



Primary run-offs decided July 14: Last chance to vote early is July 10

Political primary runoffs around the state will be decided on July 14.

Early voting in the Political Party Primary Runoff Elections continues until July 10.

Early voting will be conducted in person each week day at these locations:

Belton - Bell County Courthouse Annex, 550 East 2nd Ave

Killeen - Bell County Annex, 304 Priest Drive

Killeen -Killeen Community Center, 2201 E. Veterans Memorial Blvd

Temple - Bell County Annex, 205 East Central Ave

Salado - Salado Church of Christ, 217 North Stage-coach

Harker Heights - Parks & Recreation Center, 307 Millers Crossing

Early voting hours at these locations are these:

July 9-10: 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

On Election Day, voting will be held 7 a.m.- 7 p.m. July 14 at 40 locations throughout Bell County, including the Salado Church of Christ Activity Center.

All Election Day polling

locations can be found at the following: https://www.bell-countytx.com/departments/elections/polling_locations.php

Run-offs for voters in Precinct 203 (Salado) in the Democrat Party Primary are these:

U.S. Senator: Mary "MJ" Hegar and Royce West.

U.S. Representative, District 31: Christine Eady Mann and Donna Imam.

Railroad Commissioner: Chrysta Castañeda and Roberto R. "Beto: Alonzo.

The only run-off in the Republican Party for voters in Precinct 203 is this: District Judge, 426th Judicial District: Steve Duskie and Jeff Parker.

If you cast a ballot in the Republican Primary in March, you can only vote in the Republican Primary Run-off.

If you cast a ballot in the Democrat Primary in March, you can only vote in the Democrat Primary Run-off.

If you did not vote in the March primary, you may vote in either party primary.



(PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)

Capital Excavation workers are finishing up their work on the \$5.2 million project on Main Street. A few spots still need sidewalks and landscaping is needed in some areas. Village administrator Don Ferguson said that the crews are expected to finish within two weeks to allow for the resurfacing and striping. During resurfacing and striping, Ferguson said that work will be done at night and day and that there would be single lane closures. He meets with a committee this week to plan an Aug. 21 Village celebration for the completion of the project and reopening of Salado. The celebration will include a nighttime laser show at the Creek. Details will be forthcoming as the date gets closer.

Gov. issues mask order, Village closes parks

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

After closing bars across the state and limiting capacity at restaurants to 50%, Gov. Greg Abbott on July 2 issued Executive Order No. GA-29 relating to the use of face coverings during the COVID-19 disaster.

The Executive Order states that "Every person in Texas shall wear a face covering over the nose and mouth when inside a commercial entity or other building or space open to the public, or when in an outdoor public space, wherever it is not feasible to maintain six

feet of social distancing from another person not in the same household; provided, however, that this face-covering requirement does not apply to the following:

1. any person younger than 10 years of age;

2. any person with a medical condition or disability that prevents wearing a face covering;

3. any person while the person is consuming food or drink, or is seated at a restaurant to eat or drink;

4. any person while the person is (a) exercising outdoors or engaging in physical activity outdoors, and (b) maintaining a safe distance

from other people not in the same household;

5. any person while the person is driving alone or with passengers who are part of the same household as the driver;

6. any person obtaining a service that requires temporary removal of the face covering for security surveillance, screening, or a need for specific access to the face, such as while visiting a bank or while obtaining a personal care service involving the face, but only to the extent necessary for the temporary removal;

7. any person while the person is in a swimming

pool, lake, or similar body of water;

8. any person who is voting, assisting a voter, serving as a poll watcher, or actively administering an election, but wearing a face covering is strongly encouraged;

9. any person who is actively providing or obtaining access to religious worship, but wearing a face covering is strongly encouraged;

10. any person while the person is giving a speech for a broadcast or to an audience; or

11. any person in a county (a) that meets the requisite criteria promulgated by the Texas Division of Emer-

COVID-19 Cases by Age*

	TEXAS	BELL CO.
Ages under 20	1,602	161
Ages 20-29	4,139	360
Ages 30-39	4,279	275
Ages 40-49	4,179	246
Ages 50-59	3,926	210
Ages 60-69	2,721	130
Ages 70-79	1,296	83
Ages 80+	1,068	55

* As of July 6, 2020.

gency Management (TDEM) regarding minimal cases of COVID-19, and (b) whose county judge has affirmatively opted-out of this face-covering requirement by filing with TDEM the required face-covering attestation

form—provided, however, that wearing a face covering is highly recommended, and every county is strongly encouraged to follow these face-covering standards.

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Salado Salamander meeting set for July 14

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The Bell County Adaptive Management Coalition (BCAMC) invites members of the community to attend a public meeting on 6 p.m. July 14 at Thomas Arnold Elementary cafeteria.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss future actions by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) regarding the Salado salamander. The FWS will publish a

proposed critical habitat designation in the Federal Register by August 12, 2020.

The meeting will inform the public of the efforts the BCAMC has taken to address the designation of critical habitat for the Salado salamander and further explain the FWS process. BCAMC's contracted consultant Natural Resources Solutions (NRS) will assist in the presentation.

In accordance with safety concerns related to COV-

ID19 and the importance of social distancing this event will also be live streamed virtually and hosted by the coalition partners. Those unable to attend in person can simply join from their computer, tablet or smartphone.

The video link is: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/546817277>, and will be published on both the Village of Salado website and Clearwater UWCD website <http://www.cuwcd.org/>

Interested persons can

also dial in using your phone: United States (Toll Free): 1 866 899 4679 Access Code: 546-817-277.

The meeting is being conducted as part of \$90,000 professional services contracts with the Texas Fish and Wildlife Services Conservation Office (TXFWCO), Baylor University and Natural Resource Solutions.

Of the \$90,000, \$17,449.85 will be for Salamander Monitoring conducted by the TXFWCO,

\$39,992 to Baylor University for the Salado Springshed Refinement & Edwards BFZ Aquifer Synoptic & Dye Trace Studies and \$40,000 for Natural Resources Services for Phase 1 Critical Habitat services.

The Village voted May 27 to contribute \$15,000 toward the \$90,000 in expenses for the above services, while Salado Water Supply Corporation will contribute \$15,000, Bell County, \$30,000 and Clearwater Un-

derground Water Conservation District, \$30,000.

The Bell County Coalition leadership proposed the contract with NSR, an environmental consultant familiar with the critical habitat designation process, to prepare a presentation and approach USFWS with the alternative boundary for USFWS to consider. The consultant's cost this for this work is \$40,000.

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Hearing slated on emergency services district

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

A public hearing on the creation of the proposed Bell County Emergency Services District No. 1 is scheduled for 9 a.m. July 20 at the Bell County Historic Courthouse, second floor courtroom at 101 Central Ave. in Belton.

Each person who has an interest in the creation of the district may attend the hear-

ing and present grounds for or against the creation of the district.

A petition for the creation of an emergency services district has been filed with the County Clerk of Bell County, Texas and the creation of an emergency service district is proposed.

The district is to be created and is to operate under Article III, Section 48-e of the Texas Constitution, as

proposed by S.J.R. No. 27, Acts of the 70th Legislature, Regular Session, 1987, and adopted by the voters at an election held November 3, 1987.

Salado Volunteer Fire Department Chief Shane Berrier on June 12 turned in a petition to county officials calling for the creation of Bell County Emergency Services District #1 (BCESD #1).

The petition calls for the creation of the BCESD #1 with the 115 square mile area that comprise the service area of the Salado Volunteer Fire Department and setting a property tax rate of \$0.08 per \$100 valuation.

At that proposed rate, the property taxes due for a home of \$250,000 will be \$200 per year. The average homestead value for Salado ISD, which has boundaries

that are very similar to the proposed boundaries for the ESD, is \$276,292 in 2020, an increase of 10 percent over last year's \$252,048.

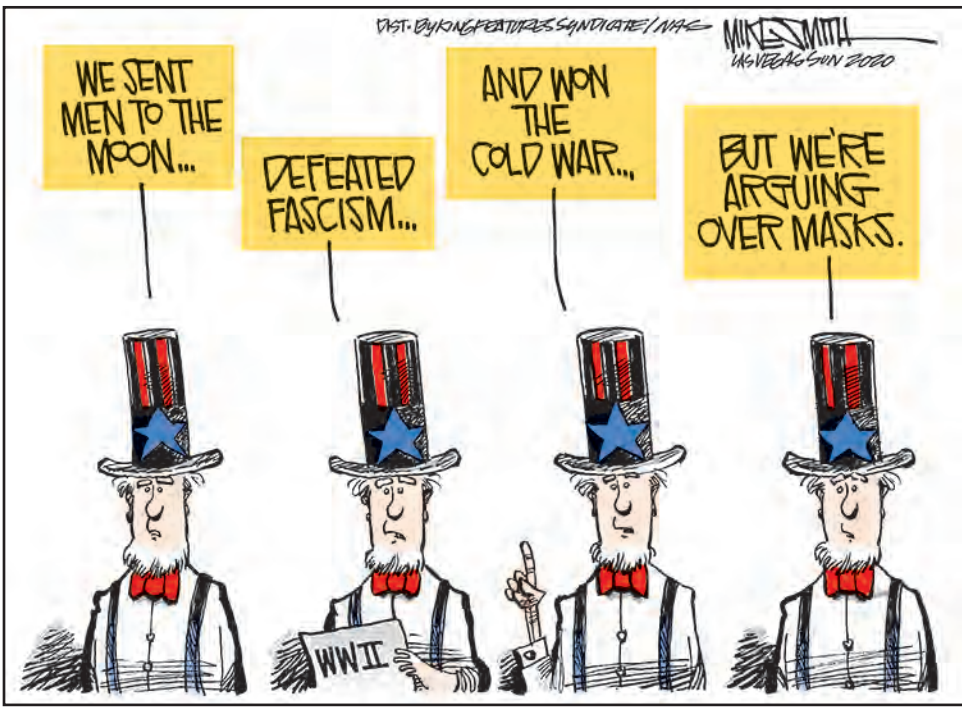
According to Bell County Tax Appraiser Billy White, Emergency Services Districts cannot freeze taxes. They can, however, adopt exemptions of \$3,000 or more for homesteads of those over 65 and disabled.

