

Wildflower Arts & Crafts Fest March 26-27

Salado Chamber of Commerce will be celebrating its 22nd Annual Wildflower Arts & Crafts Festival March 26-27. The festival will be held on the grounds of the Salado Civic Center at 601 N. Main Street from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 26 and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. March 27 with free admission.

Enjoy this family friendly festival by strolling through the more than 70 arts & crafts vendors selling handcrafted items from all over the state.

Shop from a large variety of talented crafters including; wood-working, jewelry, original paintings, photography, pottery, toy makers, soap makers, knitting/crochet, embroidery and more.

Wildflower Arts & Crafts Festival will also be featuring local food trucks and vendors – so grab a blanket and eat a picnic lunch from one of the food vendors and listen to live music in the gazebo.

Food vendors will include Things & Such; Candy's Porch; Papa Bear Kettle; Bacio Kettle; Lone Star Burgers; World's Famous Corndogs; Brick City Foods and A Man, A Lady & A Pit.



Wildflower Arts & Crafts Festival will be March 26-27 in Salado. (PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)

Texas Businesses April 15 deadline for filing Property Tax Renditions

The Texas Comptroller's office reminds business owners that for many property types, April 15 is the deadline to file property tax renditions with their county appraisal districts. Different deadlines apply for certain regulated property.

A rendition is a list of the taxable inventory, furniture and fixtures, machinery, equipment and other property owned or managed as of Jan. 1 each year.

The appraisal district may use the information to set property values.

A rendition allows property owners to record their

opinion of their property's value and ensures that the appraisal district notifies property owners before changing a recorded value. Exempt property, such as church property and equipment used for farming, is not subject to rendition.

Owners whose property was damaged by storm, flood or fire last year may file a special decreased value report, which indicates the property's condition on Jan. 1, 2022.

Filing the decreased value report could lower those owners' final tax bills for 2022.

Rendition forms and decreased value report forms are available from county appraisal district offices statewide and can be downloaded from <https://comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/property-tax/forms/>.

For more information about property rendition, deadlines, deadline extensions, penalties and rendition forms, taxpayers may contact the Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division at 800-252-9121 (press 2) or visit <https://comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/property-tax/valuing-property.php>.

Residents encouraged to report storm damage

Severe weather moved through the state on March 21.

Those storms, which produced small tornados across southeast Bell County, downed power lines and inflicted damage on both residential and commercial properties.

In the wake of those storms, the Bell County Emergency Management Department is encouraging residents and business to report damage to the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) through its TDEM Individual State of Texas Assessment Tool (iSTAT) Damage Survey.

There were no reported injuries from the March 21 storms, but the county is already aware of properties that were damaged by lightning and a fallen tree. Emergency Management Director Bob Reinhard says that reporting such damage to TDEM through its [damage.tdem.texas.gov](https://www.damage.tdem.texas.gov) is important.

"Not only does it help people get their damage reported to the state," Reinhard said. "It also helps the State understand the damage in our area and identify immediate resource needs that might exist in the area."

The iSTAT website includes a tutorial video to help users navigate the system. The site also includes a list of "Currently Active Incidents," which includes "March Severe Weather." Users can access this incident in either English or Spanish.

In addition to the URL, [damage.tdem.texas.gov](https://www.damage.tdem.texas.gov), the website can also be reached by utilizing the QR code here:



TDEM iSTAT

Legacy Salado seeks volunteers for Sirena's Carnaval

Legacy Salado, Inc. is a new 501c3 non-profit organization dedicated to the betterment of the Salado community.

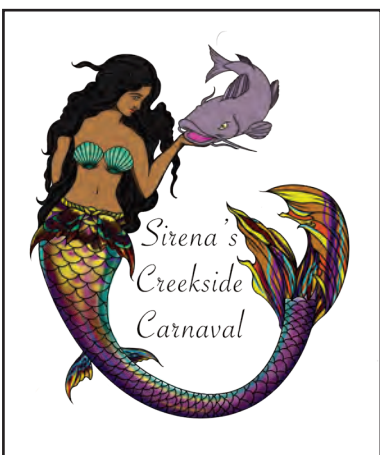
Co-founders Theresa Howard and Dr. Amber Preston Dankert saw a need and took action to create Legacy Salado, Inc., with a mission to enhance the Village of Salado through the preservation, conservation, maintenance, and improvement of public spaces.

The first goal is to fund Phase 2 of the all-abilities playground coming to Pace Park.

Funding for the first phase, an inspiring \$300,000 raised through community support, funding from the Village of Salado, and a grant from Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, is set to begin construction soon.

After all phases of the playground have been funded, Legacy Salado, Inc. will continue to raise funds for other worthwhile community projects.

Legacy Salado, Inc. is announcing Sirena's Creekside Carnaval. "Formerly known as Sirena Festival and Parade, a new name means big changes," said Dr. Dankert. "The



two-day event will be a family-friendly affair to remember, complete with vendors, food, crafts, music, and of course, mermaids!"

Ticketed events will also occur during the festival, and vendor spaces are limited, so visit www.sirenafest.org to stay informed of the latest updates.

A big festival will take lots of crew to run the ship. Volunteer opportunities for individuals and groups are available. An initial volunteer kickoff meeting will be held 6 p.m. March 29 at Salado Public Library.

For more information, please visit www.legacysalado.org.



Mayor Michael Coggin presented Police Chief Pat Boone with a key to the Village and a Proclamation thanking him for his years of service to Salado. After three years as Chief of Police, Boone leaves Salado to take a job in the private sector. His last day will be April 1. (PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)

FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas

Fed increases rates for first time since 2018

The Markets

With all the noise about Russia's invasion of Ukraine and the resultant coming shortages and high prices for critical commodities previously supplied by Russia, not to mention a 40-year high in reported inflation, and the Federal Reserve's announcement of higher interest rates, any reasonable person could be forgiven for assuming that the stock market would have taken a hit for the week. Just to show that the markets do not follow our intuitive assumptions, the S&P 500 Stock Index (SPX) rose an astounding 6.16% closing on the 18th at 4463.12, soaring out of last week's "correction" with a flair. It is still down about 6.36% in 2022, but up over 14% from a year earlier. Our other stock market indicator, the CRSP Mid-Cap Value Index, turned in a weekly gain of 4.14% to close at 2552.16, down only 1.74% this year.

In this week that saw the first Federal Reserve interest rate increase since 2018, the yield on the 10-year, U.S. Treasury note put in a healthy rise of 7.6% to 2.153% as the 30-year bond yield moved up in tandem to 2.427%, keeping the Treasury yield curve in a nicely positive slope. West Texas Intermediate crude oil (WTI) fell another 3.66% to end the week at \$105.10, down over 15% from recent highs, but still up about 39% this year and up 71% from this time last year.

The Economy

Amid the week's sturm and drang (thunder and lightning) the underlying major economic news was easy to miss. First, the Federal Reserve Board, as widely expected, raised short term rates 0.25%, the first such increase in four years. More, in the post-meeting press conference, Chairman Powell indicated that he estimated there would be six more increases this year, which would take short-term interest rates to at least 1.5%. The consensus of economists' estimates suggests

Market & Economic Update

By Jeffrey W. McClure



that by sometime in 2023, short term rates will peak somewhere between 2% and 3%. What the Fed is looking for is a "neutral" short-term rate that neither stimulates nor depresses economic activity. At the same time, the Fed is widely expected to start to "shrink the balance sheet", a term that means they will begin absorbing money from the economy rather than, as they have for the past two years, infusing money into the economy. The objective is to reduce loan activity and soak up excess liquidity and in doing so, curb longer-term inflation. Balance sheet shrinking tends to raise longer-term rates, so hopefully we will continue to see a positive yield curve.

Notably, the stock market started rising immediately after the interest rate increase announcement. Chairman Powell and other members continue to state that they believe the current high level of inflation was caused by external issues and not by a wage and price spiral generated internally. Given the near-record low unemployment and extremely healthy economic growth in the U.S. economy along with very limited wage increases, they believe it is prudent to stop any attempt to stimulate economic growth, but the Board sees no reason to attempt to counter the natural growth of the economy.

As evidence of that healthy economic growth, the IHS U.S. Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index came in at 57.3 for the month of February on a scale where numbers above 50 indicate growth and below 50, contraction. That reading is certainly lower than the unsustainable readings in the 60s we saw last year but is still exceptionally high by historical standards. Retail sales were

reported by the Census Bureau to have also grown at a slower pace than we saw in 2021, up 0.3% in February, but were revised up to 4.9% for January. That average monthly growth of 2.6% so far this year equates to an annual retail sales growth of about 15.6%, compared with 16% growth over the last twelve months. Both the manufacturing and retail sales numbers continue to indicate our economy is on a tear, growing about as fast as our infrastructure can support.

On Friday, the 18th, one of our most carefully followed data points was released as the Conference Board announced their Index of Leading Economic Indicators (LEI) rose 0.3% in February with the critical six-month average up at a 4.3% annualized rate. As we have mentioned before, the LEI is the most reliable indicator of the U.S. economy's future status 6 to 18 months into the future. The LEI has fallen substantially for several months before every recession over the past forty-plus years. That it is up and has risen substantially over the past six months is unequivocal good news.

The bottom line is that the U.S. economy continues to drive ahead, growing at about as fast a rate as is healthy. The Russian invasion of Ukraine will almost certainly mean that higher prices for a host of goods and services are in the works, but externally caused price rises have historically been taken well in stride by our economy and have proven to be temporary. The future is always uncertain, with Russian actions as the wild card, but so far from a purely economic perspective, the future looks as good or better than any we have seen in the past half century of careful observation.



