



Ashe takes job as Kenedy chief

Salado Police Chief Rick Ashe is leaving his position here to take on a new job as the Chief of Police at Kenedy, Texas, a town located southeast of San Antonio.

Ashe turned in his resignation from Salado, which will be effective Dec. 28. He will start his new job at Kenedy on Dec. 31.

"This is a great opportunity for me professionally," Ashe said of the move to a larger police department.

Ashe assumed his duties as Salado Police Chief in May 2017.

Ashe has 37 years experience as a police officer, first in the U.S. Army, where he served in Germany 1981-1984.

He was a police officer with the City of Woodway 1987-1990 serving as a patrol officer.

From 1990 to 2017, he was employed by the Temple Police Department.

Ashe was named the Outstanding Peace Officer in Bell County in 1996. He was also named the Outstanding Police Officer in Temple in 1996. He was named a Master Peace Officer in 2005 and has numerous awards and commendations from the Temple police department.

Ashe was elected the President of the Texas Municipal Police Association in 1998.

Ashe was one of the first elected aldermen for the Village of Salado, serving from his election in 2000 until he ran for and was elected Mayor of Salado in 2004. He served as Mayor of Salado until 2008 and served on the Central Texas Council of Government executive board 2006-08.

He and his wife Shannon will be moving from Salado after more than 20 years here.

Salado Stroll continues for second weekend

Local businesses are hoping the wet forecast for the early part of the weekend won't dampen the holiday spirit of the second weekend of the Salado Christmas Stroll Dec. 7-9.

The streets of Salado will be filled with entertainment, shopping, dining, and excitement for the whole family.

Strollers can take a break from shopping to enjoy a Live Nativity at the First Baptist Church, and perhaps follow that with a ride in a horse drawn carriage.

Visitors will certainly want to make time to see a performance of A Christmas Carol at Tablerock Theater. This annual production of the classic story by Charles Dickens is a holiday hit with visitors and locals, alike.

The Salado Volunteer Fire Department will once

again host Santa Claus at the corner of Main Street and Pace Park. Stop by and take a photo with the little ones.

There will be numerous dining options available including Salado's own delightful eateries and visiting food trucks. There will be something to tempt everyone, whether you are looking for a snack, a warm cup of coffee or cocoa, or a full course meal.

The highlight of the Stroll will be late night shopping in Salado's boutiques and galleries on Friday and Saturday both weekends.

Many shops feature entertainment throughout the Stroll weekends. A schedule of events for the first weekend of the Christmas Stroll can be found page 1C this edition of *Salado Village Voice*.



The Salado Christmas Stroll parade ended with the arrival of Santa Claus on top of the Salado Fire Department fire truck on Nov. 29. The lighted parade was the largest yet with more than 60 entries, including several from out of town organizations and businesses. The parade is the official kick off of the Christmas Stroll weekends and the holiday shopping season in Salado. Deanna Whitson was the Parade Chairman for the Salado Chamber of Commerce, which sponsors the Stroll. For more pictures by Tim Fleischer and Christopher Winston, turn to page 1C this edition. You will also find a schedule for the second weekend of the Stroll. (PHOTO BY CHRISTOPHER WINSTON)

Tourism launches Visit Salado app

The Village of Salado tourism department has unveiled its new Visit Widget on the VisitSaladoTexas.com website with its integrated mobile apps, an interactive way to map out everything you don't want to miss in Salado.

The new web widget is simple to access; click on the "Experience Our Village" at the bottom of the home page of the website.

Designed with the Village of Salado's partners at Visit Widget, this tool provides a new way to explore what the village has to offer, including entertainment

venues, popular restaurants, historical sites, lodging, and attractions.

View it all at once or search by categories like Dining, Entertainment and Tours. See a restaurant you don't want to miss? Click "Join" and the place will be added to your plan.

"With this planner, Visit Salado can help you get organized and maximize your time," Tourism Director Chadley Hollas said. "Already on your way to Salado or live here? Download the app for your iPhone or Android and take your plan with you."



The Salado Visit Widget.

"You can either use the Visit Widget online to create your itinerary then jump to your Smartphone to take your plans with you. Or use your phone to set your itinerary on the go," he added. If you have any questions about the new planning app, call at (254) 947-8634.

Oliver named Master Pilot

The Killeen Quiet Birdmen Hangar presented longtime member John W. "Jack" Oliver, Jr. with the Federal Aviation Administration Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award during a luncheon on Nov. 20 in Killeen.

Mike Jordan presented the award to Col. Oliver.

The Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award is the most prestigious award the FAA issues to pilots certified under Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 61. This award is named after the Wright Brothers, the first US pilots, to recognize individuals who have exhibited professionalism, skill, and aviation expertise for at least 50 years while piloting aircraft as "Master Pilots."

In presenting Oliver with the award, Jordan said that Jack "was not only a highly decorated aviator but also a Missile Launch Officer who participated in the early success of the United States

space and nuclear deterrent programs."

Col. Oliver served more than 30 years in the Army Air Corps and US Air Force. He was a WWII Bombarrier-Navigator and flew 53 missions while assigned to the 376 Bomb Group.

Jordan asked Oliver to describe one of his experiences during his 50 years as a pilot: Oliver talked about taking off in a un aspirated DC-3 from the airport at La Paz, Bolivia, which is at an altitude of 13,325 ft. and 13,123 ft. in length.

Jack described the take off as the toughest one he ever had. "Lock the brakes, set the flaps and trim and give it take off power, release the brakes and take off downhill and don't let the copilot or engineer touch anything," he said. "At about 7,000 down the runway the tail wheel will lift and eventually the aircraft will fly itself off the runway and fall off the 4,000 foot cliff."

After a career in the



Mike Jordan presents Jack Oliver with the Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award. (PHOTO BY SAM KAISER)

military, Oliver returned to the county of his birth and served as Bell County Commissioner for more than a decade. His autobiography

"Full Circle" was published in 2011.

BoA hearings Dec. 6 on Comp Plan, Zoning Ord., Future Land Use Map

Salado aldermen will conduct public hearings 6:30 p.m. Dec. 6 at the municipal building on proposals to change the zoning ordinance and the Future Land Use Map.

Four of the public hearings are on changes that the Planning & Zoning Commission voted at their Nov. 27 meeting to recommend.

Those include:

- Amending the Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map to change the Future Land Use category for Pace Park (8.44 acres) from Public to Park.

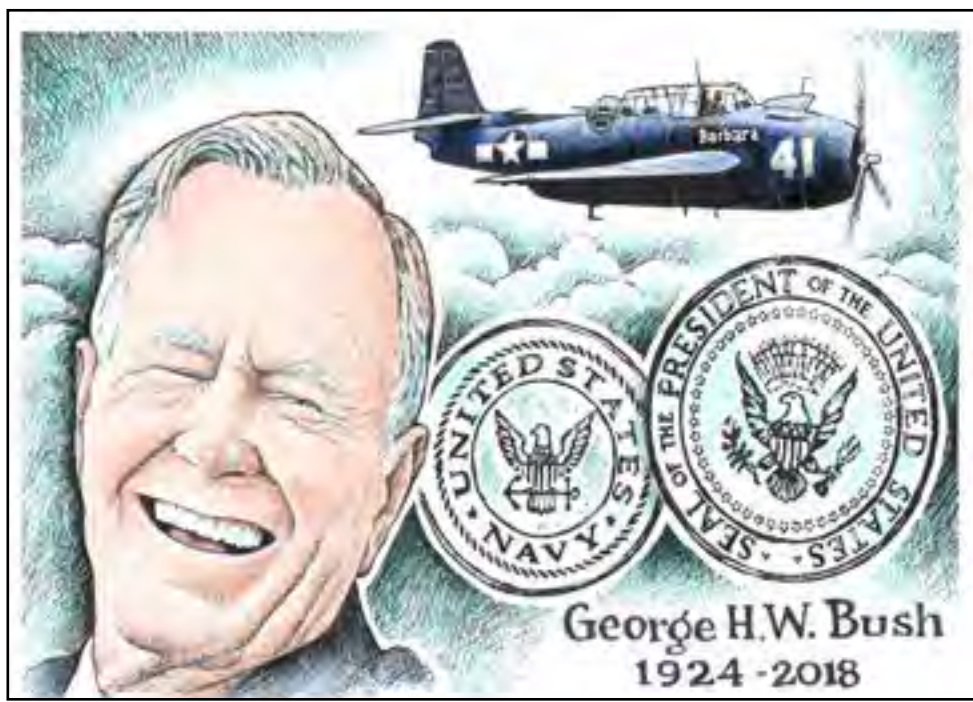
- Amending the Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map to change the Future Land Use category for Sirena Park (1.18 acres) from Retail to Park.

- Amending the Zoning Ordinance, creating a zoning district for Public Facilities and amending the use

regulations chart for uses within that district.

- Amending the Zoning Ordinance creating a zoning district for Private Recreation and amending the use regulations chart for uses within that district. The P&Z Commission voted 3-2 against creating this zoning district. However, Village staff recommends adoption of the amendment.

- Amending the Zoning Ordinance amending Section 5 Definitions: "230. Private Recreation Facility or Private Park: A recreation facility, park or playground which is not owned or operated by a political subdivision," and deleting the following language from the definition "and which is operated for the exclusive use of private residents or neighborhood groups and their guests and not for use by the general public."



S&P bounces back 4.85% in one week, but still down 5.8 since Sept.

The Markets

The market, represented by the Standard and Poor's 500 Stock Index (SPX) turned in a delightful 4.85 percent gain for the week ending November, closing at 2760.17. That still leaves it down 5.8 percent from its late September high but up 3.24 percent year-to-date. The consensus among traders appears to be that the potential for 25 percent tariffs will determine which direction it goes from here. If the tariffs are enacted, or appear to be coming, be prepared for a plunge. If peace is declared between China and the U.S. at the G-20 meeting this week, a rally is likely. The other wild card, how far the Federal Reserve will raise rates, is also on the table. Chairman Powell suggested that we are nearly to the neutral rate he wants to achieve, sparking a rally on Wednesday. Any sign that the end of increases is in sight will further encourage investors while signals of a long spell of interest rate hikes will drive things down. The future is, as usual, uncertain.

Speaking of interest rates, the U.S. Ten Year Treasury note ended the week by dropping below 3 percent to close at 2.992 percent. That decline is a vote of low confidence on the ability of the current economic expansion to maintain its momentum over the next few years. Once again one of the prime drivers in the interest rate decline was the potential for an all-out trade war between the U.S. and China. As economic risk rises, investors tend to buy Treasury securities, raising the price and driving down interest rates. Another factor pushing longer-term interest rates lower is the price of oil. West Texas Intermediate crude oil moved hardly at all this week but is down almost 20 percent over the last month and about 34 percent from

Market & Economic Update

By Jeffrey W. McClure



its high in October. The President asked Saudi Arabia and Russia to increase oil production to offset the Iranian embargo and they did so, but the U.S. granted exemptions to the embargo that kept Iranian oil flowing. Thus, we have a global oversupply of oil with none of the producers willing to make cuts lest the others grab the market. Again, the potential 25 percent tariffs have buyers being cautious lest they be caught with a lot of oil and a slowing world economy.