The Village of Salado

Board of Aldermen voted unanimously on July 2 to consent to the formation of the BCESD #1.

Formation of BCESD #1 and approval of the tax rate will allow the Salado VFD to hire its first full-time firefighters. According to Chief Berrier, the department would start with at least two full-time firefighters to man

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SISD Trustees approve budget, discuss reopening

The Salado ISD School Board met on Monday, June 29. The following is a summary of that meeting:

- The Board reviewed the three-year enrollment comparison. Our end of year 2020 enrollment was 2,052 students, as compared to 1,950 students in 2019 and 1,844 students in 2018.
- The Board reviewed the monthly financial reports.
- The Board discussed the progress regarding the construction of the new middle school.
- The Board approved the minutes from the May 18, June 1, June 5, and June 18 school board meetings.
- The Board approved an adjunct faculty agreement with Bell County Extension agents.

Superintendent's Corner

by Dr. Michael Novotny



- The Board approved a resolution regarding the extracurricular status of the 4-H organization.
- The Board approved changes to Policy CE (local): Annual Operating Budget.
- The Board approved the 2019-2020 Final Amended Budget.
- The Board held a public hearing regarding the 2020-2021 Budget.
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- The Board held a public hearing regarding the

- 2020-2021 Tax Rate.
 - The Board discussed the reopening of schools.
 - The Board conducted my annual evaluation.
 - The Board approved a one-year extension of my five-year employment contract. My new contract is from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2025.
- Our next regular school board meeting will be held on Mon., July 20, at 6 p.m. at the Salado ISD Civic Center, at 601 North Main Street.

Mid-June decline in business activity mirrors spike in cases

The Markets

The S&P 500 Stock Index ended the shortened July 4th week at 3130.01, up a delightful 4.02% from last Friday's close following the jobs report, but still within the trading range it has occupied since the end of May. It is now down 2.85% year-to-date and down 7.56% from its top in February but up very nearly 40% from its March bottom. The SPX is up about 4.5% from last year at this time. The 10-year U.S. Treasury note yield agreed with the stock market and rose about 4% to 0.673% while West Texas Intermediate crude oil (WTI) rose about 5% to \$40.32 at the end of the U.S. business day.

The Economy

The Labor Department came out with news that was greeted almost universally

Market & Economic Update

By Jeffrey W. McClure



with delight as the official estimate of unemployment in the U.S. dropped to "only" 11.1% as of mid-June, and total nonfarm payroll employment rose 4.8 million. Unfortunately, that figure still leaves at least 17.8 million Americans who want to work unable to find a job, and ongoing weekly layoffs of about 1.5 million. The new unemployment rate is three times the figure we had in February yet may have missed the reality of June's jobs. The Covid-19 infection rate has soared since the survey was taken and states, including Texas, California, Arizona, and Florida have imposed new business restrictions since, creating layoffs that were not captured in the report.

General business activity indeed increased until about mid-June but all indicators of that activity, things like automobile movement in shopping areas, credit card usage at businesses, and reserved dining seats peaked at mid-month and then started to again decline. The decline in business activity almost perfectly mirrors the rise in new coronavirus cases both in time and locale. As unpleasant as that news is, it may be needed. The surge in new infections to a level about equal to that seen in New York in the early stages of the infection itself was a lagging but near perfect mirror of the resurgence of visits to restaurants and bars as the states opened back up.

Texas provides a clear indicator of what is happening. In mid-June about 2,200 Texans were hospitalized for Covid-19, but two weeks later, as July arrived, the number was up to 7,000, as hospitalizations more than tripled. At the rate of hospitalization growth we have seen in the last two weeks of June, both the Houston and Dallas-Fort Worth area hospitals will be full by mid-July with the Austin area running not far behind. Some hospitals in Houston are already reporting being out of beds and are transferring or turning away patients. Texas reported nearly 8,000 new cases on July 2, a new record. Bell County reported 128 new cases on June 30, a huge increase from mid-June when new cases were averaging around 21 per day. The growth in absolute numbers is stark, but the growth rate per day in Bell County has remained fairly constant at about 4%. A 4% growth rate doubles the total number of infections about every 18 days. That is the scary real-

ity of this forest-fire pandemic. Notably, about 82% of the new infections are in younger people who may be feeling invulnerable but are, as a result, spreading the uncontrolled growth of the pandemic fire. With about 5% of the world's population, the U.S. now has recorded about 25% of the known coronavirus cases.

In separate news, the major oil and gas companies across the globe are restating the value of their oil reserves. Royal Dutch Shell devalued reserves by \$22 billion while BP took a \$17.5 billion cut. As the year began, oil reserves were assigned a long-term value of \$75 to \$90 per barrel even as Chevron announced an \$11 billion write down. Shell now projects a 2023 value of \$60 per barrel. The good news is that gasoline and diesel will likely remain relatively inexpensive. The bad news is that a lot of the Texas economy is based on relatively high-priced oil. The generally accepted rationale has little to do with the pandemic. Rather, the ongoing investment in and conversion to electric-powered automobiles and renewable energy combined with the relative abundance of newly accessible oil is having an effect and is likely to continue to do so into the future.

Home sales are sending a very mixed signal. The National Association of Realtors reported a 9.7% drop in existing home sales for May, while the Census Bureau announced a 17% increase in new home sales for the same period. Pending home sales jumped a record 44.3% for May but remain over 5% below last year at this time. Like most of the other economic indicators, this report is over a month old and in the current, rapidly shifting environment, should be taken with a grain of salt.

Things do look to be potentially bumpy in the next few months unless we, as a population, take this pandemic far more seriously than we have so far. That potentially rough near future in no way detracts from our optimism for the economy once we emerge from this threat. Record cash on hand levels for American households and investors, we believe, will translate into an impressive economic boom on the other side. Good progress is being made on vaccines that should end this nightmare and full implementation of that solution about a year from now looks like a good probability.

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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Truitt and Joyce Philen celebrate 65 years of togetherness

Truitt and Joyce Philen of Salado will celebrate their 65th anniversary at their Salado home on July 18, 2020.

Joyce Ann Jackson and Franklin Truitt Philen were married on July 19, 1955 by Brother Johnson at the Brownsboro Baptist Church.

They moved to Salado five years ago.

The couple have four children, 15 grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren and three great, great grandchildren.

They are currently teaching first and second grade boys and girls at First Baptist Church Salado.

Joyce tells this story about how they met in Brownsboro, Texas:

"At the age of 14, I got my driver's license after a semester of driver training. So for the next year-and-a-half, I was allowed use of the car on occasion with my parents' permission.

"One day a friend and I were out driving around and saw Truitt going to get gas. My friend was his cousin so we stopped, picked him up, took him to get gas and returned him to his car. Incident forgotten!

"A couple of months later I was at another friend's house for an overnight stay. My parents were out of town. Truitt was there and we asked him to drive us to my house to get something I had forgotten but he just handed her the keys. But he forgot to tell us that you have to pump the brakes to stop. My drive had a circle drive. Guess what? It didn't stop until we hit the fence post. Incident almost forgotten!

"My third encounter actually happened when I wasn't home. He came to see me (pre phones) and I was on a date with my brother's friend from the Air Force. My mother tried to describe him but I still didn't realize who it was. Now I'm intrigued!

"He still didn't give up. He came back and asked me for a date. Of course, I said yes. Six months later, we ran off, with the help of his mother and got married by a blind Baptist preacher.

"My kinfolks said it would never last, but here we are 65 years later, four kids, 15 grandkids, 17 great grandkids and three -- almost four -- great, great grandkids.

"God has been so good to us!"

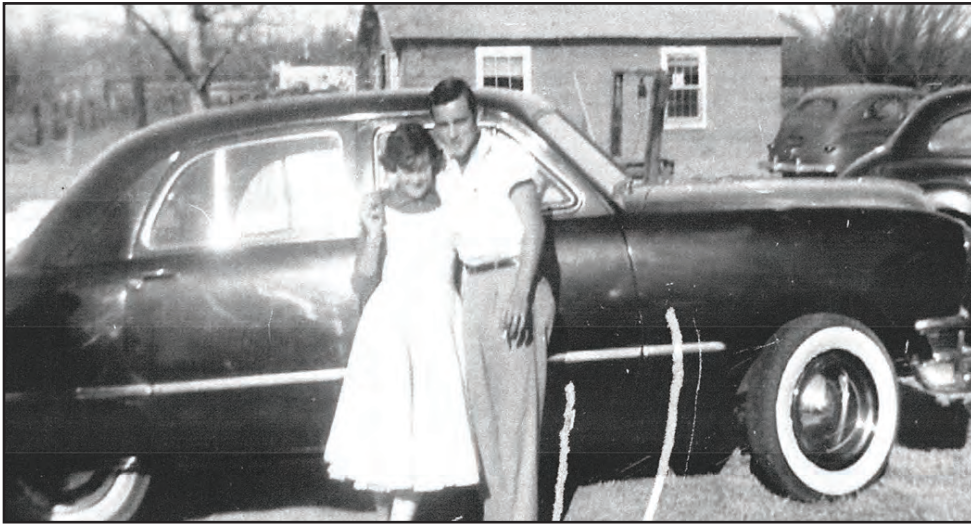
Burrow will receive BBA from SHSU

Michael Burrow of Salado will receive a bachelor's degree during the Spring commencement ceremonies at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas.

He will receive a Bachelor of Business Administration in Management.

Bragg named to President's Honor List at Sam Houston

Ellie Bragg of Salado has been named to the President's Honor Roll at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas. She is an undergraduate at SHSU who has achieved a perfect 4.0 grade point average in all work attempted while enrolled in not less than 12 semester hours. The university would like to recognize the Bragg for earning the honor for the Spring 2020 semester.



Truitt and Joyce Philen in 1955 and a more recent celebration.

LTC(R) RICHARD LAWRENCE POWELL JANUARY 11, 1953 JUNE 22, 2020

LTC(R) Richard (Rick) Lawrence Powell, 67, died at his home in Killeen on June 22, 2020.

