



Eagle Heights will bring 175 homes

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

“We would like to start turning dirt in November,” Jason Carothers told Village of Salado aldermen during a ZOOM meeting Aug. 6, during which the board voted unanimously to approve a development agreement with Quadruple Bogey Development, Inc. and a concept plan for Eagle Heights, a proposed 86-acre multi-use development at West Village Rd. and Williams Rd.

As part of the Development Agreement, the property will be voluntarily annexed into the Village. The agreement guides develop-

ment of the project over a five-year period.

The proposed development will be 49 acres of residential tracts for 175 homesites on lots ranging from 0.17 to 0.41 acre with an average lot size of 0.288 acre.

The development will have sidewalks along some of its streets. The developers will also contribute “significant right-of-way on West Village Road that will benefit future development both sides of West Village Road.

Village administrator Don Ferguson told aldermen that the county, “mandated us to put the wastewater line on the west side of West Vil-

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Organizer says Abolish Salado petition has half of sigs needed

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John Newman told *Salado Village Voice* that he has about half of the 400 signatures required to put the question of abolishing Salado on the November ballot.

He said that he and others will continue to collect signatures until Aug. 17, at which time the group will turn the petition in to the Village of Salado offices.

Village of Salado Mayor Skip Blancett must order the election after verifying the signatures as qualified voters living within the corporate limits of Salado. The deadline to order the election for Nov. 3 is Aug. 17.

In a mail out to residents last week, in social media posts and in newspaper advertising, the group publicly led by Newman has made several statements about what will happen if voters approved the abolition of Salado.

Among those statements

is that the assets of the Village can be sold to pay all the Village debts. The principal assets of the Village are its sewer system, police vehicles and two buildings on North Stagecoach Rd. The buildings are appraised by Bell County Tax Appraisal District at just over \$270,000.

The debt owed by the Village for the sewer is about \$9 million.

“The debt related to wastewater does not go away,” Village administrator Don Ferguson said Aug. 6 during his report to aldermen. “That debt remains until the year 2035. The vehicle to recover that debt remains. You will not be able to transfer the debt. The debt will not be sold. The creditor has a quick route to court to impose a tax to make sure debt holder is made whole.”

“No Salado ISD is not going to buy the wastewater plant,” Ferguson said, adding

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Sandor Construction crew began the demolition of the balcony at Salado Museum on Aug. 6. The old balcony is being replaced as a major project of the Salado Museum. (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)

Village proposes \$1.5 mil budget

By TIM FLEISCHER
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Village aldermen will consider a \$1.5 million general operating budget following hearings on the budget and tax rate on Sept. 3 and Sept. 17.

The proposed budget was filed on Aug. 6 with a proposed tax rate of \$0.5339 per \$100 valuation, more than four cents below the current property tax rate of \$0.5752 per \$100 valuation.

Despite the cut in property tax rate, the budget is 15% higher than the current M&O budget. The proposed spending plan includes \$442,708.63 for ad-

ministration costs, including \$232,509.05 in administrative personnel services. Development services expenditures are \$11,950.74. Public Safety costs are \$571,003.58. Of that, \$50,000 is for fire services contract with Salado Volunteer Fire Department, \$506,453.58 for police department (\$392,524.62 for police personnel) and \$14,550 for municipal court.

The Parks Department expenditures total \$79,550, including \$55,000 in capital outlay.

The Street Department expenditures total \$273,000, including \$157,500 in capital outlay for reconstruction of Salado Plaza Drive.

The wastewater operating budget is \$215,920 in expenditures, funded by monthly service fees. Through May of the current fiscal year, the Village has collected \$90,390.68 of the \$238,115.52 budgeted in monthly service fees.

The debt service budget will total \$753,983.50 in expenses, of which \$485,000 is bond principal and the remainder is interest. Income for the debt service is budgeted at \$690,844.91. The Village will transfer \$66,638.59 from the general fund to cover the difference.

The Hotel Occupancy Tax budget will total \$227,000 in revenues, the same amount

at 2019-2020 budget. Actual HOT revenue through May 2020 has been \$88,510.56.

Personnel services account for almost half of the HOT expenses at \$103,554.28 with \$61,000 for a director and \$23,400 for part-time employees. The director’s position has been vacant since Chadley Hollas left earlier this year.

Other expenditures include the lease of the visitors center (\$18,204), \$70,000 in marketing, \$21,000 to the Public Arts League and another \$10,000 in miscellaneous operating costs.

The village has spent \$118,112 in HOT funds through May 2020.

BoA takes no action on stinky situation on Royal

By TIM FLEISCHER
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Aldermen voted 3-1 to take no action on construction of an odor control system for the Royal Street lift station until after samples have been taken and scheduled pumping hours have been altered.

The data from the samples and hours change were not available to aldermen, even though they asked at their July 16 meeting for it to

be done.

The Royal Street lift station was originally intended to be placed on the Village property near where the old Stagecoach plant was located. It was also intended in the early stages of design to be enclosed to control odors.

During the design, the lift station was moved to Royal Street where it has become a noxious problem to the businesses there.

“None of you were the people who put the lift sta-

tion in this position,” KD Hill said when given the chance to speak. “We are looking to your leadership so that the Royal Street business can thrive and achieve the utmost potential. We are experiencing an incredible amount of odor when the overall system is having a minimal amount of use due to school being out and businesses closed due to COVID. We want the best environment for Salado’s businesses.”

Mayor Pro Tem Michael

Coggin said, “the engineers told us it would be \$60,000 and it would completely take care of it (the odor problem). Now we are being told it is \$160,000 and it might or might not work. We need to do something.”

“Apparently the original plan was to put it at Stagecoach,” Village administrator Don Ferguson said. “They chose to move it away from there. Both locations are bad locations. I wasn’t part of that design process.”

Ferguson said he would have preferred “going off behind properties and not throwing it out there in the middle of Royal Street like it is.”

Ferguson replied to Coggin’s frustration about the cost of the odor mitigation system, that the original cost estimate of \$60,000 was just for the equipment itself not for site preparation and construction.

In other business, aldermen approved placement of

three stop signs at the intersection of Winners Circle and Hester Way, resulting in a three-way stop at that intersection. Aldermen John Cole and Amber Preston-Dankert voted in favor, while Mayor Pro Tem Coggin and alderman Rodney Bell voted against. Mayor Skip Blancett broke the tie voting in favor.

The board also approved a 35 mph speed limit for Williams Road within the village limits, with a 20 mph speed

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Commissioners set to adopt \$109 mil budget

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Bell County Commissioners will adopt a \$109 million budget and set a tax rate of \$0.4253 per \$100 valuation following a final public hearing at 9 a.m. Aug. 17 at the historic Bell County Courthouse.

Commissioners held the first public hearing on the tax rate on Aug. 12, after press-time for this edition. The budget hearing will be held

at 9 a.m. Aug. 17 followed by the second tax rate public hearing.

The proposed general operating budget is \$2 million more than the 2019-2020 operating budget. About 55.6% of the revenues for the operating budget come from property taxes. Sales tax revenues account for another 20.1% of revenues. Other top sources of revenue are State Revenue for 100% Disabled Veterans, \$5.3 million; Licenses and permits, \$3.2

million; Fees of office, \$9.7 million; Fines & forfeitures, \$2 million; Federal grants, \$190,250; State grants, \$879,500; Jail Revenue, \$400,000; Detention Center, \$400,000; Reimbursements, \$771,600; Hotel Occupancy Tax, \$800,000; and Other Revenues, \$2.5 million.

The county will realize \$2 million more in revenue in 2020-21 compared to 2019-20 due mostly to increases in property taxes of \$1 million, and increase in the Disabled

Vet revenue from the state increase of \$1.4 million and increase in Sales tax revenues of \$1.4 million.

The county will realize revenue declines in eight areas. Most of these declines in revenues can be attributed to COVID-19, according to County Judge David Blackburn, who presented the budget during the Aug. 10 county commissioners meeting.

The largest area of expense in the budget is Public Safety, accounting for 36.4%

of expenditures. Judicial, Legal and District Clerk account for another 15.6% in expenditures and Debt Service is 11% of expenditures; Indigent Health is 2.3% of county costs and Building Maintenance, 5.4%. The Countywide Road and Bridge is 9.6% of total expenditures, but is funded by its own property tax.

Since 2017, the general operations budget has grown from \$91.6 million to the proposed \$109.2 million.

Personnel costs are about 61% of the budget at \$66.7 million. “For a service-based organization, which is what a county is, this is well within the norms of what you should see for costs,” Judge Blackburn said.

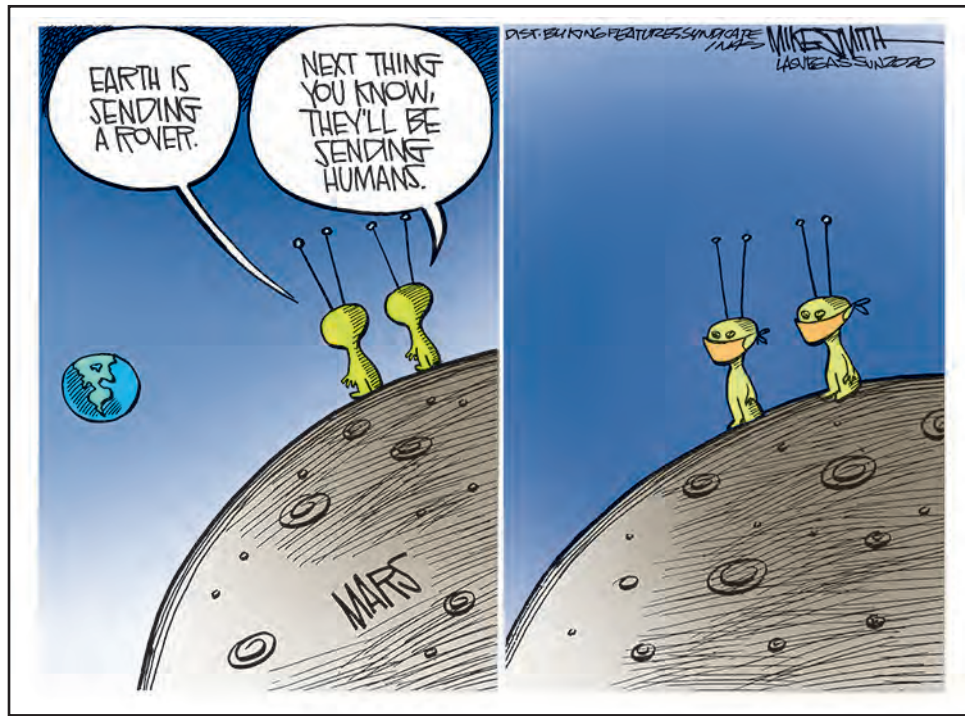
Judge Blackburn pointed out several unfunded mandates that have an impact on the operating budget and account for \$0.0811 of the proposed property tax rate.

The largest of those un-

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Hopes for new stimulus bill drives up market numbers

The Markets

The U.S. stock market, represented by the S&P 500 Stock Index (SPX) jumped 2.45% for the week closing August 7, closing at 3351.28 on hope that a generous stimulus bill will emerge from Congress and be signed by the President. The Index is now up 3.73% year to date. The 10-year U.S. Treasury note yield joined in the hopeful celebration to close up about 5% for the week at 0.542%. West Texas Intermediate crude oil (WTI) agreed with the optimism and rose 2.72% to \$41.54.

