

## 2019: year of the orange cone

By **TIM FLEISCHER**  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

If Saladoans never see another orange cone after 2020, it won't be too soon.

The year 2019 in Salado has been marked by the ubiquitous symbol of "Under Construction" with construction ongoing in several different areas.

### Salado Sewer system

The Salado sewer went on-line on April 2, but not without its issues, namely a lack of customers tying on to the sewer system. As of Nov. 30, 55 customers had filed building permits to connect to the sewer, less than 40% of the 130+ initial customers.

On Feb. 24, work began to extend the Salado sewer to the Salado ISD properties on Thomas Arnold and Salado School Roads and on Williams Rd., even though the properties had not yet been annexed into the Village. The properties were formally annexed into the Village in mid-year. They were connected to the sewer over the summer break as work began on the Salado Middle School.

Salado aldermen in February approved a proposed professional services agreement with Jacobs/CH2M-Hill for the management and operation of the Village of Salado Wastewater System that will cost an estimated \$161,000 per year.

Under the agreement, the firm will be responsible for the daily management, operation and maintenance of the new wastewater system.

In March, less than two weeks before the sewer service became available to a limited number of Salado properties, the Board of Aldermen adopted the following sewer rates: Residential rates of \$20 base and \$8 per 1,000 gal; Low Impact non-residential rates of \$40 base and \$11 per 1,000 gal. and High Impact non-residential rates of \$60 base and \$16 per 1,000 gal.

After taking up the issue of Impact Fees early in the year, aldermen relented on impact fees applying to existing properties in the service area by amending ordinance 2018-12 Impact Fee Ordinance and ordinance 2018-13.

The amendment to ordinance 2018-12 Impact Fee ordinance does two things:

1. It will not apply impact fees to properties with existing structures within the initial service area.

2. It will increase the impact fee per Living Unit Equivalent to \$5,125 from the \$3,750 rate adopted in Aug. 2018. The Impact Fee Study in 2018 recommended an Impact Fee of \$5,125 per LUE.

Ordinance 2018.13 was amended in the second reading as well. It changes the following:

1. Sets a criminal fine of up to \$100 per day and a civil penalty of \$50-110 per day. The limit of the fines is set at the total cost of impact fees based on usage by that property. For a property that

uses just one LUE, the limit of fines would be \$3,750. For a property that uses 10 LUEs, the fines could be as high as \$37,500.

2. Continues to allow the Village to connect a property which fails to connect and to collect reimbursement for the costs associated with connecting a property.

Aldermen also authorized village staff to issue full refunds to existing properties that have paid any or all of the imposed impact fees. The motion passed unanimously. Ferguson told aldermen that this totals about \$195,000.

Aldermen also set a deadline of Feb. 29, 2020 for the properties in the initial service area to connect to the Village sewer system. Cole gave the motion, which received a second from Preston-Dankert. It passed unanimously.

"What date after the 29th are we going to set? We've dangled the carrots, been nice and extended the deadline, gotten rid of impact fees," Alderman Michael Coggin said, "There are still a lot of people out there who have no intent of paying any attention to the deadline. Are we going to go to the mat with these guys and start assessing fines?"

Annexations, subdivisions, other growth in Salado

With the availability of sewer service, the Village anticipates considerable growth in the coming months. Thus far, the Village has annexed only one property (of 54 acres) that will be subdivided into residential lots of approximately 0.25. acres in three phases for about 171 new homes.

Meanwhile, the Village is still waiting for promise of Sanctuary growth to materialize. Told by the developer that the property will break ground in September (2019), the Village is still waiting. The Village did learn a few things about Sanctuary in 2019. First, that the commercial and mixed use parts of the development will not be developed first, as was expected during the negotiations that led to the annexation of Sanctuary property and the gift of six acres for a sewer treatment plant uphill from the majority of its customers. Instead, Sanctuary first applied for development of residential properties off of Royal. Aldermen viewed the first construction plat for the development in August. At that time they learned Sanctuary Phase I will be purely residential and will exit the property on Royal Street across from the Salado United Methodist Church. Phase I will have 15 lots of 0.08-0.1 acres in size, 157 lots of 0.1-0.2 acres in size and 20 lots over 0.2 acres in size. It will also have 20 acres of open space. Later in the year, aldermen learned that Phase I is being scaled back to 40 homes for a start.

In June, Salado Airport held an Open House to unveil plans for the 50-acre private airport with a 3,500 foot grass runway.

Salado Airport LLC purchased the property and is selling 75 hangar lots and hangars as Salado Airport Condominiums. Lots are 100-year land lease with a renewable 50 years. Phase 1 has 75 lots listed ranging in price from \$52,500 to \$119,920. Lot sizes vary with some being 55 feet by 71 feet.

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has issued a preliminary decision on a wastewater discharge permit by ML DEV, LP and Mr. Louis Tsakiris for a wastewater treatment facility with an average flow of 250,000 gallons per day. The facility will be located approximately 4,200 feet east of the intersection of Hackberry Road and Interstate Highway 35, in Bell County, Texas 76571. The discharge route will be from the plant site to a roadside ditch, thence to South Darrs Creek, thence to Darrs Creek, thence to Little River in Segment No. 1213 of the Brazos River Basin. TCEQ received this application on April 23, 2019. In its preliminary decision, TCEQ Commissioners stated: "A Tier 1 antidegradation review has preliminarily determined that existing water quality



For the third time in a decade, Salado Creek flowed over the Main Street bridge after Salado received about six inches of rain overnight of May 2-3. The bridge was shut down for most of the morning on May 3 until debris could be cleaned up from it. (PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)



It didn't take long. A driver heading south on Main St. May 20 drove up on the construction barricades that were placed along Main St. in May. There were no injuries reported from the accident, which was cleared within a short time after happening. The barricades now have bright orange warning cones in front of them to alert drivers of them. With construction on Main Street set for the next 12 months, drivers are reminded to be observant of changing driving situations and workers in the area. There will be nighttime lane closures as needed. (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)

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The bridge of Salado Creek for East Amity was closed from early March until the fall as the low water bridge was replaced. Knife River Corporation-South, of Bryan, undertook bridge replacement project at a cost of \$1.2 million. (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)

uses will not be impaired by this permit action. Numerical and narrative criteria to protect existing uses will be maintained. This review has preliminarily determined that no water bodies with exceptional, high, or intermediate aquatic life uses are present within the stream reach assessed; therefore, no Tier 2 degradation determination is required. No significant degradation of water quality is expected in water bodies with exceptional, high, or intermediate aquatic life uses downstream, and

existing uses will be maintained and protected." The comment period on the initial decision ended on Dec. 23. A permit may be issued in 2020.

TCEQ issued a wastewater discharge permit to Pampa Investment Group LP, for the discharge of treated wastewater at a volume not to exceed a daily average flow of 300,000 gallons per day. The domestic wastewater treatment facility is located 2,000 feet northwest of the intersection of FM 2484 and I-35. The discharge

route is from the plant site to an unnamed tributary; thence to Salado Creek. The permit was issued July 2. Some clearing of trees have been done in the area for the Salado Commercial Center.

Mill Creek Golf Course  
After pursuing rezoning of the Mill Creek Golf Course from Single Family Residential to Private Recreation in late 2018 and January 2019, the Village of Salado approved a Conditional Use Permit. SEE YEAR IN REVIEW, PAGE 4A

# FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas

## Santa Claus rallies markets before Christmas week

The Markets

A full-fledged Santa Claus rally was clearly underway on Friday as the S&P 500 Stock Index (SPX) popped up after an otherwise lack-luster performance in the first four days to close at 3221.22, up 1.65% for the week and yet another record high close. The SPX has risen 7.66% over just the trailing three months, about the average gain it has turned in per year in its long history. The cause seemed to be more a matter of a reduction in fear about bad things happening than any specific good news. The delightful news of the stock market rising at a booming rate should be tempered by the fact that earnings of the companies that make up the index were down 0.4% in the third quarter from a year ago and are estimated to drop another 0.1% in the fourth quarter.

The U.S. Treasury yield curve started looking absolutely positive for the week as the 10-year U.S. Treasury yield climbed 4.11% to end the week at 1.915% with little sign of last summer's inversion left in the readings. The 10-year yield remains 34% lower than at this time last year but at least is climbing. West Texas Intermediate crude oil joined in the party, rising 1.45% to close at \$60.35. Gold, reflecting the general surge of optimism with its contrarian nature, was essentially flat but is down almost 3% over the trailing three months.

The Economy

The markets may be on a tear, but the Index of Leading Economic Indicators (LEI) published by the Conference Board was flat this month after three months of consistent -0.2% readings. The six-month trailing LEI average is now -0.033. A negative six-month average for the LEI is not a guarantee of a recession but suggests the odds are at least

### Market & Economic Update

By Jeffrey W. McClure



even that we will see an economic contraction in the next year.

