



Election Day is Nov. 3 Early voting ends Oct. 30

The General Election for the President of the United States of America and many other races from the federal to the local level will be 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Nov. 3.

Bell County voters can cast their ballots at any of the Bell County polling locations. They can be found here: https://www.bellcountytexas.com/departments/elections/polling_locations.php

The Salado polling location will be open 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Nov. 3 at Salado Church of Christ Activity Center, 225 N. Church St.

The final opportunities for early voting will be 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Oct. 29-30 at the following early voting locations. Bell County voters can vote at any of them.

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

Killeen - Bell County Annex, 304 Priest Drive

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

Temple - Bell County Annex, 205 East Central Ave

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

Harker Heights - Parks & Recreation Center, 307 Millers Crossing

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

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.

Residents living within the 116 sq. miles currently served by the Salado Volunteer Fire Department will consider the following proposal: "The creation of Bell County Emergency Services District No. 1 and Adoption of a Tax on the Ad Valorem Property Situated in Said District at a Rate Not to Exceed Ten Center (\$0.10) on the One Hundred Dollars (\$100) Valuation for the Sup-

port of the District."

Residents of Justice of the Peace Precinct 2 will consider the following local option for "The legal sale of beer and wine for off-premise consumption only." This would allow the sale of alcohol for off-premise consumption at retail stores (grocery and convenience).

Four candidates have filed for three three-year terms on the Salado Independent School District. Those voters can vote for none, one, two, or three. Candidates in ballot order are these: Savannah Hennig, Troy Byrd, Troy Smith and Kim Bird.

Voters in the Village of Salado can cast their ballots in the Village Alderman election. Two two-year terms on the board are up for election. There are three candidates in ballot order: Jason Howard, Donald Krause and Paul Cox. Voters can vote for none, one, or two of the candidates.

Michael Coggin is running unopposed for Village of Salado Mayor.



Headless Horseman

(PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)

The Headless Horseman and friends were found in Salado this weekend at the low water crossing in Mill Creek and elsewhere around the Village. The Headless Horseman is a staple character for Tablerock's Fright Trail. The 2020 Fright Trail has been canceled, but will return in 2021. A list of other Halloween activities can be found below.

Texas fire depts. no stranger to Emergency Services Districts

By TIM FLEISCHER
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While the proposed Bell County Emergency Services District #1 serving the Salado area would be the first in Bell County, our neighbor to the south is no stranger to them. Williamson County has 12 ESDs serving communities as small as Weir to larger departments like Sam Bass, which serves the western part of Round Rock and has two fire stations.

The closest ESD is ESD#5 in Williamson County, serving the Jarrell area. The district was formed in 2001, when Jarrell only had a volunteer fire department. The ESD has a property tax of \$0.10 per \$100 valuation, which is the maximum allowed by law. That tax generates about \$1.4 million in revenue for the operating budget. Another \$600,000 comes from the reserve fund.

The district spends about \$1.3 million on personnel costs. With that, it has three shifts with four or five firefighters on staff for each of those shifts. It also has a Chief, a Marshal, an Operations Chief and two administrative assistants on staff. It spends another \$240,000 on supplies, including \$55,000 on fleet supplies, \$40,000 on emergency equipment, \$62,000 on technology and \$11,000 on radio equipment. It spent another \$70,000 on capital acquisitions such as major equipment. Finally, it spends about \$345,000 per year on debt service for its fire station, fire apparatus for two crews and a fire engine loan.

Liberty Hill is another nearby ESD that has flourished since it was created in 2001. Today, the Liberty Hill ESD has an annual budget of about \$5 million. The ESD also has two fire stations and three shifts at those fire stations with a total of 11 or 12

on staff for each shift.

Both of these fire departments serve areas similar in size as Salado. Currently, the Salado Volunteer Fire Department serves an area of 116 square miles with roughly the same boundaries as Salado ISD.

It does so with an annual budget of less than \$150,000. Of that, \$50,000 in income comes from the Village of Salado contract. Bell County also pays the VFD for calls it makes in the rural areas. The rest of the SVFD income comes from donations.

The Salado VFD pays no firefighters to staff either of its stations. "We respond from work or home," Chief Shane Berrier said. "If no one can get away from work, then it may be a long time before we can respond."

"We want to be able to staff the fire station with two or more firefighters for 24 hour coverage," Berrier said. "This would really decrease our response time."

The formation of an ESD and its property tax would also allow the department to hire an administrator.

The proposal on the ballot is for the formation of the Bell County Emergency Services District #1 with a maximum tax rate of \$0.10 per \$100. For a \$250,000 home, this would mean a new property tax of about \$250 per year.

According to SAFE-D, the State Association of Fire and Emergency Districts, "ESD tax revenues may be used to hire full-time emergency personnel, contract with other entities that have full-time fire and emergency medical departments, and/or purchase new equipment and facilities. More importantly for some areas, ESDs can contract with volunteer fire and emergency medical services departments and provide a stable funding source for these entities as well."

"The establishment of an ESD may result in a better Insurance Services Office (ISO) rating within the ESD service area, and lower insurance premiums for businesses and homeowners," according to the Emergency Services District Operating Guide published by the Texas Department of Rural Affairs in 2013 (prior to becoming the Office of Rural Affairs within the Texas Department of Agriculture).

The Salado VFD service area currently has two ISO ratings: 5 for the Village of Salado and 8 for the rural areas.

The ISO rating is based on four factors: 10% for the 911 communications, including response times; 40% for the water supply and availability; 50% for the fire department and an additional 5% for Exception Addendum items including fire codes, inspections, fire education, construction code and other criteria.

According to the ISO website, "Fire Suppression factors include engine and ladder companies in service, apparatus pump capacity, equipment carried on apparatus, number of personnel staffing apparatus, number of reserve apparatus and equipment carried on each, fire station locations and their effect on response times, training of personnel, training facilities and their use."

Berrier said that the Salado areas could see an improvement in their ISO ratings (resulting in lower insurance premiums), but added cautiously, "it would be a point, maybe two points but years down the road."

Liberty Hill has an ISO PPC rating of 5/5Y classification. WCESD#4 has a rating of 4/4Y for its service area. Jarrell has an ISO PPC rating of 3/3Y.

Look out for trick or treaters: Halloween activities in Salado

Halloween trick or treaters will be on the streets on Oct. 31 and Salado police recommend that locals keep in mind that Salado's streets are not wide enough to have cars parked on both sides.

Please make sure you leave enough room for cars and emergency vehicles to pass safely through the streets.

Drivers should be mindful of children running through the neighborhoods.

Parents should make sure their child, and all family members can be seen by those driving vehicles.

They should also wear something reflective so as to improve your visibility.

Salado churches and organizations will have several family friendly and safe events.

Salado FFA Trunk or Treat

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

Hand sanitizer will be set up around the parking lot and available at each car.

Children will not put their hands in candy bags. Whoever is handing out candy will be putting the candy in the kids' bags.

The candy holder will also use hand sanitizer before each time they put candy in the bag or they will wear gloves.

Games will be sanitized between each user. There will also be multiple sets of chairs. Each time a chair is pulled, it will be wiped down and cleaned for the next group of children.

All events will be outside

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

Face masks will be required during this event. Anyone that does not follow the guidelines will be politely asked to leave and will not be allowed to participate in the event.

First Baptist Church

First Baptist Church of Salado will hold its Trunk or Treat in the parking lot of its campus, located at 210 S. Main Street from 4-6 p.m. on Oct. 31.

Cars will be physically separated for social distancing. Hecho en Queso and Big Tony's Cheesesteaks food trucks will be on the grounds.

Heritage Country Church

Heritage Country Church, located at Lark Trail, invites area children and parents to its Trunk or Treat and Hayride.

The event will be held 4:30-7 p.m. Oct. 31.

The event is sponsored by the Heritage Country Church Youth Group and the Candy Monster is accepting donations.

Salado United Methodist

Salado United Methodist Church will hold a Drive Through Trunk or Treat Mobile Mask-erade, Salado United Methodist Church parking lot, 650 Royal St., 5-7 p.m. Oct. 31.

The event will include games, prizes and snacks, all

from the safety of your car.

3C Cowboy Fellowship

3C Cowboy Fellowship invites children with their parents to a safe, family friendly Trunk or Treat 6-8 Oct. 31 on the grounds of the church, located at 16258 Gooseneck Rd. in Salado.

Activities and rides include the Trunk or Treat, mule wagon rides, a bounce house, hayrides and a variety of games.

Food and drinks will include candy, hot dogs, popcorn, hot cocoa and cold drinks.

The event is free.

For grownups, there are a few Halloween events going on around Salado.

Barton House

The Barton House restaurant, 101 N. Main St., will host a Roaring 20s Halloween Party, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 31. The party will be held downstairs in the Swanky Sirena Speakeasy with a \$20 Cover. Speakeasy members are free.

Chupacabra Craft Beer

Chupacabra Craft Beer, 423 South Main, will have a costume contest for adults on Oct. 31.

For details, visit their Facebook page.

The Shed

The Shed is having a costume contest all day on Oct. 31. Photos will be taken with winners announced for first and second place via social media.

Prizes may be either mailed to the winners or collected at The Shed.

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An Open Exchange of Ideas

“Only” 787,000 file for state unemployment

The S&P 500 Stock Index (SPX), representing the U.S. domestic stock market as a whole, sagged 0.53% for the week to close at 3465.39 as the coronavirus pandemic surged, a new fiscal stimulus bill was still stuck in negotiations between the White House and the House of Representatives, and with many Senate Republicans opposing any new bill. Despite the downturn, the SPX remains up 7.56% year-to-date but down 3.22% from its high point at the end of September. The Index remains driven by its largest few components as the rest of the 500 stocks remain generally depressed from where they were at the beginning of the year.

The ten-year U.S. Treasury note yield rose an optimistic 12.1% to end the week at 0.836%, its highest yield since June, but still less than half the yield it carried a year ago. The yield curve steepened, signaling that the bond market anticipates substantially increased loan demand a year or so from now. West Texas Intermediate crude oil prices dropped 2.5% to \$39.75, falling below the crucial \$40 point as demand forecasts sagged on news of the increase in COVID-19 infections.

The Economy

The lead story in the economy this week is that the forecast second wave of the coronavirus pandemic appears to be arriving. On Friday, the U.S. grew its lead position in the world for new COVID-19 infections in a single day, with a near record 71,671 cases, pulling further ahead of far more populous India. The U.S. also maintained its overwhelming lead in COVID deaths as it reached a total of 223,437, far outdistancing second place Brazil. The new surge in the United States is occurring not in the densely packed streets of New York or Los Angeles but rather in the relatively sparsely populated states of Montana, Wisconsin, and the Dakotas. At the same time the numbers are

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rapidly growing in rural Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Pennsylvania. Rural hospitals are already being overwhelmed and the new peak infection and hospitalization rates are probably weeks or months away. Aside from the tragedy of the high number of deaths and infections domestically, there is a strong correlation between infection rates and economic activity. Consumer spending and general economic activity tends to rise as local infection rates fall and decline as infection rates rise.

In the category of not-as-bad-news was the report from the labor department that “only” 787,000 new seasonally adjusted filings for state unemployment benefits occurred last week, down 55,000 from the previous week, but still almost four times the average filings we saw in 2019. The official number of those receiving state and federal unemployment benefits for the week ending October 3 was still at a near-record level of over 23 million versus about 1.4 million at this time last year. The numbers continue to slowly decline but whether because claimants are hitting the 26-week limit, dropping out of the labor force, or going back to work is unclear. Anecdotal information suggests that earlier improvements were primarily from laid-off employees being rehired but more recently the rehiring seems to have stalled out because of weak customer demand in many areas. That stalling-out of the recovery is reinforced by the Moody’s Economics Back to Normal Index which stood at 81.5% this week; a slight decline from its 81.6% last week.

The Federal Reserve Beige Book, which reports anecdotal trends of activity across the different districts,

found that economic growth in September was “slight to modest”, well down from the “robust” growth reported during the summer. The report indicated that manufacturing, residential housing, and banking were doing relatively well while consumer spending and commercial real estate were fading. It also found that while some companies were hiring, others were doing mass layoffs. Oddly, in some cases, the same companies that were laying off lower-skilled workers were having a hard time finding qualified high-skilled workers to hire. That same divergence was seen as dealers reported a critical shortage of light trucks (pickups) while at the same time seeing a glut in economy cars on their lots. In a flash of longer-term good news, the amount of cash being held by corporations is at a record high and actually exceeds their collective short-term debt. The thought is that the excess cash could potentially trigger a surge in business investment once the threat of a coronavirus resurgence is behind us.

Best estimates are that an effective vaccine may be available in March or April and should be in widespread use by the end of the third quarter of next year. It is then that things will likely start to seriously return to normal. The most effective thing we can do between now and then is to wear masks. The University of Washington announced this week that if 95% of Americans were to wear masks when around others, 130,000 lives could be saved, and the recovery could start sooner and be far more robust. As always, it is up to us. Use your mask, keep your distance, and be aware that many of the new cases are coming from dining inside at restaurants. Stay safe and stay well!

Turkey Day

Mark the day. Nov. 26 is Thanksgiving 2020. It’s a Turkey Day unlike any other. If Tony Fauci gets his way, it will be a “Zoom holiday,” not the family gathering it usually is. In his words, “You may have to bite the bullet and sacrifice that social gathering, unless you’re pretty certain that the people that you’re dealing with are not infected.”

