

Retirement reception set Aug. 30 for Burt Smith

By Dr. Michael Novotny
Salado ISD Superintendent

Congratulations to Burt Smith on his retirement next Tuesday, August 31!

Burt served as the principal of Salado High School from 2012 until 2014 and then has been the assistant superintendent of our school district since 2014. He has a total of 30 years of experience as a teacher, coach, and administrator in public school districts.

We will have a retirement reception for Burt and his wife, Jami, at 4:00 p.m. Aug. 30 at the Salado Civic Center, located at 601 North Main Street. All students, parents, employees, and community members are welcome to attend.

Burt was also awarded the 2021 Salado ISD Service Award, which is voted on by all of our employees. Here are some of the things our employees said about him with their votes:

Burt is always a ray of sunshine even when times are tough. He has a heart of gold for education and stands

up for students and teachers.

Burt Smith!! He consistently puts in 1000% even when he should be at home resting and continues to check in with staff to see how he can be of help.

Burt Smith- hands down! He has provided amazing support to us!

I would like to nominate Burt Smith. He has been such a dedicated soul to this district and our students.

Burt is one of the genuinely kindest men I have ever met.

Anytime I have had a question, concern or problem Burt responded quickly and knowledgeably.

Burt has a smile and personality that makes you feel like his friend and that he cares about you no matter what the situation is.

I admire Burt's strength and spirit while he has worked on through his illness.

I would like to nominate Burt Smith. Burt is one of the most positive people that I have worked with. He always tries to help everyone. I have been lucky enough

to experience this as a parent when my children were at the high school and as a teacher in the district.

I would like to nominate Burt Smith. Burt is always willing and ready to help. He is always encouraging and has a smile on his face; he is approachable. He brings joy to all those around him. He will be missed.

Hands down Burt Smith!! Always there to lend a helping hand. Each year he sends out birthday cards. He sends me reminders of what is required such as the most recent class I need to complete. I love his kind heart.... he represents and stands for ALL the things I love about Salado.

Just Burt's presence is enough to give me motivation. He is one of the kindest, most positive, encouraging, and inspirational people I know. He is not only the best principal I've ever had, but one of the best people I have ever met. I can't describe how much he has meant to me. His support, through success and sorrow, has often made the difference in my



Burt Smith

life. I will be eternally grateful that our paths crossed here in Salado.

I'm voting for Burt. I know how hard he's worked even when he didn't feel well. I know how much he loves and cares about this district and people that work here. I truly believe he is one of the best mentors for teachers and principals a district could ever have by the number of phone calls he receives

after hours in need of advice. He's very quick and efficient to get his job done and does it well. I also know there is nothing he wouldn't do for someone in need. I've had a teacher and principal tell me that when they see Burt they know everything is going to be ok and many tell me how much they love Burt. He's a very special guy. There's only one Burt Smith.



Village officials will share information on the new golf cart regulations on Aug. 30.

Informational meeting on golf carts set Aug. 30

The Village of Salado will hold an informational meeting on Aug. 30 regarding the recently adopted regulations authorizing golf carts, neighborhood electric vehicles (NEVs), all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) and utility vehicles (UTVs) to operate on public streets in Salado. The public meeting will be held at 6 p.m. at the Municipal Building located at 301 N. Stagecoach.

"The purpose of this meeting is to provide residents with the information needed to help navigate the new regulations regarding the operation of golf carts, NEVs, ATVs and UTVs in the Village," said Village Administrator Don Ferguson. "While people are not required to attend the meeting, it will help them understand the new rules."

At the meeting, the Village Administrator and Police Chief will brief residents on the provisions of the new regulations including, but not limited to, driver's license requirements, vehicle equipment requirements and requirements relating to safety gear.

"It is the responsibility of drivers and riders to know the new regulations", said Ferguson. "This meeting will provide people with an opportunity to get their questions answered."

The Village of Salado recently adopted ordinances authorizing golf carts, NEVs, ATVs, and UTVs to operate on Village streets provide they operate in accordance with the provisions of state law relating to such vehicles. Additional information on the new regulations is available on the Village of Salado website at www.saladotx.gov.

SISD trustees adopt COVID-19 protocols

By Tim Fleischer
Editor-in-Chief

Salado ISD Trustees at their Aug. 23 meeting unanimously adopted a protocol to require masks on school campuses that meet a two percent threshold of active COVID-19 cases for either one week or until the campus gets below the threshold. The new protocol also will close a campus for one week if it hits a threshold of five percent active cases of the total population of students and staff. On a split vote of 3-3, trustees failed to pass a resolution which would reward staff members who receive full vaccinations with a \$500 stipend.

The trustees took the votes in front of an audience of more than 50 and after listening to input from about 10 speakers, some opposed to the measures and others in favor of the measures.

The board also honored Burt Smith, who retires on Aug. 31 and who will be moving to Oklahoma to be near family. See related story this edition.

"My decision making based on a lot of research

and consulted a lot of people. Increasingly based on freedom and liberty," Courtney Baglie told trustees before presenting them with packets of research.

Liz Cooley asked the board to consider amending the protocol for Thomas Arnold Elementary which has three different buildings under one campus. She asked that the protocol be applied to each separate building rather than the entire campus. "If the numbers are high in one campus, why shut down the others," she asked, adding "We need to keep our kids in school as many days as possible."

She told trustees that the stipend was "dividing our school."

Ashley Voss-Liebig told trustees that in Trauma Area L (which includes Bell County), "we have zero ICU beds available. In Texas, there are 65 people on the waiting list to get into any hospital anywhere. This is not counting those who are on hold in the ERs." Voss-Liebig is a critical care nurse who is the Division Chief overseeing Clinical Performance and Education for Travis

County Emergency Services. She is also Chief Clinical Manager for Travis County STAR Flight. She added that by supporting the protocols, "you're being reasonable."

Darrell Street, who served on SISD board of trustees for 15 years, told the board: "This school board and administrator has one thing as a common goal... Keeping students safe, keeping them learning and keeping them in school.. If it causes hardship to some people, that is too bad."

Ed Blado told trustees that he would like to see the Pledge to the Flags before school board meetings and that Critical Race Theory not be taught in schools. "It is nonsense," he said.

Dr. Brian Boucher, an OBGYN physician with two children at school, said that "I do know that children can carry it to households, to grandparents and to others in the household who are immune compromised."

Dr. Matt Altman, an emergency room physician, read from a study that stated that there was not "statistically significant evidence that masks had more than a mod-

erate influence in preventing influenza-like illnesses. "Masks that aren't made to the N-95 standard aren't doing anything to prevent it."

"I don't see anything ethical about paying someone to influence their healthcare, especially from a government entity," he added.

Pamela Uschek took issue with technology, particularly the Chromebooks being sent home with students. "Who is in charge of security and safeguarding what kids can look at on the Chromebooks. I have safeguards on my computers at home. You need to buckle down on our internet security for our children."

April Lewis read definitions of Coercion and Bribe to trustees before telling them "you should bribe or coerce your staff into doing something that they would not willingly do on their own."

Superintendent Michael Novotny reviewed with board members the active, reported COVID cases he is tracking.

As of Aug. 23, Thomas Arnold Elementary has four active cases of COVID-19

among its students and none among employees. In the current school year, it has had six cases. Salado Middle School had four active cases as of Aug. 23 and seven in the current school year. Salado High School had one active case as of Aug. 23 and three for the school year. For the 2020-2021 school year, Thomas Arnold had 75 total cases, 50 students and 25 employees; Salado Middle School had 40 cases, 30 students and 10 employees; Salado High School had 80 cases, 62 students and 18 staff and an additional eight staff not assigned to a campus for a total of 203 confirmed cases. There were 2,103 students enrolled in 2020-21 compared to 2,215 enrolled for 2021-22 school year.

The recommended protocols for masking and perhaps closing a campus are much different than last year, according to Dr. Novotny. Last year, following CDC and state guidelines, all students and staff were required to wear mask while on any school facility. Also, schools would be required to close if

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Memorial for local First Responders to be dedicated at Salado Civic Center Sept. 11

A granite memorial featuring the shoulder patches of the local agencies that serve our community as First Responders will be installed in early September and dedicated during a 10 a.m. Sept. 11 ceremony on the grounds of the Salado Civic Center.