Rick was born to CW4 Theo Lawrence and Valerie Barbara Powell, in Bountiful, Utah on January 11, 1953. This was where he grew up and learned to love sports from his mother, where he excelled at skiing, was a ranked tennis player, played golf, and was an AAU Swimmer for the University of Utah.

Before joining the Army, Rick attended West Point, but graduated from the University of Utah with a Degree in English Literature. Later, he received a Master's Degree in Logistics Management from the Florida Institute of Technology. He entered the service as a 2d Lt Quartermaster officer and, throughout his 20 years of service, was stationed at Fort Hood, Korea, Germany, Ft Leavenworth, Ft Lee, and Cuba. Because of his work with the Army, he traveled through many countries all over Europe, Africa, Asia, and the Middle East. He was also a member of the team for Operation Provide Comfort to the Kurdish people after the first Iraq War. Upon retirement, Rick continued to support the Army with his time at Camber Corporation and, later, as the III Corps Historian.

In addition to his love of playing sports, Rick was an avid baseball (Baltimore Orioles), football (Dallas Cowboys), and ice hockey (Texas Stars) fan, attending all the games he could. He was also a mil-



itary history buff, with a special interest in the Civil War. He read as many books, on a variety of other topics, as he could fit into his schedule.

Rick volunteered at the Salado Public Library. He was also an active member of many local and fraternal organizations, to include the West Point Association, the 13th COSCOM Association, the Fort Hood Museums, and was a past president of the Cen-Tex Humane Society for Animals in Killeen.

He is preceded in death by his parents.

Rick leaves behind his loving children Dr. Alyssa K. Powell and Colin L. Powell; his step daughter Whitney Wooddell and her husband James Wooddell; grandchildren, Rylie Wood, Damien Perez, Kace Shipley, Asher Shipley; In-laws, Bob and Mary Love.

The children will host a memorial service/celebration of life in the next several weeks at Broecker Funeral Home in Salado, Texas. Once a date has been established, it will be placed on their website at broeckerfuneralhome@gmail.com.

The children would love to meet the many friends that were a part of his life and helped shaped him into the great man and father they loved.

Paid Obituary



SARA BETH OYLER JULY 20, 1954 JUNE 30, 2020

Sara Beth Oyler, 66, of Belton, TX, died June 30, 2020 after a very short battle with cancer at home and at Scott & White hospital in Temple. Sara was born on July 20, 1954 in Rising Star, TX to Ross and Georgie Street. She married her teenage sweetheart and only love, Richard H. Oyler.

Sara enjoyed life to its fullest and loved gardening, sewing, camping at the beach, and most of all being with her grandkids and family.

She will always be remembered for her big heart and loving smile. She was also a member of the Methodist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Richard; one daughter, Memoi of Belton, TX; one son and daughter-in-law, Jamie Oyler and Michelle of Salado; seven grandchildren, Caitlyn of Academy, Janson of Dallas, Joshua of Colorado, Samantha of Killeen, Savannah of Salado, Hayden and Ian of Belton; and one sister, Marietta of Colorado.

A Celebration of Life will be held Wednesday, July 8, 2020 at Crawford-Bowers Chapel at 11:30am.

Inurnment will follow at Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery at 1:00pm

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Salamander

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This initial Phase 1 work will be completed and submitted to the US FWS by mid August. Under the contract, in Phase 1, NRS will commit to the following "deliverables:"

1. Meet with Williamson County stakeholders.
2. Assist Bell County in hosting a public meeting.
3. Develop proposed critical habitat designation map.
4. Will provide additional information for economic analysis.

BCAMC is undertaking a three-phase contract with NRS. Phase 2 will be conducted between June 2020 and January 2021 for an additional \$90,000 with the following deliverables:

1. Analyze information to inform conservation activities and best management

practices to be addressed in special 4(d) rule.

2. Assist BCAMC in hosting one public meeting.
3. Develop a draft special 4(d) rule to propose USFWS. Section 4(d) of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) directs the USFWS to issue regulations necessary to conserve species listed as threatened. This applies particularly to "take," which can include any act that kills or injures threatened species, and may include habitat modification. The ESA prohibits any take of species listed as endangered, but some take of threatened species that does not interfere with survival and recovery may be allowed.
4. Reach agreement with FWS and release special 4(d) rule for publication in Federal Register. Work on

this will try to prevent any additional regulations that are not addressed by existing regulations of Bell County, Clearwater and the Village of Salado.

Phase 3 would be \$70,000 and developed over two 12-month periods.

Phase 3 would develop the following "deliverables":

1. Develop information and provide comments during public comment period for critical habitat designation.
2. Analyze comments received during the public comment period.
3. Provide additional information to FWS to support the final designation of critical habitat and publication in Federal Register.
4. Develop information and provide comments during public comment period for special 4(d) rule.
5. Analyze comments received concerning the special 4(d) rule.
6. Provide additional information to US FWS concerning the final critical habitat and the special 4(d) rule.



(COURTESY PHOTO)

Creation of an Emergency Services District would benefit the Salado Fire Department.

Emergency

FROM PAGE 1A

the station on FM 2484 and an administrator to handle the daily operations.

Currently, the fire department is manned solely by volunteers who leave home or work at any hour of the day or night whenever the call has been issued through the county 911 system.

Having professional firefighters man the fire station would reduce response time in the area that the SVFD serves. These firefighters would be supported and supplemented by the volunteers who remain on the call.

Creation of BCESD#1 would also support the fire

department in the purchase, upgrade and update of vehicles and other equipment and apparatus.

"We have a good fire department," Chief Berrier said. "This will help us to keep our equipment and vehicles up-to-date."

Berrier and the volunteers apply for grants and hold fund raisers whenever they need to buy specific equipment.

"These are not part of our regular budget," Chief Berrier said of the capital expenses. "This would help us better plan for and pay for equipment and vehicles."

The current budget for

fuel, equipment maintenance and repairs and other costs is about \$145,000.

The proposed tax rate of \$0.08 per \$100 valuation would generate almost \$1 million per year, based on the proposed property values of \$1.2 billion for Salado ISD.

If approved by local voters in November, the BCESD#1 would be overseen by an elected board of directors. The first interim board would likely be appointed until an election could be held to fill the board. After that period, terms on the board would stagger and elections would be held every year.

FROM PAGE 1A

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COVID-19

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"We're heading into a holiday weekend," Village of Salado Administrator Don Ferguson told aldermen during a July 2 ZOOM Meeting. "We have more than doubled the number of cases in the three weeks after Memorial Day. The numbers have started going through the roof and have not stopped. We are not anticipating them going down any time."

"People need to mask. They need to practice social distancing," he added.

He added that there are three cases within the Village limits. "There are more cases that are going to be coming up in the coming weeks," Ferguson said. "This community has done an amazing job. We hope they stay low. We have a population that is probably more vulnerable than other areas of the county."

Reacting to the Governor's executive order to limit numbers of people gathering outside, the Village of Salado closed Sirena Park and Pace Park for the time.

The parks, Ferguson said, "were cordoned off and with tape up. We don't want anybody in those parks. We are not taking any reservations. We were hoping to open

playground and restrooms and take reservations, but advice we are getting is to minimize crowds."

The governor gave authority to counties and municipalities to authorize gatherings of 100 people or more. "Municipalities will be responsible for gatherings in their own corporate limits," Ferguson said.

Ferguson discussed a recent concert at Johnny's Outback that was canceled by the owner. "He deserves a huge amount of credibility and pat on the back for that decision," Ferguson said. "Josh (Bratton) did not want to be the spur or start of the spread in this community. He did not want to hurt people."

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Admitted ICU			39
Deaths	129,811	2,655	13
Recoveries		103,782	421
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The Rampy & Crockett families of Salado

Yes, there is a connection to Davy!

By CAROL WILSON
SALADO HISTORIAN

In Salado cemetery there are three graves bearing the name Crockett, a name not largely familiar in Salado's history. There are also several graves under the name Rampy, a name that is more recognizable in terms of local history. The subjects of this narrative tie these families together and highlight some of Salado's lesser-known pioneers.

For those who may need a reminder, Major General Thomas Randall Rampy, the first auditor general of the U. S. Air Force, was born in Salado in 1897. During the later years of his life Rampy wrote a book about his life including a selection of stories about his adventures growing up in Salado. Those wishing to read the book, titled *Choice or Chance*, will be happy to know that it is available for reading at no cost at this web address: <http://upamerica.org/Family/TRR/trbook.htm>

General Rampy died in 1976 and has the honor of being buried in Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia, but some of his relatives, including a second cousin named Sarah Margaret Rampy (later Crockett), are buried in Salado's main cemetery.

Sarah's branch of the Rampy family tree can trace its connection to Salado to 1880 when Thomas Franklin and Isabelle Rampy moved to Salado with their three young children. Sarah was their oldest child. Thomas was a veteran of the Civil War who was lucky to have survived severe and debilitating injuries. He had fought gallantly for over a year when he was badly wounded and hospitalized for an extended time. After returning home to Alabama, he married Isabelle "Belle" Hassentine in October of 1865.

Although the Rampy



Roberts Cole "Steve" Crockett - L M Crockett jr.
L.M. Crockett Sr

Robert Cole Crockett, L. M. Crockett, Sr. and L. M. Crockett Jr. in this photo from the collection of Carl C. Williams.

family came too late to be counted among Salado's first tier of pioneers, Thomas Rampy was a highly respected and valuable member of the community, a leader in the Masonic Lodge and a staunch supporter of the Republican Party. He was also Salado's postmaster for eight years during the 1880s. It is sad and perplexing to note that Thomas took

his own life in 1896, but the decision may have been linked to his war injuries and chronic pain.

Sarah Rampy was a smart and resourceful young woman and she played an important role in Salado. Working for her father from an early age, she learned the postal business. The post office was located inside a Salado store that may have

also been a Rampy family business. This short article, published under the heading *Salado News* in the *Belton Journal* on September 6, 1883, supports that theory.

"I notice Mr. W. H. Burgess, (assistant postmaster) and Miss Sarah Rampy were running the store and post office and they seemed to be very much at home and

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Crocketts FROM PAGE 1B

understanding business very well. I suppose Miss Rampy has been duly qualified, at least she seem to understand her business quite well, and we hear no complaints at all.