Thanks to Salado Police Dept.

To the Editor:

Thanks to the wonderful Salado Police Department.

We were at an out of town event, a wedding, when our alarm system went off - getting notice of glass breaking, intrusion and a likely home break in.

Being 3 hours away, there was nothing we could do. The feeling was just terrible - we will never forget that morning.

The alarm company called us and they notified the Salado Police Department.

Your Voice

Letters to the Editor

Within minutes, we saw Chief Boone drive up and inspect the house. Thankfully nothing was wrong and it was some sort of problem with the security system.

The relief from seeing the Salado Police Department drive up to the house

made our special day even more so.

We will miss the Chief. Thanks so much for the Salado Police Department for all you do.

Jay Valentine
Salado

Trump didn't cause Russian invasion

More than a year into the Biden presidency, Vladimir Putin has invaded a sovereign neighboring country and, of course, everyone knows who's to blame -- Biden's predecessor.

In an instance of misdirection for the ages, a spate of commentary has pointed the finger at Donald Trump for supposedly creating the predicate for Putin's brutalizing of Ukraine.

There's no doubt that Trump has long had an apparently uncontrollable reflex to say warm things about Vladimir Putin. He foolishly mused about pulling out of NATO. And his withholding of aid to Ukraine for a partisan political purpose -- to pressure the Ukrainian government to uncover dirt related to the Bidens -- was a tawdry abuse of power (and led to his first impeachment).

No one should hold Trump up as a paragon, but to blame him for sparking a delayed-fuse geopolitical cataclysm that just happened to explode on Biden's watch is wholly ridiculous.

Trump critic retired Lt. Col Alexander Vindman, who had a star turn as a witness at Trump's first impeachment, says Trump emboldened Putin and left Ukraine unprepared to defend itself. Former U.S. ambassador to Ukraine Marie Yovanovitch says Trump sent the world the message that Ukraine was a mere pawn. A piece in The New York Review of Books says Trump "paved Putin's way."

There is no support for this argument in a world where facts and logic -- or basic chronology -- mean something.

First of all, Russia had grabbed Crimea and started



a long-running war in Eastern Ukraine in 2014, long before anyone had any idea that Donald Trump would run for president, let alone win. It clearly didn't take Trump to give Putin the idea that he could get away with invading Ukraine -- he invaded Ukraine and got away with it under the administration of Barack Obama, when, by the way, Joe Biden was vice president.

It is now widely acknowledged that the sanctions back then were too timid, a concession that Obama officials let Putin off too lightly. Surely, that must have figured into the Russian leader's calculation whether to invade yet again.

Then, there's the fact that Barack Obama steadfastly resisted providing Ukraine lethal aid -- after it had already been invaded. Bipartisan opposition to Obama didn't move him. He believed deeply in the appeaser's logic that it would be too "provocative" to give Ukraine weapons simply to defend itself.

Again, Trump had nothing to do with this misbegotten decision; indeed, he criticized it.

Trump's offense in 2019 was to delay military aid -- including Javelin missiles -- that Congress had approved for Ukraine, in a reversal of Obama's policy. If Trump never should have engaged in this self-interested gamesmanship, he released the assistance by September 2019.

Another line of argument is that Putin didn't invade Ukraine during the Trump administration because the Russian leader was already getting everything he wanted from Trump, including the destabilization of NATO. The outward expression of Trump's doubts about the alliance, though, largely took the form of loud complaints about European countries skipping on defense spending, which were completely justified.

Indeed, it's perverse that Angela Merkel was made into a great heroine of Western statesmanship at the same time she maintained a pathetic level of defense spending and deepened Germany's energy dependence on Russia in a way that was more dangerous than anything Trump said or tweeted.

And it wasn't Trump who told Biden to execute a humiliating withdrawal from Afghanistan, to give Putin the gift of a summit after he menaced Ukraine the first time, to remove sanctions on the Nord Stream 2 pipeline, to speak forthrightly about Western divisions at a pre-invasion press conference, or to forgo preemptive sanctions.

All of that is on Biden, and all of it -- especially the Afghan fiasco -- had to make an impression on Putin. Now, it may well have been that Putin was undeterrable, but that makes it all the more outlandish and dumb to blame a former U.S. president for his deprecations.

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Bell County Retired Employee Assoc. continues its endeavor to aid students

Bell County Retired School Employee Association Membership Drive officially started March 1 for the 2022-2023 year.

The dues are \$10 locally and \$35 for state dues. The \$45 payment can be made with cash, check or with the Association's new PayPal app at PayPal.me/BCRSEA.

Please contact treasurer Millie Henn at milliehenn4@gmail.com or Membership Chair Karen McGregor at missusa78@aol.com to join BCRSEA or for more information.

If you are a retired employee whether certified or auxiliary, you are eligible to join.

The local group's goal for the upcoming year is 360. Presently our membership sits at 346. When you register your name will be in a drawing for a free membership.

Any member that brings in two new members will be in a drawing for a \$100 gift certificate to Pignettis. This drawing will be September 1, 2022.

The association present a \$500 check to the Belton Early Childhood School library to buy books for children to take home. Some

retirees sat and enjoyed reading to four and five year olds. A group of 25 retirees met at the Czech Heritage Museum for tour.

The executive board will meet 11:30 a.m. March 31 at Ralph Wilson Youth Club, 1515 S. 25th St, Temple.

The next regular meeting will be 2 p.m. April 7 at South Belton Middle School, 805 Sage Brush Drive, Belton, TX. The scholarship recipients will be speakers for the meeting.

Members are encouraged to volunteer to read at Meridith-Dunbar Early Childhood Academy on April 15. Contact Pat Duran at p.duran25@yahoo.com.

Members are asked to turn in their number of volunteer hours April 1 to Paul Parker, pfparker67@gmail.com. He will announce a winner for the most volunteer hours in March at our April 7 meeting. The group's goal is to surpass 40,000 hours.

The State Texas Retired Teachers Association Convention will be April 11-13 in Dallas. Local association delegates are Clayton Bradley, Peggy Stewart, Linda Smith, Joyce Novak and Lamar Lewis.



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Ride dinos at Jurassic Quest

Jurassic Quest lands at the Waco Convention Center (100 Washington Ave.) March 25-27

Guests walk through the Cretaceous, Jurassic and Triassic Periods and experience for themselves what it was like to be among dinosaurs of all kinds.

Jurassic Quest is an interactive dinosaur event that has true-to-life size dinosaurs in each of its indoor touring locations from the very small to the gigantic.

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Jurassic Quest exhibits also allow future paleontologists to dig up fossils, ride their favorite life-sized dinosaur, enjoy walking dinosaur and baby dinosaur shows, and much more.

Public hours are 9 a.m.-8 p.m. March 25-26 and 9 a.m.-6 p.m. March 27.

Tickets available online: <https://www.jurassicquest.com/events/waco-tx>

Cost for entry: kids and adults, \$22; seniors, \$19.

The \$36 Kids Unlimited Rides includes entry and all-you-can-ride access to dinosaur rides, inflatables, fossil dig. General admission includes live shows, arts and crafts activities, dinosaur and marine exhibits.

Tickets for individual activities available on-site (from \$6). Free entry for children under 2.

Gospel Singing at Cedar Valley Baptist March 25

Cedar Valley Baptist Church at 12395 FM 2843 - Salado invite you to their monthly Fourth Friday Gospel Singings at 7 p.m. March 25.

The church invites everyone to come and join them.

"Come prepared to participate by just enjoying the gospel in song or prepare to sing or play special music," Linda Jackson said. "Everyone's invited to join in. Pot luck meal follows the gospel singing."

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The Salado Chamber of Commerce presented Ginny Lamphear, owner of the Gypsy Closet with her official ribbon cutting March 10. Many of her long time customers and Chamber members donning hats were on hand to welcome her to this new location at 112 N. Main St. Gypsy Closet is an Upscale women's consignment store providing quality, clothing, accessories. Visit gypsysclosetsalado.com for more information or stop in to see Ginny in person. gypsysclosetsalado.com (PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)



Old Red Barn Consignment store owner Bob Russell cut the ribbon March 17. Chamber members applaud the official opening of his furniture consignment business located at 642B N. Main St. Stop by to visit Bob and see what he has for sale. (PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)



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April 4 is new date set for Denver Mills Golf Tournament

The 26th annual Denver Mills Golf Tournament will be April 4 at Mill Creek Golf Course, courses 1 and 2. It was originally planned for March 21 but the possi-

bility of bad weather caused organizers to postpone it to April 4.

On-site registration is 11 a.m. and shotgun start sounds at 1 p.m.

There will be two chances to win a Hole-in-One at designated holes with prizes being either a new car from Don Ringler Chevrolet or \$10,000 cash split 50/50 with Tablerock, sponsored by Salty Creek Carpentry.

You can register by mailing payment to Tablerock, P.O. 312, Salado, Texas 76571 with Company/Individual Name, mailing address, phone, email, names of players.

A team of four and hole sponsor is \$550. Team of four for \$450. Individual players are \$125. Hole sponsors are \$100. Company banners are \$200. Corporate Sponsorships with Banner is \$500.

You can also register online at <http://www.tablerock.org>

CTC Foundation golf tournament fundraiser April 22

Entries are now being accepted for the 28th annual Central Texas College Foundation Golf Tournament fundraiser. The four-person scramble will be played Friday, April 22 at the Stonetree Golf Club in Killen starting at 9 a.m. Check-in time is 8 a.m. Entry fee is \$340 per team and includes golf cart, green fee, tournament fee, two drinks on course and lunch.