There was plenty of good news, or at least the removal of the threat of short-term bad news, to spur on the stock rally. The government was on schedule to shut down on December 20, but Congress passed a spending bill Thursday encompassing everything that had not already been done. Attached to that spending bill was the SECURE retirement bill raising the starting date for required minimum distributions to age 72 and eliminating the stretch IRA for beneficiaries among other things. On the same day, the House of Representatives passed the USMCA trade agreement and sent it to the Senate where it is expected to pass easily, albeit after a bit of a delay as the Senate leadership wanted to demonstrate that the administration had been talking to the Democrats too much.

On Wednesday the Federal Reserve announced that Industrial production increased a seasonally-adjusted 1.1% in November as the General Motors strike ended. Then, in a separate report, the Commerce Department said that housing starts jumped 3.2% in November from October and residential permits rose 1.4%. The Labor Department, not to be left out of the good news party, announced that job openings at U.S. employers increased by 235,000 at the end of October. That number was down from last year's average but still a strong indicator that jobs are still being created. Finally, the good old Bureau of Economic Analysis at the Commerce Department was not to be outdone, releasing

the news on Friday that personal-consumption expenditures (PCE), or household spending, rose a seasonally adjusted 0.4% in November from October. That rise put PCE up 2.4% from a year ago.

Amid all this good news there were a few shadows worth paying attention to. The answer to why we are seeing so little inflation despite record low unemployment may have been revealed in a couple of reports that came out during the week. First, despite high corporate earnings (profits) in the 50 largest U.S. corporations, the Bureau of Economic Analysis data indicate that when all U.S. companies, both publicly traded and not, are measured, profits are down 13% over the past five years. The second reason is that most jobs that have been created in recent years are relatively low-wage service jobs even as higher-wage manufacturing jobs are disappearing. More, those jobs are commonly only for 30 or so hours per week. The net result is that most employers are not seeing rising profits and thereby not in a position to raise wages and the new hires are often seeing a wage cut as they have moved from their last employment position. While the average wage is rising, that average is being skewed by relatively few jobs that are paying very high wages.

In short, the pattern we are seeing in the economy seems to more and more resemble the one we saw in 1999 when all appeared to be well in the macroeconomic statistics but there was a weakness underlying the facade that resulted in the recession that started in the year 2000.

## Looking back on 2019; looking forward to 2020!

Happy New Year! 2019 was another very successful year for our students and our school district. The following are just a few of the highlights:

April: Our high school One Act Play students and our high school filmmaking students won state championships. Our high school academic students won our 20th consecutive regional championship (out of the 54 high schools in our region). May: Our high school academic students earned second place in the state.

June: We voluntarily annexed our school properties into the Village of Salado, which allowed us to connect our schools to the Village's sewer system.

August: We completed the renovations at our elementary school and our athletic stadium. We hired a part-time mental health counselor to help address our students' emotional needs. Our enrollment surpassed 2,000 students for the first time ever.

September: We partnered with the Village of Salado to hire our first School Resource Officer (SRO).

November: We completed an energy efficiency project that included replacing all of our HVAC units that are at least 15 years old,

## Superintendent's Corner

by Dr. Michael Novotny



replacing all of our lights with LED lighting, and installing a district-wide thermostat system in all of our buildings.

December: We installed additional temporary parking at the elementary school and high school.

We have a lot of exciting things to look forward to in 2020, including the following:

February: Our new softball field, baseball field, and tennis courts will be completed. The University Interscholastic League (UIL) will announce the new district and region alignments. We hope to finalize our 2020-2021 compensation plan and significantly increase teacher salaries so we can continue to recruit and retain the best teachers.

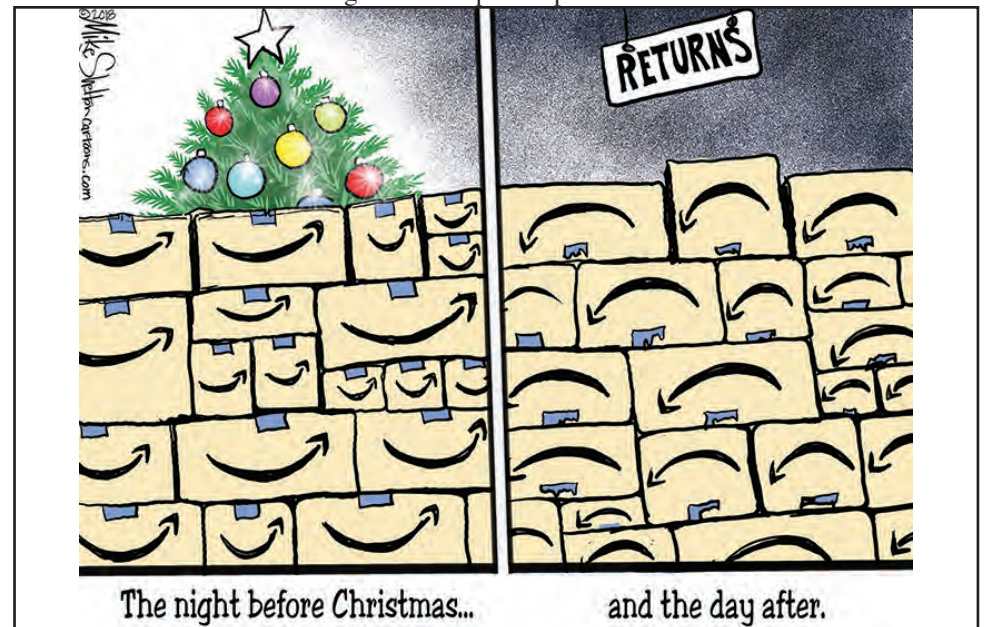
March: We will complete replacing the roofs on our elementary school, junior high school, and high school.

April: Our high school academic team will compete for our 21st consecutive regional championship.

July: We will no longer be a member of the Bell County Special Education Cooperative. We will start our own special education program which will allow us to educate all of our students receiving special education services in Salado instead of sending some of them to Academy, Holland, and Rogers.

August: Our new middle school will open for all of our sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students. This will allow us to use all of our school buildings on Thomas Arnold Road for our students in grades pre-kindergarten through fifth grade and no longer use portable classrooms. This will also significantly improve the traffic flow on Thomas Arnold Road and Salado School Road because we will have fewer students in those buildings.

I look forward to 2020 being another great year for our students and our school district!



## Homeless Encampments and the Constitution

The Supreme Court just ensured that the nation's homelessness crisis will continue.

The court declined to take up an appeal of a ruling by the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals, covering the western United States, that homeless encampments are a de facto constitutional right.

In the case, stemming from a Boise, Idaho, ordinance, the 9th Circuit maintained that enforcing a prohibition against camping in public places is a violation of the Eighth Amendment's prohibition on cruel and unusual punishment.

A quick reminder. The Eighth Amendment says, "Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishment inflicted." It was adopted out of fear that Congress might, as Abraham Holmes put it, mimic the sorry experience of "that diabolical institution, the Inquisition," or in the words of Patrick Henry, "introduce the practice of France, Spain, and Germany of torturing, to extort a confession of the crime."

It's a long way down from these fears to the city of Boise trying to keep the homeless from creating public nuisances and dangers.

What cruel and unusual punishments were the plaintiffs found guilty of violating Boise's camping

## Rich Lowry



and disorderly conduct ordinances subjected to? Tarring and feathering? The rack? No, they were all sentenced to time served, with the exception of one of them who was twice sentenced to one additional day in jail. One of the plaintiffs who pled guilty paid a \$25 fine. Nonetheless, the 9th Circuit somehow invented constitutional warrant to declare Boise guilty of a grievous violation of the Bill of Rights. According to the 9th Circuit, such encampment laws now can't be enforced so long as there are more homeless people than practically available shelter beds in any jurisdiction.

The ruling was a body blow to localities in the West where homelessness has been exploding. It's not as though these places are heartless. Cities have been devoting significant resources to shelter and trying other tacks, including regional cooperation to homeless outreach teams.

Since the basis of the 9th Circuit's decision is that sleeping is a basic human need, it puts at risk other commonsense statutes. It is also a basic human need to defecate and urinate. A

drug addict feels a need to use drugs. When will the 9th Circuit, or some other adventurous court, find Eighth Amendment protection for these?

There is an obvious public interest in tearing down encampments and keeping them from springing up. They are dens of public health risks, drug abuse and crime that significantly degrade the quality of life.

When Orange County, Calif., cleared out a big encampment last year, it found more than 13,000 needles, 5,000 pounds of waste -- including human waste -- and 400 tons of debris.

