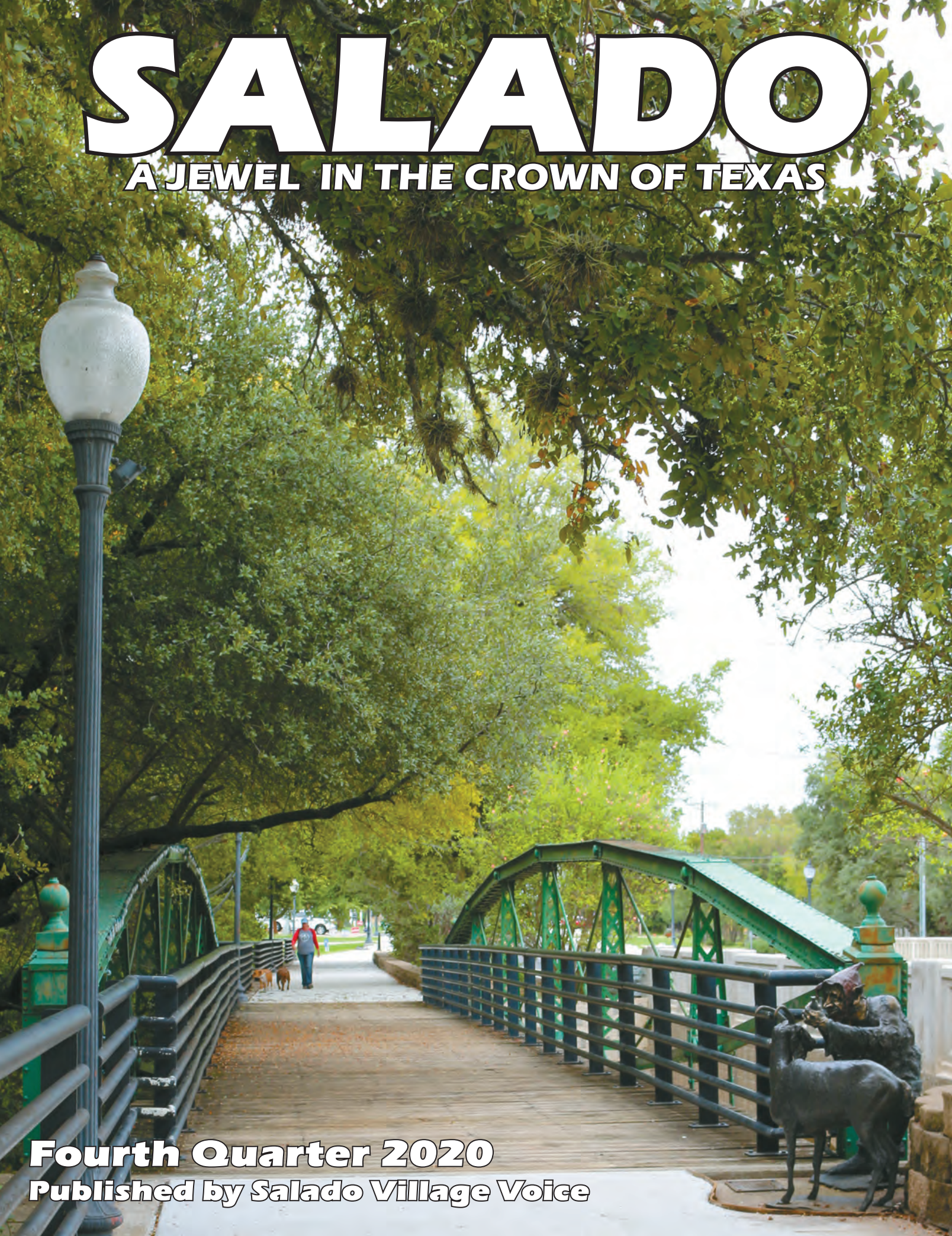


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## Salado Village Voice: always independent, family-owned

While the *Salado Village Voice* is not the first newspaper in Salado, it has had the longest life-span since being founded in 1979. The Fleischer family bought the newspaper in 1988, marking 32 years in Salado in Spring 2020.

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

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

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

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

*Salado Village Voice* founder Dayton Kelley was a native of Bell County, a journalist and a historian. He taught journalism at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor for 12 years before accepting a position as Director of the Texas Collection at Baylor University in Waco. After Dayton passed away, his sons Dennis and Bill ran the *Salado Village Voice*, selling it to the Fleischer family in 1988.

Since the Fleischer family purchased the newspaper, a week has not passed that the newspaper has not published.

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

*Salado Village Voice* launched its website as a compliment to its weekly newspaper and quarterly magazine. When you visit [saladovillagevoice.com](http://saladovillagevoice.com), you will find breaking news, the latest Calendar of Events and information on many of the events in Salado.

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*Cover Photo of the Walking Bridge by Marilyn Fleischer.  
For a history of the Dodd's Creek bridge, turn to page 10.*

