

## Village will apply for grant for playground

By TIM FLEISCHER  
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The Village of Salado is applying for a matching grant from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to construct an all abilities playground in Pace Park.

Aldermen voted unanimously Oct. 15 to apply for the grant after conducting a public hearing on the proposal. The public hearing is a requirement by TPWD because much of Pace Park is in the floodplain, even though none of the playground equipment will be in the floodplain.

Instead, it will replace the existing equipment, which is currently in disrepair.

The construction of the all abilities playground will be done through a public and private partnership with the Sirenafest, which has raised

about \$60,000 toward the playground, according to Village administrator Don Ferguson.

The \$205,300.25, thanks in part to a Gametime Matching Grant of \$45,049.15 and a discount of \$995.58 to lower the cost from its initial \$251,345.33.

Texas Parks and Wildlife matching grants are limited at \$75,000 for cities of 500,000 or less.

Tim Fleischer spoke to aldermen about the project, raising his concerns that the tile obelisk dedicated to the moms who raised money for the original playground would be lost. He also spoke about preserving the limestone table and benches and the rock wall around the playground that were donated by private citizens and businesses.

Mayor pro tem asked Ferguson about the share cloth structure that was donated by the Rotary could be retained in the new construction of the playground.

In other business related to the all abilities playground, aldermen adopted a resolution that no drilling or mining would be conducted in Pace Park.

Aldermen authorized village staff to submit the grant application by the end of the month deadline. The Village will learn early next year whether it qualifies for the matching grant. After that, construction could begin.

"We will have to work around the timeframes for volunteer contractors," Ferguson said, estimating final design and construction to take four to six months.



Keep Salado Beautiful volunteers kicked off the Salado Fall Clean Sweep on Oct. 17 by handing out clean up supplies. Volunteers will have until Oct. 26 to pick up trash at their designated locations. Volunteers will return the supplies to the Municipal Building during business hours on Oct. 26. Trash can be taken to the dumpsters at the Salado Civic Center. Some volunteers got an early start on trash pickup. (PHOTO BY CATHY SANDS)

## BoA moves camera discussion to November workshop meeting

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Salado aldermen will discuss at their mid-November meeting a pilot program to place five license plate cameras around the Village of Salado.

The board tabled the item on a split vote with Rodney Bell and John Cole voting in favor of tabling and Amber Preston Dankert and Michael Coggin voting against tabling the item. Mayor Skip Blancett voted in favor of tabling the item until November.

Bell said he wanted to table the item in order to get legal opinion on the cameras' use as well as having "a full board" make the decision.

Dankert was opposed to tabling the item because she said that doing so would make it impossible to have the cameras in place before the Christmas holiday shopping season. "I am 100% behind the cameras," she said.

Village administrator Don Ferguson told aldermen at their Oct. 15 meeting that the Village police department has been looking into a program like this for about a year, after a string of car bur-

glaries in 2019.

"Salado is a small town with one officer on at a time," Ferguson said. "We are looking for ways to deal with issues just like this."

Ferguson said the cameras would create "a virtual fence around Salado."

The gear would be placed at key entrances and exits. "These are not traffic enforcement or red light cameras. They monitor and read license plate information and store that data for up to 30 days," he explained.

He explained that if there is a series of burglaries, police could use the data to determine "who was coming into Salado a 3 o'clock in the morning."

The data on the cameras is not public information, he assured aldermen, "They are law enforcement records that are protected," he said.

He said that the system is being used by many municipalities. Belton and Temple are looking at similar systems for their communities, he added.

"They are very prevalent in larger metropolitan areas," he said, "like Houston, Dallas and the Austin area."

Bell said that "not a single

municipality in Bell County is doing this yet."

"Like this set up? No, this would be a new system," Ferguson replied, adding that Bell County has a unit with a "license plate reader on it."

Justice of the Peace Cliff Coleman told aldermen that a camera system like this could have prevented some of the burglaries that happened last year in Salado. He said that one of the times the suspect was "in a stolen vehicle" that the system would have identified and sent an alert to the officer on duty.

The pilot program would install five fixed license plate reader cameras at key entry and exit points. The cameras would provide officers with data on vehicles that can be useful when investigating criminal activity that may occur in the Village, according to the agenda packet on the proposal.

The proposed system can identify a vehicle's license plate, along with the vehicle's make, type and color and the time the vehicle passed in front of the camera.

Further, the system can provide alerts to on-duty officers if a stolen vehicle or vehicle flagged as part of a

crime enters the Village. Images and plates captured by the cameras are stored on an encrypted cloud server that can be searched later by law enforcement.

The police department is recommending five solar powered cameras at certain locations in the Village to monitor traffic for a pilot period of thirty (30) days at no cost to the Village.

If, after thirty (30) days, the Police Department is satisfied with the system, the Village would enter into a one-year service agreement with the vendor at a cost of \$2,500 per camera for a total cost of \$13,750, including installation costs.

In other business on the meeting agenda, aldermen approved paying Salado ISD \$4,462.50 from the \$23,000 COVID grant that the Village qualified for to be used for the purchase of remote learning equipment by SISD.

Aldermen also approved a \$2,000 expenditure to place a 20-foot flag pole in front of the municipal building. The vote was unanimous.

Aldermen discussed but took no action on regulating portable storage within the Village.

## Early in-person voting continues through Oct. 30

Despite COVID-19, early voting has been heavy in Bell County with 42,336 casting ballots through Oct. 19. Early voting ends on Oct. 30. In the 2016 Presidential Election, Bell County saw 60,882 early votes with a total turnout of 96,178 or just over 51% of registered voters.

Early Voting will be conducted in person each week-day at the following locations in Bell County.

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

Killeen - Bell County Annex, 304 Priest Drive

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

Temple - Bell County Annex, 205 East Central Ave

Salado - Salado Church of Chris Activity Center, 225 North Church Street, Salado.

Harker Heights - Parks & Recreation Center, 307 Millers Crossing

Early voting hours are these:

Oct. 19-23: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Oct. 24: 7 a.m.-7 p.m.  
Oct. 25: Noon-5 p.m.  
Oct. 26-Oct. 30: 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

On election day, Bell County voters may vote 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Nov. 3 at any of the Bell County election sites. They can be found here: [https://www.bellcountytexas.com/departments/elections/polling\\_locations.php](https://www.bellcountytexas.com/departments/elections/polling_locations.php)

The ballots will be full as there are Federal, State, County and Local races up and down the ballot.

Salado voters will vote in President, U.S. Senate, U.S. House, State Senate and State Representative races, as well as several Judges and the State Board of Education Residence.

Down the ballot from the National and State Races are the Village of Salado aldermen election, the Salado ISD Board of Trustees election, a proposal for creation of Bell County Emergency Services District #1 and a Local Option Election for the sale of alcohol in JP Precinct 2.

## 2020 has been challenging year for Bell Museum

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"We've been faced with difficulties and challenges with COVID-19 this year," Bell County Museum Director Coleman Hampton told Bell County Commissioners during his recent annual report to the court.

On March 13, the Museum closed to the public and even after reopening this summer, traffic has been much slower than usual. "This is something museums statewide and nationwide are experiencing," Hampton said, adding that "other museum are seeing about 25% of their usual traffic."

For Bell County Museum, the traffic numbers have dropped by about 25%. The museum had 14,490 visitors in the 2018-19 fiscal year. This fiscal year, traffic has dropped to 3,811. The museum has about 70% of its visitors from within the county with the other 30% coming from outside the county.

Despite the closure this year, Bell County Museum has hosted five traveling exhibits: American Farmer, Holiday Toys, Young at Art, Photography of Margaret Bowles Williamson and Underground Railroad.

The Museum has an impact with the community through tours for local school

students. The museum was able to hold 15 of these events before COVID-19 shutdown and limits on audience sizes. These events reach 1,480 students. Additionally, 355 kids from Ralph Wilson Youth Club have visited the Museum. The biggest event involving kids is the Night at the Museum, which had 800 visitors. The Museum will host a modified Night at the Museum event.

The Spring Break event and subsequent Summer Camps were canceled.

"We do something unusual here in that we offer \$50 bus grants for a school to bring a bus of kids to the Museum," Hampton said,

adding that many other museums charge schools for bus tours. "We encourage them to engage in outside-the-class learning at the museum. When it is safe and sanctioned, we will get back to offering these tours. We are transitioning to virtual tours in the meantime."

The Museum also offers 34 traveling trunks to local schools that can be rented by two weeks at no cost. This program is currently one hold due to concerns of sanitizing the items in the trunks, "How do you sanitize a buffalo hide?" Hampton asked.

The Museum was able to sneak in its 2020 Spring Lec-

ture featuring Brian Flocas speaking on The History of Black Gospel Music. The lecture included a performance of gospel music by local church choirs.

Looking forward, Hampton announced the exhibits for the 2020-2021 fiscal year: Out of the Vault: Hidden Treasures of Bell County (Nov. 7-Jan. 15); African Americans in World War II, Feb. 6-May 1; Bell County Sports, May 15-Aug. 15; State Fair of Texas, Sept. 4-Nov. 27.

Hampton also announced the opening of the new permanent exhibit, "Discover Bell County." "It was two years of research, design and

installation," he said. "When you take down an exhibit that was up for 20 years and put in a new one, it is quite a challenge."

The new exhibit has four areas of focus: The Land; Agriculture and Ranching; Transportation and Industry; Education and Culture.

For 2020, Hampton said the Museum board has the following goals: updating the entrance for the log cabin exhibit, conduct 70 In-House Tours, bring 40 outreach programs to the community; rent 30 traveling trunks to schools; partner with community organizations.



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## Market more concerned with margin of victory than with who wins President

The Markets

The S&P 500 Stock Index rose substantially early in the week, topping out on Monday, the twelfth, around 3550, then dropping back to around 3451 on Thursday morning before finally closing out the week at 3483.81, up a mere 0.19% for the week. The upside was on rumors that a compromise federal stimulus bill was possible, and the downs were when the hope faded, and new unemployment claims came in higher than expected. The final rise was on news that the Biden townhall broadcast had higher ratings than did President Trump's event. More on that below. The close puts the market up 7.83% year to date but still down 2.71% from the recent high in early September.

The yield on the ten-year U.S. Treasury note demurred with the stock market and fell about 4.4% to close at 0.746%, continuing its forecast of a muted recovery, but a better economy in a year than we are see-

### Market & Economic Update

By Jeffrey W. McClure



ing today, as the yield curve remained positive. West Texas Intermediate crude oil joined with stocks in a mild rise of 0.57% to \$40.78.

The Economy

Evidence continued to mount this week that without a new stimulus bill, the nascent economic recovery was in trouble as the Federal Reserve announced on Friday that its Index of Industrial Production fell a seasonally adjusted 0.6% in September and remains 7.1% below where it was in February. That less than optimal news arrived on top of a report on Thursday from the Labor Department that new unemployment claims rose to 898,000 in the week ending October 10, the highest level since August. The high number was de-

spite the fact that California has temporarily stopped accepting new claims pending their working through the backlog of existing applications. Some questionable good news came in the same report as the number of ongoing claims dropped 0.9% to just over 10 million for the week ending Oct 3. The caveat on that positive number is that much, if not all of that drop may be from people reaching the six-month limit on state unemployment insurance.

A glimpse of good news came from the Social Security Administration as it announced that Social Security payments will increase 1.3% for 2021. That rise amounts to only about

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## Religious affiliation in politics was seldom a factor before 1960s

To the Editor:

In my youth, all day Sunday and Wednesday nights were spoken for, and we seldom missed those church services. As I matured, I made two universal observations: How the competitive Protestant denominations justified their preference over each other with picayune distinctions, and how all the sanctimonious congregants would "pick and choose" their adherences to the essential Biblical dictates - and when they would choose to do so.

In politics, religious affiliation was seldom a factor before the 1960s. Even the Republican Campaign Manual, created by the first political-consulting firm, founded in 1933 by Clem Whitaker and Leone Baxter, did not address it in their list of dirty tricks. (Their company was called

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Campaigns, Inc., aka The Lie Factory.) However the intrusion of religion was predicted by Republican Senator Barry Goldwater: "Mark my word, if and when these preachers get control of the [Republican] party, and they're sure trying to do so, it's going to be a terrible damn problem. Frankly, these people frighten me. Politics and governing demand compromise. But these Christians believe they are acting in the name of God, so they can't and won't compromise. I know, I've tried to deal with them." (That was the era of the "Moral Majority" and Jerry Falwell, father and

mentor of Jerry, Jr., the religious icon whose aberrant sexual exploits have now been exposed.) Today every politician feels it imperative to proclaim a faith, and even athletes openly give thanks to a "Deity" for victory over a possibly more deserving opponent.

In the current Supreme Court hearings, Republican senators have declared that religion should be off limits. Maybe so, but upon this installation, court members proclaiming total conformity to their faith and who constitute two thirds of the Supreme Court might potentially be subject to

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## Fly in the Hairspray

A rule of thumb: If you have to say that you're a tough guy, you're not, and you're certainly not "invincible" either. But that's the fantasy President Donald Trump has been peddling. He dodged the coronavirus for months, even though he was endangering himself with his risky behavior, as well as endangering the American people -- certainly the 7 million who have been afflicted and the 210,000 who have died in this pandemic.

One would think that catching the infection himself would have put an end to his minimizing the danger. But nooooo. After all, he had a treatment regimen that no other person would get, administered by as many medical practitioners as he needed. Some of them, including the head of his team, top White House physician Dr. Sean Conley, were willing to present misleading reports on his condition ... then and now.

It meant that the Trumpster could order his team to selectively release information and prop him up so he could even take a spin in his armored SUV, putting his Secret Service protectors in jeopardy for his joy ride in a hermetically sealed vehicle.

And then to agree to release him from Walter Reed Hospital so he could crow about how he had conquered the coronavirus, even though he had not. He told his gullible

Bob Franken



followers, "Don't be afraid of COVID," as he was whisked away by helicopters to return to the White House. There he would take his mask off and preen for the cameras just like the "Superman" he pretends to be. Then he mingled with his staff, who were probably thinking in horror, "Who is that Unmasked Man"? (Sorry, that's a mixed superhero metaphor.) As the planning discussion was going on, I would have loved being a fly on the wall.

That's a segue, folks, a particularly shameless one, to pirouette to the vice presidential debate a few days later. The highlight was when that fly landed on Mike Pence's lacquered hair. He was there for two minutes and three seconds, until he decided the repartee was too boring and took wing into history.