Registration is open online at <https://ctc4.me/CTC-Golf22>. The entry deadline is April 8.

Portions of the proceeds will benefit the CTC Foundation Scholarship program and events. Entry forms, sponsorship opportunities and more information are available at the CTC Foundation by emailing wendy.martel@ctcd.edu or calling 254-526-1662.

Paws in the Park held in Harker Heights March 26

Bring your furry friends to Paws in the Park for a day of fun!

This free, dog-friendly event for all ages will include activities such as an agility course, pet adoptions, contests, pet services and products, and more.

Dog-friendly vendors with items available for purchase will be in attendance.

Come out this March 26, 2-5 p.m. at Purser Family Park, located at 100 W. Mountain Lion in Harker Heights.

Have dogs on a leash

outside the dog park fence area.

Prizes will be given to first, second, and third places in five different contests: Best Trick, Best Costume, Agility Contest, Smallest Dog (breed must be one year and older), and Largest Dog.

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From Fort Worth, Texas, Miss Devon and The Outlaw will perform at the Salado Cowboy Poetry and Music Festival scheduled for May 5-8. For a complete list of performers and activities, visit the official website at <https://saladocowboypoetry.org>.

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Miss Devon, the 2020 Academy of Western Artists 'Western Music Female Performer of the Year' is noted for her vintage 'sock-rhythm' guitar style, warm 'swingtime cowgirl' vocals, and lively persona, engaging kids and adults in her audience with a style perfectly suited to her 'secret' persona as the singing voice of Toy Story 2's "Jessie" on the Grammy-winning Disney CD "Woody's Round-up featuring Riders in the Sky". She has made appearances at Pixar Studios, the renowned Grand Old Opry in Nashville, done shows with Radio Disney, Riders In the Sky, Michael Martin Murphy, The Texas Playboys, and has popped up on Starz-Encore's "Western Channel", RFD-TV, and American Idol 2018. She is a 2019 inductee into the Sacramento Western Swing Society Hall of Fame.

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March 24
Pint Night at Chupacabra Craft Beer, 4 p.m.-midnight. Get a free pint glass with every purchase of the featured brewery, (512) Brewing.

March 24
Evening Adult Craft Time at Salado Public Library, 6 p.m. Make an Easter terrarium. Registration is required. Seats are limited. Sign up at the library.

March 25
Royal Street Art Walk (RAW) 6-9 p.m. along Royal Street.

March 25
Barrow Brewing Co., live music, KCD Band, 7 p.m.

March 25
Fourth Friday Gospel Singing 7 p.m. at First Cedar Valley Baptist Church, FM 2843. Pot luck to follow. Bring a favorite dish or dessert.

March 25
Live Music at Chupacabra, 7 p.m., Jon Austin.

March 25-26
Blow Your Own Easter eggs. Reservations at saladoglassworks.com.

March 26
Barrow Brewing Co., live music, Anna Larson Band, 7 p.m.

March 26
Live Music at Chupacabra, 8 p.m., Steve Hamende.

March 26-27
Salado Chamber of Commerce will be celebrating its 22nd Annual Wildflower Arts & Crafts Festival on the grounds of the Salado Civic Center at 601 N. Main Street

March 26-27
CANCELED Annual Texas Rogue Art and Wine Festival, grounds of Salado Winery Co. Admission is free and wine will be available for purchase.

March 27
Barrow Brewing Co., live music, Dillon Havins, 4 p.m.

March 29
Volunteer kick-off meeting for Legacy Salado, Inc., 6 p.m. Salado Public Library.

March 30
Guest food truck, Barrow Brewing Co., Chock Full o' Cheese, opens at 4 p.m.

March 31
Pint Night at Chupacabra Craft Beer, 4 p.m.-midnight. Get a free pint glass with every purchase of the featured brewery, Brotherwell.

April 1-2
Blow Your Own Easter eggs. Reservations at saladoglassworks.com. Registration opens Feb. 23.

April 1-2
Artist Jill Shipman will give two-day workshop for Salado Village Artists, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. each day. She will focus on painting Landscape with an Emphasis on a Beautiful Sky." Workshop is \$200 and limited to 10 students. Text Jeanette Dunlop at 254-721-0136 for more information or to reserve your spot.

April 2
Barrow Brewing Co. Sixth Anniversary weekend. Performers, food trucks and much more.

April 2
Farmers Market at Barrow Brewing Co. kicks off. Every Saturday find fresh food, gourmet food items and hand-crafts on the grounds of Barrow Brewing Co.

April 2
Come celebrate Jane Wilmer's 52-year reign in Salado and her 98th birthday, 2-4:30 p.m. at The View at the Creek.

April 2
Mill Creek Community Association Spring Social and Annual Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at The View at the Creek. Food and beverage with a brief presentation by officers. Adults only.

April 2-3
Second round of auditions for 2022 Salado Legends season, 3-5 p.m. Tablerock Amphitheater.

April 4
The 26th annual Denver Mills Golf Tournament, Mill Creek Golf Course, courses 1 and 2. On-site registration is 11 a.m. and shotgun start sounds at 1 p.m. You can register by mailing payment to Tablerock, P.O. 312, Salado, Texas 76571 with Company/Individual Name, mailing address, phone, email, names of players. You can also register online at <http://www.tablerock.org>. This has been rescheduled from March 21.

April 5
Coffee with Friends! at 8:30 a.m. at the Holiday Inn Express, sponsored by Salado Chamber of Commerce.

April 6
Music Munchkins, 10 a.m., Salado Public Library.

April 6
Adult Craft, 2 p.m., Salado Public Library.

April 7
Pint Night at Chupacabra Craft Beer, 4 p.m.-midnight. Get a free pint glass with every purchase of the featured brewery, Texas Beer Co.

April 9
Crawfish Boil at Barrow Brewing Co., sponsored by the Masonic Lodges of Bell County, 11 a.m. until sold out. \$20 per person.

April 9
Teen Hangout, 1 p.m., Salado Public Library.

April 9-10
Salado Market Days 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at Salado Antique Mall 721 Stagecoach Road. Salado's original Market Days event.

April 11
Monday Book Club, 2 p.m., Salado Public Library.

April 11
Salado Masonic Lodge #296 Stated Meeting, 95 S. Church St., 7:30 p.m. Meal at 6:30 p.m.



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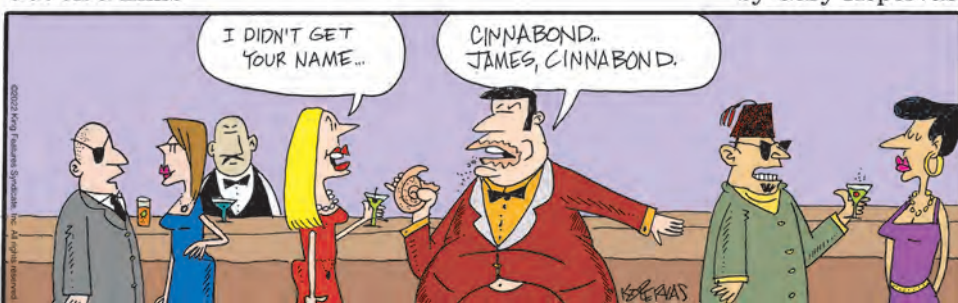
Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



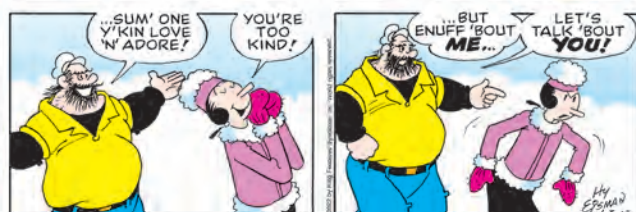
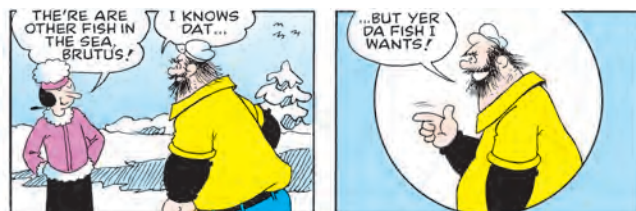
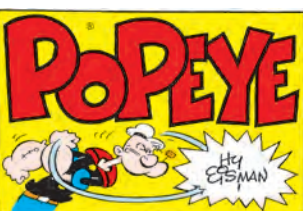
R.F.D.

by Mike Marland



The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



Contract Bridge

RUGGED INDIVIDUALISM

West dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

- ♠ 7
- ♥ K Q 10
- ♦ A Q 10 9 7 3
- ♣ Q 4 2

WEST

- ♠ A K J 9 5 3
- ♥ A 9 7 2
- ♦ 5
- ♣ 10 6

EAST

- ♠ 6 4 2
- ♥ 6 5 3
- ♦ K 4
- ♣ K J 9 8 5

SOUTH

- ♥ Q 10 8
- ♠ J 8 4
- ♦ J 8 6 2
- ♣ A 7 3

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
1 ♠	2 ♦	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 NT	Dble	

Opening lead — king of spades.

The poker player who boasts that he's never been bluffed has his counterpart in the bridge player who claims that he's never missed a game. Both styles of play are expensive luxuries, largely because strict adherence to this philosophy is bound to result in substantial losses over the long haul.