More importantly, it is 22 days after Election Day. They might be through counting the votes by then. And Donald Trump and his Republican axis of evil might be done with all the post-campaign chicanery they might dream up if their voter suppression and intimidation have not worked and Joe Biden has won the race.

The only way that Biden and his Democratic forces can avoid all the legal contrivances aimed at getting the case before an even more pliant Supreme Court is a landslide victory so massive that the GOP is rubble. That would possibly mean that the Democrats control two of the three branches of our national government -- the presidency and Congress -- while that other political branch, the judiciary, at least the Supreme Court, is firmly in control of the Republicans and ultra conservatives. And after presumed new Justice Amy Coney Barrett’s evasive pretense before the Senate, don’t believe for a minute that just

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tices are not partisans. They are, and a desperate President Trump is counting on that to put him over the top, if he isn’t crushed by the avalanche of votes against him.

Right now it looks like that is plausible, that the American people, by wide margins, are flat-out tired of his antics. They’re onto all his tricks -- the lying, hateful, racist demagoguery. How pathetic it is that the suburban women he was trying to attract with his blatant appeal to their white-flight bigotry is no longer effective, that his warning of hordes of poor black and brown people ruining their neighborhoods doesn’t work anymore. Suburban women are no longer a monolith, certainly not a prejudiced monolith. The Jim Crow redlining segregation and anti-busing demagoguery falls on deaf ears.

It leaves the Trumpster no recourse but to grovel: “Suburban women, will you please like me,” he begged at one of his rallies. “Please, please. I saved your damned neighborhood. OK?”

Apparently, it’s not OK with the female voters, suburban and urban,

young and old, particularly the elderly, who supported him the last time around. They’ve grown weary of his insulting misogyny and his dismal record that puts us all in danger from the coronavirus. Even when he caught COVID, he blew the chance to appear humbled by the experience, maybe even empathetic. Humbled and empathetic are not in his repertoire.

Donald Trump prefers to portray himself as a Superman. If so, he is a superspreader Superman. He claims that he is now immune from COVID, telling those at one of his unmasked rallies that “I’ll kiss the guys and the beautiful women and everybody.”

Perhaps that is not as bad as the tape of his boasting that he’d grabbed women’s privates, but it’s still pretty disgusting.

So we’ll either have an amazing Thanksgiving this year or a national day of mourning. It all depends on whether the election story has ended or is just heating up, and it will depend on whether we have gotten rid of this stuffed turkey or not.

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Press Covers for Biden

Joe Biden is the most cosseted presidential candidate in memory.

He’s run a minimalist campaign that’s avoided the press as much as possible, while the press hasn’t been braying for more access and answers, but eager to avoid anything that could be discomfiting to the campaign.

Never before has the media been so openly fearful of asking or reporting something that might hurt a presidential candidate. Even the lowest common denominator of news -- simply being interesting -- has been tossed aside. Boring and uneventful is the new newsworthy.

The tendency reached a new level in the media’s handling of New York Post reports on emails obtained from a laptop that Hunter Biden reportedly left off at a Delaware computer repair shop.

Here was a story with enough mysteries and plotlines to keep a couple of newsrooms busy. Are the emails, putting Hunter Biden’s sleazy overseas business dealings in a more sinister light, legitimate? Did Hunter really take the laptop to the shop and forget about it? And, more importantly, what do the emails say about what Joe Biden knows or should have known about Hunter’s work that depended so heavily on proximity to the vice president?

Instead, the press has

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been uninterested at best and hostile at worst. It’s the opposite of a feeding frenzy. The media has deployed its bomb disposal unit for fear that a potentially explosive story might detonate.

What Biden has to say about the emails is inherently of interest. Yet, he wasn’t asked about it at his recent ABC News town hall. Never mind that his response would have made headlines afterward and the clip would have been shown in every TV segment about the debate.

Subsequently, CBS reporter Bo Erickson betrayed his profession by asking Biden his response to the Post story on a tarmac. He got slammed by Biden, “I have no response, it’s another smear campaign, right up your alley, those are the questions you always ask.”

No one rallied to Erickson’s defense. Instead, respectable figures on the center-left shamed Erickson for having asked a politician an unwelcome question -- which, the day before yesterday, would have been considered Journalism 101. Much of the press has pronounced the Post story debunked without doing any work to debunk it and be-

lieves as a matter of faith that it is Russian disinformation. Rather, the focus has been reporting on how the Post reported the story, as the press works to discredit media outlets that don’t toe the correct political line -- you know, just like Woodward and Bernstein did during Watergate. This tendency toward “anti-reporting” has long characterized Biden coverage. The New York Times took 19 days to cover Tara Reade’s sexual assault allegation against him, not wanting to burden its readers with information about a newsworthy charge too quickly.

Any Biden misstep is quickly explained away. The press doesn’t seem to mind that the campaign is prone to declare “lids” -- or the end of the candidate’s public day -- early and often.

Usually, the media loves candidates who make good copy, who provide drama and color. In its hatred and fear of President Donald Trump, though, it has thrown in its lot with the dull and meandering Joe Biden, bringing to the effort all the complacency and pointed incuriosity it can muster.

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Candidates for Village BoA address final questions on license plate cameras, playground, Main St. & ESD

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: One of the first subjects for discussion for the new Board of Aldermen will be the pilot project for placement of five license plate cameras in the Village of Salado. What is your opinion on this proposal? (150 words)

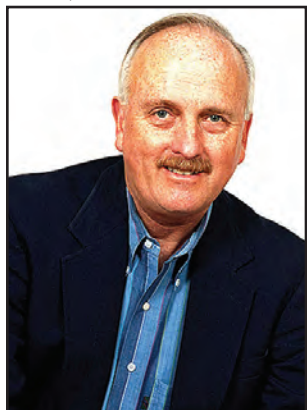
Question 2: The Village of Salado voted to pursue a Texas Parks and Wildlife matching grant for construction of an all abilities playground at Pace Park, taking out the old playground equipment. At this time, about \$60,000 in private funds have been raised. If the Village does NOT qualify for the matching grant, will you support the Village funding the remaining portion of the overall \$200,000 cost for the proposed playground? Why or why not? (200 words)

Question 3: TXDOT has approached the Village of Salado wanting to turn over ownership of Main Street to the Village. This would include regulations as well as maintenance. Would you support this? Why or why not? (200 words)

Question 4: Would you support a bond issue for major repair and reconstruction of the Village roads? Why or why not? (150 words)

Question 5: If the proposed Emergency Services District election passes, would you support cutting the \$50,000 Village contract for services once the district is up and running and has a tax base? Why or why not? If you support cutting that contract, would you support lowering the property tax rate or putting the \$50,000 into a different Village department and if so, which department or program? (150 words)

Question 6: If the proposed ESD fails, would you support increasing the contract with the Salado VFD? Why or why not? If so, how much and how would you fund that increase? (150 words)



Paul Cox

Question 1: The addition of a license plate camera system will be an important crime fighting tool for our police force. The BoA will discuss this very subject at a

workshop in November.

Much of our crime (car theft and burglary) occurs at night. These cameras will be installed at major entrances and exits in our Village. The license plate data can be analyzed to determine which vehicles drive through our streets, especially between 1-5 am. With only one officer on duty, this tool can help identify stolen vehicles or vehicles suspected of involvement in criminal activity. Contrary to popular belief, this system is not designed to enforce traffic laws or spy on our citizens. Larger cities in Texas have used similar cameras for years.

Come participate in the November workshop and learn more!

Question 2: The all abilities playground at Pace Park is a great idea. I would not favor the Village government funding the lion's share of the cost. The funds needed could be raised through grants, donations from local and regional businesses, non-profit organizations and individuals.

While the playground is important, the other facilities (pavilion, restrooms, parking and park grounds) need to be refurbished as well.

Question 3: I am in favor of Salado's ownership of Main Street. It does not make sense in a growing community like Salado to not control the destiny of our own major shopping/business/historic roadway. We should not be at the mercy of TXDOT. We can make our own rules for parking, driveways, parades and road closures for special events.

The road and sidewalks are new. The paving is a new type that should be good for 8-10 years (or more). I believe growth will more than pay for any added maintenance costs down the road. Growing pains are a good thing!

Question 4: Our most heavily traveled roads are beyond repair. Rebuilding of these critical traffic arteries are the best, most cost effective solution. The initial cost is considerably higher but the roads will stand up to the increasing traffic demands as growth comes to our Village for many years. The category of critical arteries includes Mill Creek Dr., Salado Plaza Dr. and Royal Street. Less traveled roads will need varying degrees of repair that will ensure long term serviceability. Maintenance of roads should be a project most Villagers should support. Great roads stabilize and help increase property value throughout our Village.

A short term bond might be a good solution for solving our road maintenance problems for many years into the future. New development and higher tax revenue will help pay a substantial portion of the debt.

We currently pay \$50,000 per year to the Salado VFD. If the Emergency Services District is approved (and I hope it is), that \$50,000 will be available to help pay the bond off even earlier. That extra revenue will also help pay for other needs like tree maintenance, park maintenance, etc.

Question 5: The \$50,000 contract with the Salado VFD should be cut. The new taxing ESD authority will be well funded. As I understand it, the initial proposed budget will be around

\$0.05 per \$100 valuation. This equates to \$150/year for a valuation of \$300,000. The maximum rate, set by the State, is capped at \$.10 per \$100 valuation. This initial budget will increase with population growth but so will tax revenue for the ESD. I expect that the rate actually paid will slowly increase over several years. Remember, the maximum allowed rate can never exceed \$.10. The ESD will give us better response time for medical, fire and rescue emergencies. This is a small price to pay for the extended benefits we will receive. The Village tax rate is already the lowest in Bell County. As I said in my answer to Question 4, the \$50,000 can be redirected for other Village needs.

Question 6: If the ESD fails, our contract should be good the way it is. The current contract is fairly new. The \$50,000/year is an increase from the previous contract amount. Salado VFD will continue to function as it has in the past. The fundraising events will continue. Bell County also helps fund our VFD. I believe our Salado VFD does an excellent job of keeping our community safe.



Jason Howard

Question 1: If the public supports the pilot program and after the 30 day trial period for the program has taken place, I would want the following information and questions answered in order to make a decision: 1) A report from the Village Administrator and Police Chief that demonstrates the effectiveness of this system to include all errors. 2) If the system is deployed, will the Village utilize the Flock Safety software option that allows for the creation of the "SafeList" that records the license plates of non-residents only? 3) Who will have "admin rights"? 4) With the system having a limitation of only 75 ft for photos, how will this effect the deployment of the system in the Village? (There was no technical information per the BOA agenda about the equipment. The system information stated above was found on www.flocksafety.com)

Question 2: If the Village does not qualify for the grant, then we should first have a workshop and decide as a community what future steps should be taken. Per the Village Committee application, we have 11 committees. None of those listed include an official Fundraising Committee. Such a committee would be useful in helping to fund not only this project but others down the road as well. As a town, we should think outside of the box for funding and not turn to increased taxation on citizens every time an issue arises.

Question 3: The Village already has infrastructure that is currently in need of reparation. What benefit is it to our residents and the

Village to take ownership of Main Street and the additional incurred cost of maintaining it? Before making such a decision, we should consult a TXDOT engineering study, paying particular attention to the projected cost of maintaining Main Street. Additionally, we should obtain an estimate for the Main Street bridge replacement cost that meets State and Federal requirements. I'm confident that cost to benefit ratio is not in our favor.

Question 4: I would support the Village by providing transparent information to the tax payers and letting the voters decide. I touched on this in last week's questions about the street department and the current condition of our roads. We need to know the scope of work and the cost so that this information can be presented to our voters

Question 5: Anytime the government can give money back to the tax payer, it should. A public workshop to hear the recommendations from the tax payer should be used to decide if the people want to see that funding redirected to a different department or if they would prefer to have their property tax rate reduced.

Question 6: The VFD is an important part of this village and I would support funding a stipend or annual bonuses to the VFD if possible. I would consider this before approving pay increases to Village staff members that support a population of 2,351 (2018) yet make more than \$60,000 per year, when the VFD supports that same population plus the ETJ and receives a paycheck of \$0 per year.

Donald Krause

Question 1: I know little about the rationale behind this project. It would be useful to understand the reasoning and advantages that are expected if camer-

as are installed. In addition, I would like to see how the cameras have helped other communities deal with crime problems. Further, given the low crime rate in Salado, I would question whether the very short test period, as proposed, would be sufficient to establish the benefit to our Village.

Question 2: Whether the Village should spend \$140,000 for playground facilities is clearly a question of priorities since Salado does not, at this time, have sufficient funds available, nor will the Village have this magnitude of surplus any time in the foreseeable future. No one can argue that an all-abilities playground would benefit a certain segment of Salado's population (along with others in the surrounding areas). Whether serving that segment is a preferable to, say, for instance, repairing roads is a matter of what is more important to the Village's longer-term financial health and "livability". Given my stated priorities above, my preference would be to fix the roads.

Question 3: It was my impression that part of the deal for TXDOT to redo our Main Street was our acceptance of future maintenance and regulation of the street. If this impression is not accurate, before taking a position on whether the Village would voluntarily take responsibility for Main Street, I would like to get an estimate of the costs that are projected to be incurred over time. I would also like to find out how well Bell County or TXDOT (whichever entity is responsible) might respond to future needs for maintenance based on how well these entities have responded in the past.