Meanwhile, Trump was even more inconsistent than usual back at Casa Blanca. (The president really doesn't like it when people speak Spanish in his presence. He much prefers Russian.) On Twitter he veered from suddenly calling off the painstaking pandemic financial rescue ne-

gotiations with Democrats, causing the stocks to tank, to resurrecting the possibility that the search for a deal could continue, causing the markets to rebound. That raises so many possibilities. Among them that it was nothing but a cheap shot, time-worn bargaining trick to pretend to walk away from the table, which old pros in Washington could roll their eyes at and scornfully ignore.

In keeping with Trump's thinking that he's not going to allow some teeny virus to push him around, he has sent the entire remaining debate schedule into his normal chaos. Faster than a speeding bullet, he wants to immediately return, in person, to the campaign trail, thereby spreading around his lethal contamination to all the supporters he can who are willing to risk their lives in support of the Super Trumpster.

He may fancy himself invulnerable, but lesser human beings might call him irresponsible. By the way, no comment so far from the fly.

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## Amy Coney Barrett for Health Care Czar?

Amy Coney Barrett has accomplished many things in her career. Becoming an authority or a policy maker on health care isn't one of them.

At Notre Dame, she was a professor at the law school, not at the Eck Institute for Global Health. She's written for the Cornell Law Review, not The New England Journal of Medicine. She's up to replace the late Ruth Bader Ginsburg at the Supreme Court, not Dr. Anthony Fauci at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

No one would have guessed it, though, from listening to Democratic senators on the first day of her much-anticipated confirmation hearings. They acted as if Barrett has been nominated to become the nation's health care czar, responsible for everything from the fate of Obamacare to the country's coronavirus response.

This tack underlined political themes that Democrats are hammering home in the final weeks of the election, but they have little or nothing to do with Amy Coney Barrett, a judge seeking to sit on the highest court in the land. The proximate cause of the Democratic assault on health care is the im-

Rich Lowry



minent arrival of an anti-Obamacare lawsuit in the Supreme Court. The Democratic theory is that Barrett is being sent on a not-so-secret mission to destroy the health care law. Sen. Dick Durbin of Illinois says that this is her "assignment." Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse of Rhode Island says that she is a "judicial torpedo" aimed at the Affordable Care Act.

The lawsuit emanates from a prior Supreme Court ruling on Obamacare. To keep the law from being struck down over its individual mandate, Chief Justice John Roberts reinterpreted the penalty for not complying with the mandate as a tax. Subsequently, Congress zeroed out the tax. Now, Texas and other states are contending that this tax that no one pays cannot truly be considered a tax, and must be struck down -- as well as the rest of the law.

It's hard to see how the suit succeeds. One hurdle is standing. The plaintiffs need to demonstrate a harm, which isn't easy

when the offending provision is a tax or penalty of zero. Even if the Court throws out the penalty, it would have to conclude that this unenforced provision is so central to the ACA that the rest of the law has to go, too. This would be a stretch. If the Democratic case against Barrett isn't landing any blows, it is telling, nonetheless. As always, progressives don't view the Supreme Court as a neutral body devoted to interpreting the Constitution and the law as written, but as a supra legislature that should protect and advance their policy goals.

Barrett has a more modest and appropriate view of the Court's role. After getting lectures for hours about the benefits of the ACA, she rightly said in her opening statement: "The policy decisions and value judgments of government must be made by the political branches elected by and accountable to the People. The public should not expect courts to do so, and courts should not try." In short, if she wanted to create health care policy, she would have gotten into a different line of work.

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# Candidates for Village BoA address questions on tax rate, streets, police, administration & other departments

On Nov. 3, Village of Salado voters will elect two new aldermen to two-year terms on the Board of Aldermen. Running for the Board of Aldermen are Paul Cox, Jason Howard and Donald Krause. Michael Coggin, current Mayor Pro Tem, will be elected as Mayor as he faces no opposition in his election.

Early voting continues through Oct. 30. There are several early voting locations in Bell County. On election day, Bell County registered voters may vote at any Bell County polling location, not just their home precinct. Precinct 203 voting will be at the Salado Church of Christ Activity Center, 217 Church St. in Salado.

We posed the following questions to the candidates for this issue:

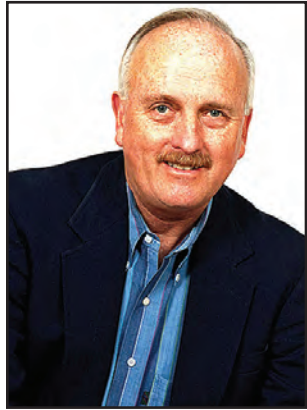
**Question 1:** Village of Salado property tax rate is the third lowest of the Bell County municipalities. The M&O rate is by far the lowest of the County cities at \$0.202 per \$100 with Temple at the next lowest at \$0.30. How will you approach the overall daily needs of running the city with such a low M&O rate? (200 words).

**Question 2:** Rate the following departments in the order of focus/importance that you will bring to the board of aldermen, if elected: Administration; Development Services; Public Safety; Public Works; Parks; Streets. Why do you choose this order? (200 words)

**Question 3:** How would you rate the cost/benefit of the Streets department? If improvement is needed, how would you approach funding this? (100 words)

**Question 4:** How would you rate the cost/benefit of the Police department? If improvement is needed, how would you approach funding this? (100 words)

**Question 5:** How would you rate the cost/benefit of the Administration? If improvement is needed, how would you approach funding this? (100 words)



**Paul Cox**

**Question 1:** The majority of the Maintenance and Operations budget goes to salaries and benefits for administration staff, law enforcement and maintenance personnel. The relatively small amount remaining is allocated for parks, streets and all other expenses required to properly manage our Village. Everyone wants low taxes but we can't let our infrastructure suffer. I am encouraged that sales tax revenue is up from last year. New commercial development can really be important to both property and sales tax revenue for the Village. I also think the new and improved Main Street improvements will create additional revenue from sales tax. Economic growth for the Salado area will increase property values, both commercial and residential. All of this means more tax revenues to our Village which means we can afford to do more for roads, parks and public safety.

The BOA being for you, the citizens of Salado. Your

ideas and input are a vital part of this equation. The new BOA will hold more work sessions for most issues before the Board and want to encourage more citizen participation before a vote is taken.

**Question 2:** Each of these departments has a role in making Salado a better place to live. Today, my order of importance would start with our streets. With the exception of our beautiful, newly completed Main Street, compliments of TXDOT, many of the most heavily traveled roadways are in poor condition. Other roads, especially in Mill Creek, need repair as well. We all use these roads. The Village's visitors that come to our many events, shops, galleries, restaurants and other attractions, including Mill Creek Golf Club, travel on these roads also. The condition of roads makes an impression on visitors to our Village, good or bad.

Parks need immediate attention, as well. The maintenance of our park areas has been sorely neglected. Recent initiatives to work on this issue have been discussed and I am looking forward to help find a remedy for that challenge. Grants and/or donations (corporate and private) would be worth investigation.

The other departments listed in the question are all important to success for Salado. The order of importance will continually change as priorities dictate.

**Question 3:** Without having the benefit of serving as a Village Alderman, my rating of the cost/benefit of any department would be speculation at best. I will say, as I said in Question 2, our streets should be a concern to everyone living in Salado and a solution (or solutions) needs to be found. The longer we wait, the more it will cost! There are five Aldermen and hundreds of Village residents. Your participation and ideas are needed!

**Question 4:** Our police do a very good job. With few exceptions, we have 24/7 protection by our officers. That was not the case before Chief Boone took over. One thing I would like to see is more positive interaction with people in the Village through civic groups and the old fashioned "cop on the beat" meetings.

The problem we will have to address in the future is how to retain good officers. Larger cities are offering lucrative signing bonuses and benefits to lure good candidates away from places like our Village. This may become a major issue for us in the future.

**Question 5:** My involvement with the Village administration has been as a member of the Planning & Zoning Commission the past year and a half. Through this experience I have learned a lot about how much is accomplished by our staff of three people. Besides the amount of paperwork involved with permits, applications for construction, safety certificates, variances of all kinds, all the paperwork involved with the Village municipal court and attending evening meetings of the BOA, P&Z and others, it is amazing how much gets done.

It's not perfect. Our website, our serious expansion, our meetings should be available through ZOOM or some other application so folks don't have to attend to be a part of the process. These are some of the things the new Board will help to resolve.

Implementing changes for any department will

require a reexamination of priorities. It is not up to a single Alderman. The entire Board will make these determinations, hopefully, with the help of the citizens of Salado. We want your comments. Please get involved!



**Jason Howard**

**Question 1:** Government, in general, should only tax based on what is needed to operate plus a justifiable reserve. It should not tax for the purpose of maintaining a bloated budget. The fact that towns around us have higher taxes certainly does not mean that we should follow suit. It's our job to work with what we have from the tax payer to properly care for our village. In the future, should any issues be identified that require more funding, then these issues should be brought forth before the public so they have a say in how the village will address said issues. It is truly wonderful that Salado can boast holding such a low M&O rate, and this is something the Village should continue to strive to offer its residents.

**Question 2:** Streets, Parks, Public Safety, Administration, Development Services and Public Works. The order I have outlined here is based on input that I have received by observing BOA meetings, attending the one town hall meeting that Mayor Blancett held, viewing comments from residents on various Salado social media platforms, and talking to local citizens throughout town. This order can of course be very fluid, changing based on events and the needs of our residents. For example, when Salado experienced an increase in home/vehicle break-in's, public safety became a top concern for many. Currently, street maintenance seems to be first and foremost on the minds of many citizens. As an Alderman, it would be my job to listen to and prioritize what the people want. The views of Salado residents are of the utmost importance to me. Should any resident view this order as incorrect, I would encourage that person to email me at howardforsalado@gmail.com and provide his/her ranking of each topic.

**Question 3:** In the two years that I have lived here, our roads have become worse. Unfortunately, there is not enough budgeted to quickly repair every street. While I've been advised it would take several million to repair our roads, I would like to see the Village procure a detailed plan identifying all necessary street repairs along with hard numbers outlining cost options (phased or all at once). Once the scope of work and cost have been identified, the public should be briefed on the findings. Demonstrating what \$100,000 in road-work actually buys would greatly aid residents in making an informed decision.

**Question 4:** The village is currently budgeted for 24/7 coverage. If increasing personnel is required, we should first look to community policing, establishing active neighborhood watch

programs. Once established and activated, the Salado Public Safety and Emergency Management Committee could help manage the neighborhood watch programs with assistance from the Police Chief as the law enforcement liaison. Raising taxes is the easy button solution when addressing future funding needs, but it should be the last option. Instead, pursuing grants would greatly help offset costs for equipment and training as future needs present themselves.

**Question 5:** The BOA is currently awaiting the completion of the salary and compensation for village employees report from Mr. Don Ferguson. This report will help determine where adjustments are necessary based on cost and position/duties. If findings suggest a need to increase the workforce, I would recommend internship programs. Given the number of local colleges, our village could provide up and coming professionals with advantageous work experience with the benefit of avoiding additional government salaries.

## Donald Krause

The answers to these 5 questions are all closely related as they involve choices based on needs, objectives, and constraints. As a result, I will answer all 5 at once. The process for working within a tight budget and setting priorities is the same regardless of the which type entity is involved (i.e., a household, a business, or a village).

I posted the following philosophy for my actions as an alderman in the intro-

ductory article:

My approach as alderman will be marked by proactive interest in three areas of community concern: first, safety and security of the village; second, economic prosperity for both homeowners and business operators; third, preservation and expansion of the Salado tradition.

To assure maximum possible safety and security, I will look for opportunities to improve the capability of police, fire, and EMS services for the village. I will support any reasonable effort to keep Salado safe and provide adequate, but hopefully superb, police, fire, and EMS assets for the village.

To create the best opportunity for economic prosperity, I believe the focus of economic development in the village should be maintaining and increasing home values through effective changes to subdivision ordinances. Further, we must begin to proactively control future business development in the village. Currently, we simply react to proposals given to us. I believe the village will end up with a hodge-podge of strip mall businesses under this approach (think Jarrell).

Finally, the prosperity and the morale of Salado residents depends upon maintaining its tradition of parades, festivals, and culture. I would like to push for reinforcing the slate of events the village currently holds. Further, I would like to explore expanding the number of events held (through effective use of Hotel Tax revenues) to the point where something is going on in Salado almost

all the time.

In my opinion, the two most important aspects of village management are public safety and administration. These form an equal place as the first priority. Without effective public safety, the village cannot function. Without effective administration, the village cannot function. The remaining aspects of village management (Development Services; Public Works; Parks; Streets) should be managed by considering and balancing the limitations of the budget with the importance of requirements in the area. The relative balance of importance among these areas shifts according to the particular situation at the time.

One further comment on the lack of funds available for village needs. Two aspects of the revenue framework of the village are worth noting. First, it has been the goal of village boards of alderman over the years to constrain the growth of property taxes in the village. As a result, the tax rate is low. Increasing the tax rate is an unpopular move (to say the least) for village property owners. Second, sales tax revenues allocated to village use will not increase unless retail sales within the village increase. Sales tax revenues are also constrained because of the appropriation of the sales tax revenues by the state to other governmental entities and to previously enacted taxing districts, most notably the library district which will receive over \$300,000 from sales taxes next year (fully one-half as much as the village receives).

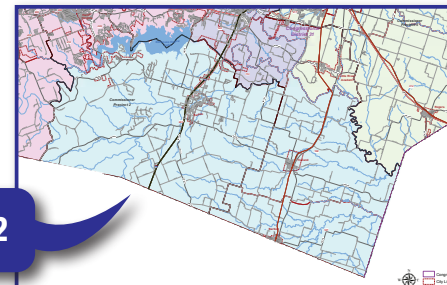
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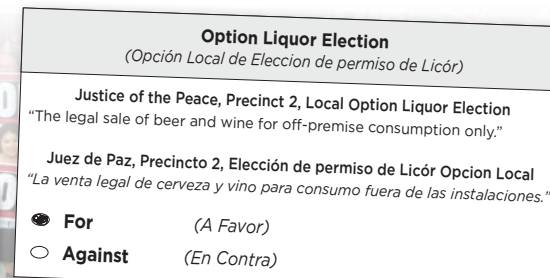
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## 4th Friday Gospel singing held Oct. 23

Cedar Valley Baptist Church invites you to Fourth Friday Night Gospel Singing 7 p.m. Oct. 23, at the church, 12237 FM 2843 Salado, Go prepared to sing special music, congregational, or just sit back and meditate and enjoy. Pot luck will be served with social distancing and servers with gloves on.