Workers at City Hall in Los Angeles have been exposed to trash and bodily fluids from nearby encampments, which also were responsible for a rodent infestation at City Hall.

San Francisco is notorious for needles and human feces on its streets.

A society that lacks the ability to prevent such blatant and revolting affronts to public order -- degrading and dangerous even to their supposed beneficiaries -- has lost something important. A society that tells itself that it is literally impermissible to use the law to discourage them has lost its mind.

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for the month of November 2019

PERMIT NUMBER	APPLICANT/OWNER	ADDRESS	CONTRACTOR	TYPE OF PROJECT	PROJECT VALUATION	DATE APPLIED
020852	Larry Guess	319 West Village Road	Saverse Plumbing	Sewer Connect		11/05/2019
020816	Larry Guess	309 West Village Road	Saverse Plumbing	Sewer Conect		11/05/2019
	Gerald Bush	1001 Southridge Road	Lochrige Priest	HVAC	\$8,345.00	11/05/2019
021151	Church of Christ	217 N. Stagecoach	Gidley Electric	Switches	\$200.00	11/08/2019
021485	Bryan Parson	642A N. Main Street		C.O.		11/12/2019
021162	Emzy Jones IV	106 N. Main Street	Saverse Plumbing	Sewer Connect	\$2,400.00	11/12/2019
021241	Ted Hermann & Charlotte Moore	123 Bluebonnet Lane	Solar CenTex	Solar	\$57,952.00	11/13/2019
021231	Beth Booher	418 Homeplace Lane	Rabroker	Heat Pump	\$7,493.04	11/13/2019
021592	Andrew Kinney	2717 Winners Circle	Aaron's Irrigation	Replace RPZ	\$200.00	11/18/2019
	Darlene Walsh	120 Royal Street		Handicap Ramp/	\$3,500.00	11/20/2019
021774	Elise Lange	417 N. Main St., #102		Cert. of Occ.		11/21/2019
021942	Raney & Associates	520 S. Main Street	Self	Sidewalk	\$6,000.00	11/22/2019

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Watch Night Gospel rings in new year

First Cedar Valley Baptist Church will hold Watch Night gospel singing beginning at 7 p.m. Dec. 31 with singing to welcome in the new year.

Pot luck dinner will be served at 9-9:30 p.m. Bring

side dishes, desserts or salads to join with others in the pot luck dinner.

Donnie and Linda Jackson invite you to join them for the annual Watch Night gospel singing. First Cedar Valley Baptist Church

is eight miles southwest of Salado at 12237, FM 2843. The church holds Fourth Friday Gospel Singing throughout the year, except December when it is replaced by the Watch Night.

Obituaries



MAJOR ROBERT ORREN DEWHURST (USAF RET)

Major Robert Orren Dewhurst (U.S. Air Force retired) passed away on December 17, 2019 after a lengthy illness.

He was born on October 5th, 1931 in San Diego, California, passed away peacefully on Tuesday December 17th, 2019. After graduating high school, Robert enlisted in the Air Force as a clerk typist. Upon completion of pilot training and becoming a commissioned officer in May of 1952, Robert spent the next 20 years flying various aircraft from single/multi engine propeller to multi engine jets. A veteran of Viet Nam and the Cold War, Bob retired from the Air Force in 1971. Bob earned his college degree in business from South Western State College in Oklahoma through the Air Force Boot Strap program. Robert met the love of his life Helen Arlene Wiggins in San Diego. Upon completion of flight training in Lubbock, Texas; they were engaged and married on June 14, 1953 at the Little Chapel of Roses in San Diego.

Dewhurst became a Mason on May 8, 1953 in John D. Spreckels Lodge No. 657 in San Diego, California. Affiliated with Salado Masonic Lodge #296 since November 2000, Dewhurst was presented the Golden Trowel in April 2010 by the Salado Masonic Lodge. He served with the Masons for over 65 years. A true Patriot, Robert was very proud to assist placing American Flags throughout the community on National Holidays.

An avid golfer and woodworker, Dewhurst retired in Salado, Texas and regularly gave back to the community that he loved. He was an integral part of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Citizens on Patrol Salado (COPS), Community Chorus, member of the Quiet Birdmen, a regular blood donor to the Red Cross and even had a small nonspeaking role

as the Preacher in "Salado Legends."

He is survived by his wife, Arlene Dewhurst. His children: James Dewhurst (Mary) of Praireville, LA, Mark Dewhurst (Judi) of Virginia Beach, VA and Jenny Dewhurst-Gohsler (Scott) of Divide, CO. Six grandchildren; Nicholas Dewhurst, Nicole Dewhurst-Brice, Micah Dewhurst, Kyle Dewhurst, Harrison Gohsler and Varick Gohsler. Five great grandchildren; Ethan, Amelie, Josie, Connor and Collins.

A memorial service will be held at Broecker Funeral home in March 2020, followed by a burial at Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Killeen. The memorial service will be announced at a later date in the *Salado Village Voice*.



MAXINE MCCOLLUM WILLINGHAM

Maxine McCollum Willingham, 91, of Salado, Texas, passed away Thursday, December 19, after a brief illness.

Maxine was born September 12, 1928, in Childress, Texas, the daughter of Charles "Mac" McCollum and Mary Zelma Bohannon. Her father was engaged in the construction business and her grandfather was a well-known Texas Panhandle merchant.

In the early 1930s her family moved to Lubbock, Texas, partly for the educational opportunities afforded the then young Texas Tech College. In her college years she was the star of the Texas Tech Varsity Show and a contestant in the Miss Lubbock pageant, winning the talent portion in that competition.

She married Welborn "Will" Kiefer Willingham after a campus romance on August 14, 1950. They had both graduated from Tech in 1949, she with a BA in Spanish and he with a degree in sociology. Later, he obtained his doctorate in psychology and began a private practice in psychology.

He was a tenured professor emeritus at Tech, upon retiring.

After a stint in the Air Force, the young couple established a long-term residence in Lubbock where they raised three children, Sharon, Doug and Sheila. For most of their up bringing she dedicated her life to their welfare. In 1969, however, facing the "empty nest" syndrome, she opened her first fashion retailing business, "Maxine's Accent", where her business grew and prospered for 36 years. She became a leading figure in ladies' fashion retailing, earning such accolades as Southwestern Retailer of the year.

In later years she and Will built their retirement home in Salado, where their son, Dr. Douglas B. Willingham, had established a dental practice. They enjoyed this home together until Will's death in 2007. In these years Maxine was active in club work while she continued her retailing business "Maxine's", from her home, dressing a number of her West Texas clientele as well as ladies in Bell County. She has been featured in numerous publications. In October of this year she celebrated 50 years in fashion retailing at a reception at the Salado home of Doug and Carol Willingham.

She has been listed in Who's Who in America and Who's Who in American Women for many years.

Maxine is survived by her three children; Sharon Willingham Downing of Hermleigh, Texas; Dr. Douglas B. Willingham of Salado and Sheila Willingham McBeth of Port Charlotte, Florida. She is also survived by five grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and her beloved cat, Rita Hayworth.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband and two brothers.

Services were held Monday, December 23, at 3 p.m. at St. Joseph's Episcopal Church in Salado, officiated by Rev. Fr. David Scheider, followed by a reception at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Douglas B. Willingham, 9 North Church Street in Salado.

A private burial will be conducted at the Willingham Cemetery in Salado.

Memorials may be made to the Bell County Animal Shelter, 104 South Main Street, Belton, Tx. 76513. Services are in the care of Broecker Funeral Home, Salado.

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- 5 p.m. Fellowship Meal
- 5:30 p.m. Jr High MIDWEEK
- 6 p.m. Adult Bible Study
- 6 p.m. Kingdom Kids (K-6)
- 6 p.m. Bible Drill (4-6)
- 6 p.m. ESL
- 6:15 p.m. MIDWEEK MEAL (YOUTH)
- 6:45 p.m. High School MIDWEEK

SUNDAY

- 8:30 a.m. Classic Worship Service
- 9:45 a.m. Bible Study
- 11 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service

### St. Stephen Catholic Church

Religious Education Classes - Wednesday K thru 12<sup>th</sup> 5:30 - 8 p.m.

#### Mass Schedule

Tuesday - 6 p.m.  
Wed & Thurs - 8:30 a.m.  
Friday - Noon  
Saturday - 5:30 p.m.  
Confessions 4:30-5:15 p.m. or call for an appointment

#### Friday

Adoration (Holy Hour) 11 a.m.

#### Sunday

(English) 9 a.m.  
(Spanish) 11 a.m.

