air balloons and the prayer she always said once they landed safely after every flight... "May the winds welcome you with softness. May the sun bless you with its warm hands and set you gently back into the loving arms of Mother Earth.' A private scattering of the ashes will take place at a later time...



JERRELL DEAN TELTOW September 25, 1937 DECEMBER 20. 2021 Jerrell Dean Teltow, 84, of Burnet and for-

merly of Salado, passed away December 20, 2021. A celebration of Jerrell's life was held at 11 AM Monday, December 27 at the Family Life Center of the First United Methodist Church in Burnet.

Born September 25, 1937 in Logan County Arkansas to Mary Ola and Author Emil Teltow. Jerrell was one of five boys, one girl, and two step brothers.

In 1959 Jerrell married Dorlene Houy of Fredericksburg. and had three daughters.

Jerrell was in the National Guard for nine years. He was employed with Central Freight Lines for 30 plus years in the Austin, Waco, and Bryan offices.

In November 1993, Jerrell married his wife Patsy Jane Lackey Heine of San Saba and her four children. Jerrell and Patsv lived in Austin, Arkansas, Salado, and Burnet.

His largest life contribution, one that he was extremely proud of, was his involvement as a Mason, 50 years and a Ben Hur Shriner, 25 years.

His biggest accomplishments though, were not his career or commitment as a Shriner; but his family and family in the community he began to create. Neighborhood watchman, big hearted, full of life, storyteller, thoughtful, caring, and a good man are all words that were often used to describe him. The first one to greet you and the last one to leave. The man in the room with the biggest smile and friendliest face. The gift of gab, some would say he could make a tree talk back to him. Most importantly, above all else; a husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. Jerrell is preceded in death by his wife Patsy; Mother and Father; Brothers: Glenn, Bill, Alfred, and Albert, and Sister: Geniva DeVazier He is survived by his daughters; Sandy Conner and husband Rick Conner of Lyons, Connie Eckhardt and husband Bernie Nelson of Fredericksburg, Karen Peterson and husband Craig Peterson of College Station, Step-children; Jerry Heine and Wife Elizabeth Heine of Virginia Beach, VA, Alan Heine and wife Catherine Heine of Austin, Adrienne Marshall of Cedar Park, and Bobby Heine. His grandchildren; Jessica Eckhardt Burrow, Steffanie Eckhardt Coleman, Kayla Peterson, Rainey Heine, Courtney Marshall, Michael Holt, Greyson Heine. And great grandchildren; Jaci Burrow and Lexi Burrow. Brothers; Johnny Teltow and wife Cheryl Teltow of Fort Worth, Norman Teltow of Colorado, and brother-in-law Dave DeVazier of Arkansas. PAID OBITUARY

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time for the agreements to be \$9 million in tax breaks or a proposed mixed use dein place. Coggin proposed waived impact fees to the the amended agreements to developer within a 15-year aldermen at their December time limit. meeting. The new amend-

The Village is in continments would offer up to ued negotiations to annex



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velopment at the northwest corner of I-35 and FM 2484.

Meanwhile, two other developments that have annexed into the Village have begun putting in infrastructure of roads and sewer to serve more than 300 new single family residences, when built out.

Salado ISD had 2,215 students enrolled on the first day of class.

Salado ISD administrators estimate that there could be more than 4,000 new homes in the school district in the next decade. There

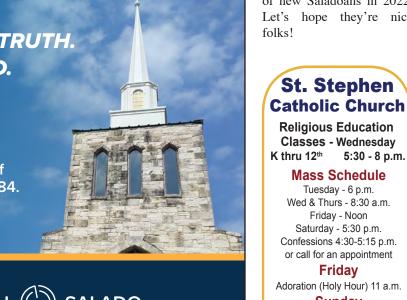
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are plans for more than 520 multi-family residences to be built in the school district in the next five years. The Sanctuary could house 500 of those multi-family residences within the Village of Salado, part of its multi-use development on about 300 acres on the southern end of the Village.

