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Tim and Marilyn Fleischer, publishers of Salado Village Voice and Salado: A Jewel in the Crown of Texas magazine, ready for a night out in Salado. (Photo by Royce Wiggin)

Salado Village Voice: always independent, family-owned

While the *Salado Village Voice* is not the first newspaper in Salado, it has had the longest life-span, since being founded in 1979. The Fleischer family bought the newspaper in 1988, marking 30 years in Salado this spring.

When historian Dayton Kelley published the first edition of the *Salado Village Voice* on February 17, 1979, it was the first time in more than 100 years that the village had a newspaper.

The first newspaper known to be published in the village was the *Salado Newsletter*. Published by E.W. Billings, the first edition came out on August 25, 1874. Only one copy of the newspaper exists at the newspaper collection of the University of Texas at Austin.

The Grange published another newspaper, *The Texas Farmer* in Salado, but it was later moved to Dallas.

Reference to a third Salado newspaper has been found on a letterhead in the Rose Papers at the University of Texas at Austin. The *Salado Sentinel* was published by A.S. Hornbeck. No copies of the *Salado Sentinel* are known to exist today.

Salado Village Voice founder Dayton Kelley was a native of Bell County, a journalist and a historian. He taught journalism at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor for 12 years before accepting a position as Director of the Texas Collection at Baylor University in Waco.

After Dayton passed away, his sons Dennis and Bill ran the *Salado Village Voice*, selling it to the Fleischer family in 1988.

Since the Fleischer family purchased the newspaper, a week has not passed that the newspaper has not published. Tim and Marilyn Fleischer purchased the newspaper outright in the early 1990s.

The newspaper is four sections and full color throughout. *Salado Village Voice* has published the quarterly magazine **Salado: A Jewel in the Crown of Texas** for more than 25 years.

Salado Village Voice launched its website as a compliment to its weekly newspaper and quarterly magazine. Be sure to click on www. saladovillagevoice.com. On the website, you will find breaking news, the latest Calendar of Events and information on many of the events in Salado.

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Calendar of Events

Thru July 15

Lone Star Shop Hop. Passports for the 14 participating stores at Stamp Salado. 20 percent discounts, drawings etc.

July 5

Sing-A-Long Summer Movie: Mary Poppins, 3 - 5 p.m. at Salado Public Library

July 7

Mill Creek Fireworks Display at dark at Sherrill Park.

July 8

Summer Lecture Series, 4 - 5 p.m. at Barrow Brewing. Speaker: Pete Diaz - Fish & Wildlife Service

July 12

Sing-A-Long Summer Movie: Mama Mia, 3 - 5 p.m. at Salado Public Library

July 14-15

Salado Market Days, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. at Salado Antique Mall

July 15

Summer Lecture Series, 4 - 5 p.m. at Barrow Brewing. Speaker: Stephanie Gacke - Veterinarian

July 19

Sing-A-Long Summer Movie: High School Musical, 3 - 5 p.m. at Salado Public Library

July 21 28 & Aug. 4

Salado Legends - optional dinner, 7:15 p.m. show 8:15 p.m. at Tablerock. info: tablerock.org

July 21

Bell County Star Party, 8:30 - 11:30 p.m. at Overlook Park on Stillhouse Hollow Lake. centexastronomy.org

July 22

Summer Lecture Series, 4 - 5 p.m. at Barrow Brewing. Speaker: Madeleine Calcote - Robertson Settlers

July 26

Sing-A-Long Summer Movie: Frozen, 3 - 5 p.m. at Salado Public Library

July 27

Salado 4th Friday Sip and Shop, 5-8 p.m. across Salado

July 27

The Royal Street Art Walk (RAW), 6-9 p.m. along Royal Street.

July 28

Salado Rocks Pace Park, 9 a.m. Families are encouraged to paint, trade and hide rocks. Sponsored by Salado Village Voice and the Village of Salado. Hot Dog lunch

August 2

Sing-A-Long Summer Movie:



Madeleine Calcotte from the Salado Museum will give a talk on the Robertson Settlers at 4 p.m. July 22 at Barrow Breweing. Shown above is the Col. E.S.C. Robertson Plantation.

Little Mermaid, 3 - 5 p.m. at Salado Public Library

August 3

Friday Night Soiree & Silent Auction, 7-9 p.m. at the Sirena room of Tenroc Ranch. Tickets: \$30 at EventBrite.com or Salado Chamber of Commerce.

August 4 & 5

Salado Art Fair at Salado Civic Center. Juried artists, artisans, food trucks and Free admission

August 5

Summer Lecture Series, 4 - 5 p.m. at Barrow Brewing. Speaker: Dirk Aaron - Water Conservation

August 9

Sing-A-Long Summer Movie: Little Mermaid, 3 - 5 p.m. at Salado Public Library

August 11-12

Salado Market Days, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. at Salado Antique Mall

August 11

Rock Painting, 1 - 3 p.m. at Salado Public Library. Supplies included for this all ages event to support Salado Rocks

August 12

Summer Lecture Series, 4 - 5 p.m. at Barrow Brewing. Speaker: Jennifer Bronson-Warren - Texas Parks and Wildlife

August 18

Bell County Star Party, 8:30 - 11:30 p.m. at Overlook Park on Stillhouse Hollow Lake 3740 FM1670. Registration recommended at centexastronomy.org

August 24

Salado 4th Friday Sip and Shop, 5 - 8 p.m. across Salado

August 24

The Royal Street Art Walk (RAW), 6 - 9 p.m. along Royal Street Feb - Nov. info: royalstreetartwalk.com

August 26

Summer Lecture Series, 4 - 5 p.m. at Barrow Brewing. Speaker: Paige Britt - Local Author

September 6

Mermaid Ambassador Lunch location and time pending

September 7 - 9

Texas Fingerstyle Guitar Association weekend in Salado. See the music calendar of events for times and locations.

September 8

Richard Smith in concert, Salado Civic Center, 7-8:30 p.m.

September 8 - 9

Salado Market Days, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. at Salado Antique Mall

September 10

Salado Chapter of Songsmith, 7-9 p.m. at Salado Public Library. info: suheflin@gmail.com

September 11

Patriots Day Celebration, 6:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Salado. Hosted by Salado Lions Club, Salado Rotary Club, and Salado Masonic Lodge to honor our first responders

September 15

Salado Volunteer Fire Department Fish Fry, 5 - 8 p.m. at Salado Intermediate School.

September 21 - 22

North Texas American Motors Club Lone Star Regional, 10 a.m. -3 p.m. Owners of AMC, Rambler, Nash, Hudson, Willy and Jeep autos encouraged to preregister (469) 569-9882

September 28

Salado 4th Friday Sip and Shop, 5 - 8 p.m. across Salado.

October 6

Salado Chamber of Commerce 14th Annual Golf Tournament at Mill Creek Country Club.