Perhaps it was not only unusual in 1883 that a young female might be good at business, but maybe more baffling that she had a keen interest in it. In 1883, Sarah Rampy was just sixteen years old. She became very adept at postal work, so much so that she was asked to stay with the post office after her father's term as postmaster expired. By 1889, Sarah was an expert in post office procedures, a skill that earned her a job as the head of the post office at Bartlett. Sarah was ahead of her time in mastering the responsibility of running a post office, but in December of 1890, she traded her career for marriage.

Lafayette Columbus Frances Marion Crockett, "L. M." to his friends, was a native of Mississippi who arrived in Salado in 1877, slightly ahead of the Thomas Rampy family. In earlier times he had embraced the nickname "Alphabet Crockett" because his name contained more letters than the alphabet.

The rare photographs shown here are courtesy of Carl C. Williams of Midland. Mr. Williams is the former Sheriff of Brewster County, and his wife Alice Josephine Crockett is the granddaughter of L. M. and Sarah Crockett. Carl, who is also a genealogical enthusiast, was generous in sharing these pictures and informa-

tion about the family including this gem: Lafayette was a distance cousin to Davy Crockett of Alamo fame.

L. M. and Sarah Crockett made their home near Salado on a farm located twelve miles southwest of Temple. It was a good match as both were deeply religious and family oriented. As was common in those days, the Crockett's lost several children to early death. Of the nine children born to Sarah, only five reached adulthood. One loss was particularly painful, the death of a two year old son named Arthur who was burned to death twelve days before Christmas in 1910. Sarah had stepped outside for a moment when ashes from the fireplace ignited the boy's clothing.

Over the years L. M. ran several businesses including a grocery store and a confectionary. (You may recall that in an earlier article regarding the orphaned Schoepf children, L. M. Crockett provided oldest son Hugh with employment in his store.)

In 1913, he was elected to serve on the board of the high school that was located in the old Salado College building. L. M. Crockett also held another interesting job for several years. He was the government's official gauge man. In that capacity he was fitted with an official government-issued rain gauge and was tasked with making periodic reports on the amount of rainfall. Area newspapers often referred to him as the Salado weatherman.



The Crockett Family once lived in the Stagecoach Inn. These photos are from 1937 and are part of the Historic American Buildings Survey.

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But without question, L. M. Crockett was best known for the popular hack service he provided between Belton and Salado over many years. In addition to acting as a shuttle service, Crockett's buggy transported mail under a government contract.

As seen in advertisements that Crockett occasionally ran in the Belton newspaper, he taxied passengers between the towns on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, leaving Belton at three in the afternoon.

In keeping with his Christian beliefs, he never

worked on Sunday. The importance of this shuttle service would be difficult to overstate. It was crucial to Salado because the town encouraged visitors by hyping its mineral water and springs. Many people came via train and the nearest depot was in Belton. Crockett also served as a good source of information regarding the condition of the roads between the two towns because they were sometimes impassable due to flooding or mud.

Sarah Crockett, ever an energetic lady, also worked tirelessly. She worked with

the Methodist Missionary Society but she also acted as Salado's correspondent for the Belton Evening News. In that role she kept the paper abreast of activity in Salado.

According to Carl Williams, family history holds that the Crockett family lived for a time at the Stagecoach Inn where they may have acted as managers. According to Felda Davis Shanklin, in her book, Salado, Texas, It's History and People, the Crockett family also lived in another historic Salado building, the Creekmore House. This is

the house known today as the Anderson house. Deed records do not include the Crockett name on either of these properties, which suggests that they were renters. The family may have moved into town so that their children had access to school. The five children were Lafayette Jr., Franklin, Isabell, Roberts (unusual spelling) and Sarah.

By 1913, automobiles were quickly replacing horses as a means of transportation, but L. M. Crockett

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At one time, the Crockett family lived in the old Anderson (Creekmore) house on Main Street in Salado. They are not listed among the owners, so it is likely they were renters. Do you see any resemblance between the woman in this photo and the ladies to the right? (UNDATED PHOTO COURTESY OF BILL KINNISON)



Isabel Hassentine Rampy and Sarah M. Rampy Crockett are shown in this old photograph that is part of the Carl C. Williams collection.

End of Hack Service FROM PAGE 2B

ett was reluctant to give up his trusty hack service of longstanding. Perhaps it was divine intervention that put the question to rest.

On a Sunday morning, April 6, 1913, the Crockett family took their celebrated hack to church in Belton. Mr. Crockett hitched the horses near an embankment and the family went inside.

As the services were beginning, a Mrs. Meyers of Troy, accompanied by two passengers, approached the scene in an automobile. As she turned the corner onto the street where the hack and several horses were tied, the noise of the engine startled the animals and they began to pull at their ropes.

Two children playing nearby ran from the horses but in doing so went into the street, oblivious to the approaching vehicle. Mrs.

Meyer acted quickly and avoiding hitting the children, but the sharp turn she was forced to make caused her to collide with Crockett's hack, completely destroying it.

Mr. Crockett took the accident in stride, telling those at the scene that he was glad that his buggy had lessened the blow to the automobile as it hit the embankment. The incident, or rather the way it was reported, reflects the sadness the community felt in losing the trusty hack.

"Sunday the old Salado passenger and express hack was completely destroyed. Many and many are they who this hack has served in pleasure and hope, in sickness and in sorrow in its faithful plying between this city and classic Salado, and in the last moment of its use-

fulness it served as protector to women and children." - Temple Daily Telegram, April 9, 1913

About 1930, Sarah and L. M. began experiencing ill health to a degree that made it necessary for them to move to Fort Worth to be near their son Lafayette, Jr.


On January 12, 1933, Lafayette passed away following a long illness. Sarah's health was so fragile that she was unable to attend her husband's funeral. She died three years later. Both are buried in Salado along with their daughter Isabell, who never married.

Sarah's parents, Thomas and Isabelle Rampy, are also buried there.


The Crockett and Rampy families of Salado are most deserving of this small measure of recognition.

L. M. Crockett runs a hack line between Belton and Salado on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, leaving Belton about three o'clock. tf

An ad for L. M. Crockett's hack service found in *The Journal-Reporter*. (Belton, Tex.), Vol. 33, No. 26, Ed. 1 Friday, May 19, 1899, newspaper, May 19, 1899; (<https://texashistory.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metaph845451/m1/3/>; accessed July 6, 2020), University of North Texas Libraries, The Portal to Texas History, texashistory.unt.edu;



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All nine seniors on the 2020 Salado High School baseball team were named to the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association All State Academic Team. The criteria for the team include the player must be a senior, must have maintained a 92 GPA throughout his high school career and must be of good moral character. Players are nominated by their coaches. Coach Emery Atkisson nominated all nine of his senior players. "We hold our baseball program to an extremely high standard on and off the field and we are very excited that these 9 seniors were rewarded for their efforts." Shown at left are (Front row, left to right) Stu Lastovica, Carson King, Ethan Scott, Nader Smien, Caleb Self and Coach Emery Atkisson; (back row, left to right) Jon Ullman, Konnor Baird, Jake Markham and Hunter Howton. (COURTESY PHOTO)

CTC College for Kids continues online in July

Registration continues for the Central Texas College (CTC) Continuing Education department's College for Kids online classes in July.

In partnership with Black Rocket, a national leader in technology education for youth, CTC is offering virtual live-online summer camps for youngsters age 8-14 in topics such as coding, game design, eSports, virtual reality and more.

Three new classes start July 13:

3D Game Design with Unity - aspiring game designers will learn level editing, 3D modeling, impactful gameplay creation and how to utilize scripts and variables. The class requires a 64-bit operating system and is compatible with MAC and Windows OS only. The class is July 13-17 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. for 8-11-year-

olds and 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. for 12-14-year-olds. The cost is \$149.

Minecraft Animators - create the next popular animated Minecraft video on YouTube. Practice the same skills professionals at Pixar and Disney Animation Studios use. Discover the process of keyframing and tweening, how to use it to bring your own animated stories to life and how to publish your content on YouTube. The class is compatible with Windows OS only. Mac users can play their project at home but will not be able to edit the project without a PC. The course is July 13-17 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. for 12-14-year-olds and 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. for 8-11-year-olds. The cost is \$149.

Pokemon Masters: Designers and 3D Makers Unite! - create your own

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Another set of classes begins July 20 with a repeat of Inventor's League - Prototyping for the Future! And the following new classes:

Minecraft Designers - learn how to create a custom map, the basics of creating 3D models using a new software to design your very own objects, how to build with Redstone and Com-

mand blocks and create custom textures for you to import at home or share with friends. Students must own a Java version of Minecraft to take this class which is compatible with MAC and Windows OS only. Tablet, phone, and game console versions of Minecraft are not compatible. The class runs July 20-24 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. for 8-11-year-olds and 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. for 12-14-year-olds. The cost is \$149.

Rocket Kart Racers: Design A Mario Kart Style Game - design your own tracks and customize your karts and characters. Using professional 3D-game development software, students will combine their creations into their own kart racing game they can play with friends and family at home. Students can participate in eSports League races

against other schools across the country with a chance to have their tracks featured in the Black Rocket master build of the game. The class requires a 64-bit operating system and is compatible with MAC and Windows OS only. The course is July 20-24 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. for 12-14-year-olds and 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. for 8-11-year-olds. The cost is \$149.

The last three classes offered in July are:

Code Your Own Adventure! Interactive Storytelling - bring the characters in your imagination to life in this unique course that blends classic storytelling with animation techniques and coding. Start with a concept, design the characters and choose not just one ending, but many. Learn how to create your own text-based adventure games with images, variables, conditional logic using HTML, CSS and JavaScript. The class is compatible with MAC and Windows OS only. The course runs July 27-31 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. for 8-11-year-olds and 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. for 12-14-year-olds. The cost is \$149.

Minecraft Modders - learn the basics of modding, foundations of programming, scripting and logic statements as you create your first mods. Introductory coding will also be taught through a simulated envi-

ronment inspired by Minecraft. Students must own a Java version of Minecraft to take this class. It is compatible with MAC and Windows OS only. Tablet, phone and game console versions of Minecraft are not compatible. The class is July 27-31 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. for 8-11-year-olds and 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. for 12-14-year-olds. The cost is \$149.