Within the Village of Salado, there are three developments that could build out almost 720 homes, in the next five years. The Sanctuary already has approval for more than 180 lots off of Royal St. Across the street, Drake's Landing is expected to have 154 lots. Eagle Heights off of Williams and West Village has 174 homes plotted.

Other developments that could add students to the school district include these: Windmill Estates, off of Spotted Horse Lane, 120 lots; Atkins off of Armstrong Loop, 70 lots; Armstrong Ranch off of Armstrong Loop, 140 lots; Monteith, off of Brewer, 100 lots; Sage Hill at Amity, 30 lots; Stinnett Mill Estates, 82 lots; Turley development off of Gooseneck Rd, 900 lots; a possible development at Hackberry and Gooseneck, 300 lots and a possible development off of Florence Road, up to 1,500 lots.

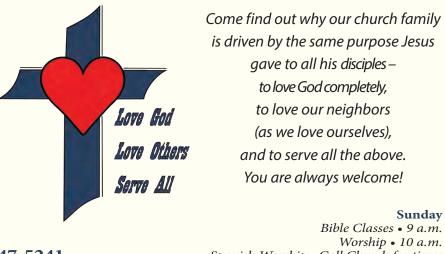
From the looks of things, we will be welcoming a lot of new Saladoans in 2022. Let's hope they're nice folks!



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• December 30, 2021

Lucky Black Eyed Pea and Collard **Greens Soup for New Year's Day**

BY TIM FLEISCHER EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Clearly, someone didn't eat their black eyed peas or collard greens this time last year, so I offer my adaptation of a Whole Foods Market recipe for a twist on traditional black eyed peas and collard greens.

The tradition of eating black-eyed peas and either cabbage or collard greens can likely be traced to the South during the Civil War period that followed.

Peas were for livestock and unfit for Union soldiers during the Civil War. They were left for the families subsisting in the South during the Civil War.

As war ravaged the South, they may have considered themselves to be lucky to have a pot of peas and a piece of fat back (salt pork) for flavoring.

Cabbage and collard greens represent folding money in the new year, so the more you eat, the more vou will financially prosper. But their use may be traced to the fact that the two are late crops in the South and can be harvested as late as January. Fresh greens in the middle of winter are a real treat.

I offer this simple recipe in hopes that we all prosper and have good health in 2022!

LUCKY BLACK-EYED PEA AND COLLARD GREENS SOUP Serves 6-8

2-2.5 hours if making turkey broth from scratch; 1-1.5 hours with canned broth

I first discovered a recipe



(PHOTO COURTESY OF WHOLE FOODS MARKET) Kick off the New Year with a bowl of Black Eyed Pea and Collard Greens Soup.

BLACK-EYED PEA AND COL-LARD GREENS SOUP Ingredients

2 cups fresh black-eyed peas 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil

1 large yellow onion, chopped

2 cloves garlic, finely chopped

1 lb. turkey (or ham if no leftover turkey) or more, if you want a meatier soup 2 stalks celery, chopped

6-8 cups homemade turkey

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broth (or low-sodium chicken broth) 1 bunch collard greens,

tough stems and ribs removed, leaves thinly sliced 1/4 teaspoon ground black

Place peas in a large bowl and cover by a few inches with water early in the morning. Cover the bowl and let sit at room tem-

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perature until ready to make soup; drain and rinse well. Heat oil in a large pot

over medium heat. Add onion, garlic, turkey

or ham and celery and cook, stirring occasionally, until onion is translucent, 5 to 8 minutes.

Add peas and turkey or chicken broth and bring to a boil, skimming off any foam on the surface.

Reduce heat and simmer, partially covered, until peas are tender, about 45 minutes.

While soup is simmering, fold each leaf of collard greens in half and run knife down spine to remove the stem and spine. Slice greens into about half-inch wide pieces.

Add collard greens and carrots and simmer until tender, 15 to 20 minutes more.

Season with salt, pepper and hot sauce and serve.

