

## Commissioners approve solar farm tax agreement

By **TIM FLEISCHER**  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Bell County Commissioners at their May 18 meeting unanimously authorized Judge David Blackburn to enter into a Payment in Lieu of Texas agreement with 250LB 8ME, LLC aka Chillingham Solar Farm.

The agreement allows 250LB 8ME, LLC aka Chillingham Solar Farm to make annual payments in lieu of property taxes of \$1,292 per megawatt total nameplate capacity for the solar farm it will construct in east Bell County for a period of 10 years beginning when the solar farm comes online.

The company plans on a maximum nameplate capacity of 200 megawatts, which could result in a maximum of \$2.58 million in payments to Bell County over the 10 year lifespan of the agreement.

The agreement also requires the owner to return the land to its previous state and restore at least the first three feet of depth of the soil on any land disturbed by the Project and Improvements should the solar farm be decommissioned. According to the agreement, "Each Landowner Agreement requires Owner to provide a form of security or financial assurance to the Landowner in the form of a bond, an escrow deposit, letter of credit, corporate guarantee from investment-grade entity, or cash deposit to secure Owner's performance of the Restoration Obligations."

Before authorizing the County Judge to enter into the agreement, the court heard from half a dozen East Bell County residents who spoke during public input on the agenda item.

"I am concerned about the hasty development and its impact on our community," said Stephen Haywood.

"I have a file full of correspondence ... but nothing from the county commissioners," he said, adding, "the areas properties deserve to be informed of a project like this before it gets this far."

"On the surface, it seems to be a financial gain for the county," he added, "Please consider the impact on the ag and residential properties

in the area. They (solar farm developers) want flat, clear land, which also happens to be the most attractive for farming and ranching."

Solar farms, he said "will damage the farming economy in Bell County, which stretches far beyond just the farmers."

"These solar projects cannot compete in the marketplace on their own merit. They require government subsidies."

By providing subsidies to certain businesses, "Bell County government is choosing which businesses should succeed."

Contrasting subsidies to solar farms with subsidies to tech companies, he said, "This is a cannibalizer, not a contributor."

Rhonda Henson told commissioners she had four areas of concern about the process of approving the agreement.

Communication and lack thereof. "March 5th there was a small 2 by 2 ad in the paper in very small print. It was smaller than the Soduko puzzle on the same page. Why was there no article printed or available to those most affected?" she asked.

She added that the first she saw of it was an article in the newspaper the day after a public hearing on the matter. "Many of us just plain didn't know," she said.

Another area of concern is ownership. In the four counties of Bell, Falls, McLennan and Milam that have approved agreements with solar farms, Henson said that "only one company is based in Texas. The others are in North Carolina, California, Illinois and one parent company is in Korea."

Contacting these companies to learn more about their plans has been challenging. "They only had contact via email through their websites," she said. The one company that had a phone number listed had an automated recording "that it was unavailable at this time and to please leave a message."

Another area is employee. The company boasts that there will be 350 jobs during the construction phase, "but there is no guarantee that those jobs will be filled by local residents," she said,

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Flash Flood watches remained in effect for Salado through May 19. Salado Fire Department reported that on May 17 alone, five inches of rain fell in a short time. Low water crossings and other areas were underwater, including Mill Creek Dr at the entrance to Mill Creek, which did not stop this driver from pushing through the water.

## CUWCD approves both well permits for Victory Rock crushing operation

By **TIM FLEISCHER**  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District (CUWCD) after nine hours of contested hearings approved two permits for Victory Rock for its Jarrell rock crusher location in southern Bell County.

The first permit is a temporary permit for the continued operation of an existing well at 7170 Solana Ranch Road to allow for the withdrawal of 2-acre feet/year or 651,702 gallons per year, from the Hensell layer (Middle) of the Trinity Aquifer with a 2-inch column pipe at 18.6 gallons per minute to produce groundwater for the purpose of particulate suppression, mining and crushing aggregates.

The permit will allow Victory Rock to suppress dust on its rock crusher operation in southern Bell County through the end of the year, while the company drills a deeper well to the Lower Trinity aquifer.

The original permit application for the existing well sought approval of 30-acre feet or 9,775,000 gallons per year, but the applicant formally amended the permit application to the 2-acre feet that Victory Rock verbally agreed to in an earlier hearing.

The 2-acre feet, according to CUWCD General Manager Dirk Aaron "is an amount that will not adversely impact well owners within a half-mile radius. This is in contradicton to the 30-acre

feet initial permit application and is why the permit was amended."

What began as a public hearing quickly turned into a contested hearing in which only those who had "standing" in the process were allowed to present evidence before the board.

Input and statements from those without standing, including a letter from the Village of Salado in opposition to either permit, became part of the administrative record, not the evidentiary record of the contest hearing.

Attorney Eric Allmon, representing several of the property owners as well as the newly-formed Salado Creek Water and Air Coalition requested the contested hearing. He further requested that the contested hearing be

conducted by an independent hearing examiner not at the cost of the parties requesting the contested hearing; that a continuance of six weeks be given before the contested hearing and that an allowance be made for discovery to be conducted regarding the permit applications.

"We were not notified that it was the practice of the board to conduct a contested hearing at the same time as a public hearing," Allmon said. "There hasn't been time for discovery."

The board declined to take up any of his requests in the form of a motion or vote. Allmon said that because the cost of a State Office of Administrative Hearings would be \$30,000, it put too much burden on the adjacent prop-

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## Cemetery hosts Memorial Day Service

The Salado Cemetery Association will host the annual Memorial Day Service at 9:30 a.m. May 31 at the Historic Salado Cemetery on Baines Street. Everyone is invited to honor our veterans on this special day and pay tribute to their service to our country.

The purpose of the Memorial Day ceremony is to remember the veterans buried not just in Salado Cemetery but in all of the Salado-area cemeteries, including family

and church cemeteries, by a roll call of their names. All Veteran's grave sites will have flags placed on them before the service by Cemetery Association Board members. The Veterans are from the Texas Revolutionary War, Early Day Rangers, Home Guard, Indian Wars, Mexican War, Confederate and Union Armies, Spanish American War, WWI and II, Korean War, Vietnam War, and from peace time service.

The Memorial Day ceremony will have the colors presented by the Bell County Sheriff's Posse; honors to each of the armed services; and music for the service will be provided by a brass ensemble lead by Clayton Capps. Speaker will be Brigadier General (Ret) Jason Walrath. His last duty assignment was as Deputy Commander, US Army Recruiting Command at Fort Knox, KY. Board member LTC (Ret) Stephen Peters will read the roll call of veterans' names. Taps will be played at the conclusion of the ceremony.

Light refreshments will be served following the closing of the Memorial Day ceremony. Seating will be provided by the Village of Salado.

In case of rain, the Memorial Day service will be held at the Pace Park pavilion. The guidance is: If it is raining at 8 a.m., the service will be moved to Pace Park.

## Salado, Bell cities see explosive growth in sales tax

Things are booming in Bell County. The May sales tax rebates showed increases as high as 63% for Bell County Cities.

The Village of Salado May sales tax payment was almost 59% more than the 2020 payment.

The Village received a payment of \$70,802.73, compared to \$44,669.31 for May 2020. For the year, Salado is running almost 19% ahead, having received \$279,321.07, compared to \$234,913.24 through May 2020.

Other Bell County cities that collect sales tax, saw sizable increases. Harker Heights saw an increase

of 48% over last May. The city received \$1 million this month compared to \$699,509.45 in May 2020.

Salado Public Library District received its May sales tax check of \$53,001.96, which was 39% more than last year's \$38,194.55. For the year, the Library is running 17.2% ahead of 2020, having received \$223,682.99 compared to \$190,808.17 through May 2020.

Bell County had an increase of 47.4% in its May payment. The County received \$2.8 million for the half-cent sales tax it levies, compared to \$1.9 million in May 2020.

### Sales tax rebates for May 2021 to Bell County taxing entities

Entity	Rate	May 2021	May 2020	Change	YTD 2021	YTD 2020	Change
Belton	1.500%	\$736,135.51	\$505,234.37	45.70%	\$2,852,662.58	\$2,455,302.43	16.18%
H. Heights	1.500%	\$1,035,841.09	\$699,509.45	48.08%	\$3,982,660.79	\$3,220,355.56	23.67%
Holland	1.000%	\$9,598.96	\$8,354.01	14.90%	\$43,323.49	\$40,339.33	7.39%
Killeen	1.500%	\$3,411,529.54	\$2,256,639.47	51.17%	\$12,727,332.78	\$10,504,825.65	21.15%
LR-Academy	1.000%	\$12,711.78	\$10,019.03	26.87%	\$52,643.87	\$42,924.92	22.64%
Morgans Point	1.500%	\$39,007.59	\$30,654.62	27.24%	\$140,062.63	\$129,635.29	8.04%
Nolanville	1.500%	\$156,637.74	\$96,477.23	62.35%	\$602,997.59	\$418,072.39	44.23%
Rogers	1.250%	\$10,059.19	\$7,399.43	35.94%	\$43,777.01	\$41,506.04	5.47%
Salado	1.000%	\$70,802.73	\$44,669.31	58.50%	\$279,321.07	\$234,913.24	18.90%
Temple	1.500%	\$3,017,356.89	\$2,123,701.20	42.08%	\$11,567,986.66	\$10,190,008.87	13.52%
Troy	1.500%	\$75,520.45	\$46,442.22	62.61%	\$266,645.97	\$227,673.79	17.11%
Bell	0.500%	\$2,837,352.35	\$1,925,071.42	47.38%	\$11,031,931.66	\$9,185,643.43	20.09%
Salado Library	0.500%	\$53,001.96	\$38,194.55	38.76%	\$223,682.99	\$190,808.17	17.22%

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced that he was sending cities, counties, transit systems and special pur-

pose taxing districts \$1.06 billion in local sales tax allocations for May, 28.4 percent more than in May 2020 and

21.9 percent more than in May 2019.

