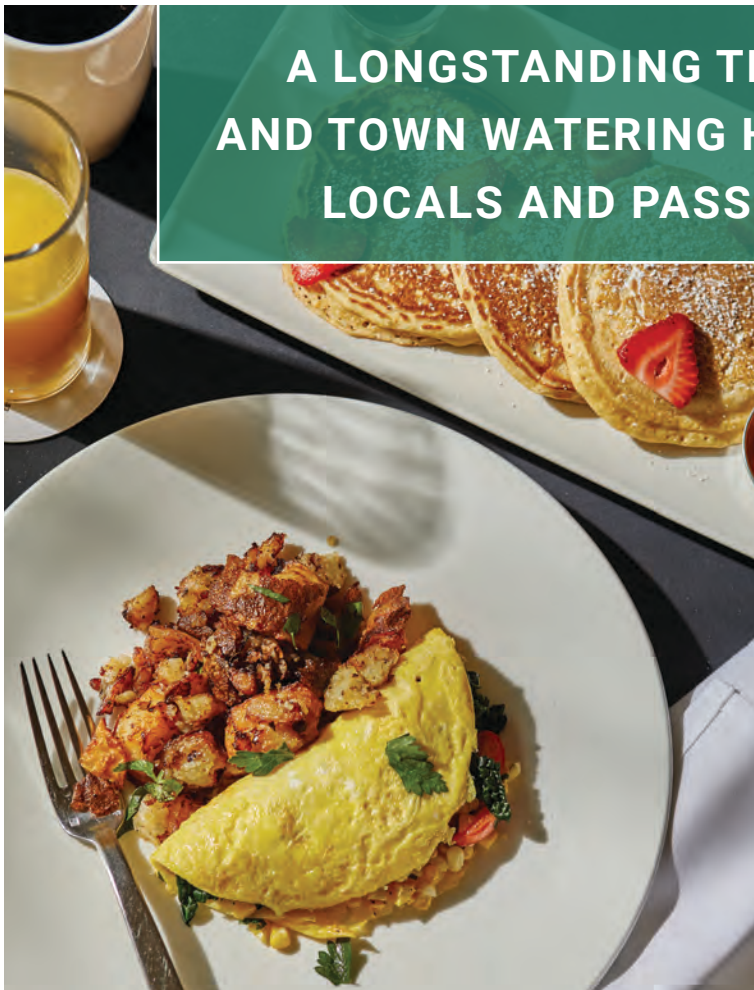


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While the *Salado Village Voice* is not the first newspaper in Salado, it has had the longest life-span since being founded in 1979. The Fleischer family bought the newspaper in 1988, marking 34 years in Salado in Spring 2022.

When historian Dayton Kelley published the first edition of the *Salado Village Voice* on February 17, 1979, it was the first time in more than 100 years that the village had a newspaper.

The first newspaper known to be published in the village was the *Salado Newsletter*. Published by E.W. Billings, the first edition came out on August 25, 1874. Only one copy of the newspaper exists at the newspaper collection of the University of Texas at Austin.

The Grange published another newspaper, *The Texas Farmer* in Salado, but it was later moved to Dallas.

Reference to a third Salado newspaper has been found on a letterhead in the Rose Papers at the University of Texas at Austin. The *Salado Sentinel* was published by A.S. Hornbeck. No copies of the *Salado Sentinel* are known to exist today.

Salado Village Voice founder Dayton Kelley was a native of Bell County, a journalist and a historian. He taught journalism at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor for 12 years before accepting a position as Director of the Texas Collection at Baylor University in Waco. After Dayton passed away, his sons Dennis and Bill ran the *Salado Village Voice*, selling it to the Fleischer family in 1988.

Since the Fleischer family purchased the newspaper, a week has not passed that the newspaper has not published. *Salado Village Voice* has published the quarterly magazine *Salado: A Jewel in the Crown of Texas* for more than 25 years.

Visit saladovillagevoice.com for breaking news, the latest Calendar of Events and information on many of the events in Salado.

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Calendar of Events

July 1-29

Salado Museum and College Park presents The Blessings of Liberty: The U.S. Constitution, a National Endowment for the Humanities traveling exhibit, on display July 1-July 29 in the museum meeting hall at 423 South Main in Salado. The exhibit, prepared for travel by Humanities Texas, is open to the public free of charge.

July 2

Fourth of July Picnic, sponsored by Salado Historical Society, 12 noon, Salado High School. Historical Society will provide fried chicken and drinks. Bring side dishes, salads, desserts. Merle Stalcup will give a presentation on "56 Forgotten Men and the Declaration of Independence."

July 3

Barrow Brewing Co., Summer lecture series, 2 p.m. Chadley Hollas on Goats, Dreams and Everything in Between.

July 9

William Clark Green with special guest Michael Carubelli at Johnny's Outback. Tickets in advance \$20, \$25 day of show (standing room only). Reserved lawn seating for \$35 (chairs will be provided). Picnic tables available for groups. Tickets online at johnnysteaksandbbq.com.

July 9-10

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

July 11

Book Club at Salado Winery Co., 841 N. Main St., 7 p.m. Book of the month is Dutch Girl: Audrey Hepburn and World War II by Robert Matzon. Book Club meets second Monday of each month.

July 14

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 Texas barbecue.

July 17

Barrow Brewing Co., Summer lecture series, 2 p.m. Native Plant Society of Texas. This will be the meeting of the Tonkawa Chapter of the NPSOT.

July 22

Friends of Salado Football Golf Classic, Four-Person scramble, 1 p.m. shotgun start at Mill Creek Country Club. \$125 per golfer, \$500

per four-man team. Live auction bidding to play golf with a coach prior to shotgun start. Hamburger meal starts at 11 a.m. Fee includes green fees, cart rental, team prizes and goody bag. Hole sponsor \$200 per hole. For information, contact Scott Bates, 254-718-3710 or Troy Byrd, 254-702-6159.

July 22

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

July 23

Salado Legends at the Tablerock Outdoor Amphitheater, 409 Tablerock Road in Salado. A catered dinner will be served to those with dinner tickets at 7:15 p.m. with seating at Tablerock picnic tables under the shaded trees at the Tablerock Trail next to the amphitheater. Dinner Tickets are \$13 per person and advance purchase with reservation is required 24 hours in advance through CentralTexasTickets.com. Show Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$10 for students with ID, and \$5 for children 12 and younger and can be purchased through CentralTexasTickets.com or can be bought at the gate before showtime at 8:15 p.m.

