

## Emergency paper ballots to be issued to voters outside Village in Salado Library District race

# Trouble at ballot box

By TIM FLEISCHER  
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Local election officials learned within minutes of early voting polls opening at 7 a.m. April 25 that there was an issue with the Salado Public Library District election, which has resulted in several registered voters in the Library District not being able to cast a ballot in that race at all.

In fact, it was the second voter of the day April 25, Salado ISD Superintendent Michael Novotny, at the Salado polling location to bring it to the attention of the election workers that the Library District race did not appear on the voting machine when he voted.

Dr. Novotny told *Salado Village Voice* that he realized that the Library District race was not on his ballot after he voted. He said an election worker told him that because he did not live within the Village of Salado, he could not vote in the Library District election.

The Salado Public Library District and the Salado Independent School District have the same boundaries.

Bell County Interim Elections Administrator Shay Luedeke told Dr. Novotny that the incorrect boundaries for the Library District were logged into the voting machines because the Bell Co. Office of Elections Administration was informed

in an email from someone associated with the Library District that the Library District boundaries were the Village boundaries.

Rick Marruffo, who lives in the school and library districts, confirmed with *Salado Village Voice* that he was told by a local election official at the Salado polling location that Shay Luedeke said that in an email from the Library Board it was stated that only those who live in the Village of Salado could vote in the Library race.

Salado Village Voice called the Elections Administration office early April 25 for confirmation of what steps were being taken but our call was not returned by Luedeke.

We did speak on the record with James Stafford, Public Information Officer with the County.

*Salado Village Voice* also put in an opens record request for all correspondence between the Elections Administration and the Library District. We are waiting for those documents from the County.

We did receive a response to our records request from Salado Library Director Jeanie Lively. An email of the "ballot proof" sent on April 6 from Jeannette A. Compean, Elections Chief Deputy to Lively shows the two proposed Constitutional Amendments, the Village of Salado Mayoral election, the

Village of Salado Aldermen election (uncontested), Salado ISD election for two full three-year terms, the SISD election for one unexpired two-year term. That ballot proof was also emailed to Cara McPartland with the Village of Salado.

The ballot proof sent by Compean to Susan Jackson at Salado ISD shows the two proposed Constitutional Amendments and the two Salado ISD Elections. It does not show the Salado Library District election.

The "proofs of ballots" emails were confirmed by Stafford with the Bell County PIO.

"Proofs of ballots were mailed to the Village of Salado, Salado Independent School District, and the Salado Public Library District on April 6. Both the library and school district made slight edits to the proofs, but no mention was made of the race not appearing on the Salado ISD ballot," according to a statement from Bell County PIO Stafford late April 25.

According to that statement, "Elections Department staff contacted the Texas Secretary of State's Office by 8 a.m. to consult on how best to proceed."

In the meantime, 148 ballots were cast at the Salado polling location on the first day of early voting. In all of Bell County, 1,244  
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Brandon Rhyder will perform an acoustic set on April 28.

## Salado Strong event April 28 benefits local tornado victims

Salado Strong BBQ & Concert 4-9 p.m. April 28 at Barrow Brewing will benefit the families affected by the devastating EF-3 tornado that ripped through the western part of Salado and Bell County.

Dinner will be sausage, pulled pork or brisket sandwiches for donations to the Salado Family Relief Fund, which is collecting money to directly benefit those families whose homes were lost or damaged on April 12.

Salado Family Relief Fund is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. It has set up a fund specifically for the families hit by the tornado. You can donate directly online at <https://saladofamilyrelief.com/product/salado-tornado-relief/>.

Brandon Rhyder, Kathryn Stredwick, Jared Johnson and Michael Carubelli will all perform acoustically during the fundraiser.

Brandon Rhyder's resume boasts 18 years of highly praised albums, a rigorous tour schedule of 175 plus dates a year and the privilege of working with top-notch songwriters like Liz Rhodes, Keith Gattis, Lori McKenna



Kathryn Stredwick

and Radney Foster to name a few. Born and raised in Carthage, Texas, Rhyder grew up singing in church, where his voice, even then, stood out. In college he discovered the guitar and began writing songs. He moved to Austin in 1999, quickly becoming part of the

Red Dirt scene. Kathryn Stredwick, born and raised in rural Washington state got to Texas as fast as she could! Her traditional Texas country style stems from inspiration by Patsy Cline, Stevie Nicks,

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## Mail-in voters should take extra care with ballot info

If you plan to vote-by-mail in the May 7 Constitutional Amendment and local elections, members of the Ballot Board want to advise you to take extra precautions to make sure your mail-in ballot is not rejected under the requirements of a 2020 state law.

Bell County rejected 412 mail-in ballots in the March 1 primary. According to

the Bell County Elections Department, there were 1,808 absentee ballots cast in the primary.

"As one of the Judges over the Ballot Board, it was very distressing to have to reject so many Mail in Ballots in the primary election this year," Melanie Caraway stated in an email to *Salado Village Voice*. "To assure we don't have to reject your

mail in Ballot please do these simple steps."

1. Sign you mail in Ballot with the same signature that you signed your voter registration card.

2. Put both your driver license number (or voter ID number) and the last four numbers of your social security number on the mail-in ballot.

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## Village numbers up 14%

# Preliminary property values jump 26% in SISD

By TIM FLEISCHER  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The real estate market is booming in Salado.

This is an understatement.

The increase in values reported by the Tax Appraisal District of Bell County (BellCAD) to taxing entities shows a 26% increase in the market value of properties in Salado ISD. For the Village of Salado, the increase is a more modest 13.8%.

The Salado ISD 2021 Certified Taxable Value was \$1,333,595,461. The 2022 Preliminary Taxable Value is \$1,681,138,111 based on the current school homestead exemption of \$25,000.

However, if proposed Constitutional Amendment #2 is approved by voters on May 7, the homestead exemption would be increased to \$40,000

effective with property taxes that go out in Oct. 2022.

BellCAD provided school districts with preliminary taxable value considering the increase in homestead exemptions so that schools can begin preparations of their 2022-23 budgets. Even with the \$40,000 exemption, the preliminary 2022 taxable value for Salado ISD is \$1,645,725,590, an increase of 23.4%.

Taxable value for the Village of Salado increase from \$300,325,666 to \$341,905,660.

While much of the increase is driven by new construction, the majority of the increase in value is driven by increases in the existing property values.

For Salado ISD, a total of about \$350 million in taxable value is made up of about \$80 million in

new construction and \$270 million in increased value of existing property.

By contrast, in 2021, Salado ISD saw an increase of about \$170 million in taxable value over the previous year. Of that, \$80 million was from new improvements and \$90 millions was from increases in existing property value.

In Salado ISD, there were 268 new homes built in 2021, with an average value of \$475,839. In the Village, which has much smaller boundaries, there were eight new homes built with an average value of \$627,655.

A Temple Belton Board of Realtors® snapshot for Feb. 2022 for the Salado housing market shows an increase of 9.7% in the median price of a home compared to Feb. 2021. The median price in

February was \$414,000. The Salado market has 0.2 months of inventory. County-wide residential inventory is at an historic low of less than 2 months.

### Increase limits for homesteads

For homeowners who qualifies his or her homestead for exemptions in the preceding and current year, the appraised home value may not increase more than 10 percent per year.

According to the Comptroller's website, Tax Code Section 23.23(a) sets a limit on the amount of annual increase to the appraised value of a residence homestead to not exceed the lesser of:

- the market value of the property; or
- the sum of:
  - 10 percent of the

appraised value of the property for last year;

- the appraised value of the property for last year; and

- the market value of all new improvements to the property.

While the market value on the residential homestead may increase more than 10%, the appraised (taxable) value is limited at 10% increase per year. That 10% increase can be added each year so that even when/if the market cools, homeowners may see their appraised values maxed out at the 10% the following years until the appraised value comes in line with the market value.

Tax Code Section 23.23(e) defines a new improvement as an improvement to a residence homestead made after the most recent appraisal of the property that increases

its market value and was not included in the appraised value of the property for the preceding tax year. It does not include repairs to or ordinary maintenance of an existing structure, the grounds or another feature of the property.

Tax Code Section 23.23(f) states that a replacement structure for one that was rendered uninhabitable or unusable by a casualty or by wind or water damage is also not considered a new improvement.

The appraisal limitation only applies to a residence homestead.

### Temporary Exemption for Storm Damage

The Tax Appraisal District of Bell County is informing property owners who suffered physical  
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An Open Exchange of Ideas

## Consumers shift from buying goods to spending more money on services

The Markets

On Thursday April 21st, the S&P 500 Stock Index (SPX) opened well up from the previous day's close at about 4511, putting it back above the psychologically important 4500 level, but for the rest of the week it gradually sunk until it closed on Friday at 4271.78, down 2.75%. That decline drops the SPX once more into a "correction," down 10.37% year-to-date. Even when we look back a full year, the number is not pleasant with a one-year gain for the Index of only 2.19%. Perhaps more importantly, the SPX is now below its 300-day moving average. Our research suggests that if it stays below that moving average for two weeks, more declines may lie ahead. Of course, this is the second time this year that the market has been in a correction and the last time it was down more than 10% it came back with a vengeance. Keep watching for further developments. The proximate cause of the stock market's decline, at least according to the pundits, was that there was a selloff in the bond markets. So much for the theory that when stocks go down, bonds go up. The other equity index we follow, the CRSP US Mid Cap Value Index, declined 1.23% for the week, to close at 2548.38 but is down only 1.88% from its high point at the beginning of the year, and is up 5.75% from this time last year.

The yield on the 10-year U.S. Treasury note rose 1.24% to 2.90% at the close of the business day. The bright side, if there is one, is that with the 30-year T-bond yielding 2.947% and the 2-year T-note at 2.697%, the yield curve remains positive, so the warning flags are not flying there. West Texas Intermediate crude oil (WTI) prices backed off a bit to \$101.15, down about 5% for the week, but still up a whopping 63% from this time last year.

### Market & Economic Update

By Jeffrey W. McClure



The Economy

The economic news headlines were about members of the Federal Reserve Board warning of a half-percent rise in short term rates at the Fed's next meeting in May. When Chairman Powell repeated that warning on Thursday morning it put the stock and bond markets on a downward slope. The Federal Reserve is focused on raising interest rates to an economic "neutral" where they neither stimulate nor slow economic growth. That equates to moving overnight Federal Reserve loan rates to somewhere around 2.5% to 2.75%, about where they were before the pandemic. Why moving to "neutral" would cause a panic in the markets is a mystery, but apparently there are some who believe that the Fed will go too far and slam on the economic brakes.

What we believe to be the important economic news was largely ignored in the press. The Conference Board released its Leading Economic Index this week and it reported the index had risen 0.3% in March following a 0.6% increase in February and is up 1.9% over the trailing six months. The Conference Board also projected a 3.0% growth in U.S. GDP in 2022. That would be slower than 2021's 5.6% but still higher than the pre-pandemic 10-year average. The official announcement was "The recent behavior of the leading indicators points to continued, but moderate, economic growth in the near term."

By now we were hoping to see an abatement in the supply chain issues but it is looking more and more like China's draconian city-wide lockdowns are going to make

the situation worse before it gets better. China is stuck in a "no-COVID" policy with a relatively ineffective vaccine and low vaccination rates. Every time it relaxes its totalitarian quarantines the disease, and hospitalizations, surge, and trying to kill the disease by lockdowns is killing their economy and hurting ours. A combination of China's inept policies and the war in Ukraine are likely to continue to drive inflation, so expect further bumps in the road.

Meanwhile, all indicators are that U.S. consumers are still flush with cash and are continuing to both shift from purchasing so many goods to spending more on services. In an economy like ours where GDP is largely derived from consumer spending, the fuel and optimism are there to power us through at least for the rest of this year. Goldman Sachs and JP Morgan both put the probability of a recession in the next two years at only 35% and both agree that if we have a recession sometime next year, it very likely will be both mild and short.

The oddly counterintuitive good news is that while the historically reliable indicators are not raising red flags, there is a lot of worrying going on among investors and market reporters. The pessimism we see is more typical of the bottom of a bear market than the top of a bull. Major bear markets and recessions have been universally preceded by unconstrained optimism and months of falling leading economic indicators. As we have forecast before, things are and are likely to remain bumpy for some time, but the underlying economy is still healthy and going strong.

## SISD Trustees approve Communities in Schools

The Salado ISD School Board met on Monday, April 18. The following is a summary of that meeting:

- Salado Middle School students Hayden Griesmeier, Payton Hill, Seleste Hubbard, and Stella Nail led the pledge to the United States flag and the state flag.
- Salado ISD employee Belia Rodriguez was recognized for earning the Certified Texas Business Specialist certification through the Texas Association of School Business Officials (TASBO).
- The Board approved the hiring of a teacher and two teacher/coaches.
- Judy Sparkman spoke during public comment to thank the school board members and employees for the great job they do.
- The Board reviewed our monthly enrollment report. Our current enrollment is 2,238 students, as compared to 2,119 students in April 2021 and 2,059 students in April 2020.
- The Board reviewed our monthly financial reports.
- The Board approved the minutes from the March 21 school board meetings.