These allocations are based on sales made in

March by businesses that report tax monthly and sales made in January-March by quarterly filers.

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## Consumer Price Index surge fueled by used car prices

### The Markets

Our old familiar Standard and Poor's 500 Stock Index (SPX) finished out the week at 4173.85, down 1.39% after dipping down to 4153 at the close on Wednesday. The week dip in the Index was credited to the Labor Department's report that the Consumer Price Index (CPI) had gone up about 4.2% since this time last year. By Friday, cooler heads had prevailed, and traders seemed to grasp that 12-month trailing comparisons from the sudden economic shutdown last year were not particularly relevant. The SPX remains up 11.12% year-to-date. Down in the smaller-cap, value-oriented corner of the market, the CRSP US Mid-Cap Value Index slipped only 0.83% and remains up 20.88% this year, indicating that the rotation from larger-cap growth stocks to smaller, value-oriented shares remains underway.

The midweek market dip and the associated headlines that inflation was upon us, and the Federal Reserve would surely soon be raising interest rates and kill the recovery reminded us of the old market aphorism that, "A bull market climbs a wall of worry." History reminds us that as long as the bulls are so easily spooked, the bull market is healthy. The time to be concerned is when the economic indicators turn sour, but the market keeps on soaring.

The yield on the ten-year US Treasury note jumped to just over 1.7% on the CPI report but then slid back to 1.63%, about where it was two weeks ago as the ghost of inflation-yet-to come appeared and then vanished. The West Texas Intermediate crude oil (WTI) futures price seesawed during the week as traders tried to figure out the implications of the Colonial Oil pipeline shutdown but finally wound

### Market & Economic Update

By Jeffrey W. McClure



up with a 1% rise to \$65.47, rising on Friday with the stock market as traders concluded the expansion was still quite healthy.

### The Economy

The market week ending on May 14 was a true slow economics-news week, which did not keep the news media from creating scary headlines and articles. The lead news was that consumer prices as measured by the Consumer Price Index "surged" in April by the most in any 12-month period since, well, 2008, as the Index jumped 4.2% since this time last year. A big part of that rise was the increase in the price of used cars by 10% in just one month. In case you haven't already noticed, fuel prices rose around 50% since last April. 4.2% annual inflation is scary and would indeed likely cause the Fed to react with higher interest rates, but, digging a little deeper reveals something else. If we go back to April 2019 and measure the annualized rate of inflation from there, it only comes to 2.25%, or almost exactly what the Federal Reserve is targeting as the ideal inflation rate. More, it is extremely doubtful that the prices of used cars will rise 50% per month into the future.

Still, it is a valid question to ask what caused the spike in prices and whether or not it is likely to stay with us as future inflation. The answer is that consumers have a lot of cash and their desires and willingness to spend changes far, far faster than the available supply can be ramped up in a complex world. For example, the much-discussed vehicle

computer-chip shortage, is a result of the innovation of having vehicles that will automatically hold a lane, hold a proper distance behind the car in front, automatically brake at stop signs and generally make driving a heck of a lot easier and safer, but all of those functions require computer chips. So, if a family goes to the dealer looking for the smartest new SUV and gets told the waiting list runs into next year, it is suddenly time to buy a used car and the prices start up. Then there is transportation. A lot of long-distance truck drivers retired during the pandemic and new ones are hard to come by. Driving for a week at a time (or more) for 16-hour days in a vehicle bigger than most dinosaurs is not a simple job. Consumer spending jumped 10.7% in March but the transport of what is being bought will take a while to catch up. Ergo: prices rise until things get back in balance.

Speaking of retail spending, the headlines were, "US Retail Spending Flat" followed by negative comments on how there was no real growth in April. Huh? Retail spending rose 10.7% in March and stayed up that high in April. That is good news, not some foreshadowing of a slump to come.

The bottom line here is that the economy is going strong but there are going to be some bumps as we experience the most rapid recovery from a deep recession since the early to mid 1980s. All indicators continue to point to a healthy recovery followed by one of the more robust expansions in our history.

## Thanks Mr. Curb for honesty, bravery; Another writes on plan (or lack) for Park Dr.

### To the Editor:

I read Mr. Curb's letter of April 29th with complete awe. I commend him for pointing out these issues and boldly taking responsibility for these failures.

I agree with most of what Mr. Curb said and feel the same sadness and worry about what is coming for the generations ahead. I know most of us did our best but could never have foreseen the so-called "progress" that so completely changed our world in a decade or the tsunami of greed and dysfunction that permeates most of our most valued institutions. Styles and cultures change but usually not this fast or this universally. There

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seems to be no escape from the invasive and demoralizing presence of the "news" that spouts everyone's opinion and everyone's "truth". And where we used to believe as citizens we can change our institutions for the better, we no longer can fight the unlimited money of the lobbyists or the corporations.

So thank you Mr. Curb for, what is in my opinion, your honesty and your bravery.

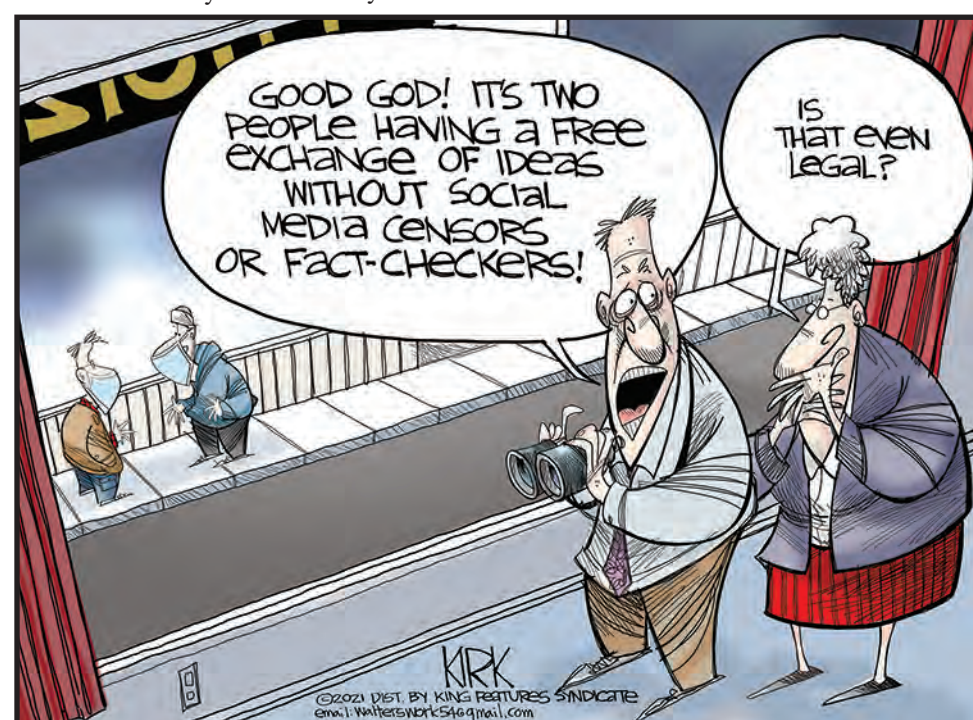
This is something we all needed to hear.

Karen P. Kinnison  
Salado

### To the Editor:

Drive down Park Street. For as long as I can remember, I have heard this problem is "being addressed." Really? What is the plan? Where is the communication with the citizens? Where is the action?

Don Stouder  
Salado



## Biden's Child Care Folly

Joe Biden has a New Deal for America's kids.

He wants to spend more than \$225 billion on child care for infants and toddlers, and \$200 billion for free, universal preschool for 3- and 4-year-olds.

This is being hailed as a social revolution that will finally bring the United States in line with other advanced democracies.

In reality, it's a program that shows a pronounced class bias. And since it is heedless of the experience of other such mass programs in the United States and around the world, the Biden approach is also likely to fail to achieve its goals. It's just not true, as the Biden program assumes, that parents of young children are eager to shuttle them off to industrialized daycare or pre-K programs. An extensive survey for the populist thinktank American Compass found a stark class divide in how couples think about child care. The survey asked couples if they preferred to have one parent working full time while the other parent provides child care in the home, or to have both parents working and using child care full time. One parent working was the preference of strong majorities of working-class (68%) and lower-class couples (58%), with a plurality of middle-class couples (38%) agreeing. Only a plurality of upper-class couples preferred the child care option (44%).

