



Despite recent rain, area remains in extreme drought

Despite the rain last week, drought conditions continue in Bell County and Salado Water Supply remains in Stage 2 of its Drought Contingency Plan.

Stage 2 makes outside watering restrictions mandatory and prohibits use of water for aesthetic water features.

Addresses ending in odd numbers may water on Tuesday and Friday while addresses ending in even numbers are allowed to water on Monday and Thursday.

SWSC Manager Ricky Preston told *Salado Village Voice* this week that the rain last week raised the aquifer about six inches, but added that it dipped back down to its current level, which is three feet below what it should be.

With limited rains in the Leon and Lampasas River-sheds, Lakes Stillhouse and Belton are also lower than they should be.

SWSC gets about half of its water from groundwater sources over the Edwards Aquifer in southern Bell County and half from surface water taken out of Stillhouse Hollow Lake.

Preston said that SWSC has 2.8 million gallons per day (GPD) capacity from groundwater sources. These sources serve the areas east of I-35. Daily usage averages about 1.8 million GPD in that area.

SWSC has about 2.5

million PGD capacity from surface water, which serves customers west of I-35. This area has daily usage of about 1.7 million GPD.

"The problem is overnight on Sundays," he said. "Apparently everyone is watering their lawns at this time. By the time we get into work Monday morning, our tanks are at 40% and dropping."

According to Curtis Riganti with the National Drought Mitigation Center (NDMC), all of Bell County is in drought. The northwestern portion of the county is in exceptional drought, defined by the NDMC as having the following effects:

- Exceptional and widespread crop/pasture losses
- Shortages of water in reservoirs, streams, and wells creating water emergencies

The rest of the western half of the county is in either extreme or severe drought.

Effects of extreme drought are these:

- Major crop/pasture losses
- Widespread water shortages or restrictions

Effects of severe drought are these:

- Crop or pasture losses likely
- Water shortages common
- Water restrictions imposed

Meanwhile, the eastern half of the county is in moderate drought. Effects of

moderate drought are these:

- Some damage to crops, pastures
- Streams, reservoirs, or wells low, some water shortages developing or imminent
- Voluntary water-use restrictions requested

According to the Drought Contingency Plan, "Salado WSC will vigorously enforce violations of the Drought Contingency Plan."

Enforcement of this Plan will include the following actions:

On the first violation, a Salado WSC customer will be notified by written notice of their specific violation. Salado WSC may assess a penalty depending upon severity of violation.

On the second violation, the customer may be assessed a penalty. Salado WSC may install a flow restricting device for seven (7) days. Salado WSC may charge customer for cost of installing and removing the flow restricting device

On the third violation, Salado WSC may discontinue service at the meter for a period of seven (7) days. Normal reconnect fee of Salado WSC will apply for restoration of service.

Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District remains in Stage 2 of its Drought Status Report, asking all well owners to curtail usage by 20%.



Kristyn Harris will perform in Salado July 28.

Free concert on Main July 28

To kick off the start of Salado's Music Friendly Community journey, a free concert will be held for the public 6:30 p.m. July 28 featuring Kristyn Harris at the Salado Civic Center Gazebo.

There will be food trucks on the grounds and you should bring your own chair to sit in the shade of the giant oaks around the Lions Club Gazebo on the grounds of the Salado Civic Center. No alcohol is allowed on the property.

Kristyn Harris is noted for her shimmering vocals, solid swing rhythm guitar style, unique songwriting, award winning yodel, and captivating stage presence.

At 27 years, she is the youngest person in history to be awarded the International Western Music Association

Entertainer of the Year, which she received four years in a row (2016-2019), and her latest album was most recently awarded the prestigious Wrangler Award from the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum. She is also a 5-time recipient of the IWMA Female Performer of the Year (2014, 2015, 2018, 2019, 2021), and was named the Ameripolitan Music Awards Western Swing Female Artist of the Year (2017) and the Pro Cowboy Country Artist Association's 2017 Entertainer of the Year and Female Vocalist of the Year. Her singing has been praised as "timeless" with "the warmth and power of Texas sunshine". You might have also seen Kristyn featured on the 2018 season of ABC's American

Idol, where she was given a special invitation by the producers to come on the show and audition with a yodeling song.