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4-6 carrots, chopped 1/4 teaspoon fine sea salt pepper Hot sauce to taste Method

for Black-Eyed Pea and Collard Greens Soup on Whole Foods Market, that I have since changed and adapted to incorporate the leftover remains of Christmas dinner. If you roast or smoke a turkey for Christmas, freeze the carcass and bones along with any skin and neck that you may be able to keep. I usually freeze the legs of the bird, if there is any left for a homemade turkey broth.

This soup combines two lucky foods, black-eyed peas and collard greens, with vegetables and turkey or ham, depending on what is left around your house after Christmas.

If you prefer a thicker soup, mash some of the cooked peas against the side of the pot, then stir them back into the broth before adding the collard greens and carrots.

TURKEY BROTH

Leftover carcass from Christmas dinner Turkey neck and any skin you can salvage 2 Carrots, cut in large chunks

3 Celery ribs, cute in large chunks

2 whole garlic cloves Sea salt

Put vegetables and carcass in large stock pot, cover with water and bring to a boil.

Simmer covered for half an hour or more

Strain to clear any bones so that you have a nice turkey stock. This is especially good when using a smoked turkey!



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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.

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.

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Trivia with Rockin Rick, at 5-9 p.m. Menu changes each week. Call 254-947-0441 for more information.

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

Vinyl 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. **Fridays**

Storytime with Ms. April, Salado Public Library, 11 a.m. Teen Dungeons & Dragons group, 6 p.m., at Salado Public

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

Live Music at Barrow Brewing Co. 8 p.m.

Fridays-Sundays

All Day Gourmet food tasting, Wild Texas Cowgirl, 642A N. Main St., Blue & White House. Open late Fri & Sat! @WildTexasCowgirl-Google Us!

Saturdays

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form at Barrow Brewing Co. at

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will close at 9:30 p.m. Dec.

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p.m.-midnight

December 30

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will be closed.

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dessert.

Smoken Maxx Carter and Ryan Wright will perform at Chupacabra Craft Beer and Wine to ring in the New Year.

January 1

Get back in the saddle with a special brunch 7 a.,m,-3 p.m. Jan. 1 at Stagecoach Restaurant. Celebrate a clean slate with a fortifying brunch to help you start tackling this year's resolutions. Reservations are \$55 per person. Call 254-947-5111, option 2.

January 1-7

Barrow Brewing Co, Taproom and Beer Garden CLOSED

January 4

Salado Chamber of Commerce After Hours at Yellow House Bed and Breakfast Inn, 2290 FM 2268, 5:30 p.m. All Chamber members and prospective members invited.

January 4

Richard Sapp, Candidate for Justice of the Peace, Meet the Candidate, 5-7:30 p.m. at Salado Public Library. 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 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 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.



Please join us for a Meet & Greet Campaign Gathering!!!! **Richard Sapp** for Justice of the Peace Precinct 2 Bell County Tuesday, Jan. 4, 5 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Come & Go Salado Public Library 1151 North Main Street; Salado, TX 76571

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January 14

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

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. Stephen Moore, Past Master of Robert Burns Lodge #127, will present a program on Robert Burns.





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Salado Chamber of Commerce cuts ribbons on new businesses in 2021



Marquita Everson owner off Hidden Treasures celebrated the opening of her clothes shop with Chamber members, family and friends at the official Salado Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting on March 19. Hidden Treasures is located at 113 N Stagecoach Rd. Ste. 3. You are encourage to stop in and meet Marquita.Chamber of Commerce Board representative CJ Harbuz conducted the greeting.



David Swarthout, executive director of the Salado Museum and College Hill Park, Alderman Paul Cox and Sterling Ambrose, President of the Museum board, cut the ribbon to celebrate the recent completion of work to replace the balcony and front porch of the Salado Museum. The ribbon cutting was held March 13, just three days after Gov. Greg Abbott lifting statewide mask requirements and opening Texas businesses to full capacity. Despite the challenges of closures and cancellation of the largest fundraiser for the Salado Museum, the Museum was able to accomplish the major renovation project. (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)



Village Spa owner Tammy Gilbert cutting the ribbon celebrated the Village Spa one year anniversary/grand opening Friday July 9. Salado Chamber representatives, family, friends and her many customers were present to help celebrate this milestone. Village Spa is an upscale spa adventure offering massages, skin care, dermaplaning, chemical peels, Botox, micro-needling, permanent make-up, eye-liner, eyebrows, lashes, and more. Village Spa offers party packages for a Girls Night Out, Bridal ,Birthday Celebrations, Couples and more. The Village Spa is located at 216 Royal St. Visit VillageSpaSalado.com to learn more. An appointment can be made by calling 254-293-6600.