Mr. and Mrs. Ryan Rudd

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## Goldsmith marries Rudd

Kate Goldsmith of Salado became the bride of Ryan Rudd of Atascocita in a Double Ring ceremony October 2, 2020 at the Texas Old Town Stone Hall in Kyle with John Wayne McMann of Tyler Methodist Church officiating. The bride is the daughter of Tom and Laurie Goldsmith of Salado. She is a 2014 graduate of Salado High School. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Agricultural Economics from Texas A&M University. She is the assistant property manager at Cushman & Wakefield.

The groom is the son of Scott and Jeanne Rudd of Atascocita. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Industrial Engineering from Texas A&M University. He is the Solution Architect at Oracle. The couple make their home in Austin.

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Lyan Zachary Watts was born at 1:13 p.m. October 13, 2020, the son of Kaitlynn G. Wadford and Garrett D. Watts. He measured 18" long and weighed 5 lbs., 14 oz. He is the grandson of Art Wadford of Salado, Casie Turner of Troy, Susan Watts Cehan, of Belton and Jamie W. Miller, of Belton.



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## Operation Christmas Child shoebox kick-off event this weekend

The Mid-Texas Area Team is hosting the Countdown to National Collection Week event this Sat., 10 a.m.- 1 p.m. Oct. 24, at Immanuel Baptist Church, 1401 W. Central, Temple, Tx., 76504. This is a free, public event to start the countdown to this year's collection of Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts.



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# Obituaries

## Geraldine Elda Alonzo

Geraldine Alonzo -- Mama -- was born August 19, 1923 in Pontiac, Michigan, to Elda and Arthur Newmarch. She was so tiny, she wasn't expected to live long. But Grandma put her on a hot water bottle, and somehow she fought and worked hard all her 97 years of living.

She passed away on October 16, 1920.

Mama raised four children, and did her best to get them to church twice every Sunday, Wednesday night prayer meetings, and summer Bible School.

With her husband, Eleazer Alonzo, she built their house in Michigan, only to move to Indianapolis, just as the house was completed.

When she wasn't working at a variety of jobs, she planted gardens, crocheted tablecloths, bedspreads, and even her youngest daughter's wedding dress.

Once we were all out of the house, she spent as much time as possible fishing.

Thirty years ago, she moved to Salado after selling her home on Old Mission, outside Traverse City, Mi.

She leaves behind three daughters and families, who will always remember to change the oil, check the tires, and plan ahead.

A private family burial will be at a later date. Mama's final resting place will be with the Newmarch/Piltz family, in the Oakwood Cemetery, at the base of Old Mission Peninsula, Traverse City, Michigan.

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## RALPH MARION RICE III

Ralph "Trey" Marion Rice III passed away on September 28, 2020 in Houston at the age of 60 due to complications from diabetes.

He was the son of Ralph and Larrine Rice, born in Kenedy, Texas.

Rice graduated from Salado High School in 1978. He graduated from Corpus Christi State University in 1984 with a degree in Business Administration.

He began his career in Portland for K-Mart as an Operations Assistant Manager and continued his career managing numerous retail stores in Texas and Arkansas.

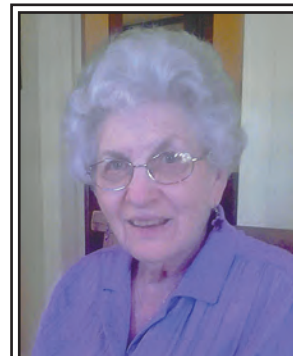
He is survived by his parents Ralph and Larrine Rice, of Ingleside and formerly of Salado.

Pastor David Dear will officiate a memorial service at the First Christian Church in Aransas Pass at 2 p.m. on Oct. 24. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Trey's

life. In honor of his passion for sports, the family encourages everyone to dress casually and wear their favorite sports attire. A small reception will follow in the church's fellowship hall.

Memorials may be made to local animal shelters.

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## VESTA HENDERSON SMITH

After a brave battle with several lengthy illnesses, Vesta Henderson Smith, 86, passed away peacefully at her home in Salado, Texas, on September 19th, 2020, surrounded by her devoted family.

Born in Weslaco, Texas, Vesta grew up in south Texas and graduated Valedictorian of the Class of 1951 at Pharr-San Juan-Alamo High School. She briefly attended Southwest Texas State Teachers College in San Marcos before eloping and marrying her high school sweetheart, Garry Smith, of Alamo, Texas in 1952.

Vesta had a long secretarial career with legal and medical offices. She was the Director of Volunteer Services at Valley Baptist Hospital in Harlingen, Texas and, later, was the business manager of International Physical Therapy Service, the business built and owned by her husband, Garry.

A total bibliophile and voracious reader, Vesta was also a published writer, co-authoring a series of eight children's books with her husband. She loved the adventure of travel, and enjoyed multiple trips with Garry to central Mexico and Canada, as well as cruises to Alaska.

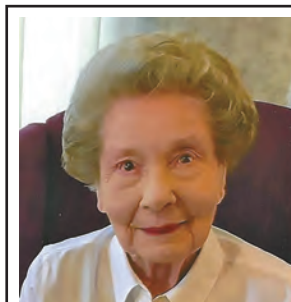
The Smiths moved to the Texas Hill Country where Vesta became involved with Camp Wood's local community dinner theater group and performed in several productions which she loved. They eventually moved to Salado.

Preceded in death by her parents, Floyd and Ruth Henderson; parents-in-law, Howard and Annamay Smith; as well as two sisters-in-law, a brother-in-law, and a son-in-law; she is survived by her husband of 68 years, Garry Smith; daughters Cynthia Schmidt, Rory Skinner, and Vanessa Poscher; son-in-law, Nick Schmidt; grand-daughters, Dr. Aubrey Schmidt and Ashley Schmidt; sister, Jean Cannon; brother-in-law Howard Smith; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Vesta was a devoted wife and helpmate and a loving mother, grandmother, sister, and aunt who will be sorely missed by all who knew and loved her. Her sweet spirit and spunkiness will not be forgotten.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to any Christian charity of your choice. Memorial service arrangements are pending at this time.

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## MARY JEAN DURHAM BOSTON

Throughout her life, Mary Jean Durham Boston was a force of nature. Thankfully, God allowed her to pass away peacefully on the morning of October 15, 2020, over 95 years after her birth on August 9, 1925, in Palestine, Texas -- the Holy Land of the Lone Star State.

A member of the Greatest Generation, she weathered the storm of her first 25 years by struggling through the Great Depression with her family in Fort Worth, and then supporting the war effort while a student at Texas State College for Women (now Texas Women's University).

After college graduation, she moved to Shamrock, Texas, where she soon became the town's most popular piano teacher. During her three years there, she met her future husband (and our father) Paul T. Boston, and they embarked on a 62 year marriage in January 1949, which was soon enlivened by their three children -- Ann, Talmage, and James. Our mother loved and supported us fiercely at every point in our lives, especially during our school years where she was a constant presence not only in our home, but also as a substitute teacher at our grade schools, junior highs, and high schools.

She and Dad made the most of their life journey together, with stops along the way in Mt. Vernon, Ill.; St. Louis, Mo.; San Antonio; Houston; Colorado City (Tx.); Dallas; Houston again; Corpus Christi; Westport, Ct.; and finally their retirement years together on the Armstrong Road outside Salado.

Our parents were kindred spirits -- traveling all over the world together for decades, enjoying and supporting the arts wherever they lived, and always being steadfast pillars in their churches and communities.

Since their move to Central Texas in 1989, Mom was an active volunteer with the Yellow Birds at Scott & White Hospital, a strong board member of the Bell County Museum, a dedicated performer with Living Room Theater, and a constant front pew presence at the First United Methodist Church of Temple.

Mary Jean Boston made herself a constant driving force in the lives of her family and friends.

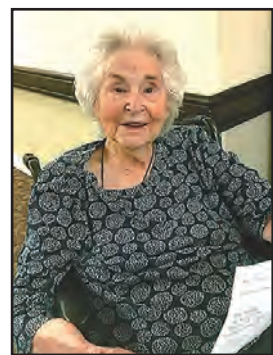
She greatly enriched all she touched. Her legacy is as a person of deep faith, steadfast optimism, high energy, thorough organization, and love and loyalty to her many compadres.

She was preceded in death by her parents "Happy" and Lucile Durham, sister Patsy Durham Henderson, husband Paul T. Boston, and son-in-law Lawrence Faber. She is survived by her daughter Ann Holland Boston Faber; sons Talmage Boston and James Boston; daughters-in-law Claire Lindsey Boston and Terry Weems Boston; grandchildren David and Gregory Faber, Scott Boston and Lindsey Boston Miller, and Grant and Paul Boston; granddaughter-in-law Emily Guzman Faber; grandson-in-law Mitchell Miller; niece Wimberly Boston Grove; and nephews Donn Boston and "Happy" Henderson. She is also survived by legions of friends, most notably her best friend of over 60 years, Myra Robinson.

The family wants to extend our heartfelt thanks to the devoted and caring staff at Park Place Manor in Belton where our mother spent the last three years of her life.

Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, there will be no memorial service at her beloved First United Methodist Church of Temple, and there will only be a small family burial service at the Bell Plains Cemetery where she will be laid to rest beside her late husband Paul. Donations in her memory may be made to either the First United Methodist Church of Temple or the Bell County Museum in Belton.

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## JO ANN JENNINGS

MARCH 7, 1928 - OCTOBER 17, 2020

Jo Ann Jennings was born on March 7, 1928, the daughter of Christine and Grady C. Leggett. Together with her older sister Mary Elizabeth, Jo Ann grew up in a series of oil refinery camps in Seminole OK, Graham OK, Madill OK, and Holiday Tx.

A talented student, Jo Ann was the Valedictorian of her high school class and graduated from the Baylor University School of Nursing in 1949.

Following her graduation from Baylor Jo Ann married Paul C. ("Pete") Jennings, a union that produced two children -- Paul C. Jennings, Jr., and Mary Cris Jennings Crawford; four grandchildren -- Peter Jennings, Rachel Hutchon, Lydia Kelley, and Margaret Nudelman; and eight great-grandchildren.

Throughout their fifty-four years of marriage Jo Ann and Pete lived in places as diverse as western Oklahoma, London England, Aberdeen Scotland, and Tehran Iran. Jo Ann estimated that she and Pete lived in over forty houses over the course

of his career with Haliburton Co. With each transfer it was Jo Ann who organized the move, established the new household, and ensured the continuity of family life.

In 1986 Pete retired and the couple moved to Salado TX where they played an active role in community life there for more than thirty years. Jo Ann was well known as an indefatigable volunteer for social, cultural, and church events, a gracious host, and a merciless bridge player. For many years she rode herd on a large family reunion on Memorial weekend that regularly included more than sixty attendees.

Following Pete's death in 2004, Jo Ann continued to play an active role in her extended family and the Salado community.

In 2017 Jo Ann made her final move to the Brookdale Spicewood Springs facility in Austin due to health issues. There she became a favorite of the staff thanks to her open, friendly manner, her unfailing sense of hospitality, and her humanity.

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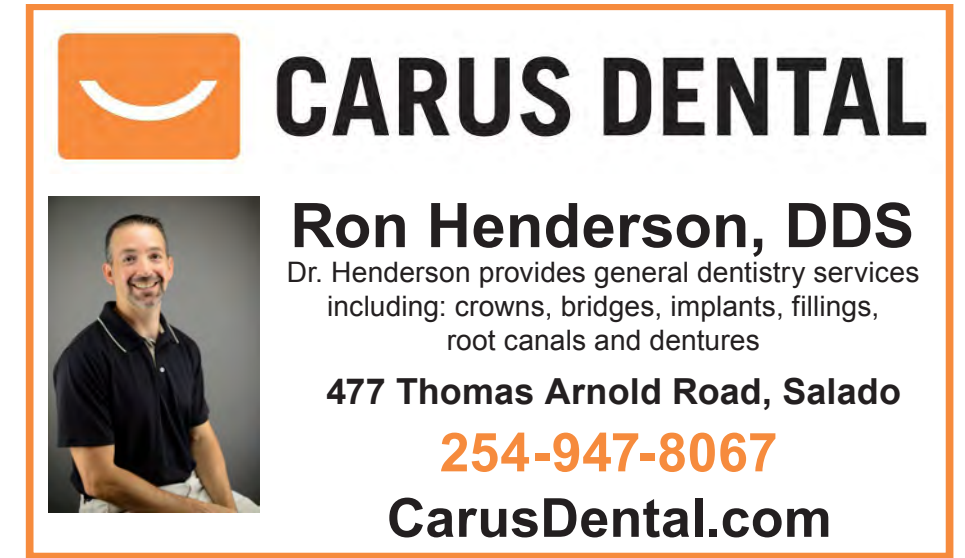
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DR. ROBERT ELDON MASTIN

On October 15, 2020, Dr. Robert Eldon Mastin peacefully passed away in Waco, Texas.

Robert was born May 17, 1940 in Harlingen, Texas, to Harold and Tressie Mastin. The Mastins moved to Corpus Christi where Robert met his sixth grade teacher's daughter, his future soul mate, Linda Forbes. Robert and Linda attended Ray High School together, where they graduated in 1958 and where Robert was awarded the Kyle Semmelroge Award. The high school sweethearts married in 1960, when both were students at Baylor University in Waco, Texas.

Robert earned a B.S. in Chemistry from Baylor University in 1962 and graduated from Baylor College of Medicine in Houston in 1966, specializing in obstetrics and gynecology. He started his medical career in the U.S. Navy, serving his internship at the U.S. Naval Hospital in Queens, New York,

and his residency at the U.S. Naval Hospital in Oakland, California. In 1971, he and Linda returned to Corpus Christi where he served at the U.S. Naval Hospital until 1973.

In 1973, Dr. Mastin entered private medical practice in Corpus Christi. From 1973 to 2011, he delivered thousands of babies, oftentimes multiple generations of babies, and was dearly loved by his patients. He was active and respected in his profession, serving many years on various committees of the Texas Medical Association and the Nueces County Medical Society, including a term as President. Even after his retirement, he continued to serve patients on mission trips to Uganda and Peru, as well as in a free local clinic.