The growth side of the Index, a relatively small number of large corporations that are reaping great benefits from this crisis, remains priced for eternal perfection, while the value side, priced based on realistic long-term estimates, remains down about 12% year to date. When, not if, the pandemic ends, we expect to see a massive turnover as the new purchases to offset the current crisis cease, and people return to physical meetings, physical presence at entertainment, and shopping in physical stores. It will be interesting to watch.

The Economy

The official U.S. unemployment rate fell to 10.2% in July according to the Labor Department as, for the month, 1.763 million jobs were added. Unemployment officially peaked at nearly 15% in April. That improvement sounds impressive until one looks at the numbers in perspective. We still have 13 million fewer jobs than we did in February's survey. At the same time as the official unemployment figures declined, the number of longer-term unemployed increased by 4.6 million. In February there were officially about 152.5 million Americans employed in non-farm jobs. In April, that number declined to 130.3 million and in July had rebounded to about 139.6 million. In short, we lost about 22 million jobs and have recovered about 9 million.

Market & Economic Update

By Jeffrey W. McClure



Note that those numbers do not count the self-employed or contract workers who are out of work, a number estimated at about 7 to 9 million.

There is a darker side to the jobs numbers. In May and June, the number of announced layoffs from major companies declined to 170,200 after peaking at 671,000 in April. Then, in July, the number jumped back up to 262,600. To put those numbers in perspective, in a normal month the announced layoffs before the pandemic averaged about 60,000. Announced layoffs are a minority of the total but they are a clear indicator of what is happening well in advance of the Labor Department surveys. Announced layoffs in July were over 54% higher than in June and six times the numbers from July of last year. The bottom line is that even as employers rehire people, there are more layoffs occurring and the potential for more to come.

In the category of less-bad news, 1,186,000 people filed for initial state unemployment compensation in the latest weekly report, down from the 1.5 million weekly new claims at the peak of the recession. That number, while improving, is still five times the pre-pandemic level.

There was some good news to see if one looked hard enough at the data. Orders for Class 8 trucks (large, long-haul, semi-trailer tractors) jumped 28% in July from June. That surge in new truck orders strongly suggests major transportation companies are seeing data sufficiently optimistic to cause them to make a major bet on an economic recovery six months to a year from now. At least part of that optimism is being generated by the unprecedented money supply numbers.

Historically, the amount of liquid cash in our economy has equaled about 70% of our annual GDP. At the end of the second quarter, as July began, the cash available (M2) rose to a record breaking \$18.234 trillion, or 95% of GDP. More, of that record M2 level, a large portion was held in checking accounts (M1), \$3.426 trillion or 18% of GDP, another all-time record. For comparison, the ten-year average M1 is 9% of GDP. Money held in short term cash positions rose by an astounding 141% from the first to the second quarter!

Why is that important? At some point, that excess money is going to be spent! Historically, future growth in the U.S. economy has largely been fueled by the availability of cash, either through deposits or bank loans. Banks are increasing standards for borrowing, which tends to choke off growth, but the phenomenal quantity of cash available to companies and individuals is likely to fuel a burst of spending and investment once this pandemic is behind us, and that promises to fuel one of the biggest economic booms in our history. Additionally, the plentitude of cash on hand in short term deposits suggests that interest rates will remain low for some time after this crisis becomes history.

The bottom line remains much the same. In the short term the outlook is cloudy, particularly if Congress and the President cannot agree on a new fiscal stimulus package as a continued cushion against the devastating economic effect of between 20 and 30 million people out of work and not buying things. For the long-term; however, the signs of an economic boom when a vaccine is widely distributed are becoming more and more evident.

Commissioners

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funded mandates is Indigent Health Care at \$4 million.

Indigent Defense costs the County \$3.7 million.

The 100% Disabled Vet tax exemption results in a revenue loss of \$8.4 million, of which the state reimburses only \$5.3 million for a net loss of \$3.1 million.

The Over 65 Exemption results in a revenue loss of \$2.9 million.

Child Protective Services have a net cost to the county \$1.1 million.

Agrilife Extension assistance has a net cost to the county of \$329,000.

Juvenile Justice Alternative Education has a net cost to the county of \$318,000.

The 2020-21 budget will fund several projects, including these:

- Attorney Module for Odyssey Court Systems, \$755,000.
- BAS Upgrades to Justice Center, loop Jail and Sheriff Admin building, \$545,000.
- Firewall and network storage, \$350,000.
- Exterior cleaning of historical Courthouse, \$174,000.
- Firewall and network security, \$350,000.
- Central Jail Generator replacement, \$145,000; HVAC Replacement in tech services building and justice center, \$100,000.

Plumbing renovations in JPO buildings, \$65,000.

EXPO Emergency lighting replacement, \$60,000.

By comparison, the 2019-2020 budget had several projects in it, including these:

- Odyssey Court System, \$3.5 million.
- Countywide Phone System Replacement, \$700,000.
- EXPO Move fence along Loop 121 for highway

expansion, \$574,000.

- Fiber Replacement, \$360,000.

- Centralized Voting Equipment, \$172,000.

- Justice Center parking lot replacement, \$171,000.

- Sheriff administration chiller replacement, \$160,000.

The proposed county tax rate will be \$0.4253 per \$100 valuation. Of that, \$0.3247 will be for maintenance and operation, \$0.0721 for debt service and \$0.0285 road and bridge tax.

The proposed tax rate of \$0.3968 maintains the No New Revenue Tax Rate for the County. The Road and Bridge tax rate of \$0.285 is at the Voter Approved Tax Rate limit. If commissioners were to adopt a rate higher than that, it would automatically force an election for voter approval.

New state laws redefine tax definitions. The No New Revenue Tax Rate is what was once called the Effective Tax Rate. It is the tax rate necessary to generate the same amount of revenue for the taxing entity without consideration of new property values. The Voter Approved Rate is what was once called the Rollback Rate. The key difference is that if a taxing entity goes above that rate, it automatically causes the matter to be put on the November ballot, rather than allowing for a petition of voters to put it on the ballot.

The proposed tax rate is lower than the current property tax rate of \$0.4500 per \$100 valuation.

The proposed tax rate is lower than the tax rates of the surrounding counties, except for Burnet and Travis counties.

Following are the tax rates for the surrounding counties: Mills County,

\$0.7022; San Saba County, \$0.71; Lampasas County, \$0.71269; Burnet County, \$0.3999; Travis County, \$0.374359; Williamson County, \$0.458719; Milam County, \$0.73; Brazos County, \$0.49753; Robertson County, \$0.529; Falls County, \$0.944; McLennan County, \$0.468719; Coryell County, \$0.5311 and Hamilton County, \$0.5605.

Since 2019, property values in Bell County have increased by more than 25% with an increase of 10.44% in 2019 and 11.55% in 2020 to \$22.4 billion in taxable assessed values.

In other business, commissioners approved a proclamation to declare August 2020 as Black Business Month, following a brief presentation by Ronnie Russell with the Innovation Black Chamber of Commerce.

The court also extended the Outdoor Burn Ban until noon on Sept. 8.

The court authorized Judge Blackburn to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Temple and Killeen for the allocation of \$77,921 of a Department of Justice grant.

Commissioners approved the final plat of Elm Valley, a 4.022 acre, four lot, 1 block subdivision in Precinct 3

Commissioners approved the preliminary plat approval of the Chick Addition Phase VII, bring a 13.762 acre, 14 lot, two block subdivision within the Belton ETJ and in Precinct 2 and Salado ISD. The Chick Addition will follow the design standards in earlier phases, including 31-foot wide streets, 25 feet front setbacks and lots of just under an acre. The subdivision will extend St. John's Street and have a loop.

Aldermen

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limit during posted school times. The vote was unanimous.

Aldermen also approved the voluntary annexation request from Leslie Haas and Sherian Haas of 0.311 acres adjacent to and on the south side of 1407 Fletcher Court. A public hearing was conducted with no comments forthcoming.

Aldermen amended their election order for the General Election slated for November 3 to allow for more early voting days, following the executive order of Governor Greg Abbott issued re-

cently. Vote was unanimous.

Jason Graham moved from his alternative position on the Planning and Zoning Board to serving as an appointed member of the board, filling the vacancy left by Tom McMahon's resignation. Donald Hogue will serve in an appointed manner on the board.

The board also approved the third phase of professional services work concerning the proposed Critical Habitat Area for the Salado Salamander. The US Fish and Wildlife Services published the proposed Crit-

ical Habitat Area on Aug. 12 in the Federal Register. The Bell County Adaptive Management Coalition anticipates that the CHA will be that which was initially drawn but not adopted in 2014. Through the interlocal agreement, the Coalition is hopeful of showing that the Critical Habitat Area proposed by the USFWS is much larger than necessary to protect the species.

The cost to the village for the Phase 3 work is just over \$15,000.

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Eagle Heights

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lage Road rather than the east side.” This could restrict whether the road could ever be widened or lighted. However, with more ROW, the road could be widened to handle the expected increase of traffic.

The Development Agreement establishes a timeline for annexation of the property and for the allowable uses for the property. It also sets a timeline of five years for development

The developer will petition the village within 30 days to annex the property. The developer will construct 11,625 feet of wastewater line to connect to the existing Village wastewater line.

The developer will dedicate 4.9 acres for a private park for the development. The park will include construction of a swimming pool, a concrete basketball court, a pavilion, a restroom and water fountains. Construction of the park improvements must be completed before a Certificate of Occupancy is issued for the 11th single family residence in the development. The park will be dedicated to the Village, but will be maintained by a property owners association.

The developer will also dedicate 2.5 acres of land on Williams Road and West Village Road to the Village for future use of the Village.

The developer will construct a five-foot wide concrete sidewalk on both sides of a collector street shown in the concept plan (

The costs to the developer for its role in the agreement total some \$1.9 million as the following

- Construction of Private Park: \$350,000.
- Construction of Waste Water Lines: \$901,200.
- Dedication of Right-of-Way: \$387,076
- Dedication of Excess Park Land: \$234,696.

Incentives to the developer from the Village total \$1.1 million as the following:

- Waived Parkland Development Fees: \$592,900
- Waived Wastewater Impact Fees: 540,960.

The development agreement provides the following approvals, variance and waivers to existing Village codes:

“1. Block Length. For the southern loop roadway, the block length shall be approximately 1,641 linear foot, as shown on the Concept Plan.

“2. Setbacks. Setbacks adjacent to cul-de-sacs within the Eagle Heights Project shall be twenty (20) feet, as shown on the Concept Plan

“3. PUE. Public utility easements shall be fifteen (15) feet, adjacent to roadways within the Eagle Heights Project, as shown on the Concept Plan.

“4. Sidewalks. No sidewalks are required on both sides of local roadways within the Eagle Heights Project.”

The development will have two connections to West Village Road and two entrances to Williams Road.

Alderman Rodney Bell questioned the developers on why they did not meet the new standard of 1/3-acre average lot size. Ferguson reminded the board that the standard recommended by the Lot Size Committee will not go into effect until it is incorporated into an updated Subdivision Ordinance, which has not yet happened.

Carothers responded that lot sizes are a minimum 60 foot in width. “The smaller lots are going to be closer to the commercial development,” he added, saying that the smaller lots will have homes with an average price of \$300,000.

“The larger lots will be further to the southwest and have a price range closer to \$500,000 per home,” he said.

Alderman John Cole asked about the demographics of the home buyers. “The price points that we are selling at will bring in a good mix of both retirees

and professional families with kids. I guess 50% of the home will have kids,” Carothers said.