July 30

Salado Masonic Lodge #296 Lamar Medal for Excellence in Education presentation and luncheon, 12 noon at Salado Civic Center. Salado Lodge will honor the three teachers of the year in Salado ISD by presenting them with Lamar Medals and \$500 checks.

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July 30

Live Music at Chupacabra, 8 p.m., Britton Ryebatt.

July 31

Barrow Brewing Co., Summer

lecture series, 2 p.m. LaVale Reavis, The Ex-Pat Experience.

August 6

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August 6-7

Experience the creative spirit of Artists in Action at the 56th Annual Salado Art Fair. On the grounds of the Salado Civic Center, 601 N. Main Street, Aug. 6, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Aug. 7, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Free admission.

August 7

Barrow Brewing Co., Summer lecture series, 2 p.m. Doc Ray Eary, Dream Interpretation.

August 8

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

August 13-14

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

August 14

Barrow Brewing Co., Summer lecture series, 2 p.m. Beer Tasting and Pairing. Limited seating requires tickets. Visit barrowbrewing.com for more information.

August 20

Tour of Gault site, leaving from Bell County Museum on Main St. Belton. Tickets are \$10/person; kids 10 years and under are free. All proceeds go to the Gault School of Archaeological Research. Registration is available on the museum website and payment can be made over the phone with the museum using a credit card.

August 26

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September 10-11

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September 23

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October 1-2

Sirena Creekside Carnaval. Parade 9:30 a.m. from Brookshire Brothers down Main St. to Pace Park. Visit sirenafest.org for more information.

October 6

Benefit golf tournament for the Masonic Lodges of Bell County. Mill Creek Golf Course.

October 7-8

Jingle Walk, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Passport gives you specials at 25 Salado business participating during this two-day event. Sponsored by Salado Ladies Community League.

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October 8

Barrow Brewing Co. Volksride, benefiting Salado Volunteer Fire Department. Rides of 16 miles, 50KM, 100KM and 100 miles. \$60 registration at <https://www.bikereg.com/barrow-volk-ride>. Register by Oct. 1 to be assured of T-shirt. All registrants will get a pretzel and brew of their choice after the ride.

October 15

The weekends of Oktoberfest at Barrow Brewing will feature German food truck on the grounds, Stein holding, hammerschlagen competitions, a Vendor market and Live Music.

October 15

Cattleman's Ball, sponsored by the Salado Education Foundation, Tenroc Blue Heron room.

October 16

St. Stephen Fall Festival, Ten-

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Early-day proprietors of the Salado Hotel

Charles Thomas Moore and Nathaniel Butler

By Carol Wilson
Local Historian

Charles Thomas “Tom” Moore (1834-1908) and Nathaniel “Nathan” Butler (1866-1958) lived most of their lives in Holland, Texas, but the two men have a link to each other and to the history of Salado. The Moores once ran the historic Salado Hotel and livery stable, and Butler, at one time a boarder at the establishment, ended up marrying one of the Moore daughters and later taking up the mantle as hotelkeeper.¹

Tom and Sarah Moore came to Texas from Tennessee by wagon train about 1885. They had raised a dozen children, but by 1900 only two remained home, daughter Hattie, age 25 and son Foster, age 20. That year, 1900, the federal census substantiates the Moore residence in Salado, Mr. Moore’s occupation as hotelkeeper, and Butler’s status as a boarder.

It is unclear what year Mr. Butler’s life first intersected with the Moore family. Nathaniel Moore had moved to Salado from Georgia in 1895 shortly after his first wife died, leaving him with a daughter, Birdie, age 3. While Birdie stayed with an aunt and uncle, Nathan relocated to Texas where he eventually landed in Salado. He found work where he could, at a gin, as a drayman and day laborer. For a time the 32-year-old boarded at the Salado hotel where he met and married Miss Hattie Moore. According to descendants, the couple’s 1901 wedding took place at the hotel.²

Following the Butler wedding, the number of Moore family members continued to

grow at the Salado hotel. Another Moore daughter named Ada Patton left her home in Tennessee following the death of her husband to join her parents and siblings in Salado. Ada had been widowed and left with two young sons, Maurice and Charles.³ The record is cloudy regarding the exact year that Tom and Sarah Moore retired and relocated to Holland, but they surrendered the hotel business to Nathan and Hattie. Ada and her sons also moved out of the hotel when she remarried in 1903.

Nathan and Hattie Butler eventually followed in the footsteps of her parents, moving to Holland where they enjoyed a long and happy union that produced six children and allowed young Birdie to join the family.⁴ Unfortunately, the only record related to the Butler’s term

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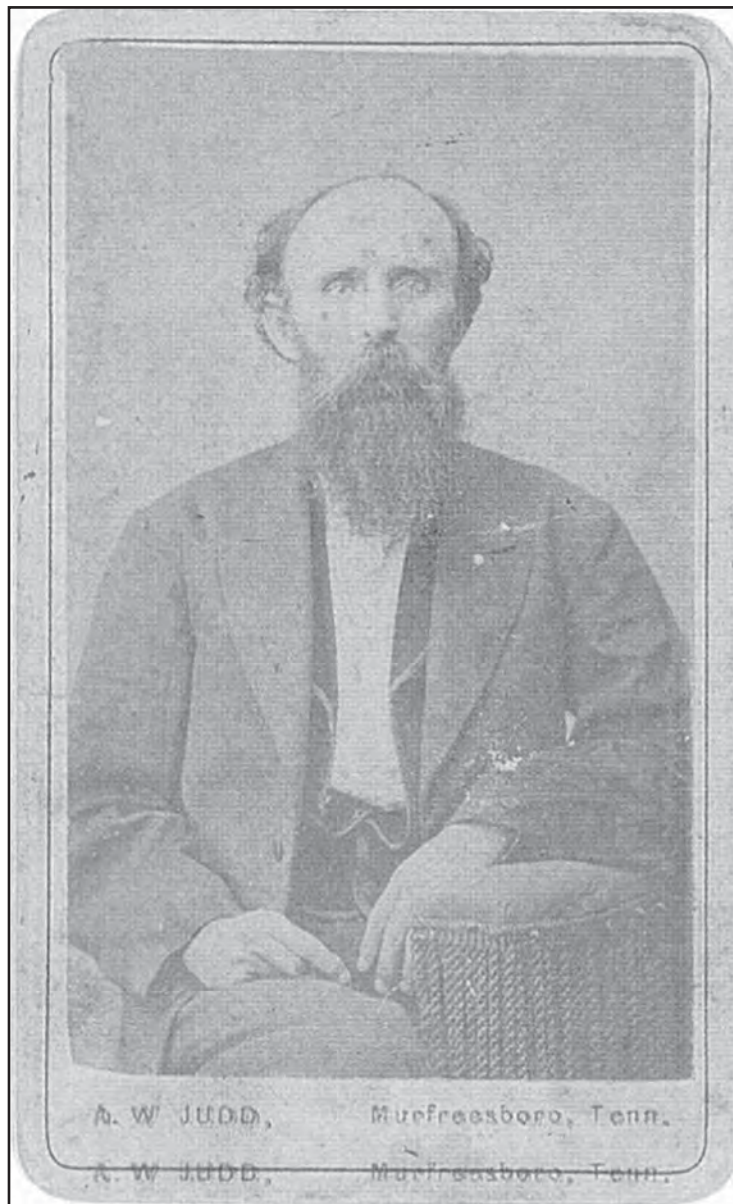


Above, Sara Jane Know Moore

Above, right: Charles Thomas “Tom” Moore.