# Calendar of Events

- October 1**  
The Barton House celebrates World Sake Day with an Oryoki Dinner, \$79 per person. Call 254-947-0441 for reservations.
- October 2**  
BYO OCTOBERFEST, 3-4:30PM. Salado Glassworks. Signup online at saladoglassworks.com.
- October 3**  
Mermaid Magic Market presented by Sirena Fest on grounds of Barrow Brewing, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Live music and guest food trucks.
- October 3**  
BYO OCTOBERFEST, 10 am-1:30pm. Signup online saladoglassworks.com.
- October 3**  
Annual Salado Youth Fair Booster Reverse Raffle, 6 p.m. Tenroc Ranch. Tickets are \$150; call 254-721-1264.
- October 3**  
Randy Rogers Band at Johnny's Outback. Gates open at 6 p.m.
- October 4**  
Outdoor dedication service of the new church property acreage of Heritage Country Church, 9677 Lark Trail, 10 a.m.
- October 4**  
Pistons & Pints at Barrow Brewing Company, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
- October 8**  
Bavaria-Themed Dinner, Around the World series at Alexander's Craft Cocktails & Kitchen, 6:30 p.m. seating. Call 254-947-3828 for reservations.
- October 9**  
Free Outdoor Movie night 7:15 pm Practical Magic at Barrow Brewing.
- October 9-10**  
Christmas in October, sponsored by Salado Ladies Auxiliary. **CANCELED**
- October 10**  
Asanas & Ales, 10 a.m., Barrow Brewing.
- October 10**  
Heritage Country Church, 9967 Lark Trail, will have site tours of their acreage and a barbecue lunch on the grounds of their new church acreage with live music by the Praise and Worship Team 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
- October 14-16**  
Pick up rider packets 4-8 p.m. for the Barrow Volks Ride
- October 16**  
BYO PUMPKIN 3-4:30 p.m., (\$50pp) AGES 3 and up. Sign up online at saladoglassworks.com
- October 17**  
Barrow Volks Ride is for all cyclists with distances of 16 miles, 50KM and 100KM. Rides begin at 8 a.m. and end at 2 p.m. Barrow Brewing Co. Proceeds benefit Salado VFD. Online registration of \$50 per rider is available at bikereg.com.
- October 17**  
BYO PUMPKIN 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Sign up online at saladoglassworks.com
- October 17**  
Amy's Attic is sponsoring a Fall Food Truck Festival 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at its Salado location, 3524 FM 2484, to benefit the Salado Volunteer Fire Department.
- October 17**  
Checkpoint Germany food truck all day at Barrow Brewing Co. Live music by Lilly and the Implements at 7 p.m.
- October 17**  
Grape Stomp 3-8 p.m. at Salado Winery Co., 841 N. Main St. raising funds for Salado Montessori. **CANCELED**
- October 17**  
Cattlemen's Ball benefiting Salado Education Foundation. **CANCELED**
- October 17, 24 & 31**  
Fright Trail, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. at Tablerock. **CANCELED**
- October 22**  
The 16th annual Salado Chamber of Commerce at the Mill Creek Country Club, registration begins at 11:30 a.m. For information, call 254-947-5040 or email chamber@salado.com
- October 22**  
Stories and Songs women's event 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Grace Church Salado, 5798 FM 2484. An evening of testimony and worship in story and song. Register online at grace-salado.com/events.
- October 23**  
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- October 23**  
The Royal Street Art Walk (RAW), 6-9 p.m.
- October 23**  
Fourth Friday Gospel Singing, 7 p.m. at First Cedar Valley Baptist Church
- October 24**  
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- October 31**  
Trunk or Treat at First Baptist Church, 210 S. Main St., hours to be announced.
- October 31**  
Trunk or Treat at Salado United Methodist Church, 5-7 p.m. 650 Royal St.
- November 1**  
Pistons & Pints at Barrow Brewing Company, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
- November 6**  
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- November 7**  
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- 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. Call 254-947-5232.
- November 7**  
Annual Empty Bowl Project benefiting Salado Family Relief Fund, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at Salado High School cafeteria. \$25 for handmade pottery bowl and soup lunch from Salado's restaurants and inns or \$10 for soup lunch only. To-go orders welcome!
- November 12**  
Spain-Themed Dinner, Around the World series at Alexander's Craft Cocktails & Kitchen, 6:30 p.m. seating. Call 254-947-3828 for reservations.
- November 13-15**  
Highland Games & Gathering of Scottish Clans **CANCELED**
- November 15**  
Asanas & Ales, 10 a.m., Barrow Brewing.
- November 26**  
Two seatings for Thanksgiving dinner at Alexander's Craft Cocktails & Kitchen, 11:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. Four courses for \$39.95 per person. Call 254-947-3828 for reservations.
- November 27**  
Black Friday with late shopping throughout Salado.
- November 28**  
Small Business Saturday with late shopping throughout Salado.
- December 3**  
Annual Salado Christmas Stroll Parade, 6 p.m. Lighted and under the lights! **CANCELED**
- December 4-6**  
Salado Historical Society Christmas Tour of Homes. **CANCELED**
- December 4-6**  
Annual Christmas Stroll.
- December 4-5**  
A Christmas Carol, 7 p.m. at Tablerock Amphitheater. Concessions open at 6:15 p.m.
- December 6**  
Pistons & Pints at Barrow Brewing Company, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
- December 10**  
Jerusalem-Themed Dinner, Around the World series at Alexander's Craft Cocktails & Kitchen, 6:30 p.m. seating. Call 254-947-3828 for reservations.
- 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. **CANCELED**
- December 19-20**  
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# Hickory Golf Tournament tees off Nov. 7-8 at Mill Creek to benefit Salado Museum

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 on Nov. 7-8.

Entry is \$150 per player. A set of hickory golf clubs may be rented for the tournament for \$35. Clubs can be shared with other players. A commemorative ball of the tournament in a case is \$5 while a sleeve of golf balls is \$40.

Tee time on Nov. 7 will be noon with dinner served after the round. Tee time on Nov. 8 will be at 9 a.m. Nov. 8 with lunch to follow. William W. Reed, past president of The Golf Heritage Society, will speak to the players during the luncheon.

The golf tournament is being presented in association with the Texas Hickory Golf Association. Hickory Golf enthusiasts collect hickory golf clubs and play in social tournaments in traditional golf clothing



*Texas Hickory Golf enthusiasts are coming to Salado. (Adobe stock photo)*

(knickers and caps included). They celebrate the history of the game together by working to keep its traditions alive.

For more information, contact Museum director Dave Swarthout at 414.378.2341 or visit [www.saladomuseum.org](http://www.saladomuseum.org).

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By Jackie Mills  
Tablerock

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"Exactly." I explained. And he did.

Both Dickens and Harry Sweet have passed on to their greater rewards, but the story and the play lingers and grows more important to everyone each Christmas than any other story except for the Bible's history of the birth of Jesus Christ.

Harry kept the play exactly like Dickens wrote the story; with only one minor addition. Dickens did not name Nephew Fred's wife in his story. Harry's age, his love of the theater and the fun loving twinkle in his eye made him name Fred's wife "Ginger" for the play. Harry must have watched a lot of Fred Astair and Ginger Rogers movies in his misspent youth. I feel sure Dickens forgave Harry! And the minor change took nothing away from the story that has always renewed our faith in our fellow man, gave us Hope for the future and taught us the true spirit of Charity.

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Director Thom Wilson will oversee a cast and crew of more than 60 zealous actors and polished crew members to entertain the masses.

Ticket sales at the gate will be sold starting at 6 p.m. with the performance beginning at 7 p.m. Ticket prices are a nominal \$10 for adults, \$5 for students of any age and \$3 for children 12 and under.

Popcorn, nachos, hot dogs, hot chocolate and funnel cakes will be ready for the concession stand to open at 6 p.m.

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*Marley's ghost as portrayed by Howard Horton.*

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*The Dodd's Creek Bridge was moved to Salado in 1997 where it spans Campbell Branch and is now a beautiful walking bridge.*

# Dodd's Creek bridge was moved to Salado in 1997

*By Charlene Carson  
Local Historian*

Did you know that one of the most historic bridges in Texas is located right here in Salado and that it is over 130 years old?

This historic bridge, commonly referred to as the green bridge on Main Street, was built by the Berlin Iron Bridge Company of East Berlin, Connecticut. It was placed over Cowhouse Creek in Coryell County, Texas in 1889, and then later moved to Dodd's Creek on CR-133 west of Gatesville. In 1955, the bridge was declared functionally obsolete for vehicular traffic. The bridge was replaced but the historic lenticular pony truss bridge was not demolished. Instead, the Texas Department of Transportation decided to renovate and utilize the structure as a pedestrian bridge to be placed over Campbell's Branch in Salado. It was moved

to this location on July 29, 1997, as a part of the Salado Walking Path project.