Though not raised in a musical household, Kristyn began singing and playing at age 14 when she felt strongly inspired to pick up a guitar, and it has rarely left her hands since. Discovering an instant passion, she launched into a headlong pursuit of the music that grabbed her – primarily western and western swing (later, throwing in classic country, 1940s big band, gypsy jazz, and traditional folk song influences to her music, and building a gospel repertoire). Somewhere along the way it became her career path.

Trustees amend budget to reflect \$1.6 Mil deficit

BY TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Salado ISD Trustees on June 29 amended the 2021-22 budget to reflect a \$1.6 million deficit and then adopted a \$21.7 million general operating budget.

The amended 2021-22 budget reflected an increase in local revenues and a decrease in state revenues from the budget that was adopted in June 2021. It shows an additional \$1.5 million in local revenues offset by a reduction of \$1.4 million in state revenues. Total operating revenues were \$19.8 million in the amended budget.

Expenses were \$21.4 million, causes a deficit of \$1.6 million, which will be offset by the district's fund balance. A driving factor in the increase of expenses was the purchase of 54 acres of property on Williams Rd. during the current budget cycle. Trustees also approved more than \$300,000 in facilities improvements that were not in the original budget this year, causing facilities acquisitions and construction to balloon to \$948,774. Trustees originally approved \$142,048 for this in the budget.

The district also spent \$400,000 more than originally budgeted for Instruction due to new hires and raises that were approved during the year.

The cost of maintaining the school plants increased more than \$200,000 to \$2.3 million.

The Food Services budget was amended to reflect an injection of \$1.1 million in federal funds. Expenses

SISD Enrollment

	6/20	6/21	6/22
EE	2	1	2
PK3	24	16	20
PK4	46	39	38
K	124	138	150
1	137	125	168
2	138	152	134
3	152	150	166
4	177	173	161
5	159	184	182
6	138	166	210
7	169	157	171
8	171	169	182
9	169	177	185
10	150	169	179
11	165	149	165
12	130	158	129
18+	1		
TAE	959	978	1,021
SMS	478	492	563
SHS	615	653	658
Total	2,052	2,123	2,242

were \$825,089 leaving a surplus in the Food Services budget for 2021-22 of \$414,361. This can be used to offset the anticipated deficit in the Food Services budget for 2022-23 of \$135,333.

The 2021-22 budget was driven by a local property tax rate of \$1.3720 per \$100 valuation.

Trustees, after a public hearing, adopted a \$21.7 million operating budget for 2022-23. The 2022-23 food services budget will be \$680,919 in expenditures. The district will spend \$4.0 million on debt services in 2022-23 and will make an additional \$3.9 million payment on the bonded indebtedness of the district.

Salado ISD has \$56.9 million in bonded indebtedness. The general operating fund balance is estimated at \$7.6 million. The debt fund balance is estimated at \$5.0 million.