Question 4: The latest estimate I have heard for the cost of a major repair and reconstruction project is about \$5,000,000. A bond issue of this magnitude would

seriously increase property taxes for Village residents. Obviously, especially at this point in time, increasing property taxes would be unpopular, if not impossible to get approved. It seems to me that the Village must continue the approach of fixing the most egregious road issues out of the annual budget. If revenues can be increased through effective management of the Main Street corridor and other development projects, a bond issue which does not require an increase in property taxes might be considered.

Question 5: I would support providing Salado residents with the most effective fire and EMS available, without wasting funds on unnecessary items. Maintaining a high quality of life in the Village depends upon it. That being said, we need to see exactly what happens with the ESD vote and, at the same time, look closely at proposed budgets for services. As to whether I would support reducing property taxes if we could save \$50,000 from the budget, the answer is no; I would repair the roads with that money.

Question 6: As I stated in the last question, I would support providing Salado residents with the most effective fire and EMS available, without wasting funds on unnecessary items. Right now, to my knowledge, there is little or no room in the Village budget for any increase in support for the Salado VFD. The way out of the budget constraints is to raise sales tax revenues by encouraging more people to visit Salado and spend their money. Encouraging people to come to the Village requires planning and execution of ideas that inspire interest in the Village. Effective village leadership would go a long way toward making this happen.



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Chuck Wagon Gang bring their roots music to Cedar Valley Baptist

The Chuck Wagon Gang gospel quartet will bring their song and praise to Cedar Valley Baptist Church 6 p.m. Oct. 31.

The public is invited to listen to this group. The church is located at 12237 FM 2843 southwest of Salado.

The Chuck Wagon Gang has been around for 80, playing American roots mu-



The Chuck Wagon Gang is coming to Salado!

sic with an unmistakable sound.

The original members began singing on local radio in 1935. They went on to play Carnegie Hall, the Hollywood Bowl, and the Grand Ole Opry.

"This group was designed for the ages," Marty Stuart asserts. "For the eternal ages."

Stuart penned each song on the Chuck Wagon Gang's latest album, Meeting in Heaven, and he is among the choir of celebrated figures who praise the history, legacy, and contemporary relevance of the Gang in America's Gospel Singers, The Legacy Lives On, the documentary film that aired on PBS, beginning in the fall of 2015.

When farmer D.P. 'Dad' Carter formed the group in 1935, with son, Ernest, and daughters Lola and Effie, he could not have conceived of PBS documentaries, or of fan letters from presidents. Dad was simply looking for a way to spread the good word, and a way to buy medicine for Effie, who was sick with pneumonia.

The group found work on a small, Lubbock, Tex-

as radio station. Word soon spread about the group's harmonies, well-spaced and emphatic, and on November 25 and 26th of 1936, the Chuck Wagon Gang was recording for the American Record Corporation. In short time, the Gang's contract and master recordings were purchased by Columbia Records, a company with which they ultimately recorded 408 masters.

On Columbia, the Chuck Wagon Gang became what WSM air personality, music historian, and Grand Ole Opry announcer Eddie Stubbs calls, "America's foremost country-gospel singers." They sold millions of records and songbooks, enduring numerous personnel changes while retaining ties to the original quartet.

Current owner, manager, and alto singer Shaye Smith is the granddaughter of original alto Anna ("Effie") Carter and of Howard Gordon. The quartet still performs with accompaniment from only one guitar, now played by Karl Smakula.

In today's Chuck Wagon Gang, Smith and Smakula are joined by sonorous soprano Melissa Kemper, and


longtime tenor Stan Hill, who remembers lying in bed as a child, listening to Chuck Wagon Gang records while he was supposed to be sleeping.

"The history is part of what makes us unique, and it's a story that needs to be told," Smith says. "This never would have started at all if my grandma hadn't gotten sick. This story started out of crisis. It's one of those good old American survival stories: Work hard, come out of the pit... it's an encouraging story."

That story, and this music, has moved Johnny Cash, Merle Haggard, Charlie Daniels, and generations of gospel singers and opened ears of listeners. For eighty years, the Chuck Wagon Gang has offered hope and harmony, faith and family.

"Life moves on hope," says Dan Rather, the legendary broadcaster who has been a Chuck Wagon Gang fan since childhood. For him, and for many more, the group is "an echo of an America that was, and a reminder of how important the values of that America remain."

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United Way of Central Texas hosts Chrome & Carols Festival of Trees

United Way of Central Texas is hosting the Tenth Annual Chrome & Carols Festival of Trees fundraiser 7 p.m. Dec. 3. Virtual tickets and bidding will begin the week of Nov. 1.

KCEN Evening News Anchor, Kris Radcliffe and Leslie Draffin, will serve as this year's Emcee.

Thirteen professionally decorated Christmas Trees will be raffled off Dec. 3, with over \$1,000 worth of gifts beneath each tree. In addition, there will be a silent auction. This year's silent auction items include

an HEB Chef package, Beer For a Year, a customized piece of furniture by RJ Wood Projects, Weekend at the Silos, Grand Harley Davidson Tree, and Fishing Trip. All winners will be announced that evening.

Sound & lighting are provided by Frontier Sounds and KCEN.

In 2019 Chrome & Carols Festival of Trees raised over \$50,000 for local community impact programs.

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tral Texas focuses on the four building blocks of life: Education, Financial Stability, and Health. A healthy community learns well, earns well, and lives well. Through initiatives and investments guided by community volunteers, United Way of Central Texas advances the common good in conjunction with its many partner agencies and community impact partners. For more information, please visit www.UWCT.org.



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Inaugural Hickory Golf Tournament to Benefit Salado Museum Nov. 7-8

The ancient game of golf, played as it was during its earliest beginnings in Scotland, makes its first appearance here in Salado (a village settled by Scots) this November when Salado Museum and College Park hosts the inaugural Pioneer Classic Hickory Golf Tournament at Mill Creek Golf Course, November 7-8. The two-man team event is sponsored by area businesses with all proceeds benefiting the museum.

"We are very excited to be included on the Hickory Golf Association of Texas (HGAT) tournament circuit this year," says Dave Swarthout, Salado Museum executive director. "The money raised will enable us to continue renovations and preservation of our historic building and the college ruins and parkland on College Hill."

Sponsors for the tournament include Title Sponsor Stagecoach Inn; Mill Creek Golf Course; First Texas Brokerage; and Sloan, Cartagena and Associates, P.C. The golf weekend features special

guest William W. Reed, past president of The Golf Heritage Society (a global non-profit organization headquartered in Lebanon, Ohio) who will display an extensive collection of historic golf equipment and artifacts at Mill Creek throughout the weekend.

"The public is welcome to come out for the opening tee-off ceremonies at noon on Saturday, which will include a Scottish bagpiper performing on the course, and to view the historic golf items on display in the clubhouse," says Swarthout. "Of course, there is no charge but donations to the museum are always welcome!"

What makes Hickory Golf unique is that the players use clubs that have a solid hickory wood shaft as did clubs used in the late 19th and early 20th Century. The players also dress the part, with men wearing vintage-style golfing knickers, jackets and caps.

According to the HGAT website, most of the hickory clubs in play today actually date from the late 1890s to 1935. Clubs

manufactured during this period are original hickory clubs. There are several companies that make replica hickory-shafted golf clubs that are also approved for play.

To support the museum

and College Park, donate online at www.saladomuseum.org, by mail to Salado Museum, 423 S. Main St., Salado, TX 76571, or contact Dave Swarthout at 414.378.2341.

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Obituaries

MICHAEL KELLY GUNTER

Graveside service for Michael Kelly (Mike) Gunter were held 3 p.m. Saturday, October 24, 2020 at Salado Cemetery, with Mickey Blanks officiating.

Mike was born on April 21, 1955 in Temple, TX, the son of Orville and Louise Gunter of Rogers, TX.

He married his high school sweetheart, Nancy (Cornelius) on May 28, 1977 in Rogers, TX, and they were married for 43 years. Mike graduated from Rogers High School in 1973, and from Texas A&M University in 1977. In 1985, Mike and Nancy moved to Belton, where he was a Financial Advisor for 35 years.

Mike was preceded in death by his parents; a son,

Mason Taylor Gunter and a grandson, Easton Michael Gunter.

Survivors include his wife, Nancy Gunter; three sons, Michael Wayne Gunter and wife, Heather, Matthew Clayton Gunter and wife, Laci, and John Mark Gunter and wife, Casey; a daughter, Marissa Gunter Smith and husband, Trevor; a brother, John Gunter; two sisters, Molly Bedrich and Donna Goodwin and seven grandchildren, Owen Gunter, Addison Gunter, Eveline Gunter, Eli Gunter, Mason Smith, Levi Smith and Caden Gunter.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made to Zambia Mission Fund, P.O. Box 3393 Abilene, Texas 79604. Zambiamissions.org.

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BY CARSON STEPHENS,
PRESIDENT SALADO ROTARY CLUB

Senator Robert Kennedy could easily have been speaking of the year 2020 rather than 1966 when he gave a speech in Cape Town, South Africa in June of that year. He famously said, "There is a Chinese curse which says 'May he live in interesting times.' Like it



Salado Rotarians load bags of clothing for the Child Protective Services in Marlin. Salado Rotary partnered with the Marlin Rotary and Hearts and Hands Ministries to get the much-needed clothes to Marlin. (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)

or not we live in interesting times. They are times of danger and uncertainty."

Few would disagree that 2020 has been a most 'interesting' year filled with danger and uncertainty.

The pandemic has affected our lives in ways we never imagined. For those already living on the edge of economic insecurity, however, this new normal can strain to the breaking point.

Social service agencies are often the first to see the effects of this breakage.

The Rotary Club of Salado received a call earlier this year requesting assistance for a sister club in Marlin because their county's Child Protective Services agency, charged with protecting abused and neglected women and children, was being overwhelmed with calls for food, clothing, and shelter.

The Marlin Rotary Club, working with their local Lions Club and various churches had been trying to meet the need, especially for clothing, but the system was still being overwhelmed.

When the CPS intervenes in an abusive and dangerous situation, the family is often taken with no notice and with nothing other than the clothes they are wearing.

According to Marlin Rotarian and Falls County Judge, Jay Elliot, "If they are rescued from a drug- or rodent-infested home, they may have to leave without

bringing any clothes, because even the clothes will test positive for drugs."

After receiving the request for help, the Salado Rotary Club began to consider ways they might help their fellow Rotary Club meet the need for clothing in their community.

Tasked with leading a committee created for the purpose, Rotarian Kenny Kelarek reached out to Pat Scarborough, Director of Heart & Hands Ministries, a Salado non-profit.

Founded in the late 1980s as a food pantry of Salado's First Baptist Church, the mission of the now-independent non-profit is to help those in need with nutritious food, clothing, and spiritual assistance.

Three years ago, Heart & Hands Ministries moved into an office in Salado Plaza and is in the process of seeking 501(c)(3) non-profit status.

Now with volunteers from several churches, the ministry accepts donations of food, money, and new or gently used clothing. It accepts clothing donations from 9-11 a.m. on Wednesday mornings.

It also partners with Central Texas Food Bank to purchase food at pennies on the dollar. The volunteers distribute food and clothing to those in need for free on the second and fourth Saturdays from 9-11 a.m.

When asked why she got interested in this ministry so much that she now even leads it, Pat simply replies, "God loved us first. We just want to show Jesus' love to our community."

When Kenny approached her to see if Heart & Hands would have any interest in partnering with the Salado Rotary Club to supply surplus clothing to the Marlin Club, Pat immediately responded with an enthusiastic "yes."

The volunteers immediately began bringing large leaf bags of clothes to his office. On Oct. 24 at 10 a.m., Marilyn Martin, President of the Marlin Rotary Club, came to Salado to meet members of the Salado Rotary Club and volunteers of Heart & Hands Ministries.

She also came to pick up 12 large leaf bags full of new or gently used clothing to take back to help supply her community's CPS agency and the families they serve.

The Salado Club expressed its deep gratitude to Heart & Hands Ministries, and by extension the citizens of Salado, for their incredible generosity.

And, by connecting a resource to a need—Helping Hands Ministries to the Falls County CPS—Rotary was able to fulfill the tenets of its motto: "Service Above Self."



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Hearts & Hands distributes food to those in need in hard times

Heart and Hands Ministries distributes food to families in need in the Salado area on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month.

Volunteers include manager Pat Scarborough and her husband Glenn, Carol Rainwater, Colleen Brooks, Doug Nelson, Joyce Richardson, Linda Poole, Christine Hasha and Sydney Hasha.

Food is distributed 9-11 a.m. on the second Saturday of each month.

To minimize physical interaction during the COVID-19 pandemic, the food pantry is operating on a drive-through basis with a family pulling up in the parking lot in front of Heat and Hands Ministries, located at 213 Mill Creek Dr., Suite #135, and volunteers loading the premade sacks into the truck or back seat of the vehicle.

Heart & Hands serves families from Salado, Bartlett and Holland. Donations can be dropped off at Heart & Hands on Wednesdays, 9-11 a.m., which are regular workdays for the pantry.

Heart & Hands buys and receives food items from Central Texas Food Bank and purchases bulk items at much lower prices than retail grocery store purchases.