In the accompanying deal, South lived up to the highest traditions of this school of players. Though his two-notrump bid might conceivably

have led his side to a sound game contract had North held a somewhat better hand, his skimpy values nevertheless did not justify his optimistic outlook.

South could have passed two diamonds without criticism, or he could have raised to three diamonds. Either action would have been reasonably acceptable. But his actual two-notrump bid was too gross an exaggeration of his values. He should have had at least three points more for this bid.

Declarer was severely punished for his optimism, which often happens to players with rose-colored glasses who push the envelope on just about every deal.

West led the king of spades and shifted to the ten of clubs, East covering with the jack when declarer followed low from dummy. South took the ace, led the jack of diamonds and finessed. East won with the king and returned a spade, and the walls came tumbling down. East-West cashed all their remaining spades and clubs, as well as the ace of hearts, and the outcome was that South was down eight — 2,300 points!

All of which goes to prove that if you venture into space without wearing a spacesuit, you'll frequently end up with something more than a touch of frostbite!

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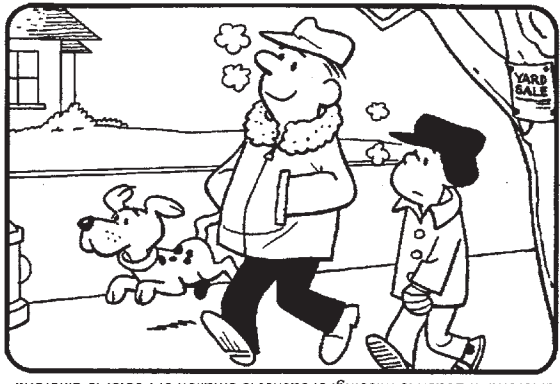
by Steve Becker

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Lamppost is missing. 2. Dog's ear is moved. 3. Collar is different. 4. Leash is missing. 5. Jacket is smaller. 6. Poster is different.

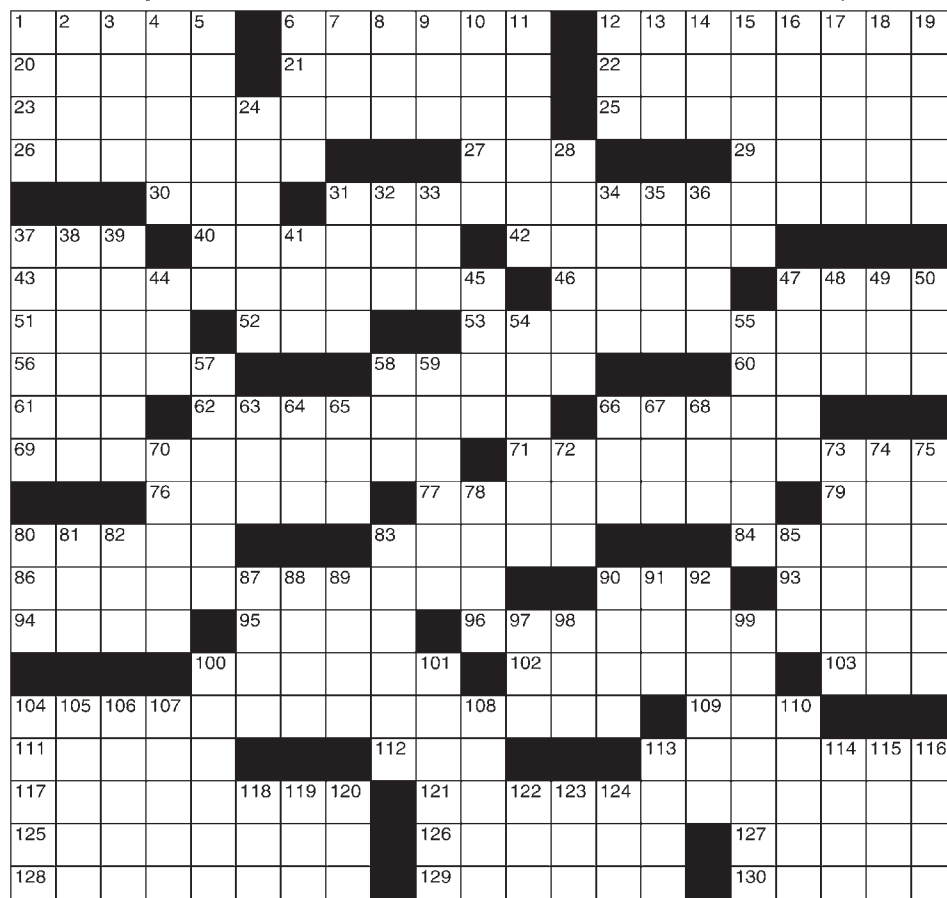
Super Crossword

BLOOMIN' HUMANS

- ACROSS**
- 1 "Rabbit food"
 - 6 Back-and-forth talk
 - 12 Cold case solvers, often
 - 20 Oven maker
 - 21 Source of weather upheaval
 - 22 This instant
 - 23 MTV's first Latina video jockey
 - 25 "Don't go anywhere"
 - 26 Dresses up
 - 27 Cubs' and Eagles' gp.
 - 29 Mazda two-seater
 - 30 Common conjunction
 - 31 Social-climbing snob on "Keeping Up Appearances"
 - 37 Gp. in the Arab League
 - 40 Funny Conan
 - 42 Blends to mush
 - 43 35th president's mother
 - 46 Banjoist
 - 47 Inking
 - 51 Carve — career
 - 52 Post-Q string
 - 53 "The Sea, the Sea" novelist of 1978
 - 56 Highway jam
 - 58 Adhesive rolls
 - 60 German king called "the Great"
 - 61 Verb suffix in London
 - 62 When Hamlet's soliloquy is recited
 - 66 — New Guinea (island nation)
 - 69 Li'l Abner's mother
 - 71 Friend of Lucy van Pelt and Patty
 - 76 Beef up
 - 77 Clout
 - 79 Gold, in Peru
 - 80 "You can't — train"
 - 83 Actress
 - 84 Famed killer whale
 - 86 "Lost Souls" novelist of 1992
 - 90 Penpoint
 - 93 Siberia locale
 - 94 Chichi
 - 95 Tehran locale
 - 96 Vampiric TV housewife
 - 100 Shorthand whiz, in brief
 - 102 Poe's "radiant maiden"
 - 103 Cleveland-to-Raleigh dir.
 - 104 Aunt of Harry Potter
 - 109 DJ's platters
 - 111 Level, grassy plain
 - 112 Pub fixture
 - 113 Ball-shaped blooms
 - 117 Aim for
 - 121 Hippies (and an alternate title for this puzzle)
 - 125 Tidied up
 - 126 Novelist Gay
 - 127 Trashed stuff
 - 128 Declared
 - 129 Declared
 - 130 Busybody
 - 9 Ignited
 - 10 Last year before the first century
 - 11 Busybody
 - 12 HMO VIPs
 - 13 Petty peeve
 - 14 — Khan
 - 15 Lymphoid organ in the neck
 - 16 Moral code
 - 17 Sort not to be trusted
 - 18 Eggy cake
 - 19 Elbow grease
 - 24 "Giant" novelist Edna
 - 28 Wolf-headed Egyptian god
 - 31 Inking
 - 32 "— -haw!"
 - 33 Common conjunction
 - 34 Uno plus dos
 - 35 Ship's wheel
 - 36 Romeo
 - 37 Bit of expert advice
 - 38 Writer — May Alcott
 - 39 "Your Best Life Now" author Joel
 - 41 ICU figures
 - 44 Water, to Wateau
 - 45 "Gadzooks!"
 - 47 Dog collar attachment
 - 48 Part of many an emoticon
 - 49 Friendly introduction?
 - 50 Sushi tuna
 - 54 Keanu of the screen
 - 55 Driving paths
 - 57 Check-giving time at work
 - 58 Fri. follows it
 - 59 Arrid target
 - 63 Film dancer
 - 64 Wee kid
 - 65 Ring victory, for short
 - 66 Cooking vessels
 - 67 Muhammad —
 - 68 Guitar piece
 - 70 Overly sweet
 - 72 Suffix with journal
 - 73 Celebrity tributes
 - 74 Fighting forces
 - 75 1983 Lionel Richie hit
 - 78 Film holder
 - 80 Health club
 - 81 Blue Jays, on sports tickers
 - 82 Decide
 - 83 Triumph in the end
 - 85 Keeps
 - 87 Tube-shaped pasta
 - 88 La — Tar Pits
 - 89 Senator Paul
 - 90 Big Apple's city and state: Abbr.
 - 91 "I say," in a text message
 - 92 Coarse sack material
 - 97 Unwell
 - 98 Spike of films
 - 99 They may cry "Uncle!"
 - 100 One napping noisily
 - 101 Inserted plant shoots
 - 104 Main course of action
 - 105 Nobody — (mine alone)
 - 106 Spanish bar appetizers
 - 107 Link up
 - 108 Messy impact sound
 - 110 MIT business school name
 - 113 Historical slave Scott
 - 114 — facto
 - 115 Countertenor
 - 116 Filter slowly
 - 118 Strep doc
 - 119 Golf prop
 - 120 Singular
 - 122 Ending for Motor
 - 123 Soggy
 - 124 Suffix with journal

DOWN

- 1 "Smooth Operator" singer
- 2 "Walk Like —"
- 3 Woodsy den
- 4 Actor
- 5 Diary
- 6 God, in Latin
- 7 —de-France
- 8 Actress
- 9 Ignited
- 10 Last year before the first century
- 11 Busybody
- 12 HMO VIPs
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Trivia test

- LITERATURE: Who wrote the poem "Nothing Gold Can Stay"?
- TELEVISION: Eric Taylor was the dad in which 2000s TV drama?
- MATH: What is the Arabic number equivalent of the Roman numerals MDCLXXVI?
- GEOGRAPHY: Where is the Tyrrhenian Sea located?
- FOOD & DRINK: What is the primary ingredient in the canned product SPAM?
- ADVERTISING SLOGANS: What product did football player Joe Greene promote in the "Meet Joe Greene" TV commercial?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: How fast do honeybees fly?
- MOVIES: Who was the famous person portrayed in the movie "Lust for Life"?
- HISTORY: When was Elizabeth II crowned queen?
- EXPLORERS: Which early European explorer named the Pacific Ocean?