Throughout the years in Corpus Christi, Robert actively attended and served at First Baptist Church as a deacon, Sunday School teacher, church trustee, and Boy Scout Committee member. For many years, as a teacher in the Young Adults Sunday School class, he and Linda became not just teachers but mentors and leaders of a group of young parents and future leaders of the church. His faith and commitment to his church and his Lord inspired many and left a legacy of committed

families still serving in the church.

Another of Robert's passions was Baylor University. Many family traditions were often centered around Baylor festivities and traditions, and as a result Robert and Linda created quite a Baylor legacy. Robert and Linda and their children traveled to Waco for football games for decades. Once they retired to Salado, they became regulars not only at football games, but also at men's and women's basketball games, baseball games, and other campus events. Robert and Linda were named Baylor Parents of the Year in 1990 and Baylor Fans of the Year in 2018. All four of their children, two of their daughters-in-law, and seven of their grandchildren attended Baylor, and his Baylor legacy will no doubt continue.

Even as a leader in his career and in his church, both paled in comparison to Robert's commitment to his family. As husband to one, Dad to four, Papaw to eleven, and great-Papaw to one, his highest priority was loving and leading his family. His constant and consistent love for his family, his patience and generosity for others, and his commitment and uncompromising love for Linda served as an example to his family and established a strong family



The Salado Area Republican Women are holding their sale of poinsettias with all profits going to their scholarship fund. The poinsettias are \$12 and need to be prepaid by October 28. Contact Dorothy Dentry at [ddentry13@gmail.com](mailto:ddentry13@gmail.com) or 254- 760-2456 for more details.

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dictates of the Pope - the leader of a de facto European government that is infused with religious dogma. Their statements, offered up as truth and under oath, are incongruous: Each has said they adhered faithfully to their religion, but that it would not affect their legal decisions. Whaaat?

History is important, especially longstanding history - as it happened, not as how it has been rewritten, and for centuries, the Vatican's Catholic leaders have historically had a checkered past:

- Catholic emissaries destroyed advanced Native American societies, especially the Inca, killing their citizens and stealing their assets and sending them back to the church-led state. Meanwhile the Catholic Inquisition was torturing and killing citizens of other faiths, primarily Jews. Even those escaping to South America were followed, persecuted, murdered,

burned and tortured to the extent that some then fled to what is now New Mexico, forming enclaves of Crypto (secret) Jews.

- Early Texans were forced to swear allegiance to Catholicism before being allowed to immigrate.

- During World War II, the Pope conspired with Adolph Hitler, and after the war, elements of the church helped Nazi war criminals escape to South America.

- More recently, the church has canonized a controversial California priest, declaring sainthood for a man who tortured and enslaved Native Americans.

- Even more recently, for years and to date, the church has protected, defended and

continued subsidizing identified pedophile priests by moving them about within the organization, and this does not even address brutal and degrading treatment of girls in Ireland and other countries.

This is not a condemnation of Catholicism. It is historical validation of how religious entities can contradict what has been called "The American Way." Hopefully these judicial appointees overloading the court are only observing political necessity and will instead turn out to be like the backsliding congregants of my youth - "Pickers and Choosers" within their faith.

Sincerely,  
Tom Curb

**MARKET & ECONOMIC UPDATE**

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a \$20 per month increase in the average monthly check, but every little bit counts! Unfortunately, for those on Medicare Part B, the average premium also rose \$8.73 to \$153.30, eating up about 40% of the payment increase. That increase in payments came as a result of what looks like a mild resurgence in inflation as the core Consumer Price Index rose an unadjusted 1.7% from a year ago. That number is still well below the Federal Reserve target of at least 2% per year.

We are receiving calls and messages suggesting there is a fear that the market will crash if a particular candidate wins the presidential election. The same fear seems to appear at each election for the past several cycles. What the markets are indicating is the opposite. Each time the Wall Street Journal reports a larger margin between the candidates, the market rises. All indications are that the market is quite unfazed about who will win the election but is concerned deeply about a severely contested election. We can say with a great deal of confidence that whoever wins, the market will be generally unaffected. Surveys of investors combined with historical scenarios suggest that the market would be most pleased with a Democrat in the White House and a Republican controlled Senate, which would likely result in four years of inaction on any major legislative initiatives. Those same studies also suggest, though, that even if the Senate changes

hands, it would not deeply upset the markets. Our system is exceedingly stable politically, despite the political messages of both sides.

There are a couple of major short-term risks to the economy and the market values that are both obvious and widely ignored. If Congress and the President cannot agree on a new substantial stimulus package, many Federal Reserve governors and other leading economic professionals have warned that there is a very real possibility of slipping back into recession. The other risk is that the stock market, or at least the growth stock side of the market, is significantly overpriced by historical standards even as the economy is stagnating at a point where it is depressed about 20% from where it started the year.

We are in agreement with the more historically accurate economic forecasters that a recovery will come, presuming an effective and widespread vaccination program emerges, but the speed of that recovery may well depend on how many businesses and families economically survive to see the rise in economic activity. That survival rate appears to be largely dependent on a new fiscal stimulus bill being passed by the Senate and signed by the President. Either way, we will survive as a nation and an economy and we believe we will go on to prosper, the question at this point is what pain we will suffer between now and then.

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Two local businesses put together two different events, both raising money for the Salado Volunteer Fire Department. Barrow Brewing Co. held the Barrow Volks Ride (top photo, courtesy) with riders leaving Barrow in the morning at a go-at-your-own pace. Amy's Attic held a Food Truck Festival beginning at 11 a.m. Oct. 17.

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**OCTOBER 23**  
Steve Hamende plays at Chupacabra, 7 p.m.

**OCTOBER 23**  
Hecho en Queso, live music by Fuss Ricket 7:30 pm at Barrow Brewing.

**OCTOBER 24**  
Hunting Ethics, gun safety and a care and shooting course, 9 a.m.-noon at 9991 Live Oak Rd. Free event includes sausage wrap, chips and water! RSVP by Oct. 21 to 254.466.2555 or shodnyak@msn.com. Sponsored by Grace Church Salado Men's Ministry.

**OCTOBER 24**  
BYO PUMPKIN 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m., (\$50pp) AGES 3 and up. Sign up online at saladoglassworks.com

**OCTOBER 24**  
Granger Smith with Earl Dibbles at Johnny's Outback, 301 Thomas Arnold Road. Tickets are \$20 in advance (johnnysssteaksandbbq.com) for General Admission and \$25 at the gate. Gates will open at 6pm with music starting at 7:45pm. Granger will hit the stage at 9:30!

**OCTOBER 24**  
Sean Eddy plays at Chupacabra, 7 p.m.

**OCTOBER 24**  
Salado Ghostwalk Tour, 8 p.m. \$20 cash. Meet Jonathan Reynolds for a lantern-lit tour of historic Salado Main Street. For more information, visit saladoghostwalk.com.

**OCTOBER 24**  
Salado Youth Basketball tryouts: 3/4 boys, 6-6:30 p.m. at Thomas Arnold Elementary 2. 3/4 Girls 7-7:30 p.m. at TAE 2. For info, email blair.hodges@saladoisd.org.

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Salado Youth Basketball tryouts: 1st-2nd grade girls, 6-6:30 p.m. at Thomas Arnold Elementary 1; 1st-2nd grade boys, 7-7:30 p.m. TAE 1. 5/6 girls, 6-6:30 p.m., TAE 3. 5/6 boys, 6-6:30 p.m. TAE 3. For info, email blair.hodges@saladoisd.org.

**OCTOBER 24**  
Saucy Business pizza food truck at Barrow Brewing.

**OCTOBER 24**  
Pint Night: Saint Arnold Brewing Company, 5 p.m. - midnight at Chupacabra Craft Beer

**OCTOBER 25**  
Pint Night: Buffalo Bayou Brewing Company, 5 p.m. - midnight at Chupacabra Craft Beer

**OCTOBER 25**  
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Fourth Gospel Singing, 7 p.m. at First Cedar Valley Baptist Church

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Toka Island Grill food truck at Barrow Brewing.

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**OCTOBER 30**  
Check Point Germany food truck, live music at 1 pm Rebecca Jane at Barrow Brewing.

**OCTOBER 30**  
Salado FFA Trunk or Treat, 2-6 p.m. at Salado High School parking lot. COVID safety protocols in place for safe fun.

**OCTOBER 30**  
Trunk or Treat Mobile Mask-arade, Salado United Methodist Church parking lot, 650 Royal St., 5-7 p.m.

**OCTOBER 30**  
The Chuck Wagon Gang gospel quartet will bring their song and praise to Cedar Valley Baptist Church 6 p.m. The church is located at 12237 FM 2843 southwest of Salado.

**OCTOBER 30**  
DeAnna Wendolyn plays at Chupacabra, 7 p.m.

**OCTOBER 30**  
Roaring 20s Halloween Party at the Swanky Sirena Speakeasy at The Barton House, \$20 Cover, members free, 7:30 p.m.

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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 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 or buy tickets through Facebook event.

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

**CANCELED**

**NOVEMBER 23**  
Manly Monday at Susan Marie's of Salado, 171 S. Main, 5-7 p.m. Men, stop in to enjoy Sliders and Whiskey and a complimentary chair massage by Salado Creek Healing's McKenzie Reeve. We also have expert advice on gifts for women and free gift wrapping. Shopping for Christmas has never been easier or more fun!

**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 featuring Turkey Ballotine (Cornbread dressing stuffed Turkey breast & roasted dark meat, classic gravy, fresh cranberry sauce) or Alexander's Prime Rib with horseradish cream and natural jus (\$6 supplemental) Call 254-947-3828 for reservations.

**NOVEMBER 28**  
Salado Ghostwalk Tour, 8 p.m. \$20 cash. Meet Jonathan Reynolds for a lantern-lit tour of historic Salado Main Street. For more information, visit saladoghostwalk.com.

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

**DECEMBER 4-6**  
Salado Historical Society Christmas Tour of Homes. **CANCELED**

**DECEMBER 4-6**  
Annual Christmas Stroll.

**DECEMBER 4, 5, 11 & 12**  
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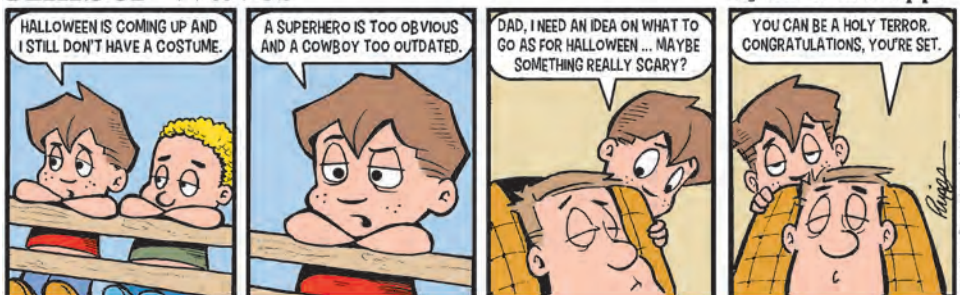
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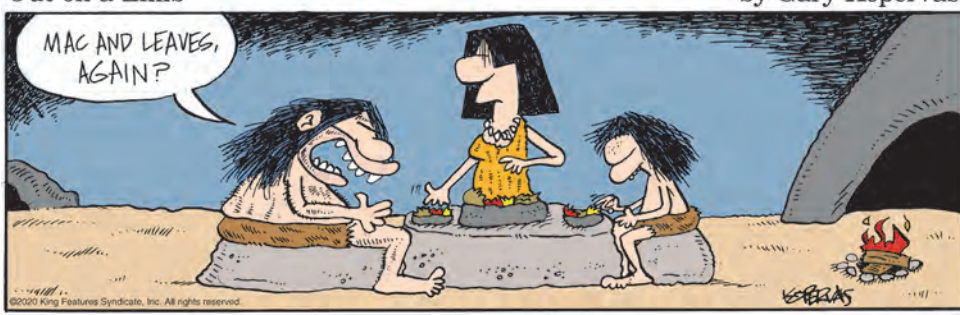
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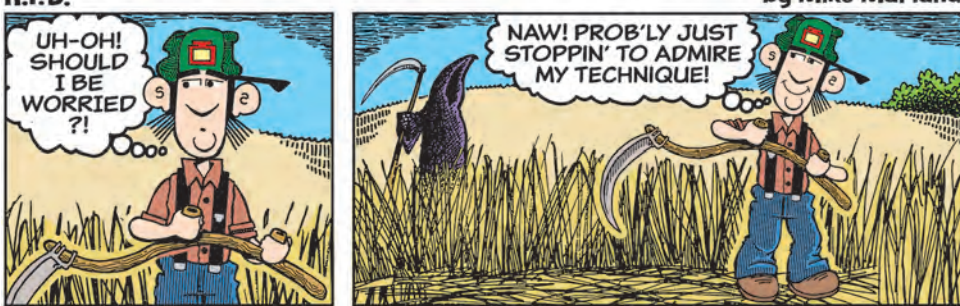
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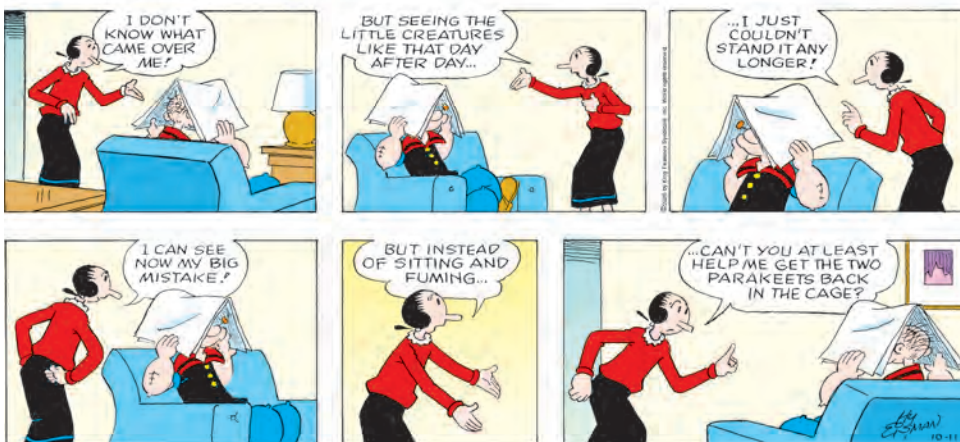
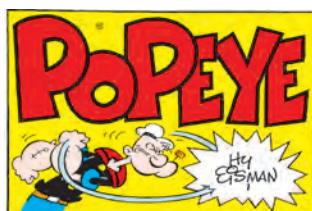
Out on a Limb



### R.F.D.



### The Spats



## Contract Bridge

### JUST PLAIN HORSE SENSE

North dealer.  
North-South vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ K J 9 8 6  
♥ 9 3  
♦ A K 6  
♣ 10 6 2

**WEST**  
♠ 10 7 3 2  
♥ 10 8 7  
♦ 9 8  
♣ J 9 7 3

**EAST**  
♠ A Q 4  
♥ 6 5  
♦ J 10 4 2  
♣ A K Q 8

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

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

Opening lead — nine of diamonds.