Salado ISD Budget Comparison

BUDGET BY FUNCTION	Adopted 2020-2021	Adopted 2021-2022	Final Amended 2021-2022	Proposed 2022-2023
Total Tax Rate	1.374700	\$1.3720	\$1.3720	\$1.3546
M&O Rate/I&S Rate	\$0.8747/\$0.50	\$0.8720/\$0.50	\$0.8720/\$0.50	\$0.8546/\$0.50
Total Enrollment	2160	2245	2245	2384
GENERAL OPERATING MAINTENANCE & OPERATION				
Revenue				
Local	10,069,859	9,764,507	11,255,400	13,578,743
State	9,109,903	9,847,926	8,415,912	7,880,191
Federal	118,029	60,957	134,480	198,268
Total Revenue	19,297,791	19,673,390	19,805,792	21,657,202
Expenditures				
Instruction	10,739,164	10,860,330	11,258,636	11,938,465
Instruction Resources	208,329	211,872	231,520	219,474
Curriculum & Staff Dev.	123,944	116,400	99,633	112,810
Instructional Leadership	279,791	279,174	308,689	298,709
School Leadership	1,002,860	960,367	982,877	1,008,971
Guidance/Counseling	728,258	574,671	661,025	721,522
Social Services	25,396	25,905	25,905	26,423
Health Services	161,222	170,229	165,835	158,245
Student Transportation	926,561	912,485	910,596	1,199,157
Co-Extra-Curricular	1,353,648	1,374,089	1,404,016	1,620,002
General Administration	602,356	678,217	774,609	705,724
Plant Maint/Operation	1,974,002	2,057,545	2,260,076	2,143,800
Security Monitoring	69,100	63,085	77,006	75,145
Data Processing	555,019	604,560	659,457	718,587
Debt Service	77,799	237,257	391,168	348,081
Facilities Acquisition/Const.	0	142,048	948,774	133,810
Payments to Fiscal Agents	96,416	45,000	44,964	45,000
Payments to other Gov'ts.	134,614	163,433	170,996	183,277
Expenditure Total	19,297,791	19,563,902	21,375,782	21,657,202
Operating Transfers out	(79,854)	(109,488)		
Change in Fund Balance	0	0	(1,569,990)	0
FOOD SERVICES				
Revenue				
Local	300,000	245,750	107,694	245,750
State	21,296	22,659	26,424	28,012
Federal	241,761	255,066	1,103,817	271,824
Operating Transfers In	79,854	109,488		
Revenue Total	642,911	623,963	1,239,450	545,586
Food Service Expenditures	642,911	623,963	825,089	680,919
Change in Food Service Fund Balance	0	0	414,361	(135,333)
DEBT SERVICE				
Revenue				
Local	5,764,574	5,453,313	6,175,728	7,825,390
State	0	0	26,424	31,864
Loan Proceeds			8,162,975	
Revenue Total	5,764,574	5,453,313	14,365,127	7,857,254
Debt Service Expenditures	4,033,250	4,034,200	4,220,000	3,960,375
Payment to Bond Escrow Agent	1,731,324	1,419,133	10,145,127	3,869,879
Change in I&S Fund Balance	0	0	0	0

S&P Global moves into contraction as rest of world faces recession

Statistically it was a complicated week in the stock market. For the week that ended on July 1, the S&P 500 Stock Index (SPX) was down 2.21% to 3825.33; however, Thursday marked the end of the first half of 2022, and the SPX closed at 3818.83 on that last day of the second quarter. That gives the index a wee gain of 1.06% so far in the third quarter. That tiny gain is a small bit of light but historically during bear markets, Fridays tends to be down days as do the first day of each month. There are other bright bits in the historical numbers.

The first half of 2022 saw the largest percentage decline in the SPX since 1970, and there are only two years since World War II in which it fell more, but in both those years, the market ended substantially higher six months later.

The SPX is now down 19.74% this year and 12.11% lower than a year ago but up about 28% from where it was at this time in 2019. That pattern of improvement in the second half of a year that began with a bear market is fairly consistent. The CRSP Mid-Cap Value Index, our other tracked stock index, declined 0.57% for the week is down 12.83% year-to-date, and is 7.49% below where it was last year as July began, closing at 2266.01.

The yield on the ten-year U.S. Treasury note ended the week at 2.894%, almost 8% lower than last week, but still 1.5 points higher than last year at this time. The Bloomberg Treasury Total Return Index is now down 10% this year. The prophetic Treasury yield curve got a bit more positive with the 30-year bond yielding 3.117% and the two-year note at 2.837%. West Texas Intermediate crude oil (WTI) inched upward less than 1% to \$108.42. It is becoming more and more clear that refinery capacity is driving the high price of gasoline far more than the price of oil.