Cole asked about the amount of traffic that the development will bring, with 175 homes. “We’re looking at some 350 cars on those roads,” he said. “Are we looking at the possibility of red lights on West Village Road and the feeder road and Salado Plaza and Williams Road.”

“Much of the traffic will go onto Williams Road,” Ferguson replied. “The bigger concern is the commercial development. They need to understand that they will come back to the village to present a commercial development plan for the property. A traffic impact analysis will be part of that plan.”

But the first part will be the residential part, so that there will be more rooftops to attract commercial enterprises to Salado.

Carothers said that after dirt work begins, the streets and infrastructure will take about a year. “We’re looking at 18 to 24 months to get houses ready to sell,” he said. “With the mixed prices and having lower price points, we are looking at about 35-40 houses per year, so it may take four years to sell the subdivision.”

Ferguson said he estimates that the Village will receive well over \$100,000 in property taxes each year from the residential part of the development. If each house is \$400,000 in value (splitting the difference between the higher end and lower end), the development when completed could bring \$70 million in value to the Village. The Village offers a 20% homestead exemption, which would lower the taxable property value to \$56 million. At the proposed tax rate, the development could generate almost \$300,000 in property taxes per year.



Salado aldermen held an appreciation dinner at Johnny's Steaks and Barbecue on Aug. 5 for first responders for their efforts to keep a political rally peaceful last month. (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)

Abolish Salado

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that the county is not interested in going into the wastewater business.

“If a commercial entity comes in and takes over and operates the system,” he said, “that means we have lost a level of control and lose local say in what goes. It is your system to have control of. It is not a good thing to commercialize that plant for our customers.”

According to section 62.091 of the local government code, “if money of an abolished municipality and the proceeds from the sale of its property are insufficient to pay its indebtedness, at the request of any creditor the court in which the receivership is pending at its first regular term each year shall levy a tax on all real and personal property that is not exempt from taxation and that on the first day of January of the preceding year is located within the corporate limits of the municipality as those limits previously existed.”

Further, the law states, “The court shall levy a tax sufficient to discharge the municipality’s indebtedness, except that the court may not set the tax at a rate that is greater than the rate allowed by law for such purposes in municipalities.”

“The sewer debt is not going to go away, even if there is a vote in favor of abolishing the Village government,” Ferguson said during his report to aldermen Aug. 6

It is unclear how the state

law will be applied for paying the debt, should voters approve abolishing Salado.

If Salado were to vote for abolishment, it would be perhaps the first time that a municipality that is a going concern has done so. Historically, municipalities that have abolished themselves have been very small towns that had become ghost towns without residents or businesses and relied on county government for all services anyway.

The tax rate set by the court for paying the remainder of the municipal debt could be at a different rate than the proposed \$0.3319 per \$100 valuation debt tax. Also, the exemptions and tax freezes that are currently claimed by property owners could become null and void if a new tax has to be established to pay the remaining debt. These issues could be litigated by the creditors holding the debt, resulting in more costs associated with retiring the debt.

Ferguson addressed some of the other statements made by the group pushing for abolishing Salado.

“This city is not misapplying funds,” Ferguson said. “This city is not mismanaging funds. The M&O tax rate of this city is maybe the lowest in Bell County. If you take the debt service out of tax rate then the M&O tax rate is \$0.20.”

“Administrative salaries for two individuals do not make up 25% of the budget,” he said. “You have a

small city staff but they are very educated and very dedicated. Salado is a full service city.”

“In all municipal budgets, administrative costs make up a significant portion of those budgets,” he added.

“We are not proposing a \$4 or \$5 million budget for 2020-21,” he added. “The reason we brought the needs list was so that there could be a discussion on the long-term needs of the Village, so that we can begin to plan for the future.”

He added that the proposed budget being filed that evening totaled \$1.5 million in general operating expenses and proposed a tax rate of \$0.5339 per \$100 valuation, which is lower than the current \$0.5752 tax rate.

He told aldermen that the Village maintains 24-hour police patrols. “We respond within three or so minutes,” he said, “you won’t get that with the county.” Bell County Sheriff’s Department has about six officers on patrol at a time to cover the entire 1,088 sq. miles. “They may be in other parts of the county on other calls,” Ferguson said.

Finally, he added that without a local government there is no zoning. “You don’t know you have the need for zoning until it’s too late,” he said, referring to quarries and rock crushers that could move in close to residential areas.

Obituaries

CATHERINE ANN LINDSEY

Funeral services for Catherine Ann Lindsey, 72, of Salado, were held August 12, 2020 at the Dossman Funeral Home in Belton. Burial followed at Live Oak Cemetery near Youngsfort.

Lindsey died August 6, 2020 in a Temple Hospital.

Lindsey was born April 30 1948 in Hondo the daughter of Alfred and Alma (Haass) Brieden. She married Lyndell Lindsey February 20, 1968 in Alice. They lived in Sandia for many years where they were members of the Sandia Baptist Church. In 1989 they made their home in Salado.

Lindsey was preceded in death by her parents, and all her siblings.

Survivors include her husband Lyndell Lindsey of Salado, two sons, Darrell Lindsey of Bertram and Alfred Lindsey of Bastrop; one daughter Kaylynn Perkins of Turlock, California and three grandchildren; Karleigh Perkins, Kyle Perkins and Kinzy Perkins and many nieces and nephews.

The family received friends for visitation one hour prior to the funeral service.

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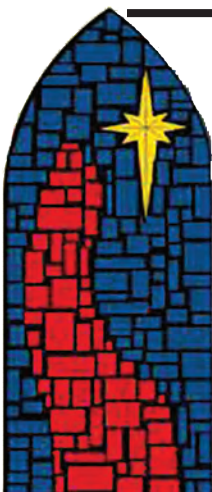
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There is still time to participate in the Project Backpack fundraiser. Organizers of the fundraising efforts are continuing to collect monetary donations of any amount to contribute to the purchase of the backpacks and school supply kits. Juli Bergstrom, treasurer for Salado Family Relief said, "We have to order the kits and the backpacks before we have the results of the fundraiser, but the citizens of Salado have always been so faithful to support Project Backpack and the Back-to-School Program." Marilyn Griffin has helped to organize the Project Backpack Fundraiser every year and commented, "We knew that promoting the fundraiser for 2020 would present a challenge because of the pandemic and the resulting limitations on group gatherings, particularly among the local churches. With the help of Tim Fleischer, editor of the *Salado Village Voice*, we were able to set up a website for Salado Family Relief (saladofamilyrelief.com) in time to accept online do-

nations. The churches have continued to be generous in giving and several businesses around town are helping to collect cash donations at their check-out counters. It is truly a community-wide effort this year. We encourage everyone to visit the website to learn more about Salado Family Relief and the many ways the organization supports families and individuals in need."

Backpacks and supply kits have been delivered to the Presbyterian Church in Salado for distribution on Aug. 18 and 20. President for Salado Family Relief, JoLett, said that "Volunteers will be following social distancing guidelines for distribution of supplies this year," said Salado Family Relief Fund President JR Lett. "Parents are being asked to remain in their cars in the parking lot of the Presbyterian Church. They will be given a form to complete that lets volunteers know which grade-specific supply kits are needed. The supply kits and backpacks will be pulled accordingly and



(PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)

Members of Salado Masonic Lodge #296 are shown with Salado Family Relief Fund board members. The Lodge has donated \$1,000 to the Project Backpack, enough to adopt all of the 20 or so second graders who will receive back to school supplies from SFRF.

handed to the parents. Volunteers will be wearing face masks and gloves and family members are asked to do so, too."

"This will be our first time to distribute supplies in this manner so we will be counting on everyone to be as patient as possible. We would appreciate a little dip in the air temperature on the distribution days, too!," said Lett.

Donations can be made online at www.saladofamilyrelief.com. Checks can be mailed to P.O. Box 461, Salado, TX 76571. Jars have been distributed for cash donations at the following

locations in the Village: Cathy's Boardwalk Café, Christy's, Keith's Ace Hardware, Lynette's Bakery, McCain's, Salado Spirits, The Shed, and Springhouse.

Distribution Dates are 5-7 p.m. Aug. 18 and 20.

To show eligibility, parents should bring:

- 1) Proof of enrollment in Salado ISD
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Bell County Historical Commission will award \$4,400 in small grants to preservation efforts

The Bell County Historical Commission is now accepting small-grant applications for the 2021 fiscal year. These grants will be awarded to eligible organizations for projects that promote and/or preserve Bell County History. Eligible organizations must be non-profit, tax-exempt organizations or institutions located in Bell County, and have been in existence for at least one year on the date of application. They must have a written constitution or by-laws, elected officers and/or director, and hold at least

one public meeting per year. Individuals and for-profit businesses are ineligible. An applicant can have only one open grant application with BCHC at a time.

Funds available for the annual grants are limited to the aggregate funds budgeted by the BCHC each year for the grants program and as funded by the Bell County Commissioners Court. The BCHC may grant the entire amount budgeted for the fiscal year to one applicant. However, funding is normally given to as many qualified applicants as possible. For fiscal year 2021, a total of \$4,400 has been budgeted for the grant program.

Any project, except construction, may be considered; however, equipment repairs must be on equipment owned by the requesting organization. The Commission will decide which project best meets the qualifications of preserving and/or promoting Bell County history. The Commission will favor projects that are supported monetarily by the applying applicant or other agencies.

Application packets and guidelines are available online at https://www.bell-countytx.com/about_us/county_historical_commission/index.php

Submitted applications must reach the Bell County Historical Commission office no later than October 31, 2020.

Applications may be submitted one of three ways to BCHC:

In person to BCHC office on the first floor of the Bell County Historic Courthouse, Room 117, 101 E. Central Avenue, Belton, TX 76513. If no one is in the office to accept the application, place the document in the envelope posted on the office door.

By email to historical-commission@bellcounty.texas.gov.

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Application deadline for P-EBT extended

The Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) application is extended until Aug. 21.

P-EBT helps families get the food they need during the current pandemic by providing a one-time benefit of \$285 per eligible child.

While P-EBT has already issued benefits to nearly 2.8 million Texas children, there are more families that are eligible for this one-time benefit but have not submitted an application.

Families can apply by submitting an application to <https://yourtexasbenefits.com/Learn/PEBT> (URL is case-sensitive).

Children who are certified for free or reduced-price school meals through the National School Lunch Program during the 2019-20 Texas school year are eligible to apply. In addition, children who attended

a school that offered free meals to all students (Community Eligibility Provision or Provision 2) through the National School Lunch Program are also eligible.

Eligible families that have children 5-18 years old as of March 1 and received SNAP benefits for March have already received P-EBT benefits on their Lone Star Card by May 22.

SNAP recipients that did not receive SNAP benefits in March 2020 or have eligible children under the age of 5 or between the ages 19-21 on SNAP still need to apply for P-EBT.

All other eligible families must apply to receive P-EBT benefits.

Families can buy household items such as fruits, meats/poultry/fish, dairy and breads with the P-EBT funds. P-EBT benefits can be used wherever SNAP food benefits are accepted.

New teachers at Salado Middle School will meet their students on Sept. 8

Salado Middle School will welcome five new teachers in grades 6-8 when the new campus opens on Sept. 8, including a new band director.



ELI CUTLER

Teacher's Education and Certifications: Certified to teach k-12. Received my Bachelor's Degree from McNeese State University. Received my Master's Degree from Lamar University.