At right: These kinds of photos are rare and precious. This shows members of the Moore family in route to Texas about 1885.

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Open Mic with Ryan White, at Chupacabra, 7 p.m.

Salado Democrats meet the third Monday of each month, 7 p.m., in the conference room of Salado Public Library.

Tuesdays

On Pins & Needles Crochet Group, 10 a.m., Salado Public Library.

Family Storytime at Salado Public Library, 6 p.m.

Adult Crafts, 6 p.m., Salado Public library.

Salado Community Chorus practice, 6 p.m. Salado Civic Center.

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.

Salado Church of Christ will be showing episodes of the crowd-funded series "The Chosen" every Wednesday during summer.

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! @WildTexas-Cowgirl- Google Us!

Saturdays

Bikes & Brews meetup, 8:30 a.m., Barrow Brewing Co.

Live Music at Axis Winery, 2-5 p.m.

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.

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Dr. Howard Horton returns to portray Sam Houston in Salado Legends

By Beth Correa

Dr. Howard Horton returns to Salado Legends this year to assume his role as Governor Sam Houston. His photo has a remarkable resemblance to the true photo of Sam Houston. Dr Horton has a robust personality and a heart of gold. This year will be his 24th year to be in Salado Legends. The Shady Villa Hotel was chosen for the photo shoot to replicate the very place where Governor Sam Houston made his speech in 1861.

Howard is a native of Goliad and a 1961 graduate of Goliad High School, where he lettered in football, basketball, and baseball. “Tablerock Amphitheater,” says Howard, “is a beneficial organization to Salado. It is an opportunity for young people to apply public speaking, leadership, and teamwork skills and to earn a college scholarship.” Dr. Horton has been vital to the success at the Tablerock Amphitheater, with the roles of General Sam Houston in Salado Legends for 24 years, the Ghost of Jacob Marley in *A Christmas Carol* for 23 years and serving as Secretary for the Tablerock Board of Directors for 22 years.

Howard earned his B.B.A. in General Business, May 1965 from Southwest Texas State College (now Texas State University) - a three-year letterman in baseball. He earned an M.B.A. from Southwest Texas State University, June 1973, and a Ph.D. in Higher Education from Texas A&M University-Commerce, May 1996. Dr. Horton is a retired Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Army, with 27 years of service.

He retired from UMHB in January 2005 as an Associate Professor of Business Management.

Since then, he has been a part of the Bartlett Independent School District.

Howard and his wife Nancy, a retired Bartlett 4th Grade Elementary Math Teacher, have three very successful adult children and 6 grandchildren.

“Salado Legends”, now in its 29th season, will have performances July 23, 30, and August 6th. It was chosen by the Library of Congress’ bicentennial celebration as a record of life in America at the end of the 20th century, information from the theater states. *Story continues on page 17*



Governor Sam Houston

Dr. Howard Horton returns to Salado Legends to assume his role as Governor Sam Houston.

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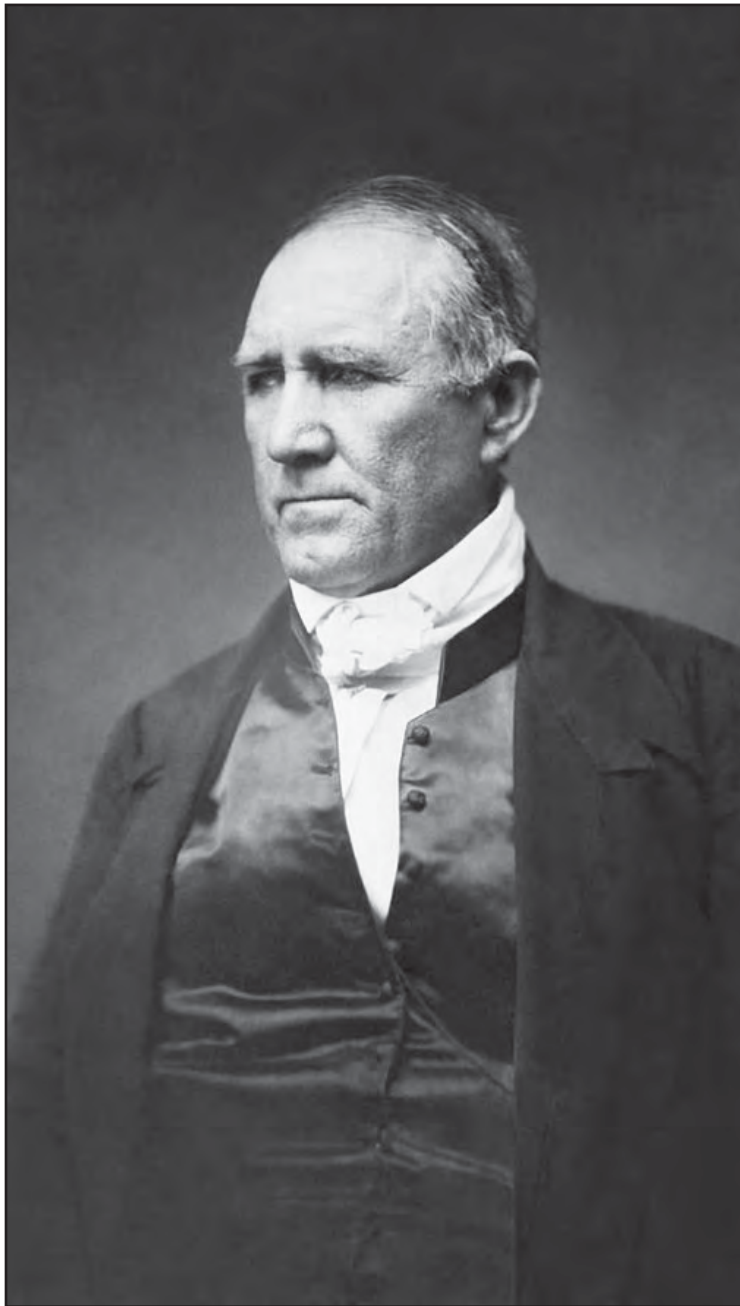
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Sam Houston

Sam Houston, an iconic figure in Texas history, is shown above in this historic portrait. He will be portrayed in Tablerock's Salado Legends by Dr. Howard Horton. (Courtesy photo)

Dr. Howard Horton

as Sam Houston

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Oktoberfest Weekends at Barrow Brewing Co.