In 1990 the Texas Historical Commission and the Texas Department of Transportation identified eight lenticular truss bridges surviving in Texas. Four of those bridges were located in San Antonio; the other four were on out-of-service roads. These bridges are recognized as historically significant engineering structures, and are the only remaining examples of this rare bridge type west of the Mississippi.

This 87-foot truss bridge represents an unusual truss type in the United States. The lenticular design features a curved top and bottom chord which forms a lens shape. This type of bridge combines an arch type bridge and suspension type bridge into a single design requiring less steel than more conventional bridges.

The patent, issued to William O. Doug-

las of Connecticut in 1878, was the only one given for a lenticular truss bridge in the United States. Most were constructed in the New England area and in New York state. Through the efforts of William Payson, a salesman for the Berlin Iron Bridge Company, Texas acquired at least a dozen truss bridges in the late 19th century.

It was an exciting day in Salado when this big green structure was brought down Main Street on an "oversize load" truck. A huge heavy-duty crane followed the truck. Those who had an interest in historic bridges and those who were just curious stood along the street to watch the unfolding of this historic event.

Cameras clicked as the crane lifted the bridge gently off the truck and carefully swung the structure toward its destination. Onlookers stood quietly as workers pushed  
*See Walking Bridge, Page 14*



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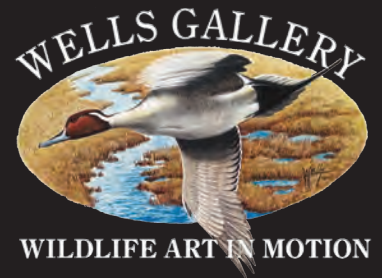
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# Dodd's Creek bridge is now walking bridge in Salado

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and pulled and carefully guided the bridge to its final resting place over Campbell's Branch, giving walkers a functional and beautiful place to walk.

The Salado Walking Path project was a joint effort between the Salado Chamber of Commerce and the Texas Department of Transportation. In 1998 the Waco District of TX-DOT received the Environmental Achievement Award for the Dodd's Creek Bridge Preservation Project.

When approaching the bridge from the south, be aware of the troll who has made the green bridge his home. The "Troll and Billy Goat Gruff" sculpture, by local artist Troy Kelley, sits at the southernmost end of the bridge, placed there by the Public Arts League of Salado in October 2005.



(Photo by Charlene Carson)

Troy Kelley's Troll and Billy Goat Gruff guard the south entrance to the walking bridge over Campbell's Branch. It was placed there in 2005 by the Public Arts League of Salado as one of its first projects.



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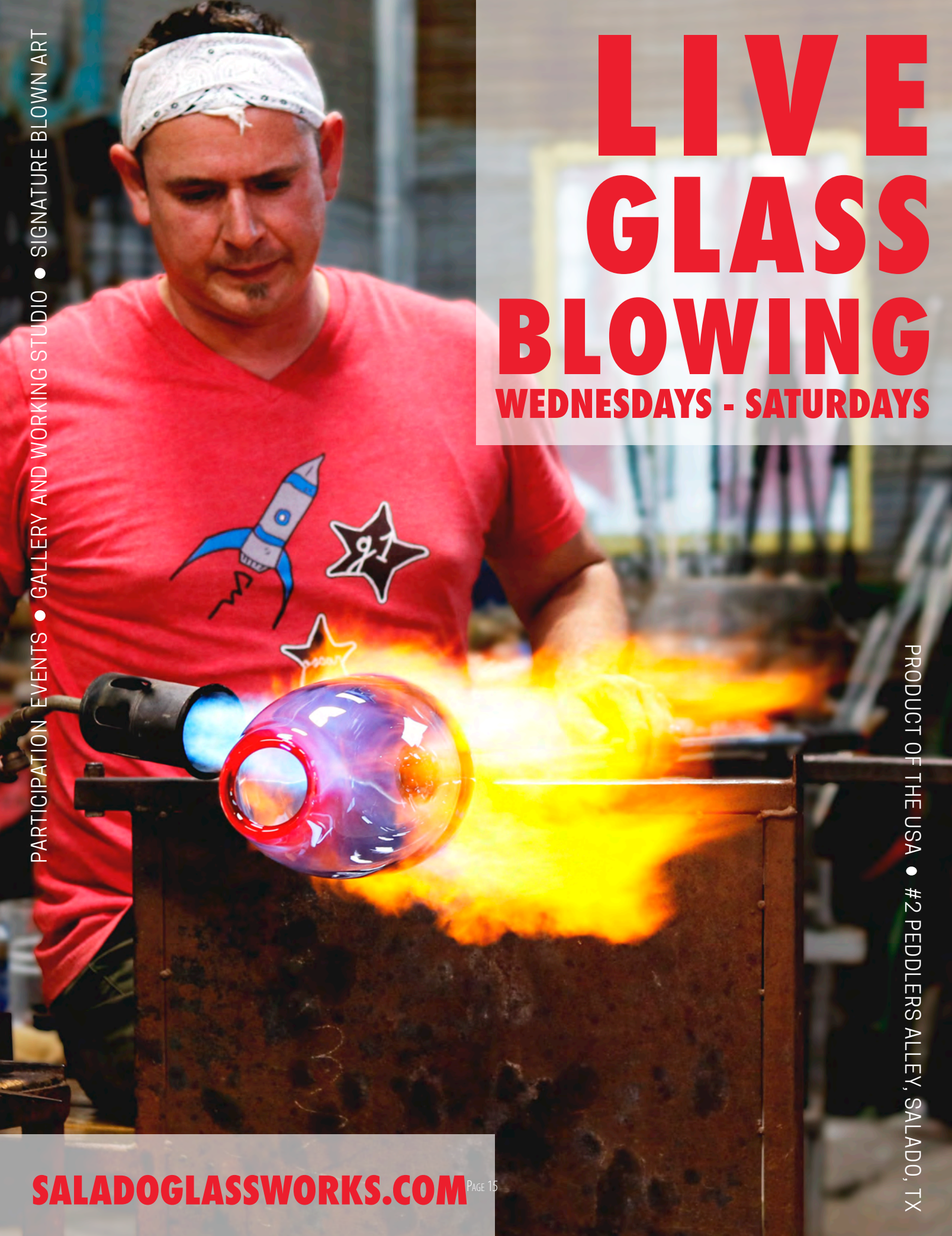
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# Posada recreates journey of Joseph and Mary

Las Posadas, the nine day Christmas tradition observed in Spain, Mexico and the Southwest United States, will be celebrated as La Posada, a one day event, in Salado during the community's Christmas Stroll. La Posada will be from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Saturday, December 12. The public is invited to take part.