October 6

Sirena Fest and Parade Main Street at Salado Creek

October 13-14

Salado Market Days, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. at Salado Antique Mall

October 20 & 27

Fright Trail 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. at Tablerock. info: tablerock.org

October 26

Salado 4th Friday Sip and Shop, 5 - 8 p.m. across Salado

November 9

Robert Burns - Songwriter, Folklorist and Scottish Icon, 1 - 2:30 p.m. at Salado Museum. Sponsored by The Salado Museum and College Park and Salado Public Library. Speaker: Ed Miller

November 9 - 11

Salado Market Days, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. at Salado Antique Mall

November 10-11

Scottish Gathering and Highland Games at Salado Civic Center

November 29

Salado Christmas Stroll Parade, starts at 6 p.m.

November 30 & December 1

The 26th Annual Performances of A Christmas Carol. Show at 7 p.m.. Adults \$10.00, Students \$5, Child (12 & under) \$3. Concessions open at 6:30 p.m.

November 30-December 2

Salado Christmas Stroll. Late night shopping, strolling carolers, Live Nativity, much more.

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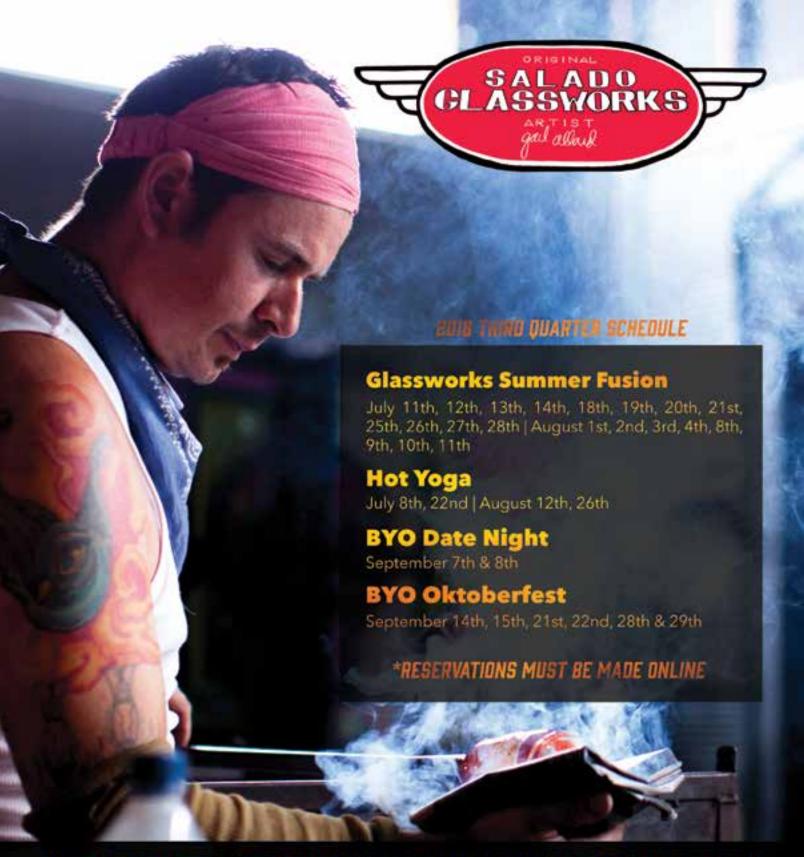
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Salado Legends

26th annual performance at Tablerock

Central Texas' favorite outdoor musical drama, Salado Legends, will be presented at Tablerock's Goodnight Amphitheater on Royal Street in Salado, Texas on July 21 and 28 and August 4.

An optional catered BBQ dinner will be served before the play at 7:15 p.m. at Tablerock's Park where you will be eating on limestone tables, seated on rock benches under Live Oak shade trees. Reservations for the \$12 catered dinner are required.

If you wish to attend the 8:15 p.m. show only (no dinner), you may purchase tickets (\$20 adult and \$5 child) at the gate the night of the performance.

To purchase tickets online with your credit card for dinner and show or show only go to www.tablerock.org. For group rates call 254-947-9205.

Playwright Jackie Mills was honored in Washington D.C. when Salado Legends was placed in the Library of Congress as a "Local Legacy." Only four outdoor theaters in the US, out of 124, have been so honored.

This year there are 107 cast and crew members in the epic tale that the Library of Congress called "a record of life in America at the end of the 19th century."

Add the horses, carriage, wagon and a new Broadway experienced dancer and you've got a memory-making evening!

This year will be the 13th year Donnie Williams has directed the play and the second year that Cassidy Carpenter has been choreographer. Cassidy has been in Salado Legends since she was eight –years-old. She is a college junior now majoring in Dance. Costume Mistress, Kathy Daniell, is happy to announce that

there will be a few new costumes in "Legends" this year. After 25 years of hard use, washing and dry cleaning the new and the hand-me-down costumes used in Salado Legends and A Christmas Carol are threadbare. Kathy said, "We can't apply patches on top of patches any longer! Gracious and most welcome gifts have been applied to the wardrobe budget."

Andy Anderson is once again called upon to perform many roles in "Legends." This year the full-time Chief Meteorologist for KCEN TV for the past 20 years and the part-time movie actor has appeared in a threepart PBS documentary named "Texas Before the Alamo." In this documentary Andy plays one of the Tennessee Volunteers. It was filmed at the old set in Brackettville that was built for John Wayne's "The Alamo." The premier will be this September at the same San Antonio Theater that premiered John Wayne's movie. Andy, also a horse trainer, has had major roles in Salado Legends for the past thirteen years.

Cowboy Hall of Fame honoree, Bob Stewart, also had a role in "Texas Before the Alamo" which is the story of John Wayne filming "The Alamo." Bob has had roles in numerous movies and is the 2018 President of The Bell County Sheriff's Posse. This year Bob will take over the role of Malcolm Ross in "Legends." He has been a major figure in Salado Legends and Fright Trail for the past eight years.

Joey Kincaid, will return this year to his role for the past five years as Andrew McIver. Megan Daniell, who has appeared in Tablerock productions for the past seven years, will portray Lucy



The Legend of Sirena comes to life as part of Salado Legends at Tablerock on July 21 and 28 and August 4.

McDougal. Megan attends Temple College.

Howard Horton, retired University of Mary Hardin Baylor professor, returns for the twentieth year to portrayed Sam Houston. Returning for the past four years in the role of Cam McDougal is Matthew Ritch. Matthew attends Texas A&M at Central Texas.