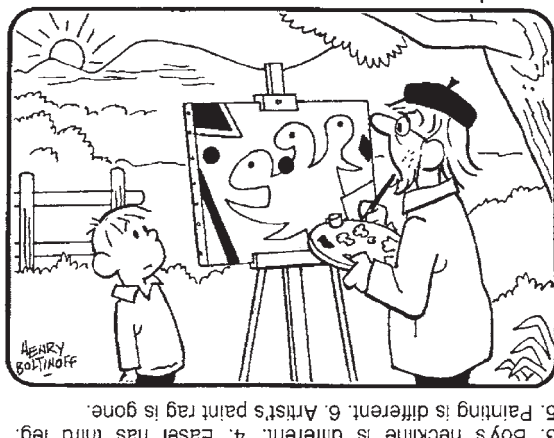
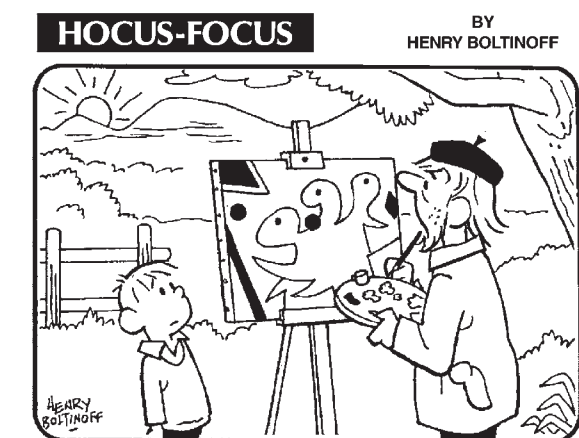
hearts as shown, and all she did was do the right thing every time it was her turn. But what she did must have been very, very good, because all of the others who played the hand either failed to reach four hearts or failed to make it.

West led a diamond, and Hawes made her first good play when she won the trick in her hand instead of in dummy. She had already determined the proper line of play, which necessitated taking the first trick with the diamond queen. Next she drew three rounds of trump, led a spade and finessed the nine! Why the nine? We'll come back to that in a moment.

East took the nine with the queen and played the A-K-Q of clubs. Hawes ruffed, led a diamond to the king and returned the king of spades. East covered with the ace, establishing dummy's jack, after which Hawes crossed to dummy's diamond ace and discarded her remaining diamond on dummy's jack of spades to make her contract.

The unusually deep spade finesse at trick two was prompted by East's one-trump overcall, which indicated 16 to 18 points and thus marked East with the A-Q of spades. Playing the jack or king from dummy was therefore pointless, while playing the nine could be very productive if West had the ten.

by Steve Becker

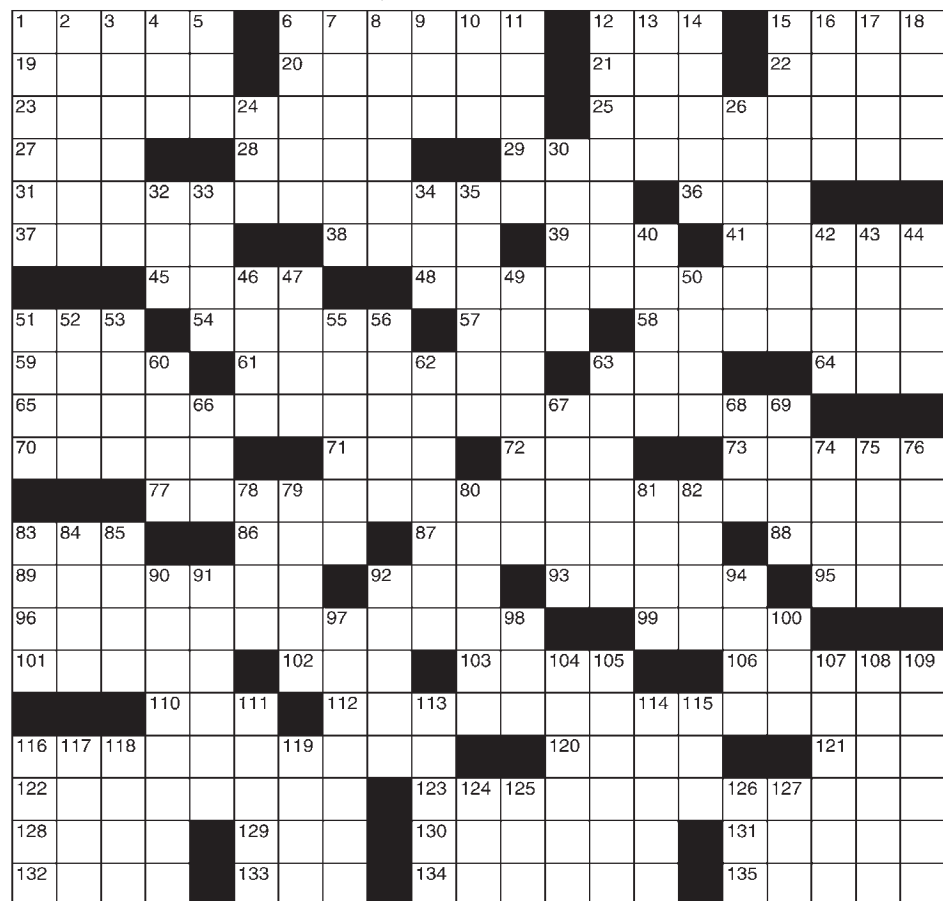


Differences: 1. Cloud is missing. 2. Artist has glasses. 3. Boy's necktie is different. 4. Easel has third leg. 5. Painting is different. 6. Artist's paint rag is gone.

## Super Crossword

### CITY SCRAMBLE

- ACROSS**
- 1 Wash with vigor
  - 6 Not there
  - 12 Melancholy
  - 15 Aspirin, e.g.
  - 19 "Petunia" star Birch
  - 20 Many a Giotto work
  - 21 "Woo- —!"
  - 22 Wee amount
  - 23 Suit fitter in a California city?
  - 25 Holding the attention of
  - 27 Seat winners
  - 28 "Breezy" co-star Kay
  - 29 Boys and men from an Oregon city?
  - 31 Michigan city whose residents are a bit more eccentric?
  - 36 Jacuzzi sigh
  - 37 Swirly letters
  - 38 Popular cookie
  - 39 Hamm on a soccer field
  - 41 Actor Hill of "Moneyball"
  - 45 Denounce
  - 48 Plundered an Ohio city?
  - 51 Big lug
  - 54 Judd of song
  - 57 L-P middle
  - 58 "Renegade" star Lamas
  - 59 Hay bundle
  - 61 Setting of "Anne of Green Gables"
  - 63 Yang partner
  - 64 Mouse-spotting cry
  - 65 Painting exhibitor on wheels in a Maryland city?
  - 70 Sphere
  - 71 Sphere
  - 72 Debt memo
  - 73 Green shade
  - 77 Pennsylvania city with a big population of forefathers?
  - 83 Sussex loc.
  - 86 Pale —
  - 87 One making a change
  - 88 Palo —
  - 89 Piano relative
  - 92 24-hr. cash convenience
  - 93 Runoff conduit
  - 95 Part of LAPD
  - 96 Includes an Arizona city in the tally?
  - 99 Noah's Ark groupings
  - 101 Military foe
  - 102 Cleanup org.
  - 103 Not distant
  - 106 Electric car maker
  - 110 Sprite
  - 112 Speak badly of an Illinois city?
  - 116 Off-Broadway awards whose winners hail from an Idaho city?
  - 120 Film director Reiner
  - 121 Thurman of "Jennifer 8"
  - 122 Illumination
  - 123 Warehouse vehicle produced in a Texas city?
  - 128 First-aid gel
  - 129 —di-dah
  - 130 Negative battery poles
  - 131 City close to Minneapolis
  - 132 Antarctic explorer Richard
  - 133 Perch
  - 134 Compounds in explosives
  - 135 Perch
  - 2 Casual slacks
  - 3 Scorches
  - 4 Net address
  - 5 Baseball club
  - 6 In pursuit of
  - 7 "The Chase" star Marlon
  - 8 One nabbing something
  - 9 Immigrant's class, in brief
  - 10 Sgt., e.g.
  - 11 Body trunk
  - 12 Colielike pooch
  - 13 Top-grade
  - 14 Firm belief
  - 15 Do some excavating
  - 16 Make turbid
  - 17 With 105-Down, eclectic digest
  - 18 Comics' acts
  - 24 Corrida cry
  - 26 Three-sharp musical key
  - 30 "We — please!"
  - 32 Actor Knight
  - 33 "No man — island"
  - 34 Phone no.
  - 35 Lodger
  - 40 Impromptu
  - 42 Goose of Hawaii
  - 43 Timber-dressing tool
  - 44 Boxing blow
  - 46 Counterpart of "sir"
  - 47 De — (afresh)
  - 49 Slanting
  - 50 R&B's Braxton
  - 51 "SOS" group
  - 52 Jack of early talk TV
  - 53 Model
  - 54 Macpherson
  - 55 Melancholy
  - 56 Like argon
  - 60 Smoky peak in Sicily
  - 62 Rodents in research
  - 63 Lionel Richie hit of 1983
  - 66 Actor McShane
  - 67 Lawn pests
  - 68 Mauna —
  - 69 "Lohengrin" heroine
  - 74 — turn up eventually
  - 75 Executive "no"
  - 76 Greek Cupid
  - 78 Tigers, e.g.
  - 79 Make glad
  - 80 Biscotto nut
  - 81 Creek critter
  - 82 Work detail
  - 83 Latin "Behold!"
  - 84 Gas in signs
  - 85 Pasting stuff
  - 90 Snared
  - 91 Surgical probe
  - 92 Without — (worry-free)
  - 94 College military gp.
  - 97 On edge
  - 98 Modern, in Mannheim
  - 100 Island locale
  - 104 College (to)
  - 105 See
  - 17-Down
  - 107 Atelier
  - 108 Units of light
  - 109 Noah's Ark landing site
  - 111 Thwarts
  - 113 Lion of C.S. Lewis' "Narnia" tales
  - 114 Metal waste
  - 115 Em preceder
  - 116 Blurt out the secret
  - 117 Grease-filled
  - 118 Monster film lab helper
  - 119 — B'rith
  - 124 Songwriter DiFranco
  - 125 "Baloney!"
  - 126 Above, in odes
  - 127 Bustle



## Trivia test

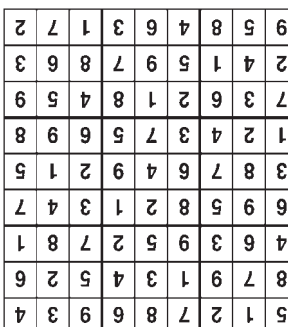
by Fifi Rodriguez

- TELEVISION: What is Homer's favorite beer brand on "The Simpsons"?
- MEASUREMENTS: How much does a gallon of water weigh?
- GEOMETRY: How many sides does a triskaidecagon have?
- MOVIES: Who is the voice of Buzz Lightyear in the "Toy Stories" movies?
- LITERATURE: What are the names of "The Three Musketeers"?
- HISTORY: What was the first car that was mass-produced?
- FOOD & DRINK: Which region of Italy produces Marsala wine?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: How do snakes smell?
- SCIENCE: What is the study of sight and light called?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What was Twitter's original character limit?

### Answers

- Duff
- 8.34 pounds
- 13
- Tim Allen
- Athos, Porthos and Aramis
- Ford Model T
- Sicily
- With their tongues
- Optics
- 140

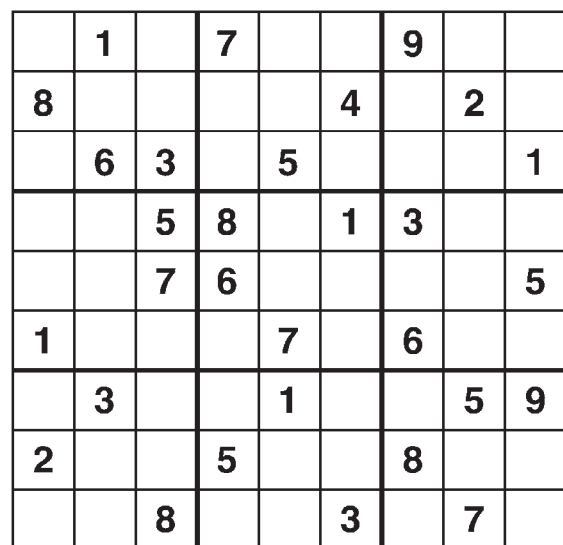
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### Weekly SUDOKU