The Economy

In a further sign that the inflation we have seen in the

Market & Economic Update

By Jeffrey W. McClure



United States is not home grown, the European Union announced this week that it had officially experienced 8.6% inflation over the past year. Here in the U.S. the Commerce Department announced that its core Personal-Consumption Price Expenditures Index (PCE), the inflation gauge that we and the Federal Reserve pay most attention to, was up 4.7% in May from last year, down from 4.9% in April. If we just look at May, the Index was up 0.3%, an annualized rate of 3.6%. That is a lot of numbers, but it suggests that inflation may have peaked and now is declining as we thought it would in the second half of the year. To put that number in perspective, voting members of the Federal Reserve Board have suggested they are targeting a short-term, Federal Funds Rate of between 3% and 3.5% by the end of the year. If everything were to continue as it apparently is, that would be what economists refer to as the “neutral rate”. If inflation continues to cool down, that also could mark the end of the Federal Reserve tightening. Between now and then, with the Fed rate at only 1.75%, the Federal Reserve has a lot of tightening to do and that probably will mean at least one more 0.75% increase in rates followed by more gradual quarter point increases in the follow-on months. As longer-term rates have been moving in lockstep with the Fed’s short-term increases, it would be prudent to expect longer-term rates to be substantially higher by the end of the year as well.

It is looking like we may have two consecutive quarters of negative GDP in the United States, but we probably will not officially be in a recession. It is hard to call an economy in recession with near record-low unemployment and with every industrial and commercial index still growing. There is evi-

dence though that the U.S. rate of growth is slowing. Consumer spending, which is about 70% of our GDP, only rose 0.2% in May after rising 0.6% in April. Because inflation is subtracted from nominal economic growth numbers to arrive at GDP levels, we are likely to see the second quarter of 2022 have a reported GDP that will contract 1.5% on an annualized rate.

One of the reasons the Conference Board is unlikely to officially declare the U.S. economy to be in recession is that the leading manufacturing indexes are still growing. The Markit Manufacturing Purchasing Manager’s Index (PMI) came in for June at 52.7 on a scale where number above 50 equal growth, indicating ongoing growth at about the same level as the S&P Global Flash Manufacturing PMI at 52.4. The ISM manufacturing survey fell from 56.1 to 53 in June but at that level is still in growth mode. Another reliable indicator of where the U.S. economy is headed, the Commerce Department’s U.S. Durable Goods Orders Report rose 0.7% in May, an 8.4% annualized growth rate.

The same was not true of the S&P Global Manufacturing Output index as it retreated into contraction. The rest of the world is likely already in a recession as the rising cost of fuel’s effects ripple across less vibrant economies outside the U.S.

Despite the bear market in stocks and bonds, the prime indicators in the U.S. economy remain decidedly positive and appear to be slowing to a sustainable rate. Fed Chairman Powell stated this week that his goal was to slow the U.S. consumption rate enough to allow production to catch up, and thereby reduce annual inflation to the 2% to 2.5% range targeted by the Fed. It appears that may be working.

FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas

To Prevent Formula Shortages Break Up Monopolies

Food experts have warned for years that monopolies make our food supply vulnerable. Now babies are paying the price.

By SONALI KOLHATKAR

It’s a tough time to be the parent of a newborn in the United States today. Not only is child care prohibitively expensive, but the cost of all things — including baby products — is rising. And there’s been a months-long shortage of baby formula.

There’s nothing more important to a parent than providing for their child. As a mother who was unable to breastfeed, I relied on formula. I remember once making a long drive to another town when my local store was out of the brand my child was used to.

It was a stressful experience — and mild compared to what millions of parents are feeling right now as they face store shelves emptied of formula.

The formula scarcity began when the COVID-19 pandemic led to a disruption of ingredient supply chains and transportation delays. But the root of the problem is the monopolization of our food industry by greedy, often careless corporations.

This past February, the Food and Drug Administration found that several leading formula brands produced by Abbott Laboratories were contaminated with dangerous bacteria.

That led to a recall and a temporary closure of Abbott’s main Michigan factory, where government inspectors found “shocking” conditions. Then, just as the Michigan plant reopened,

torrential flooding forced it to shut down again.

Although store shelves — when fully stocked — appear to offer a wide variety of baby formula brands, only two companies produce more than 70 percent of these products: Abbott and Mead Johnson. A third company, Nestlé, produces about 12 percent.