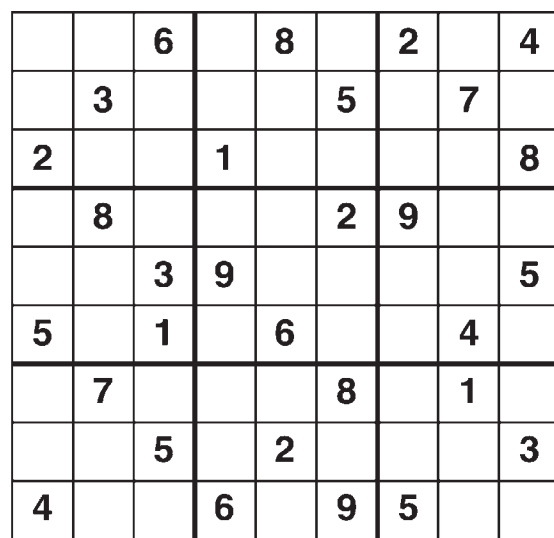
Answers

- Robert Frost
- "Friday Night Lights"
- 1776
- Between the west coast of Italy and the islands of Sicily, Sardinia and Corsica
- Pork
- Coca-Cola
- 20 mph
- Vincent van Gogh (by actor Kirk Douglas)
- 1953
- Ferdinand Magellan

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

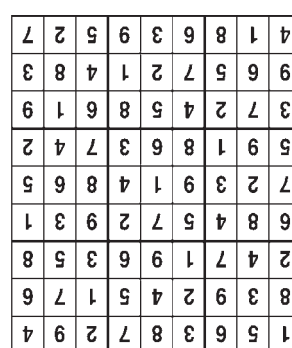


Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

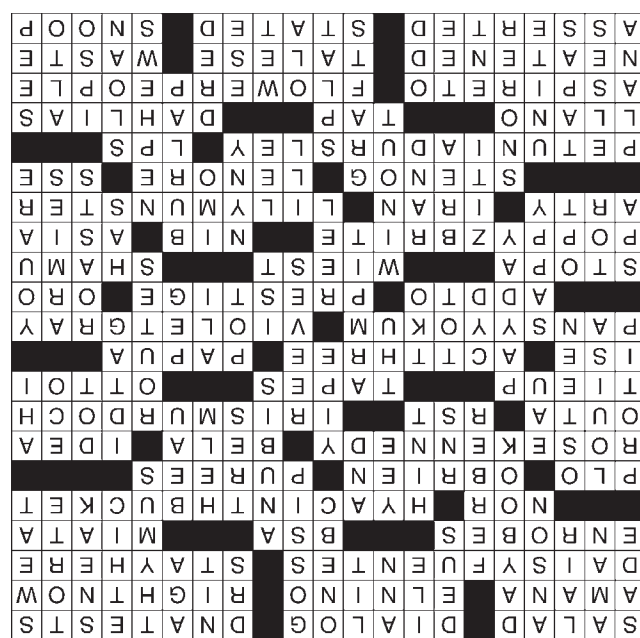
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

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

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Answer



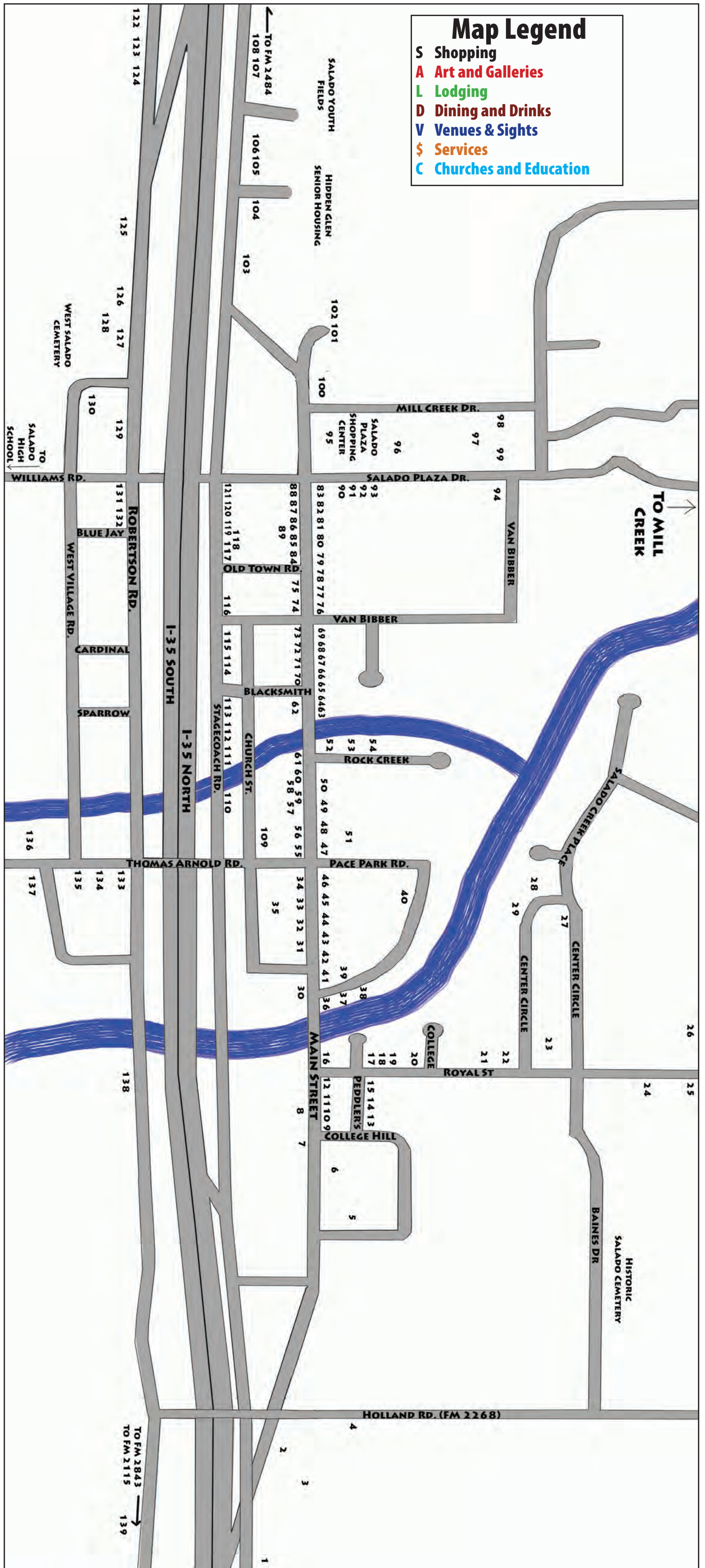
Answers

Super Crossword

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Shopping Map of Salado

#	Business Name	Type
4	St. Stephen Catholic Church 254-947-8037	C
6	Salado College Park 254-947-5232	V
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
26	Salado United Methodist Church 254-947-5482	C
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
58	The Shoppes on Main The Marketplace Cafe 254-947-0888	S
60	Salado Creek Jewelry 254-855-5538	S
62	The Pizza Place 254-947-0222	D
62	McCain's Bakery & Cafe 254-947-3354	D
75	Stage Stop Center Angelic Herbs 254-947-1909	\$
	Salado Creek Dental 254-308-2027	\$
	Vista Real Estate 254-231-0209	\$
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	A
96	Salado Plaza Ace Pest Control 254-947-4222	\$
	Anytime Fitness Salado 254-947-1063	\$
	Integrity Rehab 254-699-3933	\$
	Salado's Hair Shop 254-421-5173	\$
	Salado Village Voice 254-947-5321	\$
97	Brookshire Brothers 254-947-8922	S
100	Salado Public Library 254-947-9191	C
113	Salado Church of Christ 254-947-5241	C
126	Cowboy's Barbecue 254-947-5700	D
130	Village Spirits 254-947-7117	S
132	Broecker Funeral Home 254-947-0066	\$
134	The Dog Spot 254-947-3647	\$
135	Carus Dental 254-947-8067	\$
136	Salado Schools & Stadium Village Church of Salado 972-978-2239	C
139	Cedar Valley Baptist Church 254-947-0148	C
	Not Shown on the Shopping Map	
	3C Cowboy Fellowship 254-947-7211	C
	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-Berry 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	

Schools & Sports



SHS girls powerlifters at State (from left): Coach Caleb Perez, Caelan Teer, Kaitlyn Casper, Lexy Wilson, Jordan Schaub, Jade Oliver, Chance Sherrill. (COURTESY PHOTOS)

SHS Lady lifters bring back medals

The Salado High School girls powerlifting team has had a successful season, sending five lifters to the State Meet and having two bring back medals.