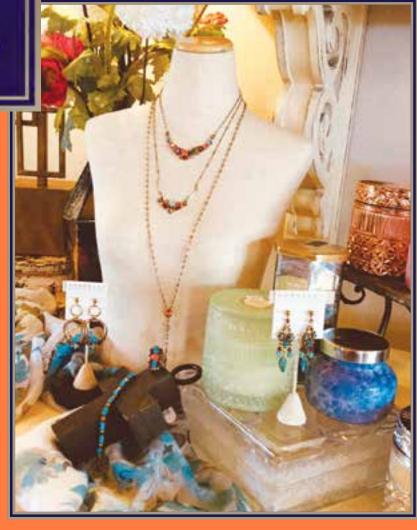
Mayor Skip Blancett will give the welcome and opening remarks. He has a cameo role in Salado Legends this season and has had roles in "Legends" for the past three years. Skip also mastered the role of Scrooge in A Christmas Carol on the Tablerock stage.

Georgio Graf will portray Tonweya, the Tonkawa Scout this season. Georgio is an accomplished dancer having spent thirteen years acting and dancing on Broadway, off Broadway and touring the east coast. He is lending his dancing techniques to highlight the Tonkawa Legend of Origin dramatic dance scene. Mr. Graf was in Salado Legends several years ago and portrayed Mr. Orgain, an honored Salado settler.



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Salado Art Fair is August 4-5.

Art Fair

Since 1967, event brings artists from around state to Salado

The Salado Chamber of Commerce presents its Annual Art Fair on Saturday, August 4 and Sunday, August 5 at the Salado Civic

The first Art Fair was organized by Virginia Kinnison and Jack Jones, well-known and respected Saladoans during the summer of 1967 and continues to this day as a community effort.

There will be numerous juried artists and artisans covering a wide variety of artistic genres. Music will provide a colorful background for attendees to browse the many booths and vendors on the grounds of the Salado Civic Center. This provides a setting for the viewing of some of the most beautiful and unique artwork that is so much a part of this decades old event. There will be plenty of food and fun for all ages. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on August 4 and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on August 5. Free admission.

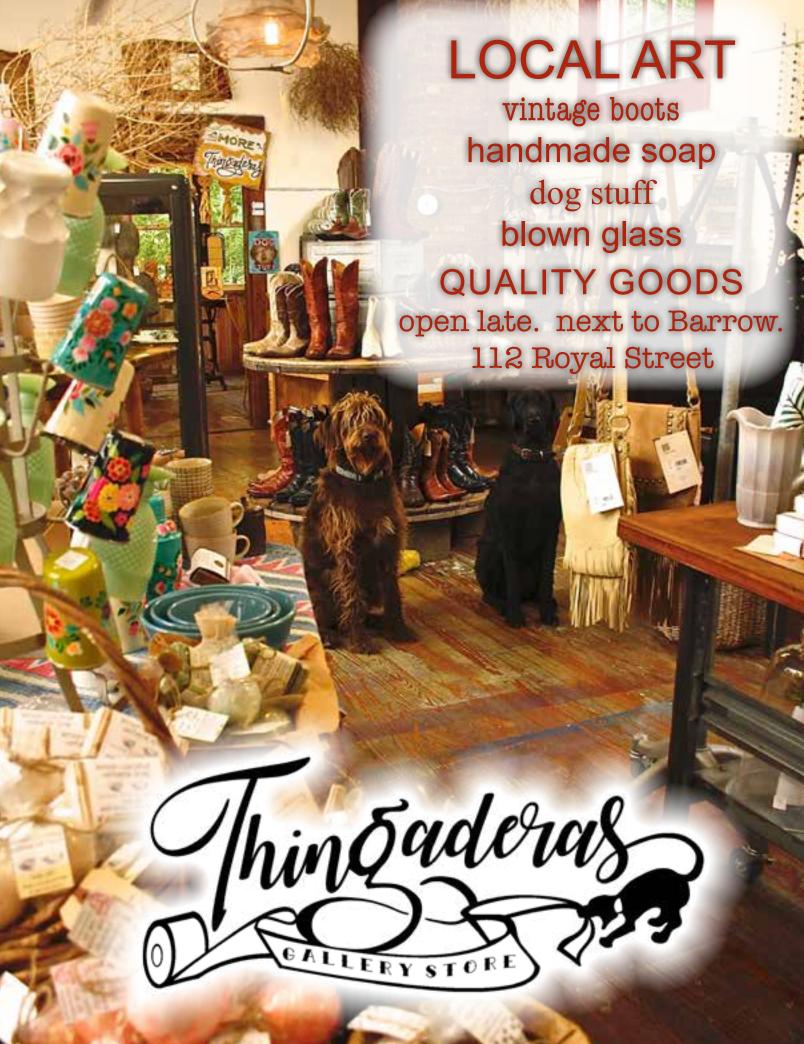
There will be an hors d'oeuvre and wine reception featuring both local and participating Art Fair artists and music by saxophonist Rodney Howell on Friday, August 3, 7-9 p.m. at Tenroc Ranch, Sirena Room. Tickets will be available through the Salado Chamber of Commerce and Eventbrite soon - price will be \$30 per person.



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Thomas H. Jones Mill

From Austin landowner, Col. Jones turns into a Salado Millwright

By Charlene Carson Historian

After enduring four years of the Civil War and five years of harsh reconstruction policies, Texas, in 1870, was once again admitted to the Union. It would be another four years, however, before reconstruction was over and the control of Texas was restored to the people of Texas.

Meanwhile, the population of Bell County was growing. After the war, there was a steady flow of immigrants into Texas from the war-torn states of the South. People who were looking for a place where good land was affordable and plentiful chose Bell County as their new home. One of the entrepreneurs who settled in Salado was Colonel Thomas Henry Jones. Col. Jones was a man of many accomplishments and many firsts.

Col. Jones came to Texas in 1846, one year after the annexation of Texas, and settled on the Colorado River near Austin where he engaged in farming. In addition to farming, Jones was a contractor who was involved with the early building interests of Austin. He built the first stone courthouse; was a sub-contractor for the construction of the old State Capitol; and also erected the Sampson Hendrix building, which stands today as the oldest structure on Congress Avenue and is one of Austin's premiere office buildings. Jones was one of five committee members to oversee the construction of the First Presbyterian Church of Austin City in 1851, according to the Austin American Statesman in a 50th anniversary article on the church.

Jones operated a ferry on the Colorado River in 1851 in Aus-



Salado Historical Society Landmark Award marks the remains of Col. Thomas H. Jones Mill. (Photo by Charlene Carson)

tin. He was also, in 1856, one of the original trustees of the Austin Collegiate Female Institute, a boarding school for girls that closed in 1888. Later, he was a Patron of the Wesleyan Female Institute in Staunton, Virginia.

The Davis Mill had been in operation for about five years when Col. Jones built a gristmill, in 1869, a little further downstream. Col. Iones was one of the first landowners in the Salado area, and when Salado incorporated briefly in 1867 for the purpose of building a footbridge across Salado Creek, Col. Jones became the town's first treasurer. Jones was also one of five men who designed, engineered, and constructed the wire cable suspension footbridge; the first bridge of any kind to be built in Bell County.