The dollar remained nearly unchanged, up about 5.25 percent against a basket of world currencies and 7 percent against the Yuan, year-to-date. Gold was also nearly unchanged, still down about 8.25 percent this year.

The Economy

The steel and aluminum tariffs on U.S. imports finally began to bear fruit this week as General Motors (GM) announced plans to close several North American factories and lay off up to 14,800 workers. GM's reasoning was that the smaller automobiles made at those plants were being sold mainly to Chinese customers but with the increase in materials costs and the tariff-related rise in the dollar, were now more expensive to make in the U.S. than they could be sold for in China. In short, each car made in the U.S. for export to China was a net loss. Making the cars elsewhere would avoid the tariffs and the high dollar as well as save on labor costs. Other manufacturers have ex-

pressed concern that they may have to take similar actions to stay in business.

Another indicator flashed a warning for the third month in a row as new house sales and business investment continued to sag. Those declines were factors in Moody's Analytics forecast of a 4th quarter Annualized GDP growth dropping to a range of 2.5 percent to 2.7 percent and slower growth in 2019. Meanwhile, consumer spending was solid in October, rising at an annualized 3.2 percent rate while inflation appears to have subsided with the core personal consumption expenditure index (PCE) only up 1.8 percent from a year ago.

The Federal Reserve signaled loud and clear that another short-term interest rate rise was coming in December, raising the interbank rate from its current 2.25 percent upper limit to 2.5 percent. While the various speeches by the voting members of the Open Market Committee suggested a moderation in their earlier open-ended interest raise plan, it still looks like at least two more raises are in the works with a possibility of more. That would put the short-term rate at 3 percent or higher. Given the current, about 3 percent, 10-year rate, the dreaded inverted yield curve that commonly presages recessions could arise by mid-2019. Only time will tell but the economists' consensus opinion that a recession is in the works for some time around 2020 looks more and more likely to be an accurate call.

FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas

Lions to refurbish park, gazebo with funds from 12 Gifts of Christmas

The Salado Lions Club is raising money to landscape and refurbish Lions Park and Gazebo, which is located at the Salado Civic Center on Main Street.

The fund-raiser for this is the second annual 12 Gifts of Christmas drawing at 9 p.m. Dec. 8 at the Strawberry Patch on Main Street. You need not be present to win.

Tickets are \$5 each or four tickets for \$20. You can purchase them from any Salado Lions Club member or during the Christmas Stroll Dec. 7 and 8 in front of the Strawberry Patch on Main Street or in front of Barrow on Royal Street.

Each ticket has a chance to win any of the following 12 prizes:

1. "Morning on Bee Creek" 24" x 30" framed print by Larry Prellop, donated by Prellop Fine Art Gallery, retail value = \$770
2. 10" x 20" tub overloaded with jams, salsas, coffees, etc., donated by Strawberry Patch, retail value = \$495
3. Hand blown glass bowl with silver inlay by Gail Allard, donated by Salado Glass Works, retail value = \$395
4. Battery powered STIHL blower & trimmer, donated by Fairway Sports, retail value = \$400
5. Black onyx and pearl necklace set in sterling

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"Morning on Bee Creek" 24" x 30" framed print by Larry Prellop.

silver, donated by Salado Creek Jewelry, retail value = \$599

6. Hand sculptured mystery gift of the heart, donated by clay artist Ro Shaw, retail value = \$400

7. One-year pest control application interior and exterior, donated by Ace Pest Control, retail value = \$335

8. Christmas wreath with matching companion vase, donated by Magnolias, retail value = \$350

9. Holiday basket extraordinary, with ornaments, succulents, etc., donated by First Community Title, retail value = \$350

10. French country console table 52" long, 22" deep, 31" high, donated by 21 Main, retail value \$568

11. Deluxe suite for one-night weekend stay and dinner for two, donated by Stagecoach Inn, retail value \$350

12. One-night weekend stay (king room) and dinner for two at Alexander's, donated by Inn on the Creek, retail value = \$300

Thank you to all 12 of the businesses that donated the prizes for the drawing and to everyone that purchases tickets for this fund-raiser.

The media was wrong about the caravan

It's roughly the one-month anniversary of CNN reporter Jim Acosta repeatedly telling President Donald Trump at a press conference that the migrant caravan is "hundreds and hundreds of miles away" and "not an invasion," and objecting to a campaign ad that showed migrants climbing border walls -- "they're not going to be doing that." Now, thousands of migrants from the caravan have arrived in the border city of Tijuana, Mexico, and hundreds of them stormed a border crossing, climbing the fence and throwing rocks. U.S. border agents used tear gas to repel the mob. If the throng was too small to constitute an invasion, it certainly wasn't a rules-bound group of asylum-seekers.

It was conventional wisdom in the press that the caravan was a concoction of Trump's fevered imagination. It soon would dissipate and even if not, take months to reach the United States. This widely repeated factoid was based on calculations of its movement on foot (it apparently didn't occur to anyone that the caravan also would travel by bus or truck).

The latest border incident again puts the left's radicalism on display. It's not just that Immigration

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and Customs Enforcement should be abolished; border agents can't defend themselves from an aggressive rabble.

Hawaii Sen. Brian Schatz wondered on Twitter if the use of tear gas violated the Chemical Weapons Convention (the answer is an emphatic "no," and he deleted the tweet). Rep. Barbara Lee of California described the gassing of "women and children" as an atrocity and called for U.N. inspectors.

All of this rendering of garments, despite the fact that the tear gas was directed at the adult males who led the charge, similar crowd-control tactics were used at the border during the Obama administration and, of course, cops use tear gas during disturbances involving fellow U.S. citizens all the time.

The larger issue at the border is the set of rules for Central American migrants. It allows adults with children and minors into the country while their (almost always rejected) asylum claims are adjudicated. They can easily abscond once admitted, and the laxity of the system is an incen-

tive for more Central American family units to come. By working out a possible deal with the Mexican government for migrants to stay in Mexico while they apply for asylum -- and forbidding migrants who enter the U.S. illegally from applying -- the administration has hit on an approach to tighten up the current loopholes. But a California district judge, in what looks like another instance of resistance jurisprudence, has put an injunction on the policy regarding illegal entrants.

Trump has been wrong to portray the migrants as inherently threatening -- the overwhelming majority just want a better life -- but we have the sovereign right to decide who does and doesn't come to this country, and demand that it be an orderly, lawful process.

If any significant portion of the caravan gains entry, it will send a message that large-scale movements of people are better than small groups. This could lead to even more pressure at the border, no matter how much it will be dismissed by the same people who insisted the caravan would never arrive.

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P&Z made right choice to defend private property rights; Aldermen should follow suit

Dear Editor:

Thank you for being at the Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting on Nov. 27.

We would like to thank the Planning and Zoning Commission for listening to our plea on the private property rights for MCCC, LLC. Their decision protects all rights, not just ours, going forward by voting NOT to change the zoning rules to Private Recreational.

We hope that the Board of Aldermen will follow their recommendation on Dec. 6 when they hold hearings on the matter.

A designation such as Private Recreational would have been extremely damaging to our investment, which we made to improve the quality of life here in Salado.

All of us thank Commissioners Terry, Tynes and Hall for having the strength to look out for the citizens over the government of Salado. We hope that these 3 Commissioners are on the Commission if any other citizens of Salado have a similar situation.

Alexander's "Around the World Series" passport seating for culinary destinations

Alexander's Distillery has taken on a whole new ambiance. Their third floor cocktail lounge is now specializing in custom crafted cocktails and culturally inspired monthly events.

Each month, Alexander's will spotlight a different world location with special cuisine, wine and cocktail pairings. Prices will range from \$59.95-\$79.95 per guest excluding gratuity. For the month of December, Alexander's will feature the flavors of France. This month's special dinner will be 6:30 p.m. Dec. 13.

"We are thrilled to be offering this new, themed event," said culinary director, Dave Hermann, "It allows us to expand our boundaries both in the kitchen and bar to offer new tastes, experiences and offerings to our guests that are based in the spirit of world exploration."

How does Around the World Dinner Series work? Each guest will receive their ticket for each event and will be presented with their guest check following the dinner. Their balance due for the dinner will represent that it has been previously paid. Guests will write in what amount they wish to leave for gratuity, all unfulfilled guest checks will enjoy a 20% gratuity.

Your Voice

Letters to the Editor

Thanks to the vote Nov. 27 by the Planning and Zoning Commission of the Village of Salado, we, the investors in MCCC, LLC and owners of Sherrill Park, are happily removing the "no trespassing" signs that we were forced to put up to protect our rights from being encroached upon by the Village of Salado. While we still appreciate membership in the Friends of Sherrill Park, a membership within the Mill Creek Country Club offerings, the Park will be open to the public just as it was before the property rights issue which was resolved today by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

We live in a beautiful community, with beautiful Salado Creek running through it.

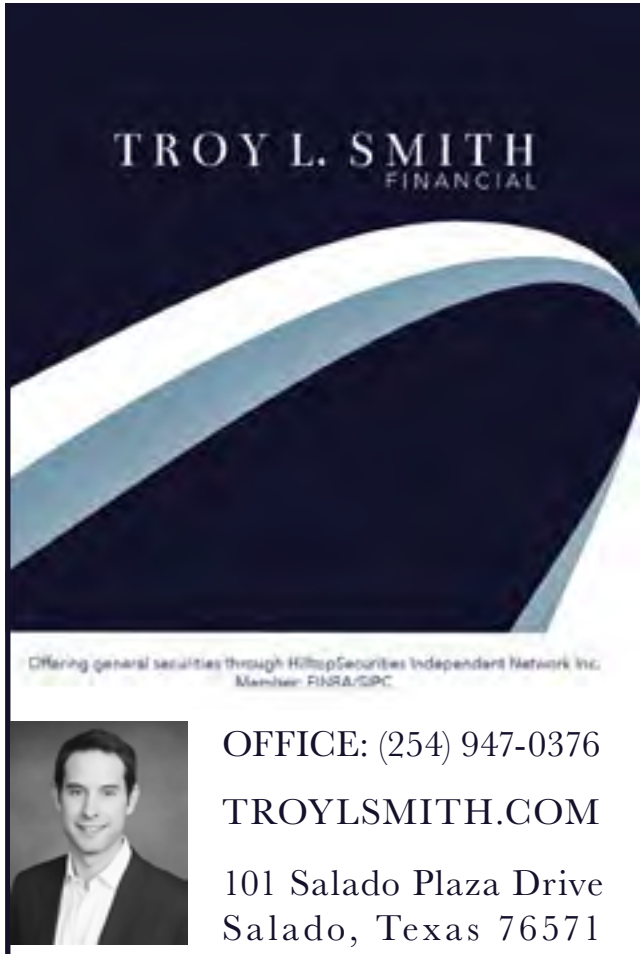
Please leave the Park in better condition than you found it, just as the Salado

Volunteers do throughout our community.