"All five girls competed and achieved personal records at the state meet," said Coach Caleb Perez.

Jade Oliver won the silver medal in the 123 lb. weight class. She had an overall lift of 765 lbs. with 300 lb. Squat, 185 lb. Bench and 280 lb. Deadlift.

Caelan Teer also earned a medal with her fourth place finish in the 114 lb. weight class. She had an overall lift of 705 lbs. with 295 lb. Squat, 160 lb. Bench and 250 lb. Deadlift.

Jordan Schaub had an overall lift of 710 lbs. She had a 300 lb. Squat, 165 lb. Bench and 245 lb. Deadlift.

Lexy Wilson had an overall lift of 800 lbs. She had a 305 lb. Squat a 180 lb. Bench and a 315 lb. Deadlift.

Kaitlyn Casper had an overall lift of 780 lbs. She had a Squat of 305 lb., a 165 lb. Bench and 315 lb. Deadlift.



Jade Oliver, Second Place in State.



Caelan Teer, fourth place in State.

Lions Roar 5K April 30

The Salado Lions Club 2022 Lions Roar 5K Run/Walk will be on Saturday, April 30.

Proceeds will go towards Salado ISD cross country teams and scholarships for graduating Salado High School seniors.

The registration fee is \$30 for adults and \$20 for those under 18 years of age.

You can register at the following link: <https://runsignup.com/lionsroar5k>

The race will begin and end at the Salado Civic Center.

SHS Starlets clinic, tryouts set

Salado Starlets dance squad will have a Tryout Clinic 5-6:45 p.m. March 28-31 at Thomas Arnold Elementary Building 3

Tryouts for the 2022-23 Starlets will be 5 p.m. April 1 at Thomas Arnold Elementary Building 3.



Two Salado High School distance runners competed in the Texas Distance Festival at Southlake Carroll HS on March 18-19. Luke Anderson (above) ran the 1600 Meters in 4:39.79. This was a season best for him, barely missing a personal record by 0.11 seconds. Ryan Novotny ran the 3200 Meters in 11:15. (COURTESY PHOTO)

Math, Science team competes at state

Salado High School Math and Science team competed at the Texas Math and Science Coaches Association State Meet March 18-19 at the University of Texas in San Antonio.

Number Sense (second place team - missed first place team by two points)

Cooper Chambliss, first place in 12th grade and first place in overall.

Ryan Novotny, third

place in 11th grade.

Luke Drigalla, third place in 10th grade.

Chloe Rose, second place in ninth grade.

Elliot Self, fourth place in ninth grade.

Calculator

Ashlyn Fossett, second place in 12th grade.

Aubrey Watkins, eighth place in 12th grade.

Paige Fariss, third place in 10th grade.

Mathematics

Aubrey Watkins, sixth place in 12th grade.


Cooper Chambliss, eighth place in 12th grade.

Arthur Davila, ninth place in 12th grade.


Cameron Morris, 10th place in 12th grade.

Elliot Self, second place in ninth grade.

Chloe Rose, fifth place in ninth grade.



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Eagles beat L. Belton, fall to Burnet

Salado Eagles split their district baseball games last week, shutting out Lake Belton and losing to Burnet Bulldogs.

Lake Belton 0
Salado Eagles 4

Caden Strickland gave up only one hit -- a bunt by Connor Bartz down the third base line with two outs in the seventh -- in a shut out performance against Lake Belton March 15 as the Salado Eagles won 4-0.

Bartz was only the third Mustang to reach base in the game. The other two reached on an error and a walk.

Strickland struck out 11 batters with 84 strikes over the seven inning performance. He threw 54 strikes.

The Eagles didn't score until the fourth in what was looking like a defensive duel. With two outs already on the books, Jake Windham singled to deep right and stole second base. Josh Adams smacked a double to right to score Windham. Lane Heath singled to the opposite side, scoring Adams. Heath went to second on a wild pitch and scored on an error that allowed Caleb Dockray to reach first, giving Salado a 3-0 lead.

Drew Bird led off the bottom of the fifth by reaching on an error. He went to third on a one-out single to right by Strickland. A walk to Brady Wilson loaded the bases. Bird scored on a fielder's choice that caught Wilson trying to get to second.

Windham had 2 hits, an RBI and a run to lead the Eagles. Adams had a hit, a run and an RBI. Heath had a hit and an RBI. Strickland had a hit.

Salado Eagles 6
Burnet Bulldogs 7

In a back-and-forth district battle, Salado Eagles fell to the Burnet Bulldogs, 7-6, on the road March 18.



Jake Windham steals second base before Josh Adams brings him home on a double. (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)

Salado took the early lead with two runs in the third.

Colton Dockray led off by reaching on a walk and stealing second base. A one-out single by Kase Maedgen put runners at the corners. Nolan Williams took the second pitch with two outs and sent it into deep center to score both runners.

The Eagles extended the lead in the fourth. Jake Windham reached on an error and stole second. A ground out by Josh Adams advanced him and he scored on a ground out by Dockray.

Burnet answered with two runs in the bottom of the fifth and extended it with a run in the sixth, making it 5-3.

Salado retook the lead in the top of the seventh, scoring three runs. With one out, Dockray was hit by the pitcher. The second out was made on a pop up to the catcher. Maedgen singled and Drew Bird was hit by the pitcher to load the bases. Williams collected his fifth

RBI with a booming shot to deep left scoring the three base runners to give Salado a 6-5 lead. He was left stranded.

The Bulldogs were able to get two runs plated from an error, a single and a wild pitch for the 7-6 win.

Williams went 2-for-4 with two doubles and 5 RBIs.

Maedgen had 2 hits and scored 2 runs. Bird had a hit and scored a run.

Cayden Stump was hit with the loss on the mound, pitching in relief.

Brady Wilson pitched four innings and allowed 2 hits and 2 earned runs. He struck out 5 and walked 4.

Jake Windham pitched 1-1/3 innings, allowing 1 hit and 3 runs, 2 of them earned. He struck out 2 and walked 3 in his performance.

Salado JV R 4
HH JV 12

Salado lost on the road to Harker Heights JV, 12-4 on March 16.

The Eagles had four hits in the game. Corde Ramsey led the team with 2 hits, 1 run. Dusty Rhiddlehoover had 1 hit, 1 run. Owen Curtis had 1 hit, 2 RBI. Lucas Beyer had 2 RBI. Brian Sablotne and Connor Haun each scored a run.

Salado JV R 4
HH JV 6

Salado Eagles JV outthit Harker Heights, but could not plate the runners, losing 6-4 on March 16.

Caleb Dockray had 2 hits, 2 RBIs and a run to lead the Eagles.

Kannon Baird had 2 hits.

Also getting hits were: Lucas Beyer and Jace Light, with a hit and an RBI each, Dusty Rhiddlehoover with a hit and a run and Owen Curtis with a hit.

Salado JV R 0
Lake Belton JV 11

Lake Belton got 13 hits against the JV Eagles and gave up just one hit March 15 to win 11-0.

Jace Light had a double in the game and was the only Eagle to reach base.

Salado JV R 1
Burnet JV 21

Even though the JV Red Eagles had six hits, they only plated one runner in their 21-1 loss on the road to the Burnet JV Bulldogs March 18. Burnet had 20 hits in the game.

Caleb Dockray had 2 hits and an RBI. Also recording hits for Salado were Owen Crisp, Corde Ramsey, AJ Fach and Bryton Massar. Owen Curtis scored the only run for the Eagles.

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Josh Adams hits a double to right field to score Jake Windham against Lake Belton. (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)

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Soccer teams headed to playoffs

Salado Eagles varsity soccer will face Lorena Leopards at 6 p.m. March 24 at Temple High School grass fields, 415 N. 31st St. in the bi-district round of the playoffs.

The Eagles are 14-0 in district and 19-3 on the year, finishing as District Champions. The Eagles were District Champions in 2021 as well with a 14-0 District Record and 20-3-1 overall record, falling in the third round to Sealy, 3-1. They were 8-9-3 in a shortened 2019-20 season, 8-3 in district and in second place.

The Eagles had eight shut out victories in district play, including the last six games -- and 10 on the year.

The Lady Eagles will play Robinson Lady Rockets in the bi-district playoff at 7:30 p.m. March 25 at Robinson Stadium, 700 W Tate in Robinson.

Salado Lady Eagles finished the regular season with an overall record of 16-9 and 11-3, the second place team in District 18-4A. Lake Belton, 24-1 and 14-0 won district 18-4A. Robinson is the third place team in District 17-4A with a 9-3 district record.

Last year, the girls were Region 3 Champions and lost 3-2 in the state semi-final round to Sealy. They were district champions with a 13-1 record and an overall record of 21-8-3.



Salado Varsity Soccer are District Champs: Hughston Taggart, Jade Fields, Cooper Chambliss, David Ochoa, Thaddeus Heckman, Jake Rechtfertig, Cooper Sanders, Jackson Husung, Morgan Adams, Brooks Dabney, Alex Pierce, Andrew Gilmore, Luke Anderson, Cody Roquemore, Zion Musselman, Tyler Anderson, Logan White, Max Markham, Jett Luedeke



(PHOTO BY JANET MADDOX)

Lady Eagles Soccer are (front row, from left) Payton Cunningham, Skylar Gardner, Lexi Rice, Maria Pauer, Savvy Oylar, Leyla Peralta, Melanie Morrow, Jillian Taylor; (back row, from left) Evelyn Ackerman, Ida Boegsted, Kennedy Anthony, Haley Piatak, Mady Schulz, Cassie Vargas, Ashlyn Williams, Laura Bender, Riley Young, Taylor Dabney, Mady Rosamond, Sydney Lange

Trustees adopt 2022-23 calendar, amend budget, buy buses, vocational equipment

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Salado ISD Trustees adopted the 2022-23 school calendar at their March 21 regular meeting.