So, Biden is talking about using taxpayer dollars to create as a default an arrangement that most parents would rather avoid.

Then, there are outcomes. In a paper earlier this year for the Manhattan

### Rich Lowry



Institute, researcher Max Eden reviewed the literature.

The programs that have produced the most remarkable positive outcomes over the years tend to be small, expensive, and very difficult to replicate.

On the other side of the ledger, there's the Quebec Family Policy. The Canada province developed a crash program in the late 1990s that rapidly expanded child care with generally deleterious effects. Researchers found increased behavioral, social, and health problems for the kids, and interestingly, worse outcomes for parents, too. The results were, in the words of one authoritative study, "striking in their consistent indication of a substantial negative impact of universal child care on children in two-parent families."

The exception in Quebec, per another study, was children from single-parent families, where positive results were "particularly large for individuals at the very bottom of the distribution."

The Quebec outcomes, as Eden notes, accord with what's been found elsewhere -- child care is best for disadvantaged children and worst for children from two-parent families.

As for pre-K, the largest study of Head Start, the federal program for low-income children, found any early benefits faded by the third grade. Other research has been more en-

couraging. But a rigorous, randomized control study of low-income kids in an extensive pre-K program in Tennessee showed initial gains washed away and then, over time, participants had worse academic and behavioral outcomes.

The research of James Heckman, a Nobel Prize-winning economist at the University of Chicago who studied one of the most successful programs, is often cited by advocates of the Biden plan. In an interview last year, though, Heckman stipulated that he has never supported universal pre-K. He said the benefits of a loving, engaged family have never been adequately measured.

"Public preschool programs can potentially compensate for the home environments of disadvantaged children," Heckman said. "No public preschool program can provide the environments and the parental love and care of a functioning family and the lifetime benefits that ensue."

All of this would suggest taking a cautious approach focused on the least-advantaged kids rather than moving full-speed ahead on a massive federal expenditure to get as many kids into daycare and pre-K as possible, probably through the existing structure of public schools.

But, in a desperate rush to spend another \$4 trillion, Joe Biden wants his New Deal for kids -- whether it's good for them or not.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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The Salado Ladies Community League's raffle at the Salado Cowboy Poetry and Music Festival resulted in the Walls of San Antonio winning a handsome wooden rocking chair donated by Brookshire Brothers.

## Deadline to get Fine China Luncheon Tickets is June 1

Ticket sales are going rapidly for the 14th Annual Fine China Luncheon hosted by the Salado Area Republican Women. The event will be at the Blue Heron Room of Tenroc Ranch on Tuesday, June 8. The event starts at 11:30 a.m. but doors will open at 10:45 a.m. for guests to view the beautiful tables and to vote for their favorite table. First and second place awards will be given for the more favorite tables. There will be 25 fancy tables with some decorated by local businesses. Classic

Catering of Temple will furnish the meal. Tickets must be purchased by June 1.

Entertainment will be a fashion show courtesy of Susan Marie's and H and H Décor and Fashions. Both

shops have promised attendees will receive a 10 percent discount coupon for use after the event.

Proceeds from the fundraiser go toward funding civic, educational, military and political campaigns; copies of the U.S. Constitutions to new voters; contributions to area school libraries and two annual high school scholarships. Tickets are \$30 and may be purchased by mailing a check made out to SARW, Pac; P.O. Box 373; Salado, TX 7657. Reserved tables of 7 or 8 are available but are limited due to rapid ticket sales. Tickets may also be purchased at the two stores who will be providing the fashion show. For more information contact Sherril Gardipee at sherril.gardipee@gmail.com or at 254 760-5738.

## Grace Church VBS June 6-10, preregister now

Grace Church Salado invites children who have completed Pre-K through the fifth grade to join them for Destination Dig Vacation Bible School 6-8 p.m. June 6-10 at the church located at 5798 FM 2484.

Destination Dig VBS is where kids will unearth more than just dirt. As junior archaeologists, they'll discover real-life archaeological finds that have helped uncover the truth about Jesus. They'll learn what it means to follow Jesus while they play games, enjoy crafts, and sing together. VBS 2021 is headed to present-day Israel where discovery awaits at Destination Dig. Kids will dig up exciting evidence that proves biblical events were not just stories.

Along the way, they'll discover the truth of Jeremiah 29:13, that God reveals Himself to us when we seek and search for Him with all our hearts.

On June 10, Family Night will include dinner and activities for the whole family.

You can pre-register your children by visiting <https://gracesalado.com/events/vbs2021>.



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# First Baptist Youth Summer Activities

**ENCOUNTER WEEK SUMMER CAMP**  
First Baptist Church of Salado invites youth in seventh through 12th grade

to attend Encounter Week Summer Camp at Riverbend Retreat Center in Glen Rose June 7-11.

During the week campers will spend intentional time diving into God's word, worshipping our Creator, and having a whole lot of fun.

Each summer Riverbend comes alive as thousands of young people come to spend, what for many is one of the most life-changing weeks of their lives. This summer, Riverbend will host many sessions of camp with over 10,000 campers.

Riverbend staff works with each group to provide excellent facilities, food, and activities such as two Blobs, water volleyball, and basketball, jungle, zip line,

and archery as well as other recreation activities.

For more information and to register your youth for the camp, visit [www.fbcsalado.org/encounter](http://www.fbcsalado.org/encounter).

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# SISD trustees choose Aycock as Asst. Supt.

Congratulations to Dr. Beth Aycock, Salado High School Principal, for being selected as our new assistant superintendent. Dr. Aycock will replace Burt Smith who will be retiring after nine years in our school district – two years as the principal of Salado High School and seven years as the assistant superintendent.

We received 63 applications for this position. Our selection committee included eight members:

Paul Baird, athletic director

Mike Brooks, chief operations officer

Melanie Kasper, director of special programs

Katie Mullins, elementary school principal

Dr. Michael Novotny, superintendent

Dr. Ted Smith, middle school principal

Brandy Stanford, chief financial officer

Rex Threatt, instructional technology specialist

The committee reviewed the applications and selected five candidates to interview. Those five candidates included three principals, an assistant superintendent, and a superintendent.

After interviewing those five candidates, all eight of the selection committee members selected Dr. Beth Aycock, Salado High School Principal, as our top choice. The school board approved Dr. Aycock's selection at the board meeting this past Monday, May 17.

Dr. Aycock earned Bachelor of Science (B.S.) and

## Superintendent's Corner

by Dr. Michael Novotny



Salado ISD has announced that Dr. Beth Aycock will be the new Assistant Superintendent.

and Master of Arts (M.A.) degrees from Tarleton State University and a Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) degree from Texas A&M University – Commerce. She has served as a principal for eight years in our school district – five years at Salado Intermediate School and three years at Salado High School.

We will now begin the selection process for the new principal at Salado High School. So far we have received 26 applications for this position.

Congratulations again to Dr. Beth Aycock for being selected as our new assistant superintendent and to Burt Smith on his upcoming retirement!

# Powder Puff Football May 20 pits Seniors vs. unders

Salado senior girls will take on the junior and sophomore girls in a friendly, but competitive, tradition, the Power Puff Football game at 6 p.m. May 20 at SHS Football Stadium.

Tickets will be \$5, sold at the gate for this flag football game.

Concessions will be provided by the Pitt Family who will grill up burgers, hot dogs, sausage wraps and pork sandwiches. Water, sodas and Gatorade will also be sold. All proceeds from the concession will go to the Class of 2021.

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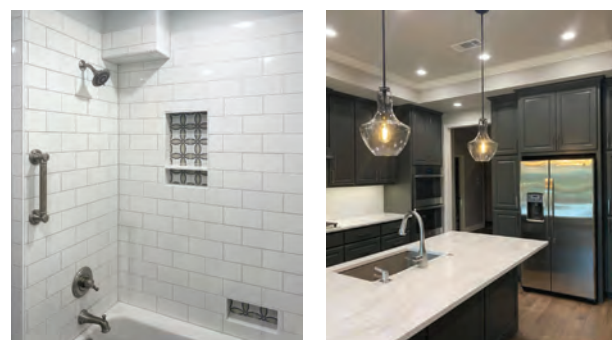
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Olivia Salter, freshman at Salado High School, takes first place in the mixed media category at the 2021 Congressional Art Competition. There were seventy-seven entries; and the jurors chose the top three artworks from six different categories: drawing, painting, mixed media, collage, photography, and computer-generated. There was one “Best of Show” artwork which will represent the district in Washington D.C. for an entire year. The awards reception was held on May 8 at Texas State University at Round Rock. Congressman John Carter presented a heart-warming welcome and awarded the winners with a ribbon and congressional certificate. Olivia, who also participates in marching band and One-Act Play, is planning to take Advanced Art next year. If you would like to see all winning artwork, you may visit <https://carter.house.gov/press-releases/carter-announces-2021-congressional-art-competition-winners>.