Property rights are important and using private

property is a privilege granted by the owners of that property, we are very pleased that privilege can be reinstated to all that enjoy Sherrill Park.

Sincerely,
Billy Helm and Ron Gravette on behalf of the investors of MCCC, LLC



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DECEMBER 13

Auxiliary "Giving" Brunch

Salado Ladies Auxiliary will have a holiday-themed brunch at the Salado Church of Christ Activity Center, 225 N. Church St. at 9:30 a.m. Dec. 13. The business meeting will begin at 10 a.m.

The December program will feature a theme of "Giving."

"The Ladies Auxiliary looks forward to this time of year as we award community grants and donate to local family-help organizations," Auxiliary Janice Means said. "It's what all our members work toward in this organization - to give back to the Salado community, to help support and make Salado better." At the December meeting, the Ladies Auxiliary will

be awarding community grants to various local organizations.

In harmony with the theme of "Giving," Auxiliary members are asked to bring an unwrapped toy to donate to Lighthouse Family Network, a foster care agency in Salado. In addition, the Auxiliary members are asked to bring a new package of socks or underwear to donate to a local organization, Heart and Hands Ministry.

The Ladies Auxiliary 2019 Officers will be: President, Maurine Nathanson; Vice President of Programs, Robbie Pettit; Treasurer, LaNora Miller; Secretary, Karen Kowaleski; Chamber of Commerce Liaison, Barclay McCort.

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Posada recreates journey of Joseph and Mary

Las Posadas, the nine day Christmas tradition observed in Spain, Mexico and the Southwest United States, will be celebrated as La Posada, a one day event, in Salado during the community's Christmas Stroll.

The Spanish term means inn, place of lodging or accommodations. In some ways the spirit of Las Posadas is similar to the English custom of caroling.

It dates back 400 years in Mexico and recreates the journey of Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem.

Each year the same drama is played out. Though thoroughly rehearsed, what will happen will seem fresh and exciting to the young



Joseph and Mary make their way through Salado in search of a place to stay for the annual Posada. (Photo courtesy Cynthia Cashion)

Join us at Grace Church in Salado to encounter God, be equipped with truth, and engage the world.

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people taking part. Dressed in period clothing, they will begin at Salado Museum at about 4:45 p.m. on December 8 and then lead a candle light procession down Main Street a distance of two miles. Along the way they will stop to ask for lodging and a place to rest.

Of course there is no room at any inn until they reach St. Joseph's Episcopal Church. There, too, the Rev. Bob Bliss will apologize at first for the lack of lodging.

Then Bliss will have a thought. He will lead the couple to a stable behind

the church. There he will offer to settle them in for the night in mounds of hay.

Participants are members of St. Joseph's Youth Group. They spend weeks practicing the para pedir posada (searching for lodging) in a call and response chorus. Barbara Yanez-Smith, a Spanish language teacher, gave a loose translation of the words. The first chorus asks for a place to rest: "Let me in, my wife is Maria, she is the Queen of Heaven."

The second chorus responds, "Well, if she is the Queen of Heaven why is she out in the middle of the

night wandering about?"

At the final destination there is unison of choruses.

"Entren santos peregrinos – come on in, we had not recognized you – we now see you're Jose and this is your wife Maria."

Each year nearly 200 participants take part. Afterwards they gather in the church courtyard for tamales, empanadas, hot chocolate with cinnamon and fruit punch. Small children get to bat a piñata for the candy inside.

La Posada will begin at 4:45 p.m. December 8 at the Salado Museum and conclude at St. Joseph's Episcopal Church later in the evening. The public is invited to take part.

St. Joseph's Episcopal Church

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Sun. 9 a.m.

Holy Eucharist
Sun. 10 a.m.

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SARW meets Dec. 13

Salado Area Republican Women will meet 2 p.m. December 13, at the Salado Civic Center. The meeting will start with refreshments provided by the board members.

The program will be installation of the new officers and discussion of the accomplishments the club has made through the year. Everyone is welcome but no reservations are necessary.

Senior Center Activities for December

Belton Senior Activity Center will host a Country and Western Dance 6:30-9:30 p.m. Dec. 6 with Shorty Grisham & Friends performing.

The Center will host a Christmas Dance 6:30-9:30 p.m. Dec. 20 with Bobby Dean performing.

The Senior Center will close for the Christmas and New Year's holidays from Dec. 24 -Jan. 1. The Center will reopen Jan. 2. The Center is located at 842 S. Mitchell Street.

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Community Life

Community Chorus Concert Dec. 13

The Salado Community Chorus cordially invites Saladoans to the Annual Christmas Concert at 7 p.m. Dec. 13 at the First Baptist Church of Salado, 210 S. Main St.

The Concert theme this year is "Ringing in Christmas" Chorus Director Dottie Shirley, said the concert will feature a variety of Holiday Music for all.

The Christmas Concert is the second concert of 2018 for the Chorus. Traditionally, the chorus performs two annual concerts; one in the spring and one in December. The Chorus also performs during the annual Fourth of July Picnic, Christmas in October and the Salado Community Thanksgiving Service.

The Community Chorus provides special performances for various community events/activities throughout the year.



"Do you enjoy singing?" Vice President Naomi Roupe said. "The chorus actively recruits new members and welcomes anyone who might be interested in singing to join."

For more information, contact the Chorus Director Dottie Shirley at 254-721-9700, Chorus President

Dean Mooney at 254-721-6905 or Chorus Vice President Naomi Roupe at 254-383-4302.

Grace Church Salado announces Christmas worship services

Grace Church Salado invites families to join them in worship services scheduled on Sunday, December 23. 10:30 a.m. Advent Series: "Behold the King".

Grace Kids Ministry for

Birth to 5th Grade. 5:30 p.m. Candlelight Service: Preparing Hearts for Christmas through Prayer & Song.

SHS Junior Lastovica inducted into Temple College honor society

Salado High School junior Stuart Lastovica is among 48 Temple College students to be inducted Dec. 1 into the Lambda Theta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), the international honor society for students in two-year colleges.

Lastovica is enrolled in dual credit courses at Temple College through Salado High School.

Temple College is a pub-

lic, two-year college with locations in Temple, Taylor and Hutto. The college offers more than 60 certificate and degree programs, as well as dual credit courses for high school students.

SHS students can earn as many as 24 hours of credit in English and social studies courses offered through the dual credit program with Temple College.

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SUMC Christmas Cantata presented Dec. 9

Salado UMC will have its Christmas Cantata "Behold, A Savior!" at 10 a.m. Dec. 9 at the church on Royal St.

The church will have only one combined service

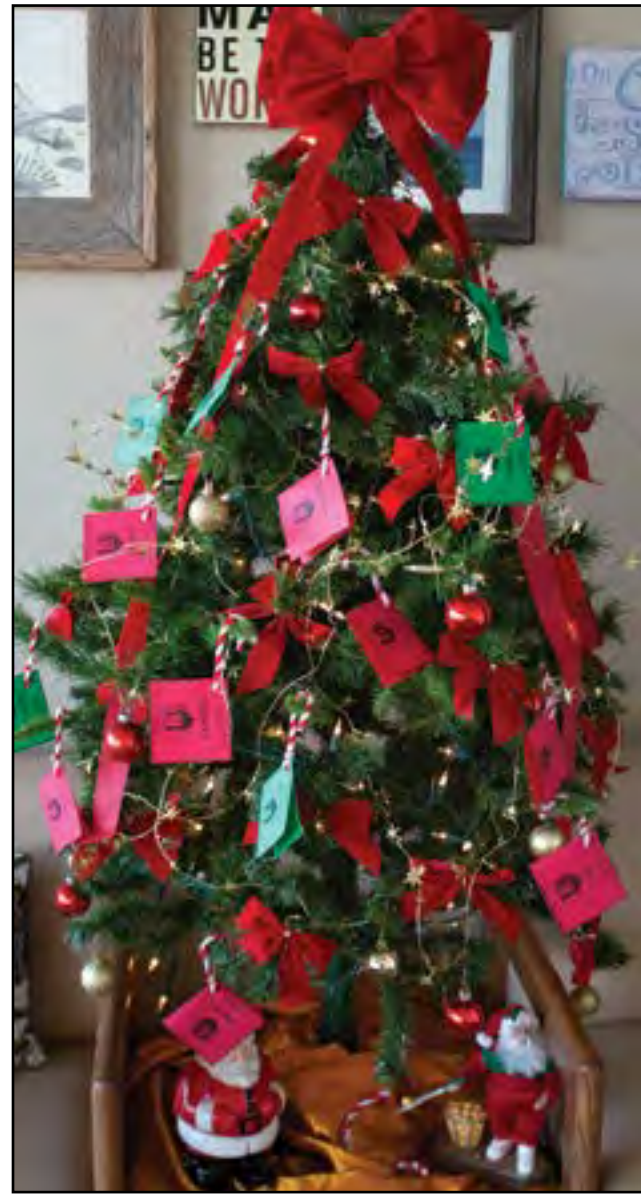
that Sunday.

The Church will have Christmas Eve Candlelight Services and Communion at 5 p.m and 6:30 p.m Dec. 24 in the Worship Center.

Lighthouse Family Network helping displaced children through the holidays

Although the holidays are normally thought of as being a very joyous season, Christmas can be a very lonely time for children who have been displaced from their own families.

In an effort to let these children know that people care and they are not alone, Lighthouse Family Network is providing you the opportunity to show these foster children that they are special and valuable through their "Bright Light Tree" program.



The "Bright Light" tree, located in Lighthouse Family Network's office at 213 Mill Creek Drive, Suite 175, is a Christmas tree decorated with ornaments giving the first name and age of the child and some ideas of things he or she would like to receive for Christmas.

Interested individuals may select an ornament from the "Bright Light" tree and then purchase a gift(s) for the child named on the ornament. The Lighthouse staff asks that the gifts be returned to their office no later than Dec. 17 so they can be hand delivered to the children across the state before Christmas Eve.

Lighthouse Family Network, Inc., in Salado, is a Christian child-placing agency that is currently providing therapeutic foster care to approximately 60 severely abused children throughout Texas.

Lighthouse Family Network is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization and all donations are tax deductible. For more information on Lighthouse Family Network, call 254-947-3152.

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Bikes for Kids Gala held Dec. 17 at Stagecoach Inn

The Bikes for Kids Holiday Gala will be 6 p.m. Dec. 17 in the Sam Houston Room at Stagecoach Inn, 416 S Main St.