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

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

Each year the same drama is played out. Though thoroughly rehearsed, what will happen will seem fresh and exciting to the young people taking part. Dressed in period clothing, they will begin at the gate to the old ruins on College Hill and then lead a candle light procession down Main Street a distance of two miles. Along the way they will stop to ask for lodging and a place to rest.

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

Then Father Williams will have a thought. He will lead the couple to a stable behind the church. There he will offer to settle them in for the night in mounds of hay.

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



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

Heaven."

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

At the final destination there is unison of choruses.

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

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

St. Joseph's Episcopal Church is located at 945 Main St.

This brief history of the Posada originally appeared in the Salado Village Voice newspaper in 2012, written by Harper Scott Clark.

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*The log cabin at Stagecoach Inn will be part of the next stage of renovations on the complex. (Photo by Charlene Carson)*

# What's the story with that old cabin on Main in front of Stagecoach Inn

*By Charlene Carson  
Local Historian*

Visitors to Salado and locals alike have often wondered, "What is the story behind the log cabin on Main Street in front of the Stagecoach Inn?" Keep reading and you will learn the story of that cabin as told by C.B. and Mary Hodge.

At one time, this log cabin, built in the 1800s, sat on the Claude and Bernice Hodge Ranch, which was about two miles west of Salado on Thomas Arnold Road. In the early 1930s, it was occupied by a Mexican family who worked on the ranch cutting wood.

In about 1934, Claude Hodge gave the cabin to Charles and Eva Stevens who owned the Stagecoach Inn at the time, and the Mexican family moved into another house on the ranch.

The Stevens set up a restaurant in the cabin with the intentions of attracting travelers going to the 1936 Centennial in Dallas via old Highway 81. Everyone traveling Highway 81 would pass right in front of the cabin and hopefully stop for lunch.

Eva Stevens served what she called "depression food," which consisted of fresh fish, fried chicken, black-eyed peas, and other homemade dishes. The meals were served family style and cost 35 cents. The cabin served as Salado's restaurant for several years.

The cabin, which had been put together with ashes, was dismantled, hauled by wagon and team to downtown Salado and reassembled at its present site. Originally it had a dirt floor and a tree was growing through the ceiling.

In the 1980s, this log cabin

was used as the Stagecoach Inn gift shop. Through the years it has been used as a coffee shop, barber shop, beauty shop, and a home décor shop. When Dion and Ruth Van Bibber became owners of the Stagecoach Inn in 1943, Van Bibber used the cabin as his office.

The current ownership has future plans for the building.

"We have discussed a number of different options for the cabin which will probably happen in the next construction phase of our project," David Hayes told Salado Village Voice. "The cabin needs significant repairs as so much of the restaurant and hotel did, and we have some ideas that we think will make the cabin look better and be functional."

"We will probably use it for retail sale of stagecoach merchandise, but we have also talked about opening it up and using

it as an access point to the garden below the cabin," he added.

Stagecoach Inn continues to undergo a multi-million dollar, multi-phase renovation and re-visioning of the complex.

"We just finished a conference room we call the Longhorn room, we have just started construction on the Pavilion where the coffee shop was, it will have a fireplace, bar and restrooms," Hayes said. "We are also building a mineral pool in between buildings 2 and 3."

"We are excited about the completion of Main Street and ready to get past COVID," he said.

Meanwhile, the cabin sits on Main Street as a reminder of the rustic charm and the country style of living found in the village of Salado.



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You can hunt white tail deer, Rio Grande turkey, feral hogs and exotics on the Solana which has an abundance of water supplied by the Salado Creek, the north and south Rumsey and Buttermilk Creek, all fed by natural springs.

Dove season began September 1 and continues in Bell County through November 1, 2020 and December 18, 2020-January 14, 2021. There is a daily limit of 15 white-winged, mourning and white-tipped doves in the aggregate, to include no more than 2 white-tipped. The possession limit is three times the daily bag limit.

According to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, roughly 15 percent of the nation's 300 million mourning dove reside in Texas, along with about 15 million white-winged Texas dove hunters take to the field in pursuit of these acrobatic, fast-flying game birds. Based on field observations by TPWD wildlife biologists, prospects for the 2020-21 hunting season are fair to excellent across the state as habitat conditions vary depending on scattered precipitation and timing of plants seeding out.

"With the abundant highly-preferred dove foods available on the landscape this year, we're seeing excellent production," said Owen Fitzsimmons, TPWD dove program leader. "White-winged dove produc-



*It is archery season in central Texas for both deer and turkey hunters. (Photos courtesy of Solana Ranch)*



*Wild turkey on the Solana Ranch.*

tion, in particular, has been very high in the southern half of the state. Plus, many of the states to the north had similar spring habitat conditions, which should result in a strong influx of migrant birds for Texas later in the season. I'm excited about the prospects this season, it should be fantastic."

Central Texas is also a popular area for hunting white tail deer. The season starts for archers on October 3, 2020 and continues through November 6, 2020. The general season for

the North Zone is November 7, 2020-January 3, 2021.

An early youth-only season is October 31-Nov. 1, 2020 and the late youth-only season is January 4-17, 2021. Muzzleloader season is January 4-17, 2021.

East of I-35 in Bell County, the bag limit is four deer, no more than 2 bucks, and no more than 2 antlerless, all seasons combined. West of I-35 in Bell County, the bag limit is 5 deer, no more than 2 bucks, all seasons combined.

Turkey hunting is also popu-

lar in central Texas. Bell County is in the north zone with a fall/winter general season of November 7, 2020-January 3, 2021. Bag limit is four, no more than one of which may be an Eastern turkey. Archery only season is October 3-November 6, 2020 and Youth-only hunting is October 31-November 1, 2020 and January 4-17, 2021.

Feral hogs are so loathed by landowners in Texas for their habitat destroying behavior that beginning September 1, you won't even need a hunting license to pursue them on private property.

The new law exempts any person (resident or nonresident), with landowner consent, from a hunting license requirement to hunt feral hogs. It is still a violation to hunt without a license if hunting without consent. The new law only applies to private property, and is irrelevant of whether or not it is a paid hunt. A hunting license is still required on public land. Hunter education requirements also still apply.



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The need of a high class school in Bell County had been felt for some time. In the fall of 1859, a tent meeting attended by prominent men from all over the county was held at the Salado Springs to discuss the matter. They succeeded in organizing the Salado College Joint Stock Company. Colonel Robertson donated 100 acres of land, including the two fine springs, the hill on the south side of the creek suitable for the college building, part of the wooded valley and some land north of the creek.

Stock in the company at \$100 per share to the amount of \$5,000 was soon subscribed.