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by Linda Thistle

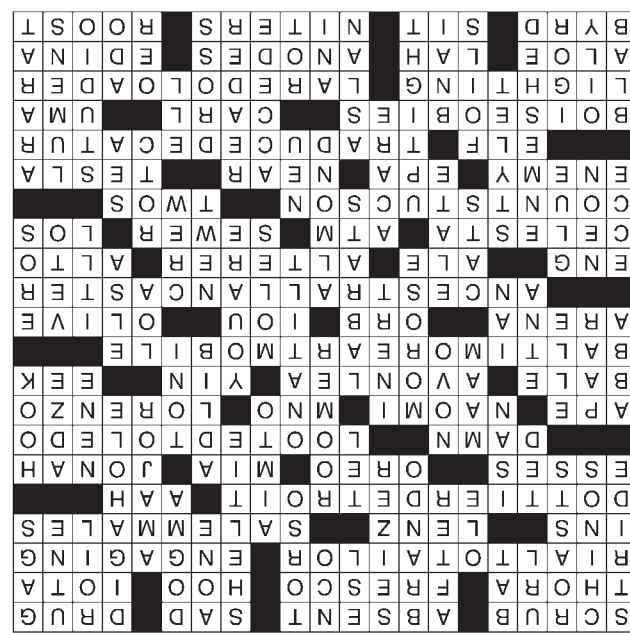


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### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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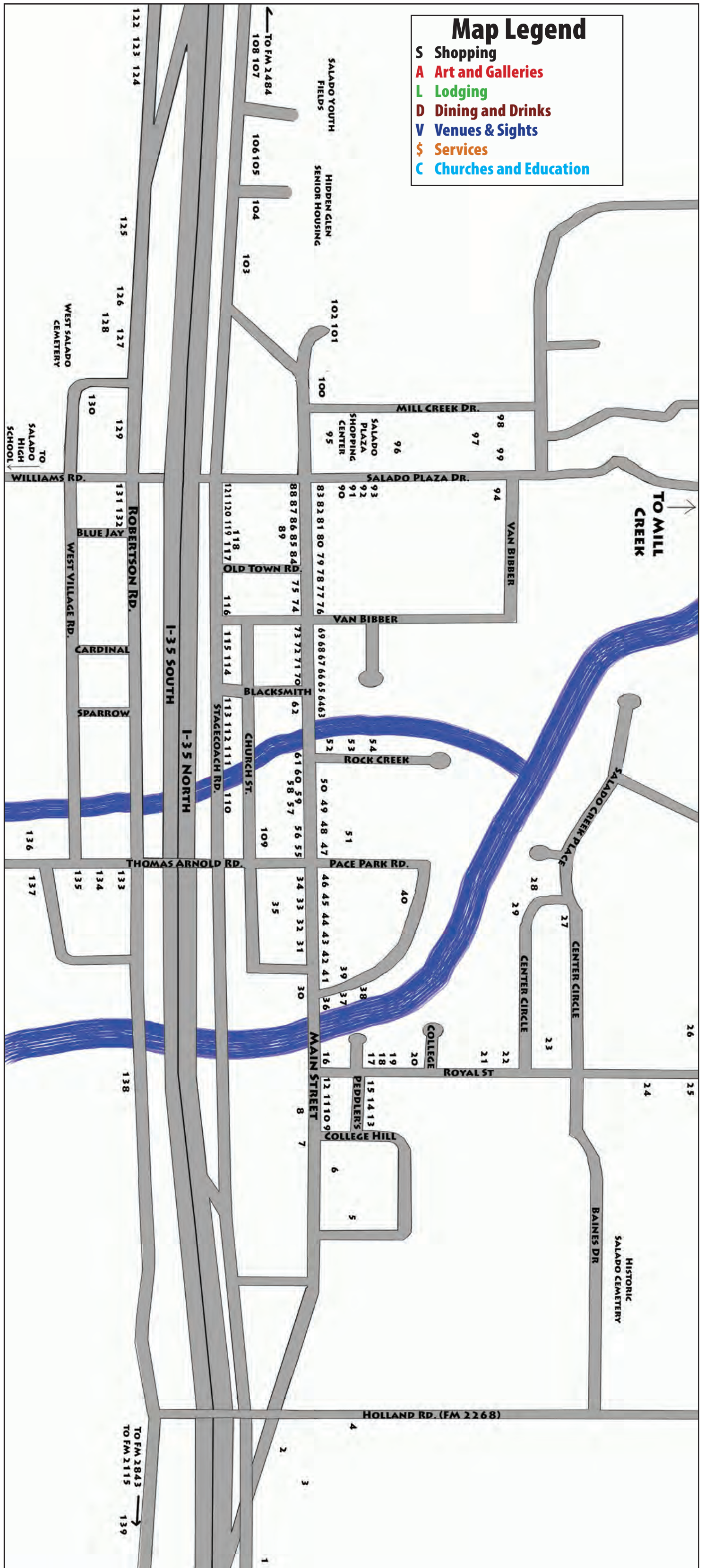
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# Shopping Map of Salado

**# Business Name Type**

- 4 **St. Stephen Catholic Church** C  
254-947-8037
- 6 **Salado College Park** V  
254-947-5232
- 7 **Raney & Associates** \$  
254-913-1215
- 9 **Salado Museum** V  
254-947-5232  
**Salado Visitors Center** \$  
254-947-8634  
**Salado Chamber of Commerce** \$  
254-947-5040  
**Village of Salado Tourism Office** \$  
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# Eagles beat #6 China Spring sit alone atop 9-4A district

By TIM FLEISCHER  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

With just under four minutes left to play, Wrook Brown took a hand off on third down and 14 at the China Spring 37 and went outside his left tackle for a 27 yard jaunt to set up the Eagles for a first and goal.

Ultimately, it was the nail in the coffin of the 4A Div. 2 #6 team in state. The Eagles led by just seven points with four minutes to play, not enough with a team as explosive as China Spring. But with a first down at the Cougars' 10 yard line, Alan Haire's Eagles offense continued its grind.

Caden Strickland got five yards, followed by a two-yard dive by quarterback Hutton Haire. A facemask call moved it to the Cougar 1 yard line and a first down. Next play, Noah Mescher dove in for the touchdown with 2:40 left in the game. Brown's kick gave the Eagles a comfortable 28-14 lead.

The Eagles defense then stepped up once again as the seconds clicked off the clock. China Spring pushed from their own 36 yard line to the Eagle 12 yard line. On second down and scrambling, China Spring quarterback Major Bowden couldn't get the ball past the line of scrimmage, pushing the Cougars back to the 22 yard line. He hit Emmanuel Abdallah for 5 yards, leaving the Cougars 6 yards short. He threw to Tre Hafford on fourth but the receiver was out of bounds to turn the ball over on downs with 54 seconds left to play. Mescher and Brown combined for a first down to allow Haire to kneel out the game.

The game lived up to its hype in central Texas football circles from its very start.

Salado kicked the ball to open the game and forced China Spring to a three-and-out series. The Eagles took over at their own 33 yard line and after a false start flag on first down, were forced to punt the ball on a fourth and 8.

Tristan Exline fumbled the punt but recovered the ball to give the Cougars the ball at their own 15 yard line. Seven plays later, Jordan Nevarez took a pitch from Bowden for a 22 yard touchdown. The kick gave China Spring a 7-0 lead with 6:05 left in the first quarter.

The Eagles then took seven minutes off the clock to score on a 2 yard dive by Strickland to cap a 15-play methodical 66-yard drive. Brown toed the PAT to tie the score with 11:07 left in the first half of play.

After trading possessions, China Spring drove from their own 30 yard line to the Salado 25 yard line for a third and short 1 to go. The Eagles defense stopped Bowden at the line of scrimmage to force a fourth down. They then stopped Abdallah at the line to take over on downs at their own 25 yard line.

On a third and 9, Brown went just outside the left



(PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)  
Wrook Brown follows the blocks by Kole Maedgen (#1) and KC Perkins (#52) to get to open field. Brown rushed 16 times for 165 yards and two touchdowns.



(PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)  
Josh Huckabee lays out China Spring quarterback Major Bowden while Lucas Morvant (58) looks on.

tackle and out sprinted the defense for a 74-yard touchdown with 1:45 left in the half. He kicked the PAT for a 14-7 lead.

On the first play from scrimmage on the ensuing series, Ryan Poe stripped Bowden of the ball as the quarterback scrambled and cut back to avoid defenders. Poe fell on the fumble at the Cougar 30 to give Salado the ball with 1:20 left in the first half. With three seconds left in the half, Brown lined up for a 35-yard field goal. It missed, but the Cougars had called time out before the snap. He lined up again but the kick missed, leaving Salado with a 14-7 halftime lead.

Salado received the second half kick and drove 72 yards in 17 plays. The drive was saved on a third and 23 by Reid Vincent's 23 yard run, setting up first and goal at the Cougar 8 yard line. Brown scored on a third and goal from 3 yards out. He kicked the PAT with 3:26 left in the third to give Salado a 21-7 lead in a drive that ate eight-and-a-half minutes of time off of the clock.

China Spring answered by driving 65 yards in five plays, highlighted by a 52-yard scramble by Bowden to set up a first and goal at the Salado 9 yard line.

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Salado 28, China Spring 14					
By Quarter	1	2	3	4	F
Salado	0	14	7	7	28
China Spring	7	0	7	0	14

Scoring  
First Quarter  
China Spring: Jordan Nevarez, 22 yard run, Kick Good. 6:05, 1st, 7-0.

Second Quarter  
Salado: Caden Strickland, 1 yard run, Kick Good. 11:07, 2nd, 7-7.  
Salado: Wrook Brown, 74-yard run, Kick Good. 1:45 2nd, 14-7.

Third Quarter  
Salado: Brown, 2 yard run, Kick Good. 3:26 3rd, 21-7.  
China Spring: Emmanuel Abdallah, 2 yard run, Kick Good. 1:36, 3rd, 21-14.

Fourth Quarter  
Salado: Noah Mescher, 1 yard run, Kick Good, 2:40, 4th, 28-14.

Team Statistics	Salado	China Spring
First Downs	17	12
Rushes-Yards	56-388	37-211
Passing Yards	17	23
Passes (Comp-Att-Int)	2-6-0	4-11-0
Punts (No.-Avg)	2-43.5	2-32.5
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-1
Penalties (No.-Yards)	11-70	8-59

Individual Statistics Leaders  
Rushing: Salado: Wrook Brown, 16-165-2 TD; Noah Mescher, 20-112, 1 TD; Caden Strickland, 11-68, 1 TD. China Spring: Major Bowden, 17-116-1 fumble.; Emmanuel Abdallah, 19-73-1 TD.

Passing: Salado: Hutton Haire, 2-6-0-17 yards; China Spring: Major Bowden, 4-11-0-23 yards.

Receiving: Salado: Kole Maedgen, 1-12 yards; China Spring: Tre Hafford, 2-19 yards.



Above, Ryan Poe falls on the fumble that he caused when he stripped China Spring quarterback Major Bowden of the ball.



At left, Hutton Haire gets past China Springs defender Coltin Locking after a big hit to get a first down for Salado. Haire kept the drive alive and Salado scored.

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# Lady Eagles look to finish in first place in district

Salado Lady Eagles will finish district play at home against Gateway Prep on Oct. 23. The girls are in first place in district play after beating the Lake Belton Lady Broncos on Oct. 16 and Taylor Lady Ducks on Oct. 13.

The first place Lady Eagles had a big match-up on Oct. 16 in a rematch against the Lake Belton Lady Broncos.

Salado squeaked out a five set victory in Lake Belton in the first meeting. The visitors would strike first against Salado with a 20-25 victory. Set 2 was dead even until the Red Posse came alive and finished out a 25-19 win. It would be all Salado after that as the Lady Eagles cruised to 25-14 and 25-16 victories to close out the match. OH Kenslee Konarik and Lainey Taylor would lead the offensive attack for the Lady Eagles collecting 23 combined kills. Senior captain Reese Preston stepped up and exemplified leadership

on the floor when the Lady Eagles were down. Preston finished with 19 assists and 12 digs. Salado improves to 7-1 in district and will look to clinch a first place finish this week at Burnet and home vs Gateway Prep.

## Junior Varsity

Salado's JV squad came out sluggish in the first set falling behind late 14-25, but would come back to win 25-23. The second set would be much more comfortable for the Lady Eagles as they completed the straight sets victory with a 25-19 win.

## Freshmen

After a rough showing in their first match-up, the freshmen Lady Eagles were determined for the rematch to be a different story. Despite falling behind 10-18 in the first set, the young Lady Eagles scratched their way to a 25-21 victory. The second set would be a similar result, but Salado would erase a 14-21 lead to complete another phenomenal comeback 25-23.



(PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)  
Megan Manibusan sets the ball for the Varsity girls.



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Nikki Poole goes in for a kill for the Salado JV.



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Grace Clemons digs for the ninth grade girls.

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# Salado Middle School cross country teams compete in District

Salado Eighth Girls Cross Country team won the JH District meet at Jarrell Oct. 12. Salado won the meet with 25 points, followed by Gateway, 56.

Penelope Anderson led Salado with a first place finish of 13:53. Sydney Lange, fourth, 14:09; Anna Redelsheimer, fifth, 14:12; Giselle Salazar, seventh, 14:47; Alexa Williams, eighth, 14:49; Ally Ihler, ninth, 14:50; Sophia Cadenas, tenth, 15:25.

Salado Seventh Girls Cross Country team won the JH District meet at Jarrell Oct. 12. Salado won the meet with 20 points, followed in second by Burnet with 39 points.

Kade Harris led Salado with a third place finish of 14:16. Grace Tipping, third, 14:47; Maddie Serna, fourth, 14:57; Reese Lange, fifth, 15:08; Brynlee Myers, sixth, 15:17; Adelaide Shenkir, ninth, 16:02; Serenity Jirasek, 12th, 16:27.

Salado Eighth Boys Cross Country team placed second in the JH District meet at Jarrell Oct. 12. Salado placed second with 42 points. Gateway won the meet with 31 points.

Kannon Baird led Salado with a third place finish of 12:57. Camden Aycock, fifth, 13:12; Richard McCoy, 16th, 14:53; Sean Murray, 19th, 15:40; Cater Rutherford, 21st, 16:22; Blake Renick, 23rd, 16:32; Paxton McGrath, 24th,

17:37. Salado Seventh Boys Cross Country team won the JH District meet at Jarrell Oct. 12. Salado won the meet with 30 points, followed by Lampasas, 44.

Kyler Stock led Salado with a second place finish of 13:30. Owen Stone, third, 13:39; Wesley Engking, fourth, 13:54; Braden Lynch, tenth, 15:09; Brody Delukie, 11th, 15:14; Maximus Panneton, 19th, 16:32; Hunter Fulfer, 21st, 16:33;

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# JV, Jr. Hi football

Salado JV Eagles lost on the road to China Spring Cougars 35-15 on Oct. 15.

Salado led 15-8 at the end of the first half, scoring two touchdowns in the second quarter, but the Cougars scored two TDs in the third and two in the fourth to put the game away.

The Eagles scored on a 75 yard kick off return by Adam Benavides and a 4 yard run by Kye Hayes.

Leading the offense were Dray McLane, Kyle Ouveia, and Kade Hayes.

Leading the defense were Darius Wilson, Adam Benavides and Kaxson Leiskau.