The Gala will include Comicon Characters, a Silent Auction, Door prizes, great Food, games, and a fun atmosphere. Hors d'oeuvres will be served and a cash bar will be available for the event.

Admission is \$20 per person, but you can get two free Gala Tickets with the purchase of \$100 in Raffle Tickets. The Platinum Package of \$100 includes 12 raffle tickets and admission for two to the Gala.

"It is "Bikes for Kids" goal that every child have the benefits of a safe and reliable bicycle," said Jay Ford of LoneStar eBikes in Salado, a primary sponsor of Bikes for Kids. "We refurbish bikes with new components to make them, like new, for children who need or wish for a bicycle."

"We also provide a helmet and lock with every



new bike we give away to help protect each child and their bike," said Mary Ford, of LoneStar eBikes.

Bikes for Kids gave away 19 totally refurbished bicycles to children of all ages and needs in 2017.

Recipients for 2018 will be selected through AWARE Central Texas Child Abuse Prevention Center in Belton.

The Grand Raffle Prize is a Yuba Boda Boda Electric All Terrain Cargo Bike valued at \$4,000.

Raffle tickets are available for \$10 each, three for \$25 or 12 for \$100.

For more information, call LoneStar eBikes at 254-947-3969 or visit lone-starebikes.com to buy tickets online.

Festival of Carols held at Hope Presbyterian Church in Austin

The public is cordially invited to the 19th annual Festival of Carols at Hope Presbyterian Church in Northwest Austin. A 100-voice choir of adults, youth, and children accompanied by full orchestra perform a dozen carols, beautifully arranged by English composer John Rutter and American composers Mack Wilberg and Mark Hayes.

The audience sings along with the choir and orchestra on many of the carols – a

wonderful way to bring in the Christmas spirit!

Because Festival of Carols is so popular and has been attended beyond capacity in past years, two services are offered. Admission is free; a voluntary offering will be taken. Childcare is provided at both services.

The church is located in Northwest Austin at 11512 Olson Dr., one mile west of U.S. 183 and Anderson Mill Road.

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This is the university's 162nd graduating class. An estimated 512 students will be awarded degrees.

The Bell County Expo Center is located at 301 W. Loop 121 in Belton, Texas.

For anyone unable to attend, a live stream of the ceremony will be available here.

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December 6, 2018

Salado Eagles are Coach Smith Champs



Salado Eagles are champions of the 2018 Coach Smith Invitational Tournament held Nov. 29-Dec. 1. They are (front) Jeremy Jarvis and Cade Scallin; (standing, from left) Assistant Coach Jim Wentrcek, Peyton Miller, Eli Pittman, Sammy Brown, Zack Shaver, Cayden Meyer, Head Coach Kenny Mann and Assistant Coach Ty Brown; (back, from left) Assistant Coach Ramiro Mojica, Nate Eschmann, Shane Roche, Reece Brown. (PHOTO BY CHRISTIE SHAVER)

Salado varsity Eagles swept their opponents to win the Championship Trophy in their own Coach Smith Invitational Basketball Tournament, facing Flour Bluff in the finals.

Salado 50
Flour Bluff 45

The toughest game for Salado during their tournament was the championship final with Flour Bluff, which the Eagles won 50-45 Dec. 1.

For the first time in the tournament, Salado trailed after the first period 13-10, but scored 16 points in the second to take a narrow halftime lead of 26-24. The Eagles held on to that lead after three, 36-34. Salado took advantage of several trips to the free throw line, shooting 8-of-15 in the fourth to outscore Flour Bluff 14-11 for the 50-45 win.

Eli Pittman hit two 3-pointers and scored 11 to lead Salado. Cade Scallin followed with 10 points.

Also scoring for the Eagles: Sammy Brown, 9 points, Jeremy Jarviz and Zack Shaver, 6 points, Peyton Miller, 5 points and Reece Brown, 3 points.

Salado 75
Caldwell 43

Salado Eagles outscored Caldwell 23-12 in the second period to take a commanding 43-38 lead on Nov. 30, easily winning 75-43.

The Eagles held Caldwell to just 3 points in the fourth quarter, while adding 17 to their tally.

Four Eagles had double figures in the game.

Zack Shaver led all scorers with 17 points in three periods of play. Jeremy Jar-



Jeremy Jarvis lays up a shot. He was named MVP of the Coach Smith Tournament. (PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)



Peyton Miller dribbles past Caldwell's Mitchell Parks during Salado's 73-45 win. (PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)

vis followed with 16 points.

Eli Pittman hit two three-pointers on his way to a 12-point game. Shane Roche scored 10 points for the Eagles.

Also scoring were Peyton Miller, 6 points, Reece Brown and Nathan Eschmann, 5 points each and Cade Scallin and Sammy Brown, 2 points each.

Salado 76
Gatesville 61

Salado Eagles held a 19-point halftime lead in their 76-61 win over the Gatesville Hornets during pool play in the Coach Smith Tournament Nov. 29.

Eli Pittman had a hot hand from beyond the arc, knocking down four 3-pointers to lead Salado with 18 points in the game.

Jeremy Jarvis and Shane Roche followed with 12 points each. Zack Shaver scored 10 points.

Also scoring for the Eagles were Sammy Brown, 8 points, Peyton Miller, 7 points, Cade Scallin and Reece Brown, 4 points each, and Meyer, 1 point.

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(PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)
Amanda Cantu and Lorena Perez scrap with McGregor Lady Bulldog Lesley Jacobo for a loose ball during their contest in the Coach Smith Invitational Tournament.

Ladies 2-of-5 in Smith Tourney

Salado Lady Eagles went two of five in their own Coach Smith Invitational Tournament Nov. 29-Dec. 1, beating Cameron and McGregor and losing to Decatur, Snook and Hutto.

Salado 58
Cameron 29

Salado Lady Eagles held Cameron to just 2 points in the first quarter of their opening tilt in the Coach Smith tournament on Nov. 29. With a 13-point lead after the first, Salado went out to double up on the Lady Yoe 58-29.

Reese Preston led the girls with 10 points, shooting 5 of 13 from the field. She also grabbed 3 rebounds.

Lorena Perez followed with 8 points, a rebound, an assist and a steal.

Also scoring for the Lady Eagles were Kaia Philen, 7 points, 8 rebounds, Lexi Lima, 7 points, Amanda Cantu, 7 points, 4 steals, Priscilla Torczynski, 6 points, 3 steals, Maddy Wade, 5 points, Abby Rembert and Melissa McCollough, 4 points each, and Nicole Pettigrew, 2 points.

Decatur 42
Salado 28

Decatur came out fast in its 42-28 win over the Salado Lady Eagles, outscoring



(PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)
Corban Mescher defends against a shot from a McGregor's Audrey Lillard during Salado's win.

the tournament host 16-2 in the first quarter. Decatur breezed on to win 42-28 on Nov. 29 in the second round of the Coach Smith Tournament.

The Lady Eagles outscored Decatur 14-10 in the second quarter and 10-7 in the fourth quarter, but it wasn't enough to overcome the 14-point first quarter lead.

Salado shot 11 of 39 from the field and were terrible beyond three-point arc, shooting just 2 of 15 tries. Decatur was equally bad from long distance, shooting 1 of 11, but shot 18 of 32 from the field.

Decatur outrebounded Salado 26 to 17 and stole the ball 13 times. Salado had 8 steals. The Lady Eagles committed 18 turnovers while Decatur had 13.

Kaia Philen led the girls with 13 points. She shot 6 of 15 from the field. Philen also had 5 rebounds and 4 steals for Salado.

Lexi Lima had 6 points, 2 rebounds and a steal. Corban Mescher had 5 points and 3 rebounds. Also scoring for the Lady Eagles were Amanda Cantu and Priscilla Torczynski, 2 points each.

Salado 58
McGregor 28

Salado Lady Eagles held

McGregor to 28 points in their third game of the Coach Smith Tournament on Nov. 30, winning 58-28.

Salado jumped out to a commanding 17-5 lead in the first and led 23-16 at the half. The girls exploded for 20 points in the third to lead 43-19 going into the final period.

Kaia Philen led the girls with 15 points. Lorena Perez followed with 13 points.

Also scoring for the Lady Eagles were Amanda Cantu, 5 points, Lexie Lima, Reese Preston and Corban Mescher, 4 points each, Abby Rembert and Maddy Wade, 3 points each and Priscilla Torczynski, 2 points.

Salado 26
Snook 40

Snook held the Salado Lady Eagles to just 6 points in the first half of their contest Dec. 1, winning 40-26.

Scoring for the Lady Eagles were Kaia Philen, 9 points, Amanda Cantu, 5 points, Lexie Lima, 4 points, Nicole Pettigrew, 3 points, Lorena Perez and Priscilla Torczynski, 2 point each and Reese Preston, 1 point.

Salado 62
Hutto 51

The Hutto Lady Hippos came from behind in the

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Eagles FROM PAGE 1B

Salado 72
Jarrell 49

Cade Scallin had four 3-pointers and scored 16 points to lead the Salado Eagles past the Jarrell Cougars 72-49 in pool play of the Coach Smith Tournament Nov. 29.

Peyton Miller followed with 14 points. Eli Pittman hit two 3-pointers on his way to scoring 13 points.

Also scoring were Jeremy Jarvis, 9 points, Zack Shaver, 6 points, Cayden Meyer and Reece Brown, 5 points each and Sammy Brown, 4 points.

JV EAGLES
JV Eagles 65
Rogers JV 33

Salado JV Eagles beat Rogers 65-33 on Nov. 27 in a home game.

Josh Goings was leading scorer with 31 points followed by Noah Mescher and Latrell Jenkins with 11 points each. Also scoring: Austin Abel, 5 points, Nathan Hansen, 4 points and Perry, 1 point.

Salado JV 34
Hyde Park 45

Salado JV Eagles lost to Hyde Park 45-34 on Dec. 1.

Josh Goings had 8 points, followed by Kole Maedgen and Austin Abel, 7 points each and Latrell Jenkins and Noah Mescher, 6 points each.

Salado JV 53
Jarrell JV 38

Salado JV Eagles beat Jarrell Cougars 53-38 on Dec. 1.

Austin Abel led the team with 24 points. Josh Goings



Shane Roche, above the rest. (PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)

followed with 11 points. Mescher, 6 points, Hunter Gerhart, 3 points and Kole Maedgen, 1 point.

Early bird deadline nears for Winter Wander 5K

The Early Bird deadline for the annual Salado Band Winter Wander 5K is Dec. 7. The 5K will be 9 a.m. Dec. 15 starting at the Salado Civic Center.

For those who meet the Early Bird deadline, they can register for \$20 per person at runsignup.com/winterwander and will be guaranteed a T-shirt.