Teaching Experience: I was a graduate assistant at Lamar University where I helped teach the marching band. I also assistant with of the the major musical ensembles. After I graduated I was an Assistant Band Director at Roy Miller High School. From there I moved to Salado.

Subjects and Grade Levels: 6-8 Band and assist with the high school band.

Why did you become a Teacher?: "I became a teacher because I really cannot see myself doing anything else. I started band in 6th grade and I was instantly hooked. I did everything I could that was band related and it hasn't changed one bit since then. One of the unique things about teaching music is that you are taking black and white notes on a page and turning them into something real and alive. It is one of the most difficult things I have ever done and it keeps me coming back for more."



JANICE HEWETT

Teacher's Education and Certifications: Bachelor of Science from University of Wyoming

Teaching Experience: Pre-K Teacher and Special Education Aid

Subjects and Grade Levels: Life Skills

Why did you become a Teacher? "I wanted to become a teacher because I enjoy watching students grow. Seeing a student progress and learn is one of the greatest joys I have experienced. I feel strongly that "every student can learn, just not on the same day, or in the same way" as George Evans, a renowned educator, once said. I look forward to continuing to teach here in Salado in the years to come."



ERIQ MITCHELL

Teacher's Education and Certifications Tarleton State & Hardin Simmons University

Teaching Experience: 1 year

Subjects and Grade Levels: 6th grade math

Why a Teacher? "As a kid I struggled with doubt, and I'm sure many kids still

do. Due to the impact my teachers and coaches had on me, they influenced me to want to do the exact same thing: benefit the youth."

Extra-curricular activities: Will coach HS football, MS Basketball/Track



DANIELLE JONES

Teacher's Education and Certifications 6th-12th grade Science and Agriculture

Teaching Experience: 19th year

Subjects and Grade Levels: 8th grade science

Why did you become a Teacher? "I have

always loved science and loved to share random little known facts with people. A polar bear's fur is hollow and clear but its skin is black and it gives the illusion of white fur! I was a biology major originally but taught horseback riding lessons during college. I loved the teaching so much I changed my major and haven't looked back!"



ANISSA PERALTA

Teacher's Education and Certifications: Bachelors of Science in Elementary Education with certifications in Early Childhood - sixth

grade and English as a Second Language.

Teaching Experience: 3rd grade bilingual at Igo Elementary for the past 2 years.

Subjects and Grade Levels: English Language Arts and Reading 6th grade and English as a Second Language 6th, 7th, and 8th grade.

Why did you become a Teacher? "Becoming a teacher has always been a life goal for me. To me, education is such an important aspect of life. Not only is it just learning what the textbook shows us, but also learning life lessons along the way. I decided to become a teacher because I want to make a positive impact on students' lives, and guiding them to believe in themselves!"

Extra-curricular activities: Coaching middle school Volleyball, Basketball, and Track.

Peralta is a graduate of Salado High School!



TREY YOUNG

Teacher's Education and Certifications: Special Ed & Physical Education

Teaching Experience: 8 Years

Subjects and Grade Levels: PE in a Middle School

Why a Teacher? "I have a passion for working with kids. I also really enjoy seeing kids grow intellectually as well as being a part of shaping their lives."

Extra-curricular activities: I Coach Football, basketball, and track & Field

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Cornerstone ceremony on Aug. 15 marks opening of Salado Middle School

The cornerstone of Salado Middle School will be dedicated by State officers of Grand Lodge of Texas, A.F. & A.M. and local members of Salado Masonic Lodge No. 296 in Salado. The ceremony will take place at 10 a.m. Aug. 15 at Salado Middle School located at 1189 Williams Rd. in Salado.

Superintendent Michael Novotny will act as emcee for the ceremony. Huckabee, Inc., the architectural firm that designed the 130,000 sq. foot Salado Middle School, will have Will Smith on hand at the ceremony. Lee Lewis Construction is the general contractor on the project and will also have representation on-hand for the ceremony. Salado Middle School principal Ted Smith will make remarks during the ceremony.

Walter S. Rogers, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas A.F. & A.M. will act as Grand Master for the ceremony of dedicating

the cornerstone. The entire ceremony will be held within the Salado Middle School cafeteria. While the public is invited to come to the ceremony, social distancing and mask requirements will be enforced.

Following the ceremony, small groups may tour the Salado Middle School facility for an early look at the school which will open to students on Sept. 8.

The cornerstone laying ceremony is an ancient tradition popular in the United States since the Colonial days. The Freemasons, whose origins are the medieval stonemasons, continue this tradition as a public service. The oldest cornerstone ceremony in Salado was conducted by the Grand Lodge of Texas and Belton Masonic Lodge #166 on July 4, 1860 for Salado College on South Main St. The Masons of Texas also leveled the cornerstone for the Old Red Schoolhouse on Main St. in 1924.

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TSTC welding technology program ready to fill jobs

(WACO, Texas) - The health protocols undertaken in Texas State Technical College's Welding Technology program are not only keeping students safe, but also teaching a lesson.

Program faculty have designated entrances and exits for TSTC's Industrial Technology Center, along with enacting social distancing, sanitizing and requiring masks. These measures will continue during the fall semester, which is scheduled to begin Monday, Aug. 31.

"The word is getting out that no matter how you will be learning about welding, this is the way you will be learning in the field," said Jerome Mendias, TSTC's associate provost.

The Welding Technology program will continue to teach in a hybrid format. Students will use Moodle for online lessons, quizzes and tests and do hands-on labs on campus.

Beginning this fall, the program will offer a three-class Occupational Skills Award in Basic Welding - Multiple Processes. The classes will take four months to complete, enabling students to go into the job market with new skills.

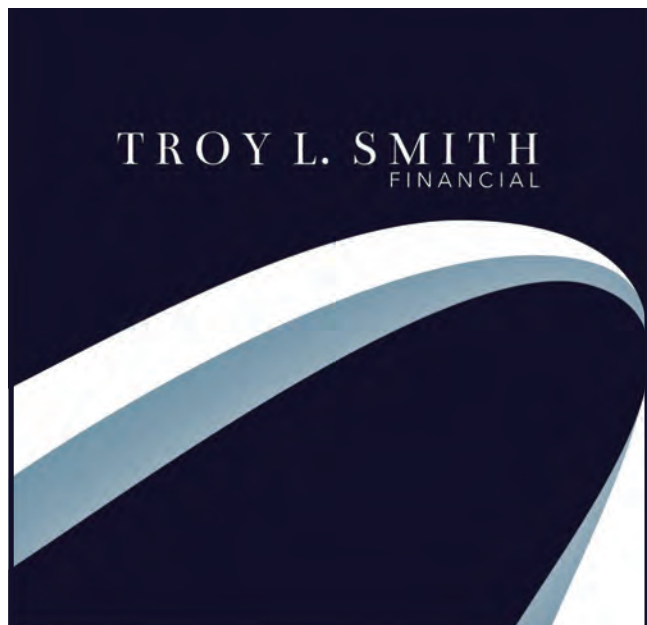
The OSA is one way to meet the employment needs of Texas.

"It is fast-paced," said Carl Wilmeth, a lead instructor in TSTC's Welding Technology program. "Nontraditional students that do not have the extra time can come in and get 15 weeks of training, get what they need and start doing job interviews."

Monica Pfarr, executive director of the American Welding Society Foundation, said the skill sets in highest demand in Texas are gas metal arc welding and gas tungsten arc welding. She said the most welding jobs in Texas are in the



TSTC's Welding Technology program in Waco offers an associate degree, certificates and an occupational skills award. (TSTC FILE PHOTO).



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architectural and structural metals manufacturing sector.

"We are doing all we can to promote the careers in the industry," Pfarr said. "It's not just welders, but also technicians, inspectors and engineers are in high demand. We are doing what we can to really change the perception of the occupation."

Scott Kitchen, an apprenticeship coordinator for

Iron Workers Local Union 66 in San Antonio, said workers who are good at shielded metal arc welding are in demand throughout Central Texas.

Kitchen said the union can work with new members to develop and improve their welding skills. The goal is for all members to earn American Welding Society-backed certifications and endorsements to progress in the workplace.

Texas had more than 50,000 workers earning an annual mean wage of more than \$46,000 in May 2019, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. The Woodlands-Houston-Sugar

Land area had the highest concentration of workers in the state with more than 18,000, while the Waco area had more than 400 workers. Jobs for welders, cutters, solderers and brazers are projected to rise to more than 439,000 up to 2028, according to the labor bureau. This is being attributed to repairing the nation's infrastructure and helping to build pipelines and power generation facilities.

"It is an excellent time to consider welding," Kitchen said. "A lot of the other welders are retiring."

For more information on Texas State Technical College, go to tstc.edu.



Five SHS grads get TILF scholarships

Five of our graduates from the Salado High School Class of 2020 were selected for scholarships by the Texas Interscholastic League Foundation (TILF). Out of over 1,300 high schools in the State of Texas, only one high school had more 2020 graduates earn TILF scholarships than Salado High School.

To be eligible to apply for this scholarship students must meet the following criteria:

- Competed at the UIL Academic State Meet, Congressional Debate State Meet, One-Act Play State Meet, or Theatrical Design State Meet OR must have advanced to the second day of the Cross Examination Debate State Meet OR must be a state finalist in the Barbara Jordan Historical Essay Competition, the Latino History Essay Competition, or the Young Filmmakers Festival OR must have been a member of one of the top 10 teams per competition group at the BEST or FIRST state robotics contests
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accredited college or university in the state of Texas

- Enroll full-time in college and maintain a 2.5 college GPA
- Take either the SAT or the ACT

Participation only in athletic or music contests does not qualify a student to apply for a TILF scholarship. A student must advance to state in an academic contest to apply.

Congratulations to the following five Salado High School Class of 2020 graduates earning a TILF scholarship:

Heidi Kelley – competed in the One-Act Play State Meet and the UIL Young Filmmakers State Finals, attending the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor this fall

Andrew Novotny – competed in the UIL Academic State Meet in number sense, attending Texas A&M University this fall

Averie Piatt – competed in the UIL Academic State Meet in calculator, attending the University of Texas this fall

Charity Pryor – competed in the UIL Academic State Meet in calculator, attending Texas A&M University this fall

Jessie Ventimiglia – competed in the One Act Play State Meet, attending the University of North Texas this fall

Congratulations also to their UIL coaches Dennis Cabaniss, Tim Cook, and JJ Jonas. All three of them, along with head football coach and head powerlifting coach Alan Haire, are recipients of the prestigious UIL Sponsor Excellence Award. Salado High School is the only high school in the State of Texas that has four teachers that are recipients of this award!

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As empowered by the Declaration of Independence and Texas law, concerned citizen of Salado are gathering signatures of registered voters of the incorporated Village of Salado on a petition to call for a vote to end the Village Government (*i.e., to Abolish the Incorporation*). A signature is not a vote to end the Village government, but to put it to a vote in November, at which time the voters will decide.