## Superintendent's Corner

by Dr. Michael Novotny



- The Board approved the 2022-2023 Communities in Schools (CIS) contract.
- The Board approved budget amendments.
- The Board approved a Revised Order of Election for the May 7, 2022 school board election. The Bell County Elections Administration revised the order by extending the hours for early voting, which will now be from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.
- The Board approved the 2022-2023 Allotment & Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) Certification Form.
- The Board approved the purchase of a new band truck.
- The Board approved an increase of the cafeteria breakfast price from \$1.35 to \$1.60.
- The Board approved electrical upgrades for the high school agricultural science shop.
- The Board approved the lease of portable classroom buildings.
- The Board approved the renewal of teacher, teacher/coach, counselor, nurse, and librarian contracts.
- The Board approved the 2022-2023 compensation guide.
- School Board President Dr. Kim Bird announced the completion of school board member training hours. All six school board members (Dr. Kim Bird, Savannah Hennig, Jeff Kelley, Amy McLane, Troy Smith, and Dr. BA White) completed the required annual training hours for the 2021-2022 school year. If you have any questions regarding this information you are welcome to contact me at michael.novotny@saladoisd.org or call me at 254-947-6905.

Our next regular school board meeting will be Monday, May 16, at 6:00 p.m. at the Salado ISD Civic Center, located at 601 North Main Street.

## In Defense of Elon Musk

A year after being named Time magazine's person of the year, Elon Musk is attempting to acquire Twitter.

To listen to Musk's critics, you'd believe it's an act almost on par with Hitler invading Poland not long after being named Time's man of the year in 1938.

A writer for the left-wing website Salon worried that a Musk takeover of Twitter would enable fascism in America. A New York University journalism professor lamented that posting on Twitter with the threat of Musk looming feels like partying at a Berlin nightclub "at the twilight of Weimar Germany." Former Labor secretary Robert Reich warned, "This is what oligarchy looks like." And so on.

A report for the news site Axios compared Musk to "a movie super-villain," and related -- accurately -- that journalists who break news and opine on Twitter "really don't want to be working in Elon Musk's private playpen."

No, they much prefer to be working in a playpen whose ever-shifting rules -- constantly changing to keep up with the latest progressive priorities -- are written by the kind of people who thought the story of Hunter Biden's laptop should have been suppressed.

In their eyes, Elon Musk is guilty of a thought crime -- namely, believing that thought should be free, and should be freely expressed on a social media platform with outside influence on the nation's public life.

Not too long ago, this would have been considered a core American belief, especially welcome to journalists whose

Rich Lowry



work depends on the First Amendment. That was before content moderation, weaponized against one side of the political spectrum, supposedly became the thin line protecting American democracy from the onset of misinformation-driven dictatorship.

Who knew that so much could depend on policing what pronouns apply to trans people or cracking down on users who believed in the lab-leak theory early in the pandemic?

Musk presents a clear and present danger to the use of Twitter as a one-sided instrument to impose progressive rules on the public debate.

From one point of view, Twitter should be beneath him. In contrast to many other Silicon Valley giants, Musk has focused on creating revolutionary physical products in the real world, whether electric cars or rockets. Transforming the American space program makes figuring out a better way for people to share their opinions 280 characters at time seem quite puny in comparison.

Musk is firmly in the tradition of great American entrepreneurs whose audacious vision, business acumen, and showmanship have made them larger-than-life celebrities. Think Thomas Edison.

They have usually been willing to think for themselves, a quality now in short supply.

In today's America, world famous entrepreneurs and the companies that they've created, which are supposed to be all about innovation and disruption, happily let themselves get pulled along in the slipstream of progressive group think.

Companies built on great risks are deathly afraid that they might have to weather a critical hashtag or a tantrum by their woke millennial employees.

People who would presumably object to the government telling them what to say and think are too willing to let free-floating social media mobs effectively dictate to them.

Musk, a kind of libertarian who has a puckish sense of humor and willingness to defy authority (just ask the SEC), rejects this thoughtless and often cowardly conformity.

Like podcaster Joe Rogan, another recent target of progressive ire, his fundamental offense is being uncategorizable and willing to question conventional wisdom. Like Dave Chapelle and J.K. Rowling, he is too rich and famous to be canceled or cowed -- to be more precise, he's the richest man in the world who enjoys a public fight and genuinely disdains the censors and scolds.

All of this makes him a very dangerous man indeed, and perhaps just the guy to make the statement against intimidation and in favor of free speech that this moment so desperately needs. Rich Lowry is editor of the *National Review*.

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# Mayoral candidates on Sanctuary, disannexation

The Village of Salado will elect a Mayor to a two-year term on May 7. Mayor Michael Coggin filed for a position on the ballot. Linda Reynolds has filed as a write-in candidate.

We asked the following question:

**Question 1:** What can the Village do, if anything, to improve the Sanctuary agreements? (200 words)

**Question 2:** A petition for disannexation of property that includes Sanctuary was presented to the Village of Salado, resulting in another disannexation election in November 2022. Do you support or oppose disannexation of the proposed area? Why? (200 words)

**Question 3:** What is your opinion of the Village parks? (200 words)

**Question 4:** What is your opinion of the Village municipal building? (200 words)

**Question 5:** What is your opinion of the Village Tourism department and Visitor Center? (200 words)



**MICHAEL COGGIN, PE**

**Question 1:** Our village signed a series of development agreements with the Sanctuary a few years ago involving land transfer for a sewage treatment plant, zoning and tax rebates. These agreements heavily favored the developer. Now the Salado taxpayer is mainly responsible for paying for the sewage system debt and operations costs. The development agreement also required 50% of taxes collected to be returned to the developer. The development agreement also required Salado to establish a new public improvement tax district (PID) within the Sanctuary and did not really have an established expiration date. It was expected that the Sanctuary development would have been nearing completion and these costs would have been more fairly spread across many new homes and commercial stores that would actually use the sewage system.

I have been working to get these agreements revised to be more fair to the taxpayer of Salado. Our new legal team is nearing completion of an amendment to the Sanctuary agreement that will establish a firm completion date of 15 years, add favorable terms to the PID and limit maximum costs for sewage impact fees and tax rebates. This will result in a more reasonable development agreement for the Salado taxpayer.

**Question 2:** I strongly oppose the disannexation petition. It serves no purpose other than to make Salado look divided and filled with unhappy residents. Even if the disannexation were to succeed, the taxpayers in the disannexed areas will still be responsible for paying the sewage system bond debt so their taxes will not be substantially reduced. The disannexed areas will lose the zoning protections and police services. Even if the disannexation were to succeed, the village will still have to re-annex the Sanctuary to comply with

the current Sanctuary agreement. I will be campaigning to defeat the disannexation movement.

**Question 3:** Pace Park will soon be getting an all-abilities playground. I am very excited to see this happen and hope to see this lead a series of improvements in all of our parks. Our pavilion has received minor upgrades in lighting and ceiling fans plus some much needed paint. A good neighbor repaired the pavilion fireplace. We have also cleaned up along the Salado Creek. I am also very excited about our new team members on the parks committee. New faces with new ideas will bring improvement plans. Our new subdivisions will also have parks and amenities – I am excited to see these improve our outside recreational opportunities. If elected as your mayor, I will always seek out cost effective ways to improve and maintain our parks.

**Question 4:** Our municipal buildings are not the most efficient arrangement for our village services. The police department is located in a house and the city hall is located in a former funeral home – both are showing signs of their age. The location is also not good for a city hall which has police vehicles, mowers, storage buildings and other unsightly village equipment. The current location could be a prime area for commercial development. As your mayor, I would be open to exchanging our valuable commercial property for an area located away from the village Main Street and tourist area.

**Question 5:** I am very pleased with our tourism department who have worked to bring events to Salado and to advertise Salado as a tourist destination. We are seeing a continual growth in our sales tax revenue which is a great indicator for our growing tourist visitation. I am firmly convinced that the costs that we expend to pay for our tourism department is returned in tourism spending (purchases, dining, hotel stays...).

Our Visitor Center needs improvement. It is in an odd location that is hard to find and does not have much parking. It is also very small.

If elected your mayor, I will always look for ways to increase tourism and to make our Visitor Center more efficient.



**LINDA REYNOLDS**

**Question 1:** AFTER this May 7 election is over, residents will learn the results of our lawyer's negotiations. I am not privy to those "results," but Mayor Coggin has told me I won't be happy!

Guess what voters? I have not been happy with The Sanctuary contract since before it was signed, sealed and delivered. It was a crooked deal, and we were lied to.

It was forced down our

throats by real estate and banking interests with no concern for those of us who live in the village and have had to pay for it, for the past 6 years.

The November 2022 election may offer village residents the finale means to renegotiate the Sanctuary contract. Please be sure to ask questions, and demand truthful answers of all our elected officials prior to the November disannexation vote.

**Question 2:** Please, drive around College Hill and observe the devastation to the 8 lakes area where Frieda Hanks hoped to build a retreat (Sanctuary) for religious leaders to recharge their commitment to God.

It will become four story apartment buildings that send more sewage to Royal Street lift station to smell up our business district, and Mill Creek neighborhoods.

Next, find Salado Oaks drive and travel down a beautiful neighborhood street while you notice the devastation on the Eastside where The Sanctuary has been strip mining rock for the past year.

What will disannexation mean?

A. Residents continue to pay 60% of their Village property taxes as sewer debt.

B. Sanctuary land will also be disannexed including Wildfire. That may remove the Sanctuary alb-tross from our necks.

C. Residents will no longer have to pay franchise taxes to the Village.

D. Bell County road taxes will be used to work on neighborhood roads practically untouched in the 10 years I lived there.

The current administration intends to spend NONE of our \$600,000 Federal recovery dollars in these neighborhoods.

As usual.

**Question 3:** Kudos to Alderman Howard for returning the Sirena Park parking lot back for public use.

And he has also worked tirelessly with the Parks committee to get the all abilities playground designed and built at Pace Park.

Soon the road around Pace Park will be refurbished, so driving and parking in the area will be improved.

The Sculpture Garden, and the Historical Society Cabins rely on volunteers to help contribute to our Village Parks, but we could always use more Park space, especially as dense housing developments arise.

**Question 4:** Village taxpayers have spent a great deal of money improving our municipal building. Except for an antiquated sound system which causes many residents to skip Board of Aldermen meetings (aldermen simply can not be heard), the building is fine for now.

Once we pay off the sewer debt, I would hope the village could sell the I35 access rd. property and the police station at a huge profit, and move to a quieter facility.

**Question 5:** I wish the tourism and visitors center was not housed on private property, and had more accessible parking.

My dream would be that the school system might build Superintendent's offices on a school campus. Then the Village could consolidate offices, police, tourism and maybe chamber all in one building on Main Street with lots of parking.

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# Library Candidates on programs and populations served

Three candidates have filed for two full two-year terms on the Salado Public Library District Board of Directors: Susan Starnes, Nancy Mills Mackey and Theresa Howard.

Salado Village Voice asked the following questions.

**Question 1:** Are there children's programs or service that are lacking or missing in Salado Library? If so, what can be done to form or extend those programs or services? (200 words)

**Question 2:** Are there populations of children that are not served or underserved by the Salado Library? If so, what can be done to better serve those populations? (200 words)

**Question 3:** Are there adult programs that are lacking or missing in Salado Library? If so, what can be done to form or extend those programs? (200 words)

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**Question 4:** Are there populations of adults that are not served or underserved by the Salado Library? If so, what can be done to better serve those populations? (200 words)



SUSAN STARNES

**Question 1:** To say the library is lacking or missing would not be the words I would use as far as children's programs are concerned.

Saturday they had an Easter egg hunt with 60 kids ages 1-7 participating. Story time averages about 40-45 kids weekly. A book club for 3rd & 4th grade girls is thriving. The teens ages (12-18) have a young writer's group and some of them have had books published. Dungeon & Dragons is another group that meets once a week at the library for the same age group. Additional programs could always be added such as a special story time with guest story presenters. Once elected to the board I look forward to developing a bridge of communication between the staff and the community to form additional programs and services.

**Question 2:** I spoke with Ms. April (the children's librarian) on this topic, and she stated that due to the ever-changing demographics of the SPL District, she felt a diversified population was being served. I asked about Spanish speaking patrons and was told, Ms. Liveley (head librarian) speaks some Spanish and if she is not available the staff uses Google to translate. But that is rare as most are bilingual patrons. Regarding children with certain learning is-

issues, she felt their selection of books were meeting the needs of the community. Books for children with autism are available; however, Ms. April stated they could always use more. Patrons are welcome and encouraged to request the staff obtain unavailable books either by purchasing or the share programs. Here again, a survey must be conducted to address any needs or concerns people of the community feel are limited at the library. When elected as a trustee, I will strive to make this happen.

**Question 3:** Adult programs are constantly being added as more and more adults are coming back to the library after the pandemic. SPL currently offers many opportunities for our adults. Such as presentations by master gardeners, professional bakers demos, monthly arts and crafts classes, book clubs, weekly games of Mahjong and our On Pins and Needles crochet /knitting group. Our staff is fully capable of adding additional adult programs upon input from the community. The possibilities are endless, and the staff is willing to listen and work on a range of ideas that may be submitted. Ensuring we have adequate meeting rooms available for adult programs must be part of our 5-year plan. As a trustee I will also ensure this is addressed.

**Question 4:** Are there populations of adults that are not served or underserved by the Salado Library? If so, what can be done to better serve those populations? (200 words)

Our community continues to grow and with the growth comes a change or growth of our demographics. As a board trustee I will ensure all are well served: to include: all ages, genders, races, ethnicities, educational and income levels.

and Archives Commission, so it already meets state standards. In addition, its director and staff, with the district board's support, have been working diligently to enhance children's services. In September through February, the library hosted events attended by 2,209 and provided passive programming (take-and-make kits) to 714. Programming included Children's Storytime, the outdoor Story Walk, Music Munchkins, a children's book club, a children's movie, Teen Writing Club, Teens Dungeons & Dragons group, Teen Hang-out programs, teen's reverse glass painting, a teen movie and Joy of Chocolate. Weather obstructed one event, and a rise in COVID cases derailed events Jan. 13-31. New materials added in the six months included 412 children's books, 177 young adult books, and 49 children's and young adult DVDs. According to the library's 2020-2025 Strategic Plan, approved by the board and found on the SPL website, planned improvements include additional programs building on the Family Place Grant, such as Bright Beginnings workshops for caregivers and children ages 0-3. The library also plans to implement 1000 Books Before Kindergarten, and the first step in increasing teen involvement has begun with the creation of a Teen Advisory Board.