On-site and late registration is \$30 per person and there is no guarantee of a T-shirt in your size.

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Lady Eagles FROM PAGE 2B

third quarter, outscoring Salado 19-12 to take a 45-42 lead and held on to win 62-51 in the Coach Smith Tournament.

Kaia Philen led Salado with 11 points. Also scoring were Amanda Cantu, 9 points, Abby Rembert, 8 points, Lorena Perez, 6 points, Lexie Lima, 5 points, Corban Mescher, 4 points, Reese Preston and Nicole Pettigrew, 3 points

each and Maddy Wade, 2 points.

Salado 58
Holland 30

Prior to the Coach Smith Tournament, the Salado Lady Eagles beat the Holland Lady Hornets 58-30 on Nov. 27.

The Lady Eagles held Holland to just 4 points in the first quarter and 6 points in the second to take a 26-10 halftime lead. Sal-

ado added 20 points in the third and 12 in the fourth for the win.

Kaia Philen led Salado with 20 points. Nicole Pettigrew followed with 10 points. Also scoring for Salado were Abbie Rembert, 8 points, Lexie Lima and Reese Preston, 3 points each, and Amanda Cantu, Priscilla Torczynski and Corban Mescher, 2 points each.

Salado JV 67
Holland JV 17

Salado Lady Eagles JV Red destroyed Holland 67-17 on Nov. 27.

Law led the girls with 20 points. Janish Del Rio and Jorja Washington followed with 11 points each.

Also scoring were Kenslee Konarik, 9 points, Darci Pryor, 7, Bourland, 5 points, Charity Pryor and Rylee Corn, 2 points each.

Battle of bats, stitches

Returning Salado High varsity baseball and softball players will compete in the Battle of the Stitches at 5 p.m. Dec. 13 at the softball field.

The players will compete for bragging rights in the head-to-head softball game.

Following that, the baseball and softball players will combine into two co-ed softball teams for the Battle of the Bats. The Battle of the Bats is open to all former and hopeful high school baseball and softball players.

Programs will collect donations and sell bbq sandwiches and other concessions while they last at the event.

The Home Run Derby, slated to start at 6:45 p.m., is open to all ages (players, parents, siblings, little league players or anyone who wants to swing for the fence. You can swing at 10 balls for \$15. Purchase as many as you want.

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Mrs. Wilson

Dear Santa,
 Hay Santa I'm going to give you lots of coos and malk. Santa I love Christmas as much as you Santa. I love CHristmas because baking. I love going to ice show. It is fun to decorate. I want a desk. Merry Christmas Santa
 Olivia

Dear Santa,
 Im so excited for Christmas. I will make you some treats and give you a nice cold drink. Hope you have a great time delivering presents. I was wondiring if you could bring me some big bottle of Elmers glue and some things for my dog's? Can I get some puzzle. I will leave carrots for your reindeer.
 Sincerely by Emma

Dear Santa,
 How are you doing in the north pole? So I was wondering if you could get me a LoL surprise toy and some numnum nail polish set. And I also want a toy kitchen set, mechanical pencils and I really have tons of fun enjoying Christmas very much and I want 3 American dolls. thank you very much
 Love and cared by Angelica

Dear Santa,
 I'm excited for Christmas. My mom said you were coming early but my dad said you were coming late. I desided I would just stay up. Can you please get me a bracelet maker, Jordans, Salado jacket, now colors, new bed sheats and new room decorations I didn't forget about the treats. Merry christmas
 Natalie

Dear Santa,
 I'm excited for CHristmas. I going to put a lot's of cookies and milk I'll put carrots that lead to my house so your reindeer's can eat the carrots. I'll like to have a elecrrik motorcycle/Nintendo Swich and Xbox games.
 Love, William

Dear Santa
 How are you this year and is your best tracks of chard last year and how 100% bevieve in you how and please get me these thigs I relly would apecat that hiers my Crismas List -> One little TV please and one iPhone and iPad please and one Xbox please and last thige one kitten please thank you for comeing ever year hope you have a good year
 Love Talon

Dear Santa,
 I am going to get you cookies and milk, or if you have been loving your mexacan cakes I can get you that to. It would be relly nice for you to bring me a bike, zipline, computer or a fitbite. I would relly want a computer or a bike. But mostly a computer. Thank you for delivering us relly cool presents and make sure to find carrots on the grass and watch our for are chrismas lights. merry christmas. p.s. tell are elf to bring us candy canes.
 love, Zack

Dear Santa,
 I am so excited for Christmns!! I will put extra milk and cookes out. To keep rodofs house gloen brit red I will put sum carrots out. I love Christmns!!
 Love Cody.

Dear Santa,
 how are you this Christmas. Can you send me a shelf Elf Iv'e wanted one since I was 6 years old. And I'd like a soccer ball please I also want a real madrid shirt with Cristiano Ronaldo's name on the back of it. And I think that might be it but just one quick question What do you like more cat's or dog's? I like cats and I'll leave cookied and milk for you and carrots for the reindeer. and merry Christmas
 from Adrian.

Dear Santa,
 I have been thanking and I'm going to ask my dad if I can leave out carrots. Also I know it makes you sad sometimes when people say that you are not real. but don't be sad because I believe in you. Also there is just one thang I want a kitten!
 love Brinley

Dear Santa,
 have a merry Christmas and I want a phone and I want you to have a merry Christmas. and I want you to help my mom and my dad and I want a toy and dino toys I know I am 9 years old but I still play with toys and I want a gini pig.
 Love Felipe

Dear Santa,
 How are you going? I am doing good. This Christmas I plan on leaving you some cookies and milk and also something for your reindeer. All I want for Christmas really is three guinna pigs one named Toffee the other named Waffle and last but not least is cookie. Merry Cristmas
 Love, Ali

Dear Santa,
 how is your year going are you redey for Chrismas. Well I am and for Chrismas I want a new eltric scooter. and hoverboard, and a dron, and a iPod, and a screen pecteter for the iPod. pleas if i am good will you get me them how about this it leav you ten cookis and milk wil you do it???? Merry Chrismas.
 Love Weston

Dear Santa,
 Hellow! How are you doing? And am I on the nice list? Well anyways, how are your reindeer? Sorry, I have a LOT of quistions. OK. Sorry. Merry Cristmas! Well here is what I want for Cristmas. Number 1, Pokémon cards A LOT of Pokémon cards. Number 2, Survival guide books. Numer 3, Knot books. number 4, Maps of Texas, Number 5. Camo bags, Example: Camo Backpack. I would like a Under Armor backpack please. Number 6 Bebe gun. OK last one. Ropes, and you know, stuff like that. Do you like cookies and milk? Well I can't think of anything elso to write, good bye!
 Love, Annalee

Dear Santa,
 Hoq are you this CHristmas? I was wondering if you can give me a hoverbord. I will give you some cookies with milk and I swear ill be good at home and if I don't be good I will get cole and will get only one present but plesea give me an hoverbord. Merry Christmas
 Catalina

Dear Santa,
 I hope your reindeer enjoy the carrots I leave out for your reindeer and the treats and milk for you. Dont forget to put ectra treats, toys, and chewys also a new bed for my dog. Leave me a note and tell your elves hank you! also I want you to tell me how you get through the chimney. Merry Christmas
 Kathryn

Dear Santa,
 Hi how aer you doing today?I want for Christmas a drone and a Nerfgun and a hover board and a Nintendo And a Xbox One. And a new gocart. And a TV. And a remote control truck. Merry Christmas.
 Love, Ulises

Dear Santa,
 I am so excited for CHristmas. I will leavyou choceolt cookies for you, I love CHristmas I will leav your reindeer some carrots. What i want for Christmas is 3 nerf guns and a coupl video gamse.
 Sincerely, Noah

Dear Santa,
 I hope that you get lot's of cookies and mulk uring christmas. I hope rhat I get a hover board and maybe a Nintendo Switch with the new pokemon game! I'll make sure that I give you lost of extra cookies and milk and carrots for your reindeer. My family also makes a special reindeer food. Merry CHristmas. PS this was mailed a week before thanksgiving.
 Sam

Dear Santa,
 What I would like for Christmas is a magic 8 ball. A LOL surprise mega dolly. A beanie boo owl, A new doll, And a new pair of sparkly shoes.
 From, Zoe H.

Mrs. Ramsey

Dear Santa
 how are you doing? this is my feset year time and I mite get a huver bord a for my big gift that mom asked me and I said a boring bag that hades from the roof! so I would not want you to get it beacuse she is getting it and I want pop socked for my pghh a cat i do not care wat kind, pigs, and a nerf gun and something eles I dont care see you later
 Coupers

Dear Santa Claus,
 How are you doing? Are you and the elves getting everything ready for Christmas yet? I'll bet you all have a ton of jobs to get done. This year I would really love and Xbox 1 X and a lot of baseball and football it really doesn't matter And I would like a go cart thanks alot
 sincerely, from Owen

Dear Santa
 How are you doing? Please please please can you please get me a lot of fortnight gift cards so I can get v-bucks. I would also like some games for my Xbox like NBA 2k19, WWE 2k19, Madden 19 and Call of duty black Ops 4 and red dead redimtion. please get me it please can you get me a watch. love you santa you are the best. No coal.
 love: Teyshaun

Dear Santa
 this is my letter to you for crismis I woud eily like this thans a holl hook of Nref guns and Nrfe bolids.
 love Liam

Dear Santa,
 how are you doing? Are you getting all of the presents ready for chChristmas? For CHristmas I want a dune buggy, Traxxes Remote control car, and a remote control ball. HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS!
 Cash

Dear Santa,
 are you good I hope you feel fin. Your elves are going to be bese. I want a new Lego set a Star Wars.
 love, Walker

Dear Santa,
 How are you going? Are you and your frans getting every thing ready for crismas. I bet you have lot's of job's to get done. this year I want a lot f LoL Doll's and pickne oP, and you can chuse the rest. and all make shure to feed your raindeer.
 Love, Zoey

Dear Santa Claus,
 How is it going? I love CHristmas because you give the best presents. It must be hard to make presents for all the kids and dilliver the presents, For CHristmas I want a surprise. I don't care what you bring me. I'll just be happy.
 Sincerly, Jaiton

Dear Santa Claus,
 how is Prance and Mrs. Claus? but I'm going to tell you what I want is a Iron man two energy plate box with arc reactor!! and a Ironman glove. and 10,000 magnet balls! thank you. p.s. Have a merry Chrismas. p.s.s. your the best!
 love Griffin

Dear Santa,
 How are you and Mrs Claus? This year I think I was really good! For chrismas I would like a american girl soll! And a new watch! And I really want is a book about Harry Potter and it has a wand that can light up!!! I really hope you can make me all these things! I will make you really yummy cookies this year!!!
 Love, Katie