Food donations are always appreciated, including canned meats (chicken, tuna, spam, vienna sausages etc)



PHOTOS BY ROYCE WIGGIN

Volunteers are shown above during the recent distribution of food at Hearts & Hands Ministry in Salado.

and Canned meals, meaty soups, shelf stable meals). Breakfast cereals and pantry staples like sugar, flour, salt, pepper. Appreciated are dessert items; canned fruits, cake mixes and shelf stable school lunch/snack items.

While donations of non-perishable food items are always appreciated, your dollars will purchase more through direct monetary donations to Heart & Hands Ministries, 213 Mill Creek

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Personal hygiene supplies are always needed including laundry and cleaning supplies, toilet paper, deodorant, razors, shampoo and soap, toothpaste and tooth brushes and feminine hygiene products

At Thanksgiving, Heart & Hands Ministries provides \$15 food vouchers to each family in November for Thanksgiving.

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Scenes from Artist to Artist show Dia De Los Muertos event in Salado organized by John John Montelongo and The Well at Main Street and Rock Creek Dr. on the grounds of The Barton House.

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Run4Beer at Barrow Brewing Co., 7 p.m.
- FRIDAYS**
Live Music at Chupacabra Craft Beers, 7 p.m.
Live Music at Barrow Brewing Co. 7:30 p.m.
- SATURDAYS**
Bikes & Brews, Barrow Brewing Co., 7:30 a.m.
Farmers Market at Barrow Brewing Co., 9 a.m.-1 p.m. through Nov. 14
Live Music at Chupacabra Craft Beer and Kitchen, 7 p.m.
Live Music at Barrow Brewing Co., 7:30 p.m.
- SUNDAYS**
Live Music at Barrow Brewing Co. 4 p.m.
- OCTOBER 29**
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- OCTOBER 30**
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 saladoghost-walk.com.
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Check Point Germany food truck, live music at 1 pm Rebecca Jane at Barrow Brewing.
- OCTOBER 31**
Salado FFA Trunk or Treat, 2-6 p.m. at Salado High School parking lot. COVID safety protocols in place for safe fun.
- OCTOBER 31**
Trunk or Treat at Salado First Baptist Church, 200 South Main St., 4-6 p.m. Socially distancing. Hecho en Queso and Big Tony's Cheesesteaks will be on site.
- OCTOBER 31**
Heritage Country Church, located at Lark Trail, invites area children and parents to its Trunk or Treat and Hayride, 4:30-7 p.m.
- OCTOBER 31**
Trunk or Treat Mobile Mask-arade, Salado United Methodist Church parking lot, 650 Royal St., 5-7 p.m.
- OCTOBER 31**
Chupacabra Craft Beer, 423 South Main, will have a costume contest for adults. For details, visit their Facebook page.
- OCTOBER 31**
The Shed will have a costume contest all day. Winners will be announced and photos posted on social media.
- OCTOBER 31**
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.
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DeAnna Wendolyn plays at Chupacabra, 7 p.m.
- OCTOBER 31**
Roaring 20s Halloween Party at the Swanky Sirena Speakeasy at The Barton House, \$20 cover, members free, 7:30 p.m.
- OCTOBER 31**
Fright Trail, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. at Tablerock. **CANCELED**
- NOVEMBER 4**
This n That food truck at Barrow Brewing Co.
- NOVEMBER 5**
Walt Wilkins front porch series 7 p.m. at Barrow Brewing Co.
- NOVEMBER 6**
BYO PUMPKIN 3-4:30 p.m., (\$50pp) AGES 3 and up. Sign up online at saladoglass-works.com
- NOVEMBER 6**
Taylor Rae live music at Barrow Brewing Co. 6 p.m. at Barrow Brewing Co.
- NOVEMBER 6**
Britton Pyeatt plays at Chupacabra, 7 p.m.
- NOVEMBER 7**
Farmers Market; Chips Smokin' BBQ; Devan Jones and the Uptown Stomp live music at 7 pm, Barrow Brewing Co.
- NOVEMBER 7**
BYO PUMPKIN 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m., (\$50pp) AGES 3 and up. Sign up online at saladoglass-works.com
- NOVEMBER 7**
Rowdy Richter plays at Chupacabra, 7 p.m.
- NOVEMBER 7**
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 saladoghost-walk.com.
- 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 8**
Conor Ritchie-Dunham live music 4 p.m. at Barrow Brewing Co.
- NOVEMBER 11**
Axe Throwing and Rossler's Blue Cord BBQ at Barrow Brewing Co.
- 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**
The Jarrells Band live music 7 p.m. at Barrow brewing Co.
- NOVEMBER 13**
Trey Yenger plays at Chupacabra, 7 p.m.
- NOVEMBER 13-15**
Highland Games and Gathering of Scottish Clans at Johnny's Out-back. **CANCELED**
- NOVEMBER 14**
The Last Farmers Market of 2020 beginning at 9 a.m., Finadene food truck, live music by the Chalkboard Poets at 7 p.m. Barrow Brewing Co.
- NOVEMBER 14**
Cami Maki plays at Chupacabra, 7 p.m.
- NOVEMBER 15**
Sasha KA live music at 4 p.m., Barrow Brewing Co.
- NOVEMBER 18**
Korean Kravings at Barrow Brewing Co.

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Amber Waves

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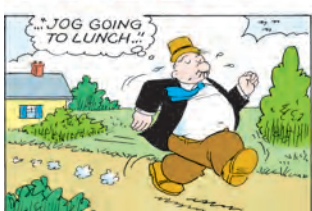
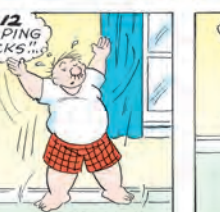
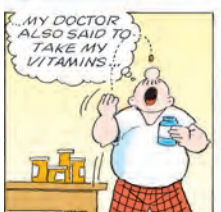
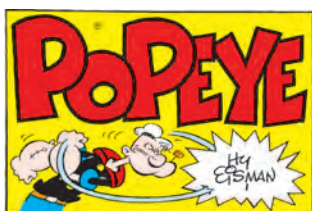
R.F.D.

by Mike Marland



The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



Contract Bridge

THE UNKINDEST CUT OF ALL

East dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ Q 6 5 4 2
♥ A 4
♦ Q 6 5
♣ A 7 3

WEST
♠ 9 3
♥ K 9 7
♦ 9 8 3 2
♣ J 8 6 5

EAST
♠ A K J 8 7
♥ 8 5 2
♦ J 10
♣ 9 4 2

SOUTH
♠ 10
♥ Q J 10 6 3
♦ A K 7 4
♣ K Q 10

The bidding:
East South West North
Pass 1♥ Pass 1♠
Pass 2♦ Pass 3♣
Pass 3 NT Pass Pass
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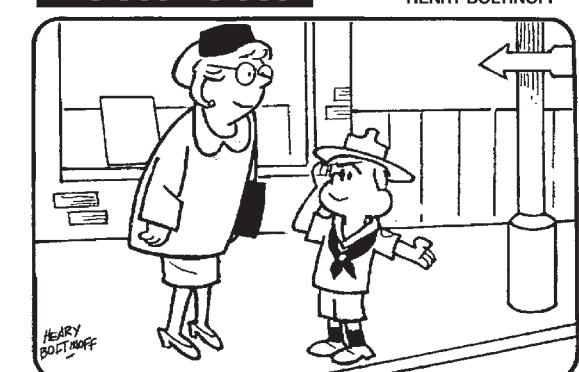
Opening lead — nine of spades.

spade lead offered by far the best chance of stopping the contract. West duly led the nine of spades, East winning the trick with the jack as declarer followed with the ten. East returned the jack of diamonds, taken by South with the ace. Declarer then played the queen of hearts, which won, and now had to decide what to do next. It was at this point that South invoked the principle mentioned above. He led a club to the ace and returned a low spade from dummy! As a result, East found himself between a rock and a hard place. He won the spade lead with the seven but was then helpless. If he cashed the A-K of spades, dummy's queen would become declarer's ninth trick; if he abandoned the suit or cashed only one high spade, declarer would later concede a heart to West's king and again wind up making the contract. Either way, East was a dead duck. It is true that South's lead of a low spade from dummy, which superficially seems suicidal, is a mighty hard play to think of. But if declarer gives full weight to the bidding — especially the highly significant double by East — it is not at all a farfetched play. To make the contract, South must first sever the communication between East and West. The low-spade play at trick five does exactly that, leaving the defenders with no recourse.

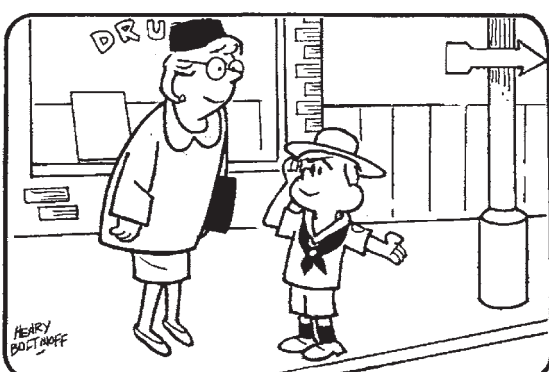
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

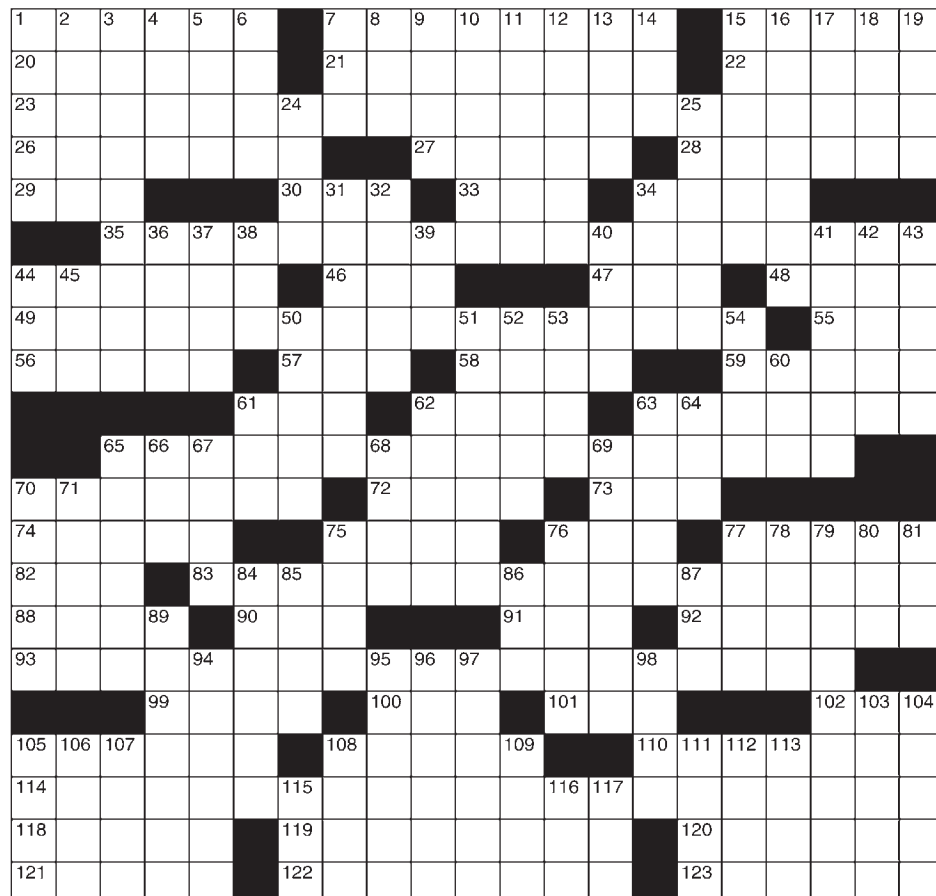


Differences: 1. Window sign is missing. 2. Boy's hat is different. 3. Arrow points in opposite direction. 4. Woman's hair is different. 5. Bricks are added to building. 6. Woman's shoes are flats.