Get your lederhosen ready for Oktoberfest at Barrow Brewing Co. (Photo courtesy of Stephanie Thomas Photography)

Barrow Brewing Co. will celebrate three weekends of Oktoberfest on October 8, 15 and 22 and Barktoberfest on October 29.

Oktoberfest is an annual festival that originated in 1810 in Munich, Germany. It originally marked the celebration of the marriage of the crown prince of Bavaria, who later became King Louis I, to Princess Therese von Sachsen-Hildburghausen.

It is celebrated in Texas in many German communities to recapture the Bavarian sense of gemütlichkeit—cordiality. Beer goes a long way towards that, as does good German food and music.

The weekends of Oktoberfest at Barrow Brewing will feature German food truck on the grounds, Stein holding, hammerschlagen competitions, a Vendor markt and Live Music.

The Barrow Volks Ride will kick off the second Saturday of Oktoberfest on October 15. The Barrow Volks Ride is a ride for all cyclists with distances of 16 miles, 50 KM, 100 KM and 100 miles and will take off and end at Barrow Brewing Co. .

Weather permitting the first wave for 100 mile rides will start at 7:30 a.m. followed by the other three routes taking off at 8:30 a.m. The final route sweep is 3:30 p.m. The 50 KM, 100 KM and 100 mile routes have over 1,800 feet of climbing, travel the county roads east of Salado into Holland and are supported. Riders who register by Oct. 1 will be guaranteed a ride t-shirt and all rides will receive a pretzel and drink at the end. Bring the family and stay for the Oktoberfest that follows. Proceeds from the registration will benefit the Salado Volunteer Fire Department.

Online registration of \$60 per rider is available at <https://www.bikereg.com/barrow-volk-ride>. For more information, email barrowvolksride@yahoo.com or call 512-810-0611.



Cyclists will enjoy a pretzel and a brew after their rides on October 15. (Courtesy photo)

Second weekend of Oktoberfest will feature a German food truck on the grounds, Stein holding, hammerschlagen competitions, a Vendor markt and Live Music and AmuricaTX Photo-booth.

The third weekend of Oktoberfest at Barrow Brewing Co. October 22 will include a German food truck on the grounds, Stein holding, hammerschlagen competitions, a Vendor markt and Live Music.

Oktoberfest is going to the dogs on October 29! "Barktoberfest" (bring the weenie dogs and Shepherds!). Go ahead, bring all the dogs for this fun day. German food truck on the grounds, Vendor Market, AmuricaTX Photobooth and Bell County Animal Shelter. Dog costume contest.

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- S** Shopping
- A** Art and Galleries
- L** Lodging
- D** Dining and Drinks
- V** Venues & Sights
- \$** Services
- C** Churches and Education

#	Business Name	
2	St. Stephen Catholic Church	C
3	Yellow House B & B	L
5	Salado College Park	V
7	Stagecoach Inn	D
8	Salado Museum	V
	Salado Chamber of Commerce	\$
	Salado Visitors Center	\$
	Village of Salado Tourism Office	\$
9	Sofi's	S
10	Chupacabra Craft Beer & Kitchen	D
11	Bentons	A

12	FSG Jewelry	A
14	Salado Glassworks	A
15	Rio Salado Cocina y Cantina	D
16	Sugar Shack	S/D
	Sirril Art Gallery	A
17	Barrow Brewery Company	D
	Happy Pizza Co.	D
20	300 Royal	S
21	The Venue	V
	Village Spa	\$
22	The Shed	D
24	Tablerock Amphitheater	V
26	Salado United Methodist Church	C
29	Alexander's Craft Cocktails & Kitchen	D
29	Inn on the Creek	L
30	First Baptist Church	C
32	First Texas Brokerage	\$
34	First Community Title	\$
36	Clover + Co. Boutique	S
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42	Susan Marie's	S
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49	21 Main	S
49	Christy's of Salado	S
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49	Main Street Social	D
52	Solas Gallery & Village Framer	S
57	Mud Pies Pottery	S
	and Sir Wigglesworth Fudge	D
58	The Shoppes on Main	S
	The Marketplace Cafe & Crepery	D
60	Salado Creek Jewelers	S
62	The Pizza Place	D
64	Griffith Fine Art Gallery	S
67	The Buddy Schwab Group	\$
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70	Wells Gallery	\$
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- 27. Caskey-Hendricks House
- 28. Dr. B.D. McKie Place (Twelve Oaks)
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- 7. Sirena
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Developed by a national consortium of scholars and institutions, The Blessings of Liberty consists of twelve poster panels addressing the transformation of the United States from a group of colonies to a nation founded upon and united by a single document, the U.S. Constitution.

Written to “secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity,” the Constitution is short, simple, and often ambiguous. As the blueprint for our nation’s government, it represents a set of beliefs and a way of life. The exhibit seeks to explain the immense importance of a document that holds answers to challenging questions of government, cryptic though it may seem.



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Gault site southwest of Salado one of richest archeological finds in U.S.

By Tim Fleischer
Editor-in-Chief

More than 2.6 million artifacts have been found at the Gault site, about 12 miles southwest of Salado off of FM 2843 (Florence Rd.), making it one of the richest archeological sites in North America.

"There is a stone floor there," D. Clark Wernecke says. "It is 12,700 years old and there are clues to a structure being built on top of it."

"That makes it the earliest house in North America," Dr. Wernecke added.