THE FACTS OF ENDING THE VILLAGE GOVERNMENT

- **THERE WILL BE NO FORCED ANNEXATION BY BELTON**
With the 2019 end of involuntary forced municipal annexation in Texas (TX HB347 | 86th Legislature), forced annexation of Salado by Belton or any other city is prohibited. Anyone telling you otherwise is knowingly misinforming you.
- **PAYING OFF THE DEBT WILL BE OUR ONLY RESPONSIBILITY**
Under a District Court Judge's oversight, there will be a payoff of the sewer debt out of the Village's fund balance, unspent sewer bond money, and the sale of the sewer system and other properties. According to the Village's April 2020 financial statement, there is approximately \$2 million in assets. The sewer system is valued at \$11.3 million, with \$9.4 million in sewer debt. In a liquidation, there is enough to retire the sewer debt.
In the interim, the Bell County Commissioners Court will be required to manage and control all Village properties until sold. The assessment and collection of Village fees, sales taxes and property taxes will be as before to pay on the sewer debt and for remaining operations, if any. Upon retirement of the sewer debt, the Village government ends.
- **DEVELOPER INCENTIVE CONTRACTS WILL END**
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Our Village Administrator has stated that residential rooftops cost more in city services than the taxes collected on them. These new rooftops come with new students who accelerate the increase in enrollment in Salado schools, requiring more facilities. Ending the Village government will take it out of this equation of growth not paying for its way.
- **ZONING WILL END**
The places in Salado where we live and work now are already built-out. Subdivision restrictive covenants will remain in force. Your home and neighborhood continue as before, and you will still have recourse against changes that do not comply with your subdivision covenants.
- **VILLAGE EXECUTIVE SALARIES AND BENEFITS WILL END**
\$230,000 in salary and benefits for the Village Administrator and his personal secretary from his last job is steep for a village of 2,300 people. Just those two Village employees get 20% of the entire annual Village budget.
- **OTHER LOCAL SERVICES WILL BE UNAFFECTED**
The Salado Independent School District, Salado Volunteer Fire Department, Salado Library District, Salado Water Supply Corporation, and all other local service providers will continue as before. The United States Post Office will continue as before, and your Salado address will remain the same. Bell County road maintenance and Sheriff's Department coverage you are already paying Bell County taxes for will return. If we want additional policing, we can create a sales-tax-funded Crime Control and Prevention District to supplement the Sheriff's Department coverage.
- **YOU ARE NOT ALONE IF YOU SUPPORT ENDING THE VILLAGE GOVERNMENT**
Contact me at (254) 421-1340 (voice or text) through www.abolishsaladogov.info to arrange to sign the Abolish the Incorporation Petition. It will take 400 valid signatures to get this on the November ballot, so citizens, STAND UP NOW!
From Friday, August 14, through Sunday, August 16, there will also be a petition-signing opportunity every day from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM at 120 Royal Street, Salado, TX 76571. (The ex-Springhouse Boutique)

Thanks to all who are now taking the time to educate themselves on the facts. Enough of us together can make this monumental course change for Salado.

This is an advertisement for a petition to call for a vote to end the Salado Village government paid for by John Newman.

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Salado artist named new TC Visual Arts chair

Temple (Texas) Salado artist Rolando (Ro) Shaw has been named the new chair of the Visual Arts Department at Temple College.

Shaw is the owner of Ro Shaw Studio in Salado. He has been creating ceramics for more than 20 years.

“As a kid I thought you had to be able to draw to be an artist,” Shaw said. “When I got to college and saw people making things, it blew my mind.”

Shaw earned a B.F.A from Texas A&M University-Commerce and an M.F.A from Texas Tech University. His work is included in many public collections and art-related publications, and he has been featured in Texas Monthly, Austin Monthly, Texas Highways and AAA Texas Journeys magazine.

In graduate school, Shaw taught Ceramic and 3-D Design and also managed the School of Art Wood Shop.

Since then, he has continued to teach classes on his own, especially classes in Wheel Throwing and Hand Building. He also has provided teacher development workshops for high school instructors, as well as in-service training and in-class demonstrations at local high schools and universities.

“Since moving to the area years ago I was intrigued by the fact that Temple had a college and it had a Visual Arts Department,” Shaw said.

As chair of the department, Shaw said he looks forward to expanding the department’s equipment and technology to stay competitive with larger programs in the area.

“I would like to have our students leave a bit more advanced than most and be eligible for greater opportunities,” he said.



(COURTESY PHOTO)

Ro Shaw at work in his Salado studio at #1 Peddler’s Alley, located behind the Salado Museum. Shaw is the new Visual Arts Department Chairman for Temple College. He is also taking part in the Reflection of Salado art show.

Ro Shaw & other local artists to display work in Reflections of Salado art show at Temple CAC

Ro Shaw is one of the many Salado artists who will display his work at the Temple Cultural Artist Center as part of the Reflections of Salado art show Aug. 29-

Oct 26 there. A reception to kick off the event will be held 5-7 p.m. Aug. 29.

The Cultural Arts Center gallery is open 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

The artwork displayed will consist of Photography, Painting, Wood, Jewelry, Sculpture, Pottery, Glass

Some of the artists participating are: Ro Shaw,

Kay Griffith, Ronnie Wells, Jennifer Zardavels, Mary Stone, Debbie Harrison, Hollye Davis, Suzette Clements, Helen Alexander, Jill Shipman, and Michael Pritchett.

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WATER RESTRICTIONS

June 19, 2020

Drought Contingency Plan Phase II

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

JUNE 19, 2020

Due to excessive outside water use on lawns and landscaping and extremely high water demand, the Salado Water Supply Corporation has gone into Stage II of the state mandated Drought Contingency Plan.

Stage II initiates mandatory water restrictions. **Odd** addresses are allowed to water lawns on **Tuesdays and Fridays** and **even** addresses are allowed to water lawns on **Mondays and Thursdays**. We would also urge you to shorten the run time of your sprinkler system by 30%.

The excessive outside watering has put a tremendous stress on the water supply infrastructure and has pushed the water tower levels down to dangerously low levels each morning for the past few weeks.

Enforcement of this plan includes:

First Violation- Customer is notified of specific violation and a penalty may be assessed depending on severity of violation.

Second Violation- A penalty may be assessed by Salado WSC installing a flow restricting device for 7 days. Customer will be charged for that device.

Third Violation- Water may be disconnected to the customer for 7 days and a reconnection fee will be charged.

The plan is available on our website or can be seen at our office@ 410 Salado Plaza Drive. Please do your part so we will be able to avoid the next more stringent stages of the Drought Contingency Plan.

Thank you,
Ricky Preston, General Manager Salado Water Supply Corporation

Attention Bell County Well Owners

August 10, 2020

Edwards BFZ Aquifer—Drought Status Report

STAGE 2 - CONCERN

2,000	NO DROUGHT	100%
901	STAGE 1: AWARENESS	80%
900	RECOMMEND 10% USAGE REDUCTION	79%
701	STAGE 2: CONCERN	70%
700	RECOMMEND 20% USAGE REDUCTION	69%
401	STAGE 3: SERIOUS	60%
400	RECOMMEND 30% USAGE REDUCTION	59%
201	STAGE 4: CRITICAL	50%
200	RECOMMEND 40% USAGE REDUCTION	49%
0	STAGE 4: CRITICAL	0%

USGS 08104300 Salado Ck at Salado, TX

Gage height, feet

Discharge, cubic feet per second

***PDI = 25.66**
77.74%

***PDI is based on a 33" normal yearly average and is a 365 day running total.**

Stage 2: Concern - PDI 60 to 69%; Spring Discharge 700 to 401 ac-ft/month Conservation Goal: 20% Reduction

- Limit watering of landscape (lawns, trees, shrubs, etc.) to only once every 5 to 7 days. Agriculture and horticulture operators are exempted from this measure but are encouraged to reduce tree, plant, and crop watering by 20%.
- Continue or increase voluntary reduction in various uses.
- Check for and correct all plumbing leaks.
- Re-use or re-circulate water whenever possible.
- No filling of ponds, lakes, tanks, reservoirs, swimming pools or other surface impoundments for holding water that have a total capacity of more than 50,000 gallons, except for public water supply systems. Public water supply systems are encouraged to implement measures to achieve a 20% reduction in water usage.
- Only water landscape at night between the hours of 7 pm and 7 am.
- Keep swimming pools, landscape or decorative ponds and fountains covered (where possible), re-circulate water, and wait 5 to 7 days to refill.
- Wash vehicles at car wash only as needed.
- Do not wash buildings, driveways, streets, patios, or other outdoor surfaces except as required for human or animal health and safety needs, or for fire prevention.
- Water livestock in leak-proof troughs as much as practical.

Salado Calendar of Events

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SALADO ROTARY CLUB
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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
Live Music at Chupacabra Craft Beers, 7 p.m.

Coming Back!
Live Music at Barrow Brewing Co. 7:30 p.m.

Coming Back!
SATURDAYS
Bikes & Brews, Barrow Brewing Co., 7:30 a.m.

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

Live Music at Chupacabra Craft Beer and Kitchen, 7 p.m.

Coming Back!
Live Music at Barrow Brewing Co., 7:30 p.m.

Coming Back!
SUNDAYS
Live Music at Barrow Brewing Co. 4 p.m.

August 13
Pint Night: Thirsty, 5 p.m. - midnight at Chupacabra Craft Beer. Buy a pint, take home a pint glass.

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. Social distancing and masks will be required.

August 15
Farmers Market at Barrow Brewing Co., 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Wayworn Traveler performing live!

August 17
Salado Masonic Lodge #296 practice night in FC degree, 6:30 p.m. at the Lodge, 95 S. Church St. Social distancing and masks will be required.

August 18 & 20
Salado Family Relief Fund will hand out school supplies and backpacks to assist families in need with a school supply package (Pre-K-12th) 5-7 p.m. Aug. 18 and Aug. 20 at the Salado Presbyterian Church, located at Salado Plaza Dr. Social distancing and masks will be required.

August 20
Pint Night: Alamo Beer Company, 5 p.m. - midnight at Chupacabra Craft Beer. Buy a pint, take home a pint glass.

AUGUST 20
Village of Salado Board of Aldermen meeting, 6:30 p.m. via ZOOM. Look for agenda posted to saladotx.gov for specifics of how to join in.

AUGUST 22
Farmers Market at Barrow Brewing Co., 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

AUGUST 24
Salado Masonic Lodge #296 practice night in MM degree, 6:30 p.m. at the Lodge, 95 S. Church St. Social distancing and masks will be required.

AUGUST 27
Salado Area Republican Women will host a Meet and Greet with U.S. Congressman John Carter 10:45-11:45 a.m. at the Salado Civic Center. No charge but reservation needed for seating. 11:45 a.m. General Meeting of SARW, lunch (\$15) and program on Bell County Growth & Challenges by Jim Reed, Exec. Dir. of CTCOG. Reservation needed for seating and meal.

AUGUST 27
Pint Night: Nine Band Brewing, 5 p.m. - midnight at Chupacabra Craft Beer. Buy a pint, take home a pint glass.

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

AUGUST 28
Fourth Friday Night Gospel Singing at First Cedar Valley Baptist Church, 12237 FM 2843, 7 p.m. Potluck at 10 p.m.

AUGUST 29
Farmers Market at Barrow Brewing Co., 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

AUGUST 31
Salado Masonic Lodge #296 stated meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the Lodge, 95 S. Church St. Social distancing and masks will be required. No meal served.

SEPTEMBER 4
Britton Pyeatt, 7 p.m. at Chupacabra Craft Beer & Kitchen.

SEPTEMBER 12
Farmers Market at Barrow Brewing Co., 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 12
Deanna Wendolyn, 7 p.m. at Chupacabra Craft Beer & Kitchen.

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

SEPTEMBER 11
Cami Maki, 7 p.m. at Chupacabra Craft Beer & Kitchen.