Dear Santa Claus,
 You are really nice and your elfs like Ean. All I really ant is nothing you can get me inthing. Exsept for a big hamhmal please santa. I hope Eans reindear dose not get sick again. Please send this back if you are good!
 Love, Stella

Dear Sana Clause,
 Tell me how sofia is doing that's my elf. Tell her to bring me a note on how she is doing. WHAT I want for christmas is a hover board pleas i really want it and I realy whant 100 lol dolls pleas. LoL manchine pleas and mojmoj claw mechine please. That's my top 5 thing's. I hope you get to see many kids for crhismas I love you Santa even if kids don't beive in you I do I hope you have a very speacial crhismas. ps I realy want 50 pet's pleas
 Hayden

Dear Santa
 how are I let you are good. So this year I was hoping for an Xbox 1 pleasssssssssssssss sssssssssssssssssssss!!!!!! THANK YOU!
 Love, Adam

Dear Santa,
 How are you and Mrs. CLaus doing? Thank you for the gifts every year! ANYways here is what I want: LOL mantion 100 LOL's: 50 mystery big sisters and 30 mystery LiL sisters and 20 mystery pets please. Tell Roudolph I said hi!
 Love, Sage

Dear Santa
 Hi Santa! I just came here to say Hi telling you what I need for crismes. I need a bucket of animals, I need a BIG monster truck with a ramotcaerol, I need a BIG lego box! Oh! And one last thing I need a iPhn.
 Love, Dylan

Dear Santa
 I am Ryley and I have a sister named Sydney my eld is named Candy and I hope she says we have been good. I am probably going to stay up and syour raindeer. and can you make it snow this year? I hope you are having a jolly day mary chrismas ho,ho,ho
 Love, Ryley

Dear Santa,
 how are you? I'm feeling great! I'm exited for Chirmsas! I hope you bring me a terrific presents. I want a new american girl doll. I wnat tenny. I think your elfs work harder than anyone!
 Love, Brylynn

Dear Santa
 I hope you can make little kids get what they wont. Speing of that I wold like 100 puppy and thay haft to real. Do not test me.
 Love, Katlym

Dear Sant
 How sre you doing dio you now chrisma was my favert holda ti si so fun i love you sanat you aere tthe best you are so cool
 Luke



Salado Village Guide

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Investor David Hays and general manager Terry Rawlins cut the ribbon at Stagecoach Inn to mark the second major phase of the renovations of the property. The second phase was the redesign of more than 40 of the rooms and renovation to the new registration office and landscaping of the property. The next phases will include renovations of more rooms as well as the meeting spaces on the grounds. (PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)

Stroll Parade



The Beachers returned in good form. (PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)

Salado Christmas Stroll

Friday, December 7

By Reservation	Blow Your Own Ornament at Salado Glassworks
all day	Food Trucks at Barrow Brewing Co.: Longbow Roasters, Finadene Food Truck and Happy Pizza Company
all day	Carriage Rides at Salado First Baptist Church
all day	Letters to Santa Claus at The Shoppes on Main (22 N. Main St.)
all day	Wash & Willow: Free Charm with \$10 Purchase, Serving Apple Cider and Sweet Treats
10 a.m. - 9 p.m.	Serendipity: Sampling Teas and Foods with Free Takeaway Tea
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.	FSG Fine Jewelry: Holly Williamson showing and selling jewelry of Pader, Uganda
10:30 a.m.- 2:30 p.m.	Stamp Salado Coloring with Karen come and go adult coloring event
1 - 2 p.m.	Salado Public Library Adult Coloring session
Afternoon/Eve.	21 Main: Live Pianist
4 - 9 p.m.	Barrow Brewing Christmas Market
4:30 - 10 p.m.	80 S. Main Street: 3C Cowboy Church - Authentic Chuck Wagon Serving Hot Beverages and Sweets
5 - 6:30 p.m.	Santa Claus at the Corner of Main and Pace Park
5 :30 p.m.	Strolling Christmas Music from Temple ISD Orchestra
5:30 p.m.	Strolling Carolers from Killeen High School Choir
6-8 p.m.	Strolling Carolers from Ellison High School Chamber Singers and Vocalese
6 - 8 p.m.	First Baptist Church of Salado Live Nativity
7 p.m.	Barrow Brewing Co: Music from Blessed Union of Blues
7 p.m.	A Christmas Carol at Tablerock Amphitheater
7:30 - 9 p.m.	Santa Claus at the Corner of Main and Pace Park

Saturday, December 8

Reservation	Blow Your Own Ornament at Salado Glassworks
all day	Food Trucks at Barrow Brewing Co. - Hecho en Queso
all day	Carriage Rides at Salado First Baptist Church
all day	Letters to Santa Claus at The Shoppes on Main (22 N. Main St.)
all day	Wash & Willow: Free Charm with \$10 Purchase, Serving Apple Cider and Sweet Treats
9 a.m.- 5 p.m.	Salado Market Days in the parking lot of Salado Antique Mall
9:30 a.m.- 5 p.m.	Salado Artist Market featuring handmade items by Salado Artists at Salado Village Art Center
10 a.m. - 9 p.m.	Serendipity: Sampling Teas and Foods with Free Takeaway Tea
10:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.	Stamp Salado: Cookie Cutter Vintage Ornament, Simple Elegance Class (preregistration required)
11 a.m. - 3 p.m.	The Mustard Seed: Hand-Painted Ornaments by Dee Levens
11 a.m. - 10 p.m.	80 S. Main Street: 3C Cowboy Church - Authentic Chuck Wagon Serving Hot Beverages and Sweets
Noon - 9 p.m.	Barrow Brewing Co. Christmas Market
Noon	Barrow Brewing Co: Music from Evelyn Billington
Afternoon/Eve.	21 Main: Live Pianist
1 p.m.	Salado Public Library Gingerbread themed Storytime followed by Storytime Yoga at 1:45 p.m.
1:30 - 3:30 p.m.	Stamp Salado: Cookie Cutter Vintage Ornament, Simple Elegance Class (preregistration required)
2 p.m.	Barrow Brewing Co. - Dance Troupe Performance
Early Evening	Strolling Carolers from Belton High School Madrigal
Early Evening	Strolling Carolers from Belton High School Harmony Show Choir
4:45 p.m.	La Posada and Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe assembles at Salado Museum
5:30 - 6:30	Santa Claus at the Corner of Main and Pace Park
6 - 8 p.m.	First Baptist Church of Salado Live Nativity
6 p.m.	Strolling Carolers from Round Rock Choir
6:30 p.m.	Salado Square: Music from Redemption Brass Quintet
6:30 - 8:30	The Shoppes on Main - music from Wayworn Traveler
7 p.m.	Barrow Brewing Co. - music from Color Me Brass
7 p.m.	A Christmas Carol at Tablerock Amphitheater
7:30 - 9 p.m.	Santa Claus at the Corner of Main and Pace Park

Sunday, December 9

by reservation	Blow Your Own Ornament at Salado Glassworks
all day	Food Trucks at Barrow Brewing Co. - Longbow Roasters and Happy Pizza Company
all day	Letters to Santa Claus at The Shoppes on Main (22 N. Main)
9 a.m.- 5 p.m.	Salado Market Days in the parking lot of Salado Antique Mall
10 a.m.	Salado United Methodist Church Christmas Cantata, Behold, A Savior! Songs and Stories of His Birth performed by the SUMC Chancel Choir and Live Chamber Orchestra
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Salado Artist Market featuring handmade items by Salado Artists at Salado Village Art Center
11 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Serendipity: Sampling Teas and Foods with Free Takeaway Tea
1:30 p.m.	Barrow Brewing Co. - Music from Denny Cullinan



June Ritterbusch and son Dino were in good spirits on the float for Salado Winery Co. (PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)



Don't be a Grinch. Get therapy! (PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)



High-kickers from the Central Texas Honor Dance Team. (PHOTO BY CHRISTOPHER WINSTON)



Buddy the Elf made his appearance at the Parade. (PHOTO BY CHRISTOPHER WINSTON)



The parade had more than 60 entries this year. (PHOTO BY CHRISTOPHER WINSTON)

Village of Salado Calendar of Events

WEEKENDS IN DECEMBER

Blow Your Own Ornament at Salado Glassworks, by appointment through Dec. 22 saladoglassworks.com

DECEMBER 6

Hour of Code, 3 - 6 p.m. at Salado Public Library. Kids, teens and 'twens drop in any time after school and do an Hour of Code. You will receive a certificate

DECEMBER 6

Daddy Daughter Craft, 6 - 7 p.m. at Salado Public Library. Registration required by Dec. 4 at 947-9191

DECEMBER 6

Chisholm Trail American Business Woman's Association meeting 6 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church of Salado.

DECEMBER 6

Village of Salado Board of Aldermen meeting 6:30 p.m. at Municipal Building

DECEMBER 6

Run 4 Beer Group, 6:30 p.m. at Barrow Brewing Co

DECEMBER 7 & 8

A Christmas Carol, 7 p.m. at Tablerock. info: tablerock.org

DECEMBER 7 - 9

Salado Christmas Stroll see events listing on page 1C

DECEMBER 7

Coloring with Karen, 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. come and go at Stamp Salado info: (254) 947-8848

DECEMBER 7

Adult Coloring, 1 - 2 p.m. at Salado Public Library. Materials provided or bring your own.

DECEMBER 7

Free Play, 3 - 5 p.m. at Salado Public Library

DECEMBER 7

Christmas Market, 4 - 9 p.m. at Barrow Brewing Co.

DECEMBER 8

Bikes & Brews, 7:30 a.m. at Barrow Brewing Co

DECEMBER 8 - 9

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



Register now for the Salado Band Winter Wander 5K to be held December 15. The course begins 9 a.m. at Salado Civic Center and travels through Mill Creek. Proceeds support the band programs of Salado ISD grades 6 - 12. Registration is online at runsignup.com/winterwander. Registration is \$209 until Dec. 7.

DECEMBER 8

Heart and Hands Ministries food and clothing pantry 9 - 11 a.m. at Salado Plaza Shopping Center. Donation/volunteer info: 947-5465

DECEMBER 8

Asanas and Ales, 10 - 11 a.m. at Barrow Brewing Company

DECEMBER 8

Read with Murphy, 10:30 a.m. at Salado Public Library. info: (254) 947-9191

DECEMBER 8

Storytime: Gingerbread, 1 - 1:30 p.m. followed by Storytime Yoga, 1:45 p.m. at Salado Public Library

DECEMBER 8

Classes at Stamp Salado, Cookie Cutter Vintage Ornament, Simple Elegance 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. or 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. info: (254) 947-8848

DECEMBER 8

TeenScene: Ugly Sweater Decorating Session, 3 p.m. at Salado Public Library. info: (254) 947-9191 Bring a sweater or shirt, we supply the decorations.

DECEMBER 8

Christmas Market, noon-9 p.m. at Barrow Brewing Co.