Onirio Swick and Erin Joseph joined forces to present the Collective Bartique located on the corner at #3 N. Main St. The Salado Chamber of Commerce representatives along with relatives and friends greeted the new shop with a ribbon cutting September 3. The shop will feature ladies clothing, purses and accessories ...and you can enjoy a glass of wine while shopping. Be sure to visit one of Salado's newest shopping adventures. (PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)





Salado Chamber of Commerce Representatives welcomed the Vista Real Estate office to Salado with an official ribbon cutting on April 19. Emilio Perales cuts the ribbon with Assoc. Broker Jason Hancock. and Supervisor Bret Friemel. Vista Real Estate was established in 2013 by Jimmy Torres and Emilio Perales. They now have 5 office locations in Central Texas with 50 Real Estate Agents. Stop in and visit the Salado office at 560 N. Main Street, Ste. 1. You can reach them at 254-308-2038 or online at thevistarealtors.com. Realtors in the office are: Jason Hancock, Bret Friemel, Tilatha Denman, Chris Cano, Amberly Gill, Suzanne Payne, Lauren Doskcil, Sara Matthews, Katlyn Volney, Stephen Torres and Ann Vandergriff .

Salado Chamber of Commerce joined Bunkhouse in cutting the ribbon on the Shady Villa Hotel on Oct. 4. Bunkhouse is an Austin-based hospitality company that will now manage the Shady Villa Hotel and Stagecoach Restaurant. Shown above cutting the ribbon is manager El Salvador Edwards.



Center, Molly Stratton and daughter Braely cut the ribbon to officially open The Flower Shop, a full service floral business in May 2021. Chamber Director Nancy Best expresses greetings, while Donnie Jackson offered the blessing of this new business venture. Honored guests attending this opening celebration are: holding the ribbon on the (left) is a friend Richard Firth and (right) former Minister Edd Melton. In addition to floral arrangements for all occasions, a wide variety of gift baskets will be offered. Be sure to ask about Braely's slime! You can check out more information on this business by visiting TheFlowerShopOldTownSalado.com or drop in at #9 Old Town Salado at 602 Old Town Rd. Give Molly a call to say "Welcome" at 254-444-0277. (Photo By MARILYN FLEISCHER)



Shelby's Pilates, owned by Shelby Weigand, a certified Pilates Instructor, DPT, celebrated her business by cutting the Salado Chamber of Commerce ribbon Oct. 20. Chamber representatives as well many friends attended the official opening ceremony. Shelby's Pilates is located at 560 N. Main St. You visit her website, ShelbysPilates. com for more information. (Photo BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)

Shopping Map of Salado



Historical Markers in Salado

- Salado Historic College Hill 6.
- Shady Villa Hotel (Stagecoach Inn) 8.
- Main Street Bridge 8.

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- 24. Historic Dipping Vats
- 25. The A.J. Rose Mansion
- 26. Old Methodist Chapel 27. Caskey-Hendricks House
- 28. Dr. McKie Place (Twelve Oaks) 29. Alexander's Distillery
- 30. First Baptist Church
- 31. The Tyler House
- 35. Salado Masonic Lodge #296
- 45. The Anderson House
- 46 Old Saloon
- 48. The Norton-Orgain House
- 50. The Barton House
- 51. The Levi Tenney House
- 61. Historic Lenticular Bridge
- 49. The Vickrey House
- 76. Boles-Aiken & Denman Cabins
- 77. The Robert B. Halley House
- 79. The Reed Cabin
- 100. The Josiah Fowler House
- 55. The Armstrong Adams House



Morgan Adams moves the ball past a Sealy defender.