SEPTEMBER 12
Farmers Market at Barrow Brewing Co., 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 12
Rowdy Richter, 7 p.m. at Chupacabra Craft Beer & Kitchen.

SEPTEMBER 18
Kyle Mathis, 7 p.m. at Chupacabra Craft Beer & Kitchen.

SEPTEMBER 19
Farmers Market at Barrow Brewing Co., 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 19
Kyle Mathis, 7 p.m. at Chupacabra Craft Beer & Kitchen.

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

SEPTEMBER 25
Steve Hamende, 7 p.m. at Chupacabra Craft Beer & Kitchen.

SEPTEMBER 26
Farmers Market at Barrow Brewing Co., 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 26
Steve Hamende, 7 p.m. at Chupacabra Craft Beer & Kitchen.

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



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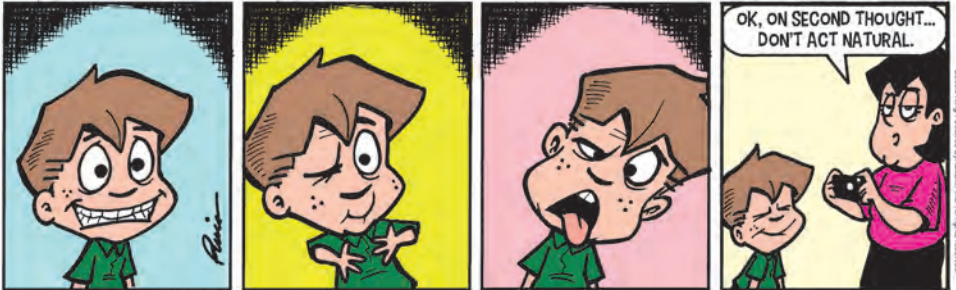


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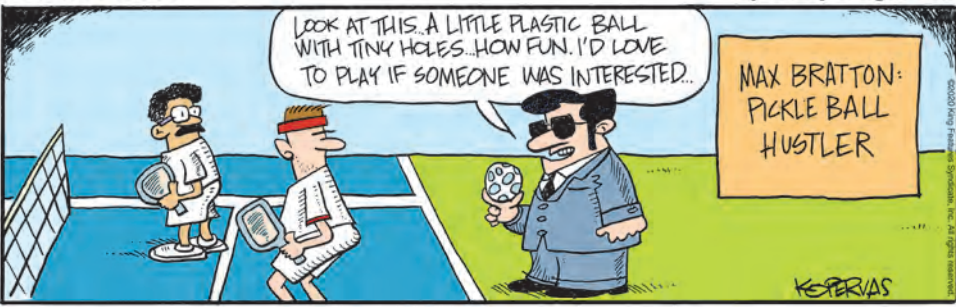


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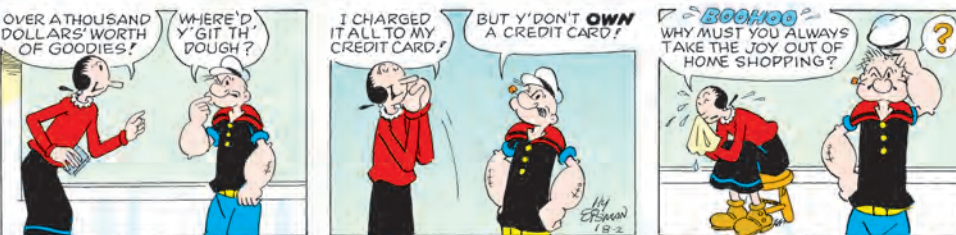
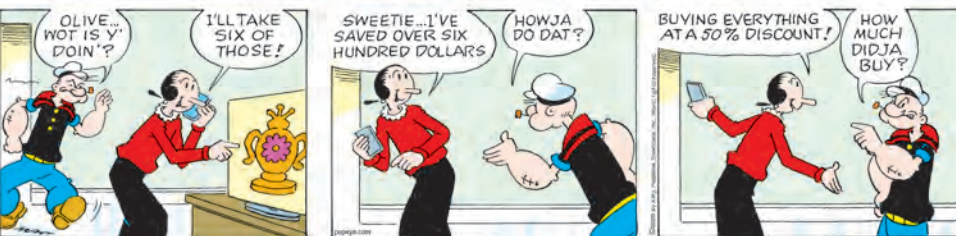
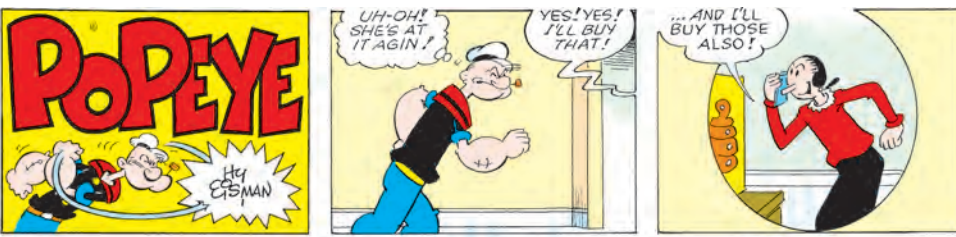
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The Spats



Contract Bridge

A STITCH IN TIME SAVES WEST

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A Q 10 9 3
♥ Q 5 4
♦ J 10 3
♣ Q 6

WEST
♠ 7 2
♥ A 9 7
♦ A K Q 8 7 2
♣ 5 2

EAST
♠ J 8 6 5
♥ 10 2
♦ 6 4
♣ 10 9 8 4 3

SOUTH
♠ K 4
♥ K J 8 6 3
♦ 9 5
♣ A K J 7

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

Opening lead — king of diamonds.

One of the more colorfully named plays in bridge is the so-called uppercut. As in boxing, the term is meant to describe a maneuver in which a devastating blow is delivered from the bottom up.

The uppercut is basically the province of the defenders. Its purpose is to establish a trump trick, or an extra

trump trick, that does not exist naturally. Its effect upon declarer is often disconcerting, because there is usually nothing he can do to prevent the defenders from manufacturing a synthetic trump trick.

As a typical example, consider this deal where West leads the K-Q of diamonds, everyone following suit. Normally, West would continue with the ace, on which East would discard while declarer was being forced to ruff.

However, South would easily weather this storm by ruffing the diamond, leading a low heart to dummy's queen and another heart back to his jack, losing to West's ace. Declarer could then claim the rest of the tricks.

But West should not adopt this prosaic method of defense. He should realize that South must have every critical missing high card for his three bids, and that the only real chance to defeat the contract lies in establishing an extra trump trick for his side.

Accordingly, at trick three West should lead a low diamond rather than the ace, hoping his partner was dealt either the ten or jack of trump. After East obliges by ruffing with the ten, declarer finds that he must lose two trump tricks regardless of how he proceeds, and he eventually goes down one.

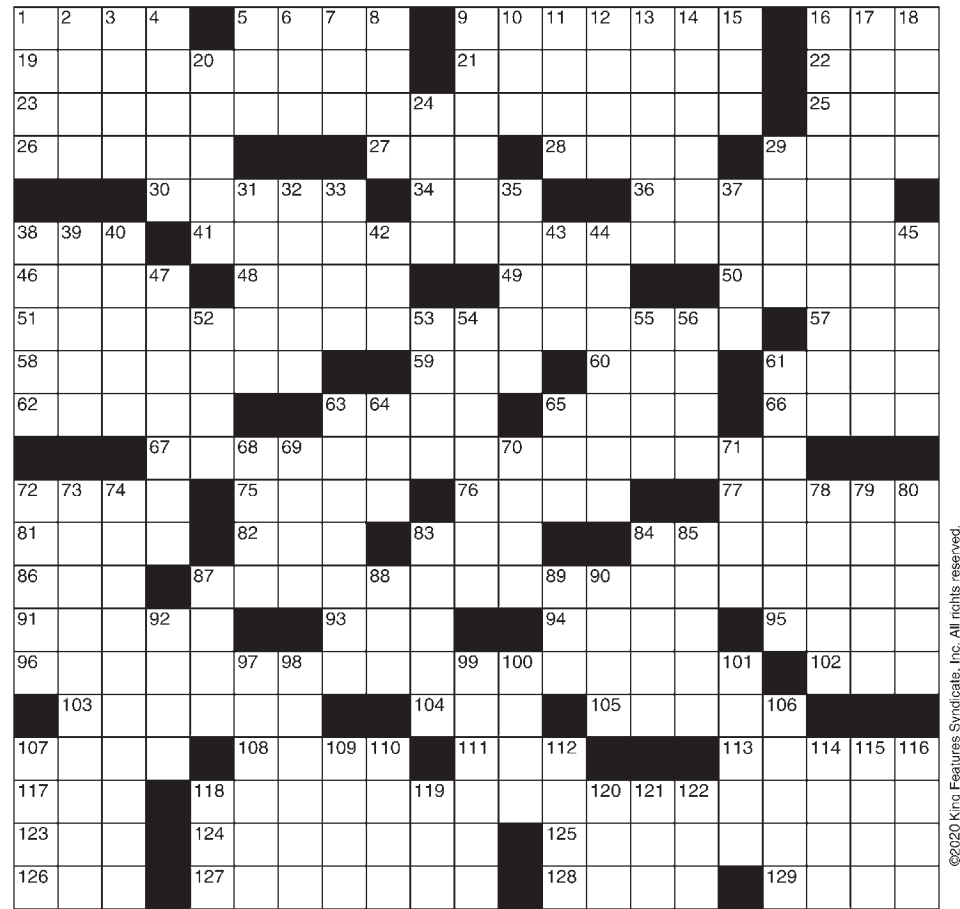
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by Steve Becker