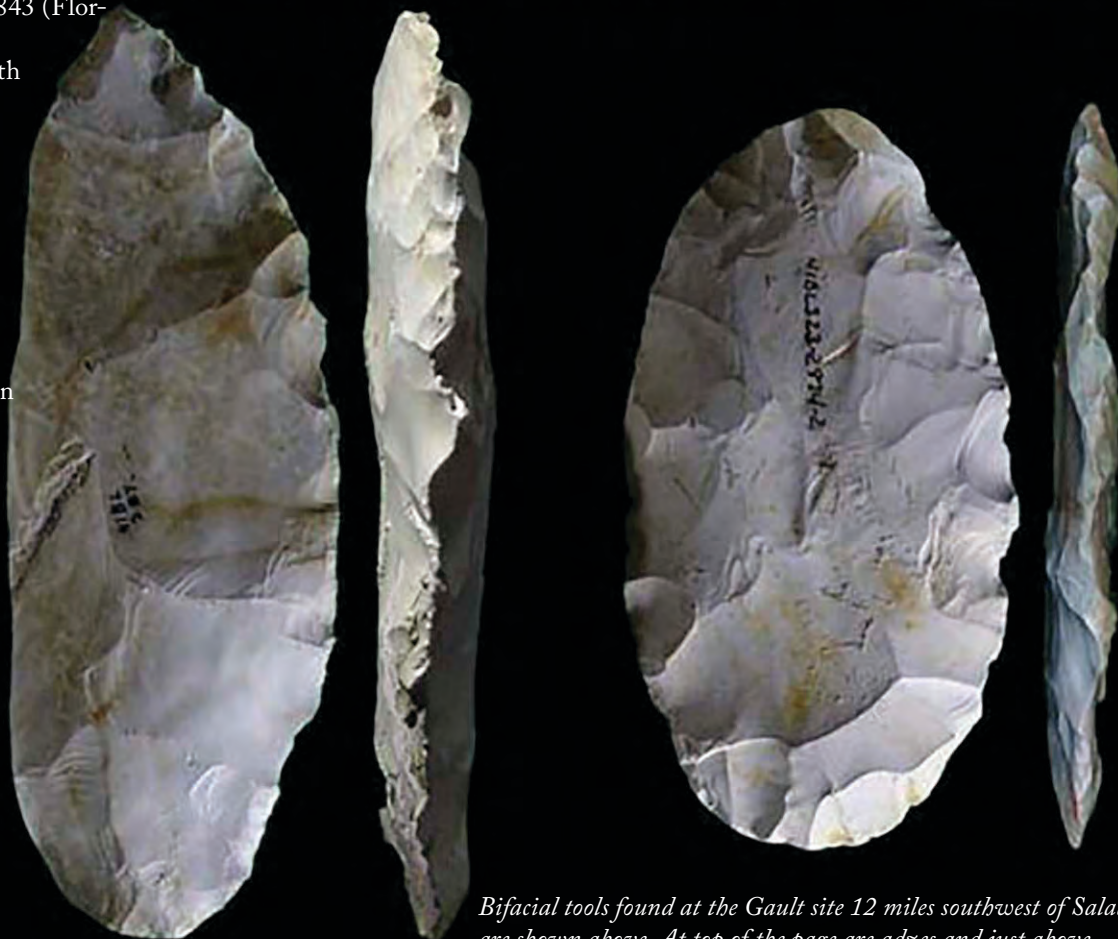
The Gault site has been known for its artifacts for almost a century. In 1929, the first anthropologists from the University of Texas were able to excavate the site, named after the owner of the property at that time, for about eight weeks.

A burnt-rock midden produced Clovis-era tools two years before the Blackwater find in New Mexico.

Over the years, the property changed hands several times and fell victim to archeological looting. In fact, at one point, people could pay just \$10 to dig all the artifacts they would want to dig in a day.

Despite this damage to the original site, there remained an archeological record that may prove that the Americas were

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Bifacial tools found at the Gault site 12 miles southwest of Salado are shown above. At top of the page are adzes and just above are knives. Tours of the Gault site are offered by the Bell County Museum several times a year. (Photo courtesy of Gault School of Archeological Research, Texas State University)



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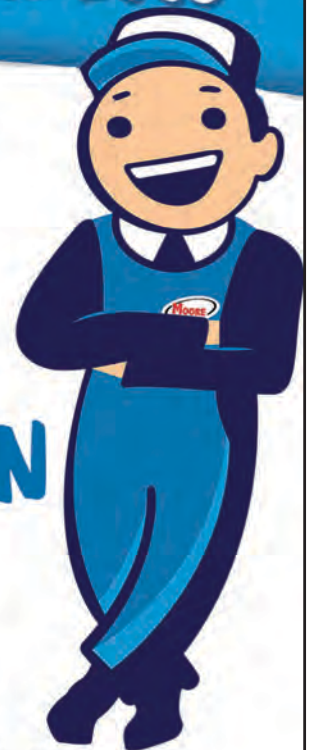
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Early day proprietors of Salado Hotel

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of management at the hotel is a vague one.⁵ Nathaniel Butler's obituary, published in the Bartlett Tribune on December 5, 1958 includes this:

"In 1901 he married Hattie Moore. She died in 1942. The couple operated the Salado Hotel for years before moving to Holland where they resided until her death."

As always, our efforts to collect a comprehensive history of Salado and its historic hotel are never complete. A special thank you is due Linda Williams Kellum Morris for sharing this piece of her family's story and for allowing the use of her photos. Notes and Sources

1. The 1900 Federal Census, Shanklin, Felda Davis, Salado, Texas It's History and People, Shanklin confirms that the



Hattie Celesta Moore was married in the Salado hotel according to descendants.

Moore family ran the hotel in the early 1900s. 121.

2. Find a grave. The page for Charles Thomas Moore. Also Nathaniel Butler's obituary as it appeared in the Bartlett Tribune, Dec. 5, 1958.

3. Shanklin, also confirms that Ada and her sons lived with the Moore family at the hotel. Ada



Trolley Line mass meeting at the Salado Hotel, circa 1906-07. (Salado Historical Society)

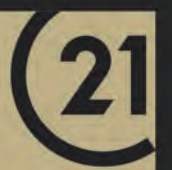
was not in Salado in 1900 and remarried in 1903 so she would have lived at the hotel in 1901, 1902 or both.

4. In later years, the situation reversed and Nathan and Hattie were compelled to live with Birdie and her family in their old age.

5. A list of deeds for the hotel

property does not include the name Moore or Butler. They likely leased the space. The hotel changed hands in 1902 when Mrs. Mary Olivia Rigsby purchased the property. However, it appears she did not take charge of the hotel until 1906. It is possible that the Butlers leased the hotel during that time.

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The Belton/Stillhouse Hollow Lake Project Office is located on FM 1670 northwest of the Village of Salado.

The Lake itself is located 16 miles upstream of the confluence of the Lampasas and Leon Rivers that flow into the Little River. Stillhouse Hollow Lake is located entirely within Bell County.