**Question 2:** As a result of the work the library district's board, director and staff did on the 2020-2025 Strategic Plan, several areas were identified where we believe more can be done to serve bilingual children and children with disabilities. The library will encourage Spanish speaking children and their parents to use the library by creating brochures in Spanish to be distributed through area churches with Spanish-speaking congregations, recruit Spanish-speaking volunteers, create an advisory board with Spanish-speaking members, install bilingual signage and offer Spanish/English story time. The library also plans to recruit multilingual speaking homebound delivery volunteers. To better serve children and adults with disabilities, the library intends to re-evaluate the current homebound program, conduct a survey to discover obstacles to li-

brary access and explore other ways to deliver library services outside the library, either through satellite locations or bookmobiles. New automatically opening doors, improved signage, outdoor railings and lighting, and an improved large print collection also are planned.

**Question 3:** By virtue of its historical purpose, a public library is tasked with being all things to all people. The Salado Public Library director and staff have done an excellent job of trying to meet that impossible goal. Community input is collected by a suggestion box at the library, through a 2018 community survey for the 2020-2025 Strategic Plan, and annually (as part of the strategic plan) through a survey measuring satisfaction and exploring new services. In September through February, the library hosted activities numerous adult events, including daytime and evening Adult Arts & Crafts, three adult book clubs, On Pins and Needles sewing group, Family Story Time and Joy of Chocolate, which attracted participants of all ages. The library also participated in outreach programs at Barrow Brewery's Farmer's and Holiday Markets. The Friends of the Salado Public Library annual board meeting was in November, and other activities included two gardening programs and a holiday program on pie making. New materials added in the six months included 566 adult books, 76 magazines, 53 DVDs and 12 audiobooks. Circulation for the period was 21,905 books and 2,705 electronic materials. There were 914 computer users and 3,101 website users and 272 new patrons.

**Question 4:** As a result of the work done on the 2020-2025 Strategic Plan, areas have been identified where more could be done to serve senior citizens, bilingual communities, people with disabilities (all ages), and military families. Since efforts to improve bilingual services and accessibility were discussed under Question #2, and my response applies to adults as well as children, I'd like to focus on senior citizens, and military families in this section. To improve services to senior citizens, the staff plans to survey senior patrons and area seniors at Hidden Glen and in community groups about their needs/wants and to incorporate their responses into new programs and services. The library also intends to re-evaluate and expand its homebound program and improve accessibility. To develop programs for area military families, the library staff will consult Fort SEE LIBRARY, PAGE 6A

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NANCY MILLS MACKEY

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and Trisha Yearwood. While performing and songwriting are one of her passions, the true emotion of music is what moves her. If she isn't singing on a stage or around a campfire for friends, you'll likely find her selling houses or spending time on the family ranch in her spare time.

Jared Johnson is a native of Belton, TX and a graduate of UMHB. After college, Jared moved to Nashville to pursue a career as a singer/songwriter. While in Nashville he signed a publishing deal with Big Loud Shirt Publishing where he was a staff writer for 2 years. He also spent 5 seasons as part of the house band on CMT's hit show "The Singing Bee" and was a top 5 finisher on CMT's "Can You Duet?" Jared now lives in the Salado community with his wife Kathryn and their 4 children, Hudson, Lucy, Brady and Ellie.

Michael Carubelli is an original Texas Music Artist - Singer/Songwriter based out of Central Texas. His music is a good time mixed with Country and Rock 'n Roll.



Jared Johnson



Michael Carubelli



## Outgoing library board member corrects info

Dear Editor:

As an outgoing member of Salado Library Board having served for 15 years, I would like to correct some misinformation I have seen concerning the upcoming board election.

-The Library District comes under the Texas Local Government Code, Title 10, Subtitle B, Chapter 326..

-Library Board meetings come under the Texas Open Meeting Act. Anyone interested in the business of the Library is welcome to attend any meeting and receive the same information as board members.

-Salado Library District is the same area as the Salado ISD - 130 square miles. It serves about 9,000 people. Anyone living in this district can file for open seats and vote in elections of board members.

- One-half cent of sales tax is levied for the support

### Your Voice

Letters to the Editor

of the Library and only the Library. It is levied on sales in the district and nothing else. Tax payers must understand the Library has complete fiscal responsibility and transparency with its finances and none of the funds can be used for any other purpose or redirected to any other entity. They are audited annually.

- The sales tax revenue received each year is used for funding the operation of the Library. Any excess is invested for future needs.
- District elections are required to fill any vacant seat

on the board. If an incumbent has no challenges for a seat, an election is not required.

My reason for writing is to correct some of the misconceptions and misinformation I have read concerning this election and want to state the facts. Regards.

Bill Kinnison  
Salado, Texas



First Cedar Valley Baptist Church. (PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)

## First Cedar Valley Baptist continues services at site

The building is gone but First Cedar Valley Baptist Church will continue to meet for services every Sunday at 10:45 a.m.

There will be tents set up at the church site in case of rainy weather.

"We are hoping to move in a couple of portable buildings in a few weeks to have services in until our new church building is completed," minister Donnie Jackson said.

"Come share in the rebuilding process with us. We are praising God for His tender mercies," Jackson added. "Providing the tents and making a way to possibly get portable buildings is definitely His hands at work."

First Cedar Valley Baptist Church was destroyed by the 165 mph winds of the April 12 tornado, except for the cross.

"Everything was destroyed but that cross," Jackson said.

Both the new building and the older building, where Donnie said he "was saved in that little church right there," were destroyed by the tornado.

But Jackson said that the Church itself "is stronger than we've ever been before."

The Go Fund Me page for First Cedar Valley Baptist Church is <https://www.gofundme.com/f/cedar-valley-baptist-church-cemetery-relief>

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JULIE RAY GOGGANS

JUNE 11, 1963

APRIL 21, 2022

Memorial services for Julie Ray Goggans of Temple, TX, formerly of Oxford, AL were held Wednesday, April 27, 2022 at the Presbyterian Church of Salado with Reverend Carl Thompson officiating.

Julie moved into the Heavenly Realm of her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on April 21, 2022. Julie fought the battle with cancer courageously and with all her strength until accepting her reward in Heaven.

She was an exemplary wife, daughter, Mom, and friend to many. Her favorite role on this earth, however, was that of GiGi to her grandchildren.

Julie is survived by her husband, Jack; parents: Col (Ret) and Mrs. W. D. Ray of Temple. Her children: T.R. (Dr. Caitlin) Jones of Oxford, AL, Anna (Colton) Norman of Academy, TX, Leah (Daniel) Simmons of Alexandria, AL and Jake (Allie) Goggans of Oxford, AL. Her precious grandchildren are Brantley & Walker, Norman, Bo & Sutton (baby) Goggans and Hayden (Alexis) Simmons. Julie is also survived by a sister, Sallie (Dirk) Davis of Killeen, TX. Not to be forgotten, she leaves her fur baby, Weezey, to take care of Jack in her absence.

Due to God's grace, she will be loved and cared for eternally by her Savior in Heaven, which serves as comfort and hope to her loved ones and friends she leaves behind.

In lieu of flowers, please make memorial gifts in Julie's name to: Baylor, Scott & White Oncology department, or The Presbyterian Church of Salado.

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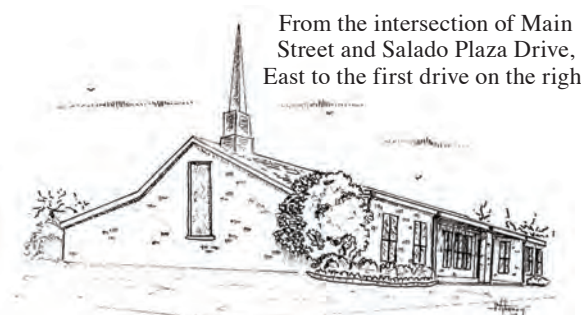
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**Mail-in**

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"Most of us do not remember which one we put on our voter Registration application and that is the one the Secretary of State definitely has listed for you," Caraway said.

If you do not have a driver license number, you may put your Texas Personal Identification number or Election Identification Certificate number.

Finally, Caraway explores vote-by-mail voters to put their phone number on the mail-in ballot. "If you ballot is rejected, the ballot board will call you if you have provided a phone number," Caraway said. "Then you can correct your ballot so that your vote will count."

Salado ISD and Salado Library District voters will have a corrected mail-in ballot sent to them, according to Bell County Interim Elections Administrator Shay Luedeke. The regular deadline for the Bell County Elections Department to receive ballots by mail is 7 p.m. May 7.

**Library**

Hood and veterans' organizations, seek out partnerships with veterans and active-duty groups, and create a panel of military advisors to provide ongoing input. To learn more about the library's plans, I encourage everyone to read the 2020-2025 Strategic Plan, found on the library website. The library also invites regular use of the suggestion box and participation in community surveys when offered.



**THERESA HOWARD**

All questions have been answered as one, below.

Last week, I touched on this subject noting that in speaking with members of the community, there is a reoccurring theme that our library has a very limited selection of materials for both children and adults with disabilities. That said, the programs offered by



Public Arts League of Salado (PALS) Taste of Salado event offered a numerous variety of edibles provided and served by shop owners, restaurants and caterers on April 25. The event was held at Tenroc Ranch. The fundraiser provides funding for the the placement and promotion of art in Salado.



Salado Library are comparable to those I've seen in significantly larger cities. One of the most enjoyable programs for my daughter, when she was little, was story time at the library. Data provided by our library director indicates that story time is a hit in Salado, with over 35 children and parents in attendance being reported at many of these events. One of the ways in which I believe we could better serve all children, but especially those with disabilities, is by including programs that require sensory involvement. Crafting classes in particular are an excellent way to aid in the development of sensory skills for all children. Examples of such classes are creating pictures with pom-poms, creating picture boards with felt shapes, or for the ultimate sensory experience, creating a sensory bin with items such as sand, water beads, shells, figurines or an assortment of other items. In reviewing the last three months of director's reports, there is a striking difference between the number of adult crafts offered compared children's crafts, with the ratio being 5:1.

Furthermore, the younger generation is much more technologically inclined than past generations. The introduction of STEM and virtual

reality (VR) programs to the library would be an excellent way to promote new learning, growth, and attendance in both children and young adults. Currently, the Salado High School has a STEM program that has gone so far as to offer summer camps to the public. Partnering with the Salado Eaglebots to offer periodic STEM programs would be a boon to our libraries programing. Additionally, more libraries are embracing virtual technology. The equipment for VR can be quite pricey; offering it at the library would make it more accessible to people of all ages. And while many think of VR as geared toward gaming, it allows for a new and engaging way of making educational material fun and interactive. For example, the Santa Cruz Public Libraries use VR to allow patrons to view the city's current coastline along with how it would be effected by a 2.4 foot sea level rise in conjunction with a 100-year storm.

In earlier writings, I noted that, should I become elected, I would also push for our library to become more digitally modernized, for example, allowing patrons to take part in some programs via live streaming. COVID has had a dramatic effect on the way people view the world and some are still uncom-

**Property**

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damage from the storms on April 12 that they could qualify for tax relief on 2022 property taxes by means of a temporary exemption.

To qualify for this temporary exemption, the physical damage must have been sustained from the storms that resulted in the disaster declaration by Governor Greg Abbott on April 13. The physical damage must total 15% of the 2022 improvement (housing/building) market value (as of Jan. 1). The application can be found at <https://bellcad.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/april12thstorms.pdf>.

Applications are due to the Tax Appraisal District no later than July 27. They should include photos of the physical damage, repair estimates, insurance claims and or receipts. Applications can be emailed to [customerservice@bellcad.org](mailto:customerservice@bellcad.org) or mailed to Tax Appraisal District of Bell County, PO Box 390, Belton, TX 76513.

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fortable being out in public. For less than \$700 a year, the library could offer a Zoom live webinar option, in conjunction with their in-person adult and children's classes, that would allow for these individuals to take part in library programs from the comfort of their own homes. With regard to crafting classes, the library could offer activity bags, much like they did during the COVID months, filled with the items needed to complete the craft. Patrons could come by the library for pick-up and then participate in the class online at the designated time. Children's story times and adult book groups could also easily be made accessible for viewing and participation via this type of online streaming/meeting platform.

This month's treasurer's report indicated that the library was operating under budget by almost \$9,000. Given this surplus, along with the increasing amount of revenue the library continues to receive from sales tax, I believe all of these wonderful additions are well within the realm of possibility for the Salado Library and would be a wise choice to ensure our library continues to be one of the best in the surrounding area.

**Ballots**

FROM PAGE 1A

In all of Bell County, 1,244 ballots were cast on the first day of early voting.

"Our desire was to create a provisional ballot for voters who voted today but were unable to vote on the race," Interim Elections Administrator Shay Luedeke stated in the release. "However, the Secretary of State told us that was not an option, and that no one would be allowed to vote a second time."

Early voters at the Salado voting location received mixed information when they went to vote April 25.

Gayla Ray, who lives in the School and Library District, voted at about 9 a.m. She told *Salado Village Voice* that she was not informed of any issues with the ballot. "It wasn't until I got home that I realized the Library Board was not on the ballot," she said.