Included on the memorial marker are the Salado Police Department, the Bell County Constable Precinct 2, the Bell County Sheriff's Department, Emergency Medical Services, the Salado Volunteer Fire Department, Department of Public Safety and Game Wardens

Local Justice of the Peace Cliff Coleman will act as master of ceremonies for the dedication. Scheduled to give short talks during the ceremony are U.S. Rep. John Carter and State Representatives Dr. Brad Buckley and Hugh Shine.

The Texas shaped granite memorial will be located on the grounds of the Salado Civic Center near the Salado Veterans Memorial and flagpole. The memorial's design was guided by sculptor Troy Kelley.

On September 11, 2001, the entire nation watched in

horror as our country was attacked by terrorists. The immediate and selfless action of First Responders directly involved in the tragic incidents reminded us all that our First Responders put their lives on the line for us every day. Across the country, First Responders traveled to New York City to offer support and assist. Locally, our First Responders did much to assist with relief.

This memorial was the vision of the First Responders Memorial Committee following the Patriot Day

service that was held on September 11, 2018. In that service, all our local First Responders were honored with proclamations and thanked in speeches from our elected officials including Mayor Skip Blancett and U.S. Representative John Carter. First Responders were each issued a certificate of appreciation and a challenge coin in gratitude for their outstanding service. Committee member, Larry Nathanson explained, "Our Salado community feels a great responsibility to con-

tinue to honor our First Responders."

Current partners involved in this project are Salado First Responders Memorial committee, Salado Community Foundation, Salado ISD, Salado Lions Club, the Salado C.O.P.S. program, the Salado Police Department, Bell County Constable Precinct 2, Bell County Sheriff's Department, Emergency Medical Services, and the Salado Volunteer Fire Department.

Go Fund Me helps Nelson Sears family

Services are pending for Nelson Sears of Salado who passed away August 23, 2021 after a short hospitalization.

Nelson and his wife Amber recently purchased McCain's Bakery and Cafe in Salado.

A Go Fund Me page has been established to help Amber Sears and her family overcome the financial hardship of the hospital stay and funeral expenses. If you would like to donate, visit <https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-amber-sears-and-family>

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Letters of Thanks

Dear Editor:

In 2012 my family and I moved to Salado and my wife Jami and I began our service in this amazing school district. I have loved every place I have ever worked, but there is something unique about Salado ISD and very quickly we discovered what so many others already knew, the Village of Salado is a very special place. Many will point to the Salado Creek, the Stagecoach Inn, the many quaint shops, art studios, bed and breakfasts and the Mill Creek Golf Course as reasons why it is so wonderful, and they truly are, but for me, it is the people who live here that have made Salado such an incredible place to live, work, worship, and commune. People genuinely care about one another in Salado, and they go out of their way to serve and help one another. As a member of both the Salado Rotary Club and the Salado Lions Club, I have seen firsthand the power of Salado citizens coming together, united in a common cause to make our community a better place for everyone who lives here. I have never lived anywhere that better exemplified what I believe is one of the most important passages in the entire Bible, out of Matthew Chapter 22, verses 36-39. "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied: 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.

Unfortunately, as my health has declined over the past few years we have

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had to make the very difficult decision to retire from the profession we love a lot earlier than expected and to move back to Oklahoma to be closer to family. It is such a bittersweet time for us because while we are excited to be closer to family for the first time in 30 years, we are so sad to leave behind this amazing community and the many people who have become like family to us.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the Salado ISD Board of Trustees, and our Superintendent, Dr. Novotny and thank them for the incredible job they have done leading our school district through incredible times. Whether it is navigating the enormous growth that we have been experiencing over the last decade and the potential exponential growth that may come in the future, to guiding our district through a global pandemic that is still causing concerns in our community, our county, our state and our nation, I have watched them carefully and painstakingly agonize over decisions that are always made with the best interest of our students and staff in mind. There are many different opinions that they have to sort through, and no matter what they decide they make there will be those who may disagree with them, but I am also confident that because so many in Salado truly

do love their neighbor as themselves, they will find a way to support whatever decisions our school board makes because those decisions are made after great thought and consideration for what they believe is best for the entire school district.

It has been such a privilege for my wife, my children and I to live and work in Salado and have the opportunity to finish our careers in what I consider to be the best community and school district in the state of Texas. I would like to say thank you to all of you who have welcomed us over the years and made us feel like family. We will miss you! God bless Salado, God bless Texas, and God bless the United States of America.

Sincerely
Burt Smith
SISD Asst. Supt.

To the Editor

A special shout out from the Salado Volunteers to several from our community who stepped up and helped us prepare, cook and serve burgers to our Friends and Neighbors last Thursday evening at MCCC..... Judy Fields, Maurine Nathanson, Larry Nathanson, Judy Hardin, Mary Lou Bradley, Shirley Cox, Linda Lopez, John Weaver & Cody Coufal. Molly

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American Ignominy

Bob Franken



So far, the American withdrawal from Afghanistan has been a chaotic and even deadly abandonment. We leave behind so many Afghans who helped us over two decades and are now desperate to escape the Taliban.

Why are Taliban troops having such an easy time with pro-government forces, who either surrendered at their first encounter or simply deserted? The Taliban militias cut through them like a knife through butter, in spite of 20 years of training and an estimated \$88 billion of the United States' money to formulate an Afghan-armed military.

Actually, it's a story of three governments -- the Taliban, the puppet government installed in Kabul and the U.S. government -- one of them living in the dark ages but emerging victorious yet again.

Ragtag though it was, the Taliban governed Afghanistan before the United States invaded and drove them out. The Muslim militants' support of Osama bin Laden and the 9/11 attacks was given as the reason. In December 2001, the U.S. invaded Tora Bora after intelligence pinpointed bin Laden there. But he escaped to Pakistan and went into hiding for several years, until the Obama administration flushed him out and killed him.

The second government -- the U.S.-established Afghan civilian government -- was the U.S. pawn, and the United States did exactly with it what it did in Vietnam. American taxpayers threw in a total of \$2.25 trillion for Afghanistan military and civilian endeavors and an ever-increasing number of troops. Over 2,000 armed

forces died. The blood and treasure supported a corrupt cast of characters.

Meanwhile, the United States, in its fury over the deadly terrorist destruction of the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, was willing to occupy Afghanistan despite its history of successfully resisting Soviet invaders and others who tried over the centuries. It was, like Vietnam, a quagmire.

Then successive American administrations and our allies did what we do best. We lied about progress there, or at least stretched the truth. So with that backdrop, why has the shattered Taliban always been proficient at wearing down the Americans and so easily rolling over the Afghans?

There is a considerable body of thought that it's because the Taliban have a mystical cause: They don't fear death because they dream of Paradise. Plus, their enemies are always the invaders ... infidels.

The U.S. and its lackey government have only money. Fundamentalist passion always beats money, particularly when it is so misspent. To his credit, Donald Trump wanted to withdraw troops but was not able to. President Joe Biden, who quickly opposed being there after first supporting the invasion, last April announced that his administration would finally withdraw all American troops from Afghanistan.

After the past days of miscalculation and tumult, it was a defiant President Biden who addressed the nation:

"I stand squarely behind my position ... We gave them every chance for their own future."

But now that the Taliban is taking the country back with such ease, escape for U.S. diplomats, families, supporters of Americans and the allies has turned into a helter-skelter mess. Biden has ordered thousands of troops back, but they were fired upon and unable to land for several hours because the runways were jammed with Afghans desperate to escape. How desperate? Many fell to their deaths while clinging to the side of a U.S. military plane as it took off. It was like fleeing from Saigon in April 1975 when the last Americans took flight. Only worse.

As the Taliban army rolls through Kabul and takes over, the country's president has fled and his government has collapsed. As reports of new Taliban atrocities seep out, Joe Biden will bear the blame. Republicans have already started. Even Donald Trump sent a gloating email: "DO YOU MISS ME YET?"