The Jones family moved from Austin to Salado in 1867 so Col. Jones could pursue his interest in milling.

Col. Jones was one of the earliest members of Salado Masonic Lodge #296. He was the third Master of the Lodge following Col. Robertson and fellow miller W.A. Davis.

The Galveston Daily News

traveling reporter mentioned the partnership of Col. Jones and Col. Robertson in a May 15, 1868 article: "I was pleased to notice many new and handsome improvements since my last visit a year ago. It is a well known fact that Salado is one of the most desirable and healthy locations in the State, and the enterprising landholders — Col. Robertson and Col. T. H. Jones - are offering rare inducements to newcomers who intend to settle down. Salado boasts a fine college: one of the best schools in the State."

After 1870 when cotton became an important agricultural crop in Central Texas, Jones added another first to his list of firsts. He was the first of the area millers to add a water powered cotton gin to his mill utilizing a wooden screw press.

When the teamsters arrived in Salado from Houston with their wagon load of new equipment, they put up an argument when Col. Jones told them his mill was about a mile downstream. The driver said that the contract called for unloading at the city limits. Col. Jones, of course, wanted the equipment

unloaded at the mill site, so he courteously told the driver, "Go ahead and take the equipment to the city limits and unload it."

The teamsters paused, looked at each other with a puzzled look and then proceeded to the mill site where they unloaded the equipment. Even though Salado had been incorporated as a town, few people, including the locals, certainly no one from Houston, knew where the city limits were.

Prior to the wooden screw press, gins had holes in the floor of lofts where lint was hand stuffed or stomped into sacks hanging through the holes. This formed a sack or bale of cotton. The wooden screw press was a screw looking device used to compress the cotton into wooden frames to form a bale. The screw press was slowly turned by hand or mules, and was usually set up outside the mill itself. Although a wooden screw press seems crude in comparison with modern gins, that old wooden screw press was a great step forward at that time.

One of the hazards of ginning cotton is the ever-present danger of fire. The two things required to cause a fire are readily available - air and a combustible material. Fire can "flash" across cotton very quickly, especially when hit with a blast of air. The Austin American-Statesman reported on October 24, 1873: "From the Belton Journal we learn of the burning of Col. Tho. H. Jones's gin, a few miles from Salado," with the loss of 75 bales of cotton.

In 1868 Jones became involved in what could have been a history changing event in Salado. The Cumberland Presbyterian Church let it be *Please see Jones, Page 16*

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Oasis Hilfman, daughter of Joel Hilfman and Lourdes Cordero-Hilfman of Salado, found her first Salado Rock in the Pace Park playground. Salado Rocks Pace Park will be held the morning of July 28 in the Pace Park pavilion. (Courtesy photo)

Salado Rocks Pace Park July 28 in pavilion

Salado Rocks Pace Park brings together painters and collectors of the Salado Rocks for a morning of fun and community on July 28.

Beginning at 9 a.m. in the Pace Park pavilion, children, parents and friends are invited to come together to find, paint, swap and share stories about the popular summertime activity Salado Rocks.

Sponsored by Salado Village Voice and the Village of Salado, Salado Rocks Pace Park will include the work of Salado clay artist Ro Shaw, who has been handmaking the Salado Tiny Pots and Salado Tiny Gnomes that have been stashed around town. A limited number of the items will be made available for purchase with all proceeds benefiting the Salado Family Relief Fund.

After a hot dog lunch provided by Salado Masonic Lodge #296, Salado Rocks participants will be set loose to hide their gems around for others to find.

Be sure to mark your rocks Salado Rocks Pace Park and share your photos on social media, said Tim Fleischer, who is organizing the event with his wife Marilyn.



Ro Shaw's Tiny Pots will be a special part of Salado Rocks Pace Park. (Courtesy photo)



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The Village of Salado will celebrate the harvest season September 21-23 with the Chocolate and Wine Weekend, showcasing its local culinary talent.

"We hope to expose the creative spirit of Salado while supporting its local producers of food, beverages, and fine experiences," said Salado Tourism Director Chadley Hollas. "A resurgence of hospitality endeavors in Salado have brought new chefs, new ideas, and new flavors to our beloved Village."

"You will have the chance to indulge in the taste of Salado, from its wine and beer, to the many culinary offerings," Hollas added. "While enjoying our local inns and restaurants, you will find an intimate yet engaging experience."

Key attributes of this event will be:

- Dinners hosted by Salado's finest dining establishments
- Intimate culinary experiences with Salado's best Innkeepers
- A grape stomp experience hosted by Salado Winery
- A chocolate competition at the Salado Public Library This will be a ticketed event with limited availability.

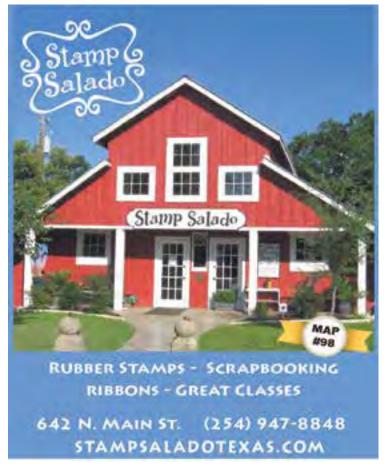
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Jones leads effort to give Salado College grounds to Presbyterians for University; but withdraws resolution because Salado College charter prohibited sectarianism

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known that they were looking for a suitable site on which to establish a university.

Col. Jones headed a group of 80 Salado College stockholders who drew up a resolution to offer the Salado College building and grounds to the Presbyterians. Jones and other supporters of the resolution thought it would benefit both the village of Salado and the Presbyterians to have the Cumberland Presbyterian University located in Salado.

There was one opposing voice to this resolution - the voice of the original donor of the land, Col. Elijah Sterling Clack Robertson. Robertson pointed to a college charter provision prohibiting the institution from becoming sectarian. Upon hearing Robertson's arguments, Col. Jones immediately withdrew his resolution agreeing that the charter should be honored. Furthermore, he used his influence to change the minds of all but a few of those who had favored offering the site to the Presbyterians. With this issue resolved, the Board of Trustees moved quickly to enlarge the college building to accommodate the ever-increasing enrollment.

The Thomas H. Jones Mill was in operation until Col. Jones's death in 1883, at the age of 67. It was located on what is now a part of the Salado Mill Creek golf course near the old Hole 9. A portion of the original rock wall and a sprocket remain at the site. The Salado Historical Society designated the site with a Salado Landmark Award in 1986.