## Lander wins state contest for his documentary film

Three Salado High students won four State awards from the UIL Interscholastic League Press Conference Film contest for 2021.

Daniel Lander won the state championship in documentary. Lander’s documentary film chronicling the SHS Cross Country team’s path to the State Meet can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UJ8T8XcLWZo>

Lander also won second place for General Sports Story, which reported on the Eagles cross country team success at the Tenroc Ranch Cross Country event. It can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vNMycYFybgE>

Tyler Anderson won third place in the Promotion/Commercial/PSA category. Anderson created a trailer for the Dead by Daylight game. It can be viewed at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GX6\\_CPLPyLs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GX6_CPLPyLs)



Daniel Lander won the UIL ILPC Young Filmmakers state contest for his documentary film. (COURTESY PHOTOS)

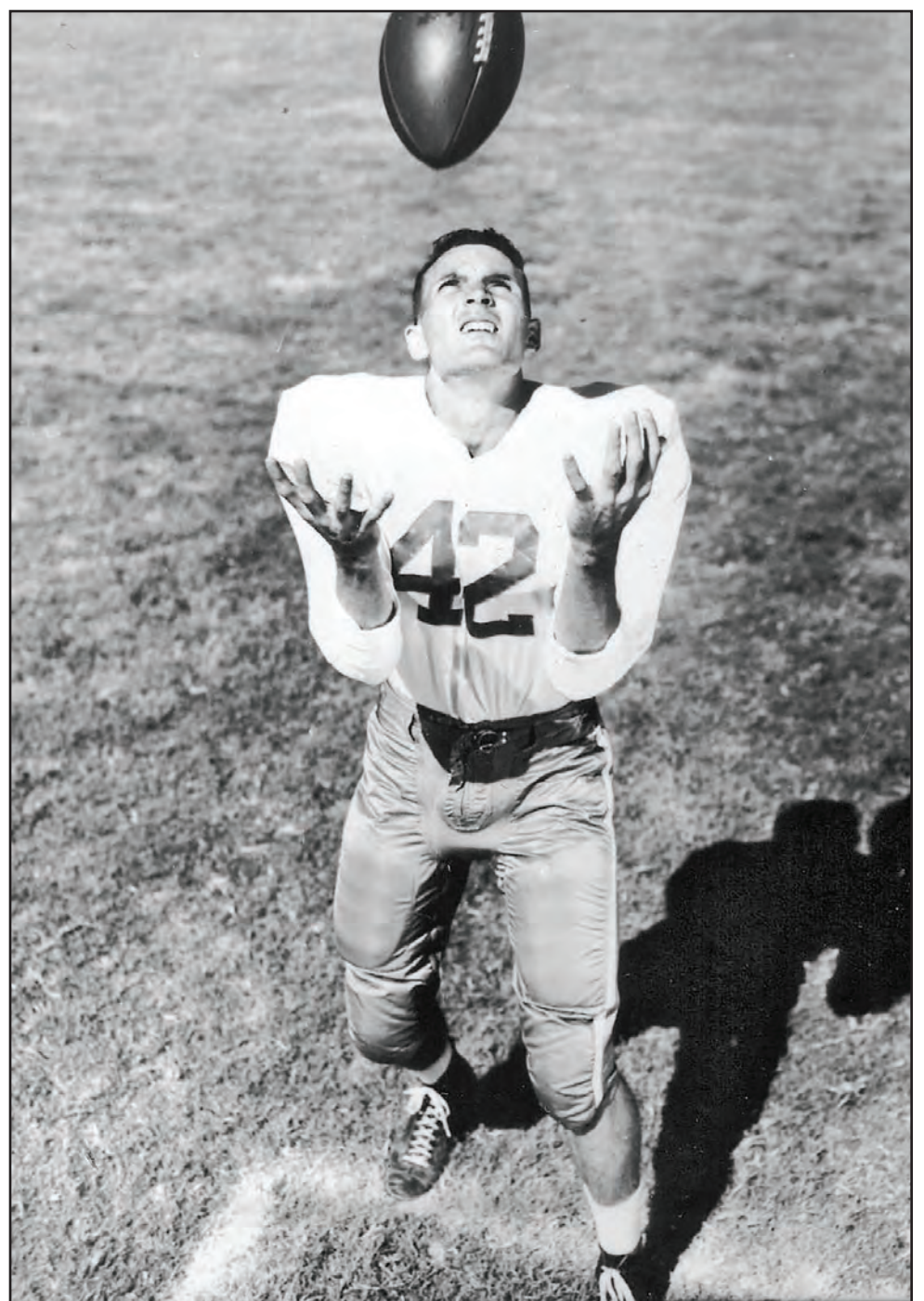
Grace Beene won third place in state in the Feature Story category. Her one minute film goes be-

hind the scenes of Salado Theater. It can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PDGTKdcSBM4>.




Girls’ Salado Spirit ‘05 Team - won first place in the 2021 South Texas (STX) Director’s Cup District Tournament in San Antonio on April 24-25. Their defense played 4 perfect games against SA City West (2-0), Bastrop Inferno (0-0), Austin Lonestar (1-0), and Elgin United (1-0).


L-R: Sydney Lange, Alejandra Lopez-Kelly, Angelica Rivera, Ashley Ortiz, Melanie Morrow, Leyla Peralta, Kaylin Greger, Payton Cunningham, Ashlyn Stouder, Emily Havelka, Reese Lange, Jillian Taylor



Bobby Dillon was a Temple High standout, University of Texas All-American, and NFL Pro Bowler. Dillon, along with many other athletes, is featured in “Bell County Sports” at the Bell County Museum. (COURTESY-TEXAS SPORTS HALL OF FAME.)



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## Bell County Sports open at Bell Museum

The Bell County Museum’s newest exhibit, “Bell County Sports,” is now open and will remain open through Aug. 31.

The exhibit features many of the athletes, teams, and coaches who helped establish a legacy of athletic achievement in Bell County. The museum is open noon-5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday. Admission is free.

“Our sports exhibit is the result of an enormous effort from our communities, trustees, and staff. In gathering this many sports-related stories and artifacts, we certainly learned new things, and hope the same is true for our visitors,” said museum Executive Director Coleman Hampton. “Visitors will learn something new, leave with happy memories, and get inspired by the perseverance and grit that has always been part of sports in

Bell County,” he continued. “Bell County Sports” features a wide spectrum of schools, athletes, teams, and coaches. Visitors will learn about Killeen track champion Regina Cavanaugh, Temple coach Bob McQueen, Belton wide receiver Robert Ford, Troy baseball great Craig McMurtry, and many more. Also featured: Bell County school districts, University of Mary Hardin Baylor, and Temple College.

The exhibit is not an encyclopedic history of sports in Bell County. It is an overview of countywide achievement in sport over the past 120 years. Using artifacts, photographs, and storytelling, the museum offers visitors a fresh look at Bell County sports history and hopes to generate conversations about the thousands of people that are part of that great tradition.

# SISD announces schedule for summer sports camps

Salado ISD has announced its plans for Summer athletic camps to begin in June.

## June 1-4

Boys Basketball Camp 1 for incoming third through sixth graders, SHS Gym, 8:30-10:30 a.m. \$50 per camper. Call 254-947-6970 or email kenny.mann@saladoisd.org to register.

## June 1-4

Boys Basketball Camp 2 for incoming seventh through ninth graders, SHS Gym, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. \$50 per camper. Call 254-947-6970 or email kenny.mann@saladoisd.org to register.

## June 7-10

Girls Basketball Camp 1 for incoming first through fifth graders, SHS Gym, 8-10 a.m. \$50 per camper. Call 254-947-6970 or email diane.konarik@saladoisd.org to register.

## June 7-10

Girls Basketball Camp 2 for incoming sixth through ninth graders, SHS Gym, 11 a.m.-12:45 p.m. \$50 per camper. Call 254-947-6970 or email diane.konarik@saladoisd.org to register.

## June 15-17

Baseball Camp 1 for incoming third through sixth graders, SHS Baseball Field, 8-9:45 a.m. \$50 per camper. Call 254-947-6970 or email emery.atkisson@saladoisd.org to register.

## June 15-17

Baseball Camp 2 for incoming seventh through ninth graders, SHS Baseball Field, 11 a.m.-12:45 p.m. \$50 per camper. Call 254-947-6970 or email emery.atkisson@saladoisd.org to register.

## June 15-17

Softball Camp 1 for incoming third through sixth graders, SHS Softball Field, 8-10 a.m. \$50 per camper. Call 254-947-6970 or email scott.vasquez@saladoisd.org to register.

## June 15-17

Softball Camp 2 for incoming seventh through ninth graders, SHS Softball Field, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. \$50 per camper. Call 254-947-6970 or email scott.vasquez@saladoisd.org to register.

## June 1-4

Girls Soccer Camp 1, incoming Kindergartners through second graders, SHS Stadium, 8:30-10 a.m., \$50.



Athletic camps return this summer. (FILE PHOTO)

Call 254-947-6970 or email michael.goos@saladoisd.org to register.