Super Crossword

C 5 ACROSS

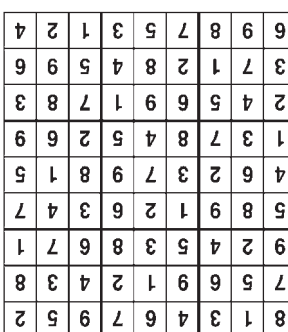
- ACROSS**
- 1 Patronize for purchases
 - 7 Tennis segment won without loss of a point
 - 15 Dude
 - 20 Actress Duff or Swank
 - 21 Not righted, as wrongs
 - 22 Epic about Troy
 - 23 What a Siemens is a unit of
 - 26 Open into flower
 - 27 Seamless shift
 - 28 Get fixated
 - 29 Scottish
 - 30 Viper type
 - 33 — T (just so)
 - 34 Broiling bar
 - 35 Diverse assortments
 - 44 Flip out
 - 46 — help if ...
 - 47 — Khan (Islamic title)
 - 48 Elicit an encore, say
 - 49 Italian entree
 - 55 Ore —
 - 56 Gift getter
 - 57 Signs off on
 - 58 "My treat"
 - 59 Mars vehicle
 - 61 "Dilate" artist DiFranco
 - 62 Formerly Oakland team
 - 65 Flukes
 - 70 Many a released prisoner
 - 72 Grandpa Walton player Will
 - 73 Tarzan player Ron
 - 74 Draw out
 - 75 Jai —
 - 76 Reagan's "Star Wars" prog.
 - 77 Tries to trim down
 - 82 Luau chow
 - 83 Dartboard's rings, e.g.
 - 88 Astral bear
 - 90 Alternate spelling of a word: Abbr.
 - 91 Fair-hiring abbr.
 - 92 Actor Kevin of "Weeds"
 - 93 Part of a routine baby immunization
 - 99 Churn up
 - 100 Stetson, say
 - 101 Ending of ordinals
 - 102 Flow stopper
 - 105 Err in finding the total of
 - 108 Fruity pastries
 - 110 Jaffa citizen
 - 114 Assembly associated with a church creed
 - 118 Put off
 - 119 Cheapest ship quarters, formerly
 - 120 Take out of the pier
 - 121 Number of dwarfs
 - 122 Infuriated
 - 123 Gazes
 - 14 Academy email ending
 - 15 Activity-tracking device
 - 16 Stretchy
 - 17 See 65-Down
 - 18 Mille — (Minnesota county)
 - 19 Fruity beverages
 - 24 Apple buy
 - 25 Police cruiser
 - 31 Post-it note, informally
 - 32 Gyro breads
 - 34 Utah's lily
 - 36 Winans with 12 Grammys
 - 37 Be fond of
 - 38 French for "summer"
 - 39 Govt. health agency
 - 40 Tardy
 - 41 Pitted garnishes
 - 42 The Green Party's Ralph
 - 43 Trades jobs
 - 44 Watch readout, for short
 - 45 "So that's your trick!"
 - 50 For the — (temporarily)
 - 51 Self-pride
 - 52 Run up, as expenses
 - 53 The "A" of OAS: Abbr.
 - 54 Bana of "Troy"
 - 60 Poem of exaltation
 - 61 Suffix with pent-
 - 62 Whale locale
 - 63 Keepsake
 - 64 At least one
 - 65 With 17-Down, Princess or Royal Caribbean
 - 66 Ad — committee
 - 67 Baldwin of "Aloha"
 - 68 Eye suggestively
 - 69 British soldier of old
 - 70 Add zing to
 - 71 Beautify
 - 75 Prefix for "height"
 - 76 Food filter
 - 77 Three, in Ulm
 - 78 Optimistic declaration
 - 79 Interior-design magazine
 - 80 Saints linebacker Manti —
 - 81 Tax form ID
 - 84 Egg-shaped things
 - 85 Salt, chemically
 - 86 Clergyman's area: Abbr.
 - 87 Ltd. cousin
 - 89 Civil War folk song
 - 94 Trency
 - 95 Pursued
 - 96 Hauled (off)
 - 97 Clothes
 - 98 Trency
 - 103 1970s-'80s sitcom
 - 104 Gels as much as one can out of
 - 105 Docs' orders
 - 106 Big name in slushes
 - 107 1970s-'80s skit show
 - 108 "Toodles!"
 - 109 Read digitally
 - 111 — chef (#2 in a kitchen)
 - 112 Peewee pup
 - 113 Cost an arm — leg
 - 115 Belief system
 - 116 Epoch
 - 117 Guided



Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. MEASUREMENTS: What does a hygrometer measure?
2. TELEVISION: What was the postman's name on the sitcom "Cheers"?
3. LITERATURE: Which 20th-century novel begins with the line, "For many days, we had been tempest-tossed"?
4. GEOGRAPHY: The Adriatic Sea lies east of which country?
5. HISTORY: Who was the first woman appointed to a U.S. president's cabinet?
6. ADVERTISING: Which company's mascot was named Poppin' Fresh?
7. LANGUAGE: What is a mondegreen?
8. GAMES: How much is the Luxury Tax in the board game Monopoly?
9. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the only president to attend Oxford University in England as a Rhodes Scholar?
10. U.S. STATES: What does the name Nevada mean in Spanish?

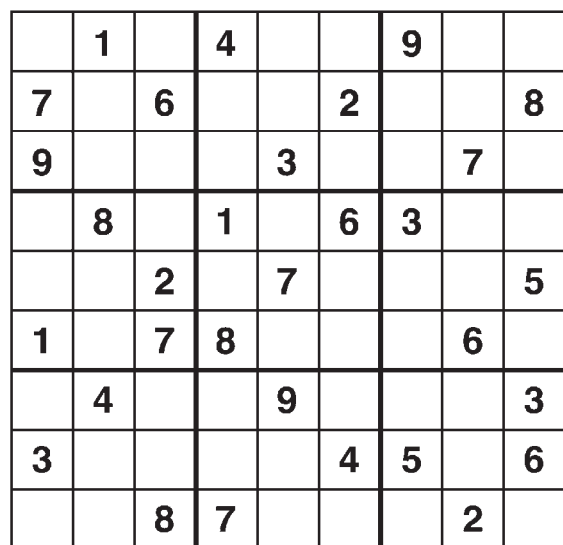
- Answers
1. Humidity
 2. Cliff Clavin
 3. "The Swiss Family Robinson"
 4. Italy
 5. Frances Perkins, Secretary of Labor, 1933-45
 6. Pillsbury
 7. A misheard word, phrase or song lyric
 8. \$75
 9. Bill Clinton
 10. Snow-covered



Answer Weekly SUDOKU

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

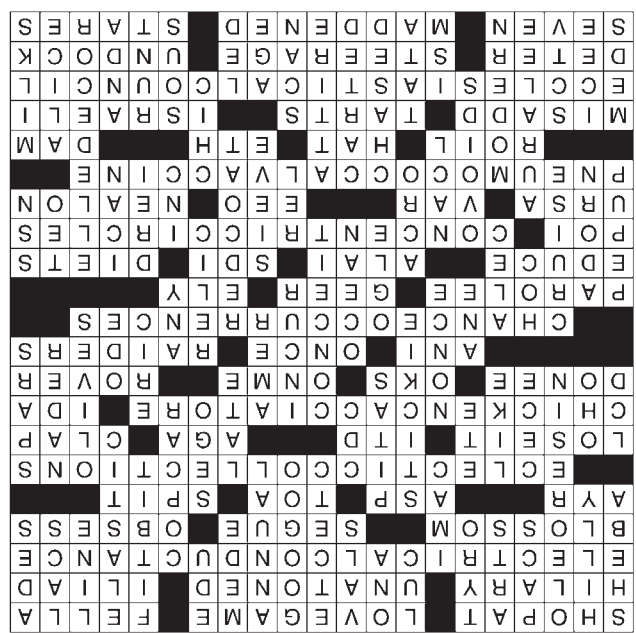


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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

- ♦ Moderate
- ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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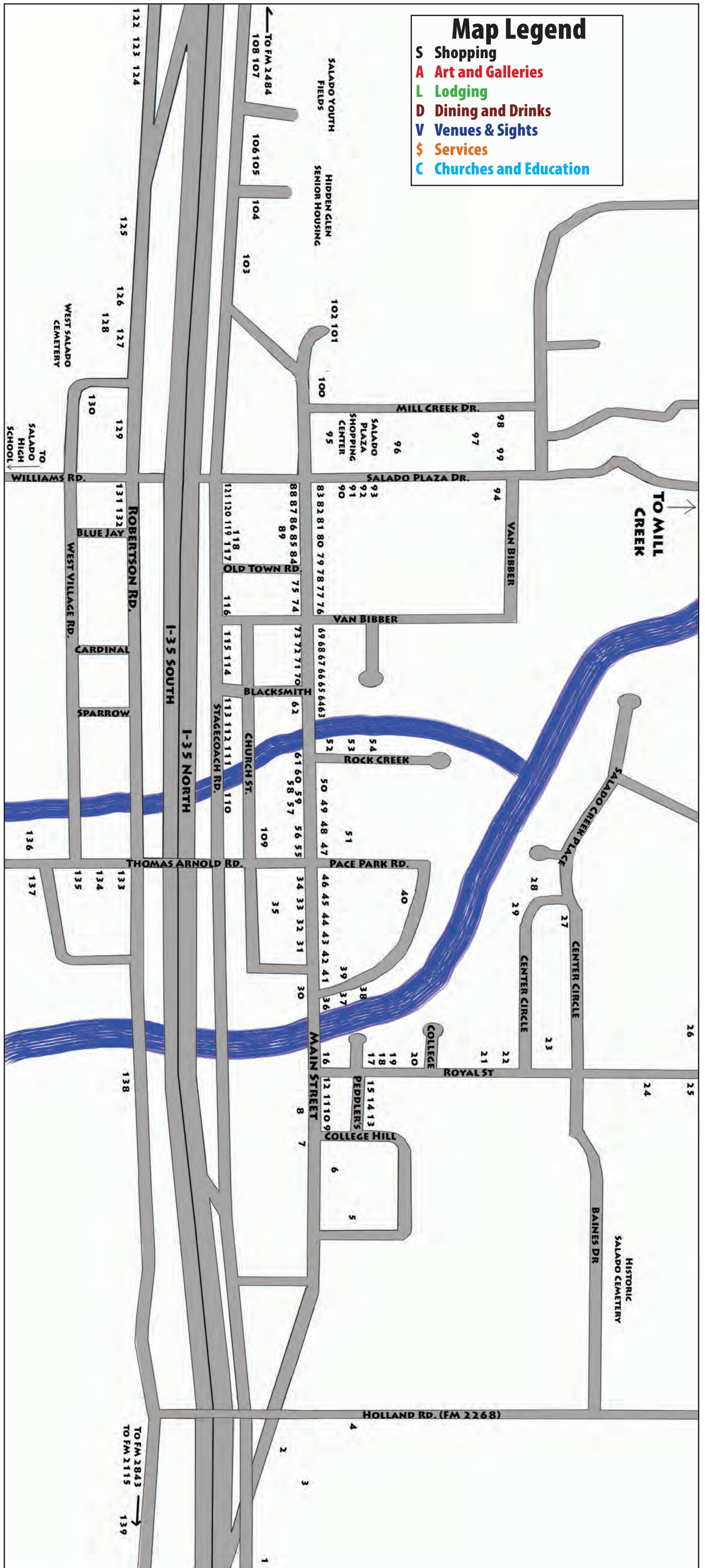
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Shopping Map of Salado

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 \$
254-947-8634
- 10 **Sofi's** S
254-947-4336
- 11 **Chupacabra Craft Beer and Winery** D
(512) 576-0123
Chupacabra Kitchen D
(254) 308-2019
- 14 **Salado Glassworks** A
254-947-0339
- 15 **Rio Salado Cocina y Cantina** D
254-308-2044
- 16 **The Sugar Shack** S/D
254-947-8840
- 17 **Barrow Brewing Co.** D
254-947-3544
Happy Pizza S
254-226-1684
- 21 **The Venue** V
254-947-5554
Village Spa S
254-293-6600
- 22 **The Shed** D
254-947-1960
- 24 **Table Rock** V
254-947-9205
- 26 **Salado United Methodist Church** C
254-947-5482
- 29 **Inn on the Creek** L
254-947-5554
Alexanders Craft Cocktails & Kitchen D
254-947-3828
- 30 **First Baptist Church** C
254-947-546
- 31 **Fairway Mortgage** \$
254-947-3454
- 32 **First Texas Brokerage** \$
254-947-5577
- 34 **First Community Title** \$
254-947-8480
Farmer's Insurance Zbrank Agency \$
254-947-0995
- 40 **W.A. Pace Memorial Park** V
254-947-5060
- 53 **Salado Creek Healing** \$
254-308-0242
- 55 **Salado Family Dentistry** \$
254-947-5242
- 58 **The Shoppes on Main** S
The Marketplace Cafe D
254-947-0888
- 60 **Salado Creek Jewelry** S
254-855-5538
- 62 **The Pizza Place** D
254-947-0222
- 75 **Stage Stop Center** \$
Angelic Herbs \$
254-947-1909
Bruce Bolick, CPA \$
254-718-7299
Salado Creek Dental \$
254-308-2027
- 76 **Salado Civic Center** \$
254-947-5479
- 81 **Salado Wine Seller and Salado Winery Co.** D
254-947-8011
- 82 **St. Joseph's Episcopal Church** C
254-947-3160
- 85 **Salado Post Office** \$
254-947-5322
- 86 **Bill Bartlett - Century 21** \$
254-947-5050
- 87 **The Personal Wealth Coach** \$
254-947-1111
- 89 **Stamp Salado** S
254-947-8848
- 90 **Presbyterian Church of Salado** C
254-947-8106
- 91 **Troy Smith Financial Services** \$
254-947-0376
- 92 **Salado Sculpture Garden** A
- 96 **Salado Plaza** \$
Ace Pest Control \$
254-947-4222
Anytime Fitness Salado S
254-947-1063
Integrity Rehab \$
254-699-3933
Monteith Abstract \$
254-947-3922
Salado's Hair Shop \$
254-421-5173
Salado Village Voice \$
254-947-5321
- 97 **Brookshire Brothers** S
254-947-8922
- 100 **Salado Public Library** C
254-947-9191
- 101 **Salado Cleaners** S
254-947-7299
- 113 **Salado Church of Christ** C
254-947-5241
- 126 **Cowboy's Barbecue** D
254-947-5700
- 130 **Village Spirits** S
254-947-7117
- 132 **Broecker Funeral Home** \$
254-947-0066
- 134 **The Dog Spot** \$
254-947-3647
- 135 **Carus Dental** \$
254-947-8067
- 136 **Salado Schools & Stadium** C
Village Church of Salado C
972-978-2239
- 139 **Cedar Valley Baptist Church** C
254-947-0148
- Not Shown on the Shopping Map**
- Don Ringer** \$
254-774-6500
- 3C Cowboy Fellowship** C
254-947-7211
- Grace Church** C
254-947-5917
- Mill Creek Country Club** V
254-947-5698
- Brody's Mill Creek Clubhouse** D
254-654-7885
- JD's Truck Stop and Grill** S/D
254-947-5228



Historical Markers in Salado

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

Trustees amend budget, adopt improvement plans

By Tim Fleischer
Editor-in-Chief

Salado ISD Trustees at their Oct. 19 meeting amended the 2020-21 budget to reflect \$1.5 million more in state revenues and a loss of \$420,000 in local revenues due to the certified values being lower. Trustees also adopted the District Improvement Plan and Campus Improvement Plan for each of the campuses.