Stillhouse Hollow Lake was constructed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to control flooding within the Brazos River Basin. The lake also functions as a water supply for several of the surrounding communities, fish and wildlife habitat, and provides recreation opportunities for the public.

Boating Access

Stillhouse Hollow Lake provides boat access with developed concrete ramps at five locations around the lake and a small hand launch in the Lampasas River.

Stillhouse Park - Stillhouse Park has a four lane concrete boatramp that is located adjacent to the marina. A loading dock is provided to board you boat.

Dana Peak Park - Dana Peak Park has a four lane concrete boatramp that is located on the North side of the park. A loading dock is provided to board you boat.

Union Grove - Union Grove Park has a four lane concrete boatramp that is located at the South side of the park. This is a free boatramp with access to vault restrooms and a fishing dock. A loading dock is provided to board you boat.

River's Bend Park - River's Bend Park has a four lane concrete boatramp that is located at the end of the park road. A loading dock is provided to board you boat. This is a free boatramp with access to a vault restroom and picnic tables with cookers.

Cedar Gap Park - Cedar Gap Park has a single lane concrete boatramp with access to vault restrooms. A loading dock is provided to board you boat. There currently is not a charge to use this ramp.

Gravel Crossing - Gravel Crossing Area



Aerial view of Stillhouse Hollow Lake and Dam on the Lampasas River in the Brazos River basin in Bell County. (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, photographer not specified)

has an unimproved hand launch site to launch small boats in the Lampasas River.

Boat Ramp Fees: \$3.00 per day.

Fishing

Largemouth bass is the most abundant sportfish in the reservoir, although there is also a good population of smallmouth bass. Fair to good populations of channel catfish are also available.

Stillhouse Hollow is an extremely clear and deep reservoir. The main lake area is dominated by steep rocky shoreline with limited amounts of standing timber. There are also numerous beds of hydrilla in the lower lake. The upper lake and river areas are slightly stained with numerous lay downs, brush piles, and standing timber.

Largemouth bass fishing is best during spring and fall when water temperatures range from the mid-50s to the mid-70s. At first light, topwater baits fished on rocky

points or over hydrilla beds can be good. Later in the day, drop a heavy jig or large worm into matted hydrilla in 5'-15' of water. Smallmouth bass can be good year round. Topwaters and crankbaits fished around rocky points and riprap can be very productive. Channel catfish can be caught throughout the year. Drift fishing with shad across the flats is usually good. Trotlining is best in the upper lake. Flathead catfish are most often caught by trotliners using live sunfish on the upper lake. Crappie are caught most often in cedar bushes and other submerged brushpiles. White bass fishing is best in early spring during the spawn which occurs upriver from the lake, usually in March.

A man-made wetland was constructed on the south shore of the lake, providing an additional 10 acres of wildlife habitat in the lake area.

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Activities abound at Stillhouse Hollow Lake

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Hiking Trails

Dana Peak Trail

This trail is located on Dana Peak Road before the main entrance to the park. This trail is designed for hiking, biking or equestrian use with a corral and water trough for the horses. This is a free area that is open from daylight till dark year round.

Chalk Ridge Falls

Chalk Ridge Falls is located below the Stillhouse Hollow Lake Dam. This is a free area that is open from 8 a.m.-Sunset. There are approximately 5 miles of hiking trail in this area. Dogs, glass containers, alcoholic beverages, bicycles or firearms are not allowed in the park.

Campgrounds, Parks & Pavilions

Union Grove Park

This park offers RV and tent camping with water and electric hook-ups available at all sites. There are a total of 37 campsites; 7 are tent only, 4 are pull through, 2 are double sites and the remainder will accommodate tents, trailers and RV's. In addition to the

campsites, three screen shelters are available for people without camping equipment. This park also has restroom facilities with hot showers, a swimming beach, fishing dock, playground and a four lane concrete boatramp. Many of the sites in this park are located on the shoreline of the lake. Advanced Reservations can be made at this park or online at www.recreation.gov or by calling 1-877-444-6777. Many of the sites in this park are located on the shoreline of the lake.

Dana Peak Park

This Park offers both RV and tent camping with water and electric hook-ups available at all sites. This Park has a total of 25 campsites; 5 tent only, 2 pull through, 3 doubles, 2 mini group shelters and the remainder will accommodate tents, trailers and RV's. Many of the sites are located on the shoreline. This park has restroom facilities with hot showers, swimming beach, fishing dock and a four lane concrete boatramp. In addition to camping, Dana Peak Park provides a day-use area with 32 covered picnic tables with cookers for picnicking.

Comanche Gap Pavilion is a group facility located in Dana



A walking bridge at Chalk Ridge Falls Park near Stillhouse Hollow Lake. (Photo by Maria Larskaya)



Stillhouse Hollow Lake offers several docks and a marina to get access to white bass fishing.

Peak Park near the campground. This pavilion has water, electricity for small appliances, restroom facilities with showers, barbecue pit, sand volleyball court and horseshoe pits. This facility will accommodate 120 people with parking for 30 cars.

Stillhouse Park

This park has 38 picnic sites with water access from each site as well as access to the swimming beach and a playground for the kids. Water is available at a central location within the picnic areas.

Island View Pavilion is located in Stillhouse Park

near the boatramp, Stillhouse Marina, and a restroom with showers. The pavilion has water, electricity for small appliances, a barbecue pit, sand volleyball court, and lake access. This facility will accommodate 120 people with parking for 50 vehicles.

River's Bend Park

This park has 16 picnic sites with cookers and water access, a 4-lane boatramp and vault restroom facilities. Water is available in the picnic area and near the boatramp. Currently, all facilities within this park are free of charge.



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*Volunteers sift through the archeological dig at the Gault Site. While the excavation is complete, tours of the Gault Site are ongoing.
(Photo courtesy Gault School of Archeological Research, Texas State University)*

Gault site provides 'earliest art in the Americas'

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populated much earlier than scientists have originally hypothesized.

In 1998, the lower jaw of a juvenile mammoth and ancient horse bones surrounded by a large number of Clovis artifacts were discovered.

Archeologists, Dr. Wernecke said, discovered a great deal of chert, some of it engraved in what he described as "the earliest art in the Americas."

The University of Texas was able to secure a three-year lease, during which time more than 1.2 million artifacts were recovered. About half of those artifacts were from the Clovis era.

In fact, about 85 percent of all Clovis-era artifacts that have been recovered in the Americas come from the Gault site.