There is time for recriminations later, including accounting for at least three presidents -- Bush, Obama and Trump. Right now the American mission is to escape Afghanistan without further bloodshed and shame. Then the blame game can begin. Will we learn from defeat this time?

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President Biden's Man-Made Disasters

Rich Lowry



President Biden arrived in office with the southern U.S. border secure and Afghanistan in a state of fragile equilibrium.

Eight months later, the border continues to be deluged with migrants overwhelming our capacity to properly house and process them, and we are evacuating our personnel from Hamid Karzai International Airport in Kabul overrun by desperate Afghans fleeing the Taliban.

The crisis at the border and the stunningly swift defeat in Afghanistan are entirely on Biden. He took sustainable situations and overturned them out of ideological fixity and fantastical wishful thinking.

The outcomes were utterly predictable. Indeed, anyone who knew anything about the border or Afghanistan warned what would happen. The debacles haven't been the product of forces beyond Biden's control; events didn't take a hand, he did. These are man-made disasters.

Throw on top the crime wave in U.S. cities that is a product of the left's enthusiasm for fashionable anti-cop sentiments, and the picture is of a party that is unable to maintain order or rationally calculate the downside consequences of its rhetoric and policies.

One hallmark of the Biden approach has been laughably false assurances. He maintained at a press conference in March that there was nothing unusual going on at the border, when the historic surge had already begun. Only last

month, he confidently predicted that there'd be no dramatic rooftop evacuations from Kabul, when a rapid collapse of the government was always a distinct possibility.

Then, there are the ineffectual warnings. Biden officials have repeatedly told migrants to stop coming to the U.S. border, when they have every incentive to continue to do so, and his representatives tsk-tsked the Taliban about sweeping to power by force -- something that they have fought to do for 20 years -- because it would supposedly harm the group's international image.

And, finally, the rank blame-shifting. Biden's team has outlandishly tried to argue that President Donald Trump somehow created the conditions for the border spinning out of control, when the truth is that Trump, after false starts, figured out how to get a handle on it. Biden points the finger at Trump, too, on Afghanistan.

Here, he has more of a case -- the so-called peace deal that Trump cut with the Taliban was a travesty that undercut the Afghan government. But nothing forced Biden, who has happily reversed field on most Trump policies, to abide by an agreement that the Taliban violated from the outset or to execute a withdrawal that kneecapped the Afghan army in the midst of fighting

season and a gathering Taliban offensive.

He was the one whose exit denied the Afghan army the U.S. air support and logistics it had always depended on, who left without securing a nearby base in the region, who didn't care enough about Afghan allies who had risked their lives for us to ensure that they could get out of the country, who sent a message of abandonment that was a blow to Afghan morale from the top all the way down.

It's a particularly galling Biden rhetorical move to use the catastrophic failure of the Afghan forces that he helped bring about to insist that his decision to leave was the only responsible one. He's gone from claiming we could safely leave because the Afghan security forces would do just fine on their own, to arguing we had no choice but to get out because they couldn't manage without us.

Both at the U.S. border and in Afghanistan, Biden merely had to keep in place what he inherited to sustain success or at least avoid disaster. On the border, Trump's pandemic-era controls and his agreements with Mexico and Central American countries were sensible and tested. Afghanistan was more difficult, but with some determination and finesse, Biden could have maintained the minimal U.S. commitment that had forestalled a Taliban takeover for years.

Instead, in both cases, he quite literally chose chaos.

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Scott and Debbie Harler of Salado and Samuel W. Poppo of Elkhorn, NE announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their son Jakob W. Poppo of Salado to Kaytlin Hunkins of Killeen. The prospective bride is the daughter of Todd and Diane Hunkins of Killeen. The prospective bridegroom is a 2014 graduate of Salado High School. He holds a BBA in Computer Information Systems. He is a manager in engineering enterprise wholesale at PDI Software in Temple. She holds a BBA in Accounting from Howard Payne University and works in accounting. The couple will be married in a double-ring ceremony on Oct. 2, 2021 in Texas Old Town in Kyle, Texas.



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Adam Coldiron

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Stratton made our delightful flower arrangements. Danny Allen for providing us with his friend, Jesse, as our wonderful entertainment. Always want to include the staff at MCCC maintenance crew for delivering the tables and chairs from

The View to the Club Chris Graham for his never ending help and especially Billy and Vicky Helm for allowing us to use the Club facilities.

An extra special thank you to Baylor University for going above and beyond

in our request for football tickets for a door prize. We were presented with not only football tickets, but mens' and womens' basketball tickets, soccer tickets and volleyball tickets, along with shirts and hats.

So nice to see so many old and new friends and neighbors come out and just enjoy an evening of fun and laughter. See you all next time!

Joe, Donald, Roy and Tommye

Benefit set Aug. 28 for Adam Coldiron

Former classmates and friends of Adam Coldiron are hosting a benefit for the Salado Eagle at 11 a.m. Aug. 28 at Jack's Barn, 525 Pace Park DR.

Coldiron is fighting stage four colon cancer and has been unable to work during treatments.

"Come out and join us for a great time as we raise money to help Adam with his fight," said Alex Berumen, one of the organizers of the event. "All proceeds will aide Adam and his family with the medical costs and loss of income. Help us rally together to show Adam that he isn't alone in this fight."

Coldiron is a Salado graduate and former Salado Eagle football player that has deep roots growing in the village. He is a long-time member of Lawler Baptist Church in Florence.

There will be barbecue plates for sale for \$10 and cold drinks for \$2.

There will be silent auction items available, including six tickets and a picnic table for the Oct. 1 Randy Rogers concert at Johnny's Outback; dinner for two at Pignetti's (valued at \$100); a Consuela purse, hand-made quilts and gift baskets.

Precept Class at First Baptist Church Sept. 2

Precept Class begins 9 a.m. Sept. 2 at the First Baptist Church in Salado.

"Who is this man that forgives sins." Luke 1:16

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30 week in-depth Bible study begins in Sept.

Community Bible Study is registering for the Fall 2021-Spring 2022 session with two locations and offerings.

Both will be a 30-week in-depth Bible study beginning in September.

The Salado Women's Day class is offered through the Georgetown Community Bible Study group. It will meet in person 10-11:30 a.m. Fridays at the First Baptist Church of Salado. The class session will be Sept. 3-April 29 with holiday breaks coinciding with Georgetown ISD school holidays.

You can register for this class at <https://georgetown.cbsclass.org/>. Choose the Salado Remote Group in the registration options. You can also register by calling 512-240-5406 or by email gtcbsjanet@gmail.com.

The Temple-Belton Community Bible Class

offers in person and online (via Zoom) meetings beginning the week of Sept. 13 and concluding on April 25, 2022. The Study includes Joshua, 1st and 2nd Peter and the Christian Living series (Philemon, 2st-3rd John, Jude). Holidays will coincide with the Belton ISD schedule.

The Monday night class will be in-person and co-ed at 7-8:30 p.m. weekly.

The Tuesday night online class will be via Zoom and open to all adults.

The Wednesday morning class will be an in-person Women's Day Remote Class at 10-11:30 a.m. weekly.

You can register for the Temple-Belton classes at <https://templebeltoneve.cbsclass.org/> or contact the class coordinator at 254-718-6104 after 5:30 p.m. During work hours, call 254-231-2393.

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Bell County Newcomers Club events line up for Aug 28 and September

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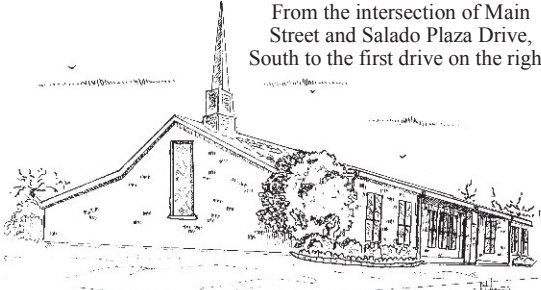
The one remaining activity for August is Aug. 28 Exploring Wine.