DECEMBER 9

Christmas Cantata, 10 a.m. at Salado United Methodist Church. Behold, A Savior! Songs and Stories of His Birth performed by the SUMC Chancel Choir and Live Chamber Orchestra

DECEMBER 10

Storytime: Snowmen, 11 - 11:30 a.m. at Salado Public Library

DECEMBER 10

Bikes & Brews, 7 p.m. at Barrow Brewing Co

DECEMBER 10

Salado High School Choir Concert, 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Salado

DECEMBER 10

Salado Chapter of Songsmith, 7-9 p.m. at Salado Public Library. Aspiring songwriters meet monthly for discussion and to share works in progress. info: suheflin@gmail.com

DECEMBER 11

Salado Chamber of Commerce Friendship and Coffee networking opportunity, 8 - 9 a.m. at the Visitor Center. RSVP online

DECEMBER 11

Salado Ladies Auxiliary meeting 9:30 a.m. Social and 10 a.m. Meeting at Salado Church of Christ Activity Center

DECEMBER 11

Sit and Knit 10 a.m. - noon at Salado Public Library. info: (254) 947-9191

DECEMBER 11

Salado Rotary Club 11:30 a.m. at Johnny's Steaks and Barbecue

DECEMBER 11

Salado Community Chorus practice 6 p.m. Salado Civic Center info: saladochorus.com

DECEMBER 11

Texas Moon Domino Tournament, 6 - 9 p.m. at Barrow Brewing. info: TexasMoonDominoes.com

DECEMBER 12

Salado Lions Club 11:30 a.m. Salado Civic Center

DECEMBER 12

ESL Classes, 6 p.m. at the Creekside Cottage of Salado First Baptist Church. Free childcare up to 6th grade

DECEMBER 12

En camino al mundo an Adult Spanish Conversation Group, 7 - 8 p.m. at Salado Public Library. Improve your Spanish conversational skills. All levels welcome info: (254) 947-9191

DECEMBER 13

Salado Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 9:30 a.m. at the Salado Church of Christ Activity Center

DECEMBER 13

KidZone: Lego Club, 4 p.m. at Salado Public Library. Ages 5-12 explore creativity with LEGOs

DECEMBER 13

Salado Eagle Softball and Baseball FUNdraiser, 5 p.m. at Salado Softball Field. Battle of the Stitches features a head to head competition of returning Varsity Baseball and Softball players. Battle of the Bats welcomes all former and hopeful high school players competing in two co-ed softball teams. An all ages Home Run Derby will follow at 6:45 p.m.

DECEMBER 13

Around the World dinner series - France, 6:30 - 9 by reservation at Alexander's Distillery. info: (254) 947.3828

DECEMBER 13

Run 4 Beer Group, 6:30 p.m. at Barrow Brewing Co

DECEMBER 13

Salado Community

Chorus, 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Salado

DECEMBER 14

Christmas Sock Party, 11 a.m. at Salado Public Library. Bring a pair of new Christmas socks filled with little goodies for someone to enjoy at the exchange party. If you are able, bring another stuffed sock set to donate to someone in need. adults only

DECEMBER 14

Free Play, 3 - 5 p.m. at Salado Public Library

DECEMBER 15

Bikes & Brews, 7:30 a.m. at Barrow Brewing Co

DECEMBER 15

Salado Band Winter Wander 5K, 9 a.m. at Salado Civic Center. Supports SISD Band grades 6-12. Register: runsignup.com/winterwander

DECEMBER 15

NaNoWriMo Writing Session, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. at Salado Public Library. Ages 12 - adult celebrate National Novel Writing Month

DECEMBER 15

Classes at Stamp Salado, Quilling Class with Karen, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. or Class with Jenice, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. info: (254) 947-8848

DECEMBER 15

Storytime: Snowmen at Christmas, 1 - 1:30 p.m. followed by Storytime Yoga, 1:45 p.m. at Salado Public Library

DECEMBER 15

Minute to Win It (Christmas Style), 3 p.m. at Salado Public Library. Preregistration by Dec. 11 at (254) 947-9191. Ages 11 and up

DECEMBER 15

Bell County Star Party 6 - 9 p.m. at Overlook Park on Stillhouse Hollow Lake 3740 FM1670. Registration recommended at centexastronomy.org

DECEMBER 17 - 23

Christmas Survival Kits available for check-out at Salado Public Library. Kits contain a movie, craft, books, game and recipes for leftovers and snacks

DECEMBER 17

Storytime: Reindeer, 11 - 11:30 a.m. at Salado Public Library

DECEMBER 17

Salado United Methodist Women 5:45 p.m. at Salado United Methodist Church Room 117

DECEMBER 17

Bikes 4 Kids Holiday Gala, 6 p.m. at the Sam Houston Room of Stagecoach Inn. info or tickets: (254) 947-3969

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Smith Family of Salado

Tragic loss in their first year here

By CAROL WILSON
HISTORIAN

PART III BEGINS WITH THE ARRIVAL IN SALADO OF THE SMITH FAMILY.

By the fall of 1863, the young Smith family was settled in Salado. At that time, Julia and James were parents to three sons, William Archibald, called Archie; James Lowry Jr., called Jimmie; and baby Eugene. James was busy working at Salado College while also establishing a farm that would subsidize his salary. It would be two years before he purchased property closer to the school. In the meantime, he likely rented a house and a tract of land suitable for farming.¹

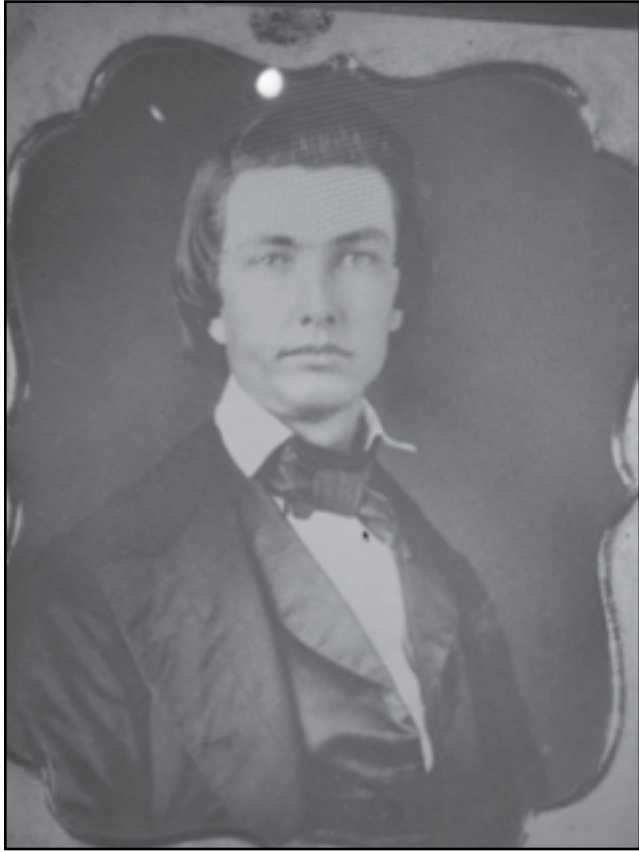
The Smith family's first full year in Salado was marred by tragedy when, in July of 1864, baby Eugene died. He was the first family member to be buried in Salado Cemetery.

Despite the loss of a child and demands of a farm, it appears that James Smith carried out his duties at Salado College in an exemplary fashion. An open letter from Salado, written by an unnamed patron of the school, appeared in an area newspaper in late 1864. The writer was an advocate for good education and somewhat fearful that the institution might suffer during wartime, however he was pleased with Salado College and Smith's leadership. He wrote, "Our victories and independence will be dearly bought if achieved at the expense of the education of the masses." The patron praised Smith's talent and experience, adding, "I never knew so few complaints and such general and complete satisfaction in more than 20 years acquaintance with schools and colleges...the facts and truths of the Bible are taught but no religious party is favored."²

Over the ensuing decade, Smith held dominion over the college, always under the watchful eye of the board of trustees. The first challenge he faced as administrator was surviving the war years, something many schools were unable to do. Smith managed to keep enrollment relatively high during the war, but the revenue from tuition was never enough to cover costs, a problem that seldom eased. Smith could do little to alleviate that deficit, but he worked around it successfully.

During its formative years—abruptly interrupted by the war—Salado College had not had the opportunity to live up to its lofty name. To meet the needs of the community, the school had catered to all ages, spreading its resources thin. Although the founders set and obtained high standards for the school, the upper-level studies were not at college level until James Smith raised them. Smith, at the behest of the board, drew up a plan for a more advanced curriculum, obtained trustee approval, and then implemented that ambitious plan.

James Smith also raised the level of refinement at the school by introducing and encouraging more sophisticated extra-curricular activities. In 1866 he established an academic club known as the Euphradian Society meant to enhance the debating and public speaking skills of his young male students. The same year three female members of his teaching staff formed



Despite the loss of a child, James Lowry Smith carried out his duties at Salado College in an exemplary fashion. (PHOTO COURTESY OF BEN ANDREWS AND CHRISTINE SMITH)



William Archibald (Archie) and James Lowry Jr. (Jimmie). (PHOTO COURTESY OF BEN ANDREWS AND CHRISTINE SMITH)

a literary club for young ladies. Club members even established a circulating library.

Conditions were never static at Salado College, at least not behind the scenes. In 1868, some of the school's decision makers considered a plan that would turn the institution over to the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. After much debate, trustees chose to keep the school and tackle some of the issues they faced, like overcrowding. They met that objective by completing an impressive two-story addition to the building on the west side but the process was slow and worrisome due a lack of funds.

During those years, the Smith family continued to grow. In 1865 Julia gave birth to Robert Edward Lee and in 1868, to her fifth son, Forrest Bedford. Finally, in 1870, the Smith's welcomed their first daughter, Roxalee, sometimes called Rosa Lou.³ Second daughter Harriett "Hattie" was born in 1873.

If there were any rumblings in 1873 or prior, that patrons or trustees were again unhappy with their school's principal, that fact is not a part of the record. Whatever the circumstance, in early January of 1874, James Lowry Smith was swiftly and discretely replaced as principal of Salado College. In his book, Salado Texas, Frontier College Town, Charles Turnbo wrote, "It's not clear why there was a change in principal at this time." Nancy Kelsey, with access to E.S.C. Robertson's letters, found a note related to Smith's dismissal in which Robertson described the school's affairs as "in a tangle beyond question."⁴

Robertson, who unquestionably had the most influence in matters involving the school, did not elaborate,

but based on his future actions he bestowed little or no blame on the ousted principal. Smith was not fired from teaching, and remained on the faculty while he looked for another job. When Smith later sent out resumes, Robertson gave him an unqualified recommendation. And more compelling evidence that Smith was not censured for the college's entanglements came in later years. When the school found itself in need of an interim principal, James Smith was given the job.