Seven trustees, Col. Herman Aiken, John I. Blair, Dr. Carrol Kendrick, A.J. Dallas, Col. E.S.C. Robertson, W.D. Eastland, and G.W. Shanklin, were chosen by the stockholders. Colonel Robertson was made President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Board and gave the school a deed to the land dated October 16, 1859.

The land was soon surveyed and laid out in blocks, lots and streets. Revenue from the sale of lots was a great help to the college as families soon began moving to Salado.

At a November meeting, Dr. Kendrick offered several resolutions concerning the college which were adopted. The resolutions asked that the trustees apply to the legislature for an act incorporating Salado College; that a clause be inserted prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors, the keeping of billiard saloons or ten-pin alleys on the college land; and that the college be open to pupils of all religious denominations, but never become sectarian in its character.

On February 8, 1860, Salado College was incorporated by the Legislature for twenty years with full powers to maintain the institution, grant diplomas, confer degrees and perform other corporate functions.

A temporary wooden building was erected and school began February 20, 1860, with the Rev. Levi Tenney, a Presbyterian minister, as principal.

A severe winter had slowed down building both for the school and new residents, so many of the teachers lived in tents temporarily. Sixty students were enrolled the first term.



*The bell tower and entrance to Salado College can be seen in this old photograph.*

Plans had already been made for a two-story stone building on the brow of the hill. On July 4, 1860, the cornerstone, the first in that part of Texas, was laid with a Masonic ceremony. Visitors came from as far away as Waco and Austin and hospitable Salado citizens served a barbecue. A great sale of lots occurred and many more families moved to Salado to educate their children. Attendance at the school gradually increased until there were over 300, including primary grades....

There were two interesting societies in old Salado College. They were literary societies organized for older students.

The Euphradian Society was promoted by Prof. J.L. Smith and Capt. A.J. Harries in 1866. Boys studied parliamentary law and improved in debate and public speaking by practice. Meetings were held weekly and officers changed monthly. Two leaders were appointed by the president who chose sides and all members took part in the debate. Speeches were limited to a few minutes.

The society made an impression upon the general tone and morale of the school as well

as on the progress and development of the students. At each commencement, some able speaker was invited to address the assembled student body.

The other society, organized by the ladies, had Mrs. Kate Alma Orgain as historian and some accurate records were kept.

Mesdames Orgain and Lucius Davis, and Misses Letitia Barbee and Sallie Young, all college teachers, wished to form a reading club for the college's young ladies and those of the town interested in such a club.

Their first meeting was held in the palatial home of Mrs. E.S.C. Robertson, Mrs. Orgain was the first president. They met weekly in some home and listened as a member read aloud from the selected author. A circulating library was formed, perhaps the first in Texas under ladies' supervision. A room at the college was soon assigned them where they kept their accumulating library.

One of the first books read was David Copperfield and a play by Dickens was given in 1876.

*See Salado College, Page 42*



# Sirenafest



*Sirenafest for 2020 will be a Magic Mermaid Market on the grounds of Barrow Brewing. "This year we will encourage social distancing as we celebrate inclusivity and courageous creativity," said organizer Tiffany Schreiner. Proceeds go to benefit the Central Texas all abilities playground project in Salado in partnership with The Well, Tx. and The Village of Salado. "We hope to break ground in early 2021 on this amazing and oh so needed park project where all kiddos feel welcome to play," Schreiner said. Stilt walkers and circus performers are likely to make a grand entrance from bridge, she added. (Photo by Marilyn Fleischer)*

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# Archibald Willingham was first white settler in Salado

By Dr. Douglas B. Willingham

Dr. Archibald Willingham (1786-1857) is given credit by most historians for being the first permanent Anglo-American settler at Salado Springs.

Dr. Douglas B. Willingham, who has resided and practiced dentistry at the Armstrong-Adams house since 1980, is a direct descendent of Archibald Willingham.

An Austin colonist and a veteran of the War of 1812, Willingham was born in Columbia County, Georgia, where he married Eleanor Belcher. In January of 1839, he and his wife and ten of their 11 children moved to Texas and settled near Washington-on-the-Brazos in Washington County.

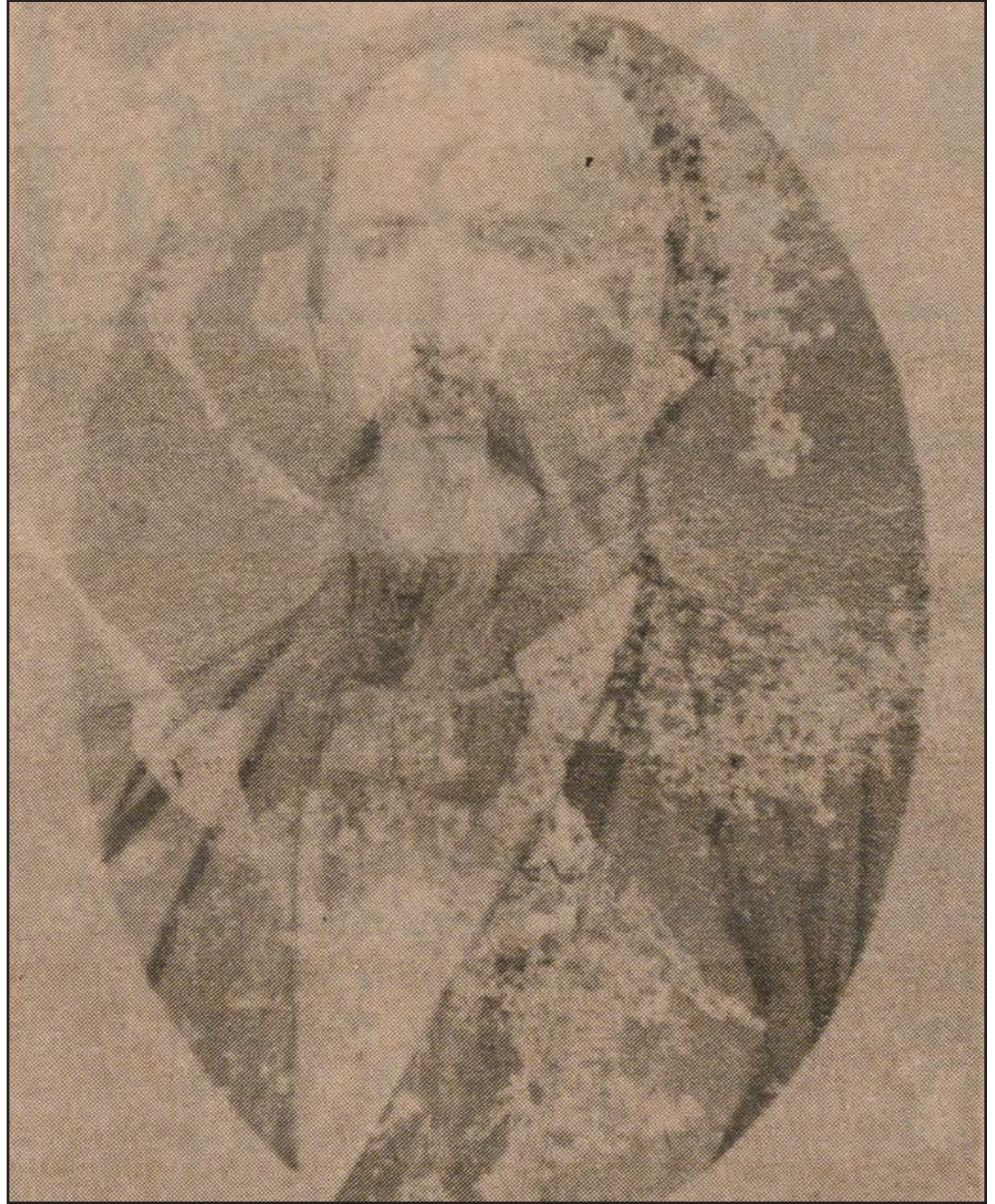
On December 2, 1848, Willingham's oldest son, Francis Marion Willingham, purchased "320 acres of land on the Salado in Milam County at the crossing of the Catlett Road running from the City of Austin to Ross's Station on the Bosque" from Elijah Sterling Clack Robertson son of the empresario. Francis was a lieutenant in Captain Shapley Prince Ross's Company of Mounted Rangers and was stationed at what was then called Waco Village on the Brazos.