So when Abbott shuttered its Michigan plant, that single closure affected a significant portion of the nation’s stock of formula. It’s the definition of putting all our eggs in one basket.

And it’s not just baby formula.

In the U.S. market, only three companies produce over 80 percent of all baby food products. Four companies produce over 85 percent of all canned tuna. Three companies make nearly 80 percent of all pasta products. Four companies process 85 percent of beef. And so on.

The baby formula shortage has driven prices up — yay, capitalism! In fact, food prices are rising sharply across the board. Meanwhile, big food manufacturers are reaping record profits, undermining claims that they’re simply passing on their higher costs to customers.

Decades ago, food policy analysts warned of the pitfalls of food monopolies.

Vandana Shiva’s 2000 book, *Stolen Harvest*, and Raj Patel’s 2007 book, *Stuffed and Starved*, linked the profits of the world’s wealthiest food corporations to the plight of the world’s poorest farmers. They also pointed out that in the relentless corporate drive to lower costs and maximize profits, food supply chains were consolidating and be-

coming more vulnerable to disruptions.

Advocacy organizations like Farm Action and Food and Water Watch have likewise been sounding the alarm about food monopolies for years.

So on one end of the food chain there are starving farmers, and on the other end there are starving families — including babies. In the middle are a handful of fat cats — massive corporations like Abbott and Cargill — that keep getting fatter.

The solutions are simple, and can be easily enacted if there is political will. Rep. Mark Pocan of Wisconsin, for example, has sponsored a new bill that would enact a moratorium on food industry mergers.

Formula-feeding parents could become powerful spokespeople for breaking up these greedy conglomerates.

One mother, Laura Stewart, told the Associated Press how difficult it has been for her 10-month-old daughter to deal with switching to whatever brands are available: “She is typically a very happy girl,” said Stewart. But without her regular formula, “she spits up more. She’s just more cranky.”

Now that corporate food monopolies are impacting the most vulnerable human beings in our society — babies — will the government take drastic measures to break them up?

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No, the Conservative Justices Didn’t Lie

Rich Lowry



The left simply lost the intellectual and political fight over the direction of the Supreme Court but can’t bear to admit it.

Progressives tell themselves instead that they’ve been undone by a series of dirty deeds, including the alleged deceit of conservative justices who lied to the U.S. Senate about their commitment to preserving *Roe v. Wade*.

Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez believes that impeachment proceedings should be in play.

What the perjury case against the justices in the Dobbs majority lacks is any evidence of assurances made under oath or otherwise that they would vote to uphold a ruling of the court that had, justly, been under withering assault since it was handed down 50 years ago.

This shouldn’t have been hard to figure out. Any judge who considers himself or herself an originalist was going to believe that *Roe* was bad law because there wasn’t remotely colorable warrant for it under the Constitution. There might have been varying views on what deference was owed to precedent, or other tactical questions; there wasn’t any meaningful disagreement on the core matter.

The dance that went on is that Democrats would try to get conservative nominees to say that *Roe* had been a precedent for a long time. The nominees would agree, while not going any further. They’d often cite — correctly — the refusal to comment on contested questions going back to Ruth Bader Ginsberg’s confirmation hearings.

Typical was an exchange between Sen. Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota and Amy Coney Barrett during her hearings. Klobuchar pressed Barrett whether *Roe* was a “super precedent,” or a ruling that no one thinks is in play anymore. Barrett demurred, “I’m answering a lot of questions about *Roe*, which I think indicates that *Roe* doesn’t fall in that category.”

This wasn’t deception — it was clearly saying, if obliquely, that *Roe* was vulnerable to challenge. I’d prefer if nominees were less lawyerly, but they are experts in subtle distinctions and the longstanding politicization of the confirmation process puts a premium on indirection.

Justice Brett Kavanaugh has been a particular target for post-Dobbs attack. Pro-choice Republican Sen. Susan Collins told *The New York Times* that she feels he misled her in a private meeting. The *Times* story doesn’t say that Collins asked Kavanaugh directly if he’d overturn *Roe* — presumably for good reason. The senator would have known such a question would have been highly improper. In fact, she praised Neil Gorsuch during his 2017 confirmation for saying he would have left the room if someone asked him for a commitment to overturn *Roe*.