Activities for September are these: Sept. 1 Monthly luncheon and Popcorn Bridge; Sept. 6 Chat'n Canasta; Sept. 10 TGIF lunch; Sept. 11 Couples Night Out; Sept. 13 Dominoes and Book Worms; Sept. 14 Tuesday Canasta and Singing Bluebonnets; Sept. 15 Popcorn Bridge; Sept. 16 Meet and Greet; Sept. 17 Trailblazers, Sept. 20 Mah Jongg, Sept. 21 Bunco, Sept. 22 Fun Lunch; Sept. 25 Exploring Wines; Sept. 27 Monday Canasta, Crochet/Knitting, Well Read Women; Sept. 28 Valentine Bridge, Singing Bluebonnets, and Sept. 30 Heritage Seekers.

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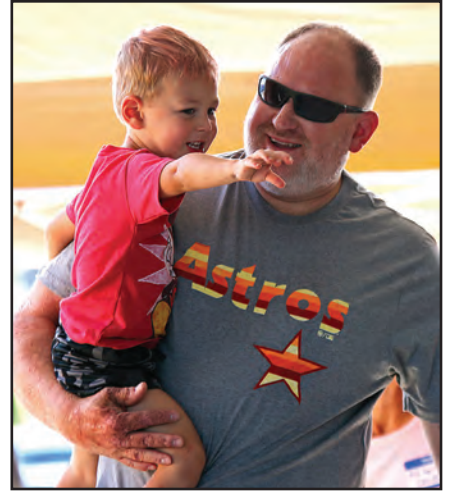


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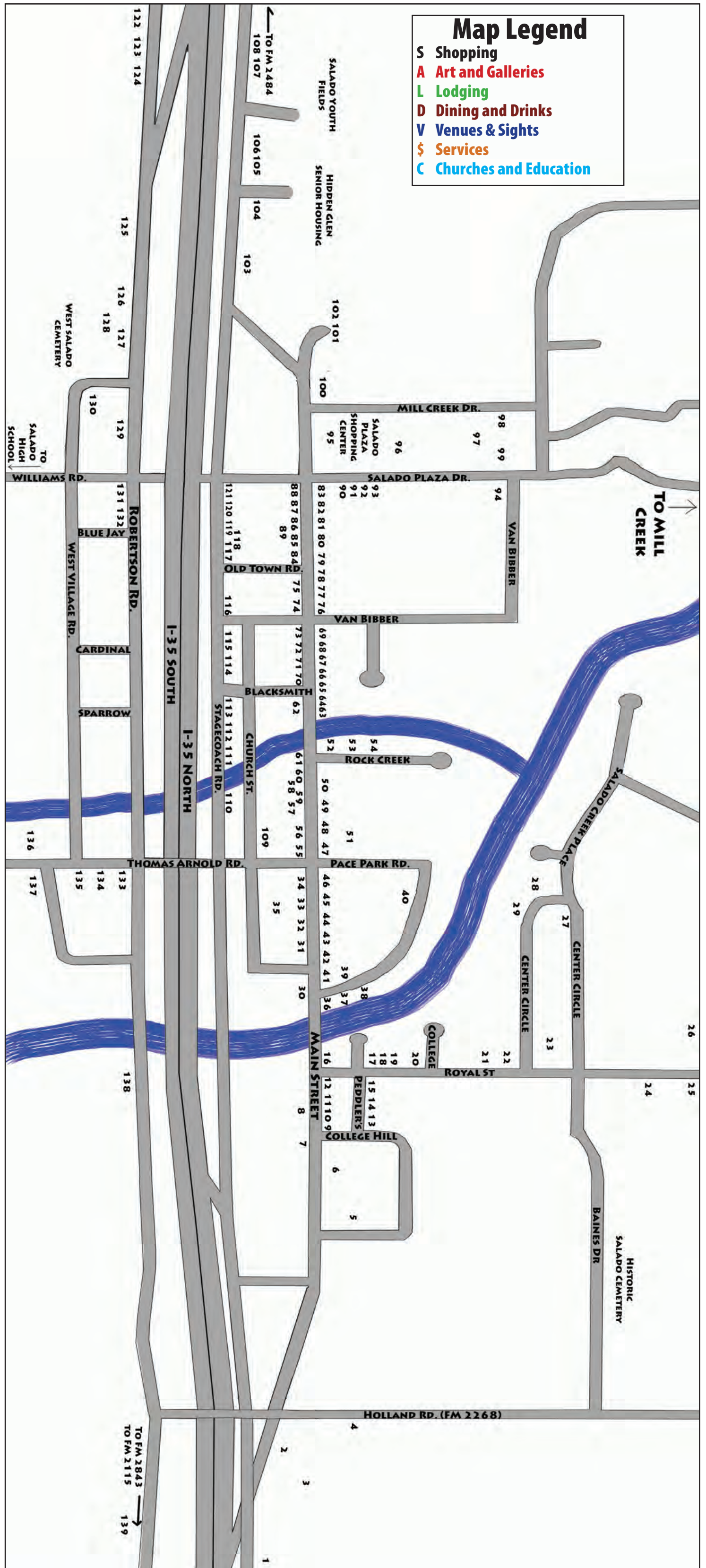
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9	Salado Museum 254-947-5232	V
	Salado Visitors Center 254-947-8634	\$
	Salado Chamber of Commerce 254-947-5040	\$
	Village of Salado Tourism Office 254-947-8634	\$
10	Sofi's 254-947-4336	S
11	Chupacabra Craft Beer and Winery (254) 308-2019	D
	Chupacabra Kitchen (254) 308-2220	D
14	Salado Glassworks 254-947-0339	A
15	Rio Salado Cocina y Cantina 254-308-2044	D
16	The Sugar Shack 254-947-8840	S/D
17	Barrow Brewing Co. 254-947-3544	D
	Happy Pizza 254-226-1684	
21	The Venue 254-947-5554	V
	Village Spa 254-293-6600	S
22	The Shed 254-947-1960	D
23	Salado Creek Healing 254-308-0242	\$
24	Tablerock 254-947-9205	V
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29	Inn on the Creek 254-947-5554	L
	Alexanders Craft Cocktails & Kitchen 254-947-3828	D
30	First Baptist Church 254-947-546	C
31	Fairway Mortgage 254-947-3454	\$
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 254-947-5060	V
41	Susan Marie's 254-947-5239	S
49	Lively Coffeehouse & Bistro 254-947-3688	D
55	Salado Family Dentistry 254-947-5242	\$
58	The Shoppes on Main The Marketplace Cafe 254-947-0888	S D
60	Salado Creek Jewelry 254-855-5538	S
62	The Pizza Place 254-947-0222	D
75	Stage Stop Center Angelic Herbs 254-947-1909	\$ \$
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76	Salado Civic Center 254-947-5479	\$
81	Salado Wine Seller and Salado Winery Co. 254-947-8011	D
82	St. Joseph's Episcopal Church 254-947-3160	C
84	Old Town Salado The Flower Shop 254-444-0277	\$ \$
	The Rose & Bee 512-975-8000	S
85	Wild Texas Cowgirl 512-201-9702	S
	Salado Post Office 254-947-5322	\$
86	Bill Bartlett - Century 21 254-947-5050	\$
87	The Personal Wealth Coach 254-947-1111	\$
90	Presbyterian Church of Salado 254-308-2023	C
91	Troy Smith Financial Services 254-947-0376	\$
92	Salado Sculpture Garden Salado Plaza	A
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97	Brookshire Brothers 254-947-8922	S
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110	Mel's Gourmet Delights & Pastry 254-935-7080	D
113	Salado Church of Christ 254-947-5241	C
126	Cowboy's Barbecue 254-947-5700	D
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132	Broecker Funeral Home 254-947-0066	\$
134	The Dog Spot 254-947-3647	\$
135	Carus Dental 254-947-8067	\$
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139	Cedar Valley Baptist Church 254-947-0148	C
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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