Salado ISD received its 2020 Certified Tax Rolls with a Freeze Adjusted Taxable Value of \$949,376,113. The proposed 2020-2021 budget was built on a preliminary Freeze Adjusted Taxable Value of \$1.19 billion. This difference results in a drop in local revenue.

However, the district will now receive about \$1.5 million more in state revenue than originally budgeted.

Due to this, the district added \$926,696 in Facilities Acquisition and Construction, which can be used for renovations and improvements in the district.

"The state has a hold harmless funding," Superintendent Michael Novotny explained, "so that if the formula actually results in less funding, we will not be penalized."

However, if the district should have to return funds due to lower enrollment numbers and a resulting lower Weighted Average Daily Attendance (WADA) number, it can do so without having to cut instruction expenses by postponing any acquisition and construction expenses.

The district also amended the Child Nutrition fund of its budget. The original budget anticipated \$300,000 in local revenues, but because

of limited attendance during the first weeks of school, those revenues are being adjusted to \$211,250.

Total revenues for Child Nutrition are reduced to \$474,307. Total expenditures for Child Nutrition are \$642,911. The Child Nutrition fund will be balanced by a \$168,804 transfer from the general operating fund.

The Debt Service budget will also change. Local revenue was caged from \$5.8 million to \$5.4 million.

Trustees also approved the District Improvement Plan, a 40-page document for the 2020-21 school year that outlines approaches and performance objectives for achieving three goals:

Goal 1: Increase the percentage of students that meet or exceed their State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness/End of Course (STAAR/EOC) growth measure and increase the percentage of out high school graduates that meet the College, Career and Military Readiness (CCMR) criteria

Goal 2: Develop and implement a plan to open schools to provide in person instruction while maintaining a safe environment that minimizes the spread of COVID 19.

Goal 3: Plan and implement processes to address school safety, evolving student needs, future growth and the maintenance of effective and efficient operations.

The Thomas Arnold Elementary Campus Improvement Plan is a 27-page document outlining four goals for the school campus:

Goal 1: increase the academic growth score in Domain II for all students from

80% to 85% by June 2022.

Goal 2: increase the percentage of third grades that score grade level or above on STARR Reading and Math from 49% to 54% by June 2024.

Goal 3: plan implement processes to identify future growth, evolving student needs, and the maintenance of effective and efficient operations which ensures a secure, respectful, disciplined and caring learning experience.

Goal 4: Encourage and maintain strong relationships and/or partnerships between all stakeholders. Communication will be clear, timely and comprehensive and include recognition of staff, students, and community achievements.

The Salado Middle School Campus Improvement Plan is 18 pages with one goal: Increase the academic growth score in Domain II for all students from 80% to 85% by June 2022.

The Salado High School Campus Improvement Plan is a 22 page document that sets forth three goals:

Goal 1: Increase the academic growth score in Domain II for all students from 80% to 85% by June 2022.

Goal 2: Increase the percentage of graduates that meet the criteria for CCMR from 68% to 78% by August 2024.

Goal 3: SHS will plan and implement processes to address future growth, evolving student needs, and the maintenance of effective and efficient operations.

Trustees also reviewed enrollment numbers. Salado ISD has a total of 2,080 enrolled as of Oct. 16. On Oct. 11, 2019, the district had 2,074 students enrolled. On Oct. 9 2018, the district had



(PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)

Alex Dworaczyk blocks a Jarrell shot while teammate Amy Manning watches during the Salado Lady Eagles three-set loss to Jarrell in a play-off seeded match on Oct. 27.

Lady Eagles face Smithville in bi-district match Oct. 29

Salado Lady Eagles will face Smithville Lady Tigers in the bi-district round of the 4A volleyball playoffs at 7 p.m. Oct. 29 after losing in three sets to the Jarrell Lady Cougars in a match to determine playoff seeding.

Salado and Jarrell shared the District Championship with 8-2 records in 19-4A play. Salado lost to the Cougars in the first round and beat the Cougars in the second round before losing in three straight sets to the third-place Burnet Lady Bulldogs on Oct. 20. Salado bounced back in their final district game to crush Gateway College Prep in three sets in Salado to force the tie with Jarrell.

In the seeding match in Georgetown Oct. 27, Salado lost 21-25 in the first set. Salado led 9-4 early in the match and 18-15 before Jarrell went on a five-point run to take a lead they would

not relinquish. Salado tied the set at 21-21 but it was all Jarrell from there.

Kenslee Konarik led the girls in attacking with three kills in the set. Lainey Taylor had two kills. Reese Preston had two aces while Taylor had one for Salado in the first set.

Salado struggled in all three sets with receiving the Lady Cougars' serves. Salado trailed throughout the first half of the match until they tied the score at 13-13, 14-14 and 16-16. Jarrell then ran off two three-point surges and scored the final two points for the 25-20.

Taylor had three kills in the set, followed by Alex Dworaczyk, three kills and Reese Rich, one kill. Dworaczyk also had two blocks while Konarik had one. Taylor and Amy Manning each had an ace in the set.

Jarrell jumped on Salado

early in the third, going up 12-5 and leading as much as 20-12 before coasting to the 25-17 win.

Jarrell will face Manor New Tech, the fourth place team in 20-4A with a 6-6 record.

The Lady Eagles finished district play with a disappointing loss in three sets to Burnet Lady Bulldogs. Salado lost 23-25, 15-25-, 20-25 on Oct. 20 on the road.

The Lady Eagles took out their frustration on Gateway College Prep, winless in district play, beating them 25-10, 25-20, 25-8.

Taylor led Salado in that match with 9 kills, followed by Manning and Haleigh Wilk with 7 kills each and Konarik with 6 kills.

Preston had 6 aces, followed by Manning, 5, Taylor, 4, and Megan Manibusan, 3.

Dworaczyk, Wilk and Taylor each had a block.



Reese Preston puts up a perfect set for the Lady Eagles in their match against Jarrell. (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)



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Eagles secure District Championship by crushing Jarrell Cougars 47-0

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Salado Eagles secured the District 9-4A Div. 2 championship with a 47-0 win over the Jarrell Cougars. The Eagles will face the Robinson Rockets in the final game of district play, but with head-to-head wins over China Spring and Connally, the Eagles have wrapped up the District Championship.

China Spring and Connally face each next week to determine the second and third place teams in District.

The Salado defense kept the Cougars from getting into the red zone and forced three interceptions to set up the relentless Eagles offense.

The Eagles drove 73 yards in five plays, with the three principal running backs (Reid Vincent, Wrook Brown, Noah Mescher) all having carries of 20 yards or more. Mescher scored on a 22 yard run with 5:59 in the first quarter and Wrook Brown's PAT made it 7-0.

After taking over on downs at the Eagle 34 yard line, quarterback Hutton Haire hit a wide open Caden Strickland for a 66 yard touchdown. The PAT kick by Brown made it 14-0.

The Eagles made one of their rare gaffes, turning the ball over at their own 21 on a Caden Strickland fumble, but Josh Huckabee intercepted a pass by Jarrell's Aden Edgar in the endzone for a touchback.

Seven plays later, Vincent ran it in from the Jarrell 11 yard line. The PAT missed and Salado led 20-0 with 6:37 left in the first half.

Salado could not convert on LaTrell Jenkins' interception with 1:14 left in the first half, taking the 20-0 lead into the lockers.

The Eagles scored on their first possession of the second half, driving 62 yards in six plays. Mescher



Reid Vincent stiff arms a Jarrell defender to the ground and tries to shuck another defender off his back during the Salado Eagles' 47-0 win Oct. 23. (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)

scored on a 30 yard run, following his strong side blockers KC Perkins and Gavyn Keyser. The PAT failed giving Salado a 26-0 lead.

Kofi Stoglin intercepted a pass for Salado, setting the Eagles up at the Jarrell 33 yard line. Four plays later, Vincent ran around end for a 24 yard strike. Brown ran in a two-point conversion for a 34-0 lead.

After forcing Jarrell to punt, the Eagles drove 42 yards in 10 plays with Gavyn Keyser bulling his way into the endzone bringing back memories of the 1985 Chicago Bears. Brown's kickmade it 41-0 with 9:56 left in the game.

Salado added the final touchdown on a short drive on the Cougars side of the field. With back ups in the backfield, Salado drove 36 yards in 10 plays with



Kofi Stoglin squares up on a Jarrell receiver after intercepting the ball. (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)

Aydin Keating scoring from the 1 with 1:24 left to play. The PAT failed for the final score of 47-0.

Josh Huckabee led the defense with 7 tackles, an assisted tackle and an interception.

Wrook Brown made 6 tackles and had a Pass Break Up (PBU).

Kory Walker made 4 tackles, an assist and a QB pressure.

Josue Loza made 3 tackles, a tackle for loss (TFL), and an assist.

Kofi Stoglin made 2 tackles, 2 assists and an

interception. Peyton Miller made 2 tackles, 2 assists and a TFL. Greg Washington made 2 tackles, an assist and a PBU. Nolan Williams made 2 tackles. Braydon Summers made 2 tackles and a TFL. Seth Reavis made 2 tackles.

Lucas Morvant made a tackle, a TFL and an assist. Nic Bates made a tackle, a TFL and an assist. Ryan Poe made a tackle, a TFL and an assist. Brent Volk made a tackle and 2 assists. LaTrell Jenkins made a TFL and an assist. Chris Bates made a tackle.

Salado 47, Jarrell 0

BY QUARTER	1	2	3	4	F
Salado	14	6	14	13	47
Jarrell	0	0	0	0	0

TEAM STATISTICS	SALADO	JARRELL
First Downs	22	7
Rushes-Yards	40-510	23-26
Passing Yards	60	84
Passes (Comp-Att-Int)	1-2-0	8-19-3
Punts (No.-Avg)	0	4-31.0
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties (No.-Yards)	9-75	1-15

Individual Statistics
Rushing: Salado: Reid Vincent, 13-208 yards-1 TD; Noah Mescher, 8-132 yards-3 TD; Wrook Brown, 4-52 yards. Aydin Keating, 9-21 yards-1 TD; Drew Bird, 3-20 yards; Caden Strickland, 3-20 yards-fumble; Hutton Haire, 2-17 yards; Gavyn Keyser, 1-1 yard-1 TD. Jarrell: Aden Edgar, 11 for 32 yards; Derrick Warren, 8 for 0 yards; Jalani Price, 2 for 0 yards; Jamarri Price, 1 for 0 yards; Weston Miller, 1 for -6 yards.

Passing: Salado: Hutton Haire: 1 for 2, 66 yards, 1 TD; Jarrell: Aden Edgar, 8 for 19, 84 yards, 3 Ints.

Receiving: Salado: Caden Strickland, 66 yard, TD; Jarrell: Jamarri Price, 3 for 40 yards; Josph Crathers, 3 for 14 yards; Weston Miller, 1 for 11 yards.

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Rain could not dampen the spirit of Salado High Cross Country teams as all four teams won their respective divisions in the District Meet. (PHOTO BY LEE SCHWEGER)

All four SHS teams win at District Cross Country

The Lady Eagles competed in their district cross country meet on Monday, October 26 at Jarrell HS. Both Varsity & JV teams are the District 19-4A Champions!

The Varsity team finished with 31pts followed by Lake Belton 55pts. (This year only the top 2 teams qualify for the regional meet.)

Lady Eagles were led again by their top senior Jaci McGregor who was the individual district champion with a time of 11:54. Junior Anna Lesley placed 5th (13:29) and the rest of the flock finished close behind with Natalie Bureson placing 9th (13:39), Avery Fossum 11th (13:47), Ellie Mescher 12th (13:58), Kate Neas 13th (14:00) and Lydia Craig 17th (14:20).

The JV Lady Eagles were led by Lydia Lesley who placed 1st (13:52), E. Donohue 2nd (14:23), Madyson Rosamond 3rd (14:32), Jolee Lindsey 4th (14:40.1), Allyson Gouveia 5th (14:40.8), Lily Lougheed 6th (14:42), Ashlyn Williams 9th (15:11), Emma Grant 11th (15:24), Rachael Jett 14th (15:47), Haley Piatak 24th (16:45), Taylor Dabney 25th (16:49), Kimberly Kendall 26th (16:520), Maria Pauer 27th (16:53) and Nohemi Pena 29th (18:09).

“The Lady Eagles have been working hard since July and all of their hard work paid off today. I am very proud of how the girls competed and we are looking forward to preparing for the next level,” Coach Corey Baird said.

The Lady Eagles will be competing in the Region III XC Championship in Huntsville on Nov. 9.



(PHOTO BY LEE SCHWEGER) Ryan Novotny placed first in JV Boys.

Boys Teams

Salado Eagles won the district cross country meet Oct. 26 at Jarrell HS. Salado won the meet with 31 points, Burnet placed second with 64 points.