## June 1-4

Girls Soccer Camp 2, incoming third through eighth graders, SHS Stadium, 10:30 a.m.-12 noon, \$50. Call 254-947-6970 or email michael.goos@saladoisd.org to register.

## June 4

Soccer 3v3 World Cup Tournament, incoming Kindergartners through eighth graders, SHS Stadium, 6-8 p.m. \$25 per player. Call 254-947-6970 or email michael.goos@saladoisd.org to register.

## July 26-30

Boys Soccer Camp 1, incoming Kindergartners through second graders, SHS Stadium, 9-10:30 a.m., \$50. Call 254-947-6970 or email jared.cruddas@saladoisd.org to register.

## July 26-30

Boys Soccer Camp 2, incoming third through eighth graders, SHS Stadium, 10:45 a.m.-12:14 p.m., \$50. Call 254-947-6970 or email jared.cruddas@saladoisd.org to register.

## July 12-15

Football Camp 1, incoming second through eighth graders, SHS Stadium, 9 a.m.-12 noon, \$50. Call 254-947-6970 or email alan.haire@saladoisd.org to register.

## July 26-29

Football Camp 2, incoming ninth graders only, SHS practice field, 9-11 a.m., \$50. Call 254-947-6970 or email alan.haire@saladoisd.org to register.

## July 16

Eagle Air It Out, incoming sixth through eighth graders only, SHS Stadium, 8-10 a.m. \$25. Call 254-947-6970 or email alan.haire@saladoisd.org to register.

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## July 28-30

Volleyball Camp 2 for incoming seventh through ninth graders, SHS gym, hours to be determined, \$50. Call 254-947-6970 or email kristi.wilk@saladoisd.org to register.

## June 1-July 29

Salado High School Boys Eagle Performance Camp, 7:30-9:15 a.m., Salado High School weight room, Mondays through Thursdays, \$75. Call 254-947-6970 or email alan.haire@saladoisd.org to register.

## June 1-July 2

Salado Junior High School Boys Eagle Performance Camp, 9:30-10:45 a.m., Salado High School, Mondays through Thursdays, \$75. Call 254-947-6970 or email alan.haire@saladoisd.org to register.

## June 1-July 16

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# CUWCD FROM PAGE 1A

erty owners requesting the contested hearing through that process.

"It is a violation of due process," he said. "It is not accurate to say that those rights are being provided if we have to pay for it."

After retiring into the first of two executive sessions of the meeting, the board went forward with the request for a contested hearing and explained the ground rules for the contested hearing. Those with standing would be given a chance to make comments and to ask questions of an evidentiary nature of the other parties.

The board heard comments from Scott Cusick, president of Victory Rock, who said that he "learned of the quarry from an operator that helped build I-35 initially."

He added that the quarry had been abandoned and "treated like a dump. We are cleaning it up while preparing for the mining operation."

The existing well permit is to allow for dust suppression. The new well permit is to allow for dust suppression "but primarily to wash and condition aggregates." Victory Rock has been issued a standard air quality permit from Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to allow for the operation of a temporary rock crusher at the site. A Minor New Source Review Air Permit is pending from TCEQ to allow three rock crushers on the property to operate 20 hours per day, 365 days per year.

The existing well permit is within a half-mile of two non-exempt wells and nine exempt wells. CUWCD had the following recommendations for Victory Rock: Standard N2 requirements

of meter and production reporting and a measuring tube; consider automated water-level monitoring; conduct a 24 hour pumping test and coordinate data collection with CUWCD staff.

During interrogation, Cusick said that if the CUWCD turned down the temporary, existing permit application, that "it wouldn't stop the quarry operations. It would just make them much more expensive." Victory Rock would purchase water from Jarrell for dust suppression.

"As soon as the 30-acre feet well is drilled, we will turn the existing 2-acre feet well back to ag use for the landowner," Cusick said.

Aaron reported that there are no existing Lower Trinity Aquifer wells within one mile of the proposed new well.

Resident Marcus Edwards requested four things from CUWCD regarding the permits. For the 2-acre permit, he requested that the duration of it be tied to a timetable for construction of the deeper well, not the end of the year. "This would minimize the impact on adjacent properties that have wells in the Middle Trinity," he said.

He requested that the applicant be required to have a Stormwater Pollution Plan, a Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure plan in place before issuing the permit.

He requested that Victory Rock be required to conduct a geological assessment, which would be required south of Bell County. "There are caves located directly downwater from the quarry," he said.

He requested that Victory Rock be required not only monitor its own wells, but adjacent property

wells that are in either the Edwards or Trinity aquifers "to make sure that Edwards Aquifer or Middle Trinity are not being affected by this."

"We want them to have water," Emily DeWeese said. "You should come out there. It is hard to breathe."

DeWeese said that since the temporary crusher began, that her children's asthma and allergies were much worse than ever before.

Following all of the testimony in the contested hearing, the board adjourned into executive session. Once in open session (at 9:34 p.m.), the board voted favorably for Scott Brooks motion which was seconded by Jody Williams. Leland Gersbach, Gary Young and David Cole joined Brooks and Williams in voting in favor.

The motion was to approve the permit for 30 acre feet per year out of Lower Trinity with several special conditions before the well is operational, including the following:

- Your aggregate production operation registration.
- Having an SWPP in place.
- Having an SPCC in place.
- Air quality standard permit for temporary rock crusher
- Having the Minor NRS air permit, when approved.
- Having a sealed site plan with the retention pond and all components in place.

During the construction phase, having the district work with the well driller and well design consultant to accomplish the geophysical log at the expense of Clearwater. and having a minimum 24-hour pump test when the well is completed.

# Solar farm FROM PAGE 1A

adding "after construction, there will only be two full-time workers."

In Bell County, 5,500 acres of leased ag land will be lost due to these types of agreements, according to Henson. In the central Texas area, that number is over 20,000 acres. "Farmers and ranchers are losing acres that they have leased for many years. How many local jobs will be lost due to that?" she asked.

Land values. Henson said that in a time when the central Texas real estate market is seeing increases in values every year, properties that are within six miles of a solar farm are actually losing value, according to values Henson said she found on McLennan County appraisal district.

"These values should definitely be going up not down," she said, adding that "ag land is being thrown away with what appears to be little thought.

"What negative impacts were discussed by the board before you voted?" Bobby Henson asked commissioners. "The harm to our community would be great."

"Why did you side with an out of state company that will take its profits out of state and not even consider the impact on the residents?" he added.

"We had 50-60 people speak out against the windmill site and it really didn't seem to make a difference," Robert Fleming said. "And here we go again. You are looking at 30,000 acres of land that will be taken out of production in central Texas. You have have been caught up in the tsunami of money."

Gregory Long said that he is "right in the middle of this project from the maps I have seen. I do not have a lot to say in opposition to installation of the solar operation."

Long said that someday his children will decide about the future of the land. "If I can provide them an opportunity today with something that isn't harmful and that there is an opportunity for remediation if the project were to go away, then I do not see it as a los-

ing proposition."

"If the company has so much money," Augustus Fleming said, "then why do they need a tax abatement?"

Fleming spoke about "solar graveyards" dotting the landscape "when these companies go bankrupt. "They don't hold the contracts up. They have no restrictions on what they do. The decommissioning process is 12 years down the road. What is left when they shut down? A solar graveyard that y'all are going to have to clean up."

After a motion from Commissioner Bill Schumann and a second from Commissioner Dan Schneider to authorize Judge Blackburn to enter into the agreement, Judge Blackburn made comments about the agreement.

"We do hear the comments. We do listen to the comments," Judge Blackburn said. "Because we don't necessarily agree does not mean that we do not listen."

He added that this situation with the property is "A private company entering into a private agreement with private property owners for the use of that private property."

He added that the county has no zoning or land use authority. "That is why most of us (commissioners court) live in the county."

The project, he added, could go forward with or without the court's agreement.

"The agreement is the only platform, the only vehicle for us to use. It's not perfect, but it is better than not having any agreement at all."

"Some of your comments are valid concerning the environmental impact and drainage," he said, adding "The agreement we have attempts to address those concerns in some manner.

Tying the payment to the megawatts capacity is better than tying it to the appraised value of the land because "that will be protested and appealed every year."

"This is not the first in Bell County and it won't be the last," he added. "There

is a high level of interest in energy generation projects in Bell County because of our situation on the electric grid. Through this agreement, we are trying to set a standard for these industries that are approaching us in Bell County."

"It is not about the dollars," Commissioner Schneider said. "It is about the people who invested in the land that they own, to let them do with their land what they want to do with their land when they want to do it. As far as the economics for the county, it is not making the county a lot of money. It is allowing people to come in and do business in the county."

"With the payment in lieu of taxes, we get to set that rate for years," Commissioner Bobby Whitson said, adding that the developer may save money in the beginning of the agreement but that "over the 20 years, it benefits the taxpayers greatly."

By approving the payment in lieu of taxes agreement, the County is able to have some voice in determining what the developer does in terms of drainage, and what kinds of chemicals can and can't be used. "It doesn't mean that you aren't going to have an array of glass out there, because you are, whether there is an agreement or not."