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Melvin Belcher (left) and Allen Sirois (right) met officially when the Belton Fire Department presented Sirois with the Citizen Life Saving Award. Sirois is one of the Carnegie Hero Medal award winners.



Mayor Skip Blancett is shown with Salado police officer Chris Dunshie.

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## 2019 Year in Review

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tional Use Permit to operate the golf course. The CUP was presented prior to an executive session at a special called meeting of aldermen on Feb. 5.

The Planning & Zoning Commission voted 4-1 against the proposal to rezone the golf course property with K.D. Hill, Tom McMahan, Susan Terry and Ronnie Tynes all voting against and Larry Roberson voting in favor.

After informing nearby property owners, public hearings were held on the CUP and finally approved by the Board of Aldermen.

Not long after this, Mill Creek reopened the old supper club as The View at the Creek gathering venue. The facility will have capacity to seat more than 230 for dining. It will have a full bar through the Mill Creek Country Club license for groups, weddings, reunions and parties that lease the facility. The facility also has a set-up space for caterers. It opened in June.

The end of the year saw the announcement that the property at 109 Royal Street has been purchased by a group of Salado investors and will open in March 2020 as Rio Salado Cocina y Cantina.

Gail Allard also announced in December that Salado Glassworks will be staying in Salado, boosting the spirits of local retail businesses that have survived seven years of construction.

Work began May 6 on Main Street by placing debris barriers for the first phases of the year-long project.

Capital Excavation, the contractor for the \$5.2 million project that will replace the Main Street bridge over Campbell Branch (near the intersection of Rock Creek Dr.) with a wider, longer, concrete bridge that meets current roadway safety and design specifications. The approaches to the structure will also be upgraded and replaced.

Additionally, the project will also include sidewalks, bike paths and street lighting and pavement upgrades at various locations with-



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(PHOTOS BY TIM FLEISCHER)

in the project area of 0.98 mile on Main Street from Salado Plaza Dr. to College Hill Dr. north end.

Capital Excavation will have 40 days to replace the Campbell Branch Bridge with a start date of Jan. 5 2020. It will require a closure of Main Street in that area with traffic detoured from Main St. to Blacksmith north to Thomas Arnold Rd. and Church St.

The project will have six foot concrete sidewalks on both sides of Main Street from College Hill to Salado Plaza Dr. From Thomas Arnold north to Salado Plaza Dr., the project will include bike lanes along the asphalt with striping to separate the bike lanes from the cars and trucks lanes. On the outside of the asphalted lanes will be concrete sidewalks and drainage.

The project will include work on drainage, including some closed storm sewer drains.

Some parking will be parallel and other parking along Main Street will be back-in angled parking.

Amity Bridge

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) began a project to replace the CR 493 Bridge at Sala-

do Creek, northeast of Salado on Feb. 25. Knife River Corporation-South, of Bryan, undertook this bridge replacement project at a cost of \$1.2 million. The Amity Bridge reopened in late 2019.

Salado also saw the start of construction on the school bond projects. Turn to page 1B for more on that. Salado Museum

The Board of Directors of the Salado Museum and College Park (SMCP) named David Swarouth as Executive Director for the historic museum effective May 1. One of his first projects was a month-long display on the history of editorial cartoons in Texas, sponsored by Salado Village Voice.

#### Chamber Banquet Awards

Salado Winery Co. was named the Business of the Year at the annual Salado Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet. Paulette Chandler was named the Citizen of the Year. Claire Hartman was named to the Hall of Fame. Chris Hale presented Eldon Miller with the Chairman's Award. Gault site

Archaeology magazine named the Gault site and recent research from Texas State University that moves the date of the peopling of Americas back a few thousand years earlier as one of its choices for the Top 10 Discoveries for 2018. The Gault site is southwest of Salado in Williamson County.

"A new discovery from the Gault site, in central Texas, offers robust evidence not only for a much earlier peopling of the Americas, but also of a previously unknown tool tradition that is older and more varied than scholars ever expected," writes Lydia

Pyne in the January/February 2019 edition of Archeology magazine.

Salado salamander  
The Center for Biological Diversity informed the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in December 2018 of its intent to sue the federal agency for violating the Endangered Species Act when it failed to designate critical habitat for the Georgetown salamander and the Salado salamander when the FWS listed the two species as Threatened in 2014. On June 3, 2019, the Center filed suit in the U.S District Court for the District of Columbia against Secretary of the Interior David Bernhardt and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Local elections  
Jeff Kelley was re-elected to the Salado ISD Board of Trustees and Amy McLane was elected to a three-year term on the board on May 4. Amber Preston-Dankert, John Cole and Rodney W. Bell were all elected to two-year terms on the Village of Salado Board of Aldermen.

Heroes honored  
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Salado native Allen Sirois was announced in 2019 as one of the recipients of the Carnegie Hero medals for his lifesaving efforts in reaction to a truck crash on I-35 in Belton. He crawled into the cab of a burning truck to save the life of Melvin Belcher.

New Chief  
Saladoans took the opportunity to meet the new Village of Salado Police Chief Pat Boone during an informal reception on April 4. Boone started work in Salado on April 1. April Fools?

Local property owners received their Bell County Appraisal District Notice of Appraisals and for some of them it seemed like a bad April Fools' joke. Turns out, the increase of more than 30 percent in some reported cases in the Salado area, is no joke.

Looking to 2020, Marilyn Fleischer and I hope for the end of orange cones!

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Covering Salado students from Thomas Arnold to SHS

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Salado Eagles have had a great deal of success in the classroom, on the field, court, track and stage in 2019.

Grace Barker was named the Valedictorian of the 2019 Graduating Class while Sarah Umpleby was named the Salutatorian.

The Salado One Act Play Blue Stockings won the UIL 4A State Championship in May. Best Actress and Samuel French Award went to Rayne Polkowski for her portrayal of Carolyn. Additionally, Jason McKinney (Will) and Faith Madsen (Tess) were named to the All Star Cast and Jessie Ventimiglia (Celia) received Honorable Mention.

Junior Jaci McGregor won the state Cross Country meet on Nov. 9, covering the two-mile course in a time of 11:24.05. The girls placed 10th overall in a field of 16. Junior Logan Rickey placed 17th in the state meet with a time of 16:00.11, a new personal record for the runner.

Salado Film Squad participated in the state finals of the UIL Young Filmmakers Festival on March 5 at the historic Paramount Theater in Austin. This year, Pencil by Rayne Polkowski captured the state championship in the narrative division. The film follows the life and love of two people through the metaphor of a pencil.

In the documentary category, Voiceless by Roxi Thrasher placed third. The film tells the journey of a



Salado junior Jaci McGregor won gold at the UIL 4A State Cross Country Meet and set a new Salado High School record in cross country on Nov. 9. (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)



2019 SHS Valedictorian Grace Barker



2019 SHS Salutatorian Sarah Umpleby

human trafficking survivor in Texas and how we can prevent it from spreading.

Salado UIL Academic Salado High placed second overall in the State in the UIL Academic contest, after winning both the District and Regional Academic Meets.

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Jake Markham and Taylor Rich were crowned 2019 Salado High School Homecoming King and Queen. Markham is the son of Keith and Caroline Markham while Rich is the daughter of James and Kendra Rich. The two were crowned during the halftime of the Salado Eagles home game versus the Austin Travis Rebels. The Eagles won 50-0.. (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)

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**Volleyball**

Salado Lady Eagles lost in the bi-district round of the playoffs in a four set loss to the Canyon Lake Lady Hawks, 25-27, 25-11, 12-25, 10-25. Salado Lady Eagles ended the season with a 23-19 record as the second place team in District 27-4A volleyball, behind Liberty Hill.

**Football**

Salado Eagles lost in the area round of the 4A-Div. 2 state playoffs to Pleasant Grove, which won its second state championship in three years last week. The Eagles lost to Pleasant Grove 42-14, playing in the Star Center in Frisco.

The Eagles ended the season with an 8-4 record as the third place team in District 8-4A

**Track**

Jaci McGregor made the podium at the UIL State Track Meet in May by placing third in both the 3200 Meter Run and 1600 Meter Run. She set a new school record in both races, turning in a time of 11:19.8 for the 3200 Meter and 5:09.9 in the 1600 Meter. McGregor was edged out



Cooper Free had the Grand Champion Heifer at the 2019 Bell County Youth Fair and Livestock Show in February with his C2 British Heifer. (COURTESY PHOTO)

of second by 0.05 seconds. Hunter Haas had a great performance in both of his races as well with personal records. He ran the 3200 Meter in 9:41.0, placing seventh. He ran the 1600 Meter in 4:29.3, placing eighth overall. McGregor and Haas both won their regional meets in the distance races. Salado Lady Eagles placed third in the District 27-4A Track Meet April 3. Salado Eagles placed fourth in the District 27-4A Meet April 3.