The first day of class will be Aug. 17. The final day of the first nine weeks will be Oct. 14, with a noon release. Sept. 5 will be a student and teacher holiday. Oct. 10 will be a student holiday and parent conference day.

The second nine weeks begins Oct. 17 and ends Dec. 16 with a noon release. Student and teacher holidays will be Nov. 11 and Nov. 21-25. STAAR Assessment days will be Dec. 6-9 and Dec. 12-16.

Christmas break will be Dec. 19-Jan. 3. Jan. 4 will be a staff work day.

The third nine weeks begins Jan. 5 and ends with a noon release on March 10. Student and teacher holidays will be Jan. 16 and Feb. 20.

Spring Break is scheduled March 13-17.

The first day of the fourth nine weeks is March 20. The last day of classes for students is a noon release on May 24. Student and teacher holidays will be April 7 and April 10 (Bad weather day). STAAR Assessment days will be April 4-7, April 11-14 and weekdays May 2-May 19.

The following dates are set aside for Student Assessment Testing Dates at Salado High School.

Dec. 6-16: End of Course Retest.

Feb. 20-March 31: TEL-PAS.

March 27-April 28: STAAR Alt 2.

April 4: End of Course Eng I.

April 6: End of Course Eng II.

May 5-19: End of Course Algebra I, U.S. History and Biology.

June 19-30: End of Course Retest.

Student Assessment Dates for Salado Middle School are the following:

Feb. 30-March 31: TEL-PAS.

March 27-April 28: STAAR Alt 2.

April 4-14: STAAR Math (8), Reading (8) and Writing (7).

May 4-19: STAAR Science (8).

May 5-19: STAAR Social Studies (8)

May 9-19: STAAR Math (6-7), Reading (6-7).

May 9-19: STAAR Retest, Math (8), Reading (8).

June 20-30: STAAR Retest, Math (8) and Reading (8).

Student Assessment Dates for Thomas Arnold Elementary School are the following:

Feb. 20-March 31: TEL-PAS.

March 27-April 28: STAAR Alt 2.

April 4-14: STAAR Math (5) and Reading (5).

May 9-19: STAAR Math (3-4), Reading (3-4) and Science (5).

May 9-19: STARR Retest, Math (5) and Reading (5).

June 20-30: STAAR Retest, Math (5) and Reading (5).

If school days have to be made up due to bad weather, students will attend on Feb. 20 and/or April 24. School closings and delays will be announced on KCEN Ch. 6, KWTC Ch. 10, KXXV Ch. 25, WACO FM 100, KCKR FM 95.7, KWTX FM 97.5, KBRQ FM 102.5, KWTX AM 1460, KRZI AM 1580, KEYR FM 92.9 and KBCT FM 94.5.

Trustees also amended the operating budget by increasing expenses in MS Art, ES Library Travel, Special Ed Contracted Service, Dyslexia Professional Development and Testing Materials and ESL Supplies to a total of \$13,032. The budget amendment offset these increases by making \$13,032 in decreases in MS travel, MS testing material, Contracted Services for Special Ed., Travel for Special Ed., Travel for Dyslexia and Travel for ESL.

The board approved the purchase of three used buses for \$234,000, an expense already included in the operating budget.

Trustees also approved the following expenditures for the vocational science program: agricultural science fencing and yard improvements at the high school (\$117,410.10); a plasma cutter (\$45,424.00) and welding equipment to include a Millermatic 252 mig welder, four Thunderbolt stick welders, a torch kit, and a heavy duty torch kit (\$11,000.00).

The expenditures were not in the budget, but Superintendent Michael Novotny said that school trustees have been planning to pay for the improvements and equipment from the district fund balance.

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Enrollment by Grade		
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PK4 43	PK4 41	PK4 38
K 122	K 138	K 149
1 135	1 124	1 165
2 138	2 149	2 134
3 150	3 151	3 166
4 174	4 171	4 160
5 159	5 183	5 182
TAE 947	TAE 972	TAE 1,016

6 138	6 165	6 207
7 170	7 157	7 169
8 172	8 171	8 180
SMS 480	SMS 493	SMS 556
9 172	9 179	9 187
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Salado Lady Eagles are 13-5 after winning a non-district game and losing their district opener last week.

Lampasas	8
Salado	10

The Lady Eagles finished the non-district portion of their schedule by hosting and defeating the Lady Badgers from Lampasas on March 18.

The Eagles would score 10 runs on 15 hits while holding off a late Lady Badger rally that saw the Eagles lead dwindle to a single run (9-8) in the fifth inning.

For the day all Eagles in the batting order collected at least one hit. Leading the offense with multiple hits were Lexy Dudeczka, 3-3 including a double and 2 RBI, Victoria Giganti, 2-2, Brooklyn Williamson, 2-3, Pazlee Conra, 2-3 with a double and 2 RBI, and Ryley Litchfield, 2-4 with a double and an RBI. Other hits were collected by Giselle Salazar, Bri Waters, Harley Drouillard and Angel Van de Plas with a triple.

The Eagles were able to take an early 6-0 lead in the bottom of the second inning when they collected seven of their 15 hits on the day. The inning started with a Van de Plas triple and was followed by consecutive hits from a Drouillard single, a double from Conrad, then singles from Williamson and Giganti. Following the five hits to start the inning the first out was a productive sac-fly from Salazar. Before the inning was over the Eagles would collect two more hits, both doubles from Dudeczka and Litchfield.

Over the next two innings, the Lady Badgers and Lady Eagles were able to match each other by scoring



Bri Waters hits a single against Lampasas. (PHOTOS BY ROYCE WIGGIN)

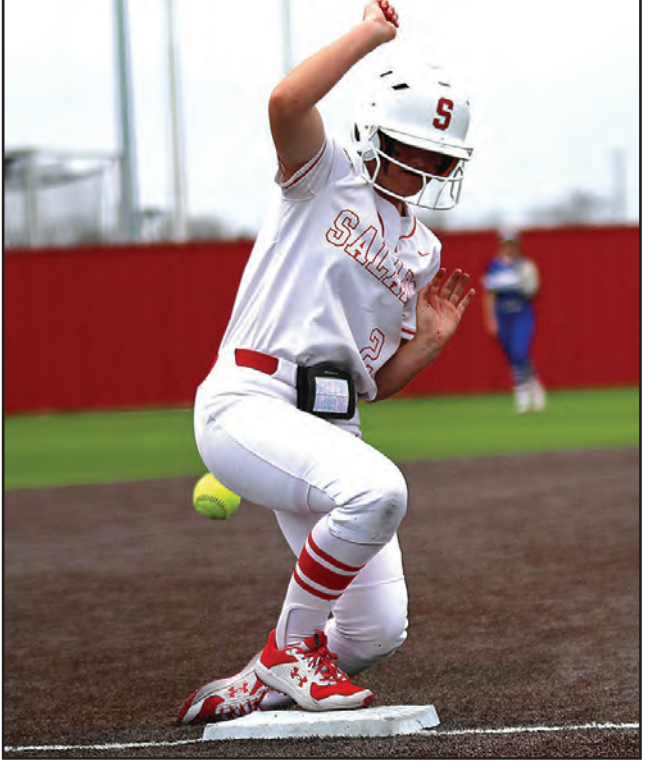
three runs each. In the fifth the Lady Badgers would plate five runs to make the score 9-8 in favor of Salado. In the bottom of the sixth inning, the Lady Eagles pushed the score to 10-8 and ended the game by shutting down the visitors in the top of the seventh inning.

Winning pitcher Brooke McLaurin went the distance allowing eight hits while striking out nine on the day.

Lady Eagles	1
Taylor	7

The Lady Eagles were never able to get their bats going March 15 in the district opener at Taylor High School.

While the home team Lady Ducks used a combination of timely hits and three Eagle errors to produce a couple of two out rallies to score seven runs and put away the Eagles before they could put a run on the board. Hits for the Eagles came from Harley Drouillard, Ryley Litchfield (Fr), Giselle Salazar and an RBI scoring triple by Pazlee Conrad in the top of the seventh inning.



Ryley Litchfield outruns a throw to third.

Taylor JV 12
Salado JV 4

The Junior Varsity dropped their first game of the season to the Lady Duck JV by a score of 12-4. The JV Nine, which was truly a Nine Player group due injuries and Spring Break so a few players not playing their normal spots. Each girl

asked to play a new position gave it their best but in the end the Taylor bats were just too much. Outstanding play came from fill-in pitchers Brooke Ellithorp and Kirby Webb. Each girl was making their first appearances in the circle since appearing in youth ball.

REPORTED BY SCOTT VASQUEZ

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Tomlin is premier space/STEM teacher

Congratulations to Salado Middle School science teacher Laura Tomlin for being selected to join the Teacher Liaison program.

This program is sponsored by the Space Foundation, a nonprofit advocate organization founded in 1983 for the global space ecosystem. Laura is one of 26 educators selected this year, including nine international applicants from Australia, Brazil, Botswana, Canada, Ghana, Indonesia, Portugal, South Africa, and Turkey. The educators were chosen for their active promotion of space and STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) education in the classroom. Space Foundation's Teacher Liaison program is funded by Lockheed Martin and the Miller-Wood Foundation.