Marruffo, who also lives in the School and Library districts, told *Salado Village Voice* that he was "told that the library was not showing up outside the Village and that they were trying to figure out what the correction would be."

Marruffo said he was told at the time, about 8:15 a.m., "that it was not going to be fixed in time for this election anyway. So I went ahead and voted."

Amber Preston Dankert told *Salado Village Voice* that she was not informed of there being an issue with the Library race when she voted at about 8:30 a.m.

The lack of information and mixed information being told to voters who were disenfranchised by the ballot error and to candidates in the Library race continued until later in the afternoon.

Theresa Howard, a candidate in the race for Library board, told *Salado Village Voice* that she received a call from Lively at 8:37 a.m. informing her of the issues with the ballot.

She said that she was informed about 12:55 p.m. by Lively that the election had been canceled. Howard received a call from Lively at 5:58 p.m. that the election was not being canceled. *Salado Village Voice* has not confirmed these conversations with Lively.

Stafford told *Salado Village Voice* that the Elections Department did not make

any statements canceling the election. "The only entity able to do that would be the Library Board of Trustees," he said.

To address the issue moving forward, the Elections Department created an emergency paper ballot, which will be used by all Salado ISD voters outside of the village. These ballots will be utilized for all remaining days of early voting and on Election Day. They will be hand counted by the Ballot Review Board.

The corrected ballot will be mailed to any voter that requested a ballot by mail and lives within the Salado Public Library District and outside of the Village of Salado.

Several governing entities in Bell County that are conducting their May elections have contracted with the Bell County Elections Department to conduct their elections. Those entities are the following: in Bell County, Texas for the purpose of electing the following county and precinct officers as required by Article XVI, Section 65 of the Texas Constitution, Election of Board of Trustees Members with the Salado Independent School District, Election of Board of Trustees Members with the Florence Independent School District, Election of Board of Trustees Members with the Rogers Independent School District, Election of Board of Trustees Members with the Academy Independent School District, Election of Board of Trustees Members with the Killeen Independent School District, Election of Board of Trustees Members and Propositions with the Belton Independent School District, Election of Board of Trustees Members with the Troy Independent School District, Bond Election with Bartlett Independent School District, Election for the City of Rogers, Election for the Village of Salado, Election for the City of Killeen including Propositions, Board of Directors Election for Temple Health and Bioscience Economic Development District, and Board of Trustee for Salado Public Library District.



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The Bar-B-Que cook-off has a guaranteed \$3,500 payout with cash prizes and trophies for the first through fifth places in each meat category, as well as Grand and Reserve Champion. Entry is \$150 per team for chicken, rib and brisket entries.

Jackpots pay 50% cash

for first, second and third place for Bloody Mary, Beans and Margaritas competitions. All Jackpots must be made and cooked on-site.

Margarita judging will be April 29 at 8 p.m.

Beans judging will be at 11 a.m. April 30.

There will be Cornhole tournaments on the grounds beginning at 7:15 p.m. April 29 with \$25 entry. First place wins 50% of the cash. Landon Heights will perform at 7 p.m. April 29.

Bloody Mary judging will kick off early at

810 a.m. April 30. Beans judging at 11 a.m., Chicken at noon, Ribs at 1:30 p.m., Brisket at 3 p.m. and Awards presentation at 5:30 p.m.

Raffle tickets will be available for \$20 each or six for \$100. Guns to be raffled off include a Glock 19 5.9 mm pistol, Stoeger Camo 20 ga. pump shotgun, Ruger American 300 Blk, KelTe PMR30 .22WMR Pistol and a S&W 642-2 .38spl-p Revolver. The guns will be raffled on May 2.

For info, visit <https://www.saladofire.org/events>.



Jeff Gore will close out the Salado Cowboy Poetry and Music Gathering by leading a cowboy church service at Heritage Country Church at 10 a.m. May 8

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## Cowboy Church closes out Poetry & Music Gathering

Jeff Gore will close out the Salado Cowboy Poetry and Music Gathering by leading a cowboy church service at Heritage Country Church, 9929 Lark Trail at 10 a.m. May 8.

Gore's singing and message will be the finale of a four-day event May 5-8 that starts in the Salado schools and ends in a Salado church.

Gore began singing at age four and began cowboying at age ten. The two interests were joined together when at age 15 he began writing his own songs and performing for audiences all across the country. Over the last 37 years he has recorded seven albums of traditional and original cowboy and gospel music. He has won awards for his music from the Academy of Western Artists and the American Cowboy Culture Association. Jeff has played feature roles the movies "The Good Old Boys," and "Nail 32." He has produced and appeared in programs for The Outdoor Channel and RFDTV. Jeff's current project is producing, directing, and starring in a feature film, "Jingle in the Horses" based on his 2010 novel by the same name.

Jeff and Donna, stepped out in faith in 1992 to begin a ministry to ranching and rural communities, traveling the country, preaching, singing and working on ranches.

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# Village of Salado Calendar of Events

**Mondays**  
 Floor practice at Salado Masonic Lodge #296, 95 S. Church St., 6:30 p.m. except on Stated Meeting nights.  
 Open Mic with Ryan White, at Chupacabra, 7 p.m.

**Tuesdays**  
 On Pins & Needles Crochet Group, 10 a.m., Salado Public Library.  
 Tuesday Night Prix Fixe at Alexander's Craft Cocktails + Kitchen. \$16.95 for entree, dessert and glass of wine. Prix Fixe menu changes weekly. Visit Alexander's Facebook page for weekly updates on Prix Fixe.  
 Grief Share Sessions, Grace Church of Salado, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Open Enroll during the entire semester. For Information call Mary Hendrix, 858-232-4692.  
 Trivia with Rockin Rick, at Chupacabra, 7-9 p.m.

**Wednesdays**  
 Guest food truck day at Barrow Brewing Co., 4-9 p.m.  
 Game Night at Barrow Brewing Co., 4-9 p.m. Trivia with Chad on second Wed.  
 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.  
 Karaoke, 7-10 p.m. at Chupacabra.

**Thursdays**  
 Grief Share Sessions, Grace Church of Salado, 8-10 a.m.

Open Enroll during the entire semester. For Information call Mary Hendrix, 858-232-4692.  
 Vinyl Nite with Shannon at Barrow Brewing Co., 5 p.m.  
 Teen Writing Group, Salado Public Library, 6 p.m.  
 Run4Beer Group, 6:30 p.m., Barrow Brewing Co.  
 Pint night at Chupacabra, 4 p.m.-midnight.  
 Maxx Carter at Chupacabra, 6-10 p.m.  
 Family Night at The Shed, specials on beer and pizzas change every week.

**Fridays**  
 Storytime with Ms. April, Salado Public Library, 11 a.m.  
 Live Music at Chupacabra Craft Beers, 7-11 p.m.  
 Live Music at Barrow Brewing Co. 8 p.m.

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

**Saturdays**  
 Bikes & Brews meetup, 8:30 a.m., Barrow Brewing Co.  
 Live Music at Chupacabra Craft Beer and Kitchen, 8 p.m.-midnight  
 Live Music at Barrow Brewing Co., 8 p.m.

**Sundays**  
 Live Music at Barrow Brewing, 4 p.m.

**April 28**  
 Baylor Scott & White Blood Center Blood Drive at RE/MAX Legends, 805 N. Mian St., 10 a.m.-noon. All blood donors in April will receive a free limited edition blood donor T-shirt. Photo ID is required to donate. Donors who are 18 or younger are required to show proof of age. Masks are required to be worn during appointment. Walk-ins accepted.

**April 28**  
 Salado Strong benefit BBQ Dinner and Concert, 4-9 p.m. at Barrow Brewing. Acoustic performances by Brandon Rhyder, Kathryn Stredwick Jared Johnson and Michael Carubelli. Dinner will include sausage, pulled pork or brisket sandwiches. Donations will be distributed through Salado Family Relief Fund to the families whose homes were lost or damaged by the April 12 Cedar Valley tornado.

**April 28**  
 Pint Night at Chupacabra Craft Beer, 4 p.m.-midnight. Get a free pint glass with every purchase of the featured brewery, Austin Eastcider.

**April 28**  
 Salado Area Republican Women Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. at Salado Civic Center. \$20. Tickets online at Eventbrite or call Sherril Gar-dipee 254 217-4390.

**April 29**  
 Public performance of Salado High School UIL One Act Play "The Wisdom of Eve" by Mary Orr, 6:30 p.m. at Salado High School cafeteria.

**April 29**  
 Live Music at Chupacabra, 7 p.m., Michael Warren.

**April 29-30**  
 Second Annual Up in Smoke Barbecue Cook-Off at Salado Fire Station #2, FM 2484, sponsored by Salado Fire Department. https://www.saladofire.org/events.

**April 30**  
 Salado Lions Roar 5K Run/Walk, 9 a.m., Salado Civic Center. Register online at https://runsignup.com/lionsroar5k. \$30 for adults, \$20 for those under 18. Proceeds benefit Salado ISD cross country teams and scholarships for graduating seniors.

**April 30**  
 Thunder in Hand Civil War-era handgun presentation by historian John C. Perry, Salado Museum and College Hill Park, Main St., 10 a.m. Tickets \$10 at the door.

**April 30**  
 Live Music at Chupacabra, 8 p.m., Michael Warren.

**May 3**  
 Salado Community Institute Team City Day 6 p.m. at Village Municipal Building with information on the comprehensive plan, development process, permitting, tourism office, city secretary and municipal court, 6 p.m. Village of Salado Municipal Building.

**May 5**  
 Village of Salado Board of Aldermen Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Salado Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach. Agenda posts 72 hours online at salad-otx.gov.

**May 5-8**  
 Cowboy Poetry and Music

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**May 6**  
 First Friday Breakfast, 8:30-9:30 a.m. at First Community Title Salado office, 40 N. Main St.

**May 6**  
 Live Music at Chupacabra, 7 p.m., Carter Whitaker.

**May 6-7**  
 Blow Your Own flowers, bowls for Mother's Day. Reservations at saladoglassworks.com.

**May 7**  
 Annual clean up day at the Gault Site, 8 a.m.- 1 p.m. Thank You BBQ Picnic after workday on the site. Register at https://bit.ly/37lbgnv.

**May 7**  
 Gary Allegretto, Harmonic player will give lessons at Salado Museum and College Hill Park, Main St., 1 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and you take home a new harmonica.

**May 7**  
 13th Annual Central Texas Poetry & Prose Festival at Tablerock Amphitheater off of Royal St., 7 p.m. Admission is by purchase of the 2022 ANTHOLOGY (\$10), Children under 12 -FREE! Featuring the launch of the 2022 ANIMAL TALES ANTHOLOGY, with Texas National and International Poets represented.

**May 7**  
 Live Music at Chupacabra, 8 p.m., Calamity Jane.

**May 8**  
 Mother's Day at fine dining restaurants in Salado. Book early!  
 • Alexander's Distillery. Reservations:(254) 947-5554.  
 • The Barton House, reservations, (254) 947-0441.  
 • Stagecoach Restaurant, reservations (254) 947-5111

**May 9**  
 Book Club at Salado Win-

ery Co., 841 N. Main St., 7 p.m. This month's read is "Wish You Were Here" by Jody Picoult.

**May 11**  
 Salado Lions Club luncheon meeting, 11:30 a.m., Salado Civic Center. Speaker is Tom Westerberg Salado Head Football Coach

**May 12**  
 Around the World Dinner Series at Alexander's Distillery, 6:30 p.m. Reservations online through eventbrite.com for \$84.95 for five course themed dinner. Destination Nigeria.

**May 13**  
 Live Music at Chupacabra, 7 p.m., Sean Eddy.

**May 14**  
 Heart and Hands Ministries food distribution to those in need in the Salado, Holland, Bartlett area, 9-11 a.m., 213 Mill Creek Drive, Suite 135.

**May 14**  
 Salado Community Institute Public Safety Day with information and tours of the Salado Police Department and Salado Fire Department, 10 a.m. Village of Salado Municipal Building.

**May 14**  
 Live Music at Chupacabra, 8 p.m., Sean Eddy.

**May 14-15**  
 Salado Market Days 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at Salado Antique Mall 721 Stagecoach Road. Salado's original Market Days event.

**May 16**  
 Salado ISD Board of Trustees meeting, 6 p.m. Salado Civic Center.

**May 17**  
 Salado Community Institute session on Maintaining Salado's Charm with information on the History of Salado, Keep Salado Beautiful, Salado Cultural Arts District, Salado Village Voice, Salado Chamber of Commerce and new initiatives such as Music Friendly Community and Film Friendly Community, 6 p.m. Village of Salado Municipal Building.

**May 19**  
 Village of Salado Board of Aldermen Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Salado Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach. Agenda posts 72 hours online at salad-otx.gov.

**May 20**  
 Live Music at Chupacabra, 7 p.m., Trey Yenger.

**May 21**  
 Live Music at Chupacabra, 8 p.m., Steve Hamende.

**May 20-21**  
 Blow Your Own beer mugs and whiskey sippers for Father's Day. Saladoglassworks.com.

**May 24**  
 Salado Masonic Lodge #296 Stated Meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the Lodge Hall, 95 S. Church St. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

**May 25**  
 Salado Lions Club luncheon meeting, 11:30 a.m., Salado Civic Center. Speaker is Brittney Eiklor Children's Advocacy Center of Central Texas

**May 26**  
 Mill Creek Community Association Neighbors Night Out, 6 p.m. Mill Creek Clubhouse.

**May 27**  
 Royal Street Art Walk (RAW) 6-9 p.m. along Royal Street.

**May 27**  
 Live Music at Chupacabra, 7 p.m., Jesse Dean.

**May 27**  
 Fourth Friday Gospel Singing 7 p.m. at First Cedar Valley Baptist Church, FM 2843.

**May 27-28**  
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# Cowboy Poetry & Music Gathering

Schedule for Salado Cowboy Poetry & Music Gathering May 5-8, 2022 Village of Salado.