He was the Acting Assistant for the Commissary of Subsistence for the United States Army.

Upon the purchase of the land at Salado Springs, Lieutenant Willingham persuaded his father, Archibald, to move to Salado from Washington County. In a letter dated September 1, 1849, however, Lieutenant Willingham seemed to have met with some resistance from his father.

Evidently the Lieutenant's persistence paid off because Archibald Willingham and at least two of his sons, Sterling Andrew Jackson Willingham and Wilson Lumpkin Willingham were settled in a double log cabin at approximately the site of the old Stagecoach Inn coffee shop by late 1849 or early 1850. Archibald's wife, Eleanor, joined them soon after.

In 1853 or 1854 Colonel E. S. C. Robertson, the man from whom Lt. Willingham purchased the 320 acres, moved from Austin to the Salado Springs and acquired the Willingham property, including the



*Archibald Willingham copy from the only early tintype of him. This appeared in October 5, 1984 Salado Village Voice edition.*

cabin where Robertson lived during the construction of his large Greek Revival home.

Archibald Willingham and his family moved a few miles west of the Salado Spring to an area which became known as Willingham Springs. Many of the family are buried in a family cemetery on that land, including Archibald Willingham who died in 1857.

The obituaries for Archibald Willingham, which appeared in the "Texas State Gazette" and the "Southern Intelligencer"

indicate that Willingham had attained the rank of Captain during his service in the War of 1812 and that he was a physician.

Dr. Willingham's death preceded the founding of Salado by several years. His contribution to Salado therefore was in making the area more habitable for other pioneer families.

Editor's note: This story appeared on page 2 of the October 5, 1984 edition of Salado Village Voice newspaper marking the 125th anniversary of the founding of Salado.



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The Salado Christmas Stroll is noted for shopping all day and into the night for all the people on your Christmas List where you will find the unique and one-of-a-kind items only Salado can offer.

Food and drink at local establishments and from various vendors will provide varied and delicious offerings for any hungry tummy.

Live music can be found throughout the Village and in many establishments.

First Baptist Church will have its Live Nativity on the evenings of December 4-5 and December 11-12.

Tablerock Amphitheatre will have performances of Dickens' A Christmas Carol on December 4-5 and December 11-12 as well.

Salado shops will also be open for extended shopping hours on Black Friday (November 27) and Small Business Saturday (November 28). Shops will have extended shopping hours the final weekend before Christmas, as well, December 18-19.

During the time of COVID-19, visitors should take note that there may be local regulations in place for masks and social distancing. Additionally, the lighted Christmas Parade has been canceled, Salado Community Chorus has canceled its Christmas concert and Salado Historical Society has canceled its Christmas Homes Tour.



*The Live Nativity at the First Baptist Church of Salado on Main Street is part of the annual Salado Christmas Stroll.*

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## Fourth Mondays

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## Tuesdays

Salado Village Artists meet at the Village Art Center, 9 a.m.

## First and Third Wednesdays

Salado Lions Club meets for lunch on grounds of Salado Civic Center, 11:30 a.m.

## Second and Fourth Wednesdays

Salado Rotary Club meets at 11:30 a.m. via ZOOM for now.

## Thursdays

Pint Nights at Chupacabra Craft Beer, Shady Villa Shopping Center.

## First and Third Thursdays

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## Third Thursdays

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*Pottery bowls will be available during the Salado Empty Bowl 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. November 7 at the Salado High School Cafeteria.*

## Empty Bowl November 7 at SHS

Salado Empty Bowl will be 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. November 7 at the Salado High School cafeteria. The fund-raiser features soups from many of the Salado restaurants and bed and breakfast inns coupled with a take home pottery bowl from local potters.

Tickets are \$25 per person for the soup and the take home handmade pottery bowl or \$10 for the soup lunch alone.

Most of the restaurants and inns in Salado participate in the Empty Bowl by offering up their signature soups for the event. When you

come, you can have as many different soups as you like. Desserts will also be available for sale, as well.

Proceeds from Empty Bowl benefit the Salado Family Relief Fund, established in 1996 as a non-profit tax deductible organization.

Since then, Salado Family Relief has helped thousands of children in the Salado area during Christmas time and back-to-school.

Each year, the Salado Family Relief Fund

provides Christmas for more than 150 children in Salado ISD. It also provides back-to-school vouchers for clothing and supplies to 150 students each fall.

Salado Family Relief Fund receives no tax dollars and relies entirely on contributions of money and in-kind services from local individuals, churches, civic organizations, businesses and groups.

To learn more about the Salado Family Relief Fund and Empty Bowl project, visit the website at [saladofamilyrelief.com](http://saladofamilyrelief.com).

# Get your hands on making art in Salado

Salado has plenty of opportunities for you to get your hands on making art, from glass to clay to paint to fiber to paper and more. Here are some of the many ways you can make art yourself for your home.

Salado Glassworks regularly has blow-your-own vessels throughout the year. October and November dates are for making pumpkins. Late November and December are for making Christmas ornaments. For times and to book appointments, visit [saladoglassworks.com](http://saladoglassworks.com).

For two decades, Titia Arledge has been getting her hands dirty and invites you to join her. Call Titia at 254-947-0281 to set up a clay party, a session of one-on-one clay lessons or learn to make fudge with her. She also hosts bowl-making parties for those who want to donate their bowls to the Salado Family Relief Fund Empty Bowl project. Visit Titia at Mud Pies Pottery on Main Street or call to learn more.