Eagles' success in 2021

Salado High School has had an extremely successful 2021.

Salado Lady Eagles were co-champions with Burnet Lady Bulldogs in District 19-4A basketball, but fell in the area round of the plavoffs to LaVega in a game that went into overtime. The girls finished their season 19-7 and 7-1 in district play.

The Eagles were District Champions in what would end up being Kenny Mann's final year to coach basketball and teach in Salado. He coached the Eagles to a 21-6 season, 10-0 in district play. The Eagles fell to Waco Connally in the area round.

Salado varsity boys soccer team's storied season came to an end in Bryan on April 1, where they lost to the Sealy Tigers 3-1 in the third round of the playoffs. The Eagles ended their season 20-3-1 and 14-0 in district soccer. The Eagles were District Champions. They had 14 shut outs on the season, including 12 against district opponents.

Salado Lady Eagles soccer team ended their season as the state semi-finalist, falling to Corpus Christi Calallen Lady Wildcats 3-2 on April 13. The Lady Eagles ended their season as District Champions with a 21-7-3 record overall. The girls earned their way into the State Semi-final match



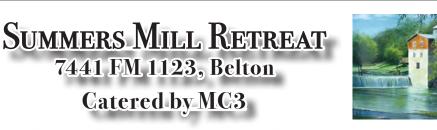
Haley Piatak maneuvers to take a shot from the left side of the goal for Salado's first score against the Lady Cats in the semi-final match. (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)

Championship. Bay City was undefeated before Holly Wright kicked in a goal in the 15th minute of their match. Avery Wright recorded the shut out of the top-ranked Bay City Ladycats.

Salado Eagles baseball ended their season in the bi-district round of the playoffs. Salado Eagles' baseball season ended at 16-16 following a three-game seDistrict 20-4A. The Leopards won the first game 7-6 and the third game 2-0 while Salado won the middle game 3-2.

Salado Lady Eagles finished their softball season with a loss in the Area round to the Carthage Lady Bulldogs. Salado was the third place team in District 19 with a 19-16 overall record, 6-4 in district play.

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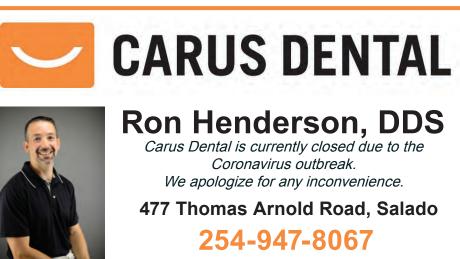
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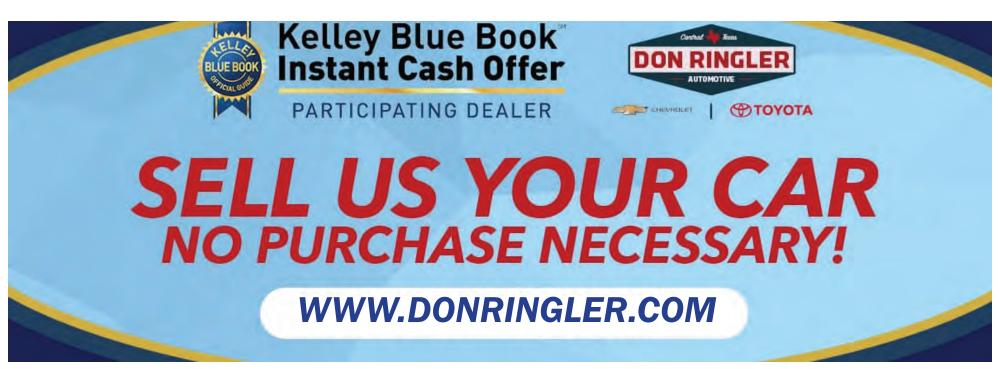
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Salado Eagle Reid Vincent is shown on the left on the UIL 4A State Track Meet Medal Stand. He placed second in the Long Jump behind Jarrell's Derrick Warren (middle). El Campo's Rueben Owens (far right), placed third in the event. (PHOTO BY JEFFREY BISHOP OF 1STPHOTOTEXAS.COM)

points.