## MAY 5, 2022

**Kick Off Event 7 p.m.** - Celebrating Salado's Western Heritage in "cahoots" with the Salado Cultural Arts' District. Enjoy appetizers and cowboy music and view local western art by high school students. Salado Museum & College Park, 423 S. Main St., Salado, TX 76571.

## MAY 6, 2022

**Friday Night Concert, 7 p.m.**, Heritage Country Church, 9929 Lark Trail, Salado, TX.

The Master of Ceremonies for this event is local KCEN TV meteorologist/cowboy Andy Andersen and Ronnie Sexton. Performers for the Friday Night concert are Chris Isaacs, Gary Allegretto, Don Cadden, Teresa Burleson, Fred Fuller, & Devon and the Outlaw. Tickets are \$30 per person and can be purchased at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/salados-cowboy-poetry-music-gathering-tickets-170656326667> The doors will open at 6:00 p.m. for an opportunity to browse a store featuring items by the performing musicians/poets. Ample parking provided.

## MAY 7, 2022

**7:30 a.m.-4:45 p.m. "Kit N' Caboodle" Concerts:** Rotating concerts all day Saturday. Performers are sponsored by Humanities Texas. "This program was made possible in part with a grant from Humanities Texas, the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities." Kit N' Caboodle Concerts will be held at the Salado Civic Center, the Gazebo on the grounds of the Salado Civic Center and the Historic Cabins. All are located at 601 N Main St, Salado, TX.

**7:30 a.m. Good Morning, Early Risers:** Maxdale Cowboy Church,

chuck wagon coffee - at the Historic Cabins.

**8-8:45 a.m. Mornin' Melodies and Golden Memories:** (MC) Fred Fuller, Gary Allegretto, Robert Isaacs, Chris Isaacs - at the Historic Cabins.

**9-9:45 a.m. First Thing Tomorrow Morning:** (MC) Fred Fuller, Teresa Burleson, Don Cadden, Robert Isaacs - at the Historic Cabins.

**9-9:45 a.m. (MC) Bill Lutz, J.C. Penny, Gary Allegretto, Chris Isaacs, - at the gazebo.**

**9-9:45 a.m. (MC) Richard Paul Thomas, Teresa Burleson, Jim Cathey - upstairs at the Civic Center.**

**10-10:45 a.m. Good Times in Bad Weather:** (MC) Fred Fuller, Jean and Gary Prescott, Jim Cathey, Robert Isaacs - at the Historic Cabins.

**10-10:45a .m. (MC) Bill Lutz, Gary Allegretto, Rick Mahaffey, Don Cadden - at the gazebo.**

**10-10:45 a.m. (MC) Richard Paul Thomas, Cal Farley Kids, Chris Isaacs, Teresa Burleson, J.C. Penny - upstairs at the Civic Center.**

**11-11:45 a.m. Friends Along the Trail:** (MC) Fred Fuller, Glenn Moreland, Washtub Jerry, Rick Mahaffey, Gary Allegretto - at the historic cabins.

**11-11:45 a.m. (MC) Bill Lutz, Jeff Gore, Robert Isaacs, Chris Isaacs - at the gazebo.**

**11-11:45 a.m. (MC) Richard Paul Thomas, Kristyn Harris, Teresa Burleson, Don Cadden - upstairs at the Civic Center.**

**12:00 to 12:45 p.m.:** Open Mic at the gazebo

**12-1 p.m. - GARY ALLEGRETTO'S LEARN TO PLAY COWBOY HARMONICA INSTANTLY WORKSHOP -** Salado Civic Center. See below for more information.

**1-1:45 p.m. Bad Lands & Good Folks:** (MC) Fred Fuller, Glenn Moreland, Washtub Jerry, Rick Mahaffey, Kristyn Harris - at the cabins.

**1-1:45 p.m. (MC) Bill Lutz, Jean and Gary Prescott, Jim Cathey, J.C. Penny - at the gazebo.**

**1-1:45 p.m. (MC) Richard Paul Thomas, Jay Snider, Straw Berry, Jeff Gore - upstairs at the Civic Center.**

**2-2:45 p.m. Hop-along Wouldn't Have Done It That Way!:** (MC) Fred Fuller, Jean and Gary Prescott - at the historic cabins.

**2-2:45 p.m. (MC) Bill Lutz, Kristyn Harris, Jay Snider - at the gazebo.**

**2-2:45 p.m. (MC) Richard Paul Thomas, Straw Berry, Glenn Moreland, Washtub Jerry, Jeff Gore - upstairs at the Civic Center.**

**3-3:45 p.m. Heroes or Outlaws:** (MC) Bill Lutz, Jeff Gore, Rick Mahaffey, Glenn Moreland and Washtub Jerry - at the gazebo.

**3-3:45p.m. (MC) Richard Paul Thomas, Jay Snider, Straw Berry, Jean and Gary Prescott - at the Civic Center.**

**7 p.m., Saturday Night Concert,** Heritage Country Church, 9929 Lark Trail, Salado, TX.

The Master of Ceremonies for this event is local KCEN TV meteorologist/cowboy Andy Andersen. Performers for the Saturday Night concert are Strawberry, Kristyn Harris, Jeff Gore, Jay Snider, Glenn Moreland with Washtub Jerry, Gary Prescott, Jean Prescott. The doors will open at 6:00 p.m. for an opportunity to browse a store featuring items of the performing musicians/poets. Ample parking provided. Tickets are \$30 per person and can be purchased at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/salados-cowboy-poetry-music-gathering-tickets-170656326667>

## MAY 8, 2022

**10 a.m., Heritage Country Church Services** with Jeff Gore - 9929 Lark Trail, Salado, TX.



Teresa Burleson will perform during the Salado Cowboy Poetry and Music Gathering. She is the 2019 WMA Female Poet of the Year, 2017 WMA Female Poet of the Year, 2017 WMA Poetry CD of the Year and 2010 AWA Cowgirl Poet of the Year.

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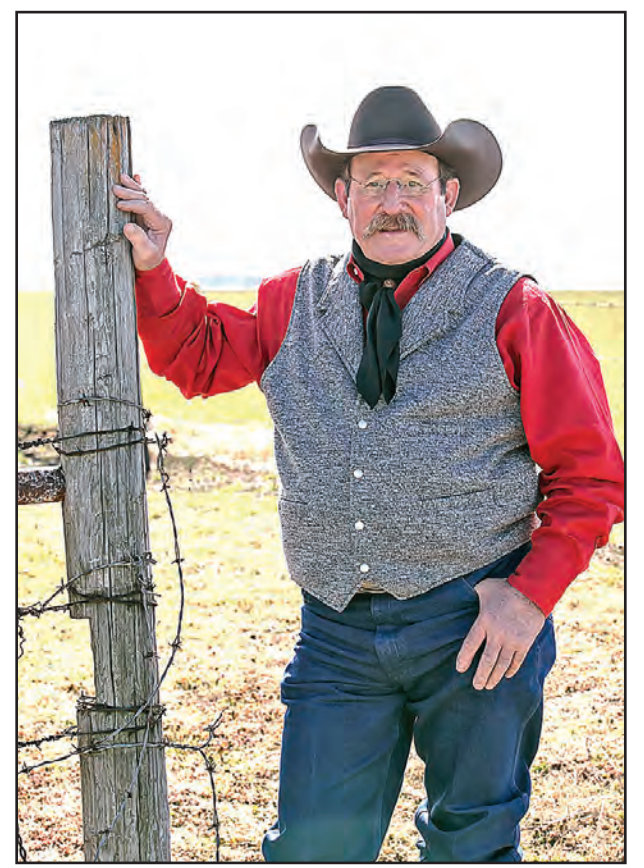
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Jay Snider will perform during the Salado Cowboy Poetry and Music Gathering. He was born and raised in southwest Oklahoma. His dad was a top roper and rodeo cowboy and his granddad was a brand inspector for the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association. He rodeoed throughout most of his early years and now stays busy raising ranch horses and cattle, and team roping. Jay's cowboy poetry CD Of Horses and Men was named "Cowboy Poetry Recording of the Year" by the Academy of Western Artists for 2006. He was honored to receive the male "Cowboy Poet of the Year" by the Academy of Western Artists in 2008.



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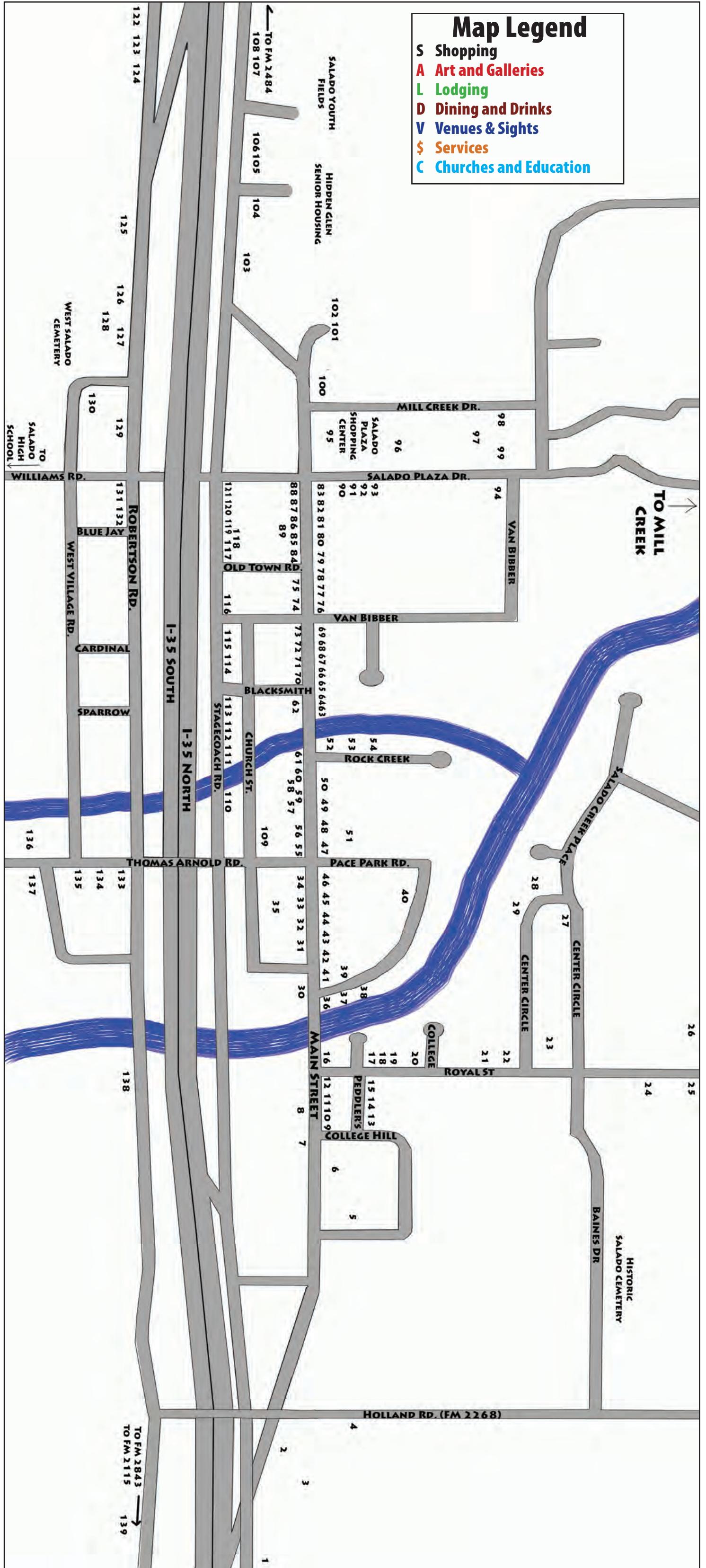
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**# Business Name Type**