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

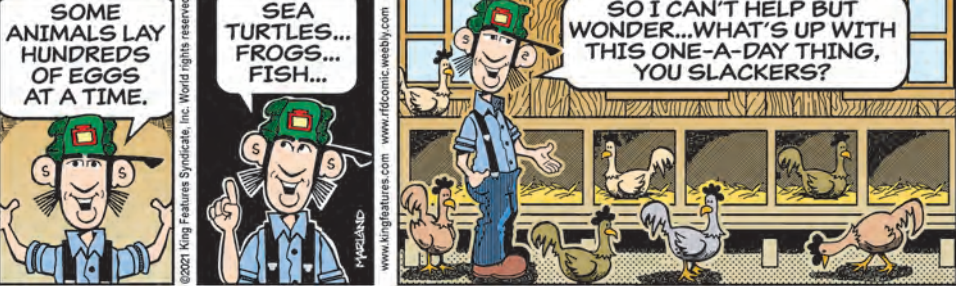
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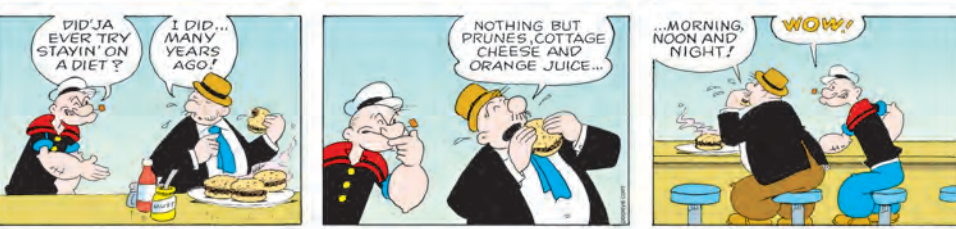
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The Spats



Contract Bridge

THAT OLD BLACK MAGIC

West dealer. East-West vulnerable. NORTH: ♠ A 8, ♥ 6 3 2, ♦ A K Q, ♣ 8 7 6 5 2. WEST: ♠ J 9 7, ♥ 9 7 5 4, ♦ 8, ♣ A K J 10 9. EAST: ♠ K 10 6 5 4 3, ♥ 8, ♦ 10 9 4 3 2, ♣ 3. SOUTH: ♠ Q 2, ♥ A K Q J 10, ♦ J 7 6 5, ♣ Q 4.

The bidding: West North East South Pass 1 ♣ Pass 1 ♥ Pass 1 NT Pass 3 ♥ Pass 4 ♥ Opening lead — king of clubs.

when he cashes the A-K of hearts, East shows out, and South is faced with a challenging problem.

He sees that if he continues to draw trump, he will be unable to score the jack of diamonds as his 10th trick, while if he abandons further trump leads in order to first cash the A-K-Q of diamonds, he subjects himself to a ruff by West and would still have to lose a spade.

There seems to be no solution to this dilemma, but declarer can accomplish his mission by making a very unusual (but entirely reasonable) play. Since West passed originally and has already shown up with the A-K-J-10-9 of clubs, it is unlikely he will also have the king of spades.

Accordingly, South draws West's two remaining trumps with the Q-J, following suit from dummy to the queen but discarding the ace of spades from dummy on the jack!

This extraordinary play works like a charm when declarer next cashes the A-K-Q of diamonds and then leads the nine of spades from dummy. Regardless of which three cards East has in his hand at this point, South, holding the Q-2 of spades and jack of diamonds, is sure to score two of the last three tricks.

Fancy? Of course! But certainly the right play under the circumstances.

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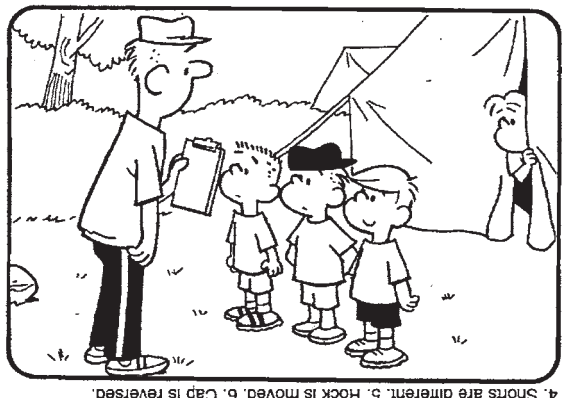
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Find at least six differences in details between panels.

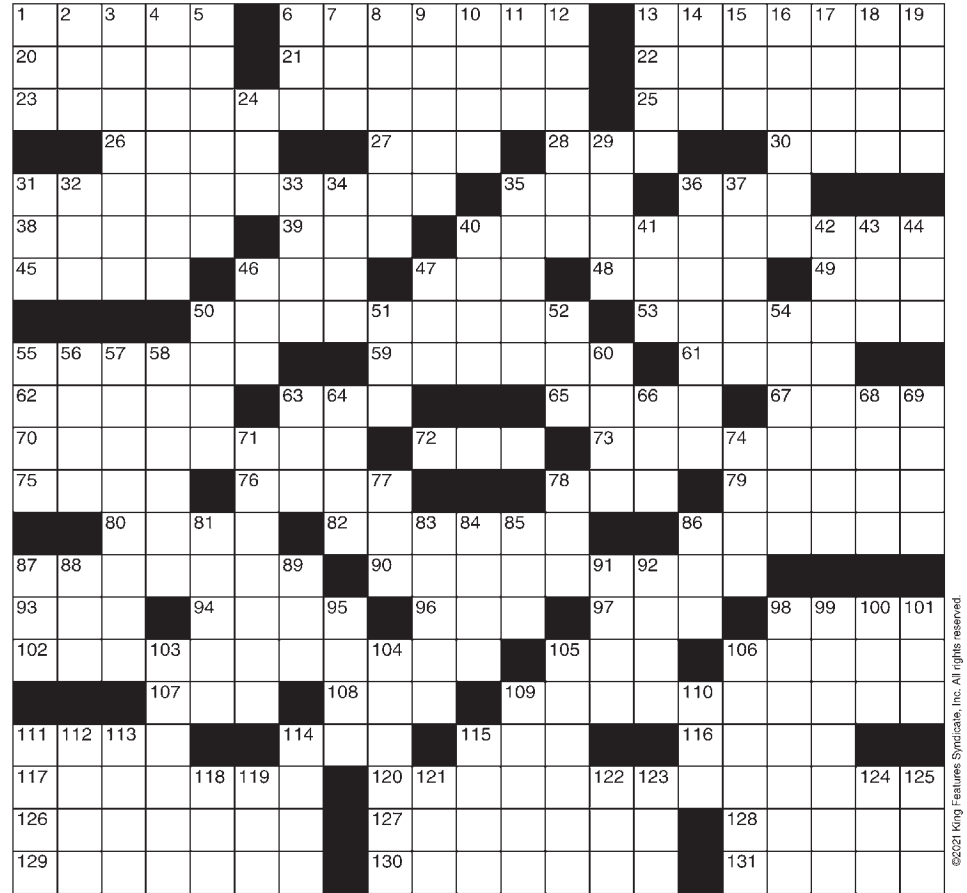


Differences: 1. Stripe is added. 2. Panel is moved. 3. Tent is smaller. 4. Shorts are different. 5. Rock is removed. 6. Cap is reversed.

Super Crossword

GAME TIME

- ACROSS: 1 Ford dud, 6 Like a poetic lament, 13 Reggae land, 20 Mucho, 21 Sailing event, 22 Warded off, 23 Game in which groups of items are named, 25 Game utilizing five dice, 26 Liver spread, 27 Part of TGIF, 28 "That's show —!"



Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What word represents the letter "Q" in the NATO phonetic alphabet code? 2. MOVIES: Which actress, as a child, won a Best Supporting Actress award for her role in "The Piano"?

- Answers: 1. Quebec, 2. Anna Paquin, 3. Ben & Jerry's ice cream, 4. Finland, 5. "Slaughterhouse-Five," Kurt Vonnegut, 6. The left hemisphere, 7. Saffron, 8. "Beverly Hills, 90210", 9. Oregon, 10. Crepuscular.