Whatever the reason for Smith's dismissal, the incident proved ill fated for the Smith family and perhaps for the school as well. Looking back at the James Lowry Smith family's years in Salado, this incident stands out as a serious and unfortunate turning point. Salado College also had trouble regaining its footing. The new principal, Samuel Sanders, stayed only two years before retiring; his replacement lasted four years.

In 1875 a daughter named Julia was welcomed to the Smith family. She was Julia's eighth child but not her last. The following year, a school in Georgetown offered James a job as the head of the school. He accepted the position but soon found that the separation from home and the traveling were great burdens. When a job offer came from Belton in December of the same year, Smith accepted the chance to be thirteen miles closer to home. Still, he was forced to leave home early each Monday and spend the workweek at Belton Collegiate Institute, a serious strain. Often one of his older sons would make the trip with him and return home, this done presumably because the elder Smith's health was not good. All of the farm work fell to the older sons and Julia took on

as many additional responsibilities as she could to make the situation tenable.

Many small details about the life of this family were captured by then teenaged Jimmie Smith who was journaling his life in 1878. The diary offers a unique look at life in early Salado through the eyes of the young man who lived it. The journal is brimming with references to plowing, planting, picking cotton, chopping wood, building fence, and taking care of other chores, most performed alongside his brother Archie. Jimmie and Archie still found time to socialize, attending picnics, church services, camp meetings, parties held in private homes, and the Bell County Fair. The boys were academically competitive and popular, and both played in the Salado Cornet band.⁵

NOTES:

1. JAMES SMITH PURCHASED ALL EIGHT TRACTS OF BLOCK 12 ACCORDING TO DEED RECORDS. HE PAID \$500 FOR TRACT 1 IN BLOCK 12 BUT ONLY \$100 FOR THE OTHER SEVEN TRACTS COMBINED. THIS SUGGESTS THAT A HOUSE MAY HAVE BEEN LOCATED ON TRACT ONE. I BELIEVE THAT THE HOUSE WAS LOCATED ON PROPERTY THAT SITS ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE SHED, SOMEWHERE BETWEEN COLLEGE STREET AND ROYAL. SMITH ALSO OWNED TRACTS IN BLOCKS 11 AND 14. IT IS UNCLEAR WHERE THE FARM WAS LOCATED.
2. THE WEEKLY STATE GAZETTE (AUSTIN) VOL. 15, No. 51, AUGUST 3, 1864.
3. ROSA LOU IS NOT A NAME FAMILIAR TO SMITH FAMILY DESCENDANTS. THE NAME APPEARS IN A FEW INSTANCES IN MATERIAL RELATED TO ROXALEE WHEN SHE WAS YOUNG BUT IT APPEARS IT WAS ABANDONED WHEN SHE BECAME AN ADULT.
4. MICHAEL W. KELSEY, NANCY GRAFF KELSEY, GINNY GUINN PARSONS, EMPRESARIO'S SON: E. S. C. ROBERTSON OF SALADO, 208.
5. BILL McCARRON, CIVILIZING THE TEXAS FRONTIER. THIS BOOK HAS AN ENTIRE CHAPTER ON JIMMIE SMITH'S EARLY LIFE IN SALADO INCLUDING MUCH INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM SMITH'S JOURNAL.

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Map Legend

- S Shopping**
- A Art and Galleries**
- L Lodging**
- D Dining and Drinks**
- V Venues & Sights**
- \$ Services**
- C Churches and Education**

Business Name Type

- 4 St. Stephen Catholic Church C
- 6 Salado College Park V
- 7 Raney & Associates \$
- 8 Stagecoach Inn D
- 9 Salado Museum V
- Salado Visitors Center \$
- Salado Chamber of Commerce \$
- Village of Salado Tourism Office \$
- 10 Sofi's S
- 14 Salado Glassworks A
- 17 Barrow Brewing Company D
- 20 Springhouse Emporium S
- 21 The Venue V
- 22 The Shed D
- 24 Tablerock V
- 26 Salado United Methodist Church C
- 29 Alexander's Distillery D
- 29 Inn on the Creek L
- 30 First Baptist Church C
- 32 First Texas Brokerage \$
- 33 BankCorp South \$
- 34 First Community Title \$
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The Cotton Rat is a prolific breed, active year round

Every animal in the natural world has a specific niche to fill. Sometimes this niche is to eat other animals, and sometimes it is to be eaten. That is the way of the natural world. When one of these groups suffer, there can be severe consequences. If there are no predators, animals that are potential prey can run rampant, and one such case is the Cotton Rat.

The Hispid Cotton Rat (*Sigmodon hispidus*) is a moderately-sized rodent that occurs over much of South America, Mexico, and the southern United States. In Texas, it most likely can be found in just about every county. Given the broad distribution that it has in this state, Cotton Rats occur in a variety of habitats ranging from the



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dense woodlands of east Texas, the barren terrains of west Texas, the thorn-scrub of south Texas, as well as the farmlands and prairies of the Panhandle. It prefers areas such as those near abandoned buildings where dense vegetation can provide cover for its network of runways and trails to and from its feeding grounds and nests.

This rodent is moderately sized, and rather rotund. Adults can achieve lengths of up to eleven inches and weigh as much as a pre-cooked quarter-pounder with cheese. The dark brown hair on the up-

per-side is coarse and grizzled in appearance, with the longer, stiff guard hairs generally black. The whiskers are typically grayish in coloration, the ears are comparatively small, and the endearing brown eyes are relatively large. The tail is shorter than the combined body and head length, and is scaly in appearance with hair scarcely scattered about. The underside is usually muddy white.

Cotton Rats are primarily nocturnal, but will be active during the daylight hours when weather permits. It is active year-round, although during the winter months it limits its activities to warmer days. It does not store food for consumption during the winter as many other mammals do, rather it lives on the fat reserves it stores in its own body throughout the remaining three seasons. It mostly feeds on a variety of seeds and grasses, although it will occasionally prey upon small invertebrate animals such as insects. Rarely, this rat will feed on the eggs of ground-nesting birds, although it apparently will not feed on nestling birds once they have hatched.



The Cotton Rat

Cotton Rats are similar to other mammals in the aspect that they give live birth to young, and like most other rodents of this state, the breeding habits are highly dependant upon levels of rainfall and temperatures. They are extremely prolific, with several litters of young produced annually, even in times of drought. In the Panhandle, breeding does not occur during the brutal winters, but populations in the southern portions of

the state will breed year-round. Females have been known to have given birth to a whooping nine litters of young in one calendar year.

Litters typically consist of up to ten young (average is only half that amount) that are born about one month after the adults breed. At birth, the young are blind, hairless, and pink in appearance. Development is rapid, with the eyes open after about a day and a half, and the young rats are

weaned and able to live on their own as soon as a week after being born. They are able to reproduce in as little as one month, and by six months, the juveniles cannot be distinguished from the adults.

There is not enough space in this column to expound on the numbers, but it is estimated that one adult female of this rodent can be a great-great-great grandmother at one year of age and be the ancestor of over fifteen thousand (yes, 15,000) cotton rats. This population explosion number is, of course, the upper echelon of potential, but the numbers are staggering nonetheless.

Thankfully this rodent is preyed upon by a multitude of other animals, including birds of prey such as owls and hawks, canines such as foxes and coyotes, felines such as bobcats, and snakes such as rat snakes, bull-snakes, and rattlesnakes. The potential population explosion of this rodent is exhibit A as to why there is an urgent need to educate people about the needlessness of wanton killing of predators in the natural world. Without these predators, we could find ourselves knee-deep in Cotton Rats.

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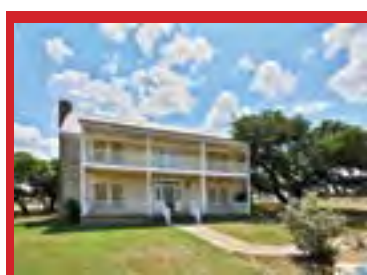
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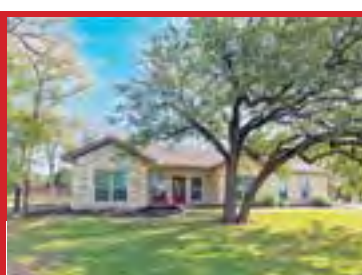


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Village of Salado Police Report

FOR THE WEEK OF 11-26-18 THROUGH 12-02-18



- 11-26-18 Call of a fake \$10.00 bill being used in the 1000 block of West Village. The bill was seized, no arrests made.
- 11-27-18 Call of a disturbance in the 200 block of Mill Creek. The parties were separated and went to different locations.
- 11-28-18 Call to assist FD with a person who fell in the 800 block of Royal View.
- 11-29-18 Call of a medical call in the 800 block of N Main. The subject was taken to the hospital for observation.
- 11-30-18 Officer towed an abandoned vehicle on the Interstate at the 285.
- 11-30-18 Call of a verbal domestic disturbance in the 900 block of Mill Creek. The parties were separated and no arrests.
- 11-30-18 Call of a natural death in the 300 block of Mill Creek.
- 12-01-18 Call of possible illegal hunting in the field near the 800 block of Royal. The subjects were identified and the case was turned over to the Game Wardens.
- 12-01-18 Officer made a traffic stop on I-35. The driver was tested for possible intoxication and arrested for DWI.
- 12-02-18 Call of a suspicious person on Center Circle and Royal. Officer made contact with the subject he was staying at the Stagecoach Inn and was walking in the area.
- 12-02-18 Officer went to the rest stop south of town to assist Bell County on a subject walking in the roadway. The subject was located and taken to the hospital for observation.
- 12-02-18 Officer made a traffic stop on Stagecoach and Rose Lane. The driver had a warrant and was transported to Jail.

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR MANAGEMENT, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE SALADO WASTEWATER SYSTEM

Village of Salado

The VILLAGE OF SALADO, TEXAS ("Village") requests the submission of statements of qualifications for the provision of management, operation and maintenance services for the Salado Wastewater System. Interested responders may obtain a copy of the Request for Qualifications ("RFQ"), which specifies details regarding the response and selection process, at the Salado Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach, Salado, Texas, 76571, online at www.saladotx.gov or by contacting Village Administrator Don Ferguson by phone at 254.947.5060 or via email at dferguson@saladotx.gov. All proposals must be sealed and received by the Village at the Salado Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach / P.O. Box 219, Salado, Texas, 76571. on or before 2:00 p.m., Monday, January 7, 2019. Envelopes containing responses shall be properly addressed and marked "Request for Qualifications – Wastewater System Management, Operation and Maintenance Services". Any response received after this time and date will not be considered. Facsimile responses and electronically mailed responses will not be accepted. Responses will be opened and read aloud at 2:00 p.m., Monday, January 7, 2019, at the Salado Municipal Building.

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