ROBLOX Coders and Entrepreneurs - discover how to code in the Lua language while playing and designing worlds in ROBLOX®. The class combines game design concepts, coding and fun. Young entrepreneurs will also learn how to navigate ROBLOX's fast-growing marketplace to publish their games. It is compatible with MAC and Windows OS only. The class is July 27-31 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. for 12-14-year-olds and 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. for 8-11-year-olds. The cost is \$159.

A new series of College for Kids classes will be available in August. To register for classes, view the entire summer schedule or for more information, visit the Black Rocket website at blackrocket.com/online/ctc or contact CTC at 254-526-1586. Tips and resources for courses are also available by "liking" the CTC Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/ctccfk/>.



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Cowboy Poetry, Music Gathering slated in Salado July 31-Aug. 2

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Jeff Gore

Jeff Gore began singing at age four and began cowboy singing at age ten. He started writing his own songs and performing for audiences all across the country. Over the past 30 years he has recorded seven albums of traditional and original cowboy and gospel music. He has won awards for his

music from the Academy of Western Artists and the American Cowboy Culture Association. Jeff has played feature roles in the movies "The Good Old Boys," and "Nail 32." He has produced and appeared in programs for The Outdoor Channel and RFDTV. Jeff's current project is producing, directing, and starring in a feature film, "Jingle in the Horses" based on his 2010 novel by the same name.

Jeff led on a stepped out ministry in 1992 to begin a ministry to ranching and rural communities, traveling the country preaching, singing, and holding workshops. They live just south of Abilene.



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Don Caddon

Don Caddon was born in Gonzales, Texas (The cradle of Texas liberty) in 1946. His family moved to the Austin area in 1951, and Don graduated from a small rural school, Del Valle, in 1964.

He graduated from Southwest Texas State University (now Texas State), and served 6 years in the National Guard, including 3 years as a paratrooper in the Texas 36th Division.

In 1990, he read about the Texas Cowboy Poetry Gathering in Alpine, Texas, and decided to go see what it was all about. He found kindred spirits, and performed at that event for the next 30 years, eventually becoming the president of the operating committee.

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Salado Calendar of Events

SALADO ROTARY CLUB
Now Meeting twice a month via ZOOM. Regular meetings will resume in the future.

SALADO LIONS CLUB
Meetings are on hold for now, hoping to resume regular schedule soon!

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

TUESDAYS
Salado Community Chorus practice. **CANCELED until September 2020.**

THURSDAYS
Run4Beer at Barrow Brewing Co., 7p.m.
Bikes & Brews Barrow Brewing Co., 7 p.m.

FRIDAYS
Crocheting with Karen, 10:30 a.m. at Stamp Salado **ON HOLD**
Live Music at Chupacabra Craft Beers, 7 p.m. **ON HOLD**

Live Music at Barrow Brewing Co. 7:30 p.m. **ON HOLD**

SATURDAYS
Bikes & Brews, Barrow Brewing Co., 7:30 a.m. **ON HOLD**

Farmers Market at Barrow Brewing Co., 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Live Music at Chupacabra Craft Beers, 7 p.m. **ON HOLD**

Live Music at Barrow Brewing Co., 7:30 p.m. **ON HOLD**

SUNDAYS
Live Music at Barrow Brewing Co. 4 p.m.

JUNE 29-JULY 10

Early voting in political party primary run-offs will be conducted in person each week day at the following locations: Belton - Bell County Courthouse Annex, Killeen - Bell County Annex, Killeen Community Center, Temple - Bell County Annex, Salado Church of Christ, 217 North Stagecoach Harker Heights - Parks & Recreation Center.
June 29-July 2: 8 a.m.-5 p.m. July 5: 12 noon-5 p.m. July 6-10: 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

JULY 2
Village of Salado Board of Aldermen meeting, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Details at saladotx.gov.

JULY 11
Rebecca Jane at Barrow Brewing Co, 7:30 p.m. **CANCELED**

JULY 12
Brandon Panier at Barrow Brewing Co, 7:30 p.m. **CANCELED**

JULY 13
Pint Night: Friends & Allies Brewing, 5 p.m. - midnight at Chupacabra Craft Beer. Growlers to go with 2 free pint glasses.

JULY 14
Election day for Political Primary run-offs will be 7 a.m.-7 p.m. at any of the 40 polling places in Bell County, including the Salado Church of Christ Activity Center. Polling places can be found online at https://www.bellcountytexas.com/departments/elections/polling_locations.php

JULY 14
Public meeting on Salado Salamander, 6 p.m. Thomas Arnold Elementary cafeteria. Also video stream at <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/546817277>

JULY 17
Outdoor Movie Night at Barrow Brewing Co, 7:30 p.m. **ON HOLD**

JULY 18
Dustin Brown at Barrow Brewing Co, 7:30 p.m. **ON HOLD**

JULY 18, 25 & AUG 1
Salado Legends THE MOVIE at Tablerock Amphitheater. Free admis-

sion. **CANCELED**
JULY 19
Anna Larson at Barrow Brewing Co, 7:30 p.m. **ON HOLD**

JULY 20
Pint Night: Double Horn Brewing Co, 5 p.m. - midnight at Chupacabra Craft Beer. Growlers to go with 2 free pint glasses.

JULY 20
Public hearing on Proposed Bell County Emergency Services District #1, 9 a.m. at the Bell County Historic Courthouse, second story courtroom, 101 Central Ave.

JULY 23
Yucatan Around the World dining experience at Alexander's Craft Cocktails and Kitchen

JULY 24
Friday Sip 'n Shop, 5 - 8 p.m. across the Village of Salado

JULY 24
Fourth Friday Night Gospel Singing at First Cedar Valley Baptist Church, 12237 FM 2843, 7 p.m. Potluck at 10 p.m.

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JULY 24
Martian Folk at Barrow Brewing Co. 7:30 p.m. **ON HOLD**

JULY 26
Jacob Rangel at Barrow Brewing Co, 4 p.m. **ON HOLD**

JULY 27
Pint Night: Bare Arms Brewing, 5 p.m. - midnight at Chupacabra Craft Beer

JULY 31, AUG 1-2
Cowboy Poetry and Music Gathering.

JULY 31
Fred Fuller at 6:30 p.m., followed by Kasey Thornton band, 8 p.m. at Barrow Brewing Co.

AUGUST 1-2
Salado Art Fair. **CANCELED**

AUGUST 15
Open House for Salado Middle School with Cornerstone Dedication Ceremony by the Grand Lodge of Texas AF&AM and Salado Masonic Lodge #296, 10 a.m.

AUGUST 28
Friday Sip 'n Shop, 5 - 8 p.m. across the Village of Salado

SEPTEMBER 8
Salado Community Chorus pot luck and fall season registration, 6 p.m., Salado Civic Center.

SEPTEMBER 19 - 20
Auditions for Fright Trail and A Christmas Carol, 3 p.m. at Tablerock Amphitheater. Attend one session

OCTOBER 3
Randy Rogers Band at Johnny's Outback. Gates open at 6 p.m.

OCTOBER 9-10
Christmas in October, sponsored by Salado Ladies Auxiliary. **CANCELED**

OCTOBER 17
Barrow Volks Ride is a ride for all cyclists with distances of 16 miles, 50KM and 100KM and will kick off the three Saturdays of Oktoberfest at Barrow Brewing Co.

on Oct. 17. Proceeds from the registration of riders benefit the Salado Volunteer Fire Department. Online registration of \$50 per rider is available at bikereg.com.

OCTOBER 17
Oktoberfest at Barrow Brewing Co. will feature fun contests, like beer stein holding and hammerschlagen as well as a vendors' market in the field by the creek. Live music and guest food trucks, including Checkpoint Germany.

On October 24, there will be a demonstration of Schafkopf, a traditional Bavarian card game that is played in pubs, biergartens and kitchen tables throughout Germany. A variation for five players called Sheepshead is played in German communities in the Midwest.

OCTOBER 17
Grape Stomp 3-8 p.m. at Salado Winery Co., 841 N. Main St. raising funds for Salado Montessori. Pizza by Pizza PieRos.

OCTOBER 17, 24 & 31
Fright Trail, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. at Tablerock.

OCTOBER 24
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OCTOBER 31
BARKTOBERFEST at Barrow Brewing Co. will feature be especially for the furry friends and will feature fun contests, like beer stein holding and hammerschlagen as well as a vendors' market in the field by the creek. Live music and guest food trucks, including Checkpoint Germany.

NOVEMBER 7-8
Salado Museum and College Park will host its first annual Hickory Golf Tournament at the Mill Creek Golf Course, designed by golf architect Robert Trent Jones II. Entry is \$150 per player.

NOVEMBER 13-15
Highland Games and Gathering of Scottish Clans at Johnny's Outback.

DECEMBER 3
Annual Salado Christmas Stroll Parade, 6 p.m. Lighted and under the lights!

DECEMBER 4-6
Annual Christmas Stroll.

DECEMBER 4, 5, 11 & 12
A Christmas Carol, 7 p.m. at Tablerock Amphitheater. Concessions open at 6:15 p.m.

DECEMBER 11-13
Annual Christmas Stroll.

DECEMBER 12
Asanas and Ales, 10 a.m. at Barrow Brewing Company

DECEMBER 15
Salado Community Chorus Christmas Concert, 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Salado

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East dealer.
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NORTH
♠ K 9 6
♥ K Q 4
♦ A Q J 8 7 2
♣ 8

WEST
♠ 5 3 2
♥ 10 9 6
♦ 6 4 3
♣ A 10 7 3

EAST
♠ 7 4
♥ A J 7 3
♦ K
♣ K Q J 5 4 2

SOUTH
♠ A Q J 10 8
♥ 8 5 2
♦ 10 9 5
♣ 9 6

The bidding:
East South West North
1 ♣ Pass Pass Dble
Pass 1 ♠ Pass 2 ♦
Pass 2 ♠ Pass 3 ♠
Pass 4 ♠

Opening lead — ace of clubs.

In some deals, declarer can tell at once that a particular defender cannot have a certain key card. So, while declarer can rarely be sure of every card a defender does hold, he can often feel certain about a specific card (or cards) that that defender does not hold.