Eagles-

dents won four State awards from the UIL Interscholastic League Press Conference Film contest for 2021.

Daniel Lander won the state championship in documentary, a documentary film chronicling the SHS Cross Country team's path to the State Meet. He also won second place for General Sports Story. Tyler Anderson won third place in the Promotion/Commercial/PSA category. Grace Beene won third place in state in the Feature Story category. Her one minute film goes behind the scenes of Salado Theater.

Salado Academic Squad won the Regional Championship and placed third in the State Meet. The Speech Team Score was added to the UIL Academic competitions that were held earlier to give Salado a third place finish in the State in UIL Academics with a total of 144 points. Lindale won the State Academic Meet with 252 total points. Argyle was second with 233 total points.

Salado won the Team Speech State Championship by scoring 78 points. La Vernia High School was second with 73 points and Lindale was third with 40 Connor Howard earned 15 points by winning the Persuasive Speaking competition.

Sawyer Bagley earned 12 points by placing second in LD Debate.

Jessica Young placed second in Prose Interpretation to earn 12 points. Hunter Foster placed

fourth in Informative Speaking, earning eight points. Salado Lady Eagles are

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

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

The girls placed sixth in State in a weather-short-ened tournament.

The boys golf team qualified for the Regional tournament, where they placed 11th.

Salado High sent five girls to the State 4A Division II Powerlifting Meet in Corpus Christi March 19: Jade Oliver, Lexy Wilson, Kailonee Razo, Caelan



Salado Eagles 4X400 Meter Relay Team on the UIL 4A State Track Meet Medal Stand with their silver medals along with first place La Vega and third place Dumas. Salado runners are (in white) LaTrell Jenkins, Reid Vincent, Wrook Brown and Noah Mescher. (Photo By JEFFREY BISHOP OF 1stPhotoTexas.Com)

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(COURTESY PHOTO)

Salado High sent five girls to the State 4A Division II Powerlifting Meet in Corpus Christi March 19. Shown above are (from left) Here are Jade Oliver, Lexy Wilson, Kailonee Razo, Caelan Teer, Jaine Rainwater. Oliver placed sixth in the 132 lb. division with a total lift of 705 lbs. Rainwater placed sixth in the 259 lb. class with a total lift of 830. Teer was seventh in the 114 weight class with a total lift of 590. Razo with 10th in the 105 lb. weight class with a total lift of 555 lbs. Wilson placed 12th in the 148 lb. weight class with a total lit of 720. They were coached by Troy Ramsey.

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

The 4X400 Meter Relay team set a new school record when they placed second behind the defending state champion from La Vega in the final event of the night. The Eagles were less than a half-second behind the Pirates with a time of 3:17.23.



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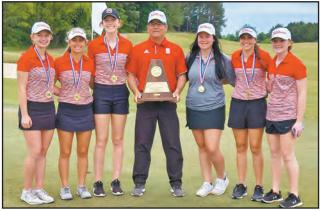
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Salado boys track SEE EAGLES, PAGE 3C



Salado Speech Team won the 2020-21 State Competition. Speech and Debate Team Members are (from left) Hunter Foster, Connor Howard, Lindsey Neas and Sawyer Bagley. (COURTESY PHOTO)



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



Commended students named

Salado High School seniors Cooper Chambliss, Michael Edwards-Sarver, and Ashlyn Fossett were named Commended Students in the 2022 National Merit® Scholarship Pro- by Dr. Michael Novotny gram. Letters of Commen-

Superintendent's Corner





Cooper Chambliss



Ashlyn Fossett

Eagles

LaTrell Jenkins ran the first leg, followed by Noah Mescher, Wrook Brown and anchor Vincent Reid.