Weekly SUDOKU grid with numbers 1-9 in some cells.

Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

Weekly SUDOKU grid with numbers 1-9 in some cells.

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Answers for the crossword puzzle.

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Trivia every Monday at Chupacabra, 7 p.m.

Tuesdays
Tuesday Night Prix Fixe at Alexander's Craft Cocktails + Kitchen. \$14.95 for entree, dessert and glass of wine. Prix Fixe menu changes weekly. Visit Alexander's Facebook page for weekly updates on Prix Fixe.

Wednesdays
Walking Book Club meets at Salado Public Library, walks to Lively's for coffee and discussion and walks back, 10 a.m.
Guest food truck day at Barrow Brewing Co., 108 Royal St. 4-9 p.m.
Tastes of the World at The

Barton House Restaurant, 5-9 p.m. Menu changes each week. Call 254-947-0441 for more information.
Wine Down Wednesday at Alexander's Craft Cocktails & Kitchen, 5-7 p.m., Half price on select bottles of wine, featured wine by the glass and feature cocktail specials change weekly.
Vinyl Nite with Shannon at Barrow Brewing Co., 5 p.m.

Thursdays
Teen Writing Group meets at Salado Public Library, 6 p.m.
Dungeons & Dragons group for adults at Salado Public Library, 6 p.m. launches Sept. 9
Open Mic Night with Dustin Brown, 6 p.m., Barrow Brewing Co.
Bikes & Brews, 6 p.m. at Barrow Brewing Co.
Run4Beer Group meets at 6:30 p.m. at Barrow Brewing Co.

Family Night at The Shed, specials on beer and pizzas change every week.

Fridays
Storytime with Ms. April, Salado Public Library, 11 a.m.
Teen Dungeons & Dragons group, 6 p.m., at Salado Public Library beginning Sept. 10.
Live Music at Chupacabra Craft Beers, 7 p.m.
Live Music at Barrow Brewing Co. 7:30 p.m.

Fridays-Sundays
All Day Gourmet food tasting, Wild Texas Cowgirl, 642A N. Main St., Blue & White House. Open late Fri & Sat! @WildTexasCowgirl-Google Us!

Saturdays
Farmers Market at Barrow Brewing Co. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on the grounds.
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.

process, a life will be lost. Tickets are \$50 per person, \$55 if you want to portray one of the mulleted and/or hair-sprayed characters! Reserve your spot now: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/totally-rad-80s-prom-gone-bad-tickets-162574535813>

August 28
Barrow Brewing Co., live music at 8 p.m. Anna Larson.

August 28
Live Music at Chupacabra, Shady Villa, 7 p.m. Markus Miller.

August 29
Barrow Brewing Co., Summer Lecture Series, 2 p.m. Carol Stevens.

August 29
Barrow Brewing Co., live music at 4 p.m. Nate Guthrie.

August 30
Retirement reception for Salado ISD Asst. Superintendent Burt Smith and his wife, Jami, 4:00 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center, located at 601 North Main Street. All students, parents, employees, and community members are welcome to attend.

August 30
Informational meeting at 6 p.m. on recently adopted regulations authorizing golf carts, neighborhood electric vehicles (NEVs), all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) and utility vehicles (UTVs) to operate on public streets in Salado. The public meeting will be held at 6 p.m. at the Municipal Building located at 301 N. Stagecoach.

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August 27
Barrow Brewing Co., live music at 8 p.m. KCD Band.

August 27
Live Music at Chupacabra, Shady Villa, 8 p.m. Stephen Brashear.

August 28
Benefit for Adam Coldiron starts at 11 a.m. at Jack's Barn, 525 Pace Park Dr. Barbecue plates, \$10 each, cold drinks, \$2 each. Live auction items include:ix tickets and a table for Randy Rogers Oct. 1 at Johnny's Outback; Dinner for two at Pignetti's (\$100 value); an amazing Consuela purse! Handmade quilts, gift baskets and more. Live music will play during the day.

August 28
Totally Rad 80's Prom Gone Bad, 6:30-10 p.m. at The Venue by Inn on the Creek. During this throw-back-themed evening murder mystery, Mayhem High School will crown the Prom King and Queen and in the

September 2
Salado ISD and Baylor Scott & White Pfizer vaccine, noon-6 p.m. Salado Middle School. Free of charge and walk-ins welcome. Anyone 12-17 will need parent or guardian present to sign consent form.

September 2
Pint Night at Chupacabra Craft Beer, 4 p.m.-midnight. Get a free pint glass with every purchase of the featured brewery, Saint Arnold's.

September 2
Stop the Bleed and Basic CPR class for adults at Salado Public Library, 6:30 p.m.

September 2
Village of Salado Aldermen meeting, 6:30 p.m. 301 N. Stagecoach Rd. Meeting will be cast via Zoom. Link will be posted at saladotx.gov 72 hours before meeting.

September 3
First Friday Breakfast, 8:30-9:30 a.m. at First Community Title Salado office, 40 N. Main St.

September 3
Live Music at Barrow Brewing, 7 p.m., Sasha K.A. and Everett Wren.

September 4
Voter Registration Drive at Farmers' Market 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on Barrow Brewery Grounds, next to Coffee Wagon.

September 4
Live Music at Barrow Brewing, 8 p.m. The Lost Project.

September 5
Live Music at Barrow Brewing, 4 p.m.. Smokin' Maxx.

September 9
Pint Night at Chupacabra Craft Beer, 4 p.m.-midnight. Get a free pint glass with every purchase of Deep Ellum.

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Eagles Kick off Season with Troy

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Salado Eagles will continue their tradition of kicking off the football season by facing the Troy Trojans at the University of Mary Hardin Baylor Crusader Stadium at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 27.

The Eagles beat Troy 46-27 and went on to blow through District 9-4A Div. II competition, last year thanks to a stacked lineup of three senior running backs who led the Eagles to 4,370 yards on the ground and 4,795 total offense.

All three starting running backs -- District MVP Wrook Brown and District first teamers Noah Mescher and Reid Vincent -- were lost to graduation, as well as crucial offensive linemen, leaving four-year starting quarterback Hutton Haire with young runners and young lineman to master the complex Slot T offense his father and coach Alan Haire brought to Salado six years ago.

But perhaps his seventh season at the helm of the Salado Eagles will be a lucky one.

The Eagles return four starters on each side of the ball from last year's 11-2 Region Semi-finalist and District Champion team.

The offensive line, crucial in its execution of the Slot T scheme, will be anchored by Gavyn Keyser, a 6'2" 290 lb. tackle who was named the top lineman in the district last year and received All-State Honorable Mention. He registered 36 pancakes last year.

Aidan Wilson also returns to the offensive line. The 5'11", 210 lb. senior guard is what Haire describes as "very fast and physical." he earned First

Team All-District honors last year.

Haire's sure hands, cool demeanor and knowledge of the Slot T, will be needed under center this year with three new starting running backs.

Caden Strickland saw a great deal of action last year. He had 73 touches for 565 yards and nine TDs. He was also a top receiver coming out of the backfield for six catches for two TDs and 145 yards.

Safety Josh Huckabee will lead a defensive squad that will have several new faces, including Blake Rives and Scott Balmas taking over Co-Defensive Coordinator from alumni John Kirk, who took a coaching position at Texas powerhouse Aledo. Huckabee was named to the First Team All District. He had 49 solo tackles, 36 assisted tackles and an interception last year.

Blake Volk will also bring experience at defensive tackle. He had 21 total tackles, including eight solo tackles and four sacks, using his speed to get around larger offensive lineman. He was named to the second team All-District squad.

Other defensive notables are Seth Reavis, a 6'0" 175 lb. junior who was named to the second team all-district defense as a sophomore and lineman Cahvan Wilson, a 6'1", 200 lb. junior. Sophomore Garrett Combs (6'3", 225 lbs.) was named to the second team all district defense as a freshman. Haire says he "has the ability to be a force on the defensive front."

Senior Nolan Williams returns to defend against the pass. He was a second team All District defensive player at Cornerback.