Volunteers, students and archeologists have carefully made their way through more than 48 cubic meters of the site down to the Comanche Peak bedrock. Wernecke explained that whenever a chert is found, it is

carefully noted where exactly it was found. Each piece is highly documented, resulting in a catalog of paleo-Indian America that has not been seen in any other location.

Wernecke explained that one section measuring measuring 10 centimeters in depth and one meter squared resulted in finding 16,629 flakes.. "If it was larger than a quarter, we know exactly where in the earth it was taken," Wernecke said.

Pieces have been examined at the microscopic level to determine how it was made and how it was used, whether it was for cutting bone, hide, plants or for some other use, according to Wernecke.

"We would like to use our favorite tools out there, which is the trowel," Wernecke said, "except chert comes from the rock in the Edwards Plateau and is stronger than steel. Hand trowels would just leave a big silver and gray scar."

So instead, they carefully scrape away the layers millimeter by millimeter, centimeter by centimeter with chopsticks. "Out-

side of a prison escape movie," he said, "I have never heard of that much earth moved with such small tools.... the chopsticks."

While the excavation work is complete, the Gault School partners with the Bell County Museum to offer half-day tours. Space is limited to 30 persons. The site is 30 minutes from Belton, between Salado and Florence. It is a full guided three-hour tour across the 2.5 miles long site. Learn about the many artifacts excavated and the Paleoindian culture found right here in Bell County. All participants are asked to meet at the site at 8:30 a.m. The tour will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. Maps will be provided a few days prior to the scheduled tour date. Tickets are \$10 per person, payable by debit or credit card only. Payment must be received within 5 days of registration to guarantee tickets. Register online at bell-countymuseum.org. Please call the museum at 254-933-5243 to make a payment.

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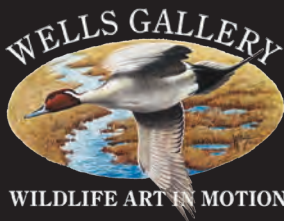
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For several years after the town was laid out, the citizens of Salado crossed the shallow creek by stepping from rock to rock, or on logs laid across the wider places. These logs were chained to the rocks and would sink down stream during freshets and be replaced when the flood subsided. But when in 1866 a dam was thrown across the stream at the lower end of the village, the water was backed up over the rocks. Then for a time “foot-logs” raised on legs standing in the water and chained to the rocks below were used; but they were narrow, rickety and unsafe, and pedestrians not infrequently tumbled off into the water. A general demand arose for a bridge. To meet this problem as well as others, it was decided to

incorporate the village. Application for incorporation was made under the general law and the county court in January 1867, authorized and election for town officers. On February 23, Judge O.T. Tyler was elected mayor and a board of aldermen was chosen. These officials appointed the other officers, among the Colonel Thos. H. Jones as treasurer. The town officials first tried to raise funds for a bridge by voluntary donations, but finding they could not raise enough by this means, on December 3, 1868, they ordered an issue of bonds...

The bonds were purchased by the citizens of the town. With the proceeds and subscriptions amounting in all to some \$2,500, the municipal authorities proceeded to build a wire



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suspension foot-bridge of substantial construction of unique design and graceful proportions. Two large galvanized rope-wire cables, anchored at each end in strongly built stone abutments, were carried over two double-turreted dressed-stone piers of towers. From these suspended cables wire cords extended down to catch and support the ends of sawed cedar cross bars or joists on which the plank floor was laid. It was one of the first of its kind in the Southwest and was designed, engineered and constructed entirely by home talent-Judge Tyler, Colonel Thos. H. Jones, Judge Wm. H. Garrett, Wm. A. Davis, John Hendrickson and others. It swung some twenty feet above the water and although it could be made

to sway enough from side to side to frighten timid souls--especially groups of squealing girls when mischievous boys chose this method of teasing them--it served the people well for more than thirty years. After the county built a combination wagon and foot bridge a few yards upstream the suspension bridge gradually fell into disuse. In 1913 it was finally swept away when a cloud burst in the upper watershed of Salado Creek sent down a terrific flood that carried away the county bridge as well. The latter was promptly rebuilt, only to be carried away again in the still greater flood of September 9 and 10, 1921.

From "The History of Bell County" George W. Tyler, Third Edition



This was the first bridge across Salado Creek, built in the late 1860s.



This photograph shows the first iron top wagon bridge (1892-1913) and the old foot bridge that was destroyed in 1900. (Photos courtesy Salado Historical Society)



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Salado Grange was first in Texas

The following story is taken from George W. Tyler's *History of Bell County, 1985 Edition, page 299-301.*

Back in the seventies the farmers had a great national organization, styled the "Patrons of Husbandry." It was commonly called, "The Grange," and its members were referred to as "Grangers." The organization covered the farming district of the whole United States, and at one time its membership numbered hundreds of thousands. It comprised a National Grange, a state Grange in each state, a County Grange in each county, and local Granges in the communities.

Bell County pioneered the movement in this state. Salado Grange, No. 1, opened in the summer of 1873, was the first Grange organized in Texas. Among its charter members were A.J. Rose, O.T. Tyler, William P. Hancock, J.F. Fuller, John S. Rogers, L.A. Griffith, N.L. Norton, Wm. J. Caskey, Joe W. Love and many others.

The order soon spread rapidly over Bell County and throughout the state. County Granges were set up and then the State Grange, all in 1873. Wm. W. Lange of Marlin became the first Grand Worthy patron of the State Grange. By 1878 the membership had become so large and its political power so great that Mr. Lange became a candidate for governor before the Democratic State Convention, on the Grange or farmers' ticket. Lange resigned the leadership of the State Grange about 1882 and was succeeded by A.J. Rose, as Grand Worthy Patron. The order prospered for some ten or twelve years before it was largely superseded by a radical and active organization, the "Farmers Alliance."

The leading objects of the grange organization were cooperation among farmers in the marketing of produce and in the purchase of farm supplies, implements, building materials, etc.; the bringing with the "middleman;" better provisions for education - especially agricultural education; the social uplift of the farmer and his family; a strong code of morals; law and order; lower taxes; and greater participation by farmers in making the laws. And during those days it was the usual stunt for politicians to cater to the Grange vote and to identify themselves with the political demands of the farmers.

The first incorporated Grange store in the State was started in Salado, whence others, too, spread all over Texas. They flourished

for a time, but at last with droughts and hard times, they went upon the financial rocks.