**Golf**

Salado Lady Eagles golf team placed fourth in the State Tournament held at Plum Creek Country Club. Salado Lady Eagles placed second in the District 27-4A Golf Tournament.

Salado Eagles placed second in the District 27-4A Tournament.

**Softball**

Salado Lady Eagles softball team lost in extra innings of their playoff series with the Boerne Greyhounds. Salado ended the season with a 17-12-1 record as the third place team in District 27-4A.

**Baseball**

Salado Eagles were knocked out of the 4A baseball playoffs, swept in



4-H student Stuart Lastovica, from Salado, captured Intermediate Heifer Champion with WB Lucy in the Junior Angus Heifer Show at the 2019 Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo on Jan. 28. Of the 33,000 entries at the nation's longest-running livestock show, the livestock exhibited by the more than 11,500 junior exhibitors are among the best market animals in the country. Stuart Lastovica is shown above with WB Lucy. (COURTESY PHOTO)

a best-of-three series (5-7, 0-3) by the Wimberley Texans. Salado ended its season with a 14-16-2 record, the third place team in District 27-4A where the Eagles went 5-5.

**Choir**

Three Salado choir students brought back Division 1 ratings from the State Solo and Ensemble Contest.

Earning Division 1 ratings were these: Nikki Grace, Sophomore - Bel Piacere by Handel; Anna Lesley, Freshman - Bist Du Bei Mir by Bach and Emma Madsen, Sophomore - Se Tu M'ami by Pergolesi.

**Band Solo and Ensemble**

Salado High School band members brought back four Division 1 ratings from the State Solo and Ensemble Contest.

Receiving Division 1 Ratings were these:

Daniel Lander - Sophomore - Alto Clarinet Solo (received a Gold Medal)

Erik Oas - Junior - French Horn Solo (received a Gold Medal)

Kayla Piscatelli - Junior - Marimba Solo (Received a Good Medal)

Percussion Ensemble - Elizabeth Won, Ben Sunshine, Daniel Cunningham, Aaron Trela, Diego Romero, William Won and Anne Marie Gilmore (All Received a Bronze Medal)

**Powerlifting**

Connor Cook placed fourth in the 198 pound weight class in the Texas High School Powerlifting Association State Championships in Abilene on March 23. Connor finished with a total of 1,510 pounds. His lifts included a 620 pound Squat, 360 pound Bench, and a 530 pound Deadlift.

Salado had two girls qualify for the State Powerlifting Meet: Dorislynn Edmondson and Reginia Dee. Dorislynn Edmondson was the regional Champ for the 181 pound class and had the best deadlift for the heavy platform at 350 pounds.

Reginia Deen placed second in the 132 pound class. Edmondson placed 12th at the State Meet.

**Soccer**

Salado Lady Eagles fell to Wimberley in the Regional Quarterfinal Round on April 5. Salado lost the hard fought soccer match 1-0. Salado ended its season with a 20-7-2 record and went a round deeper than last year. The girls finished district 11-1 as the second place team in district behind Liberty Hill.

The boys soccer team lost 1-0 to the Fredericksburg Billies in the bi-district round of the playoffs. The Eagles finished district with a 10-2 record and 12-12 on the season. Salado was the second place team in District 27-4A

Salado High School students competed at the Health Occupations Student Association state contest recently. Emily Stuckly and Morgan Mays competed in Health Education and placed 5th in the state. Ian Wilson competed in Dental Terminology and placed sixth in the state. They are sponsored by Tina Vargas. Basketball

Salado Eagles 2018-19 basketball season came to an end in Cameron on Feb. 22 as the Eagles lost to the Navasota Rattlers 51-32 in the Area round of the playoffs. The Eagles finished their season with a 28-8 record.

The Fredericksburg Battlin Billies tore off 10 unanswered points over a two minute stretch of the second quarter of their bi-district basketball playoff with the Salado Lady Eagles Feb. 12 at Burger Stadium in Austin and it was all they needed as the District 29-4A champions went on to win 55-47, ending Salado's season.

The year 2019 also saw a milestone for one of Salado's coaches as Kenny Mann won his 400th basketball game during a tournament game in Jarrell earlier in December. His Eagles have jumped out to a winning start at the break.

# Growth highlights year for SISD as it breaks ground of 136,000 SF school

By TIM FLEISCHER  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

"It takes a Village to raise a child," Dr. Michael Novotny told an audience during the ground breaking ceremony for the Salado Middle School on June 26. "It also takes a Village to build the facilities needed to educate a child."

The ground breaking for new construction marks one of the biggest stories for the school district in 2019.

"Our school district's enrollment has increased the highest percentage of all 76 school districts in the Waco region and we are projected to continue or even increase that rate of growth," he said. Dr. Novotny thanked Village of Salado administration and elected officials "for partnering with our school district on the annexation of all of our school district property into the Village of Salado."

"This will allow us to connect to the new wastewater treatment system, which will save our district a significant amount of money instead of having to build and maintain our own waste water treatment and septic systems," he said.

Huckabee Architects designed the campus. Lee Lewis is the general contractor for the construction and Alpha Testing did site testing.

Salado Middle School will open in August 2020 for sixth, seventh and eighth graders.

The school will be 136,000 square feet. It will include 18 standard classrooms, four science lab rooms, two art rooms, a life skills room, two flex rooms, three collaborative spaces, two testing rooms, a library, performing arts for band, choir, and theatre, a cafeteria and kitchen, a competition gym and a practice gym, weight room, and locker rooms, and a practice football soccer field.

"We will also be constructing new softball and baseball fields so our high school players won't have to travel every day to and from the fields on Thomas Arnold Road and Salado School Road for practice," he said.

"This new school will provide a safer learning environment for our middle school students," Dr. Novotny said. "It will also reduce the number of students at the schools at Thomas Arnold Road so our students in pre-kindergarten through fifth grade will no longer need to be taught in portable classrooms."

"This will also significantly improve the safety, traffic, and parking on Thomas Arnold Road," he said.

The district awarded the bid for the Middle School package to Lee Lewis Construction at \$36.3 million. Chaney-Cox submitted the low base bid of \$2,575,000 for the construction of the safety corridor at Thomas Arnold Elementary and work at the Salado Eagle Stadium that includes putting artificial surface on the field, renovations of the concession stands and mov-



Breaking ground on the new middle school are Salado I.S.D. Board of Trustees (from left) Nate Self, former member Darrell Street, Amy McLane, Board Secretary Troy Smith, Superintendent Michael Novotny, Board President Kim Bird, Board Vice President Jeff Kelley and Dr. BA White. (PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)

ing a 200-seat section of stands from the home side to the visitors' side of the stadium. Also bidding were STR Construction at \$2.7 million and Built Wright at \$2.6 million. Chaney-Cox was also the top qualified bidder according to the ranking committee. Trustees approved an additional \$28,000 in alternates for construction of a covered vestibule for the TAE Corridor.

Trustees also approved add-ons for the work. The board approved \$1.7 million in additional work at the Middle School and Baseball and Softball bid, including \$1.5 million for artificial turf for the baseball and softball fields, \$151,000 for lockers and a changing room on the home side dug outs of the baseball and softball fields, \$101,000 in additional landscaping at the Middle School, \$14,000 for impact resistant film on windows and doors at the main entries of the Middle School and \$17,000 for wireless locks for interior doors at the Middle School.

In other related school news, Salado ISD Trustees learned at their Aug. 19 meeting that the three district campuses all earned Bs in the State Accountability Ratings System.

Salado High School earned a B from the Texas Education Agency in the 2019 State Accountability Ratings with an overall score of 86. The campus, with 629 students in grades 9-12 had a score of 90, or an A, on Student Achievement.

Salado High, however, earned ratings of C in the other two areas that make up the accountability rating. Salado High had a score of 78 for School Progress, and a score of 75 for Closing the Gaps.

Salado High was recognized with Academic Achievement in Science.

Salado Junior High also earned B in the Accountability Rating, though the score of 83 was four points lower than last year's overall score. The Junior High had a B with an Academic Achievement Score of 85, a C in School Progress with a score of 77 and a C in Closing the Gaps with a score of 77. The campus did not get any recognition in additional areas.

Thomas Arnold Elementary School, with 829 students enrolled, also got a B for overall performance with a score of 80. The elementary had a score of 82 for Academic Achievement,

and scores of 75 in School Progress and 76 in Closing the Gaps. The elementary receive no extra recognition.

School District Trustees also learned at their Aug. 19 meeting that the District earned a FIRST rating score 98 out of 100.