Super Crossword

NO CLOUDS UP NORTH

- ACROSS**
- 1 Sheep kin
 - 5 Rick Blaine's love, in film
 - 9 Certain vacuum tube
 - 16 Crunches work them
 - 19 Item added, as to a library
 - 21 Decks out
 - 22 Statute
 - 23 Start of a riddle
 - 25 Certain Ivy Leaguer
 - 26 Split nation
 - 27 10% of XXX
 - 28 "— smile"
 - 29 SAT, for one
 - 30 Not taut
 - 34 List-curtailing abbr.
 - 36 Solo, in a way
 - 38 Brick-hauling trough
 - 41 Riddle, part 2
 - 46 — Plus (razor brand)
 - 48 Off-road vehicles, informally
 - 49 Egypt, once: Abbr.
 - 50 Aged person
 - 51 Riddle, part 3
 - 57 Pal of Pooch
 - 58 Nebraska city on the Platte River
 - 59 Never, in Germany
 - 60 Batman player Kilmer
 - 61 Any of 12 popes
 - 62 Blew it
 - 63 "Got it, dude!"
 - 65 Maiden
 - 66 Pace
 - 67 Riddle, part 4
 - 72 The impish Simpson
 - 75 Daredevil Kniewel
 - 76 Neap, e.g.
 - 77 Bay State sch.
 - 81 Regrets bitterly
 - 82 It's looked up in a dict.
 - 83 Tall, graceful tree
 - 84 Resort with snowy trails
 - 86 "Ooky" TV (razor brand)
 - 87 Riddle, part 5
 - 91 Satellite-tracking prog.
 - 93 Cereal grain
 - 94 Scuttle stuff
 - 95 Mitigate
 - 96 End of the riddle
 - 102 The, in Nice
 - 103 Certain book
 - 104 Ramp (up)
 - 105 Start
 - 107 Some are unsaturated
 - 108 Guesses at SFO
 - 111 Create a hem, e.g.
 - 113 Actor Sam
 - 117 Exiled Amin
 - 118 Riddle's answer
 - 123 TV room
 - 124 Painter Manet
 - 125 Fully informed
 - 126 Assn.
 - 127 TV talk great
 - 128 Reassuring touches
 - 129 Earring type
 - 6 "Charlie's Angels" co-star Lucy
 - 7 Pine —
 - 8 "You — both know ..."
 - 9 Papeete's island
 - 10 Summer, in France
 - 11 Texter's "bye now"
 - 12 Cereal grain
 - 13 Gifted speaker
 - 14 Franklin — Roosevelt
 - 15 Subj. for U.S. newcomers
 - 16 Chief port of Egypt
 - 17 Become even
 - 18 Take a dip
 - 20 Milan's La —
 - 24 Knotted
 - 29 Actor Jannings
 - 31 Sharp
 - 32 Actress — Lee Crosby
 - 33 Leg joint
 - 35 Lead to
 - 37 Preholiday nights
 - 38 "Gattaca" actor Ethan
 - 39 Additional
 - 40 Gloomy, in verse
 - 42 Pack-toting equine
 - 43 "Prob'ly not"
 - 44 Nonpublic
 - 45 Uneven, as leaf edges
 - 47 Collars
 - 52 Prefix with thermal
 - 53 Military group
 - 54 Each evening
 - 55 Ogden with funny poetry
 - 56 Additional
 - 61 Created in advance
 - 63 Frozen sheet in the sea
 - 64 FedEx alternative
 - 65 English "Inc."
 - 68 Healing drugs, briefly
 - 69 Eye layer
 - 70 Goals
 - 71 Destroy
 - 72 Lead to
 - 73 Luger pistol, e.g.
 - 74 Drawing back in
 - 78 Sans-serif typeface
 - 79 Intuit
 - 80 Wise sorts
 - 83 One dining
 - 84 Done in, as a dragon
 - 85 Brick bakers
 - 87 Concept
 - 88 Extension for PC music files
 - 89 Statute
 - 90 — chic (fashion style)
 - 92 Part of B.A.
 - 97 Go too far on
 - 98 Concept
 - 99 Live (at)
 - 100 YSL part
 - 101 Subdivision in taxonomy
 - 106 Short-term staffers
 - 107 Pal of Rover
 - 109 Water, in alternative
 - 110 Old ruler of Iran
 - 112 Larrup
 - 114 "Oh, ri-i-ight!"
 - 115 "In — of flowers ..."
 - 116 "Charlie's Angels" co-star Cheryl
 - 118 Napping spot
 - 119 Mr. Capote, to his pals
 - 120 W-2 pro
 - 121 Ex-Giant Mel
 - 122 Part of L.A.



Trivia test

- by Fifi Rodriguez
1. GEOGRAPHY: Which country is the only one whose name ends with the letter "Q"?
 2. COMICS: What was the name of Dennis the Menace's dog?
 3. GOVERNMENT: Which Cabinet department oversees the National Park Service?
 4. ANATOMY: What is a common name for metacarpophalangeal joint?
 5. SCIENCE: What is absolute zero?
 6. MUSIC: Which famous musician's nickname was Bocephus?
 7. MOVIES: What was the setting for Alfred Hitchcock's film "The Birds"?
 8. ASTRONOMY: Which moon is the largest in our solar system?
 9. LANGUAGE: What does the Latin word "veritas" mean?
 10. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the only U.S. president who also served later as chief justice of the Supreme Court?

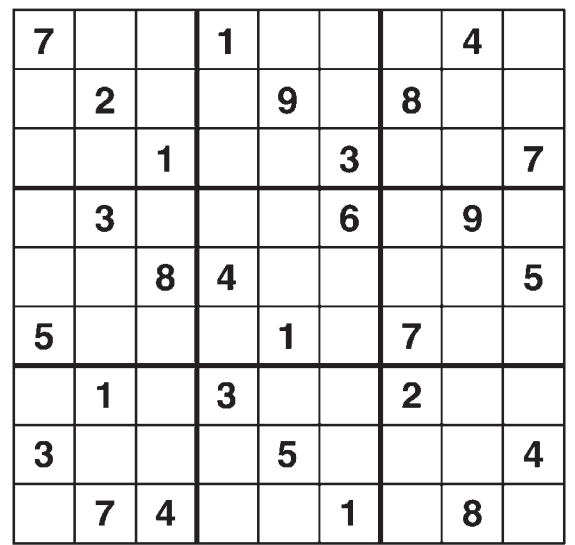
Answers

1. Iraq
2. Ruff
3. Interior
4. Knuckle
5. The lowest temperature theoretically possible. -273.15 Centigrade or -459.67 Fahrenheit
6. Hank Williams Jr.
7. Bodega Bay, California
8. Jupiter's Ganymede
9. Truth
10. William Howard Taft

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

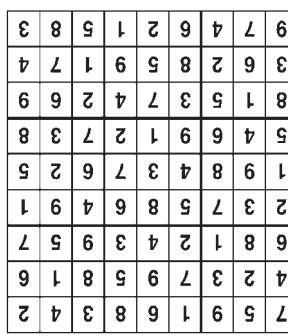


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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

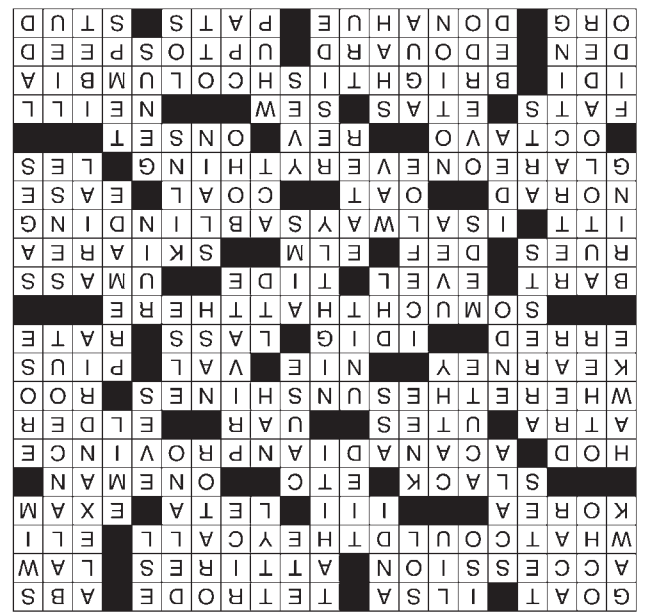
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Answer



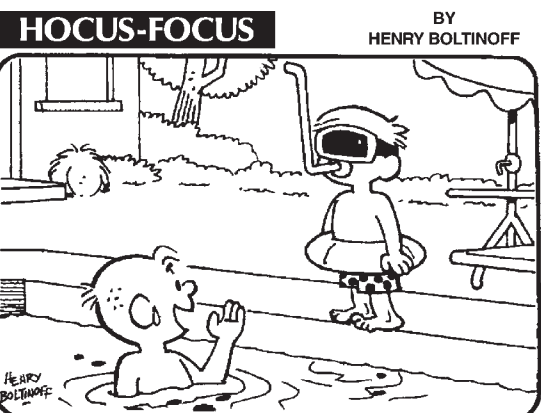
Answers



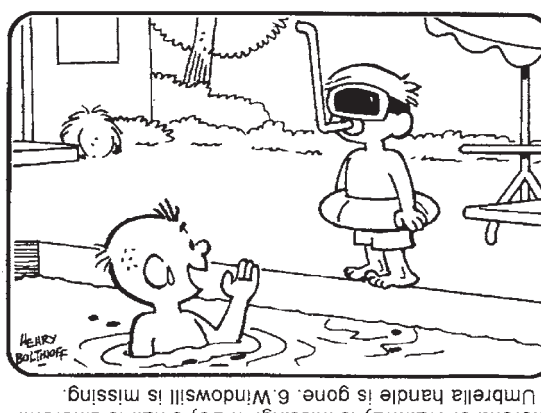
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Super Crossword

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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



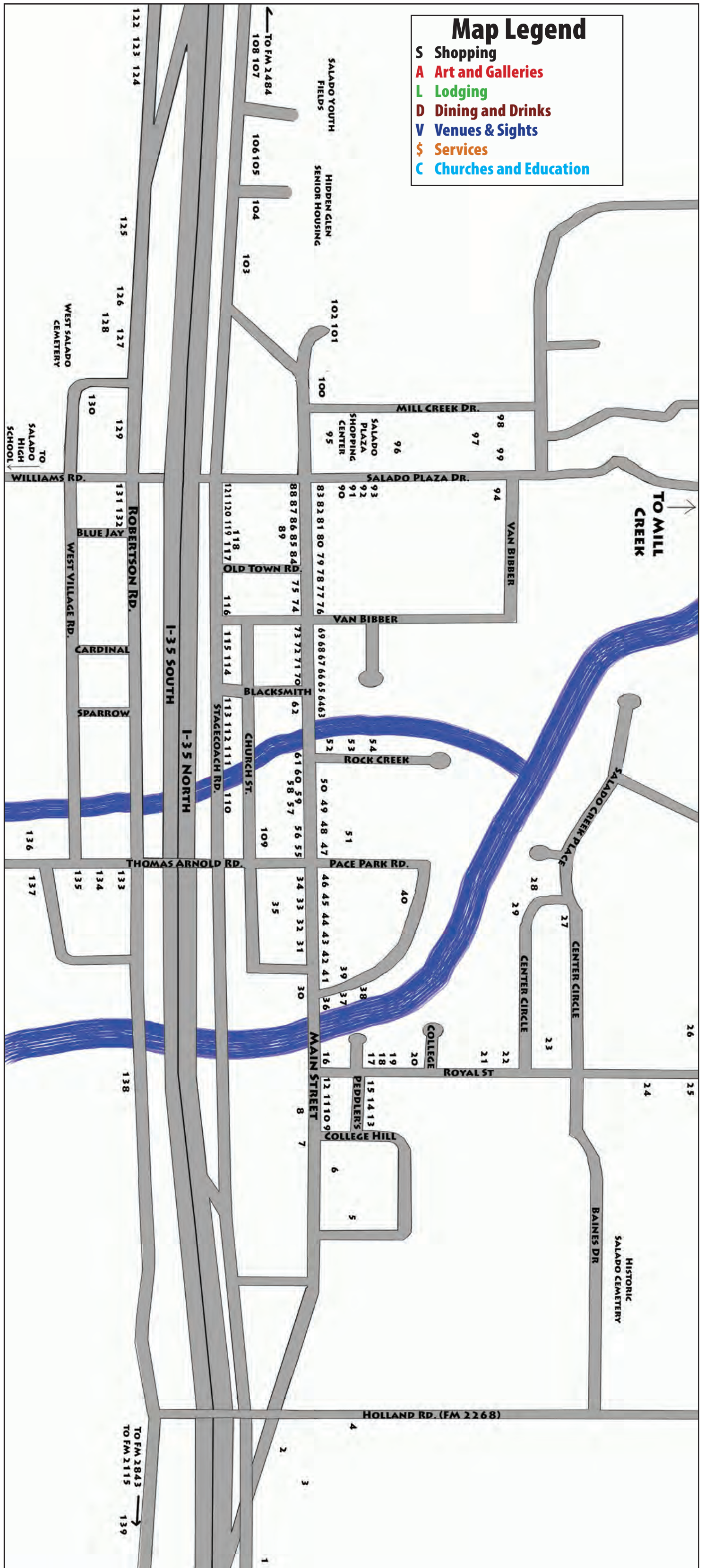
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Shopping Map of Salado