It is doubtful that Kavanaugh told Collins anything in private that he didn’t say in his sworn public testimony as well. If he was playing some sort of double game, Collins should have felt an obligation to call Kavanaugh out on it. She didn’t. In fact, she gladly voted for him.

It is true that in his hearings Kavanaugh leaned heavily on the notion that *Roe* was precedent and that it had been reaffirmed in *Casey*, what he called “a precedent on precedent.” Yet, other supporters of *Roe* weren’t inclined to overinterpret this. As Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse of Rhode Island told Kavanaugh at the outset of the hearings, “Your own words make clear you do not really believe *Roe v. Wade* is settled law since the Court, as you said, ‘can always overrule its precedent.’”

In her dramatic floor statement supporting Kavanaugh’s nomination, Collins made it clear that she also understood that his commitment to precedent was not absolute. It would give way, she explained, “in those rare circumstances where a decision is ‘grievously wrong’ or ‘deeply inconsistent with the law.’”

The Court held in *Dobbs* that *Roe* was, indeed, egregiously wrong. Collins might be disappointed, but she shouldn’t feel ill-used.

Roe never deserved to be written into law in the first place. The conservative justices never said they would preserve it, and they’ve done their duty to the Constitution by finally abandoning it.

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Salado Community Chorus performed a medley of patriotic songs.



Merle Stalcup



SHS President Bill Kinnison



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Saladoans of all ages gathered at Salado High School cafeteria for the annual Salado Historical Society Fourth of July Picnic. The Salado Community Chorus performed and former Salado Mayor Merle Stalcup gave remarks on what happened to the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence after signing that document.

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JACOB "BIG JAKE" MICHAEL WILLIAMS
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JUNE 27, 2022

Jacob "Big Jake" Michael Williams, 35, of Dayton, Texas, passed away unexpectedly, on Monday, June 27, 2022. He was born on April 15, 1987, in Georgetown, Texas, to Michael Howard Williams and Gay Bowers Williams. While in high school, Jacob made the decision to be baptized in the Church of Christ he attended.

Throughout his childhood and high school, Jacob earned his Eagle Scout. During that time, he learned survival skills and valuable tools that he used on numerous occasions. Jacob graduated from Salado High School, in Salado, Texas, the class of 2005. He attended Stephen F. Austin State University, where he received his bachelor's degree in criminal justice and public administration. Jacob worked as a sales representative for Sherman Williams. During this time, he received several awards for his various accomplishments within the company. Jacob pursued many interests, some of which included his love of the outdoors, fishing, hunting, cooking, playing with his dogs, watching football and baseball. He especially enjoyed watching the Dallas Cowboys and the Texas Rangers. Jacob was naturally an outgoing and loud person. He was always fun to be around and could light up a room with his personality. Jacob was also very ornery but silly at the same time, in fact, it was rare to see a photo of him where he was serious. When he set his mind on something, it became his focus until the task was completed. Jacob loved his family immensely; his wife was his pride and joy. He will be deeply missed and fondly remembered by all who knew and loved him.

Jacob was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents Elery and Lucille Bowers; his paternal grandparents Tommy and Janice Williams; his uncles Bryan Bowers and Jimmy DiOrio. He leaves behind to cherish his loving memory his beloved wife of seven years Myranda Williams of Dayton; his mother and stepfather Gay and Chuck Morison of Salado; his father and stepmother Michael Williams and Jean Caldwell of Georgetown; his grandfather Daniel Naredo of Kerrville; his siblings Katie Finch and husband Danny of Belton, Ethan Williams and wife Jessica of Salado; his stepbrothers Michael and Andrew Caldwell; his nephews Noah, Levi, Caleb, and Hudson; his nieces Abby, Eliana, Averie, and Nell; his aunts and uncles Stephen Williams and wife Cindy of Onalaska, Susie Williams of Midlothian, Cheryl DiOrio of Mount Tabor, New Jersey, Phil Lockwood of Lipan, Pam Bowers of Evant, Reggie Bowers and wife Linda of Longview, Doug Bowers of Beaumont; his mother and father-in-law John and Scarlett Mihailov of Midlothian; his sister-in-law Sierra Mihailov of Midlothian; his adopted aunt Angie Danforth of Fannett, ; his numerous cousins and a host of other loving relatives and friends.