Here is a case in point. South reached four spades on the bidding shown, and West led the ace of clubs. West then shifted to the ten of hearts. Dummy's queen lost to the ace, and a low heart return from East went to dummy's king. Declarer led a low spade to the ace, ruffed a club with dummy's king and drew two more rounds of trump.

Having lost the first two tricks, South now had to avoid losing either a diamond trick or a heart trick. When the hand was actually played, declarer led a diamond to the ace at this point, felling East's singleton king. As a result, South wound up with 11 tricks — two more than he would have made had he taken the tempting diamond finesse.

Unquestionably, declarer was lucky to find the diamond king unguarded. However, it was the kind of luck one learns to expect from good players.

South did not need to peek to know that East had the king of diamonds. The bidding had indicated this, since West would hardly have passed his partner's opening bid with a hand containing the ace of clubs and king of diamonds. So, rather than play West for a card he couldn't have, South pinned his hopes on the relatively slim possibility that East's king was unchaperoned.

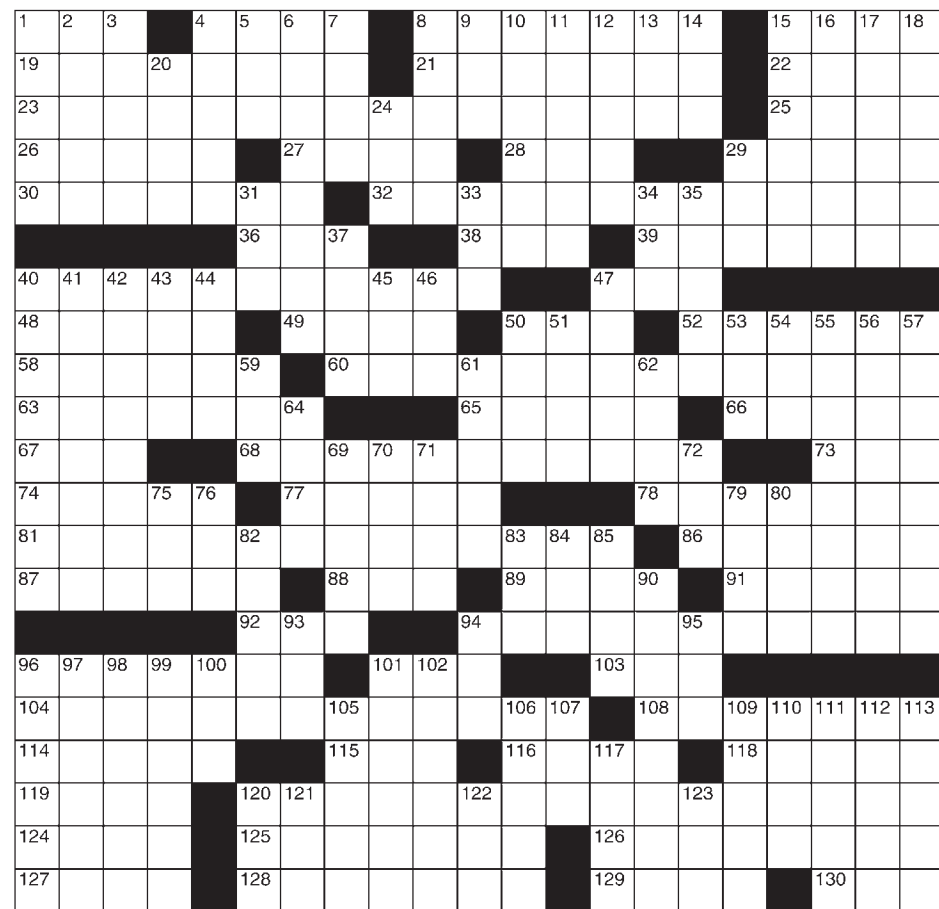
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by Steve Becker

Super Crossword

TRIPLE OVERLAP

- ACROSS**
- 1 Boater, e.g.
 - 4 Poker chip, for one
 - 8 Uncorks again
 - 15 Liven (up)
 - 19 Mexican resort port
 - 21 To-do trays
 - 22 Actor Bates
 - 23 GOP race runner
 - 25 At midnight, say
 - 26 Justice Kagan
 - 27 Planet near Earth
 - 28 "Attack, dog!"
 - 29 First-class
 - 30 "Dirty" drink
 - 32 Data entry device
 - 36 Ewoks and Na'vi, in brief
 - 38 Actor DeLuise
 - 39 Strengthens in volume
 - 40 Large insectivores with long snouts
 - 47 Recycling container
 - 48 Support financially
 - 49 Unmannerly
 - 50 Suffix with pay
 - 52 Nissan, formerly
 - 58 Mop brand
 - 60 Common bit of on-stage audio equipment
 - 63 Writer Isak
 - 65 Pago Pago's home
 - 66 Pied-à-terre
 - 67 Tokyo, prior to 1868
 - 68 Play dumb
 - 73 Bloom-to-be
 - 74 Clichy's river
 - 77 Radio booth
 - 78 Mattel guy
 - 81 Company not reliant on a parent, e.g.
 - 86 Actress Kazan of "My Favorite Year"
 - 87 MRI's kin
 - 88 -de-France
 - 89 Branchlet
 - 91 Krone spenders
 - 92 Breakfast brew
 - 94 Ones who love making others happy
 - 96 Egg-making organs
 - 101 Many a pro bono TV ad
 - 103 Grass sold in rolls
 - 104 Clinton-Kaine, in 2016
 - 108 Optimistic
 - 114 Somber song
 - 115 Party card game cry
 - 116 "Tomb Raider" Croft
 - 118 Raptor's nest
 - 119 Foot bottom
 - 120 They include
 - 124 Be fitting for
 - 125 Ideal spots
 - 126 Appeases
 - 127 Warlike god
 - 128 Floral wrist accessory
 - 129 Rolling car part, to Brits
 - 130 "Ethyl" suffix
 - 9 Complete
 - 10 California's San Luis —
 - 11 Speaking platform
 - 12 Spot-on
 - 13 Kin of .com
 - 14 Flagstaff-to-Tucson dir.
 - 15 Ashen-faced
 - 16 Actress Strich
 - 17 Wickerwork cane
 - 18 Genulflects
 - 20 Gridiron kick
 - 24 Oval portion
 - 29 Aussie avian
 - 31 Once known as
 - 33 "ER" extras
 - 34 Wallach of "The Deep"
 - 35 Sonata part
 - 37 Poker variety
 - 40 Like the giant sphere at Epcot
 - 41 Occurrence
 - 42 Lymphoid throat masses
 - 43 Lymph — ("Good day")
 - 44 Christmas verse starter
 - 45 Ice cream maker
 - 46 Kylo of "Star Wars"
 - 47 Breakfast meat
 - 50 Sharif of movies
 - 51 Peru's capital
 - 53 Spot-on
 - 54 With 55-Down, Paris edifice housing several universities
 - 55 See 54-Down
 - 56 More out of control
 - 57 Not necessary
 - 59 Ring arbiter
 - 61 Of — (in some way)
 - 62 Spice holder
 - 64 Very bright
 - 69 Agra's home
 - 70 Manxman, e.g.
 - 71 Square root of 81
 - 72 Slithery fish
 - 75 Japanese tech corp.
 - 76 MPG-rating org.
 - 79 Nil
 - 80 "Buenos —" ("Good day")
 - 82 Get admitted
 - 83 Suffix with Denver
 - 84 16 eighths
 - 85 Pups' plaints
 - 90 The world over
 - 93 That, in Peru
 - 94 Karachi's nation: Abbr.
 - 95 Kin of .com
 - 96 Ukraine port
 - 97 Fabric with a soft nap
 - 98 2002 César winner for Best Film
 - 99 Popular thesaurus, familiarly
 - 100 Really cold
 - 101 Models on walls, maybe
 - 102 Smelling slag
 - 105 One-on-one teacher
 - 106 Beethoven's "Für —"
 - 107 Tic —
 - 109 With 121-Down, judge in the O.J. Simpson trial
 - 110 Helen of Troy's mother
 - 111 Seeing red
 - 112 Air raid alert
 - 113 German state
 - 117 Engrossed
 - 120 Jazz's Jean-Ponty
 - 121 See 109-Down
 - 122 Funny bit
 - 123 Big elephant part



Trivia test

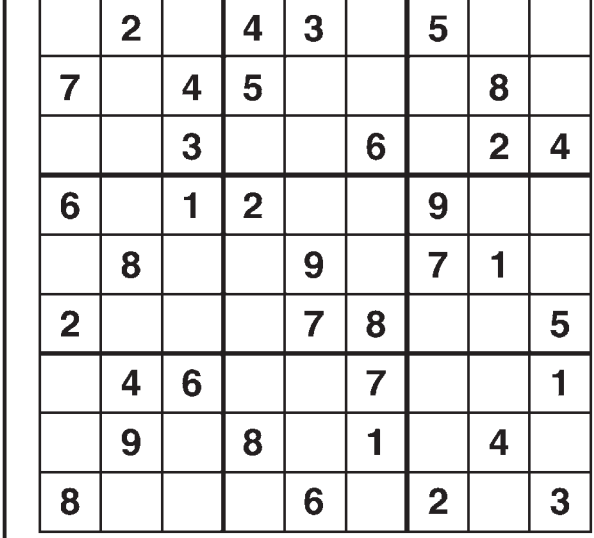
- by Fifi Rodriguez
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which U.S. highway is known by the nickname "the Mother Road"?
 - FOOD & DRINK: What kind of cocktail contains ginger beer, lime juice and vodka?
 - SCIENCE: What kind of cloud produces thunderstorms?
 - MUSIC: How many musicians play in a quartet?
 - GEOGRAPHY: Which of the seven continents is the driest?
 - MOVIES: What word is on Austin Powers' license plate in "Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery"?
 - HISTORY: What was the ancient Sumerian form of writing called?
 - TELEVISION: What is the name of Bert's roommate on the children's show "Sesame Street"?
 - ANATOMY: How many lobes is the human brain divided into?
 - MEASUREMENTS: How much liquid does a standard jigger hold?