The Eagles won't play a home game until Sept. 17 as they travel to Grandview to

face the #7 Zebras on Sept. 3 and play Stephenville Yellowjackets at Tarleton's Memorial Stadium on Sept. 10.

The Zebras gave Salado its only regular season loss, 21-7 in week two. The Eagles bounced back for 11 straight wins before losing to perennial state champion Carthage Bulldogs in the Region Semi-final round.

District 9-4A had three teams in the top 10 at different stages of the season last year: Salado, China Spring and Connally.

The Eagles knocked Connally out of the top 10 when they beat them on their home turf 20-15. China Spring, which ended up in third place in District, was a Region finalist, losing to Carthage on its way to another state championship and perfect season.

China Spring is ranked #7 in 4A D-II by the Bible of Texas Football, Dave Campbell's Texas Football.

The Eagles will travel to China Spring to face the Cougars on Oct. 22, a week after hosting the Connally Cadets.

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Boys take first, girls take second at Temple Invitational

Salado Eagles cross country team won the Temple Invitational meet Aug. 20 at Lions Park, led by Luke Anderson's second place finish. Anderson, a freshman runner on the varsity team, ran for a time of 17:14.00, just behind St. Dominic Catholic school's Mitch Archer, who had a time of 17:03.20.

The Eagles won the meet with a team score of 79, followed by Robinson's 91 points and Georgetown Gateway Prep's 117. There were 16 schools in the 1A-

4A Boys Division.

Ryan Novotny was fifth in the field with a run of 18:10.00. Isaac Huerta was the third Salado runner to crack the top 10 with an eighth-place time of 18:24.40 over the three-mile course. Brooks Dabney placed 34th in the field of 119 runners with a time of 19:47.90 and Morgan Hauck was right behind him with a 35th place time of 19:49.70

Also running for the varsity team were Camden Aycock, 41st, 19:56.60; Owen Pitcock, 50th,

20:30.80, Luke Drigalla, 64th, 21:11.50 and Jake Rechterfig, 65th, 21:19.80.

Salado Lady Eagles varsity cross country team took second place in the Temple Invitational at Lions Park on Aug. 20, led by Alexa Williams, who placed fifth with a time of 13:19.

"The girls have been practicing hard since mid July and their hard work was shown on the course today," Coach Corey Baird said.

Lorena won the meet with a team score of 45, fol-

lowed by Salado with 56 and Lampasas, 129. Eleven schools competed in the division.

Penelope Anderson was immediately behind her teammate Williams, placing sixth with a time of 13:29.

Anna Redelsheimer was 13th with a time of 14:12. Cassie Vargas was 18th, 14:27 and Natalie Burleson was 22nd, 14:47.

Also running for the varsity girls were Sydney Lange, 23rd, 14:51; Ally Ihler, 25th, 14:55; Ellie

Mescher, 27th, 15:06; Evie Wickert, 34th, 15:25 and Madyson Rosamond, 40th, 15:33.

The JV Girls squad also won second in their division, led by Ida Boegsted, who placed third in the field with a time of 15:02.

Also running for the JV girls were these: Sofia Cadenas, eighth, 16:02; Ashlyn Williams, 11th, 16:16; Allyson Gouveia, 14th, 16:19; Kate Neas, 15th, 16:29; Kennedy Anthony, 18th, 16:40; Payton Cunningham, 19th, 16:53; Addison King, 20th, 16:55; Evelyn Ackerman, 24th, 17:22; Sydney King, 25th, 17:25; Jolee Lindsey, 36th, 18:31 and Anna James, 44th, 19:55.

The JV Boys squad

took third place in the 1A-4A Boys JV Division, led by Jade Fields, who place fourth with a time of 19:45.90. Logan White placed 13th with a time of 21:36.00, followed by Connor Lynch, 14th, 21:42.10, Adan Giral, 15th, 21:53.90 and Sean Murray, 16th, 21:55.46.90. The JV Boys scored 62 points to finish behind St. Dominic Savio Catholic school, 17 points, and Georgetown Gateway Prep, 58 points.

Also running for the JC Boys were Briton Messicker, 21st, 22:46.90; Robert Joiner, 22nd, 22:49.60; Evan Hardt, 23rd, 22:57.40 and Casey Davis, 28th, 23:39.80.

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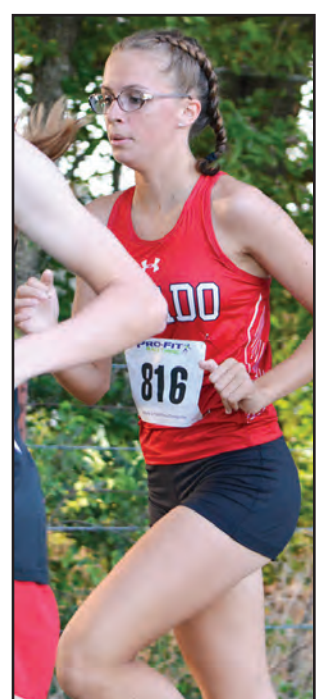
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Luke Anderson placed second for the varsity boys. (PHOTO BY LEE SCHWEGER)



Alexa Williams placed fifth for the varsity girls. (PHOTO BY LEE SCHWEGER)

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it hit the 2% threshold of active COVID-19 cases.

The new protocol requires that if a campus hits 2% threshold for active COVID-19 cases, masks would be required of students, staff and any visitors for one week or until the school gets below the threshold. If a campus hits the 5% threshold, it would be closed for one week.

Dr. Novotny said he met with Bell County Health Department officials and was in consultation with emergency room physicians at both Baylor Scott & White McLane Children's Hospital. The doctors told him, "The Delta variant is a different disease regarding the kids than the prior variants," Dr. Novotny said. "Before, they would have two or three percent of the beds with COVID-19. Now 15% of the beds at McLane are kids with COVID-19."

He added that of the 160 COVID-19 cases at Baylor Scott & White, 116 are in intensive care and 95% of those are unvaccinated. More than 40% are under 65 years of age.

Dr. Novotny reported that 60 school districts are requiring masks, setting up a legal battle between the districts and Gov. Greg Abbott. "These were generally large school district in urban areas like Dallas, Houston, Austin and San Antonio. The closest to us that is requiring masks is Round Rock ISD," he said. "Four district around the state have already had to shut down. "These are smaller than us. The ones that have shut down is not because the number of students hit a threshold, but because of the number of staff that are out... they cannot operate." He added that many of the local school districts that had to have closures last year was because of staff issues, not hitting a threshold.

Jeff Kelley asked Dr. Novotny if Salado could reach the point of not having enough staff and subs prior to hitting any threshold of overall cases on a campus. "That depends on the availability and number of substitutes and other workers. My goal is that none of this happens," Dr. Novotny responded, adding that the proposed protocols is to have "a plan in place to be prepared for that."

Kelley gave a motion that received a second by Dr. Bobbie Ann Adair White to implement the protocols with splitting the three buildings at Thomas Arnold Elementary having their own thresholds rather than the entire campus hav-

ing one threshold. The motion was later withdrawn and a motion to adopt the Superintendent's recommended protocols as presented passed with all members present voting in favor: Kim Bird, Savannah Hennig, Kelley, Amy McLane, Smith and White. Jim Hodgins was absent.

Trustees then discussed but failed to pass a proposal that would offer a \$500 stipend to Salado ISD employees that have received full vaccination or will receive full vaccination.

Dr. Novotny reviewed recommendations from Texas Education Agency to school districts concerning contact tracing and notification. Districts are not required to do any contact tracing or notification of parents if a case comes up in their child's class. Schools are not allowed to quarantine students based on close contact with positive COVID-19 cases, but only on positive cases.

In early discussion, Smith said that the school now relies on "parents self-reporting that their child has COVID-19," adding that he felt the actual number of students with COVID-19 will be more than the recorded number of students in school with COVID-19.

"This is a strategy to try to maintain safety in our schools and keep our schools open," Dr. Novotny said.

He added that employees who have come into close contact with a diagnosed case of COVID-19 either in the classroom, home or outside of school could face being quarantined.