Vincent also took the silver medal in the Long Jump, just behind his district foe, Derrick Warren of Jarrell. Vincent had a leap of 22-11.00, which came on his first attempt. Warren had the winning distance of 23-2.00 coming on his second and third attempts.

Senior Logan Rickey placed seventh in the State in the Boys 800 Meter Run with a time of 1:58.76. Senior Jaci McGregor competed in the Girls 1600 Meter



in her final races as a Salado Lady Eagle. She placed eighth in the 1600 Meter Run with a time of 5:14.17. Freshman Lexy Wilson placed ninth in the Girls Long Jump with a mark of 16.-0.50.

Salado High School Varsity and Junior Varsity bands both received sweepstakes at the Virtual Concert and Sight Reading Contest on March 1. The bands received the highest ratings of 1 from every judge.

Additionally, several individuals and ensembles earned 1 and qualified for



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State qualifying ensembles are these: Flute Quartet: Chloe

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mended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Although they will not continue in the 2022 competition for National Merit Scholarship awards, Commended Students placed among the top 50,000 students who entered the 2022 competition by taking the 2020 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/ NMSQT®).

Congratulations to Cooper Chambliss, Michael Edwards-Sarver, and Ashlyn Fossett for being named Commended Students in the 2022 National Merit Scholarship Program!

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

Nolan Williams nabs a fly ball to centerfield for the Salado Eagles. (Photo by Royce Wiggin)









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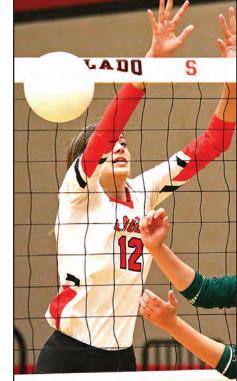


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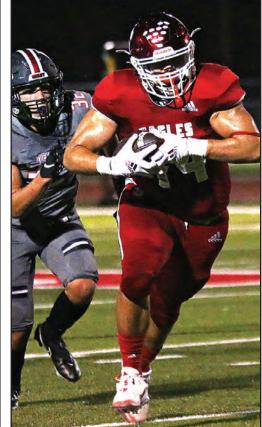
Kenslee Konarik blocks a shot. (PHOTOS BY ROYCE WIGGIN)



Monday thru Saturday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.







Gavyn Keyser bulls toward the end zone after catching Hutton Haire's pass for a 48-yard touchdown against Mexia.

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Emma Grant. Ebeling, Emma Madsen, Laura Willingham

Clarinet Ouartet: Jessalvn Carrillo, Daniel Lander, Nohemi Penã, Madeline Sunshine

Saxophone Trio: Caley Aycock, Kaden Griffin, Aria Musselman

French Horn Trio: Michael Edward-Sarver, Rachael Jett, Jett Luedeke

Percussion Ensemble: Allison Alcozer, Cooper Chambliss, Anne Marie Gilmore, Morgen Glossup, Andrew Rocha, Diego Romero, Aaron Trela, William Won

State qualifying soloists are these: Daniel Lander, Clarinet; Kaitlyn Casper, Contra Bass Clarinet; Aria Musselman, Baritone Saxophone; William Won, Snare Drum; Anne Marie Gilmore, Keyboard; Diego Romero, Keyboard and Aaron Trela, Multiple Percussion.

Salado High ended the 2020-2021 school year by naming its top two graduates. Amy Manning was the Valedictorian of the Salado High School Class of 2021, graduating with a final grade point average of 112.50294. She is the daughter of Will and Kris Manning of Salado and has been attending school here since Kindergarten.

Nena Vero was the Salutatorian of the Salado High School Class of 2021, graduating with a final grade point average of 110.70781. She is the daughter of Deborah and Emmanuel Vero. Nena has attended Salado schools since the sixth grade.



Lainey Taylor gets the ball past Gateway.



Hutton Haire goes around the end for a touchdo



Homecoming Royalty

Andrew Rocha and Kaitlyn Casper were crowned Homecoming King and Queen during halftime of the Salado Eagles football game against the Taylor Ducks. Salado won the game 59-6. (Photo By Royce Wiggin)

girls lost to China Spring

in three straight sets in the

to be a rebuilding year for

the Salado Eagles football

team, Alan Haire coached

the Eagles to a 7-4 record.