- 4 **St. Stephen Catholic Church** C  
254-947-8037
- 6 **Salado College Park** V  
254-947-5232
- 9 **Salado Museum** V  
254-947-5232  
**Salado Visitors Center** \$  
254-947-8634  
**Salado Chamber of Commerce** \$  
254-947-5040  
**Village of Salado Tourism Office** \$  
254-947-8634
- 10 **Sofi's** S  
254-947-4336
- 11 **Chupacabra Craft Beer and Winery** D  
(254) 308-2019  
**Chupacabra Kitchen** D  
(254) 308-2220
- 14 **Salado Glassworks** A  
254-947-0339
- 15 **Rio Salado Cocina y Cantina** D  
254-308-2044
- 16 **The Sugar Shack** S/D  
254-947-8840
- 17 **Barrow Brewing Co.** D  
254-947-3544  
**Happy Pizza**  
254-226-1684
- 21 **The Venue** V  
254-947-5554  
**Village Spa** S  
254-293-6600
- 22 **The Shed** D  
254-947-1960
- 23 **Salado Creek Healing** \$  
254-308-0242
- 24 **Tablerock** V  
254-947-9205
- 26 **Salado United Methodist Church** C  
254-947-5482
- 29 **Inn on the Creek** L  
254-947-5554  
**Alexanders Craft Cocktails & Kitchen** D  
254-947-3828
- 30 **First Baptist Church** C  
254-947-546
- 31 **Fairway Mortgage** \$  
254-947-3454
- 32 **First Texas Brokerage** \$  
254-947-5577
- 34 **First Community Title** \$  
254-947-8480  
**Farmer's Insurance Zbraneck Agency** \$  
254-947-0995
- 40 **W.A. Pace Memorial Park** V  
254-947-5060
- 41 **Susan Marie's** S  
254-947-5239
- 49 **Lively Coffeehouse & Bistro** D  
254-947-3688
- 58 **The Shoppes on Main** S  
**The Marketplace Cafe** D  
254-947-0888
- 60 **Salado Creek Jewelry** S  
254-855-5538
- 62 **The Pizza Place** D  
254-947-0222
- 62 **McCain's Bakery & Cafe** D  
254-947-3354
- 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.** D  
254-947-8011
- 82 **St. Joseph's Episcopal Church** C  
254-947-3160
- 84 **Old Town Salado** \$  
**The Flower Shop** \$  
254-444-0277  
**The Rose & Bee** S  
512-975-8000
- 85 **Wild Texas Cowgirl** S  
512-201-9702  
**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** C  
254-308-2023
- 91 **Troy Smith Financial Services** \$  
254-947-0376
- 92 **Salado Sculpture Garden** A
- 96 **Salado Plaza** \$  
**Ace Pest Control** \$  
254-947-4222  
**Anytime Fitness Salado** S  
254-947-1063  
**Integrity Rehab** \$  
254-699-3933  
**Salado's Hair Shop** \$  
254-421-5173  
**Salado Village Voice** \$  
254-947-5321
- 97 **Brookshire Brothers** S  
254-947-8922
- 100 **Salado Public Library** C  
254-947-9191
- 113 **Salado Church of Christ** C  
254-947-5241
- 126 **Cowboy's Barbecue** D  
254-947-5700
- 130 **Village Spirits** S  
254-947-7117
- 132 **Broecker Funeral Home** \$  
254-947-0066
- 134 **The Dog Spot** \$  
254-947-3647
- 135 **Carus Dental** \$  
254-947-8067
- 136 **Salado Schools & Stadium Village Church of Salado** C  
972-978-2239
- 139 **Cedar Valley Baptist Church** C  
254-947-0148
- Not Shown on the Shopping Map**
- 3C **Cowboy Fellowship** C  
254-947-7211
- Grace Church** C  
254-947-5917
- Mill Creek Country Club** V  
254-947-5698
- JD's Truck Stop and Grill** S/D  
254-947-5228



**Historical Markers in Salado**

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

# Salado UIL Academic team: Regional Champions again

Salado UIL Academics won the UIL Academic Regional Championship April 23.

The Academic team placed first amongst 56 schools. The championship is the 22nd consecutive year that Salado has won the Regional Championship.

Salado won the meet with 218 points. Gidding placed second with 176 points, followed by L. Cypress-M in third with 140 points.

**Top Speech Team: Salado**

**Calculator Applications- First Place Team:**

Ashlyn Fossett, first place; Paige Fariss, second place; Renee Roche, third place; Aubrey Watkins, fourth place.

**Informative Speaking:**

Katy Bennet, first place; Wriley Rhoads, Fourth Place; Kate Neas, fifth place.

**Lincoln Douglas Debate:**

Hunter Foster, second place.

**Literary Criticism:**

Kaitlyn Casper, sixth place.

**Mathematics- First Place Team:**

Aubrey Watkins, first place; Athur Davila, sixth

place.

**Number Sense- First Place Team:**

Cooper Chambliss, first place; Luke Drigalla, second place; Ryan Novotny, fourth place. Chloe Rose, fifth place.

**Persuasive Speaking:**

Lizzi Rose, Third Place.

Salado UIL Academics are coached by UIL academic coaches Courtney Bagley, Clint Brown, Terri Burleson, Dennis Cabaniss, Tim Cook, JJ Jonas, Kyra Mann, Brian Osborne, and Scott Ringo.

# Lady Eagles place third at Area track

Salado Varsity Lady Eagles placed third at the Area Track Meet April 21 at Lake Belton High School, scoring 72 points. Lake Belton won the meet with 159 points and La Grange was second with 94. Salado will send seven to compete at the Region III track meet April 29-30 at Challenger Columbia Stadium in Webster.

Following are their individual results at the Area Meet. Those in the top four advance to the Region Meet.

**3200 meter run:** Alexa Williams, first place, 12:27.05.

**1600 meter run:** Alexa Williams, first place, 5:32.62; Ally Ihler, third place, 5:43.89.

**Long Jump:** Lexy Wilson, third place, 15'08.5".

**High Jump:** Rylee Young, third place, 4'10".

**800 meter run:** Penelope Anderson, third place, 2:29.61; Ellie Mescher, fourth place, 2:29.91.

**300 meter hurdles:** Macy Morris, third place, 49.26; Darci Pryor, fifth place, 49.46.

**4X400 meter relay:** fifth place, 4:24.37; Ellie Mescher, Addison King,



Alexa Williams won gold in both the 3200 Meter Run and the 1600 Meter Run and qualified for the Region III track meet. (PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)

Penelope Anderson, Avery Fossum.

**Triple Jump:** Natalie Burleson, fifth place, 32'

4.5"; Lauren Allison, fourth place, 31' 11".

**Pole Vault:** Meri Fischer, fifth place, 8'6".

**4X100 meter relay:** fifth place, 51.88. Paige Fariss, Reese Rich, Avery Fossum, Lexy Wilson.

**100 meter hurdles:** Darci Pryor, fifth place, 16.62;

**200 meter dash:** Avery Fossum, sixth place, 27.90.



(PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER) Jackson Bragg placed first in pole vault with a vault of 13'6" and qualified for the Region meet.

# Track sends 5 boys to Regional meet

Five varsity boys track members advance to the Region III track meet April 29-30 at Challenger Columbia Stadium in Webster by placing in the top four at the Area Meet April 21 at Lake Belton. Salado placed sixth overall with 38 points. Lake Belton won the meet with 125 points.

Following are individual results from Area Track.

**Pole Vault:** Jackson Bragg, first place, 13'6"; Kye Hayes, fourth place, 12'0".

**300 Meter Hurdles:** Nolan Williams, second place, 39.93.

**Discus:** Beau Hill, third place, 135'6".

**800 Meter Run:** Luke Anderson, fourth place, 2:03.7.

**1600 Meter Run:** Luke Anderson, fourth place, 4:49.19.

**4X200 Meter Relay:** sixth place, 1:38.0. Kyle Gouivea, Isaac Pettigrew, Andrew Young, Kase Maedgen.

**4X100 Meter Relay:** seventh place, 45.57. Aj Fach, Seth Reavis, Nolan Williams, Kase Maedgen.

**3200 Meter Run:** Luke Anderson, seventh place, 10:50.64.

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- ★ Currently serving as Assistant Dean of Student Affairs at the Texas A&M College of Medicine
- ★ Dedicated community service:
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  - SISD Student Health Advisory Council
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Two-year unexpired term

# School board candidates on teacher pay, support

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CHRISTI CARLSON

Question 1: Recruitment and retention of quality teachers is vital to a suc-

cessful school. Ensuring that student to teacher ratio is in a good range, aides and resources are available, as well as a good compensation and retention plan is in place. Having teachers that are invested in our community as much as our community is invested in them can also help with long term relationships, communication and understanding. Like Sam Dowdy said in the candidate forum- Listen to the teachers. Throwing expectations of more training or technology at them is not always ideal. Let them tell us what they need to be successful in teaching and advocate for them at all levels but especially at state and national levels where overreach is concerning.

**Question 2:** I think as individual parents, the board members are very supportive of our teachers. As a board, I am worried that their main communication comes from SI who is not always astute to the details of the classroom and hallways. I do like that other admin has recently been added in attending the SB meetings, they now have a table they sit at and can be called upon. And while I hope, and overall think, our administrators are also advocates for their staff; I also know of situations where important things do not get brought to the board. It is a hard current norm and I am hopeful to be a change agent of improvement in that.

**Question 3:** I am concerned that there is a disparity in market pay of the top part of our employees- all that fall under the category of central office vs the classroom teachers, aides and subs. We have some really tenured classroom teachers, they are certainly qualified for admin positions but stay with us on the frontlines, that needs to be valued. Most teachers will tell you, they really need their support staff, paraprofessionals. I am happy to hear that just

last week news was released that teachers and paraprofessionals will be getting about a 4% pay increase as well as a full bonus come September. This is a great step in the right direction!

**Question 4:** Yes  
**Question 5:** Overall yes, but I also worry that when issues are or need to be escalated up, there is fear of retribution rather than just safe open communication regarding the pros and the cons. We have to be honest and realistic, in pretty much all things, there are ways we are being really successful and ways we can really improve.



CHRIS DIEM

**Question 1:** We need to be intentional in spreading the great news of Salado ISD, the past and current successes, and the future goals of the district. I have visited with teachers who come from other districts, and they are blown away by the support they get from their parents and community members when compared to previous districts they've worked for. While this has led to a teacher retention rate that is much better than the state average, we can't take that for granted. When we do have vacancies, positions on job boards and attending career fairs at colleges and region service centers will certainly attract candidates, but I'd like to see the district hold an in-person job fair that offers interviews that day. Once hired, it's imperative we provide teachers with the professional develop-

ment and classroom support they need to grow as professionals and make them want to stay in Salado.

**Question 2:** In early January, as the district was doing everything it could to remain open, I watched as school board members manned the cafeteria at lunch and filled in where they could during the school day. When I was a principal in the district, I was blown away that board members would come on campus and ask what we needed; in the 4 districts I worked for, only one other time had I seen a board member do that. Being visible, listening to faculty and staff concerns, and not being afraid to engage in conversations is something I have personally witnessed current board members do and something that I would commit to should I be elected. Our teachers are on the front line with our students every single day and their voices must be heard and respected by the Board of Trustees.

**Question 3:** This has been a constant struggle for Salado ISD, not by a lack of effort, but by the reality of our geography. I truly believe the district has done a great job doing more with less; of 11 comparable districts, we have the highest average teacher salary while bringing in the least amount of state funding. However, our competition for teachers is often large, 6A school districts who have starting salaries that are higher than our average numbers. While we may not be able to go toe to toe with those districts, we can continue to close the gap and continue to offer a pay scale that isn't capped at the 20-year mark. This allows us to retain quality, veteran staff members who bring with them a career worth of expertise and passion to our district.

**Question 4:** Having recently served on the District Based Decision Making Committee, I know

that providing access to professional development is a top priority for our district administrators. It is a balancing act to provide training while minimizing the amount of time teachers must be out of the classroom to receive it. As principal, I encouraged teachers to find professional development opportunities that they could then come back and share with the rest of the staff; this not only allowed for teachers to continue to be trained but taught them how to train others while being wise with district financial resources.

Technology needs to be a high priority for our district; as a parent, I have seen technology used very well as a supplement to my children's lessons and allowed them to actively engage in lessons. However, our current school website needs upgrading to allow for better teacher usage and parent engagement.

**Question 5:** I have always been impressed that our district administration is so willing to receive staff feedback before making major decisions; on both DBDM and the Student Health Advisory Committee, I witnessed that feedback being discussed and the impact it made on subsequent decisions. This is one avenue of support; the other is being visible. This isn't just for central administration, but for campus administration as well. In my most recent opportunity to serve as a Watch Dog at TAE, I lost track of how many times I saw administrators in the halls, in the cafeteria, and serving along side their teachers. As a former principal I know how imperative it is to not only be visible in classrooms for observations, but to be out and leading by example. In my conversations with teachers and through my own observations, this is a strength of our school administration.

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# School board candidates on curriculum content, libraries

Five candidates have filed for two full three year terms on the Salado Independent School District Board of Trustees: Jim Reed, Sam Dowdy, Jr., Rick Marruffo, Amy McLane and Marlon Reed.

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JIM REED

**Question 1:** Let me start by saying that we should continue doing what we are doing since it appears to be working! Over the past ten years, our teacher turnover rate has been lower than the states rate. This year we may experience some retirements of our long-tenured teachers which may raise our turnover rate but that is part of a cycle which fluctuates.

My discussions with teachers tells me that the best way to recruit and retain teachers is to select wisely, treat kindly and demand accountability. Our district has had a reputation as being a great place to work. A part of this reputation is how our community supports and treats our teachers. We need to make certain this reputation remains intact at all cost.

**Question 2:** Support can be defined in several different ways. If you define support by good salaries and benefits, then the Board of Trustees clearly supports classroom teachers. If you define support as standing up for and protecting teachers then the board has done

that through incredibly difficult times over the past few years. What can be done better is to work towards the reinstatement of the extra planning periods that were in place in the past. Additionally, the Board can support other community organizations such as the Salado Education Foundation and other community service organizations that support our teachers and schools.

**Question 3:** I don't think we can ever pay our teachers and staff what they deserve. That being said, there is a practical limit as to what we can afford to pay. Our district ranks number one in teacher pay as compared to our ten peer districts. Additionally teacher and staff pay make up over 85% of the districts annual budget. This means that we are doing a great job and that we must continue to stay vigilant to stay on top.

**Question 4:** In my interviews with campus staff and teachers, I have not heard of any shortfalls in the area of technology and training. During my previous time serving on the Board of Trustees, we would meet with groups of teachers to ask about training and technology needs of each campus. If re-elected I would like to ensure that open communication processes exist to ensure our teachers have the training and technology they need.

**Question 5:** Our school administrators are the biggest advocates we have for our teaching staff.

They have worked tirelessly on their behalf to mitigate difficult political agendas, differing public health mandates and conflicting mandates. During this time they worked to find new protocols, new technologies and new teaching methods to ensure teachers were able to reach and students were able to learn.