Michael Pritchett teaches young and old lessons from his gallery at the corner of Royal Street and Main. He also holds regular "Cork & Create" sessions at the upstairs gallery. Call him at 1-469-877-0374.

Larry Prellop is an award-winning

landscape painter. He hosts annual week-end-long intensive painting workshops that include overnight stays in Salado, meals in Salado restaurants and tours of Salado. For information about his next workshop, call the gallery at 254-947-3309.

Kay Griffith is an internationally-recognized abstract painter. She hosts workshops in her gallery at 227 N. Main St. For more information, call Griffith Fine Art at 254-947-3177.

For those who collect memories, visit Nancy at Stamp Salado to learn more about upcoming classes on scrapbooking that she hosts in her shop. You can visit [www.stampsaladotexas.com](http://www.stampsaladotexas.com). Many of her classes are listed in the Salado Village Voice newspaper calendar of events.

Ro Shaw offers date nights on Fridays and Saturdays for couples that want to throw pottery together. After throwing your pots, Ro will put them in the kiln and have them delivered to you when they are ready. Ro Shaw Clay Gallery is located at Peddlers Alley. To register, visit [roshawclaystudio.com](http://roshawclaystudio.com) or call 903-456-8348 or email [clayboss@gmail.com](mailto:clayboss@gmail.com).

You can learn to make jewelry with

Frankie Sidaris at FSG Jewelry. Call her at 254-947-9447 for more information.

Custom create your own wood planks in Salado. Bring a few friends to celebrate a birthday, an office party or girls night out and create amazing signs for your home, office or a gift. Classes limited to four people. For information, call 254-947-3586 or email [creating@prettyplanks.com](mailto:creating@prettyplanks.com). The studio is located at 3883 Royal St.

Children can get their hands on making arts at the Imagineer Arts Academy. Contact Tiffany Schreiner Humphrey at 254-466-5018 for information on classes and camps.

Local artists have gathered for almost 30 years in Salado every Tuesday with the Salado Village Artists. The group meets at 9:30 a.m. every Tuesday to create artwork and visit together. Meetings are open to newcomers, oldtimers and first timers.

The stitchers have their own meetings on Mondays.

The Village Artists will invite professional artists to come to the Village Art Center. Visit [saladovillageartists.com](http://saladovillageartists.com) for announcements of workshops.





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# Barrow Volks Ride is for all cyclists on Oct. 17, benefits Salado VFD

The Barrow Volks Ride is a ride for all cyclists with distances of 16 miles, 50KM and 100KM and will take off and end at Barrow Brewing Co. on Oct. 17.

To allow for social distancing, the Ride will be a Start-as-you-please beginning at 8 a.m. and continuing through 10 a.m. The routes will begin to close at 2 p.m.

Routes for the Barrow Volks Ride will begin and end at Barrow Brewing Co. at 108 Royal Street. The 50KM and 100KM feature more than 1,800 feet of climbing as cyclists will ride east of Salado on country roads to Holland and back.

Proceeds from the registration of riders benefit the Salado Volunteer Fire Department. Online registration of \$50 per rider is available at bikereg.com. For more information, email [barrowvolksride@yahoo.com](mailto:barrowvolksride@yahoo.com) or call 512-810-0611. Early registrants will be guaranteed a ride T-shirt. All rides will receive a pretzel and a drink at the end.

Checkpoint Germany food truck will be on the grounds of Barrow Brewing Co. serving schnitzel and other favorites to go along with your beers from Barrow. Lily and the Implements will take the stage at 7 p.m.



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# Salado College survives fires over the years

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This society was called "The Amasovaurian." It was really a coined word, made by joining amo (Latin - I love) and savour (French - to know) together, meaning "Love of Knowing."

This society is said by Mrs. Tyler to have accomplished much in elevating the standard of womanly refinement and literary culture both in the college and in the community.

The Salado College Band was a famous musical organization of the 70s. It played at the State Fair in Austin several times, for inaugural balls, at the Bell and Lampasas County fairs and on other occasions.

The first college bell was the regular old-fashioned hand affair, but in 1866 the citizens bought a real college bell for \$200. It was hung in a scaffolding on the roof of the college building and had a rope hanging over the side roof and down the south wall to the ground.

For years, this bell also summoned town people to Sunday School, prayer meeting and all public gatherings held in the college chapel.

That first small college bell was later given to the new public school building. When the annex to the college was completed in 1871, a large imposing belfry was erected over the main south entrance and Dr. W.R. Alexander gave the college a new and larger bell.

In the first fire in 1901, the new bell was partially melted and fell and broke into fragments, many of which were collected for souvenirs, as were the metal keys of the piano.

For the new building, Maj. A.J. Rose donated a bell which with-

stood the fire of 1902, but not the one in 1924. There was no fire department in Salado and the citizens were helpless. They could not rebuild the college the last time it burned.

The expense of building the annex put the college in debt to the contractor who threatened foreclosure. Again Colonel Robertson saved the situation by buying the property in 1877 and Salado College continued as usual until his death in 1879. However, in 1880, the 20-year charter expired. In 1882, a new organization which bought from the Robertson heirs the seven acres of land on which the college building stood, was formed and the institution continued as Salado College until 1885.

From 1885 to 1890, the property was controlled by the board of trustees of the local public school and operated as a public free school.

Salado College had been like a magnet, drawing many of the best people of the state who desired to educate their children in a cultural and religious atmosphere.

Advanced subjects offered were elocution, philosophy, chemistry, political economy, mathematics, surveying, history, English, science and the classics. Latin and Greek were emphasized in the curriculum and art and music were taught by private teachers in the building.

The trustees announced that "Only the best teachers will be hired, and students will be prepared alike for advanced studies in the ancient and modern languages, mathematics, etc., and for the use of the humble primer, cutting off all necessity for going or sending abroad for thorough education."