The JV Eagles are 6-2 and will host the Jarrell JV Cougars on Oct. 22.

## 9th grade Eagles

Salado Eagles ninth grade football team fell to the China Spring Cougars on the road 38-14.

The Eagles scored touchdowns in the second and fourth quarters.

Kade Maedgen rushed for 122 yards and a touchdown. Dusty Rhiddlehoover rushed for 87 yards and a touchdown in the game.

The defense was led by safety Jackson Bragg and cornerback AJ Fach.

"China Spring has a good thing going with their football program and it shows," Coach Ramiro Mojica said. "Our hats off to them and their athletes. We are looking to bounce back on Thursday."

Salado will host the Jarrell Cougars this week.

The Eagles have a 4-4 record.

## 8th Grade A

Salado Eighth Grade A football team tied the China Spring Cougars 16-16 on Oct. 15.

Salado was on offense for the first 13 minutes of the game.

Lincoln Hossfeld scored on a 1 yard touchdown, Lincoln followed with the 2 point conversion in the second quarter. China Spring scored just before half to make it 8-8.

China Spring took the lead 16-8 in the third quarter.

Isaac Ramirez scored on a 6 yard touchdown in the fourth quarter. Brenden Wilson followed with the 2 point conversion to tie the game 16-16.

Offensive players of the game, Lincoln Hossfeld, Brenden Wilson, Isaac Ramirez.

Defensive players of the game, Jacob Preston, Harrison Thrasher, Noah Romney, and Lincoln Hossfeld.

## 8th Grade B

Salado Eighth Grade B football team lost to China



Brendan Wilson runs the ball for Salado 8th A. (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)



Chevy Adkisson stops China Spring from reaching the endzone for Salado 8th B. (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)



DeVonte Foster make his way down the sideline for Salado 7th A. (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)



Caine Cruddas takes a China Spring ball carrier to the ground for Salado 7th B team. (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)

Spring 20-6 on Oct. 15.

China Spring took a 8-0 lead in the first and scored in the second to make the score 14-0 at half.

Salado's Javier Maranda scored in the 3rd to make the score 6-14. China Spring scored in 4th quarter to make the score 20-6.

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# Eagles

Three plays later Abdallah pushed it in from the 2 yard line with 1:47 left in the third. The PAT made it 21-14 Salado.

The Cougars tried an on-side kick, but it went out before going 10 yards, giving Salado the ball at the China Spring 42 yard line. A miserable amount of false starts (three in four plays) put the Eagles in a third and 19. Haire hit Kole Maedgen for 12 yards and then overthrew Brown in the endzone to turn the ball over on downs.

The Eagles defense forced the Cougars to punt from deep in their own territory on a fourth and 16 at the 22 yard line. Salado then drove 58 yards in 13 plays and ate almost seven minutes of gametime to extend the lead to 28-14 on a 1 yard TD by Mescher.

Wrook Brown led the defense with 6 tackles, 4 tackle assists, 2 Tackles for Loss and a Pass Break Up.

Josh Huckabee had 6 tackles, 3 assists, and 3 PBU.

Peyton Miller made 5 tackles, 3 assists, 2 TFLs and a quarterback sack.

LaTrell Jenkins made 4 tackles and 2 assists. Kofi Stoglin also had 4 tackles and 2 assists. Lucas Morvant made 4 tackles.

Greg Washington had 3 tackles and an assist.

Ryan Poe made 2 tackles, a TFL, a strip and a fumble recovery. Nolan Williams made 2 tackles and an assist.

Kory Walker had 1 tackle, a TFL, and an assist. Blake Volk had 1 tackle and an assist.

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# SISD candidates on future major capital projects, teacher pay scale, transfer, non-college students

On Nov. 3, Salado Independent School District voters will elect three board members to three-year terms on the Salado ISD Board of Trustees. Candidates are Kim Bird, Troy Byrd, Savannah Hennig and Troy Smith.

Early voting continues through Oct. 30. There are several early voting locations in Bell County. On election day, Bell County registered voters may vote at any Bell County polling location, not just their home precinct. Precinct 203 voting will be at the Salado Church of Christ Activity Center, 217 Church St. in Salado.

**Question 1:** Salado ISD has the highest property tax rate of all nine school districts in Bell County Tax Appraisal District at \$1.3747 per \$100 valuation. The tax rate for debt service (I & S) is maxed out at \$0.50000 per \$100. Do you see any major capital projects within the next decade that should be planned for now? If so, what do you see as the most important capital need for the district and how can it be funded? (250 words)

**Question 2:** The base teacher salary in Salado ISD for 0 years experience and Bachelor degree is \$45,299. State minimum is \$33,660. Belton ISD pays base salary of \$50,500. Killeen ISD pays \$50,300. Temple ISD pays base salary of \$50,225. How does Salado ISD improve its competitiveness in hiring teachers while keeping property taxes down? (200 words)

**Question 3:** Should Salado ISD reconsider its transfer student policy? Why or why not? (150 words)

**Question 4:** Does Salado ISD do enough to prepare non-college bound students? Are there vocational offerings that Salado ISD does not offer that it should? If there are, how would you advocate for expanding vocational education? (150 words)



**Kim Bird**

**Question 1:** Situated along the I-35 corridor and fifty times geographically larger than the Village of Salado, future growth is inevitable for Salado ISD. As we plan for continued growth, we must be fiscally responsible. Bell County property values have outpaced our district's conservative growth projections. Accordingly, the SISD School Board voted to lower the tax rate for the past two years, from \$1.54 to \$1.37 per \$100 valuation. Increased growth will allow the district to pay off past bonds sooner giving SISD residents more flexibility in prioritizing future projects without increasing the current I & S (Interest & Sink) tax rate.

Capital needs for the district in the next decade will need to address overcrowding at the high school, improving and expanding agriculture education facilities and providing additional elementary classroom facilities.

**Question 2:** A longstanding goal of Salado ISD has been to recruit and retain outstanding teachers, administrators and staff members. Although SISD offered salaries that were competitive with other school districts our size, teachers were lost to larger districts offering higher salaries with better funding from the state. In 2016, SISD set an ambitious goal to increase the salary schedule to address this situation. Using the Texas Association of School

Boards salary information for mid-size schools (1,600 to 4,999 students), SISD (2,075 students) raised salaries to the median for this range for each position and experience level. Additionally, SISD's salary schedule does not cap out at 20 years of experience like the state salary schedule but continues to offer an annual salary step increase until 40 years of experience. Over the past 7 years, the starting teacher salary in Salado ISD has increased 33.7%.

Salado ISD continues to attract outstanding applicants because of its reputation for excellence. Teachers do not just want to work in the district, they also want to have their children educated here. This is an important benefit to many of our employees.

The SISD faculty is working harder than ever to provide excellent educational opportunities for students during this pandemic. The district must continue to provide the support and resources required for them to be successful.

**Question 3:** Salado ISD took board action in November of 2016 changing the transfer policy. SISD no longer accepts any new out-of-district transfer students except the children of staff members and active duty military personnel. These students must apply and be accepted based on their academic performance, behavior and attendance, as well as the district's space available at that campus and grade level. Future growth may require the SISD School Board to revisit this decision and further limit these students. However, as mentioned in the previous question regarding salaries, allowing teachers to bring their children to school in Salado has been an important employment benefit that not only helps recruit outstanding staff but also retain them.

**Question 4:** Salado ISD must continue to ensure that every student is prepared to successfully transition to post graduate life including immediate entry into the workforce or higher education. Programs that result in a license or certificate at graduation contribute to the attainment of this goal. One such program that has become successful since its inception in 2017 is the Health Science program at Salado High School. Students matriculate through a four-year program that prepares them for success in a variety of health fields and culminates with them obtaining a certificate in phlebotomy.

SISD adopted a list of district goals for 2020-21 that included the following: Investigate additional career and technical education (CTE) course offerings for our middle school and high school students and add three additional opportunities for students to earn an industry certification. The agriculture department has long taught skills that can lead to licenses and certifications in areas such as welding. Upgrading the equipment and facilities to industry standards will make this possible. More recently, our Computer Science program has expanded to add courses and opportunities to lead to certifications in the future.



**Troy Byrd**

**Question 1:** Presently, we have a high tax rate. It is the highest it can be due to the Bond that built the new Jr High School which was very much needed. Within the next two years its possible that two existing bonds will be paid off which will help in lowering the tax rate. With more houses being built in the area this will increase the tax volume to also help in lowering the tax rate.

Salado Independent School District is growing as everybody knows. Within the next ten years Salado ISD could have 1,000 more students. That is 100 added students per year. There needs to be plans now for the future.

Although a new Jr. High has just been built, the school will soon be over populated and facilities will have to be addressed. The current High School building is using portables and teachers are sharing classrooms.

TAE 1 & TAE 3 are the oldest buildings and the most outdated. These will need to be expanded to accommodate more students.

We need to accommodate the Fine Arts Department and the Band who both have won multiple State Championships throughout the years. As of now they practice and perform on the stage in the High School Cafeteria.

The Agriculture Department needs to be expanded. They are teaching in a portable (that was when I taught at the high school) and the shop area is outgrown.

We need to have a larger sports complex that can house football, soccer, track and any other outdoor sports the district offers in the future. The stadium needs to be placed between the high school and jr. high. Facilities need to include dressing rooms for all sports. The new track needs to be 8 lanes vs the current 7 lanes the district has.

Let's start planning now to make Salado ISD the best in the state.

**Question 2:** Comparing Salado teacher salaries with Killeen, Temple and Belton is like comparing apples and oranges.

Those districts are larger districts. Killeen ISD has 4 current high schools, 12 jr. high/middle schools and 32 elementary schools. The 4 high schools average 2349 students.

With that being said being a former teacher I believe teachers are under paid across the state and nation. I have always believed teachers should be paid double of what they are currently paid.

I taught at Salado High School and I have taught at Harker Heights Ellison, Shoemaker and Killeen High. Killeen ISD does pay better than Salado ISD, but it is a totally different teaching experience and culture

in Killeen ISD. Teaching at Salado High School was a breath of fresh air. You could actually teach!

Salaries are based on the Salado ISD budget each year. Salado falls in the middle of mid school pay. My understanding is teacher salaries do not affect property taxes.

Salado is on the lowest funded school district list and the state legislature needs to be more equitable with the funding to help with teacher salaries.

Salado ISD is a great place to teach and the students are exceptional.

**Question 3:** Salado should reconsider its transfer policy and consider to revise it in some criteria areas. Transfer students can transfer for at no charge into the district vs paying a fee. The district receives funding for each transfer student each year. This extra funding means more new money into the budget that helps toward teacher salaries to make Salado more competitive in hiring good teachers and keep the current good staff we have now.

Class rankings at Salado High School have been a topic of conversation over the past years. The criteria to revise would be if a student transfers to Salado after their 10th grade year they can't compete for the top 2 Class ranks. I don't think it is fair to current students that have been in Salado ISD their whole school career or their 4 years in Salado High School. I believe that a transfer student that comes in after their 10th grade year does not have enough invested in Salado Independent School District as the student.

**Question 4:** No, Salado ISD needs to provide more for non-college bound students. Not all students are college bound or have an interest in attending college. Salado needs to reach out to all students by offering a Health Science Program and Welding, but needs to find a way to advocate and fund more vocational offerings also.

Salado should advocate vocational offerings such as Automotive, Building Trades, Cosmetology, CMA/CNA, and other health field jobs. These are just a few suggestions. A survey of high school students should be conducted to find the interests of the students. After the survey is done a committee of parents and educators can work with the board to find funding for these programs.

Another way to advocate these vocational programs would be to create a Co-op with other local districts in the area that are the size of Salado. Trade classes could be shared at different district sites.

At one time Salado ISD was part of a Special Education Co-op with other districts. It worked for all concerned. Why can't a Vocational Co-op work if Salado ISD can't do it alone.

We need to think of ALL our students and prepare them for their futures. pening.



**Savannah Hennig**

**Question 1:** Salado ISD's Maintenance and Operations (M&O) tax rate is one of the lowest rates in the state at \$0.8747 per \$100 valuation, a decrease of almost \$.10 from 2019. Our I&S rate was voter passed in May 2018 and has remained at \$.50 per \$100 to pay off our bond debt as quickly as possible. Of the district's five bonds, one is our most recent from 2018, and two will be paid off in 2023. The last two are callable in 2022 and 2024, and it is the district's goal to significantly pay these down. Our district is growing, on average, at a rate of 100 students per school year. Additionally, Salado has more than 1,000 planned future residential lots. In a quickly growing district, the most immediate capital need will be adequate capacity. Within the next decade we will face increased facility challenges by reaching and surpassing classroom, campus, and athletic facility capacities. By paying off our bond debt now, we are providing the ability to prepare for inevitable growth while maintaining a balanced budget and being prudent with taxpayer dollars. When necessary, funding large projects such as these will involve a community planning committee, board approval and eventually passing a bond, and paying off our current bond debt will allow the district the ability to sell future bonds without increasing taxpayer dollars.

**Question 2:** While Belton, Temple and Killeen are in close proximity to Salado, they are vastly larger school districts; therefore, salaries of these districts are not an apples to apples comparison. Salado ISD has 4% of the student population of Killeen ISD based on the Texas Education Agency's (TEA) 2019 enrollment. When looking at other schools in our football district, the average beginning salary is \$39,201 per TEA. Additionally, the Texas Association of School Boards states that the median starting salary across Texas is \$44,000.

That being said, Salado ISD must strive for competitive pay with local districts and has made incredible strides toward this in recent years, including this year with an almost 8% pay increase for a teacher with 0 years experience. Additionally, Salado ISD was able to do this while decreasing our tax rate by almost \$.10 per \$100 valuation from 2019. Quality of life and work are also important, and we routinely see teachers leaving Belton, Temple and Killeen ISD for Salado ISD because of our administration, support for teachers, and school functionality. These assets as well as Salado ISD's con-

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# Eagles run away with Midway meet

The Lady Eagles Varsity and JV teams were both Champions in the Waco-Midway meet on Thursday, October 15. The girls competed very well against a tough field of runners.

The Varsity Lady Eagles finished first out of 9 teams with 53 points, just in front of Gatesville (54 points) and Lorena (78 points).