Our school administrators have worked tirelessly to ensure teachers have an environment that allows them to do their jobs. They advocate for higher pay and better benefits during the budget process. They attend and support an almost endless number of student activities.

I believe our administrators have done an amazing job.



SAM DOWDY, JR.

**Question 1:** I would work closely with staff and school board members to create a plan that works well for Salado ISD. I can tell you that staffing concerns are everywhere, not just in the schools. We need to discuss staff salary and look at how we can accommodate for the rising inflation.

**Question 2:** I haven't heard from many teachers in the district, but I am prepared to make myself available and listen. I have heard from the parents, most of them share frustration because they feel ignored. My concern is that we have administration staff to respond to parents concerns and it doesn't seem to be a priority.

**Question 3:** Again, with inflation and employee shortages everywhere, it's time to reevaluate pay across the board.

**Question 4:** I will learn more once on the school board. I have heard from parents on this subject. They tell me that they do not have access to their children's chrome books and the lesson plans available to their child, depending on grade level. I have also personally seen questions on a program called Prodigy Math, which is a Canada based company, that clearly is being used to indoctrinate our children to create questions around gender neutrality and cause confusion. I support every students and parents right to their own ideas, but ideas shouldn't be forced through our education system onto every student. Especially if it challenges the values of the parents and students.

**Question 5:** I think it's important to listen and communicate with the teach staff. It's good to have regular check ins with the teaching staff and create opportunities for them to communicate what the students need and provide support to the teachers so they can do their jobs well.

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# Full Term Candidates FROM PAGE 4C



**RICK MARRUFFO**

**Question 1:** As with most job motivational questions, the solution I hear most is more pay. After comparing this year's average salaries, Salado is pretty comparable to many of the nearby rural districts. I believe Salado ISD has several incentives they offer, and other ways of recruiting and retaining teachers in the form of retention bonuses that outshine other districts, allowing early entry for teaching staff of their children into the pre3 and pre4 system, just to name a few.

**Question 2:** I do believe that the Salado ISD Board adequately supports teachers in the district. This district just voted on a retention bonus that is a lot higher than they have been paying them. In addition, the annual bonuses are higher than any nearby district that I can find that has a similar program. In addition to the bonus, the district will issue additional bonus money to offset the taxes that would have been taken out of the bonus money, making this a true bonus amount.

**Question 3:** In light of the current economic climate, inflation, and overall cost of everything increasing, pay seems to be the unanimous answer when asking teachers about retention. In fact, not only are salaries competitive here in the ISD, but we are also above the state average for teacher salaries. That is impressive for a mostly rural district. That doesn't mean I am against looking at pay increases. But what it would mean is looking hard into our budget to determine if all of the district funds are being spent wisely, and if there are any areas that can be reduced. In my eyes, students are my number one priority. That being said, Teachers are on the front lines taking care of our students. So it is up to all of us to make sure that the teachers are taken care of in return, so that they can give their best when teaching and molding our future leaders.

**Question 4:** This question is unique in that technology is always changing and improving. A perfect example is to ask a person how many phone upgrades have they purchased in the last 8 years. This is a great challenge because the scope of technology and sheer numbers are huge. So keeping up requires planning and staying ahead if possible. I think the access to appropriate technology is there. I think where this question needs to be looking is at the facilities. The middle school is new, and after taking a tour, I think it is well ahead of what is needed as far as technology goes, in my opinion. I believe the high school is at the point where improvements must be made soon in order to keep up with today's technology demands. Last but certainly not least, I think that we are behind at TAE, and are in serious need of improvements soon in order to keep up with present day demands.

**Question 5:** I have not heard either way whether or not the administration

supports the teachers. I believe that the administration should support the teachers. But this is very important in light of the looming shortage of teachers in the state of Texas. Therefore I would continue to look into this very closely, and if administrative changes were necessary, I would definitely consider supporting that.



**AMY MCLANE**

**Question 1:** Teacher shortage is a massive problem not only for our state, but also all across our country. For being one of the most important jobs in Texas, it comes with low pay and little glitz. Salado ISD is working hard to keep and recruit new teachers to the district. During the April school board meeting, the board approved a raise and a retention bonus for the upcoming school year. Using salary averages of districts of our same size, each salary was increased by 3%. In addition, all employees currently employed at SISD will receive a \$1,000 retention payment. Higher salaries and bonus money are a start, but teaching is a job that comes from the heart. We also have to support our teachers in the classroom by providing educational materials, updating technology, listening to issues that arise, helping out when needed and much more. The teacher team meetings, principals and assistant principals on each campus and the superintendent and assistant superintendent all act as avenues for support. Teachers are our lifeline in this district.

**Question 2:** Yes, I believe the school board does support the classroom teachers at SISD. The raise and bonus are a start. Earlier in January and February, our district had to close for six days due to bad weather and a local Covid outbreak. We lost six days of instruction time. Two resolutions were passed to make changes to our school calendar, using staff work days and early release days. With the changes, all SISD employees were still paid for the six days we were closed. Support means more than dollar signs though. Listening, knowing what is happening and staying informed are all important. I want the teachers to know they are heard and supported at SISD.

**Question 3:** The pay will never be enough for a teacher or support staff. The teachers did receive a raise and retention bonus this year, which is a start. By helping in those ways, in addition to working to find ways to pay for school closing days and such, I feel SISD does a good job working with what we have. I would love to pay the teachers more and I'm sure each teacher would love that too!

**Question 4:** Technology is an ongoing issue because it is constantly changing. Once you get a setup all ready to go, approved, paid for, up and running, then it's out of date. We can always do more in the technology area. Wifi seems to be a problem at times on our campuses, but the district has staff members who work on it daily. Our teachers do attend staff training throughout the

year, with many of these training hours taking place during their own time. The elementary teachers have been participating in the Texas Reading Academy, a program required by the state to help improve reading skills in the classroom. This 60-hour plus program is intense and requires the teacher to complete the class outside of the school day. Our elementary teachers are doing an outstanding job working on this program and we should be proud of their efforts.

**Question 5:** Yes, I do feel like the administration supports the teaching staff in our district. This support comes from all the levels, from team teachers to assistant principals and principals to the assistant superintendent and superintendent. Support comes in listening, responding, action and backing up the staff. Being an educator today is one of the toughest jobs in America and the teachers need to know they can count on the administration to support them along the way. Dr. Aycock and Dr. Novotny communicate daily with our teaching staff to make sure they have what they need. Support is key to having a successful district.



**MARLON REED**

**Question 1:** By doing what the school board just did, raise teachers' pay. Now we need to improve benefits and promote a healthy, safe work environment where teachers can teach.

**Question 2:** No. Too often I have heard teachers say their concerns fall on deaf ears. It should look like servant leadership. The School Board should be working hard to provide the necessary training and materials the teachers need to teach.

**Question 3:** The paraprofessionals and substitutes are not paid adequately, and it needs to be addressed. We are competing with neighboring school districts that pay more for these services. If we aren't paying the paraprofessionals and substitutes adequately, then our full-time teachers aren't able to do their job to the fullest, nor are they able to take days off and give attention to their students, as they should be able to.

**Question 4:** They have access to technology. We have to make sure that the technology we use aligns with our values and goals here in Salado. Technology can be both a blessing and a curse. It's great when it works alongside, as an additional resource for the lessons being taught by the teacher, but the content is not always capable of being monitored, which can lead to additional issues.

**Question 5:** I don't believe they are all being supported to the fullest. Talking to some of the teachers I know, several feel that if they speak up, they will be targeted or outcasted, while other teachers are allowed to express as much mean-spirited rhetoric as they want. All teachers should be allowed to speak without fear of retribution. I think the administration needs to support open dialogue amongst the staff and facilitate a productive work environment.

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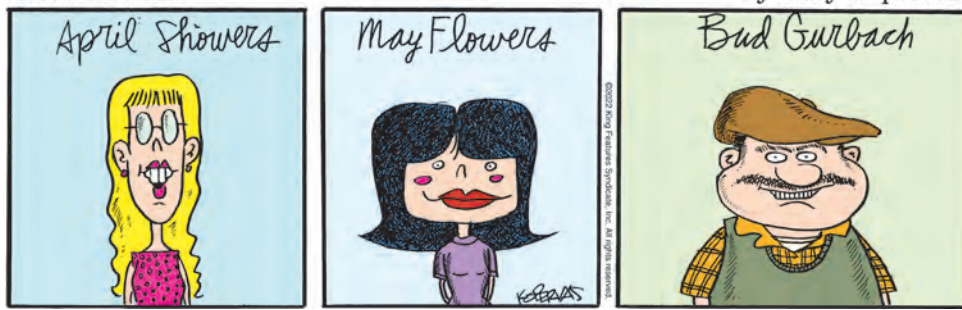
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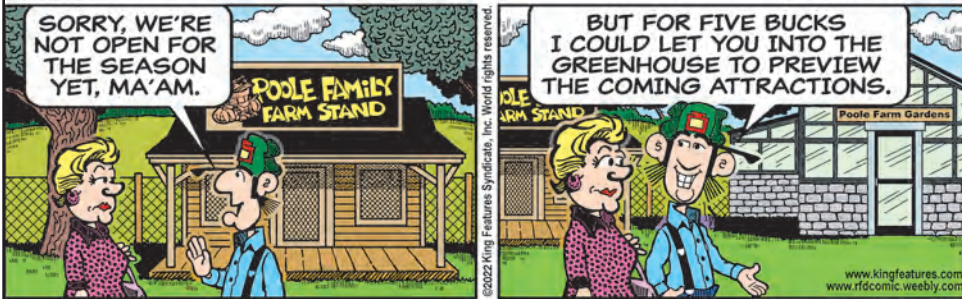
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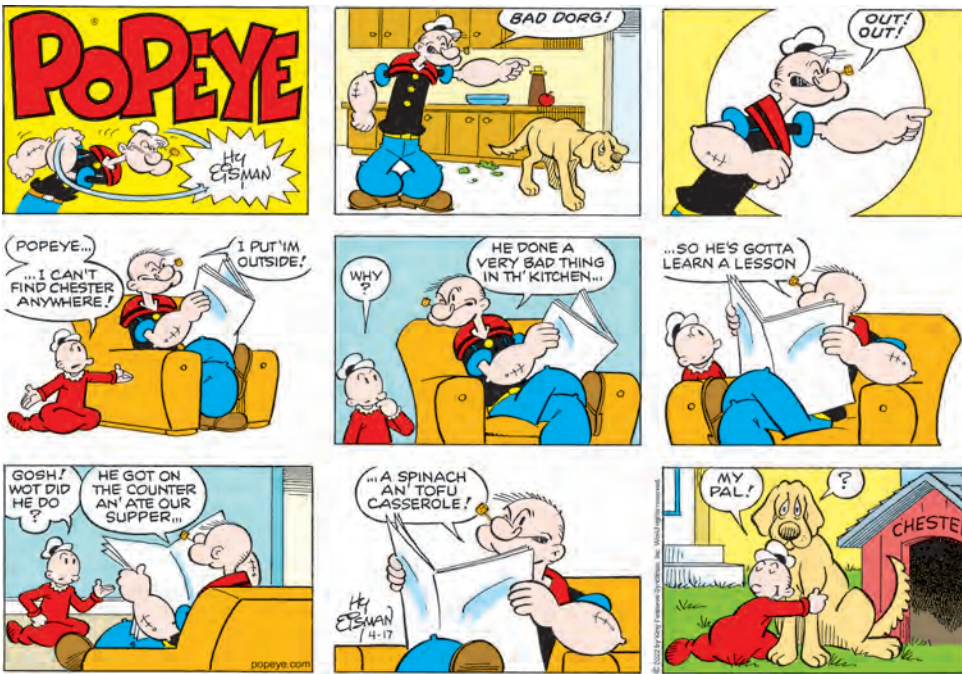
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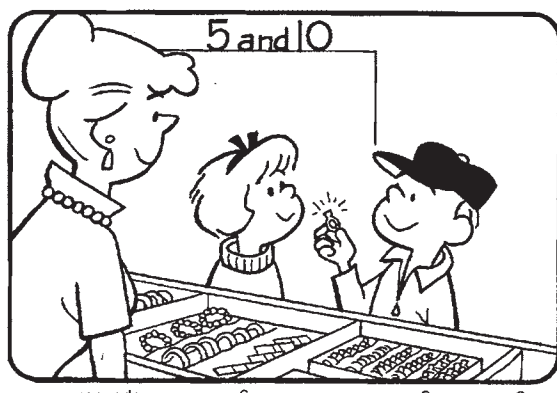
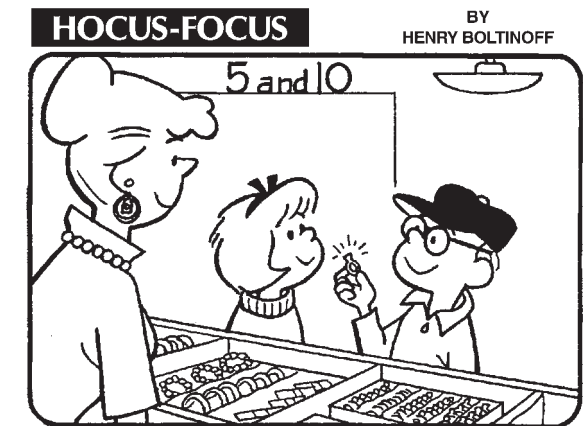
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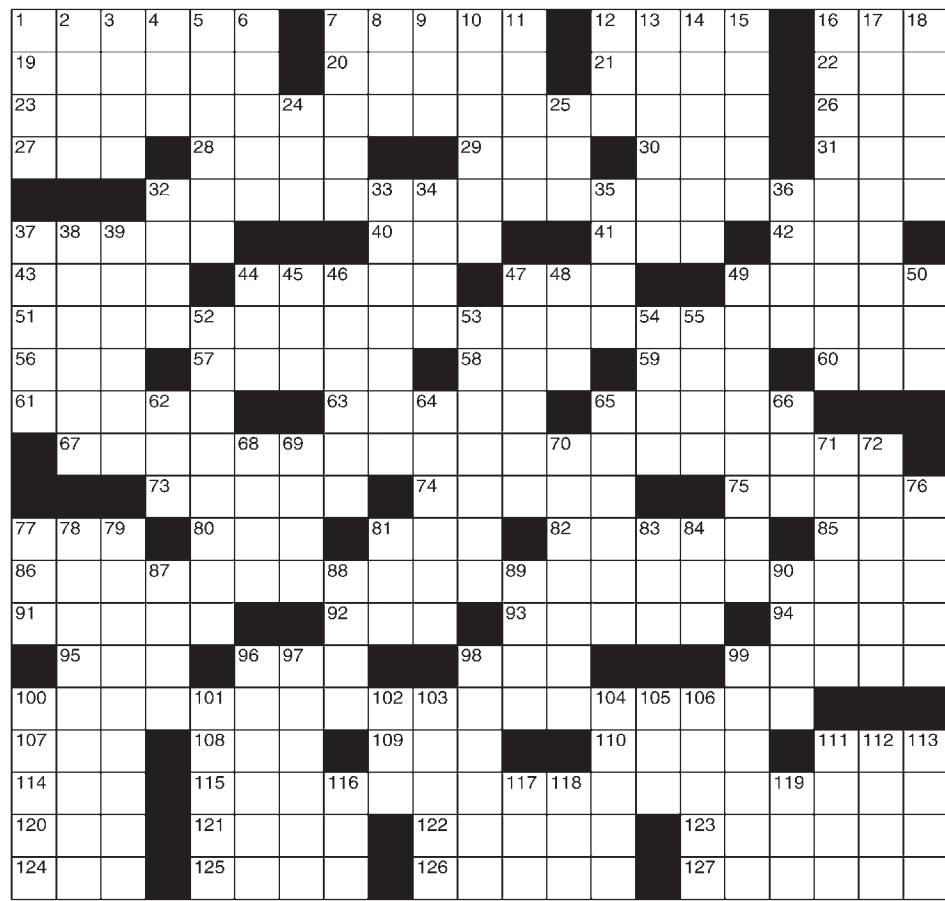
In my opinion, this is one of the most remarkable deals ever played. The declarer was Helen Sobel, considered by many to be the greatest woman player of all time. She won the club lead in her hand with the ace and then proceeded to deduce that East had been dealt the doubleton A-K of spades!