The Texas Cooperative Association, a rather ambitious enterprise, also organized and incorporated at Salado, set up its office in Galveston with Mr. John S. Rogers, of Salado, as manager. Its mission was to receive by consignment, cotton and other farm products from the farmers (through their local Grange stores) all over the state; to sell these products direct to spinners' agents and exporters; to purchase, at wholesale prices, the supplies of all kinds required by the farmers, consigning such purchase, in carload lots, to the Grange stores, where they were to be distributed among the members and customers. To pay its overhead expenses, the Association charged a small fixed commission upon all transactions. It was well planned, and for many years was a decided success. Even after the Grange was superseded by the "Alliance," the latter organization used the facilities of the Grange Agency at Galveston.

The local Grange stores and the Texas Cooperative Association were all based theoretically upon spot cash transactions, for they had but little capital and could not extend credit. When droughts and other calamities visited the farmer they were forced back to the credit accommodations offered by the regular merchants and these cooperative enterprises, handling only cash transactions, lost a large percent of the business of even their own membership. In a one-crop country the cash or "pay as you go" system seem to be impracticable, however well managed.

The Texas Farmer was launched by William P. Hancock and J.F. Fuller, of Salado, about 1880. It was devoted to the interests of the farmers generally and of the Patrons of Husbandry in particular. At first it was printed at the office of the Belton Courier in Belton, but later equipped its own print shop in Belton, where it was edited and managed by J.F. Fuller. The paper became the official organ of the State Grange, and enjoyed as a statewide circulation. Later it was moved to Dallas and there it was edited and managed by Wm. A. Shaw, generally known as "Farmer Shaw," who made it an influential factor with the press and farmers of Texas.

Such an organization, with an overwhelming farmer vote throughout the State, was, of course, catered to and preyed upon by politicians, within and without the mem-



Detail from an old Patrons of Husbandry advertising poster.

bership; and what with the financial straits of the individual farmers and the arrival of a new organization, the Farmer's Alliance, the Grange gradually disappeared as an active body.

The Order still exists in other parts of the United States and still holds well attended National Grange meetings; but it no longer exists in Texas, so far as is known to this writer. (After this article first appeared in this magazine, we have had reports that the Grange continues in parts of the country).

The membership included all members of the farmer's family - men, women, and children (above a certain age) and all of them participated in the Grange meetings held in halls or rooms prepared for the purpose. The meetings were secret and were conducted on the lodge plan, with a ritual for the initiation of new members and installation of officers. While women as well as men held office in the Grange, the more responsible active duties in that body were performed by the men of the Order.

The Grange did much to promote social intercourse among farmers and their families, brought about a more general habit of reading and investigation, especially along economic lines, and included broader thinking and a more liberal attitude in the minds of a great body of citizens whose outlook had been too much limited by the hard routine of life on the farm. The Grange left its imprint, virile and lasting upon the period.

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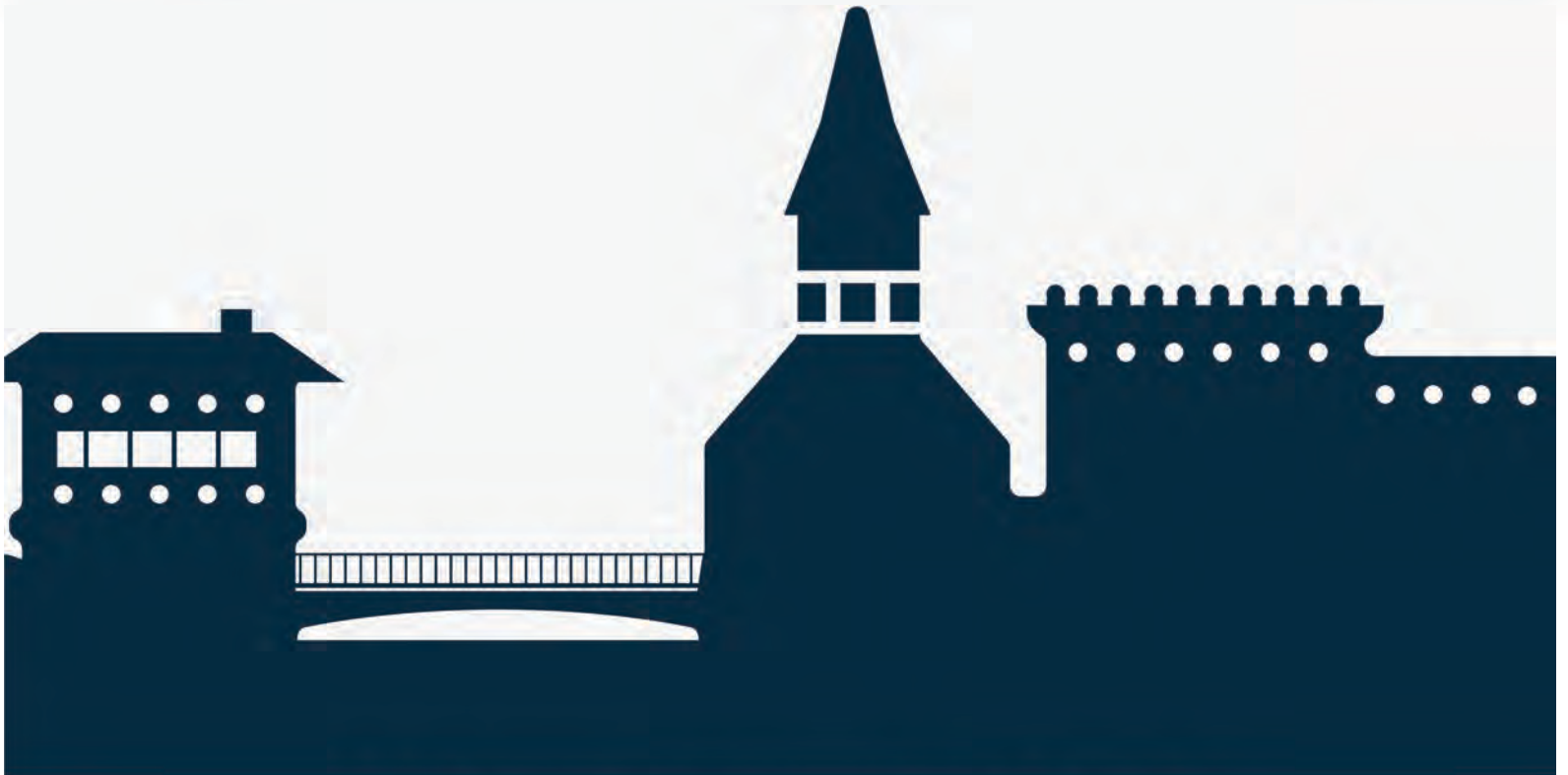


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