Established in 2004, the Teacher Liaison program is

Superintendent's Corner

by Dr. Michael Novotny



each year following a rigorous application process. This program is open to public, private and homeschool teachers, in both informal and formal education, as well as school administrators, principals, specialists, curriculum and instruction developers, and others who deliver educational programs to students. A panel comprised of experienced Teacher Liaisons and representatives from the space industry and the military selected the newest flight.

Space Foundation supports Teacher Liaisons by providing them the opportunity to participate in specialized training as well as granting them access to innovative space science materials and standards-based lesson plans that incorporate 21st Century Essential Skills, which are critical to students' success beyond the classroom. Teacher Liaisons receive ongoing support throughout the school year in the form of webinars and both in-person and virtual professional development experiences.

The new flight of Teacher Liaisons will be recognized at Space Foundation's 37th Space Symposium, to be held April 4-7 at The Boardroom in Colorado Springs. In addition to the recognition activities, Teacher Liaisons will participate in special programming at the Symposium via a hybrid in-person and virtual delivery format.

Congratulations to Laura Tomlin for being selected as a Teacher Liaison. We are incredibly proud of her continued promotion of space and STEM education in the classroom.

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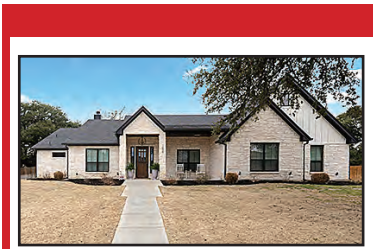
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Texas USDA NRCS Local-led Conservation Planning Meetings Being Held Statewide

March 21, 2022, Temple, TX - Each year, from March through May, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Texas county field office staff and their conservation partners at Soil and Water Conservation Districts host Local Work Group meetings across the entire state. These meetings provide a forum to outline future conservation needs, identify conservation resource concerns and set priorities for a given resource area.

"These Local Work Group Meetings serve as a Conservation Needs Assessment forum and are a valuable part of the NRCS planning process," said NRCS Texas State Conservationist Kristy Oates. "The meetings provide an opportunity for local land managers to be part of a collaborative effort to improve natural resources within their county."

"Locally led conservation begins with the community itself, working through the local conservation district," Oates added. "It is

based on the principle that community stakeholders are best suited to deal with local resource issues."

Participants help:

- identify where the best investments can be made to address natural resource problems,
- share the work that has already been done in the county, and
- share their vision for what the county will look like when these natural resource concerns have been addressed.

This locally led, grassroots planning effort is the hallmark of USDA NRCS. These listening sessions are open to the public and provide time for participants to share their perspectives on local priorities NRCS offers through the technical assistance and through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) funding of the current Farm Bill. A complete list of Local Work Group meetings, times and locations for each county can be found via

a statewide on the NRCS Texas website. Click on the county you are interested in to see meeting information and NRCS contact for the meeting.

Strategic approach to conservation

This local information gather process is part of NRCS' strategic approach to conservation across the state of Texas. NRCS utilizes Local Work Group meetings to gather input from landowners, agency partners and other stakeholders to identify and prioritize natural resource concerns in the community. This information is collected and provided to the State Conservationist and the State Technical Advisory Committee (STAC), which is made up of partners at all levels of government, organizations, research institutions, non-profits, and landowners to concentrate conservation efforts and yield measurable results.

Based on the input received, NRCS works with

partners to develop local strategies to help agricultural producers in each county to implement conservation practices that address related resource concerns. Local Work Group meetings provide an opportunity to check-in on current projects, to ensure the project is meeting its goals and enabling adjustments to be made when necessary.

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Local Blood Centers Ensure Supply Is Meeting Need

Physicians Urge Donation, But Texas Faring Better Than Parts of U.S.

Texas physicians are calling for the public to donate blood to shore up supply and ensure blood and blood product needs here are met - while some areas of the country have experienced shortages.

"During these challenging times, no patient - be they a transplant or surgical patient, an accident victim, or an individual with sickle cell disease - can wait until their blood transfusion is convenient," said William S. Crews Jr., MD, chair of the Texas Medical Association Subcommittee on Transfusion and Transplantation.

"We urge our fellow Texans to roll up their sleeves and donate now, and plan to do so regularly."

The medical director at a community blood center in the Dallas-Fort Worth area said while blood donations are needed right now and always, the current situation is not as critical as some areas of the country. That's because the regional blood centers in our state help Texans sufficiently meet fellow Texans' needs.

Blood donations nationwide decreased during the COVID-19 pandemic, prompting some areas of the U.S. to curtail some medical procedures like elective sur-

geries.

"Although we are experiencing some blood supply shortages, we're definitely not at the crisis level of telling hospitals, 'I'm sorry, I know you were expecting 50 units of blood. Tomorrow, we're only going to maybe give you 30 units,'" he said, describing what's happened in other states.

"I'm not aware of any of blood centers in Texas having to go to the level of reducing the amount of

blood that they provide for patients."

That's because in the Lone Star State, the focus is on collecting local blood and keeping it local as much as possible.

"In Texas, we have a strong network of those community blood centers," he said. So as some national organizations and others in parts of the country sounded an urgent alarm earlier this year for donations, Texas was better off.



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03/15/2022:
• At approximately 7:52 AM, Salado PD conducted a traffic stop in the 200 block of Center Circle for a traffic offense. During the course of the traffic stop, the driver was found to be possession drug paraphernalia. The vehicle passenger was identified and found to have an outstanding warrant out of Bell County SO. After the passenger's arrest, a small amount of Marijuana was discovered in her possession. The driver was cited

for the Drug Paraphernalia. The passenger was arrested for the warrant and the Marijuana and transported to the Bell County Sheriff's Office Jail.
03/18/2022
• At about 2:52 PM, Salado Police Department was dispatched to the area of Country Boy Convenience Store for a reported Hit and Run Accident. The victim reported driving south on I-35 and was struck by another vehicle that failed to stop and provide the required information when one is involved in an accident. A search of the area by Officers did not locate the suspect vehicle.
Salado Police Officers handled many other calls

for service in which a report was not required. Below is a breakdown of those calls

Call Type	#
9-1-1 Hang-Up	1
Alarm Business	2
Alarm Residential	1
Animal Complaint	4
Assist Another Agency	11
Buzzard Abatement	3
Calls for Service	48
Citations	28
Citizen Contact	4
Civil Matter	4
Crash	4
Criminal Mischief	1
Fire	1
Flock Camera Hit	0
House Watch/RU OK?	77
Illegally Parked Vehicle	2
Open Door	4
Public Service	11
Reckless Driving	5
Stranded Motorists	6
Suspicious Activity	1
Theft	1
Traffic Hazard	2

Salado Fire Department Reports March 13-19

Date	Location	Call
03/13/2022	JESSIE RD, Bell County	Structure Fire (Mutual Aid)
03/13/2022	I-35 SERVICE RD, Bell County	Diabetic Problems
03/13/2022	WINDY HILL RD, Salado	Grass Fire
03/13/2022	LANE LOOP, Bell County	Sick Person
03/13/2022	MILL CREEK DR, Bell County	Unconscious / Fainting
03/14/2022	HARE RD, Bell County	Sick Person
03/14/2022	WHISPERING OAKS DR, Salado	Falls
03/14/2022	FM 2843, Bell County	Sick Person
03/14/2022	HOMESTEAD RD, Bell County	Convulsions / Seizures
03/15/2022	CHISHOLM TRL, Salado	Dispatched & Cancelled en route
03/15/2022	FM 2484, Bell County	Entrapment
03/16/2022	Puma Rd, Bell County	Dispatched & Cancelled en route
03/16/2022	FM 2484, Bell County	Allergic Reaction
03/16/2022	UNION GROVE PARK RD, Bell County	No Incident Found
03/16/2022	FM 2484, Bell County	Motor Vehicle accident
03/17/2022	IH 35 SERVICE RD, Bell County	Gasoline / Flammable Liquid Spill
03/17/2022	CROWS RANCH RD, Bell County	Difficulty Breathing
03/17/2022	DAY DR, Bell County	Difficulty Breathing
03/17/2022	MEADOW LN, Bell County	Difficulty Breathing
03/17/2022	TOMMY LOOP, Bell County	Sick Person
03/17/2022	I-35, Bell County	Abdominal Pain
03/18/2022	MARY LN, Salado	Smoke Scare, Odor of Smoke
03/18/2022	SMITH DAIRY RD, Bell County	Smoke Scare, Odor of Smoke
03/18/2022	IH 35 SERVICE RD, Bell County	Water Problem
03/18/2022	ARMSTRONG RD, BELL COUNTY	Dispatched & Cancelled en route
03/18/2022	DAY DR, Bell County	Dispatched & Cancelled en route
03/19/2022	SHADY GROVE LN, Bell County	Lift Assist
03/19/2022	FM 2484, Bell County	Good Intent Call
03/19/2022	GOOSENECK RD, Bell County	Traumatic Injuries
03/19/2022	I-35 SERVICE RD, Bell County	Falls - Extreme Fall

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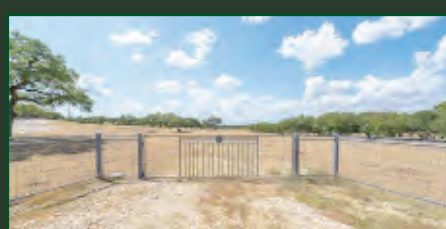
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