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## SMHS plays basketball doubleheader

Lady Rattlers edged out by Navarro, boys' team defeats New Braunfels

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CITY OF SAN MARCOS

## Community gathers for Victory Gardens meeting

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City of San Marcos employees, first responders and community members gathered at Victory Gardens Park on Thursday evening to celebrate the end of the neighborhood project and participate in a community meeting.

Rey Garcia, City Senior Project Engineer, started the meet-

ing with a project overview and introductions. According to Garcia, there are a few touch-up items to be done before the project is complete.

"We're glad to get together for this final, what I'm calling the final, the grand finale, of our Victory Gardens project," Garcia said. "It's been three years coming and I'm glad that everybody has had the patience to go through all

of this."

San Marcos Chief of Police Stan Standridge also addressed those in attendance regarding safety in the Victory Gardens neighborhood. Standridge spoke of a new comprehensive plan created by the police department called Violent Crime Comprehensive Response (VCCR).

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Left, San Marcos community members speak with city staff during a meeting at Victory Gardens Park on Thursday, celebrating the end of the Victory Gardens Project. Daily Record photo by Alyssa Gonzales

### ADOPTION

## PARTY OF SIX

San Marcos family celebrates adoption during Christmas season



Above, John and Allison Hardy sit with their son Turner, and Ella, Maya and Joanna during an adoption ceremony where the Hardys adopted the three girls. Below, the Hardys watch a judge during an adoption ceremony at the family's home on Friday. Daily Record photos by Lance Winter

LANCE WINTER  
PUBLISHER

**H**eaded into the Christmas season — while sitting down to read the Christmas story — take a good look at Joseph, husband to Mary. He wasn't a minor piece to the Christmas puzzle. Joseph was a great example of an adoptive dad who happily accepted his role in the life of Jesus — as part of God's plan.

So, in a very real way the Christmas story is theulti-



mate adoption story. John and Allison Hardy possess the spirit, excitement, and anticipation for

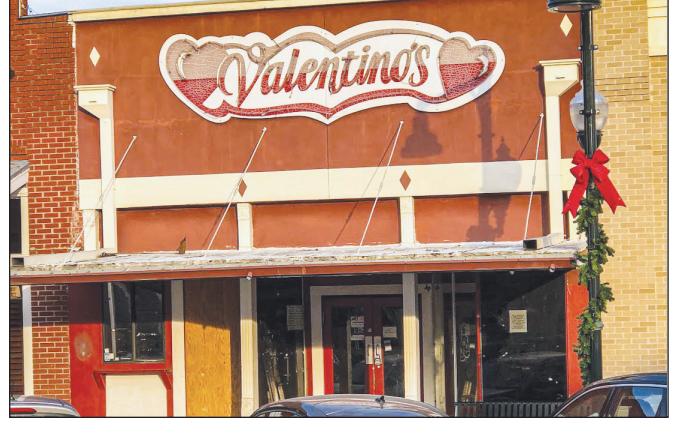
adoption. After six years of struggling with fertility issues the two celebrated the arrival of their first child,

Turner, born in 2015. But with a deep genuine love for children, the couple knew they wanted their son to have siblings but weren't sure how that was going to happen.

On Friday, their prayers were answered when the family of three became a family of six. Ella (1), Maya (3) and Joanna (4) — three of the most beautiful little girls — joined the Hardy family during an adoption ceremony at the couple's home in San Marcos.

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### BUSINESS



Above, Valentino's, a beloved Pizza joint that closed years ago, is set to reopen under new management in 2022. Valentino's is located at 110 N. LBJ Dr. Daily Record photo by Lance Winter

Valentino's, 2 more restaurants to open in 2022

LANCE WINTER  
PUBLISHER

"There's been idle chatter around the downtown Square about its return. Social media has been set abuzz about its revival. It's true — Valentino's is back, well almost.

"We've gotten our con-

struction permits from the city," said an excited co-owner, Cody Taylor. "We're estimating an 8-to-10-week construction timeline if all things go as planned. So, ideally we are looking at a first quarter opening in 2022."

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### SAN MARCOS CISD

SMCISD board votes to keep current election format

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The San Marcos Consolidated Board of Trustees chose to keep its current election format by rejecting a move to seven single-member districts.

Currently, the makeup of the board consists of five members who represent a single district and two trustees voted at-large. The board considered moving

to a makeup of seven members who represent a single district during Monday's regular meeting. The motion to change to the seven-member district, however, failed by a 3-4 vote.

The trustees decision came as the current maps for SMCISD trustees are being redrawn following the 2020 U.S. Census. The maps are being redesigned

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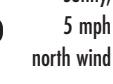
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