- Answers
- Route 66
 - Moscow Mule
 - Cumulonimbus
 - Four
 - Antarctica
 - Swinger
 - Cuneiform
 - Ernie
 - Four
 - 1.5 ounces

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

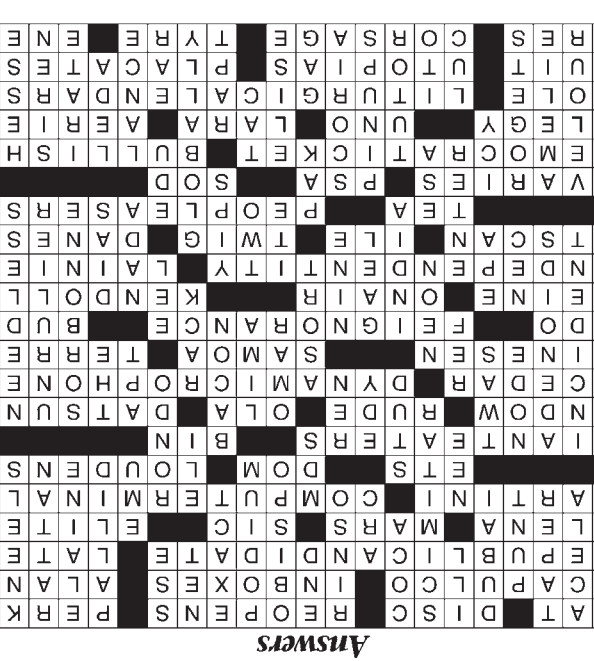
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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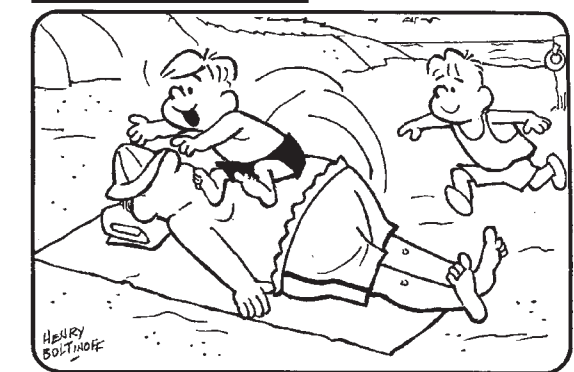
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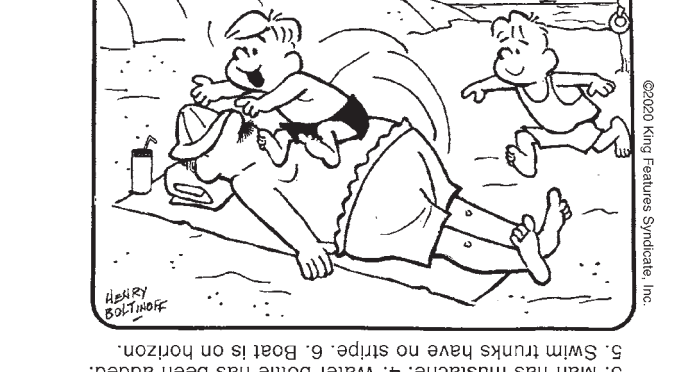
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HOCUS-FOCUS

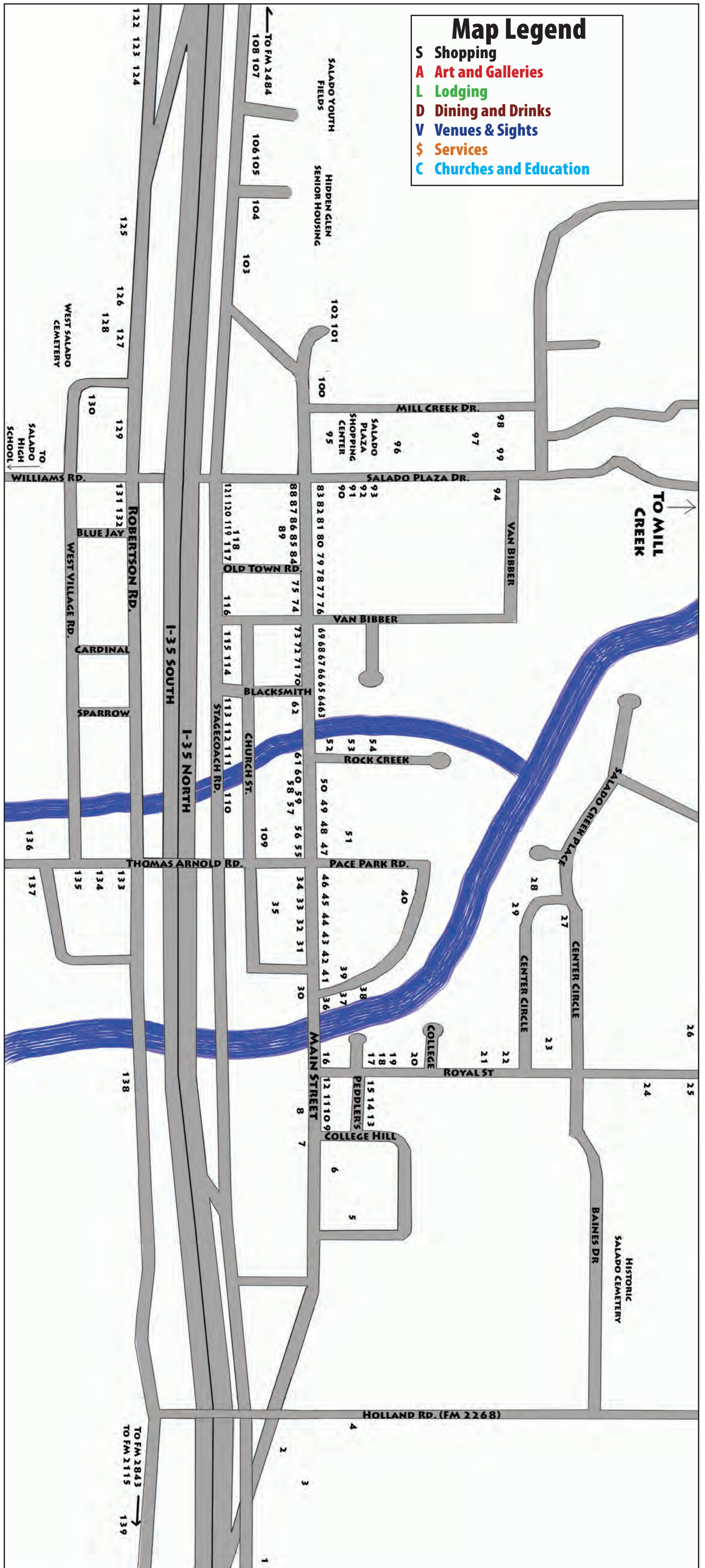


Differences: 1. Boy is barefoot. 2. Blanket is narrower. 3. Man has mustache. 4. Water bottle has been added. 5. Swim trunks have no stripe. 6. Boat is on horizon.

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Shopping Map of Salado

#	Business Name	Type
4	St. Stephen Catholic Church 254-947-8037	C
6	Salado College Park 254-947-5232	V
7	Raney & Associates 254-913-1215	\$
9	Salado Museum 254-947-5232	V
	Salado Visitors Center 254-947-8634	\$
	Salado Chamber of Commerce 254-947-5040	\$
	Village of Salado Tourism Office 254-947-8634	\$
10	Sofi's 254-947-4336	S
11	Chupacabra Craft Beer and Winery (512) 576-0123	D
	Chupacabra Kitchen (254) 308-2019	D
14	Salado Glassworks 254-947-0339	A
15	Rio Salado Cocina y Cantina 254-308-2044	D
16	The Sugar Shack 254-947-8840	S/D
17	Barrow Brewing Co. 254-947-3544	D
	Happy Pizza 254-226-1684	
21	The Venue 254-947-5554	V
22	The Shed 254-947-1960	D
24	Tablerock 254-947-9205	V
26	Salado United Methodist Church 254-947-5482	C
29	Alexander's Distillery 254-947-5554	D
29	Inn on the Creek 254-947-5554	L
	Alexanders Craft Cocktails & Kitchen 254-947-3828	D
30	First Baptist Church 254-947-546	C
31	Fairway Mortgage 254-947-3454	\$
32	First Texas Brokerage 254-947-5577	\$
34	First Community Title 254-947-8480	\$
	Farmer's Insurance Zbranek Agency 254-947-0995	\$
40	W.A. Pace Memorial Park 254-947-5060	V
53	Salado Creek Healing 254-308-0242	\$
55	Salado Family Dentistry 254-947-5242	\$
58	The Shoppes on Main The Marketplace Cafe 254-947-0888	S
60	Salado Creek Jewelry 254-855-5538	S
62	The Pizza Place 254-947-0222	D
75	Stage Stop Center Bruce Bolick, CPA 254-718-7299	\$
76	Salado Civic Center 254-947-5479	\$
81	Salado Wine Seller and Salado Winery Co. 254-947-8011	D
82	St. Joseph's Episcopal Church 254-947-3160	C
85	Salado Post Office 254-947-5322	\$
86	Bill Bartlett - Century 21 254-947-5050	\$
87	The Personal Wealth Coach 254-947-1111	\$
89	Stamp Salado 254-947-8848	S
90	Presbyterian Church of Salado 254-947-8106	C
91	Troy Smith Financial Services 254-947-0376	\$
92	Salado Sculpture Garden	A
96	Salado Plaza Ace Pest Control 254-947-4222	\$
	Anytime Fitness Salado 254-947-1063	\$
	Integrity Rehab 254-699-3933	\$
	Salado's Hair Shop 254-421-5173	\$
	Salado Village Voice 254-947-5321	\$
97	Brookshire Brothers 254-947-8922	S
100	Salado Public Library 254-947-9191	C
101	Salado Cleaners 254-947-7299	S
113	Salado Church of Christ 254-947-5241	C
126	Cowboy's Barbecue 254-947-5700	D
130	Village Spirits 254-947-7117	S
132	Broecker Funeral Home 254-947-0066	\$
135	Carus Dental 254-947-8067	\$
136	Salado Schools & Stadium Village Church of Salado 972-978-2239	C
139	Cedar Valley Baptist Church 254-947-0148	C
Not Shown on the Shopping Map		
	Don Ringer 254-774-6500	\$
	3C Cowboy Fellowship 254-947-7211	C
	Grace Church 254-947-5917	C
	Mill Creek Country Club 254-947-5698	V
	Brody's Mill Creek Clubhouse 254-654-7885	D
	JD's Truck Stop and Grill 254-947-5228	S/D



Historical Markers in Salado

- | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 6. Salado Historic College Hill | 25. The A.J. Rose Mansion | 35. Salado Masonic Lodge #296 | 61. Historic Lenticular Bridge |
| 8. Shady Villa Hotel (Stagecoach Inn) | 26. Old Methodist Chapel | 45. The Anderson House | 49. The Vickrey House |
| 8. Main Street Bridge | 27. Caskey-Hendricks House | 46. Old Saloon | 76. Boles-Aiken & Denman Cabins |
| 16. Barber-Berry Mercantile | 28. Dr. McKie Place (Twelve Oaks) | 48. The Norton-Orgain House | 77. The Robert B. Halley House |
| 23. The Baines House | 29. Alexander's Distillery | 50. The Barton House | 79. The Reed Cabin |
| 24. Historic Dipping Vats | 30. First Baptist Church | 51. The Levi Tenney House | 100. The Josiah Fowler House |
| | 31. The Tyler House | 55. The Armstrong Adams House | |

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11308 Salado Hts. Dr., Salado
3 BR, 2 BA on 1+ ac.