A memorial service in Jacob's honor will be held at 2pm, on Saturday, July 9, 2022, at Belton Nazarene Church, 1701 Sparta Rd, Belton, Texas 76513. Condolences and memories can be shared online at www.sterlingfuneralhome.com

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Dossman Funeral Home, Belton, Texas. Paid obituary

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STEM Robotics Camp



JAMES WINSTON BROCK
FEBRUARY 1, 1934
JULY 2, 2022

James "Jim" Winston Brock, 88, of Salado, passed away Saturday July 2nd, at home surrounded by family.

Services are scheduled at First Baptist Church Belton on Thursday July 7th, Reverend Andy Davis officiating. The family will be welcoming guests for visitation at the church at Noon, followed by the service at 1:00 PM. He will be laid to rest at Salado Cemetery with military honors following the service.

Jim was born and raised in Salado, the son of Travis and Jeanette Brock, graduating from Salado High School in 1951. He served in the U.S. Navy in Japan during the Korean War. Jim married Golda Marie Madison on January 19th, 1957, at the home of Golda's family in Salado. Jim worked in Austin for Austin White Lime Company as controller for 32 years. Jim and Golda moved back to Salado after their retirement in 1998. They enjoyed the many friends and trips they made with the Chisholm Trail and Good Sam camping groups. He was very active at First Baptist Belton serving as a deacon, on various committees, and as a Sunday School teacher.

Jim is preceded in death by daughter Tammie Diann. Survivors are his beloved wife of 65 years, Golda, sons Rodney, Robert and wife Marta, sister Donna Ribble of Dallas, grandchildren Patrick Brock and wife Hillary of Pflugerville, Natalie Brock of Pflugerville, Kelley Avants and husband Shay of Westbrook, Wade Smith of San Angelo, Molly Hall and husband Reid of Lubbock and nine great-grandchildren.

Memorials in memory of Jim may be made to First Baptist Belton Children and Youth Divisions. Please leave memories and condolences for the Brock Family at www.dossmanfh.com.

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Kids Bake too program presented to Ladies League

Kathy Jolly with Kids Bake Too will present a program to the Ladies League July 14 about her cooking program. She says she has been baking since she was a little girl and has shared her love of baking with her own children and grandchildren for many years. She states they love to come over and spend time creating goodies in the kitchen, whether it be cookies, cakes, pies, or chocolate. Quality time is spent teaching them baking skills they will always have, bonding time they will never forget, full of fun, laughter and yes creativity in each baking box.

She explains you can subscribe to receive a box baking monthly, once every 3 months, or just for a particular baking box for your event such as birthday or a holiday. No shopping or guess work is involved. Instructions and all dry ingredients are delivered to your door.

The League Treasurer, LaNora Miller, will be accepting reservations for the September 8th Annual Luncheon at Summers Mill. The cost is \$25 and deadline for reservations is August 16th. The League meeting starts at 9:30 a.m. with a social time and the program commencing at 10 a.m. at the Church of Christ Activities Building July 14.





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Lucas Fisher playing Papa McDougal. and Susan Maki playing Mama McDougal.

Salado Legends historical characters collide with fictional events

By BETH CORREA
 TABLE ROCK FESTIVAL

Salado Legends is a wonderful outdoor musical written by Salado resident playwright, lyricist, and nationally honored Jackie Mills. It was chosen by the Library of Congress to serve as a record of life in America during the 1850's and "to preserve our nation's diverse cultural traditions for generations of Americans, present, and future."

Two people are featured this week to highlight major roles in this special production, Lucas Fisher and Susan Maki.