"This is the best — it is not the perfect tool, but it is the only tool," he added. "We are trying to utilize that to the best of our ability."

Addressing fears of the company not remediating the property, Whitson said that the agreement requires that "they put money in a capital account that has to be there for remediation. They can't use it for anything else."

"We put in as much restriction as we can," he added. "The only tool to do is the payment in lieu of taxes agreement."

Commissioner Schumann said that he would visit with anyone one on one but "not in the public forum."

He added that some of the statements made by residents seem contradictory.

"To have a housing development next to your deer stand would be just as much an impediment to you enjoying your property as a solar farm would be," Schumann said.

"When the ag community starts saying 'I don't like it when someone gets a tax abatement,' that throws a red flag up to me," he added, referring to the ag tax exemption.

After voting for the payment in lieu of taxes, commissioners voted unanimously to support HB 532 which would designate a portion of State Highway Loop 121 in Bell County as Deputy Sheriff John Rhoden Memorial Highway.

The court also approved the the appointment of Steven Wick, Rita Kelley end Andrejs E. Avots-Avotins. MD, PhD, to the Central Counties Services Board of Trustees for another two-year term.

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The Oak Ridge Boys are William Lee Golden, Joe Bonsall, Duane Allen and Richard Sterban. (Courtesy photo)

## Oak Ridge Boys coming to Johnny's Outback

The Oak Ridge Boys are coming to Salado and they will be celebrating 40 years since their biggest hit "Elvira" was first released.

The Oak Ridge Boys are scheduled to perform in concert at Johnny's Outback on May 22. Tickets are available online through [johnnyssteak-sandbbq.com](http://johnnyssteak-sandbbq.com). Advance tickets are \$30 per person. Reserved lawn seating tickets available in advance for \$50 per person. Reserved Table Pricing: First Row, \$750; Second Row, \$600; Third Row, \$500. Day of show, tickets will be \$50 per person, if available. Gates open at 6 p.m. Music starts at 7:30 p.m.

The Oak Ridge Boys have sold over 41 million units worldwide and are synonymous with "America, apple pie, baseball, and country music."

In addition to their awards and accolades in

the country music field, the Oaks have garnered five Grammy® Awards, nine GMA Dove Awards, and two American Music Awards.

The group—Joe Bonsall, Duane Allen, William Lee Golden, and Richard Sterban, members of the prestigious Country Music Hall of Fame (2015 Inductees) and the Grand Ole Opry (since 2011)—is known worldwide as one of recording history's most extraordinary musical successes.

They have charted single after single and album after album, celebrating two double-platinum albums and more than 30 Top 10 hits, including No. 1 chart-toppers "Elvira," "Bobbie Sue," "Thank God For Kids," "American Made," and "Y'All Come Back Saloon," among dozens more.

The Oak Ridge Boys are celebrating the 40th anniversary of their Gram-

my-winning song "Elvira" which was originally released in 1981. While written in 1966 by Dallas Frazier, The Oak Ridge Boys decided to record the song for their album, Fancy Free. The song went on to reach number one on Hot Country Songs for Billboard and reached number 5 for Billboard Hot 100.

"The first time we performed 'Elvira' in front of an audience was at an afternoon rehearsal for The Tonight Show. We were not set to perform it on the show that night, but we had just recorded it and decided to sing it for a soundcheck," shares Duane Allen. "By the time we got halfway through the song, the producer, assistants, secretaries, sound and light crew, and all of the people who could hear us, came running over and freaking out. The Tonight Show gave us the first 'reading' of how 'Elvira' was going to be received."

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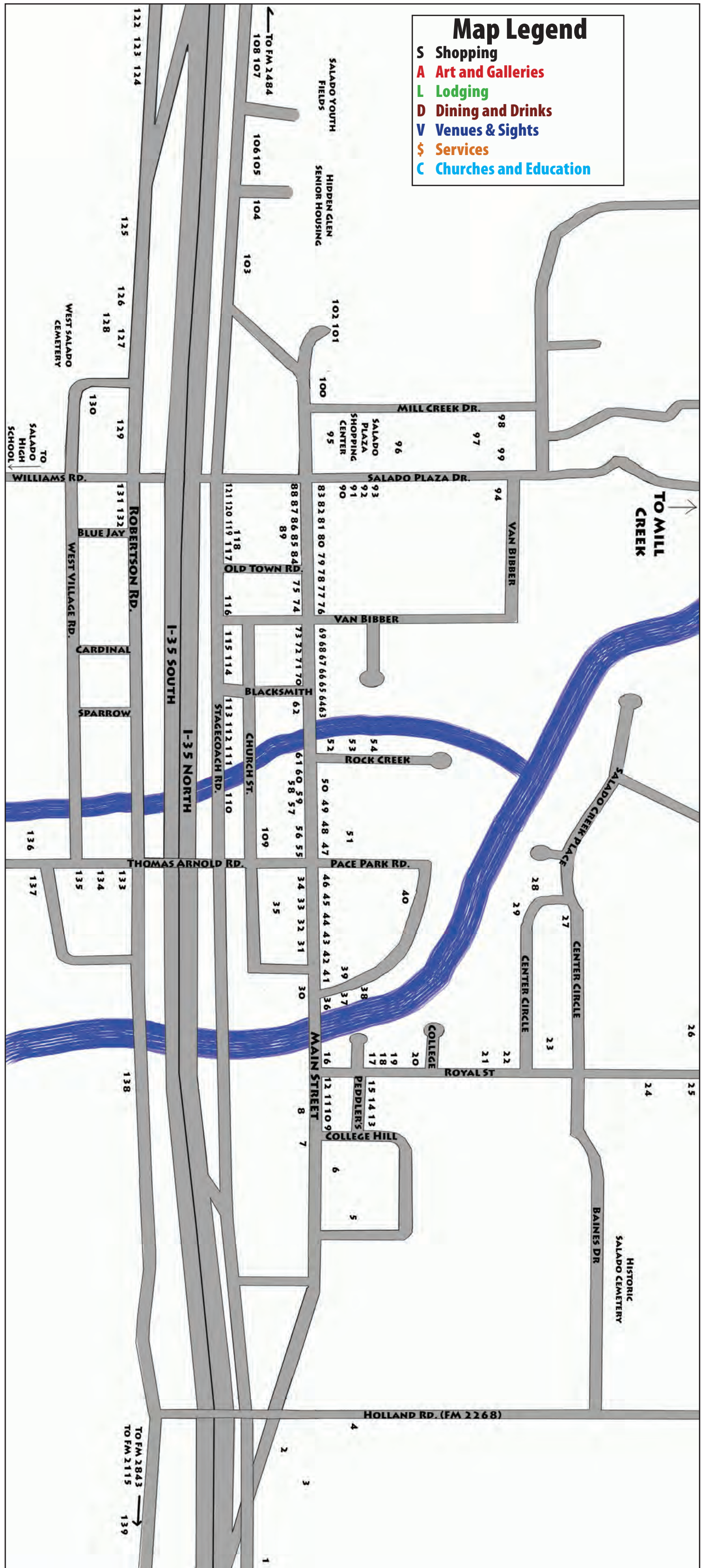


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10	Sofi's 254-947-4336	S
11	Chupacabra Craft Beer and Winery (512) 576-0123	D
	Chupacabra Kitchen (254) 308-2019	D
14	Salado Glassworks 254-947-0339	A
15	Rio Salado Cocina y Cantina 254-308-2044	D
16	The Sugar Shack 254-947-8840	S/D
17	Barrow Brewing Co. 254-947-3544	D
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	Village Spa 254-293-6600	S
22	The Shed 254-947-1960	D
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29	Inn on the Creek 254-947-5554	L
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30	First Baptist Church 254-947-546	C
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34	First Community Title 254-947-8480	\$
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40	W.A. Pace Memorial Park 254-947-5060	V
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113	Salado Church of Christ 254-947-5241	C
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132	Broecker Funeral Home 254-947-0066	\$
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	Grace Church 254-947-5917	C
	Mill Creek Country Club 254-947-5698	V
	JD's Truck Stop and Grill 254-947-5228	S/D



## Historical Markers in Salado

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

# Contract Bridge

## THE VALIANT DIE BUT ONCE

South dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.  
**NORTH**  
♠ A Q 6  
♥ 7 2  
♦ K J 5 4 3  
♣ Q 8 4

**WEST**  
♠ 10 9 8  
♥ K J 8 5 4 3  
♦ 8 7  
♣ 6 5

**EAST**  
♠ J 7 4 3 2  
♥ A 6  
♦ 10 9 6 2  
♣ 10 9

**SOUTH**  
♠ K 5  
♥ Q 10 9  
♦ A Q  
♣ A K J 7 3 2

The bidding:  
**South** 1 ♣   **West** Pass   **North** 1 ♦   **East** Pass  
3 NT  
Opening lead — five of hearts.

This deal occurred in a team-of-four match, but what happened at the two tables could just as easily have taken place in a rubber-bridge game.