could be driven out without wasting her high spades or using up valuable entries to dummy for spade leads toward the Q-J. When the logic of her low spade play at trick two is examined, it is found to be eminently sound. Since only 14 high-card points were missing, East had to have the A-K of spades and king of hearts for his opening bid. Next, it was also reasonable to suppose that West did not have two hearts, or he surely would have led his partner's suit in preference to his own, which was at best 10-x-x-x. Therefore, West had either a singleton heart or a void! But West could not be void. If he were, he would have a five-card suit, in which case he presumably would have led that suit in preference to a four-card suit (as indicated by West's deuce lead). Hence, West had precisely one heart. The inevitable consequence of this conclusion was that West's distribution was 4-4-4-1. Since West was thus marked with four spades, it followed that East had exactly two, and that they were the doubleton A-K!

by Steve Becker



- ACROSS: 1 Otis of elevator fame, 7 One-named co-star of 'Crime Without Passion', 12 'Striped' fish, 16 Trick-or-treating mo., 19 Sine and cosine, say, 20 Korean, e.g., 21 'I smell —!', 22 Golf standard, 23 Road trip between apparitions?, 26 LAX guess, 27 Bobby on ice, 28 Otis on 'The Andy Griffith Show,' e.g., 29 Darling, 30 Above, in verse, 31 Unrefined, 32 Phone conversation between ministers?, 37 Little Bighorn tribe, 40 Summer mo., 41 Many millennia, 42 'The Wire' channel, 43 Organic compound, 44 Choose as a member, 47 —Locka, Florida, 49 Get back together, as alumni, 51 String of vehicles between gas station patrons?, 56 Pointer, 57 Market segment, 58 A fifth of XV, 59 Old fed. led by Nasser, 60 Nuts are high in it, 61 In the least, 63 Maine city near Bangor, 65 New York stage awards, 67 Conga line between Arab leaders?, 73 Pistons great, 74 'The Chronic' rapper, 75 Love a lot, 77 Sahara viper, 80 Soothing treatment, for short, 81 One in a pod, 82 Cher and Adele, voicewise, 85 License plate, 86 Rugs between casino high rollers?, 91 Eminent, 92 Publicize, 93 'The — falling!', 94 Went by taxi, e.g., 95 Eminent lead-in, 96 French noble, 98 Multipurpose truck, in brief, 99 Perfected, 100 Guy peddling between clodhoppers?, 107 Hooter, 108 Playwright Levin, 109 Antagonist, 110 Tara of 'Sharknado', 111 Lick like a cat, 114 Common co. name ender, 115 Brief romances between Copenhagen residents?, 120 School gp., 121 Ax part, 122 Pop or bop, 123 Fidgets, 124 Cur's noise, 125 Potting dirt, 126 Exhausted, 127 Attack like a cur, 33 Siesta takers, 34 Ballet garb, 35 Back part, 36 Julia Child or James Beard, 37 Nasal partitions, 38 Some Alaska natives, 39 Repeating polka sound, 44 Dernier —, 45 Non-Fx, 46 'Pick me! I know this!', 47 Strong pain reliever, 48 Architect I.M., 49 Little-seen instance, 50 Outer; Prefix, 52 In the military, 53 Vitamin's relative, 54 Heavy brass, 55 Drought relief, 62 Maui wreath, 64 Worrywart's cry, 65 Grammy-winning album of 1996, 66 Caesar of TV, 68 Piper's skirt, 69 Tortilla treat, 70 Hershey chocolate bar with crisped rice, 71 Vague idea, 72 See 9-Down, 76 Spurred (on), 77 Barley beard, 78 Store proprietor, 79 Cop's vehicle, 81 Chi lead-in, 83 Ang lead-in, 84 Photo —, 87 Lewd look, 88 Texas city, 89 This, to Jorge, 90 1982 Disney sci-fi film, 96 EI — (city of legend), 97 African river, 98 Exhausted, 99 Reveled, 100 Twanging spring sound, 101 Ebb-and-flow phenomena, 102 Frequently, in verse, 103 Inn offerings, 104 Raise, 105 Deep blue, 106 Makes mad, 111 Talk like Daffy Duck, 112 Vicinity, 113 'Hey ... you' Wiggling fish, 117 Enzyme suffix, 118 Diarist Anaïs, 119 Actor Butterfield of 'Ender's Game'



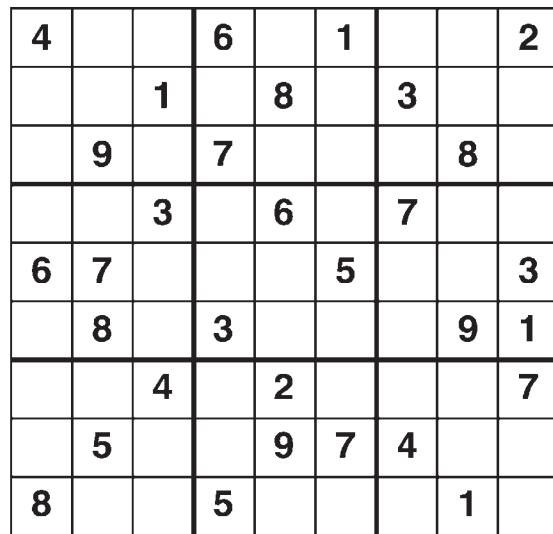
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Answers

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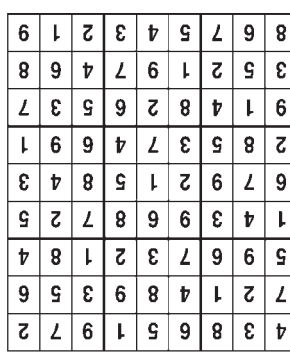


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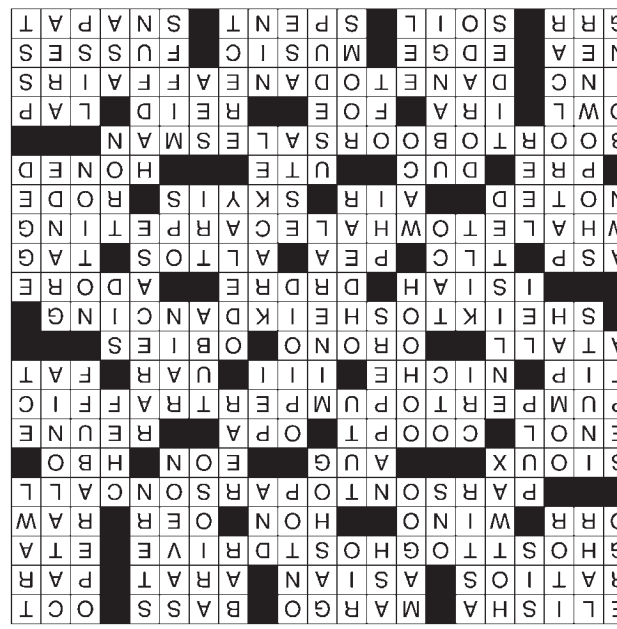
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**04-20-2022**  
A supplement report was completed for a theft that was reported in the 800 block of North Main Street.

**04-21-2022**  
Two supplement reports were completed for counterfeit money that was being held at the Salado Police Department. The counterfeit money was released to the Secret Service to see if there are any associated cases involving the said counterfeit bills.

**04-23-2022**  
A set of keys were turned into the Salado Police Department. The keys appear to be work style keys going to various equipment. If anyone lost a set of keys around this time frame, please contact the Salado Police Department at 254-947-5681. If no one answers, hit Option "4" and leave a message for Officer Oster with a description so that we can get these back to you.

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

Call Type	#
9-1-1 Hang-up/Misdial	1
Alarm Business	3
Alarm Residential	1
Animal Complaint	1
Assist Another Agency	3
Calls for Service	31
Citations	21
Citizen Contact	1
Crash	2
Flock Camera Hit	2
Found Property	2
House Watch/RU OK?	23
Illegally Parked Vehicle	1
Information	1
Intoxicated Driver	2
Reckless Driving	3
Stranded Motorists	1
Suspicious Activity	1
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# Salado Fire Department Reports April 17-23

Date	Location	Call
04/17/2022	DECKER RD, Bell County	Burns
04/17/2022	I-35, Belton	Dispatched & cancelled en route
04/17/2022	ELM GROVE RD, Bell County	Traumatic Injuries
04/17/2022	I-35, Bell County	Motor Vehicle Accident
04/18/2022	SALADO OAKS DR, Salado	Dispatched & Cancelled en route
04/18/2022	SALADO SCHOOL RD, Bell County	Sick Person
04/18/2022	CEDAR VALLEY RD, Bell County	Chest Pain
04/18/2022	CROWS RANCH RD, Bell County	Unauthorized Burning
04/18/2022	I-35, Bell County	Falls - Extreme Fall
04/18/2022	SAINT LUKE ST, Bell County	Stroke
04/19/2022	YELLOW ROSE DR, Bell County	Unconscious / Fainting
04/19/2022	FM 2115 RD, Bell County	Unconscious / Fainting
04/19/2022	ELM GROVE RD, Bell County	Dispatched & Cancelled en route
04/20/2022	CLUB CIR, Salado	Medical Alarm
04/20/2022	FM 2484, Bell County	Dispatched & Cancelled en route
04/20/2022	SPRING CREEK LOOP, Bell County	Difficulty Breathing
04/21/2022	GUESS DR, Salado	Heart Problems
04/22/2022	I-35 SERVICE RD, Bell County	Sick Person
04/22/2022	HESTER WAY, Bell County	Difficulty Breathing
04/22/2022	I-35 SERVICE RD, Bell County	Sick Person
04/22/2022	ROYAL ST, Salado	Sick Person
04/22/2022	INDIAN TRL, Salado	Falls
04/23/2022	LAZY OAK CIR, Salado	Animal Attack
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2026 Chalk Mill



8445 Spring Creek Loop



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\$1,395,000



8508 Spring Creek Loop



8514 Spring Creek



8419 Anna's Springs



8478 Spring Creek Lp

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### NEIGHBORHOODS

**Spring Creek** - Salado's newest neighborhood, West of town on FM2484 Beautiful hardwood trees. The peaceful spot you've been searching for to build your new home. Few miles out of Salado, a short drive from Belton, Harker Heights and Georgetown.  
**Mill Creek Meadows** - Dream home on a golf course? Whether you are a golfer or just enjoy overlooking a well-maintained course from your home, Mill Creek Meadows is for you! Gated, community park within strolling distance of Mill Creek Golf Course and a golf cart ride away from Salado shopping and dining.  
**Mystic River** - Lots overlooking the Leon River. Neighborhood shaded by a canopy of Live Oak and Pecan trees, walk from your back door to your personal dock at the river bank.

### ACREAGE

10 Acres along I-35 frontage, sewage available \$1,750,000  
25 Acres on the Leon River, Belton  
5 Acres 2251 County Road 234 Georgetown, TX 78633  
300 Acres 0000 CR 212 Coolidge, TX 76635  
4.488 I-35 and Rose Lane  
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