#	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	\$
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34	First Community Title 254-947-8480	\$
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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 D
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	\$
	Monteith Abstract 254-947-3922	\$
	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 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

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|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 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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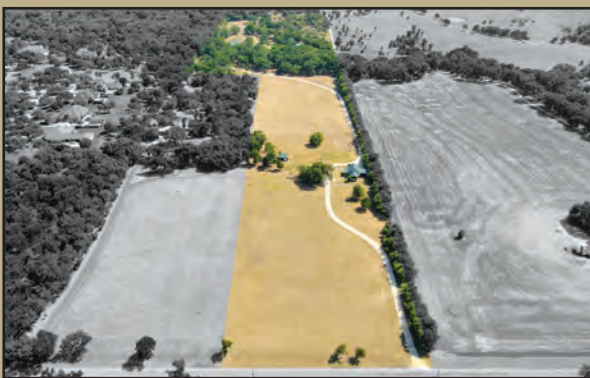
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1621 Sulphur Wells Rd., Salado
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15500 Spotted Horse Lane, Salado
4 BR, 3 BA on 26 ac.
\$729,921



1341 Walker Circle, Salado
4 BR, 3 BA



2506 Hester Way, Salado
5 BR, 4 BA
\$559,900



1605 Mission Trail, Salado
4 BR, 3 BA on 3.9 ac.
\$489,921



2201 Indian Tr., Salado
4 BR, 3.5 BA
\$489,900



11002 La Paloma Loop W, Salado
4 BR, 4.5 BA
\$454,900



9122 Stinnett Mill Rd., Salado
3 BR, 2.5 BA on 2 ac.
\$419,021



512 Creek Run Circle, Salado
3 BR, 2 BA
\$285,021



11124 Armstrong Rd., Belton
4 BR, 2 BA on 7.5 ac.
\$429,021



835 E FM 93, Temple
3 BR, 2 BA + 2 Half BA on 1 ac.
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Area Land Listings

- **45 ac.** with long road frontage & community water. Salado ISD.
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3901 Chisholm Trail #17

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4220 Big Brooke

New construction in Amity Estates, 2394 sq ft, 4/2.5, .89 acre lot, estimated finish date in September.
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2021 ANNUAL BUDGET

The Village of Salado will hold a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year 2021 Budget at 6:30 p.m. September 3, 2020, at Salado Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach, Salado, TX 76571.

The proposed Fiscal Year 2021 Budget will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of \$28,218 or 2.6%, and of that amount, \$11,424.20 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year.

The public is urged to attend and express their views at this hearing. The public is also encouraged to review the Village's proposed budget on the Village of Salado website at www.saladotx.gov under the News and Announcements tab. A paper copy of the budget may be viewed in the City Secretary's office at 301 N. Stagecoach, Salado, TX 76571 or at the Salado Public Library at 1151 N. Main Street, Salado, TX 76571.

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New Construction: 4 bedroom, 2 bath on .69 acre corner lot. Granite, full sprinkler system, stainless appliances. 4519 Green Creek \$340,000 Call Raney and Associates (254) 913-1215

This stately home has gorgeous wood flooring through the formal living areas & kitchen. Relax in front of the fire

in the cozy den while enjoying the separate wet bar/coffee bar area. Living areas & master bedroom overlook the glistening in-ground pool. The master bedroom is large enough for a separate small sitting area, & please notice the over-sized master closet. The downstairs guest bedroom can also be used as an office or study. The downstairs includes a guest bath & powder room. The upstairs boasts two large bedrooms & a bath. Step out onto your back patio & relax around the private pool area. 2201 Indian Trail, Salado. \$489,900. Century 21 Bill Bartlett. 947-5050.

3 BR, 2 BA home on two lots in Mill Creek. Close to shopping & easy access to IH 35. Open living design for kitchen, living & dining. Separate bedroom floor plan. Fireplace in living area. Sunroom has large windows overlooking the large backyard. The home is wheel chair accessible from garage & into living area. 512 Creek Run Circle, Salado. \$285,021. Century 21 Bill Bartlett. 947-5050.

Exquisite custom home with incredible curb appeal! This spacious home is filled with desirable finishes including stone accent walls, stain grade cabinets, granite counter-tops, custom concrete hardwood floors and a three car garage. 10841 Stinnet Mill, Salado. First Texas Brokerage 254-947-5577 9/8tfn \$599,900.

This one of a kind, custom home was built for a growing family & entertaining. Take special notice of the octagonal dining room. Gorgeous wood flooring throughout all the main living areas. Need a room for projects and crafting? Then you need look no further. The large back guest bedroom is set up as a bedroom or craft room with its own separate sink. Master bedroom & large guest

bedroom/craft room overlook the golf course. The enclosed sun room is the perfect place to enjoy your morning coffee in the quiet of your home while watching all of the outdoor activity. Large extended patio allows for outdoor entertaining. 2506 Hester Way, Salado. \$559,900. Century 21 Bill Bartlett 947-5050.

Beautiful home on 2 acres, great location just minutes from Main Street Salado! Nice floor plan with 3 BR, 2.5 BA, 2 living areas, & a formal sitting room (or office). Large bonus room upstairs could make a 4th bedroom. Solid well built & maintained home, Insulated Concrete Form construction & metal roof. Property has minimal restrictions, no HOA, is fenced, cross fenced, & features a large livestock barn for your horses or FFA - 4H projects. Nice country setting but close to town! 9122 Stinnett Mill Rd., Salado. \$419,021. Century 21 Bill Bartlett 947-5050

Charming home with 3 bedrooms, 2 and 1/2 baths in a beautiful established Mill Creek neighborhood on a cul-de-sac. Homeowner dues \$175 monthly include water inside and out plus lawn mowing once a week. Great kitchen with center island, large pantry and breakfast room. The living room features a fireplace and French doors opening to large patio with views of a seasonal creek. Master bedroom room is downstairs, 2 bedrooms and a bath upstairs. Walk in closet in garage has heat and air. \$295,000. Call Raney and Associates (254) 913-1215

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CAUSE NO. 34678

IN RE ESTATE OF PHIL H. BECKWITH DECEASED

IN THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW NO. 1 BELL COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF PHIL H. BECKWITH

Administration of the Estate of Phil H. Beckwith, Decedent, has been commenced by the issuance of Letters Testamentary to Allison Putney, Independent Executor of the Estate, on August 4, 2020, by the Probate Court of Bell County, Texas, acting in Cause No. 34678, styled *In Re Estate of Phil H. Beckwith, Deceased*, in which court the matter is pending.

All persons having claims against the estate are notified to present them in care of R. Mark Dietz, Dietz & Jarrard, PC, 106 Fannin Ave. East, Round Rock, Texas 78664, attorneys for the Executor of the Estate.

Dated: August 11, 2020

By: /s/ R. Mark Dietz
 R. Mark Dietz
 Attorney for Allison Putney, Independent Executor Estate of Phil H. Beckwith
 State Bar No. 05857200
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Call Type Description	#
911 Hang Up	1
Agency Assist	1
Alarm Business	1
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Citations	7
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Disturbance	2
Found Property	3
House Watch	61
Medical	5
Open Door	1
Stranded Motorists	3
Suspicious Circumstances	1
Traffic Hazard	2
Village Ordinance Violation	1
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NOTICE OF ENACTMENT
ORDINANCE NO. 2020-17

An ordinance of the Village of Salado, Texas, establishing the prima facie speed limit for vehicles on Williams Road within the corporate limits of the Village of Salado, under the Texas Transportation Code Chapter 545, upon the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation, and establishing a school zone on Williams Road and a reduced speed limit for the school zone; authorizing the erection of traffic regulation signs; repealing conflicting ordinances; providing a penalty; and providing an effective date.

NOTICE OF ENACTMENT
ORDINANCE NO. 2020-16

An ordinance of the Village of Salado, Texas, providing for the addition of stop signs at the intersection of Hester Way and Winners Circle, creating a three-way stop; repealing any conflicting ordinances; providing a severability clause; and providing for an effective date; and providing for proper notice and meeting.



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Salado Fire Department Reports Aug. 2-8

Date & Time	Address	Incident Type
Aug. 02 3:35 p.m.	I H 35 N/B	Motor Vehicle Accident with Injuries
Aug. 02 11:48 p.m.	SOUTHSHORE DR	Water Main Break
Aug. 03 2:33 a.m.	SMITH BLUFF RD	Falls
Aug. 03 3:41 p.m.	I-35, Bell County, TX	Grass fire
Aug. 04 4:00 a.m.	SMITH BLUFF RD	Falls
Aug. 04 8:54 p.m.	FM 2484	Unauthorized Burning
Aug. 05 11:28 a.m.	I-35	Passenger Vehicle Fire (Mutual Aid)
Aug. 05 1:34 p.m.	CHALK RIDGE FALLS	Breathing Problems
Aug. 05 2:40 p.m.	MARY LN	Lift Assist
Aug. 05 4:20 p.m.	FM 2484	Grass fire
Aug. 06 11:08 a.m.	CACTI LN	Dispatched & cancelled en route
Aug. 06 4:08 p.m.	MARY LN	Difficulty Breathing
Aug. 06 7:05 p.m.	CLUB CIR	Drowning / Near Drowning
Aug. 06 8:23 p.m.	UNION GROVE PARK RD	Unauthorized Burning
Aug. 06 10:29 p.m.	CR 233 Florence (Mutual Aid)	Forest, woods or wildland fire
Aug. 06 11:00 p.m.	I-35	Dispatched & cancelled en route
Aug. 07 4:38 p.m.	I-35	Dispatched & cancelled en route
Aug. 8 12:23 a.m.	YELLOW ROSE DR	Stroke

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8336 Spring Creek Loop
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\$449,500



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2517 Winners Circle
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LOTS

Mill Creek Meadows - Brand new subdivision with lots on the golf course and mature trees! Starting at \$59,900 with 48 lots available

Mystic River - Lots overlooking Leon River. Starting in the \$129,000 for waterfront or \$49,900 for interior lots

Spring Creek - Salado's newest community. A must see subdivision off of FM2484 Lots starting at \$60,000

2 Lots on Van Bibber available \$42,500

1 Lot in Mill Creek \$29,900

9860 Hodge Canyon

NEIGHBORHOODS

Spring Creek - Salado's newest neighborhood, West of town on FM2484 Beautiful hardwood trees. The peaceful spot you've been searching for to build your new home. Few miles out of Salado, a short drive from Belton, Harker Heights and Georgetown.

Mill Creek Meadows - Dream home on a golf course? Whether you are a golfer or just enjoy overlooking a well-maintained course from your home, Mill Creek Meadows is for you! Gated, community park within strolling distance of Mill Creek Golf Course and a golf cart ride away from Salado shopping and dining.

Mystic River - Lots overlooking the Leon River. Neighborhood shaded by a canopy of Live Oak and Pecan trees, walk from your back door to your personal dock at the river bank. Watch the kids plunge into the river from the rope swing, paddle your kayak, all while centrally located between Belton and Temple.

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

5 Acres 2251 County Road 234 Georgetown, TX 78633

300 Acres 0000 CR 212 Coolidge, TX 76635

37.2 Acres 2821 Sulphur Wells Rd

COMMERCIAL

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

1.979 acre 2801 S Interstate 35 Belton, TX 76513



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