Logan Rickey led Salado with a second place finish of 16:33.40. Grant Sellers placed fifth with a time of 17:38.70. Isaac Huerta, sixth, 17:44.90; Trey Graham, seventh, 17:53.50; Jake Rechtfertig, 11th, 18:09.70; Owen Pitcock, 12th, 18:17; Brooks Dabney, 21st, 19:16.

Salado JV Eagles won the JV district cross country meet Oct. 26 at Jarrell HS.

Ryan Novotny placed first individually for Salado with a time of 18:55.10. Daniel Lander followed with a second placed finish of 19:05.90. William Won, third, 19:43.80; Connor Lynch, seventh, 20:15.70; Ryland Woods, eighth, 20:15.90; Chance Heck, ninth, 20:19; Luke Drigalla, tenth, 20:25.30; Evan Hardt, 11th, 20:50.90; Britton



Jaci McGregor placed first in the Varsity girls division of the District Cross Country Meet. (PHOTO BY LEE SCHWEGER)



Logan Rickey placed second in the Varsity boys division of the District Cross Country Meet. (PHOTO BY LEE SCHWEGER)



Lydia Lesley placed first in the JV girls division of the District Cross Country Meet. (PHOTO BY LEE SCHWEGER)

Messick, 12th, 20:52; Jade Fields, 13th, 20:55.80; Robert Joiner, 15th, 21:26.70; Casey Davis, 20th, 22:40.10.

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SISD candidates on police officer in school, enrollment, remote learning, main goal

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 and Village of Salado began a partnership last school year to place a Salado police officer in the schools on a regular basis. Has this program been successful? Do you think it should be expanded to have more than one officer in the schools? Why or why not? (150 words)

Question 2: The latest enrollment numbers show an increase of only 6 students from October 2019. Why do you think there is this lull in enrollment in SISD? Is it a good or a bad thing for the district? (150 words)

Question 3: Do you think remote learning should become a permanent option for Salado ISD? If so, what resources should the district offer to improve and support remote learning? (200 words)

Question 4: What one goal would you like to see the district accomplish in the next three years? What would you advocate for in order to achieve that goal? (150 words)

Question 5: Is there anything we have missed that you would like to tell the voters of Salado ISD before the election? (200 words)



Kim Bird

Question 1: Safety is a foundational component for student well-being and

success. Last school year after annexing our schools into the Village of Salado, it became possible to partner with the Village of Salado Police Department and place a full-time school resource officer (SRO) on our campuses. In addition to having a law enforcement officer present on campus in the event of a crisis and directly involved in the planning for such crises, having an SRO also encourages positive relationships between our students, staff and law enforcement. In the future, as the district grows, it may become necessary to expand this mutually beneficial partnership.

Question 2: Since the 2012-13 school year, Salado ISD has grown an average of 100 students per year. This year, however, SISD increased its enrollment by 6 students. Many area school districts have seen decreased enrollment. This can be attributed to the COVID-19 pandemic. Families have had to make very difficult decisions about the health risks of sending their children back to school. Making remote learning available for our students has been one way that SISD has responded to meet these needs. SISD currently serves about 15% of its students through remote learning options. However, some families have opted to respond by homeschooling their children. Looking beyond this health crisis, housing sales and new home projects indicate that SISD will return to its previously estimated growth projections.

Question 3: One year ago, school districts across the nation could not have predicted how many aspects of education would be drastically changed in such a short period of time by the COVID-19 pandemic. Salado ISD has responded to these changes by providing a remote learning option that is available to all students. About 15% of SISD students began the school year remotely. As our COVID-19 numbers have remained low and families have recognized how difficult remote instruction can be on family life, many of these students have returned or plan to return to face-to-face instruction at the end of the grading period. Additionally, state-wide failure rates appear to be much higher among remote learners.

Successful remote learning programs depend on the availability of technology. SISD has provided Chrome Books and Internet Hot Spots for students to ensure they have the resources necessary for success. SISD teachers and technology staff have been trained in new instructional strategies and have worked tirelessly to ensure that remote instruction is as effective as possible. However, decades of research have also shown how important classroom teachers are to student success. The success of remote learners in school districts across the country, the needs of local families and the costs of such programs will determine if remote learning becomes another instructional option offered to SISD students after the pandemic.

Question 4: There are so many worthy goals that Salado ISD is striving to achieve including ensuring academic success for all students, maintaining existing facilities, improving district technology, improving our facilities and resources for programs such as Agriculture Science and Fine Arts, and ensuring that students are able to recover academically from the instructional time lost in the spring due to school closures. However, as SISD strives to do all these things, we must remember what makes us great.

Many families moved to Salado or remained in Salado because of the education and experience offered in the Salado schools. As SISD continues to grow, we must maintain the characteristics that drew us to this community. SISD must ensure that every family and every child feel known and valued. Our leaders should remain visible and involved in our community. Our administrators must continue to be available to parents and community members. Classrooms must remain nurturing and safe places. And, students should have the opportunity to participate in a variety of our outstanding extracurricular activities such as Ag, academic UIL, theatre, debate, art, choir, band and athletics. Salado is a great place to live, and our schools are an essential component in preserving our values and expanding opportunities.

Question 5: For generations people have settled in or near the Village of Salado drawn by its quaint charm, our wonderful neighbors, the amenities nearby and our outstanding school district. It has been an honor to serve on the Salado ISD Board of Trustees and to collaborate with such an excellent student body, faculty, staff, administration, and community as we strive to maintain excellence and continuously improve.

I am a candidate for re-election to the Board because I am passionate about education and the success of this community. I am an experienced public school teacher and administrator having served in small, medium and large school districts in the state of Texas. I have been an active volunteer in this community since arriving in Salado 17 years ago. I have served beside many of you at Salado ISD events and activities, in community organizations and at Salado United Meth-

odist Church. As a parent of a current SISD student and a former student who graduated in 2016, I am committed to ensure that our students leave prepared for the work force, armed forces, technical school or college. Finally, I bring experience and leadership to the school board. As we face future growth and economic challenges, we need proven leadership and a willingness to collaborate with the community, the staff and one another. Your vote matters, and I would appreciate your vote.



Troy Byrd

Question 1: It is a great partnership between Salado ISD and the Village of Salado to have an SRO officer on or with a quick response time to the campuses.

I visited with staff from the 3 SISD campuses; this is what they had to say:

Elementary: They appreciate having an officer available to call whenever they need assistance. It would be a great benefit if the officer could become more visible on their campuses..

JH: The officer splits time between HS and JH. The officer needs to be more engaged with our students and be more visible in hallways between class changes. It would also be helpful if the officer visited classrooms and talked about safety, violence and drugs/alcohol, etc.

SHS: The officer is on campus but needs to be more visible and interact with the students more. He needs to be visible at extracurricular events.

As we grow as a district, we need to expand with more officers inside our campus locations.

Question 2: With an increase of only 6 students from October 2019 to now I attribute that lull in enrollment to the pandemic.

Parents are taking extra safety precautions with their children and did not enroll them in school when students returned in September. Homeschooling has become their option till the health of our nation gets better.

With about a 5% drop in enrollment it is not good financially for the district due to funding which is normally based on daily attendance figures. With the pandemic crisis state and national funding may have changed and could be helping or not assisting school districts. I am not sure on this matter since I do not know the current funding status the district currently is getting from the state during COVID time.

Once the pandemic is behind us, I see the district enrollment numbers increasing with students returning to school and more families moving in or those that have moved in sending their children to school.

Question 3: With the

current situation we have students learning remotely and others are in the daily classroom experience. Some have chosen remote to continue their education. Data states that remote learning works best for the highly motivated student. The failure rate is around 30% when only online learning is used.

For Salado ISD students it means the parent and the student need to be active daily in the learning in the lower grades and at jr. high and high school the student has to be able to navigate the technology with some parental help when needed.

There are times the remote learning is a necessity for some students due to medical issues, 504 students, the students that is involved in spring extracurricular activities, for example: UIL activities and students that show livestock animals and are gone sometimes up to a week at a time. The remote learning would help the student and the teacher to keep up with current assignments and grading. Will remote learning work for all grade levels?

With moving to remote learning students should be provided with Chromebooks by the district.

The pandemic has pushed remote learning a step farther in our district and many others that have not offered this before. Learning as we go to provide remote learning will be the wave of the future.

Question 4: Salado ISD is doing a good job preparing students for college but there is a GREAT need to be an advocate with more opportunities for students to help provide job training for those students that are not looking for the academic college education.

In the next three years I would like to see Salado ISD expand:

1. Career Technical Education programs to provide trade education such as these listed: Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources, Architecture and Construction, Arts, Audio Visual Technology, and Communications, Architecture and Construction, Arts, Audio Visual Technology, and Communications, Business, Marketing and Finance, Education and Training, Health Science, Hospitality and Tourism, Human Services, Law and Public Service, Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, Transportation, Distribution and Logistics

The above programs are currently offered at school districts around our area. I believe we should strive to start out with more Agricultural, Automotive, Carpentry, Plumbing, Digital, Design and Multimedia Arts, Health fields such as CMA, Pharmacy Tech, Lab Tech and Culinary Arts. We have local business resources that can also help as internships and being mentors.

Question 5: I feel with having over 30 years as a classroom teacher and coach I have insight into what students and educators need in their everyday experiences. Students being successful is what I am an advocate for. With my classroom experience I know what everyday is like at school and I look forward

to helping our teachers have a good work environment with the tools they need to help students be successful.

I plan to question, research and make decisions the Salado ISD Board of Trustees has before them for the benefit of the students, teachers and community. My policy also will be that parents and/or tax payers can contact me with their concerns.

Let's keep doing great things during this bad time with our students and move forward into 2021 and beyond.



Savannah Hennig

Question 1: Safety at our schools is of utmost importance to me, and we must continually evaluate the security and safety of our facilities. At the rate Salado is growing and with our schools' proximities to I-35, first and foremost our facilities must be secure. Furthermore, to deter unwanted activity we must create a safe perception. The presence of a School Resource Officer (SRO) helps accomplish both of these items while also allowing for an almost immediate response time should an incident occur. For these reasons, an SRO was recommended by Salado ISD's Safety and Security Committee. While I would love to see this program expanded with an SRO on each campus, I believe our district must be larger before this can occur. Eventually, the necessity for more than one officer will need to be re-evaluated as we continue to grow.

Question 2: Salado ISD has grown by approximately 100 students per year for the past seven years. While it may appear that growth did not happen this year, we must first recognize the role COVID-19 is playing. COVID-19 has caused enrollment across many districts in Texas to go down an average of 5% over last year due to families choosing other education options. Salado ISD is one of the few districts in our area that did not lose enrollment this year. Instead, we grew enough to not only offset the approximately 100 students who unenrolled, but also have an overall increase in students. I view this as incredibly positive for our district and proof that our district is still growing, despite COVID-19, and needs to continue to plan for growth.

Question 3: Our teachers and staff have worked tirelessly on providing the best remote learning instruction possible during this pandemic, and I am in awe of their dedication, creativity, and perseverance. They are working extremely hard to give our students the best education possible during these unprecedented times, but there are some items that would need to be addressed before making

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JV Eagles

Salado JV Eagles ran over Jarrell 36-6 at home Oct. 22.

Scoring drives/big plays: Adam Benavides had a 40 yard interception return for a TD in the first quarter.

Two Eagles scored in the second quarter: Nolan Miller on an 11 yard run, and Kye Hayes with a 12 yard run. Darius Wilson secured a TD in the third quarter on a 1 yard run. Jeff Bauser had the last score for the JV Eagles in the fourth quarter on a 3 yard run.

Outstanding Offensive Players: Darius Wilson, Kade Hayes, Kyle Gouveia.

Outstanding Defensive Players: Adam Benavides, Dray McLane, Nathan Hanscom.

Salado JV Eagles have a Team Record of 7-2.



(PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)

Nolan Miller gets past the Jarrell defenders to score an 11 yard touchdown for the JV Eagles in their win.

Freshman Eagles

Salado Freshman Eagles beat the visiting Jarrell Cougar 34-8 Oct. 22.

Scoring drives/big plays: CB AJ Fach had an INT RET for a TD in the first quarter. CB Morgan Adams had an INT RET for 27 yards. LB Dusty Rhiddlehoover had an INT. CB Jack Ingram had a hard hit for a Forced Fumble recovered by Lexy Wilson. All PATs were kicked by K Daniel Chtay.

Outstanding Offensive Players: Kase Maedgen rushed for 87 yards and 2 TD. Dusty Rhiddlehoover rushed for 79 yards and 1 TD. Jackson Husung rushed for 68 yards and 1 TD.

Outstanding Defensive Players: S Jackson Bragg, CB AJ Fach, LB Dusty Rhiddlehoover, CB Morgan Adams.



(PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)

Freshman Linebacker Dusty Rhiddlehoover grabs an interception in the end zone for the Salado Eagles.

game rushing over 70 yards and one two point conversion. Damonte Foster rushed for over 50 yards to set other players up to score. Damonte Foster also forced a fumble and recovered it. Cade Fenoglio forced a fumble and recovered one as well.

Outstanding Offensive Player: Colin Strickland.

Outstanding Defensive Player: Cade Fenoglio.

7th/8th Grade B Combined

Salado 7th-8th GRade Combined team scored in the final minutes to beat their opponents in Holland 28-20.