At one table, the bidding went as shown. East won the heart lead with the ace and returned a heart, and the defense quickly ran off six heart tricks — down two despite North-South's combined 31 high-card points.

It is hard to blame South for the sad outcome. Looking at only his 13 cards, his three-notrump rebid was surely the most attractive choice. Three notrump would be the winning bid in the overwhelming majority of hands. Had North held, say, the jack of hearts instead of the K-J of diamonds and queen of spades — a much weaker hand — nine tricks would have been certain. Or if the opponents' hearts had been divided differently, the notrump game would easily have been made.

It may be argued that South should have bid three clubs instead of three notrump, and five clubs might then have been reached. The trouble with this contention is that three clubs is merely invitational, and a laydown game might be missed if North passed.

At the other table, the bidding started exactly the same way. But the North player at this table obviously valued his hand much more highly than the first North, because he raised South's three notrump directly to six notrump.

The six-notrump bid paid off very handsomely. West thought it was too dangerous to lead a heart from the K-J against such strong bidding, so he opted for the "safe" lead of the ten of spades. South then had no trouble collecting all the tricks to bring his team a net gain of 1,670 points on the deal.

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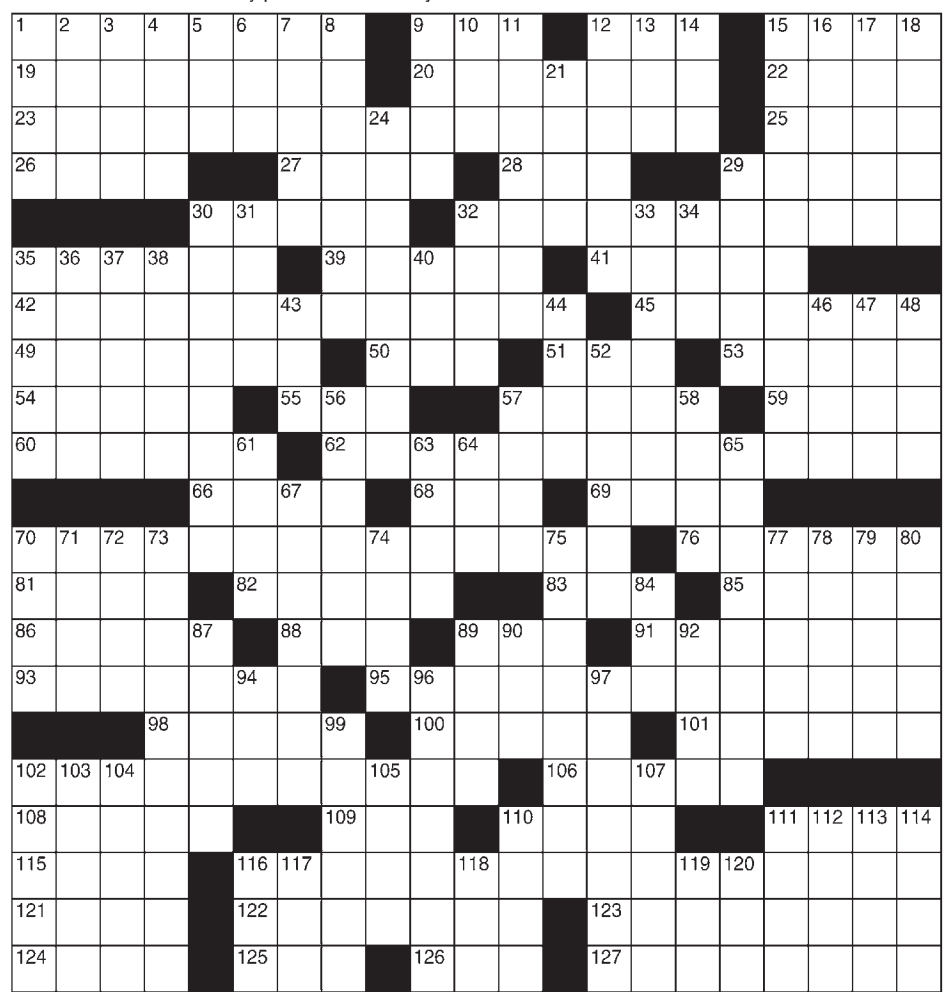
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- |                                    |                                      |   |  |                             |                                   |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>ACROSS</b>                      | 54 Spanish for "these"               | <b>98</b> Muscat native   | <b>DOWN</b>                            | 37 Mojave plants            | 87 Demure                         |
| 1 Having lasting import            | 55 Bank account amt.                 | 100 Driving around in a Winnebago, e.g.                                       | 1 Witchy types                         | 38 Dramatist Joe            | 89 Jazz great                     |
| 9 Enzyme name ending               | 57 Tick off                          | 101 Mourned loudly  | 2 Frozen drink treat                   | 40 Dallas coll.             | Brubeck                           |
| 12 Directory no.                   | 59 Indigo dye                        | 102 * Not on a leash  | 3 "Uncle!" neighbor                    | 43 Kan.                     | 90 — fi flick                     |
| 15 Toasty                          | 60 Japanese religion                 | 106 Dying fire feature  | 4 Arcade error                         | 44 Narrow way               | 92 "Valley of the Dolls" co-star  |
| 19 In a busy way                   | 62 * Criterion applied               | 108 Go wide of  | 5 Lacto- — diet                        | 46 Big Sicilian volcano     | 94 Flatbread of India             |
| 20 Wacky                           | 66 Brainchild                        | 109 Apple apps use it   | 6 Bylaw, briefly                       | 7 Epic of Troy              | 96 Foretell                       |
| 22 86-Across star                  | 68 Boosting drink                    | 110 Norwegian port  | 8 Tour de France                       | 47 Ruckus                   | 97 Film studio roarer             |
| 23 * Earth's layers of rock strata | 69 Prefix with dynamics              | 111 Kin of -trix  | 9 In a skillful way                    | 48 Auction cry              | 99 "Excuse me, but ..."           |
| 25 Met VIP                         | 70 * Football receiver's success     | 115 Axel relative   | 10 Brit's title                        | 52 Wacky                    | 102 Actor Finnes                  |
| 26 Reaping mo.                     | 76 Swab analysis site                | 116 Repeatedly (or a hint to both halves of the answers to the starred clues) | 11 Book before Daniel                  | 56 Gets used (to)           | 103 Palate dangler                |
| 27 Partner                         | 81 Everyone, to Germans              | 121 Ballet dip  | 12 Heisman, e.g.                       | 57 Jai — way                | 104 Away from home                |
| 28 "Keystone" officer              | 82 Dust specks                       | 122 Hauled  | 13 Be human                            | 58 Unit of 36"              | 105 "Walkabout" director          |
| 29 Revolting one                   | 83 See                               | 123 Rendered unnecessary  | 14 Fronted                             | 61 Lakers great             | Nicolas                           |
| 30 Sit in on, as a class           | 85 Ballplayer                        | 124 With 83-Across, gave spoonfuls to directly                                | 15 Erudite                             | Lamar                       | 107 Frozen, dome-shaped dessert   |
| 32 * Top-end                       | 86 Tennis site                       | 125 Plane domain  | 16 Perp's out                          | 63 Beehive State            | 110 Likelihood                    |
| 35 Accompany                       | 88 Org. for an air marshal           | 126 Paper crew, for short   | 17 Kind of bolt                        | State                       | 111 Actor Richard                 |
| 39 — um (gnat)                     | 89 August hrs.                       | 127 Proximity   | 18 Soft, dry and crumbly               | 64 Exacta, e.g.             | 112 "Valley of the Dolls" co-star |
| 41 Delicious                       | 91 13th-century king of England      |   | 21 Slip — (flub up)                    | 65 Titleless one            | Sharon                            |
| 42 * Talking baby steps, perhaps   | 93 Final stops                       |   | 22 Certain aria                        | 67 Being hammy              | 113 Links                         |
| 45 Cause to take notice            | 95 * Classic coaster at Disney parks |   | 29 Thruway exits                       | 70 War ender                | 114 Halts                         |
| 49 Touch-related                   |                                      |   | 30 Like painters regularly ("It's —!") | 71 Salve plant              | 116 NFL coups                     |
| 50 Away from home                  |                                      |   | 31 Elec. or water                      | 72 Put-down                 | 117 Tick off                      |
| 51 —                               |                                      |   | 32 August woe                          | 73 Preached                 | 118 Flanders of Springfield       |
| 53 Altercation                     |                                      |   | 33 Man of La Mancha                    | 74 Grassy fields            | 119 LaRue of "CSI: Miami"         |
|                                    |                                      |   | 34 Steak- — (frozen beef brand)        | 75 Most                     | 120 Plane domain                  |
|                                    |                                      |   | 35 Politician Kefauver                 | 77 "It's —!" ("You're on!") |                                   |
|                                    |                                      |   | 36 Hoard                               | 78 Old ship-locating system |                                   |
|                                    |                                      |   |  | 79 World War II hero        |                                   |
|                                    |                                      |   |  | 80 Sightless                |                                   |
|                                    |                                      |   |  | 84 "In excelsis —"          |                                   |



## Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- MOVIES: How long was the shortest Academy Awards ceremony?
- TELEVISION: Which U.S. state was the setting for the 1980s "Newhart" TV sitcom?
- MEDICAL: What is a common name for the condition known medically as ankylosis?
- GEOGRAPHY: Which European nation colonized Haiti?
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- FOOD & DRINK: What is ban-nock?
- BIBLE: What is the Pentateuch?
- SCIENCE: How do mosses reproduce?
- INVENTIONS: When did the first patented drive-in movie theater open?