2506 Hester Way, Salado
5 BR, 4 BA
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14615 Armstrong Rd., Salado
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2201 Indian Tr., Salado
4 BR, 3.5 BA
\$489,900



1308 Mission Tr., Salado
4 BR, 2.5 BA on 3.3 ac.
\$485,021



11002 La Paloma Loop W, Salado
4 BR, 4.5 BA
\$464,900



1221 Yellow Rose, Salado
4 BR, 2.5 BA
\$345,000



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3 BR, 3 BA



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Texas A&M AgriLife experts outline ways of avoiding foodborne illness when grilling and cooking outdoors

By: PAUL SCHATTENBERG

A clean grate and work surface is a great place to start. Texas A&M AgriLife experts outline the different ways of avoiding foodborne illness when grilling and cooking outdoors.

Food safety tips when grilling, cooking outdoors.

Proper cleaning is key to avoiding foodborne illness from grate to plate.

Cleaning grill grates, keeping a clean workspace, and properly storing and preparing meats are all important to maintaining food quality and avoiding foodborne illness, said Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service experts.

A clean grate is a great start

Davey Griffin, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension meat specialist in the Department of Animal Science of Texas A&M University, said cleaning the grill grate is not as simple a proposition as it may seem.

"A lot of people think scraping the grate clean with a wire brush is an effective way to clean it, but if you're using a substandard wire brush some of the metal particulate can get transferred on the grate, into the food and then ingested," he said. "This can cause some serious health problems."

Griffin said using a nylon brush on a cool grate can be an effective measure in removing most of the large pieces of charred food from the grate.

"You don't want to use a nylon brush on a hot surface as it could melt the bristles," he said.

Substandard wire brushes used for cleaning can transfer wire bristles onto the grate — and then possibly the food — when grilling.

Griffin said the grates of smaller grills can be removed and washed with soap and water or possibly power washed if the equipment is available.

"Another effective way to clean grates is to ball up a piece of aluminum foil to where there are still some rough edges and use that to thoroughly scrub the surface," he said. "I've also known people to cut an onion in half and use the flat surface of the onion to clean the grate. The onion has an acidic content that helps break down the leftover food and will also add a little more flavor to the item being

grilled."

Griffin said meat should always be cooked to the recommended internal temperature. He said, using a properly calibrated meat thermometer is the best way to ensure meats are adequately cooked.

"You also want to make sure the grilling surface is sufficiently hot before you place any meat or vegetables on it," he said. "An easy way to determine that is to hold the palm of your hand about 6 inches over the grate. If you feel it is warm enough for you to want to remove it after a few seconds, then the grill is ready to use."

Griffin noted there are also a number of safety steps that can be taken to lower the risk of starting an unwanted fire while grilling.

Properly clean your food prep workspace

The most common type of food safety-related issue when grilling is the possibility of foodborne illness from inadequately stored or undercooked foods, said Jenna Anding, Ph.D. AgriLife Extension nutrition specialist in the Department of Nutrition and Food Science at Texas A&M.

"It's important to keep a clean workspace and ensure meats are properly stored and prepared," Anding said. "And it's important to maintain food quality and freshness by ensuring proper temperatures during storage and cooking."

She said poultry, fish, seafood or ground beef should be cooked or frozen within a day or two of purchase. Steaks or pork chops

should be cooked or frozen within four to five days.

"The safest way to thaw meat or poultry is by placing it in the refrigerator a day or two before you plan to cook it," she said.

She said some meats defrosted in the microwave may not thaw out evenly and other parts of the food may be partially cooked, so it's better to let them thaw in the refrigerator.

"Don't thaw meats at room temperature as this may increase the chance of foodborne illness."

If cooking away from home and not sure about a water source, take a container of fresh water and paper towels or use antibacterial towelettes or hand sanitizer, Anding said.

"Be sure to wash hands before and after touching raw meat, poultry or seafood, making sure food preparation surfaces, cutting boards, grilling utensils and serving platters are washed and sanitized. And if you've placed raw meat or fish on a platter before grilling, don't use that same plate to serve the food unless it can be cleaned with hot, soapy water first."

Recommended food temperatures

Anding said poultry should be cooked to an internal temperature of 165 degrees.

"Fully cook meats like hot dogs to 165 degrees and hamburgers to 160 degrees," she said. "Beef, pork, lamb, veal steaks, chops and roasts should be cooked to at least 145 degrees. For safety and quality, however, allow these foods to rest for a few minutes after removing them from the grill before serving."

Chicken grilling

Meats should be grilled to their recommended internal temperature.

After cooking, Anding said, be sure to keep the food hot until it is served — at least 140 degrees — otherwise, eat or refrigerate it right away.

"Keep food covered and never let it sit out for more than two hours," she said. "If the weather is 90 degrees or hotter, eat or store your food within one hour."

For additional information, go to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service fact sheet.

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Call Type Description	#
911 Hang Up	1
Agency Assist	3
Alarm Business	2
Alarm Residential	2
Animal Complaint	6
Calls For Service	72
Citations	7
Citizen Contact	2
Civil Matter	2
Crash	1
Criminal Trespass	5
Disorderly Conduct	1
Found Property	4
House Watch	32
Medical	3
Possession of Marijuana	2
Reckless Driving	2
Shots Fired	1
Stranded Motorists	4
Suspicious Circumstances	7
Theft	1
Traffic Hazard	5
Violation of Village Ordinance	4
Warrants Obtained	3
Welfare Concern	1

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 Apparatus: 1/Personnel: 1
 Chest Pain

JUNE 29
6:48-7:24 a.m.
 600 Block Santa Rosa Rd
 Apparatus: 2/Personnel: 3
 Chest Pain

11:09-11:14 a.m.
 3500 Block Interstate 35
 Apparatus: 1/Personnel: 2
 Canceled

11:37-12:30 p.m.
 8300 Block Scenic Lake-view Dr
 Apparatus: 2/Personnel: 2
 Fall

2:31-3:07 p.m.
 14000 Block Settlements Rd
 Apparatus: 1/Personnel: 1
 Sick Person

3:19-6:38 p.m.
 900 Block CR 308
 Apparatus: 3/Personnel: 6
 Grass Fire

JUNE 30
2:19-3:44 p.m.
 100 Block Rock Creek Dr
 Apparatus: 2/Personnel: 2
 Psychiatric

5:25-5:52 p.m.
 600 Block Santa Rosa Rd
 Apparatus: 3/Personnel: 3
 Sick Person

10:58-11:52 p.m.
Interstate 35 @ 285 NB
 Apparatus: 2/Personnel: 3
 Motor Vehicle Accident –
 No Injuries

JULY 1
11:37-11:53 a.m.
 10000 Block Blackberry Rd
 Apparatus: 2/Personnel: 2
 Lift Assist

6:26-6:42 p.m.
 10700 Block Stinnett Mill Rd
 Apparatus: 3/Personnel: 5
 Smoke in the area – Nothing Found

9:44-10:15 p.m.
 9500 Block Hodge Canyon Dr

Apparatus: 3/Personnel: 3
 Abdominal Pain

JULY 2
 9:26-10:07 a.m.
 18600 Block Kuykendall Branch Rd
 Apparatus: 1/Personnel: 1
 Fall

10:34-11:08 a.m.
 12800 Block Lyndal Ln
 Apparatus: 2/Personnel: 2
 Lift Assist

2:28-2:33 p.m.
 6100 Block FM 1670
 Apparatus: 3/Personnel: 3
 Canceled

6:29-7:33 p.m.
 8700 Block Smith Dairy Rd
 Apparatus: 3/Personnel: 4
 Grass Fire

9:27-9:35 p.m.
 1400 Block Rustic Trl
 Apparatus: 2/Personnel: 5
 Fire Alarm

JULY 4
1:02-2:02 a.m.
 Royal St/Armstrong Rd
 Apparatus: 2/Personnel: 5
 Grass Fire
2:35-2:55 p.m.
 700 Block Park Dr
 Apparatus: 2/Personnel: 4

Fire Alarm
8:51-9:14 p.m.
 7200 Block FM 1670
 Apparatus: 2/Personnel: 4
 Grass Fire

9:44-10:37 p.m.
 8700 Block Union Grove Rd
 Apparatus: 3/Personnel: 6
 Grass Fire

9:48-10:11 p.m.
 3000 Block Hester Way
 Apparatus: 1/Personnel: 2
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10:22-11:03 p.m.
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ACREAGE

10 Acres along I-35 frontage, sewage available \$1,750,000

30 Acres on the Leon River, Belton

107 Acres with 4,500 feet on Leon River

11.5 Acres off of FM2268 in Holland \$127,500

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7.695 acre Investment Property in Temple off South 31st ST, \$649,900



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