Jaci McGregor finished first with a time of 11:58. Anna Lesley was a medalist placing seventh 13:20. The team rounded out with close finishes by Kate Neas 14th (13:44), Ellie Mescher 15th (13:49), Avery Fossum 16th (13:51), Natalie Burleson 18th (13:59) and Lydia Lesley 26th (14:14). Also running for the varsity this week Lydia Craig 38th (14:39), Lily Lougheed 57th (15:19) and Jolee Lindsey 63rd (15:32).

The JV team was led by E. Donohue first (15:00) and followed by Ashlyn Williams fourth (15:53), Emma Grant fifth (15:59), Taylor Dabney eighth (16:17), Kimberly Kendall 12th (16:59), Maria Pauer 14th (17:05) Rachael Jett 16th (17:10), Allyson Gouveia 20th (17:42), Avery Wright 23rd (18:04) and Nohemi Pena 31st (19:03).

Salado Eagles placed first in the Waco-Midway meet on Thursday, October 15.

The Eagles won the meet with 40 points in a field of eight teams, followed in second by Gatesville with



The girls Varsity Cross Country team bolt forward at the starting gun of the Midway Invitational (L to R) Lily Lougheed, Jolee Lindsey, Natalie Burleson, Ellie Mescher, Kate Neas, Anna Lesley, Lydia Craig, Jaci McGregor, Lydia Lesley (obsured), and Avery Fossum. (CROSS COUNTRY PHOTOS BY LEE SCHWEGER)

53 points.

The Eagles were led by Logan Rickey in third place with a time of 16:59. Grant Sellers, sixth, 17:47.40; Isaac Huerta, seventh, 18:01; Trey Graham, 11th, 18:15; Brook Dabney, 17th, 19:09; Owen Pitcock, 19th, 19:20; Jake Rechtfertig, 26th, 19:40; Ryan Novotny, 28th, 19:49; Daniel Lander, 35th, 20:27.

Salado JV Eagles won the Waco-Midway meet October 15 with 19 points.

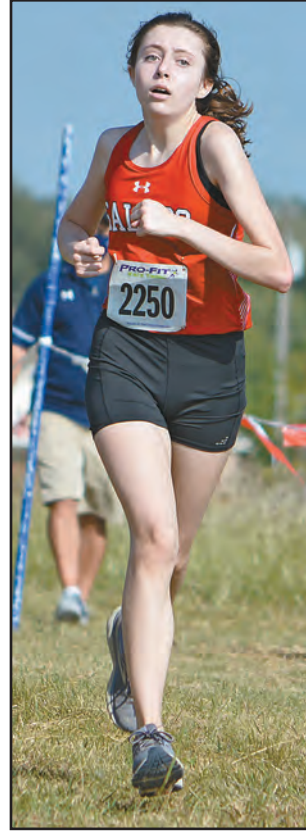
Logan White led Salado with a second place finish of 20:52.10. Connor Lynch, fourth, 21:09.10; Briton Messick, fifth, 21:14.10; Luke Drigalla, sixth, 21:32.30; Jade Fields, seventh, 21:52.10; Chance Heck, eighth, 21:52.80; William Won, ninth, 21:53.30; Evan Hardt, tenth, 21:53.50; Robert Joiner, 17th, 23:38.50; Casey Davis, 32nd, 26:35.70.



Owen Pitcock leaves it all out on the course for the Varsity boys.



Pushing himself to the limit, Ryland Woods blazes to the finish of the Midway Invitational



Kimberly Kendall attacks the home stretch of the Midway Invitational with a final kick to the finish.



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Daniel Lander and Aria Musselman were named to the All-Region band last week. Daniel (above) made first chair All-Region Tenor Sax and advanced to the Area competition. Aria (below) made first chair Bari Sax. She also qualified to advance the Area round, however, instead she wants to advance to Area in choir.



## Go Fund Me account established to help Thomas Arnold Elementary Teacher's Assistant

A Go Fund Me page has been established to help a teacher's assistant at Thomas Arnold Elementary School with medical expenses.

Maria Valdez is a para-professional who works at the elementary in Salado. On Monday October 12th, she suffered a heart attack while jogging at the Holland track where she lives. Her family hasn't asked for any help but given the fact that Maria has poured so much into our school and kids here at Thomas Arnold Elementary, we wanted to do something to help take the burden off of her family during this traumatic unexpected event. Maria works with our youngest children in our Pre-Kindergarten classes. The students ab-



Thomas Arnold Elementary Teacher's Assistant Maria Valdez. (COURTESY PHOTO)

solutely love her sweet and comforting demeanor and run to her upon arriving at school.

Maria has two children of her own, Isabel who is

10, and Christian who is 7. Please consider helping us give back to this sweet family as Maria has dedicated the last several years to helping us educate our

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Last year's Trunk or Treat (FILE PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)

## FFA sets Trunk or Treat

Salado FFA invites your to bring your children to the Trunk-or-Treat in the Salado High School parking lot 2-6 p.m. Oct. 31.

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All events will be outside and distanced at least six feet apart. Markers will be mapped out in the parking lot.

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# SISD Candidates

tinued prioritization of salaries in our budget is how we will maintain competitiveness with districts in our area.

Question 3: As mentioned above, the student population for Salado ISD increases by an average of 100 students per school year, and continued growth is coming. Students are eligible for transfer to Salado ISD in several scenarios, but as of January 2017 there is no longer an open transfer policy. The reason for this is to mitigate growth and afford the district time to prepare. We already know that within the next decade we will be facing another capacity challenge, and in a district that is growing as quickly as ours, it is sensible to prioritize the families living within Salado ISD.

Question 4: Last week I mentioned vocational programs as an area for improvement, and I would love to see our vocational programs expanded so that students who have an interest in a trade certification or degree can gain experience in that field prior to graduation. Salado ISD recently started computer science and health science programs, and we've had welding classes for quite

some time. While college is a wonderful option, it is not the only option. Our country is seeing an increased need for vocational tradespersons such as electricians, carpenters, mechanics, etc. Realistically, in order to implement additional vocational classes there must be adequate demand for them. Proving there is a demand is the first step in advocating for an expansion of these programs, and I would like to see a student survey taken for vocational career interests and then begin pursuing how we can meet that need



**Troy Smith**

Question 1: Salado ISD's property tax rate consists of a maintenance and operations (M&O) tax rate and an interest and sinking (I&S) tax rate. The M&O tax rate provides funds for the day to day operations of the dis-

trict, while the I&S tax rate provides funds for payments on the debt that finances the district's facilities. In 2018, voters approved an increase in our I&S rate to construct the new middle school and make numerous improvements across the district. At our August 2020 school board meeting, we approved a decrease of our M&O rate by almost 10 cents. Our M&O tax rate is now the lowest in Bell County.

On a percentage basis, Salado is the fastest growing district out of 76 school districts in the Waco region. If we continue at our current growth rate, I expect the need for additional capital projects within the next ten years. We may need to consider the purchase of additional land and increasing the functional capacity of our high school. Property values are increasing significantly around Salado and our current high school has a "functional capacity" of 692 students while our current enrollment at that campus is 659. As the campus continues to grow, we will need to make decisions around maximizing the space, utilizing portable buildings, and making additional facility improvements.

Funding for projects financed by our I&S budget can be accomplished through several mechanisms, such as early bond repayment, debt restructuring, and the organic growth of our tax base.

Question 2: One of the priorities for the school district over the last several years has been to increase teacher compensation. Five years ago, the starting salary for a new teacher in Salado was \$34,290. This year, it is up to \$45,299. In the past, we were losing experienced teachers to larger school districts for higher salaries. While we have not caught up with these larger districts, it is a difficult comparison due to the natural economies of scale that larger school districts achieve and the greater federal funding that many larger districts receive. We have brought our teacher pay in line with what the Texas Education Agency refers to as mid-sized districts, which have student enrollments between 1600-4999. At a minimum, our goal every year is to meet this standard. Today we are hiring more teachers from those larger districts because the pay is more comparable, and they appreciate

the teaching environment Salado provides. Despite the funding challenges Salado faces, we have been able to achieve this growth in teacher pay because it has been a priority to hire and properly compensate the best and brightest faculty possible.

Question 3: Our current transfer policy limits transfer students to the children of employees, children of military parents, and siblings of current transfer students. Due to the policy change in 2016, transfer student numbers are decreasing and lower than in previous years. Because of our growth, I believe we need to continue to limit our transfer student numbers. However, transfer students do provide Salado ISD with significant additional state funding. These dollars allow us to keep teacher pay competitive and assist our district in providing students the resources they need to be successful in the classroom. Our transfer numbers should continue to decrease as our organic growth increases. It is a delicate balance and I feel we are currently doing a good job finding the balance between transfer student enrollment and state funding.

Question 4: We have successfully expanded our vocational training programs over the last several years. Not all students go on to complete post-secondary education and we need to offer quality programs to prepare those students for life after school. In addition to our vocational programs, we currently offer AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination), which assists students in developing skills for their future, such as critical thinking, collaboration, reading, writing, and relationship building. We need to continue to expand our agriculture sciences and health sciences programs, as well as many others. Under our agriculture science program, we currently offer several certificates including welding, veterinary medicine, and floral design. Larger districts can offer opportunities from car mechanics training to supply chain logistics. For our size, I believe we do a good job of offering a diverse array of vocational training. However, as the district continues to grow, we need to consider adding additional vocational programs to our curriculum.

## Opportunities to get more involved with SISD

This month we have two opportunities for community members to get more involved in our school district.

The first opportunity is to take a self-guided tour of our middle school on Saturday, October 31. We are excited to show off this new school that was part of the 2018 bond election that our voters approved! The middle school will be open that day from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. and you can sign up at the following website

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by Dr. Michael Novotny



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You are also welcome to e-mail me at michael.novotny@saladoisd.org and I can

schedule a time for you. The second opportunity is to become a Pen Pal with one of our students. The following message from one of our teachers provides more details. My name is Darcy Mad-

sen. I teach 6th grade AVID for Salado Middle School. I am reaching out to you in hopes that we might form a Pen Pal relationship between my 6th grade students and the senior citizens of our community. My goal is to teach students empathy, letter writing skills, and about the postal system. Most importantly, I would love to support the seniors of our community during the COVID-19 pandemic. I know that many of our

seniors are unable to have visitors, and they are feeling lonely, or even forgotten. The youth of Salado want them to know that they are not forgotten and are in fact valued! I have 168 students that will need a pen pal to correspond with. I am currently in touch with several local retirement and assisted living communities in our area. However, I would like to extend this invitation to our SISD family as well. If

you have a senior aged parent/grandparent that would benefit from corresponding with one of my students, please email me their name and address. I look forward to hearing from you!  
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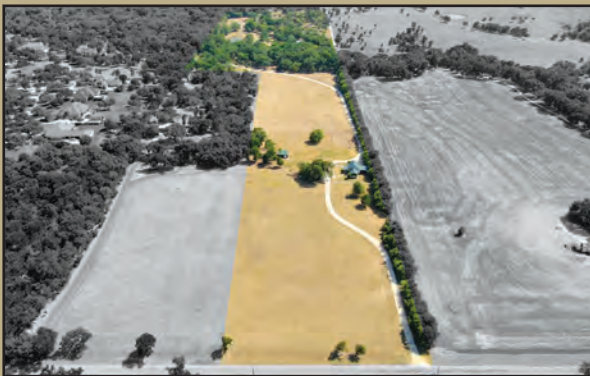
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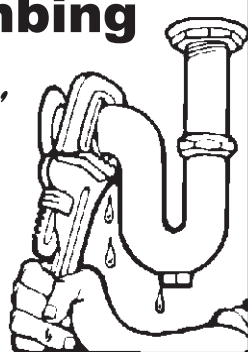
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The following household hazardous wastes can be dropped off: flammables, corrosives, oxidizers, pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers, CFLs, mercury equipment, automotive fluids, oil filters, antifreeze, batteries,

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**Beef cattle production focus of upcoming webinars**

By PAUL SCHATTENBERG

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service offices in Jim Wells, Kenedy/Kleberg, Nueces and San Patricio counties will host the "Show Me the Money" beef cattle production webinar series from 6-8 p.m. on four consecutive Tuesdays from Oct. 26 to Nov. 16.

Four webinars related to beef cattle production will be offered by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in October and November. (Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service photo)

"These webinars, presented by AgriLife Extension and other beef cattle industry experts, will be helpful to producers because they will provide a wide range of information that can be applied to the beef cattle operation," said Jason Ott, AgriLife Extension agent, Nueces County.

The cost is \$10 for each webinar or \$20 for the first three webinars. The Nov. 16 webinar is free. Online registration is required for each webinar.

The first webinar, "Cattle Marketing," will be Oct. 26. Presenters and topics will be:

David Anderson, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension state livestock marketing specialist and agricultural economist, Bryan-College Station — Economics of Cattle Marketing.

Eddie Garcia, Gulf Coast Auction, Alice — Cattle Buying: Why They Bring What They Do.

Riley Rhodes, Live Oak Auction, Three Rivers — Feeder Cattle Sales: Upgrading Marketability.

Rodney Butler, Beeville and Nixon auctions — Breeder Sales: Marketing Your Genetics.

The second webinar, "Feeds, Minerals and Supplementation," will be Nov. 2. It will have the following presenters and topics:

Jason Banta, Ph.D. AgriLife Extension beef specialist, Overton, will present on understanding the relationships between

grass, hay and feed to maintain a cow.

Ron Gill, Ph.D., Department of Animal Science associate department head and AgriLife Extension program leader for animal science at Texas A&M University, Bryan-College Station, will present on why minerals matter for cattle nutrition.

The third webinar in the series, to be presented Nov. 9, will be "The Economics of Infertility." The presenters and topics for this webinar will be:

Stan Bevers, retired AgriLife Extension economist and owner of Broken B Cattle and Key Performance Indicators, Vernon, will

present on herd economics and the cost of open cows.

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10/13/2020	CHISHOLM CT, Salado	Unconscious / Fainting
10/13/2020	Interstate 35, Bell County	Authorized controlled burning
10/13/2020	O W LOWREY DR, Salado	Falls
10/14/2020	CACTI LN, Bell County	Stroke
10/14/2020	MAIN ST, Salado	Fire Alarm
10/14/2020	FM 2484, Bell County	Unknown Status – Man Down
10/14/2020	FM 2843, Bell County	Motor Vehicle Accident - no injuries
10/14/2020	SPRING CREEK LOOP, Bell County	Difficulty Breathing
10/15/2020	CREEKVIEW DR, Bell County	Fires in structure other than in a building
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