Col. Jones married the former Maria Louisa Van Zandt, daughter of Jacob Van Zandt and Mary (Isaac) Van Zandt. Their children were Linton Jones, Olivia O Neal Jones, Emily Eliza Jones, Rufus Rutillius Jones, Isaac Van Zandt Jones, Mary Ann Jones, Lucy Cook Jones, Khebler Jones, Thomas Henry Jones, and Mary Louisa Jones. Maria Louisa Van Zandt Jones was born in 1822 and died in July 1863.

Maria Van Zandt Jones's brother, Isaac Van Zandt, was a Representative from the Republic of Texas to the American Congress and at the time of death in 1847, was a candidate for Governor of Texas. Van Zandt County in northeastern Texas was named in his honor.

Thomas H. Jones died at 7:35 a.m. on



Wooden screw press used for making cotton bales. (Library of Congress LC-USZ62-30090.)

February 28, 1883 at his son-in-law's home. A lengthy obituary appeared on page 4 of the March 1, 1883 Austin American Statesman.

"Obituary.

Died, Wednesday, February 28, at 7:35 a.m., at the residence of his son-in-law, Mr. Walter Caldwell, in this city, Thomas H. Jones, Esq., of Bell County, Texas.

The deceased was a native of Halifax county, North Carolina, but was chiefly reared in Tennessee. From the last-named state he moved to Texas in 1846, and settled as a farmer on the Colorado river, a few miles below Austin. There, widely known for his probity, public spirit, beneficence and enterprise, he resided about twenty years, and thence he moved to Bell county. During his residence in Travis county, scarcely any public enterprise was originated in or around Austin, dependent on private liberality for its successful establishment, that did not receive at his hands a generous benefaction. To Bell county he carried the same fibered spirit, and the churches and educational interests of his new home were large beneficiaries of his open-hearted munificence.

For several years his health had been in a declining condition, and during the last few months of his life his suffering was intense and acute. Few are called upon to bear such physical anguish as fell to his lot, and rarely, when it does befall them, do they sustain it

with as much patience and fortitude as he did. As husband, father, friend, citizen and master of servants he was a bright exemplar of the virtues that should adorn each several relation, and from a personal and intimate knowledge of the lamented dead, extending over a space of more than forty years, the writer can justly say of him, that he was the peer of earth's noblest and best in all that constitutes true and lofty manhood.

For the last two years of his life the consolations of the gospel were his, and only a few days before his departure, no longer able to articulate distinctly, he whispered in the ear of a friend, "I have no further hope of this life, but of the life to come I have a strong hope, based only on the infinite love of God in Christ to lost sinners.

He has left a widow, who was his second wife, four children of his first marriage and one sister, besides a wide circle of remoter kindred and very many friends, to mourn him gone and wish in vain for "The grasp of vanished hand And sound of voice forever still."

I. H. H.

Thomas H. Jones June 21, 1816 - February 28, 1883 Burial: Oakwood Cemetery, Austin, Texas.

This is the fifth in a series of histories on the eight mills on Salado Creek, written by Charlene Carson. Carson is author of Gristmills of Central Texas, which is available at Strawberry Patch, Salado Museum and online.

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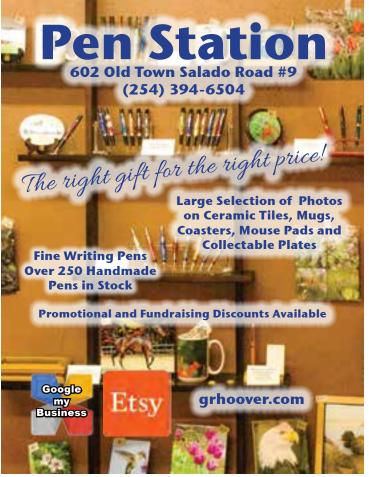




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The classic American cars will line up at 9 a.m. September 22 at the Holiday Inn-Express. They will be escorted by the police for a parade down Main Street to Pace Park, where they will be on display 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday September 22. Prizes will be awarded to the displayed cars.

A Champion 69 Rambler Scrambler will be at the show. This car was featured in Muscle Car Magazine November Issue-2017. It was shown in Carlisle, Pennsylvania at The Hurst Invitational 2017.

According to an article by Chad Quella in the allpar.com website: "Through its 34-year existence, AMC created some of the most memorable, inspirational, and exciting cars the world has ever seen.

American Motors was formed in 1954 from the merger of Hudson Motors and Nash-Kelvinator. The deal was the largest



A Champion 69 Rambler Scrambler will be at the 2018 Lone Star REgional American Motors Owners Car Show September 22.

corporate merger up to that point - worth \$197,793,366 - but was just one phase of a planned megamerger of Hudson, Nash, Studebaker, and Packard.

The combined company would cover all segments of the market, and their size and ability to share engineering would amortize

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The name "American Motors" originated with Mason, who started working on the plan just after World War II.



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Richard Smith will perform in concert 7-8:30 p.m. Sat., Sept. 8 at the Salado Civic Center as part of the Texas Fingerstyle Guitar Association weekend in Salado Sept. 7-9. The weekend will include sessions 3 p.m.-7 p.m. Sept. 7 at the Salado Museum, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sept.8 at the Museum and 10 a.m.-3 p.m at the Civic Center Gazebo. All events are free and open to the public. Richard Smith's repertoire includes classical music and gypsy jazz, show tunes, pop tunes, and movie scores. He is one of the preeminent performers of the guitar music of Jerry Reed. Richard also sings and tells stories. He is one of the rare artists with such mastery of his instrument he excels in the performance of any genre of music. His shows not only include traditional fingerstyle tunes made famous by Chet Atkins and Merle Travis, but ranges into Bach, blues, and the Beatles.



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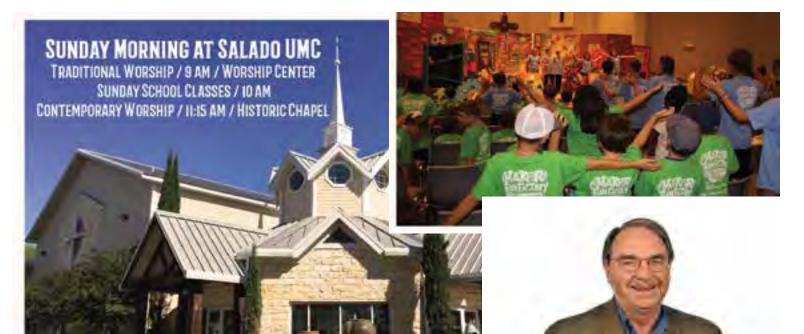
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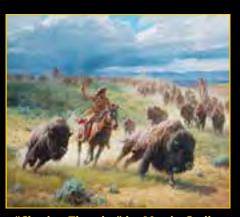
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W.A. Pace Memorial Park

In 1946, Pace heirs donate land for use as public park

By Jackie Mills Contributor

The W. A. Pace family arrived in Salado in 1854. They had journeyed from Indiana to Central Texas with a wagon train, traveling 1,200 miles in three months. They first built a home on what is today called College Hill. W. A. and Mary Jane parented 17 children. Twelve of the 17 lived to adulthood.