Answers

- The first Academy Awards ceremony in 1929 lasted 15 minutes.
- Vermont
- Stiff joint
- France
- The U.S. opposed further European colonization of the Americas, but wouldn't interfere with existing colonies or meddle in the affairs of European countries.
- Cap'n Crunch
- Flat, quick bread of Scottish origin
- The first five books of the Bible: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy
- Spores
- 1933 in Camden, New Jersey

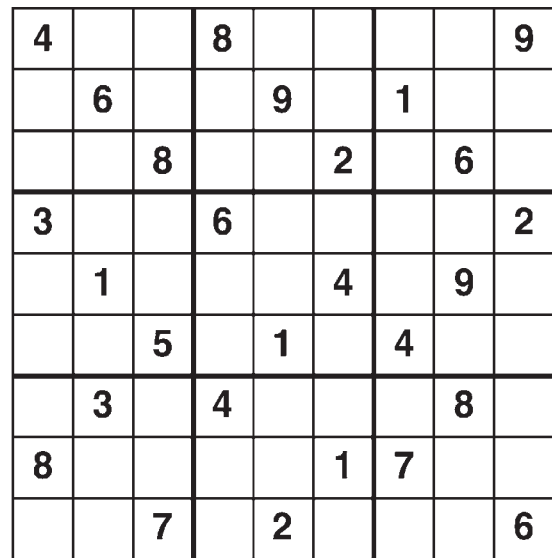
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Answer

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

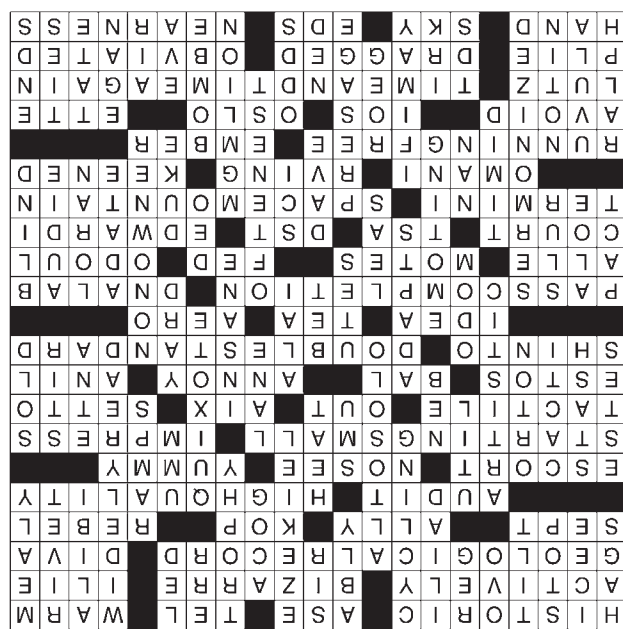


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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦**

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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# Salado Police Report May 10-16

## OFFENSE/INCIDENT REPORTS:

### 05/10/2021:

A criminal mischief report was filed in reference to pole being struck by an unknown white in color Ford truck in the 1200 block of Baines. There are no suspects in this case.

A citizen turned in a cell phone that was found in the roadway of the Creeks of Salado subdivision. The phone was so damaged that the owner could not be contacted.

Two reports of a Burglary of a motor vehicle were taken in the 1800 block of Williams road. The complainant in one of the cases reported that a pressure washer was stolen from the bed of his pick-up truck while he was in classes at the high school.

The second complainant reported that someone took a Ryobi Electric Chain Saw from the bed of his friends truck. The suspect vehicle in both cases appeared to be a blue in color Isuzu Rodeo with an unknown Texas License Plate.

If anyone has any information about the identity of the suspect please call the Salado Police Department.

### 05/11/2021:

An assault by contact case was reported in the 600 block of N Main St. The report showed that one person was struck by a chrome book computer when another person threw it in the direction of the victim. No injuries were reported and the suspect was identified. The complainant refused to pursue charges.

A report of a theft was taken in the 1100 block of Indian Trail. The complainant reported that she was a victim of a scam where the caller pretended to work for Apple Support. The caller reported that the scammer asked her to load

gift cards and send him the information on the gift cards to the scammer. The suspects in this case are unknown. The case is still under investigation.

### 05/13/2021:

SPD responded the 400 block of S. Main where they found a person who was experiencing a mental episode. The person was detained and subsequently taken to Baylor Scott and White for treatment.

### 05/14/2021:

A citizen turned in a purse that was found in the parking lot of Country Boy gas station. The owner was contacted and the purse was returned without incident.

### 05/16/2021:

During the course of a traffic stop the driver was found to be in possession of drug paraphernalia. The driver was cited for the offense and released at the scene.

In addition to the above-mentioned calls, Salado Police Officers handled the many other calls for service in which a report was not required. Below is a breakdown of those calls:

Call Type Description	Number of Calls
911 Hang Up	2
Alarm Residential	2
Animal Complaint	6
Assault	1
Assist Another Agency	1
Calls for Service	45
Citations	37
Citizen Contact	2
Civil Matter	2
Crash	4
Criminal Mischief	1
Criminal Trespass	4
Disturbance	1
Found Property	1
House Watch/RU OK?	47
Intoxicated Driver	1
Medical/FD Assist	1
Open Door	2
Public Service	1
Supplemental Report	5
Suspicious Circumstances/Persons	2
Traffic Hazard	2
Welfare Concern	4

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### Public Notice

**Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Wine and Beer Retailer's Off-Premise by Stagecoach 1943 Beverages, LLC d/b/a Stagecoach Inn located at 401 S Stagecoach Road, Salado, Bell County, Texas 76571. Clark Lyda - Manager.**

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Village of Salado Zoning Board of Adjustments will hold a public hearing at the Salado Municipal Building on Thursday, June 3, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. to consider the following: A request for variance from the Zoning Ordinance, Section 5.3.C.2, which prohibits the use of chain link fencing visible from a public right-of-way except for the containment of farm animals on parcels of one (1) or more acres for a property located at 1104 Southridge Road in Salado, Bell County, Texas. Comments on this request from any member of the public may be presented in person, by mail (P.O. Box 219), or by email (clee@saladotx.gov). The public will be granted an opportunity to speak at the hearing. Additional information concerning the proposed action is available for review at the Village of Salado Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Road, Salado, Texas.

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## VILLAGE OF SALADO, TEXAS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN

The Planning and Zoning Commission will conduct a meeting at 6:30 PM., Tuesday, June 8, 2021, at the Village of Salado Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Road, Salado, Texas, to hold a public hearing on the following item:

Hold a public hearing and consider a re-plat of the Hall Commercial Subdivision, located at 5398 FM 2484 in the Village of Salado ETJ (map available at City Hall).

Information regarding this item is on file for public examination in the City Secretary's Office, 301 North Stagecoach Road, Salado, Texas.

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommendation on the re-plat will be forwarded to the Board of Aldermen for public hearing, consideration, and approval at its meeting at 6:30 P.M. Thursday, June 17, 2021, at the Village of Salado Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Road, Salado, Texas.

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## Salado Fire Department Report May 9-15

Date	Address	Incident Type
05/09/2021	UNION GROVE PARK RD, Bell County	Chest Pain
05/10/2021	FM 1670, Bell County	Motor Vehicle Accident with Injuries
05/10/2021	FM 2484, Bell County	Psychiatric / Abnormal Behavior
05/10/2021	FM 2484, Bell County	Motor Vehicle Accident
05/11/2021	HACKBERRY RD, Bell County	Outside Equipment Fire
05/11/2021	WALKER CIR, Salado	Chest Pain
05/11/2021	ROBERTSON RD, Salado	Gasoline / Flammable Liquid Spill
05/12/2021	YELLOW ROSE DR, Bell County	Falls; Cardiac Arrest
05/12/2021	1ST AVE, Belton (Mutual Aid)	Building fire
05/12/2021	O W LOWREY DR, Bell County	Chest Pain
05/12/2021	ELM GROVE SPUR, Bell County	Difficulty Breathing
05/12/2021	INDIAN TRL, Salado	Difficulty Breathing
05/12/2021	FM 2484, Bell County	Chest Pain
05/13/2021	MARY LN, Bell County	Hemorrhage / Laceration
05/13/2021	S MAIN ST, Salado	Psychiatric / Abnormal Behavior
05/14/2021	FM 2115, Bell County	Cardiac Arrest
05/14/2021	INTERSTATE 35, Bell County	Motor Vehicle Accident
05/15/2021	COLLINS CREEK DR, Bell County	Falls



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