A staff member who is vaccinated who has been in close contact with a COVID-19 case will not have to quarantine for 10 days. Those who are not vaccinated will either have to be quarantined for 10 days or be tested every other day over 10 days in order to avoid quarantine. "Being vaccinated will void the other two choices," he said. "The easiest option is to be vaccinated and avoid the others."

He said that other school districts are offering stipends to employees who get vaccinated. Other employers, including Baylor Scott & White are requiring employees to be vaccinated. "The 1.4 million active duty troops are being required to be vaccinated," he said, adding, "we are not doing any of that. We are offering an incentive to those who have put it off for whatever reason."

"If we don't know how

many are unvaccinated on our staff," Hennig said, "then we don't know how many this may incentivise to get vaccinated. I support the vaccine but I don't support spending money on something if we don't know the benefit of it."

Dr. Novotny told trustees that even though he and his wife are fully vaccinated, that they would not accept the stipend. Kelley said the same of his wife employed in the district. "There is no conflict of interest," he said.

Trustees discussed sending a survey to staff and directed Dr. Novotny to do so after a motion by White (and second by Kelley) failed on the stipend program. White and Kelley were joined by Bird in voting in favor. Hennig, McLane and Smith voted against.

Other Agenda Items

In other business, trustees adopted a tax rate of \$1.372 per \$100 valuation with \$0.872 for maintenance and operation and \$0.50 for debt service. Even though the tax rate is \$0.027 lower than last year's, it will raise more money due to increases in appraisals and new growth in the district.

The board also learned that Salado ISD again received a Superior preliminary rating of 94 out of 100 points on the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST). The board will hold a public hearing when the final rating is released





Statements required in notice if the proposed tax rate exceeds the no-new-revenue tax rate but does not exceed the voter-approval tax rate, as prescribed by Tax Code §26.06(b-2).

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of \$0.4953 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of VILLAGE OF SALADO.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.4953 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.4898 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.4953 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2021 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for VILLAGE OF SALADO from the same properties in both the 2020 tax year and the 2021 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that VILLAGE OF SALADO may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that VILLAGE OF SALADO is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2021 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON September 9, 2021 at 6:30 PM at Municipal Building 301 N. Stagecoach Road.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, VILLAGE OF SALADO is not required to hold an election at which voters may accept or reject the proposed tax rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the City Secretary's Of Village of Salado of VILLAGE OF SALADO at their offices or by attending the public hearing mentioned above.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE TAX RATES MENTIONED ABOVE CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

$$\text{Property tax amount} = (\text{tax rate}) \times (\text{taxable value of your property}) / 100$$

(List names of all members of the governing body below, showing how each voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase or, if one or more were absent, indicating absences.)

FOR the proposal:	Mayor pro-tem Rodney Bell, Alderman Paul Cox, Alderman John Cole, Alderman D. Jasen Graham, and Alderman Jason Howard
AGAINST the proposal:	
PRESENT and not voting:	Mayor Michael Coggin
ABSENT:	

The 86th Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by VILLAGE OF SALADO last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by VILLAGE OF SALADO this year.

	2020	2021	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.5339	\$0.4953	7.22% decrease
Average homestead taxable value	\$235,775	\$256,213	8.66% increase
Tax on average homestead	\$1,259	\$1,269	0.79% increase
Total tax levy on all properties	\$1,081,196	\$1,115,835	3.20% increase

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Each person who owns livestock shall have that person's marks and brands recorded with the County Clerk regardless of whether or not the marks and brands have been previously recorded.

The Bell County Clerk's Office has mailed 513 renewal notices to those currently having a mark and/

or brand registered in Bell County. A renewal cannot be processed until August 31st, 2021 and will remain in effect for ten (10) years following which will be August 30, 2031. The recording fee will be \$11.00 per mark/brand per location on the livestock.

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Salado Police Report Aug. 16-22

Between August 16th through August 22nd, 2021, Salado Police Officers responded to the following calls in which offense or incident reported were taken: OFFENSE/INCIDENT REPORTS:

08/16/2021:

On this date around 1:15am an SPD Officer found a baggie containing an illegal narcotic near a gas pump of the CEFECO located at 1022 West Village. The item appeared to be accidentally left by unknown persons. If you know anyone who lost their illegal narcotics while in Salado, please have them come to the police department so they can positively identify their property.

08/17/2021:

A traffic stop was conducted in the 1000 block of West Village Rd. During the stop the officer observed several items of drug paraphernalia. During a search of the vehicle illegal narcotics were found and determined to be methamphetamine. The driver was arrested and charged with the felony offense for the possession of a controlled substance.

08/18/2021:

Around 5:30pm in the 2800 block of Chisholm Trail a person was observed taking a length of temporary fencing that was erected earlier in the day by the Village. The person was located in the Stinnett Mills subdivision and admitted to taking the fencing. He was advised to return the item to where he took it from and a report was initiated for a theft.

08/20/2021:

Around 7:00am a complainant reported that he

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Assault	1
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Citations	87
Citizen Contact	3
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Theft	2
Traffic Hazard	2
Warrant Service	1
Welfare Concern	2

was assaulted while in the parking lot of Brookshire Brothers by a known assailant. A report was initiated and a warrant for the suspects arrest was obtained. The suspect was later located and arrested for the assault.

08/21/2021:

A traffic stop was conducted on NB IH 35 near the 289A exit. The driver was found to be in possession of drug paraphernalia. The items were seized as evidence and the suspect was issued several citations and released from the scene.

08/22/2021:

A report of a theft which occurred on this date between the hours of 4:00pm and 11:00pm where unknown persons took a suitcase with the personal belongings of the resident. The suitcase had several

expensive electronic items inside of it. The person put it out near the street after an argument with her parents. She forgot that she left the suitcase near the end of their driveway and when she went to retrieve the suitcase it was gone. If anyone knows or who may have mistakenly taken the suitcase, believing it was trash, please contact the police department.

Around 6:30pm someone spun their tires of their vehicle and damaged the stop sign at Mill Creek and Chisholm Trail. The driver was later identified and admitted to striking the pole and failing to report it.

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



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Date	Address	Incident Type
08/08/2021	SOUTHVIEW DR, Salado	Sick Person
08/15/2021	SOUTHSHORE DR, Bell County	Difficulty Breathing
08/15/2021	TWELFTH GREEN LN, Salado	Difficulty Breathing
08/15/2021	HORNED FROG RD, Bell County	Sick Person
08/16/2021	INTERSTATE 35, Bell County	Unknown Status - Man Down
08/16/2021	LACEY LOU LN, Bell County	Unconscious / Fainting
08/16/2021	INTERSTATE 35, Salado	Motor Vehicle Accident with Injuries
08/17/2021	THOMAS ARNOLD RD, Salado	Falls
08/17/2021	W. VILLAGE RD, Salado	Chest Pain
08/18/2021	INTERSTATE 35, Jarrell	Dispatched & Cancelled en route
08/18/2021	WILLIAMS RD, Bell County	Dispatched & Cancelled en route
08/18/2021	QUAIL RIDGE RD, Bell County	Difficulty Breathing
08/18/2021	FM 2484, Bell County	Heart Problems
08/18/2021	W AMITY RD, Bell County	Diabetic Problems - Unconscious
08/18/2021	PARK DR, Salado	Difficulty Breathing
08/19/2021	MOON RIDE TRAIL, Bell County	Dispatched & Cancelled en route
08/20/2021	BIG BROOKE DR, Bell County	Fire Alarm
08/20/2021	INTERSTATE 35, Jarrell	Motor Vehicle Accident
08/20/2021	WILLIAMS RD, Bell County	Dispatched & Cancelled en route
08/20/2021	INTERSTATE 35, Bell County	Passenger Vehicle Fire
08/21/2021	SHINY TOP RANCH LN, Bell County	Falls
08/21/2021	INTERSTATE 35, Bell County	Passenger Vehicle Fire
08/21/2021	SALADO OAKS DR, Salado	Authorized Controlled Burning

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