"One of their daughters, Phebe Ann, married a man who was not good to her," said Elizabeth Mosley. "Phebe, was only 16 years old when she carried her feverish infant from a house located on the Brazos River to her parents' home in Salado. Phebe and the baby lived only a few days after her arrival. She had walked the sole off her shoes but continued walking in the winter storm to reach home. They are buried somewhere on College Hill, but we never could find the location of the graves," said Mosley who is W.A. and Mary Jane's great-granddaughter.

The Paces owned hundreds of acres, and later they built a new and bigger home in Prairie Dell. W. A. was the first farmer to raise cotton in the area during 1873. He owned the first horse-powered thresher in the community and bought the Salado Grist Mill from W. A. Davis. The mill was washed away by the 1900 flood and was never rebuilt. The Paces were charter members of the Salado Methodist Church

On Aug. 16, 1946, heirs of W. A. and Mary Jane Pace gave seven-plus acres of their land to be used as a public park in Salado. It is recorded in Volume 569, Page 625 in Bell County records.

The following is an account from Patsy Sanford, her late husband Paul Sanford, the late Elizabeth Mosley and the late Wilbur Foster of what happened to the park from late in the 50's until 1992. "In about '57, seeing that the park had grown up with weeds, bushes, etc., the Pace family told some people in Salado that if the park was not cleaned up, they would reclaim their gift to Salado. All of the creek area had grown up so that the stream could not be seen from any distance," according to the late Paul Sanford.

Patsy Sanford remembers, "At about the age 10, several of my friends and I made tunnels through the blood weeds near the spring, since the weeds grew higher than our heads."



Roslynn (Rosie) Roberts is the fifth generation of her family to enjoy Pace Memorial Park since it was donated thy the heirs of William A. and Mary Jane Pace. (Photo by Stephanie Hood)

Mosley remembers, "The girls swam by the spring 'cause the weeds were so high no one could see them. The boys always went swimming at the blue hole farther on down the creek."

Paul said, "The Paces also wanted a sign to read 'Pace Park' by the entrance on Main Street, which was then Texas Highway 81. So in the late 50s a meeting was held to decide what action to take. Among those present at the meeting were Wilbur Foster, Earl Guest, Charlton Johnson and John Allen Barton.

Paul remembered, "After that first meeting a Park Board was formed. Some members included Chester Critchfield, Dr. Ashe, Wilbur Foster, and Col. Larson. The County Agent and an A&M specialist gave the group a program on parks. Efforts were begun to clear the area. B.E. Wilson brought a dozer to clear away stumps and limbs accumulated through years of flooding.

R. Bishop took up money and got a dragline for additional work. A couple of community workdays were designated and while the men wielded their tools, the community women prepared and served a picnic lunch for the volunteers."

Paul added, "Wilbur Foster and Charlton

Johnson found someone to make a wooden sign that rainbowed above the north entrance to the park. The old well in the park was reactivated with Earl Guest furnishing the pump, and Wilbur turning his garage into a workshop where he built the well canopy."

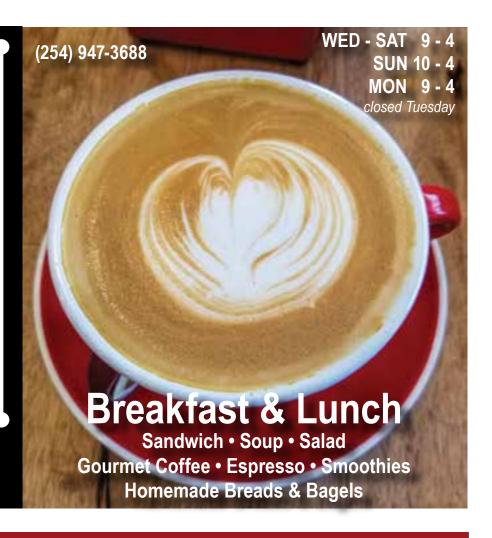
"Joe Bentley and I mixed concrete to build the first tables and benches in Pace Park," Wilbur remembered. "The Salado ISD ag boys built forms for the steps leading up to the picnic tables. Too often drivers would become stuck in the gravel along the creek and would have to be pulled loose. To help avoid this, Joe Bentley and I put up the first light poles which were donated from TP&L by then manager, Fred Norwood." said Foster.

"In about '65, when Darrell Street was the Salado Chamber of Commerce President, I was in charge of a barbecue to raise money to build a pavilion in Pace Park" Paul said. "Clem's furnished the barbeque for the fundraiser. The event included an auction to sell rocks to build the structure. Enough money was raised for the building materials, and Mr. Peck, a then Salado contractor, paid

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Historic bridges over Salado Creek

For several years after the town was laid out, the citizens of Salado crossed the shallow creek by stepping from rock to rock, or on logs laid across the wider places. These logs were chained to the rocks and would sink down stream during freshets and be replaced when the flood subsided. But when in 1866 a dam was thrown across the stream at the lower end of the village, the water was backed up over the rocks. Then for a time "foot-logs" raised on legs standing in the water and chained to the rocks below were used; but they were narrow, rickety and unsafe, and pedestrians not infrequently tumbled off into the water. A general demand arose for a bridge. To meet this problem as well as others, it was decided to incorporate the village. Application for incorporation was made under the general law and the county court in January 1867, authorized and election for town officers. On February 23, Judge O.T. Tyler was elected mayor and a board of aldermen was chosen. These officials appointed the other officers, among the Colonel Thos. H. Jones as treasurer. The town officials first tried to raise funds for a bridge by voluntary donations, but finding they could not raise enough by this means, on December 3, 1868, they ordered an issue of bonds.

The bonds were purchased by the citizens of the town. With the proceeds and subscriptions amounting in all to some \$2,500, the municipal authorities proceeded to build a wire cable suspension foot-bridge of substantial construction of unique design and graceful proportions. Two large galvanized rope-wire cables, anchored at each end in strongly built stone abutments, were carried over two double-turreted dressed-stone piers of towers. From these suspended cables wire cords extended down to catch and support the ends of sawed cedar cross bars or joists on which the plank floor was laid. It was one of the first of its kind in the Southwest and was



This photo, courtesy of the Salado Historical Society, shows the walking bridge over Salado Creek. In the background is Salado College.

designed, engineered and constructed entirely by home talent-Judge Tyler, Colonel Thos. H. Jones, Judge Wm. H. Garrett, Wm. A. Davis, John Hendrickson and others. It swung some twenty feet above the water and although it could be made to sway enough from side to side to frighten timid souls--especially groups of squealing girls when mischievous boys chose this method of teasing them--it served the people well for more than thirty years. After the county built a combination wagon and foot bridge a few yards upstream the suspension bridge gradually fell into disuse. In 1913 it was finally swept away when a cloud burst in the upper water-shed of Salado Creek sent down a terrific flood that carried away the county bridge as well. The latter was promptly rebuilt, only to be carried away again in the still greater flood of September 9 and 10, 1921.