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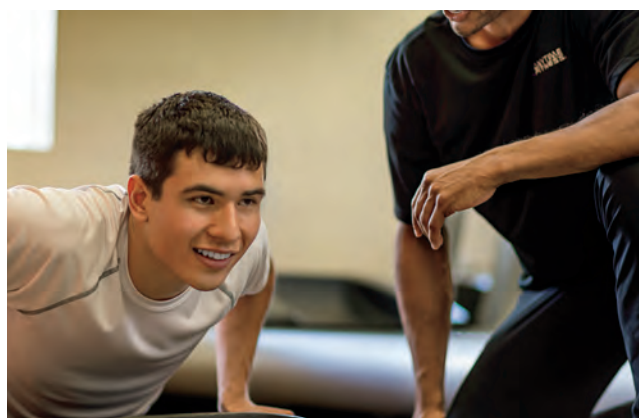
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Salado 7th Grade A team shut out Jarrell 20-0 Oct. 22 on the road.

Scoring drives/big plays: DeVonte Foster rush for over 80 yards with 3 TDs, Colin Strickland had a big



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remote learning a permanent option.

First, remote instruction simply is not as effective as face to face instruction. At the last school board meeting every principal in our district mentioned that a good portion of our remote learners are not as successful in their classes as our face to face students, and because of this, many students are choosing to come back to the classroom. Second, remote instruction is incredibly burdensome on our teachers, and I do not believe their current workload is sustainable long term. Creating solutions for these items is a priority before we could consider establishing remote instruction as a permanent option.

Question 4: Salado High School has roughly 650 students, and 390 of those participate in our FFA program. This is an exceptionally large program in our district and currently, these students are working in facilities that are in dire need of updating. The barns need improvements such as plumbing, electrical, covered walkways, heaters, and gutters. Our Ag shop needs an upgraded transformer to supply enough electric current to our welders, and they need additional welding equipment to improve safety when dealing with heavy metal. We must adequately support one of our largest

high school programs by budgeting for these items and updating their facilities. Furthermore, I will advocate for a student survey that gathers interest in additional vocational programs, and then based on the demand, encourage pursuing how we can meet that need.

Question 5: Salado Village Voice has done an excellent job asking questions that have led to a discussion of our academic and athletic successes, vocational programs, school safety, technology, facilities, classroom capacity, district growth, taxes, teacher salaries, student transfer policy, COVID-19, and remote learning. I am thankful to have had the opportunity to share my thoughts on these topics, and I value each reader who has taken the time to familiarize themselves with the school board candidates.

My desire to serve on the board is genuine, and I come without an agenda. I have been attending board meetings for the past year so that if elected, I am already aware of current issues and topics and can be an impactful member on the board from day one. I have proactively received my Open Meetings Act Training Certification so that I am aware of how meetings must be conducted. I have also familiarized myself with Salado ISD's budget,

student handbook, and student code of conduct. I am dedicated to serving on the board to the best of my ability, and I would humbly appreciate your vote.



Troy Smith

Question 1: The safety and security of our students must be our top priority. It is critical that our students and staff feel safe when they are on campus. In 2019, we added a police officer to the district to increase safety around the campuses. The Salado ISD Safety and Security Committee was also started in order to give the district feedback and recommendations on a host of security topics. This committee is comprised of parents, school board members, administration, local law enforcement, and military personnel. Over the last few years, we have added several security features. These include additional security fencing, security cameras, key card readers, as well as a security vestibule at

our elementary school. All of these implements help protect our students. I do believe that as our district grows, we should consider adding officers, but this will need to be considered within our overall safety and security plan.

Question 2: Despite the challenges facing everyone this year, Salado is still growing faster than many districts in our area. Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, a significant number of students chose to home school this year. While our enrollment is higher than last year, many districts enrollment has declined. There are benefits and drawbacks to lower than budgeted enrollment numbers. One drawback is that lower enrollment impacts our maintenance and operations budget, and we need our M&O budget for the day to day operations of the school district. However, lower than projected enrollment does give us more time to enjoy the space we have with fewer students per square foot of instructional space. Importantly, the Texas Education Agency instituted a "hold harmless" rule this year that allows our district to receive its projected funding for at least the first 18 weeks of school despite our lower than projected enrollment numbers.

Question 3: Preparing students for their fu-

ture should be our mission and we should be open to a diverse curriculum to achieve this goal. The Texas Education Agency and the state legislature decide how funding flows from the state to school districts. For this school year, we are being funded whether a student is learning remotely or in person. If the state does not extend the remote learning agreement, we will not receive funding for students who remain remote learners. Long term, I do not believe we should be offering remote learning if we are able to get back to having all learners in person. Remote learning doubles the workload on the faculty that are required to educate students both in person and remotely. While our teachers are doing a great job under the circumstances, I do not believe we need to require it of them long-term. While we will be prepared if we are required to go fully remote again, I believe our goal should be to get all the students back in the classroom as it is safe to do so.

Question 4: Families move to Salado for the small community and the great schools. We need to work to keep this expectation going forward. One goal for our district should be to continue growing and expanding our curriculum. As mentioned in my previous columns, we need to

continue to offer competitive academic programs. We need to build on programs like OnRamps, WIT and AVID. In addition, I would like to see growth in our agriculture, health sciences, and computer science programs. As appropriate, we should also expand our accelerated placement courses in our middle school and high school. Our curriculum needs to be varied and robust enough to prepare all our students for college and the competitive work environment they will face after completing their education in Salado.

Question 5: Salado ISD's mission statement is to "empower today's youth to be leaders in a global society through educational excellence." I am running for re-election because I believe in this mission and I want Salado ISD to continue to achieve educational excellence for current and future students. Despite the struggles we have all faced this year, we need to continue to focus on making the decisions that put our students and families in the best position for success. As a long-term community member, local business owner, and father of three SISD students, I believe I am qualified to serve our school district. Thank you for taking the time to read our answers and for caring about our school district.

SISD trustees approve district, campus improvement plans

The Salado ISD School Board met on Monday, October 19. The following is a summary of that meeting:

- The Board discussed the annual English as a Second Language (ESL) report.
- The Board discussed the change in election judge.

Superintendent's Corner

by Dr. Michael Novotny



- The Board discussed our three year enrollment comparison. We currently have 2,080 students, as compared to 2,074 students in October 2019 and

1,946 students in October 2018.

- The Board reviewed our monthly financial reports.
- The Board approved the minutes from the September 21 school board meeting.
- The Board approved the district and cam-

pus improvement plans.

- The Board approved budget amendments.
- The Board approved the purchase of a truck.
- The Board approved the purchase of Chromebook cases.
- The Board approved the 2020 Tax Roll

per Texas Property Code Section 26.09(e)

- The Board discussed our remote learning plan.
- Our next regular school board meeting will be held on Monday, November 16, at 6 p.m. at the Salado ISD Civic Center, located at 601 North Main Street.



Troy Smith... for reelection to Salado ISD school board

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- *BA Economics University of North Texas
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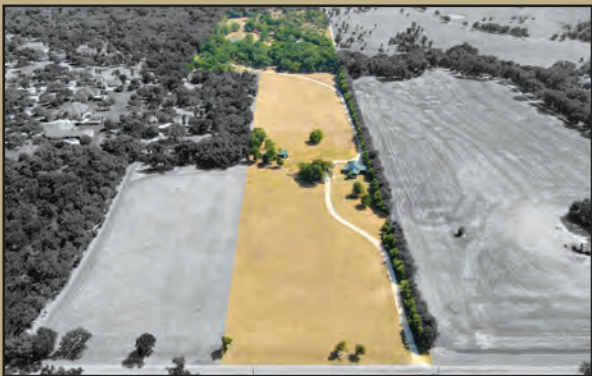
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10/22/2020	INTERSTATE 35, Salado	Motor Vehicle Accident
10/22/2020	SPRING CREEK LP, Bell County	Difficulty Breathing
10/23/2020	MARY LN, Bell County	Authorized controlled burn
10/23/2020	BIG BROOKE DR, Bell County	Fire Alarm
10/24/2020	AWESOME AVE, Bell County	Possible Drowning
10/24/2020	FM 2484, Bell County	Chest Pain
10/24/2020	STINNETT MILL RD, Bell County	Sick Person

Total On-Scene Time: 32 Hours 9 Minutes

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3217 Stratford Dr
View this luxurious home with magnificent trees & a porte-cochre grand entry. Step inside, & you will be welcomed with high ceilings & grand staircase.
\$459,900

121 Eagle Rock
Extraordinary home inside and out, custom all the way from the floors to the hand painted ceilings. Step through these beautiful double doors and into your next piece of Salado countryside, only minutes from downtown!
\$585,000

2821 Sulphur Wells Rd
A very detailed custom home with approx 4,900 sq ft. The property is overlooking 37 beautifully wooded acres including a separate guest house.
\$1,750,000

8336 Spring Creek Loop
S & G ventures does it again with this stunning modern hill country style home. You'll notice the contrasting black and gold accents immediately as you walk through the doors of this beauty.
\$449,500

SOLD
1146 Shepherd DR, Salado
One of a kind English Cottage home set in a tranquil neighborhood. Once you enter, notice the beautiful hardwood floors throughout the entire downstairs
\$349,900

806 Hillcrest Dr
Extraordinary Mill Creek "House on the hill" w/true southern charm. Wonderful view from master balcony--spacious master bath, upgraded kitchen, finite details & craftsmanship throughout.
\$529,900

128 S Main St
EXCELLENT 1.0 ACRE TRACT ON MAIN STREET WITH LARGE LIVE OAK TREES. MAIN STREET HAS JUST RECENTLY BEEN COMPLETED FROM TWO YEARS OF CONSTRUCTION WHICH WILL ENABLE TRAFFIC COUNT BOTH FOOT AND VEHICLES TO INCREASE.
\$575,000

12246 Blackberry Rd
Beautiful home just outside of Salado city limits! Large formal dining, breakfast area, and oversized living room perfect for all your entertaining needs!
\$359,900

8425 Anna's Spring Drive
Randy Taylor brings a beautiful mix of modern flair with traditional warmth inside this modern farmhouse.
\$529,900

903 Rose Way, Salado
Your chance to own this picturesque Bed and breakfast in the heart of downtown Salado
\$950,000

1612 Chisholm Court
Unique townhome in Salado's coveted Mill Creek subdivision. Close to the club house, this lovely home will steal your heart as soon as you walk through the front door!
\$279,000

Royal Ridge Subdivision
10+ Acre tracts of Hill Country acreage minutes from downtown Salado & Mill Creek Golf Course. An abundance of options: Live Oaks, small creek, beautiful bottom land, coastal pastures, hill top views

1152 W FM 218
EXCELLENT HUNTING / WEEKEND RANCH OR PERMANENT HOMESTEAD WITH OVER 3,000 SQUARE FOOT HOME BUILT IN 1976.
\$750,000

9121 Bell Meadow Blvd
The home has approx 4,000 sq ft living area including 4 bedroom 3 and half bath. This home features two master suites, one upstairs master with expansive views and one downstairs master with a large master walk-in closet
\$1,200,648

7105 Smith Dairy Lane
Beautiful Ranch style home on five acres, four sided rock beautifully landscaped with circle cement driveways with shop and fenced area for the horse
\$489,600

1039 Ferguson Mill Rd
Another incredible David Foust Custom Home available in 2020. Located in the beautiful Salado Mills Subdivision offering golf cart access to Salado as well as a beautiful community pool.
\$472,500

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<p>LOTS</p> <p>Mill Creek Meadows - Brand new subdivision with lots on the golf course and mature trees! Starting at \$59,900 with 48 lots available</p> <p>Mystic River - Lots overlooking Leon River. Starting in the \$129,000 for waterfront or \$49,900 for interior lots</p> <p>Spring Creek - Salado's newest community. A must see subdivision off of FM2484 Lots starting at \$60,000</p> <p>1711 Greenmark Trail \$165,000</p> <p>1 Lot in Mill Creek \$29,900</p> <p>9860 Hodge Canyon</p>	<p>NEIGHBORHOODS</p> <p>Spring Creek - Salado's newest neighborhood, West of town on FM2484 Beautiful hardwood trees. The peaceful spot you've been searching for to build your new home. Few miles out of Salado, a short drive from Belton, Harker Heights and Georgetown.</p> <p>Mill Creek Meadows - Dream home on a golf course? Whether you are a golfer or just enjoy overlooking a well-maintained course from your home, Mill Creek Meadows is for you! Gated, community park within strolling distance of Mill Creek Golf Course and a golf cart ride away from Salado shopping and dining.</p> <p>Mystic River - Lots overlooking the Leon River. Neighborhood shaded by a canopy of Live Oak and Pecan trees, walk from your back door to your personal dock at the river bank. Watch the kids plunge into the river from the rope swing, paddle your kayak, all while centrally located between Belton and Temple.</p>	<p>ACREAGE</p> <p>10 Acres along I-35 frontage, sewage available \$1,750,000</p> <p>30 Acres on the Leon River, Belton</p> <p>107 Acres with 4,500 feet on Leon River</p> <p>5 Acres 2251 County Road 234 Georgetown, TX 78633</p> <p>300 Acres 0000 CR 212 Coolidge, TX 76635</p> <p>37.2 Acres 2821 Sulphur Wells Rd Woods of Salado (Starts @ \$99,900)</p>	<p>COMMERCIAL</p> <p>7.695 acre Investment Property in Temple off South 31st ST, \$649,900</p>
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