Salado ISD learned in late 2019 that it will remain in 4A for the 2020-22 school years. SISD turned in a high school enrollment of 644 for the 2020-2022 reclassification and realignment. Salado will play football in Division 2, which has enrollment limits of 515 - 879 and has 93 schools. The 2020-22 alignments will be released Feb. 3 for basketball, football and volleyball.

Salado ISD Trustees adopted a \$17.3 million operating budget for the 2019-2020 school year during a called meeting on June 26.

The total operating budget is almost \$2.3 million more than the 2018-19 operating budget with \$17.3 million in expenditures and a like amount in revenues.

School trustees in July agreed to hold land on the grounds of the Salado Civic Center on Main St. for the next two years. Variety Texas, working with Sirena Fest, will go forward with completing the plans and raising the funds for construction of Phase One of the all abilities playground on the grounds of the Civic Center on the property between the Village Garden and the practice ball field.

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# Lady Eagles lose to China Spring

Salado Lady Eagles lost to China Spring 48-45 on Dec. 17 to kick off the holiday break. The game was non-district. The girls will play Dec. 27-28 before taking on LaGrange on Jan. 3. District play begins Jan. 10 on the road against Gatesville. China Spring jumped out to a 14-6 lead in the first, but Salado closed the gap to 24-22 at the half. China Spring led 40-37 after three periods and held on for the win.

Kaia Philen scored 21

points to lead Salado. She also had 11 rebounds, five steals, two deflections and a block.

Also scoring for the Lady Eagles were Lorena Perez, 11 points, five rebounds, two assists, two steals, three deflections and a block; Amanda Cantu, 7 points, eight rebounds, five assists; Reese Preston, 3 points, a rebound and an assist; Kenslee Konarik, 2 points and a steal and Mad-dy Wade, 1 point, a rebound and an assist.



Kaia Philen lays up a shot. (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)

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# Cadets beat Eagles 62-38

The Connally Cadets came to town on Dec. 16 and walked away with a decisive 62-38 win over the Salado Eagles.

Connally outscored Salado 19-8 in the first, and led 32-22 at the half. The Cadets extended their lead to 47-28 at the end of the third.

Latrell Jenkins led the boys with 10 points, including two three-pointers. Also scoring for the Eagles were Eli Pittman, 8 points including two threes, Reece Brown, 8 points, Peyton Miller, 4 points, Noah Mescher, 3 points, Cade Scallin, 3 points and Josh Goings, 2 points.

The boys will play in the Rosebud-Lott tournament on Dec. 27-28. They will play Wall in San Antonio on Dec. 31 and Madisonville on Jan. 3.



Cade Scallin puts up a shot against the Connally Cadets. (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)

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Toast the new year with Texas sparkling wine. (STOCK PHOTO)

## Break out the bubbly!

The holidays are a time for celebrating, and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service experts say Texas sparkling wines are a buoyant option for toasting during gatherings or ringing in the New Year with friends and family.

### CHAMPAGNE VS.

#### SPARKLING WINE

All champagne is sparkling wine but not all sparkling wine is champagne.

Sparkling wine can only be called champagne if it comes from the Champagne region of France, located outside of Paris, and is made using chardonnay, pinot noir or pinot meunier grape varieties, explained Jim Kamas, AgriLife Extension fruit specialist based in Fredericksburg.

As the juice from crushed grapes ferments to become wine, carbon dioxide gas is formed as a by-

product of fermentation. If the gas is allowed to escape, the result will be a “still” or non-sparkling wine. But if at some point the process of fermentation is halted and the carbon dioxide gas is prevented from escaping, this will produce sparkling wine.

“In more recent years, winemakers in Texas have expanded into making sparkling wines,” Kamas said. “While the traditional grape varieties used in the production of champagne are the chardonnay and pinot noir, neither of those varieties are very widely planted in Texas.”

Sparkling wines come in both white and rosé styles with a wide array of flavors and aromas depending on the grapes used and wine-making practices employed, said Michael Cook, AgriLife Extension viticulturist, Denton. Grapes commonly being used to produce sparkling wines in Texas include roussanne, Marsanne, chenin blanc, viognier, chardonnay, pinot noir, trebbiano tuscano, blanc du bois and other locally grown varieties.

#### PÉTILLANT NATUREL

While the rosé craze has taken the state and nation by storm, Cook said a new trend is quickly gaining

popularity in the sparkling wine world - the production of pétillant naturel, or pet nat, wines. This sparkling winemaking style utilizes natural yeast and in-bottle fermentation to produce a bubble-rich wine with a wide range of light and refreshing aromas.

Cook said wineries love them because they can be offered to consumers sooner than wines that require aging, and consumers love them because they are light and refreshing.

Pet nat wines are partially fermented in vats or tanks, then transferred to bottles and sealed. The fermentation process continues in bottle, generating carbon dioxide, which creates both the pressure and the bubbles “we know and love,” said Andreea Bottezatu, Ph.D, AgriLife Extension enologist, College Station.

#### MÉTHODE CHAMPENOISE

In July 2018, Grape Creek Vineyards opened Heath Sparkling Wines, a facility that produces four different sparkling wines bottled under the names Euphoria, Adoration, Ebullience and Blanc de Blancs. The modern-style facility, touted as “the first winery in Texas dedicated to the art of sparkling winemaking,” also has a tasting area.

“We use pinot noir and chardonnay grapes, but also produce a sparkling rosé wine using pinot grigio and a sparkling white that’s a blend of trebbiano and chenin blanc,” said Jason Englert, a winemaker for Grape Creek Vineyards in Fredericksburg.

Englert said the most well-known way of processing champagne and sparkling wines is the méthode

champenoise, but the equipment for this process is specialized and very expensive, representing a substantial investment for a winery.

“So, what we do at Heath Sparkling Wines is process the grapes and ferment the juice to make the base wine (cuveé). The finished base wines are then filtered and transported by tanker to a sparkling wine processing facility in California to complete the méthode champenoise process.”

Once the process is completed, which usually takes about 18 months, the sparkling wine, which is in champagne bottles, is corked and has a wire hood applied. Then foils and labels are affixed and the bottles are placed in case boxes and palletized for return shipping.

#### Texas winemakers

Along with Heath, other Texas wineries that produce sparkling wines include Messina Hof Winery, McPherson Vineyards, Wedding Oak Winery, William Chris Vineyards, Saint Tryphon, Spicewood Vineyards, Farmhouse Vineyards, Knipp Cellars, Southold Farm and Cellars, Landon Winery, Fiesta Winery and Whistling Duck Vineyards and Winery.

“We have made some really exceptional sparkling wines with blanc du bois, pinot blanc, chenin blanc and trebbiano, as well as the traditional chardonnay and pinot noir grapes,” said Messina Hof Winery owner and winemaker Paul Bonarrigo, who is also president of the Texas Wine and Grape Growers Association.

Bonarrigo said as infrastructure and knowledge bases grow there will be an expansion in the production of sparkling wines throughout the state, and consumers will see more and more wineries launching a sparkling wine product.

Cook agrees.

“Texas is really getting a foothold in the sparkling wine niche market,” he said. “Winemakers see the advantages of turning out amazingly fresh and aromatic wines that utilize grapes that may not be suited for their traditional table wines and can be offered to consumers sooner rather than later.”

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# Events in the Village of Salado

**DECEMBER 26 - 27**  
Stamp Salado closed

**DECEMBER 26**  
The Run for Beer Group, 6:30 p.m. at Barrow Brewing Co

**DECEMBER 27**  
Friday Sip 'n Shop, 5 - 8 p.m. across the Village of Salado

**DECEMBER 27**  
Chef Jacob Hilbert Presents A Hanukkah Dinner, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. at The Hunter Gatherer @ Inn on the Creek

**DECEMBER 28**  
Bikes & Brews, 8 a.m. at Barrow Brewing Co

**DECEMBER 28**  
Heart and Hands Ministries food and clothing pantry 9 - 11 a.m. at Salado Plaza Shopping Center

**DECEMBER 28**  
Classes at Stamp Salado: 2020 Desk Calendars at 10:30 a.m. or Perpetual Birthday Desk Calendar at 1:30 p.m.