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A new generation of Salado and Sirena enthusiasts are hoping to honor the Legend of Sirena and the creators of this local legacy by holding an annual Sirena Fest & Mermaid Parade.

Tiffany Schreiner-Humphrey, along with several other local business owners have organized an event that will bring whimsy as well as educational elements to children of all ages on Saturday, October .

The goals of Sirena Fest & Mermaid Parade are to highlight the legacy of Sirena in Salado, educate children on creek habitat and conservation, delight kids of all ages with the magic, whimsy, and artistry that the Village of Salado has to offer, and finally to raise money for a local non-profit each year.

For 2018, funds raised will go towards Variety Texas and its effort to build an All-Abilities Playground in Salado.

This festival is aimed entirely at children and families, hoping to encourage children to think outside the box, dream wild imaginative dreams, and fulfill them.

In addition to the parade and festival, the organizers are holding a Mermaid Ambassador Brunch. The brunch will be held on Thursday, September 6 with funds raised from it going towards the fundraising goals. Details of the brunch will be forthcoming, but it will be held in the Sirena Room at Tenroc Ranch, beginning at 11 a.m. September 6.

The Mermaid Parade will begin at 11





Sirena Fest and Mermaid Parade celebrate Salado's Sirena. (Photos by Marilyn Fleischer)

a.m. October 6th in Pace Park and proceed a half mile to the festival grounds beside Salado Creek, near where the famous bronze sculpture of Sirena resides.

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Pace Memorial Park

Story Continued from Page 28 for the labor to construct the pavilion. Louis Griffith and I wired the building," said Paul.

"The first Art Fairs were held on the Village Green below Stagecoach Inn. The Art Fair grew in size and spread to the spring area and then grew big enough to be conducted across the creek. Fort Hood soldiers built bridges to span the creek. As the Art Fair grew, it found a permanent home in Pace Park," said Paul.

In 1996, the 50th Anniversary of Pace Park, Roy Hector, Chamber President, had a new "Pace Park" sign erected to honor the Pace family.

In 1998, Tim Fleischer who was then President of the Salado Chamber of Commerce, collected donations from local businesses and individuals for 12 limestone picnic tables and benches built by Wayne Phillips that today grace the park.

Denver Mills remembered, "In 2001 another change occurred in the way the park is managed. The Chamber of Commerce approached the Village of Salado Board of Aldermen and requested financial assistance in carrying out their mission. An agreement was reached whereby the Village of Salado would provide funding to the Chamber for the care of the park."

In 2002 Alderman Rick Ashe spearheaded the efforts for a children's playground in Pace Park. The Salado Moms Club members and helpers, including Linda Privitt, Amanda Gerhart, Christi Arner, Marie Sunshine and Gavin Radenbaugh sold tiles to decorate the playground and contributed \$7,000.

The Village of Salado budgeted \$25,000 over a period of two years for the playground. PALS came to the aid of the children of Salado with gifts



Stephanie (Moore) Hood poses next to the improved gravel road that had just been added to the park in 1971. A Salado Chamber of Commerce sign welcomes visitors and reminds them gently to keep Pace Park pleasant. Her father was the auctioneer for the fundraiser to build the pavilion. photo from the Linda Moore collection

for the playground. Mike Cornett and Alex Jaimes built the rock wall surrounding the playground, Jeremy Boatwright delivered the wood fiber used as cushioning material into the playground and Jeff Kelley dug a ditch for the wall foundation.

The Rotary Club added ashade covering over the play-ground. The Rotary Club also supported the construction of the restrooms on the north side of the pavilion.

In 2017, the Village of Salado became the Sole Trustee of Pace Memorial Park. An advisory board was formed, consisting of Susan Humiston, Will Lowery, Amy McLane, Bobby Whitson, Curt Strong, Susan Terry and Tim Fleischer.

Denver Mills summed up by adding, "The vision that W. A. Pace descendents had in 1946 has endured over the years to the degree that the precious little park is now an idyllic spot in a remarkable community. The efforts of the many, many Sala-

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Tenroc Ranch welcomes TSCRA

Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association will host a Ranch Gathering at Tenroc Ranch in Salado on July 19. They invite all TSCRA and the local ranching community to attend. The Ranch Gathering is free to attend but TSRCA asks that you register at tscra.org/ ranch-gatherings or call 800-242-7820, ext. 192.

The Ranch Gathering will include updates on local and statewide TSCRA activities and discussions on other issues facing ranchers.

Tenroc Ranch is located at 5471 Thomas Arnold Road. Mike Cornett is a producer of Wagyu beef cattle on the ranch. Tenroc also has special event centers, an auction barn, and hunting.



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Get ready for Christmas in October

Get ready Central Texas! Christmas is just around the corner and the best place to view "the latest" Christmas decorations and styles is at the Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary Christmas in October.

Christmas in October is a tradition in Salado and is scheduled the second weekend in October each year. This year, the event is scheduled for October 12th and 13th, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at The Venue on College Street (near the corner of Royal Street and College Street) in Salado. Admission is \$3 per adult.

The annual event is a preview to the Christmas season and will feature the wares of local and area merchants on display inside a beautiful setting at The Venue on College Street.

Each year, vendors creatively display holiday decorations, jewelry, clothing, food and specialty home décor items. Shoppers will experience the sights, sounds, smells, tastes, and charms of the Village of Salado. "The 2018 Christmas in October promises to deliver an exciting array of local and area merchants! The Ladies Auxiliary enjoys Christmas in October being at The Venue because the facility is a great place to host our annual fundraiser event," states Tommye Prater, Christmas in October co-chair. "Both vendors and shoppers love to return each year," added Maurine Nathanson, Christmas in October co-chair.

The Christmas in October Bake Sale is a special tradition many look forward to each year! Customers will enjoy wandering through the booth area and the bake sale area all in the same facility. Most importantly, participants will have the opportunity to purchase delicious homemade pies, cakes, cookies and a wide variety of desserts.

A Style Show featuring models strolling through the booth section will display fall fashions from local boutiques as well as out of town merchants. The "strolling time" for the models will be late morning and early afternoon on both days of the Friday and Saturday event.

Representatives of the Salado Community Chorus will provide Christmas carols on Saturday, October 13th, at 10 a.m. "We always look forward to the Salado Community Chorus group entertaining shoppers and the Style Show features marvelous fall fashions," said Christmas in October cochair, Deborah Roberson.



Get a head start at Christmas in October!

The Village trolley will be available to transport visitors from several Village parking areas to the entrance of The Venue on College Street.