The Eagles lost to two

eventual state champions,

China Spring, which went

undefeated to be 4A Div 2

champions, and Stephen-

ville, which also had an un-

defeated season as 4A Div.

1 champions. The Eagles

lost a non-district game to

Grandview Zebras. They

lost 49-42 in the bi-district

a wrestling team in 2021,

coached by Andy Gomez.

They Eagles hosted their

first ever meet in November,

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Salado High kicked off the school year with excellent season by the volleyball, football and cross country teams.

Salado Lady Eagles placed sixth in the State Cross Country Meet on Nov. 6. Alexa Williams led the team with a time of 12:05. 23rd. She was followed by Penelope Anderson, 12:22, 35th; Ally Ihler, 12:37, 57th;



(COURTESY PHOTO)

Sawyer Roach received a first division rating on her Twirling UIL solo and qualified for the State Solo and Ensemble contest in May of 2022. Sawyer is a sophomore and has qualified for the State competition both years.

2021 VALEDICTORIAN **AMY MANNING**

Cassie Vargas, 12:40, 65th; Natalie Burleson, 12:49, 84th, Anna Redelsheimer, 13:18, 111 and Ida Bogsted, 13:30, 123rd.

Freshman Luke Anderson and Junior Ryan Novotny ran in the State Cross Country Meet in Round Rock Nov. 6 and put their names on the Salado Cross Country leaderboard. Luke Anderson ran the course in 17:17.3 and placed 72nd. Ryan Novotny ran the 5K course in 17:18.4, placed 74th, and set a new personal record.

Salado Lady Eagles Volleyball team shared the district championship with Burnet. Both teams were 9-1 in district, each with a loss to the other. Burnet won a tie-breaker to determine seeding for the playoff brackets. Salado won its first round, beating Smithville in three straight sets in the bi-district round. The



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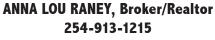
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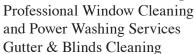
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At about 2:15am, while a SPD Officer was traveling home after work he witnessed a rollover crash on Hwy 14 near the Jasper Rd overpass in Killeen in the east bound lane. The officer immediately stopped his vehicle and notified the dispatch center. He then

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At about 12:30am SPD received numerous reports of a large male with a long white beard, wearing a red suit and driving a red sleigh being pulled by eight reindeer in the Mill Creek neighborhood. A search of the area met with negative results.

In addition to the above-mentioned calls, Salado Police Officers handled the

jumped over the median and many other calls for service in which a report was not required. Below is a breakdown of those calls:

Call Type	#
Animal Complaint	2
Assist Another Agency	2
Calls for Service	30
Citations	12
Citizen Contact	1
Criminal Trespass	1
Disturbance	1
Flock Camera Hit	2
Follow-Up Investigation	1
House Watch/RU OK?	43
Intoxicated Driver	1
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Spring Creek - Salado's newest neighborhood, West of town on FM2484 Beautiful hardwood trees. The peaceful spot you've been searching for to build your new home. Few miles out of Salado, a short drive from Belton, Harker Heights and Georgetown. Mill Creek Meadows - Dream home on a golf course? Whether you are a golfer or just enjoy overlooking a well-maintained course from your home, Mill Creek Meadows is for you! Gated, community park within strolling distance of Mill Creek Golf Course and a golf cart ride away from Salado shopping and dining.

Mystic River - Lots overlooking the Leon River. Neighborhood shaded by a canopy of Live Oak and Pecan trees, walk from your back door to your personal dock at the river bank.

ACREAGE

10 Acres along I-35 frontage, sewage available \$1,750,000 25 Acres on the Leon River, Belton 5 Acres 2251 County Road 234 Georgetown, TX 78633 300 Acres 0000 CR 212 Coolidge, TX 76635 4.488 I-35 and Rose Lane 660 Acres Rance CR 660 acreranch cr30.com 50 Acres Holland



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