**DECEMBER 28**  
National Card Playing Day, 1 p.m. at Salado Public Library, all ages

**DECEMBER 28**  
Chef Jacob Hilbert Presents: New Years Eve Dinner, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. at The Hunter Gatherer @ Inn on the Creek

**DECEMBER 31**  
Sit and Knit 10 a.m. - noon at Salado Public Library

**DECEMBER 31**  
Taproom open with 20% off all beer to go, 4 - 10 p.m. at Barrow Brewing Co

**DECEMBER 31**  
New Year's Eve 2019 at Alexanders Craft Cocktails and Kitchen, seatings at 5:30 and 8 p.m. reservation required

**JANUARY 2**  
Winter Break Movie: Abominable, 1 - 3 p.m. at Salado Public Library

**JANUARY 2**  
KidZone: Marshmallow Snowman Craft, 4 p.m. at Salado Public Library

**JANUARY 2**  
Teen Advisory Board, 6 p.m. at Salado Public Library

Church

**JANUARY 9**  
KidZone: Penguin Craft, 4 p.m. at Salado Public Library

**JANUARY 9**  
The Run 4 Beer Group, 6:30 p.m. at Barrow Brewing Co

**JANUARY 10**  
Fandom Friday, 5:30 p.m. at Salado Public Library (grades 6 - 9)



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**DECEMBER 29**  
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**DECEMBER 30**  
Salado Village Artists meet: Knitters 1 - 3 p.m. and Stitches 1:30 - 4 p.m. at Salado Village Artists Building

**DECEMBER 30**  
Salado Masonic Lodge Floor practice is 6:30 p.m. at the Lodge every Monday except Stated Meeting. Stated meeting is 7:30 p.m. Monday on or before Full Moon

**DECEMBER 31 - JAN. 1**  
Salado Village Voice offices closed

**DECEMBER 31 - JAN. 1**  
Stamp Salado closed

**DECEMBER 31**  
Men's Prayer Breakfast, 8 a.m. at the Presbyterian Church of Salado

**DECEMBER 31**  
Salado Village Artists: brush art crafting and needle work, 9 - 11 a.m. at Salado Village Artist building

**DECEMBER 31**  
Chef Jacob Hilbert Presents: New Years Eve Dinner, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. at The Hunter Gatherer @ Inn on the Creek

**DECEMBER 31**  
New Year's Watch Night, 7 p.m. at First Cedar Valley Baptist Church on FM 2843. Pot luck at 10 p.m., followed by gospel singing to bring in the New Year's. bring a favorite dish or dessert

**DECEMBER 31**  
Ring in the New Year in The Lounge at Alexander's, 9:30 p.m. - midnight. Reservation limited and required

**DECEMBER 31**  
New Year's Eve Venetian Masquerade Extravaganza and Lenato Wine Dinner, 7 p.m. - 1 a.m. at The Inn at Salado

**JANUARY 1**  
Salado Public Library Closed

**JANUARY 1**  
ESL Classes, 6 p.m. at the Creekside Cottage of Salado First Baptist Church



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**JANUARY 3**  
Winter Break Movie: How to Train your Dragon: The Hidden World, 1 - 3 p.m. at Salado Public Library

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

**JANUARY 4**  
Super Smash Bros Tournament - age 13+, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Salado Public Library

**JANUARY 4**  
Abraham Soblet Chapter, Daughters of the American Colonists meeting, 1 - 3 p.m. at Temple Public Library. Program: Old Remedies

**JANUARY 4**  
Around The World Dinner Series: Bordeaux, France, 6:30 p.m. at Alexander's Craft Cocktails & Kitchen. Reservation required

**JANUARY 5**  
Coffee with Christ Bible Discussion Group, 9 a.m. at Dion Room of The Stagecoach Inn

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**JANUARY 7**  
Sit & Knit, 10 a.m. at Salado Public Library

**JANUARY 8**  
Story time: Penguins & Craft, 11 a.m. at Salado Public Library

**JANUARY 8**  
Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church of Salado

**JANUARY 8**  
ESL Classes, 6 p.m. at the Creekside Cottage of Salado First Baptist

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**JANUARY 18**  
Bros & Bricks, 2 p.m. at Salado Public Library Bring your favorite dude for Lego Brick building fun

**JANUARY 19**  
Coffee with Christ Bible Discussion Group, 9 a.m. at Dion Room of The Stagecoach Inn

**JANUARY 19**  
Salado 4H meeting, 4 p.m. at the SHS cafeteria

**JANUARY 20**  
Salado United Methodist Women, 5:45 p.m. at Salado United Methodist Church Room 117

**JANUARY 20**  
Salado Democrats, 7 p.m. at Salado Public Library

**JANUARY 21**  
Sit & Knit, 10 a.m. at Salado Public Library

**JANUARY 22**  
Story Time: Polar Bears & Craft, 11 a.m. at Salado Public Library

**JANUARY 22**  
Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church of Salado

**JANUARY 22**  
ESL Classes, 6 p.m. at the Creekside Cottage of Salado First Baptist Church

**JANUARY 23**  
KidZone: Foam Snowflakes, 4 p.m. at Salado Public Library

# 2019 Ribbon Cuttings in Salado



Salado Care Clinic operated by Linda Poole, APRN ANP was greeted by Salado Chamber of Commerce members at the Salado Care Clinic ribbon cutting held on Feb. 14. Salado Care Clinic is a Primary and Urgent Medical care facility for adults 18 years and older. Walk-ins are welcomed and appointments are encouraged. The office is located at 560 N. Main St. #7. Entrance is from North Stagecoach Road which is the northbound 135 frontage road.



Four generations of the Bartlett family were joined by the Salado Chamber of Commerce in welcoming Anytime Fitness as new members of the Chamber. In July, Gary Bartlett purchased the local Anytime Fitness franchise located in Salado Plaza Shopping Center, making it again locally owned and operated. For information about joining Anytime Fitness, call 254-947-1063. Call now while there is a Back to School special of one month free membership when you sign up as a new customer.



Claudia Ardolino owner of The Wild Hairs Salon cut the official Salado Chamber of Commerce ribbon Oct. 22. Stylist Kassidy Owen (R) joins Claudia in serving customers at the salon. The Wild Hairs Salon is located at 871 N. Stagecoach Road which is on the east access road. The Wild Hairs Salon boast an array of hair products for sale, as well as handmade jewelry, candles and clothes by Gypsy Closet. Appointments can be made by calling 512-508-6235 or contact Claudia at youhavewildhair@gmail.com



Amy Young, Nancy Isakson and Lara Tracy cut the official Chamber ribbon to open the Market Place Cafe inside their existing business The Shoppes on Main. Chamber members, friends and family gathered to celebrate the new venture on June 28. A champagne toast immediately followed. Market Place Cafe featuring gelato, coffee, other sweets and eats to include macarons and dessert crepes. Sisters Lara Tracy and Amy Young along with their mother Nancy Isakson own and operate the mall which includes over 28 individual shops. The Shoppes on Main is located at 22 N. Main St.



Wendy Faulkner cuts the ribbon as he lands for the Salado Airport just south of Salado, which celebrated its opening on Sept. 24.



Johnny and Jill Shipman cut the ribbon on Heritage Square office park, located on College Hill Circle in October. The office park is comprised of individual cabins on a beautiful, landscaped complex. The property served as a Bed & Breakfast (Salado Settlements) for two decades. The Shipmans are shown above with Ambassadors from the Salado Chamber of Commerce, along with tenants in the office park. There are nine office spaces available of about 500 sq. ft. each. Of those, five have been leased, so four are available. Contact property manager Larry Sands for information about the property.



JGenevieve Art Gallery owner Jessica Mall cuts the Salado Chamber of Commerce ribbon with many friends and family in attendance on Oct. 1, The Gallery is located at 209 S. Main Street, Suite B in The Historic Davis Mill. For more information visit [info@jgenevieve.com](mailto:info@jgenevieve.com)



Kelly Holmes owner of Flourish cuts the official Salado Chamber of Commerce ribbon at their new location at 318 N. Main St. in Salado. Flourish is an interiors, flooring, decor boutique. It is your resource in Central Texas for flooring, interiors and home goods. Led by Kelly Holmes and Julio Morales, the Flourish team has 20 years of experience with flooring installation and home renovations. They work with home builders through Central Texas to provide flooring for their customers. Flourish also works directly with homeowners to help them renovate and update their homes. A trusted resource at any stage of your renovation project, they offer planning and budget, product selection and installation. Visit [shopatflourish.com](http://shopatflourish.com) or call Kelly for a personal consultation 512-332-1011.

Salado Chamber of Commerce provides ribbon cutting and greets Uniquely Salado owner Hollye Davis and the 17 artists housed in the Gallery on March 30. Uniquely Salado is an artist cooperative gallery offering local art. The gallery is located at 20a Rock Creek Dr. Visit [www.uniquelysalado.com](http://www.uniquelysalado.com).



Brody's Restaurant located at Mill Creek Golf Club cut the official Chamber of Commerce ribbon on Oct. 3. The restaurant is open weekdays for dining-in and take-out. Cutting the ribbon is owner Jancie Roquemore and assisting is Rocky Roquemore.