For vendor booth information, contact Tommye Prater at 254-541-6700.

You may purchase tickets at the door or online at Eventbrite.



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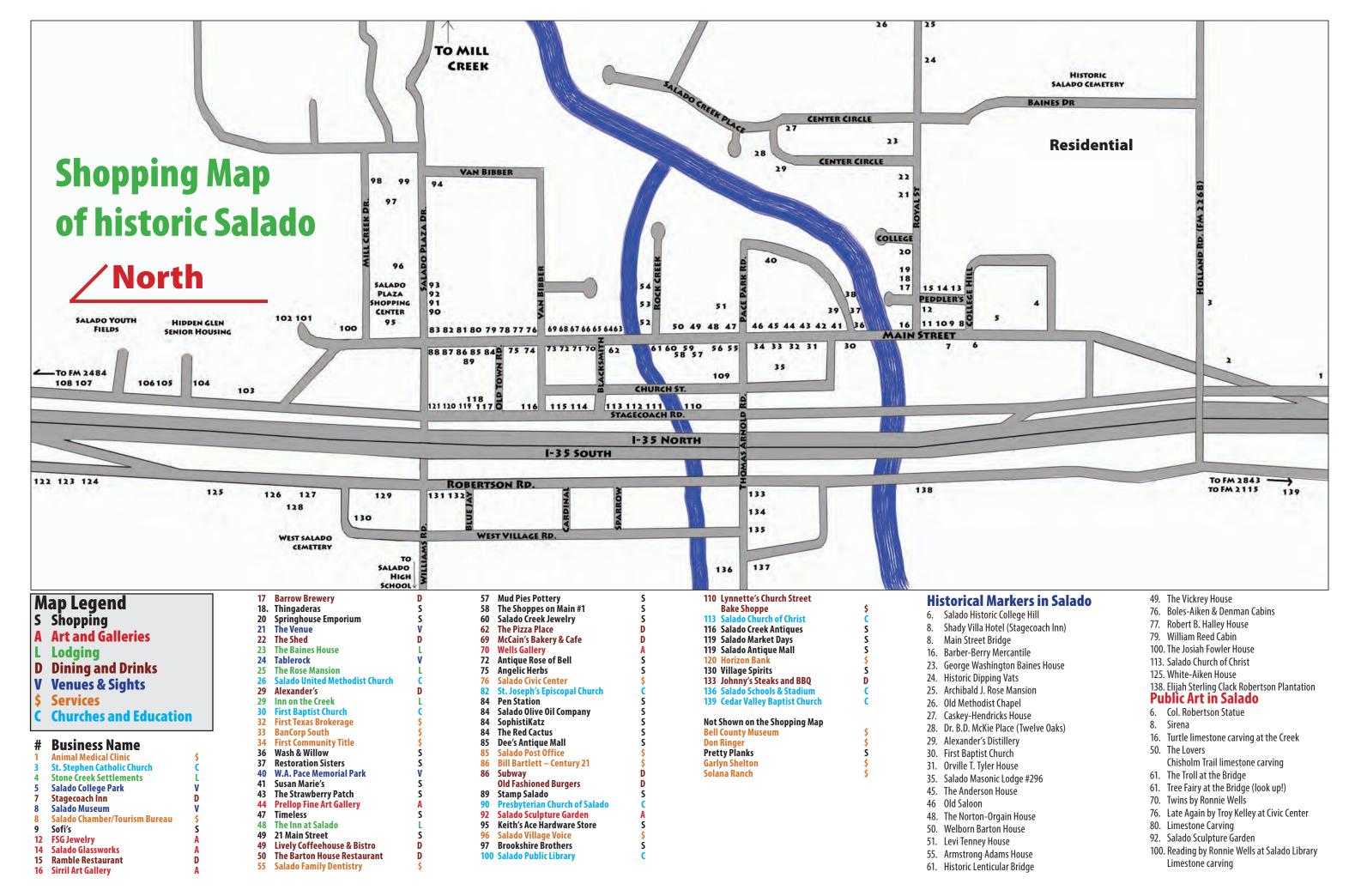
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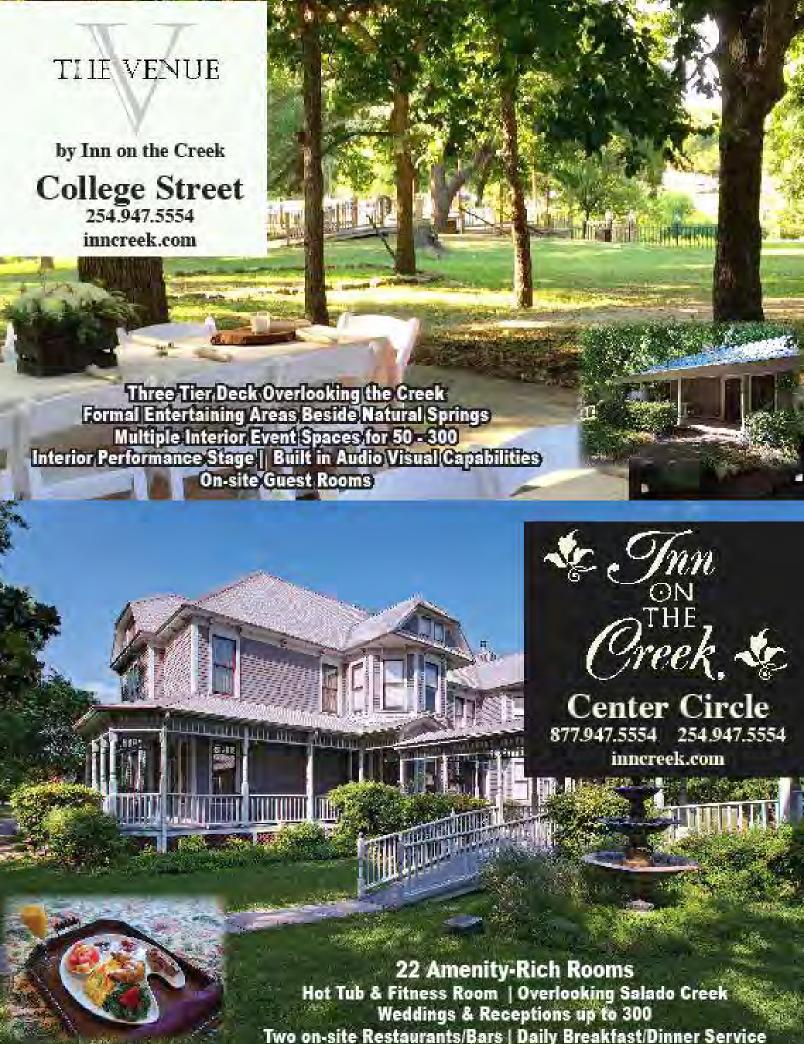
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