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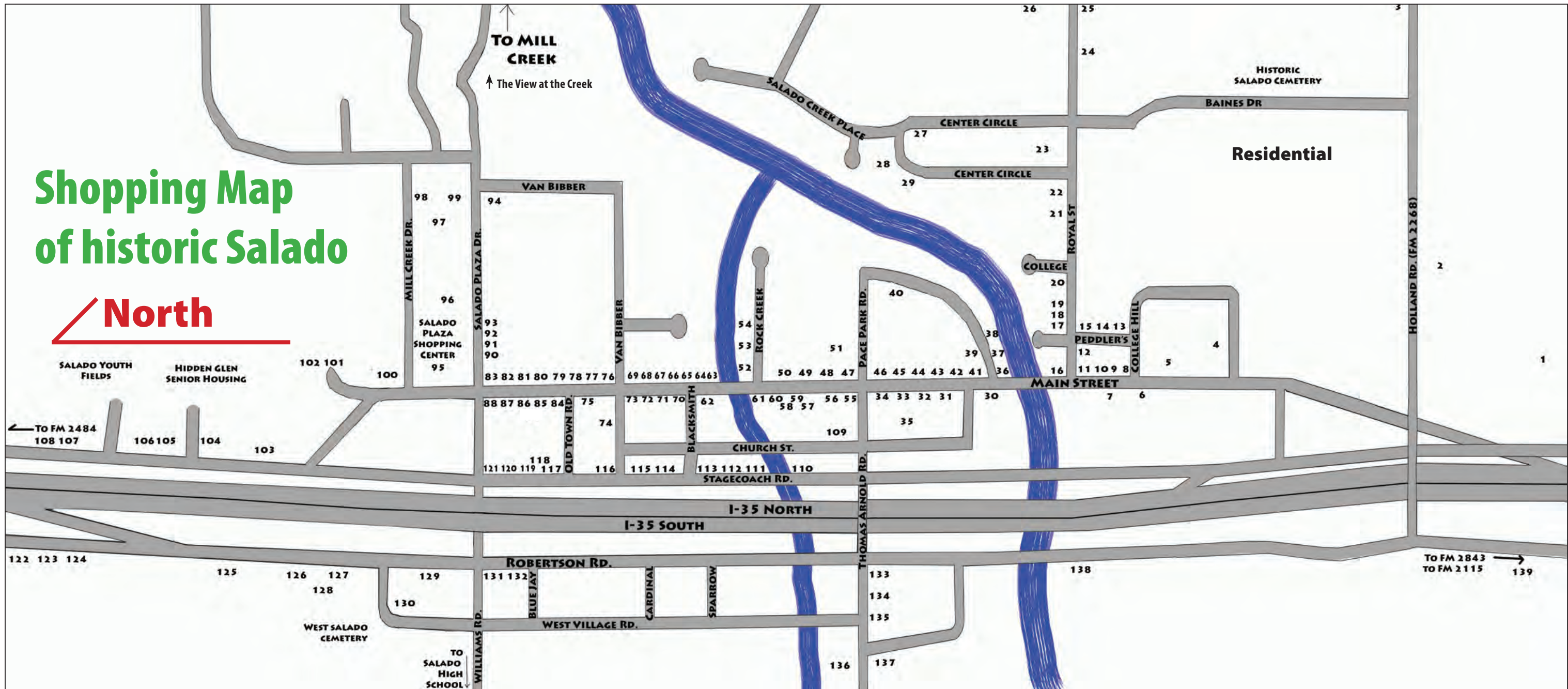
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# Shopping Map of historic Salado

**North**



**Map Legend**

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

**# Business Name**

2	St. Stephen Catholic Church	C
3	Yellow House B & B	L
5	Salado College Park	V
7	Stagecoach Inn	D
8	Salado Museum	V
	Salado Chamber of Commerce	\$
	Salado Visitors Center	\$
9	Sofi's	S
10	Chupacabra Craft Beer & Kitchen	D
12	FSG Jewelry	A
14	Salado Glassworks	A

15	Rio Salado Cocina y Cantina	D
16	Sugar Shack	S/D
16	The Nature Company Salado	S
16	Sirril Art Gallery	A
17	Barrow Brewery Company	D
	Happy Pizza Co.	D
21	The Venue	V
	Village Spa	\$
22	The Shed	D
24	Tablerock Amphitheater	V
25	The Rose Mansion	L
26	Salado United Methodist Church	C
29	Alexander's Craft Cocktails & Kitchen	D
29	Inn on the Creek	L
30	First Baptist Church	C
32	First Texas Brokerage	\$
34	First Community Title	\$
40	W.A. Pace Memorial Park	V
42	Susan Marie's	S
43	The Strawberry Patch	S
44	Prellop Fine Art Gallery	A
48	The Inn at Salado	L
49	21 Main	S
49	Christy's of Salado	S
53	Salado Creek Healing	\$
55	Salado Family Dentistry	\$

58	The Shoppes on Main	S
	The Marketplace Cafe	D
60	Salado Creek Jewelers	S
62	The Pizza Place	D
64	Griffith Fine Art Gallery	S
70	Wells Gallery	S
72	Antique Rose of Bell	S
74	Hot to Tot	D
75	Angelic Herbs	S
76	Salado Civic Center	\$
82	St. Joseph's Episcopal Church	C
80	Axis Winery	S
84	Old Town Salado Shopping Center	S
	B. Herd Gallery	A
	Pen Station	S
	Salado Olive Oil Company	S
	Serendipity Salado	S
	Sophistikatz Beads & Gifts	S
	South District Boutique	S
85	Springhouse Marketplace	S
85	Wild Texas Cowgirl	S
	Salado Creek Foods	S
85	Stamp Salado	S
86	Village Mill Antiques	S
87	Bill Bartlett - Century 21	\$

90	Presbyterian Church of Salado	C
92	Salado Sculpture Garden	A
96	Salado Village Voice	\$
97	Brookshire Brothers	S
100	Salado Public Library	C
113	Salado Church of Christ	C
116	Salado Creek Antiques	S
119	Salado Antique Mall	S
	Salado Market Days	S
130	Village Spirits	S
136	Salado Schools & Stadium	C
139	Cedar Valley Baptist Church	C
	Not Shown on the Shopping Map	
	A Matter of Rhyme	S
	Bell County Museum (Belton)	\$
	Don Ringle (Belton)	\$
	The View at the Creek	V

**Historical Markers in Salado**

5.	Salado Historic College Hill
6.	Shady Villa Hotel (Stagecoach Inn)
7.	Main Street Bridge
16.	Barber-Berry Mercantile
23.	George Washington Baines House
24.	Historic Dipping Vats
25.	Archibald J. Rose Mansion
26.	Old Methodist Chapel
27.	Caskey-Hendricks House
28.	Dr. B.D. McKie Place (Twelve Oaks)
29.	Alexander's Distillery
30.	First Baptist Church
31.	Orville T. Tyler House
35.	Salado Masonic Lodge #296
45.	The Anderson House
46.	Old Saloon
48.	The Norton-Orgain House
50.	Welborn Barton House
51.	Levi Tenney House
55.	Armstrong Adams House
61.	Historic Lenticular Bridge

**Public Art in Salado**

6.	Col. Robertson Statue
7.	Sirena
16.	Turtle limestone carving at the Creek
50.	The Lovers
	Chisholm Trail limestone carving
61.	The Troll at the Bridge
61.	Tree Fairy at the Bridge (look up!)
70.	Sculpture by Ronnie Wells
76.	Late Again by Troy Kelley at Civic Center
80.	Limestone Carving
92.	Salado Sculpture Garden
100.	Reading by Ronnie Wells at Salado Library
	Limestone carving



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