Associate Broker/Realtor Debbie Stevenson at JB Goodwin, Salado office cut the official Chamber ribbon on March 27. Numerous friends and Chamber members were on-hand to offer congratulations at the afternoon celebration. Stevenson extends comprehensive and quality service to sellers and buyers. As part of her service she is an accredited stager, offering a background in photography, design and public relations. The JB Goodwin office is located at 600-A N. Main Street.



Mill Creek Country Club/The View at the Creek principal owners Billy and Vicki Helm cut the official Salado Chamber of Commerce ribbon and held an Open House on Oct. 8. The View at the Creek is located at 1401 South Ridge. Volunteers worked to restore the building inside and out. It is now available for large group celebrations. The rooms provide a bar area, dance floor, catering space and a deck overlooking the golf course on the creek. Call 254-947-5698 for more information and how to reserve your date.



Salado Lions celebrated the recent restoration of the Gazebo on the grounds of the Salado Civic Center with a ribbon cutting from the Salado Chamber of Commerce. Lions Club President Ray Don McIntosh is shown above cutting the ribbon with Bill Ewton, who originally built the Gazebo for the Lions, and Allen Sandor, owner of Sandor Construction, which did the renovation work. (PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)



Yellow House Bed and Breakfast owners James and Sara Sharp cut the official Chamber of Commerce Ribbon June 25. Yellow House is not just a B&B but a gathering place for weddings, receptions, family celebrations, conferences and of course for a private getaway. Visit [stay@saladosbest.com](mailto:stay@saladosbest.com) for more information. In addition to the ribbon cutting celebration, the couple also hosted the Chamber of Commerce June mixer. Guitarist Denny Cullinan Jr. provided the music while Chamber board members and visitors joined in the fun.

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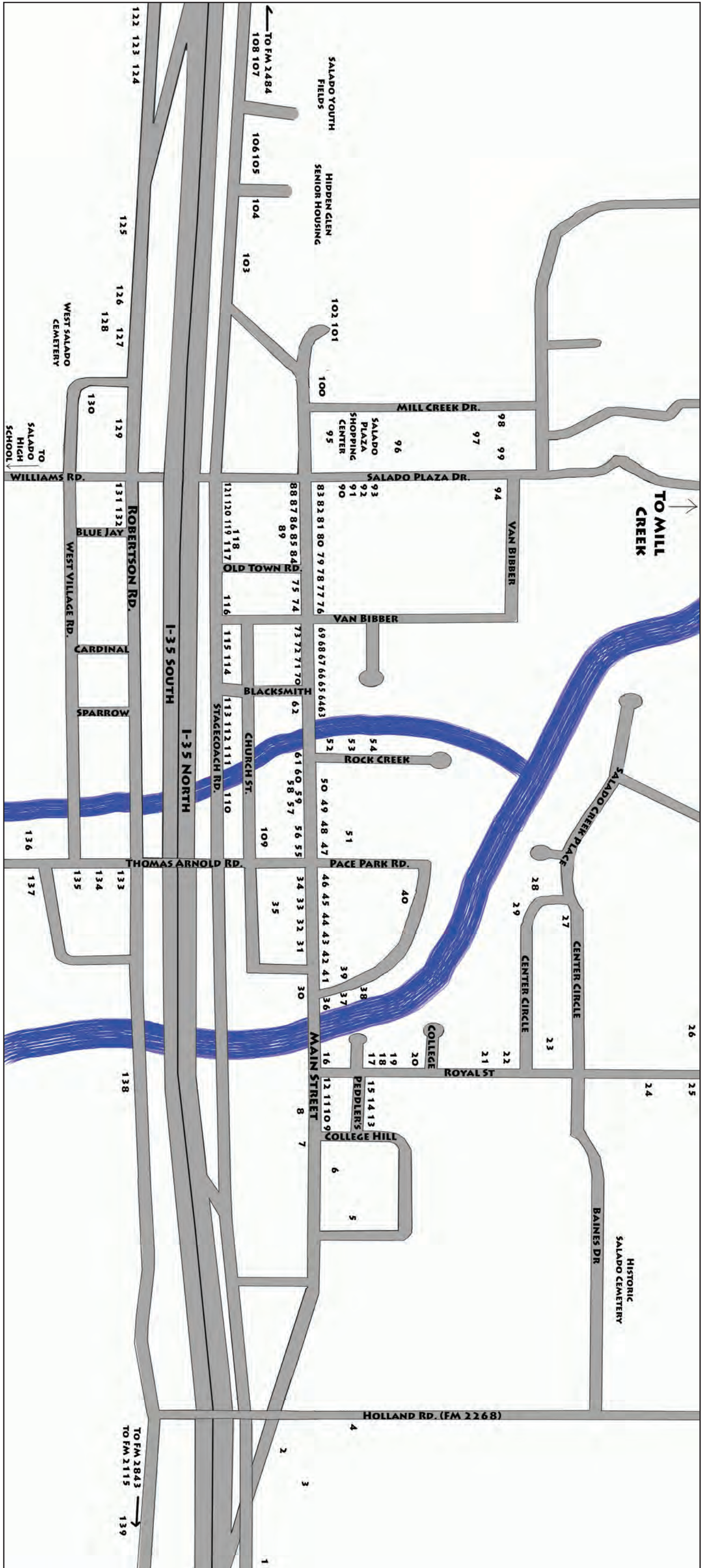
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## # Business Name Type

- 4 St. Stephen Catholic Church C
- 6 Salado College Park V
- 7 Raney & Associates \$
- 9 Salado Museum V
- Salado Visitors Center \$
- Salado Chamber of Commerce \$
- Village of Salado Tourism Office \$
- 10 Sofi's S
- 14 Salado Glassworks A
- 16 The Sugar Shack S/D
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- 21 The Venue V
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- 32 First Texas Brokerage \$
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- 40 W.A. Pace Memorial Park V
- 49 Lively Coffeehouse & Bistro D
- 51 The Barton House D
- 55 Salado Family Dentistry \$
- 58 The Shoppes on Main S
- The Marketplace Cafe D
- 60 Salado Creek Jewelry S
- 62 The Pizza Place D
- 65 ERA Colonial Real Estate \$
- 75 Stage Stop Center \$
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- 76 Salado Civic Center \$
- 81 Salado Wine Seller and Salado Winery Co. D
- 82 St. Joseph's Episcopal Church C
- 85 Salado Post Office \$
- 86 Bill Bartlett – Century 21 \$
- 87 The Personal Wealth Coach \$
- 89 Stamp Salado S
- 90 Presbyterian Church of Salado C
- 91 Troy Smith Financial Services \$
- 92 Salado Sculpture Garden A
- 96 Salado Plaza \$
- Ace Pest Control \$
- Anytime Fitness Salado S
- Integrity Rehab \$
- Salado's Hair Shop \$
- Salado Village Voice \$
- 97 Brookshire Brothers S
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- 3C Cowboy Fellowship C
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- Mill Creek Country Club V

## Historical Markers in Salado

- 6. Salado Historic College Hill
- 8. Shady Villa Hotel (Stagecoach Inn)
- 8. Main Street Bridge
- 16. Barber-Berry Mercantile
- 23. The Baines House
- 24. Historic Dipping Vats
- 25. The A.J. Rose Mansion
- 26. Old Methodist Chapel
- 27. Caskey-Hendricks House
- 28. Dr. McKie Place (Twelve Oaks)
- 29. Alexander's Distillery
- 30. First Baptist Church
- 31. The Tyler House
- 35. Salado Masonic Lodge #296
- 45. The Anderson House
- 46. Old Saloon
- 48. The Norton-Orgain House
- 50. The Bargin House
- 51. The Levi Tenney House
- 55. The Armstrong Adams House
- 61. Historic Lenticular Bridge
- 49. The Vickrey House
- 76. Boles-Aiken & Denman Cabins
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**Mystic River** - Situated along the banks of the Leon River in Belton, TX and shaded by a canopy of Live Oak and Pecan trees lies Mystic River subdivision. Here, you can walk from your back door to your personal dock at the river bank where you can watch the kids plunge into the river off the rope swing, as you paddle about in your kayak. This is all possible while still being centrally located between Belton and Temple where you can find an abundance of shopping, dining and healthcare.

### ACREAGE

**10 Acres** along I-35 Frontage with sewage available \$1,750,000

**30 Acres** on the Leon River, Belton

**107 Acres** with 4,500 feet on Leon River

**60 Acres** on Lampasas River with beautiful trees \$1,250,000

**102 Acres** on Lampasas River and horse-ready \$1,925,000

**11.5 Acres** off of 2268 in Holland \$127,500

**15 Acres** 0000 Knob Creek Road Little River-Academy, TX 76501 \$169,900

### COMMERCIAL

**7.695 Investment Property** in Temple off South 31st Street \$649,900



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