Susan Maki is married to Gary Maki and they have four children. Susan teaches American History and Academy Middle School. She fits perfectly into the role of Dora (Mama) McDougal. Last year was her first year to be involved at Tablerock and in Salado Legends. She told me, "I love the rich history of Salado that is brought to life in the play and I am honored to play Dora "Mama" McDougal once again this year. My favorite part of the play is during Act II where the family is gathered around the table reading the letter

from the front lines. That scene not only describes the daily challenges and battles, but depicts the battlefield surgery of their son, Cameron. I imagine this would have been a heart wrenching scene played out in many homes both in the North and in the South. With the battle scenes being portrayed by actors firing black powder rifles and a cannon, it becomes very real and demonstrative of this pivotal time in the history of our nation." In addition to her enthusiasm for the historical drama, music runs deep in her family. Long ago, her father was a singer, recording under the stage name "Billy Western" and a promoter of country and gospel music recording artists throughout Texas. Susan and her children are all gifted with vocal talent, and we are fortunate to have them all on our stage!

Lucas Fisher assumes the role of the Papa McDougal. He is only 29, but he is a very believable near-middle-aged fellow and takes charge of the stage in his newfound role also known as Angus McDougal, father of two teens and two younger ones. In real life, Lucas and his wife, Stephanie live

in Copperas Cove, and they have 3 boys: Gideon (5), Samuel (3), and Andrew (8 months). Lucas teaches private music for voice, violin family, brass, guitar, and piano at "Bach to Rock" in Cedar Park. He has also been on stage since he was 10 years old, and starring in roles like JoJo from Seussical, Willie Wonka, and Byron Bunker in Salado Legends last year. Watching Lucas is an enjoyable experience!

A special photo session took place in Salado at the log cabins located behind the Civic Center. Photographer Jason Deckman and his wife Melinda were able to capture the perfect shots of how the McDougal's would have been feeling at their cozy home.

Salado Legends: July 23, 30, and August 6

Meal: 7:15 p.m. \$13/person (24 hour adv reservation required) Purchase dinner tickets through centraltextickets.org.

Show: 8:15 p.m. \$25/adult, \$10/student (with student ID), \$5/Child (12 and under). Purchase show tickets through centraltextickets.org or pay at the gate on show dates.



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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.

Bikes & Brews, Barrow Brewing Co., 7 p.m.

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

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" 6:30 p.m. 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.

Bikes & Brews, Barrow Brewing Co., 7 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

Farmers Market at Barrow Brewing Co., 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Live Music at Chupacabra Craft Beer and Kitchen, 8 p.m.-midnight

Live Music at Barrow Brewing Co., 8 p.m.

Sundays

Summer Lecture Series, Barrow Brewing Co., 2 p.m.

Live Music at Barrow Brewing, 4 p.m.

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 1-29 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 7

Pick up kids to-go kits from Salado Public Library.

July 7

Teen Card Games at Salado Public Library, 3 p.m.

July 7

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

July 7

Teen Writing Group, 6 p.m., Salado Public Library.

July 7

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

July 8

Storytime at Salado Public Library, 11 a.m.

July 8

Live Music at Chupacabra, 7 p.m., Jesse Dean.

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July 8
Barrow Brewing Co., live music, 7:30 p.m., Lady in the Men's Room.

July 9
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.

July 9
Kids Lego Time, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Salado Public Library.

July 9
Teen Hangout, 1-4 p.m., Salado Public Library.

July 9
Salado Masonic Lodge #296 156th Annual Installation of Officers, 1:30 p.m. at the Lodge Hall, 95 S. Church St. Open installation.

July 9
Live Music at Chupacabra, 8 p.m., Britton Pyeatt.

July 9
Barrow Brewing Co., live music, 8 p.m., Erica Michelle

July 9
William Clark Green with special guest Michael Carubelli at Johnny's Ouitback. 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 johnnsysteaksandbbq.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 10
Barrow Brewing Co., Summer lecture series, 2 p.m. Jeff McClure on Space.

July 10
Barrow Brewing Co., live music, 4 p.m. TBD.

July 11
Kids Crafts: Snakes in the Library! 1 p.m. Salado Public Library.

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

July 11-14
Football Camp is 6-8 p.m. at Eagle Stadium for incoming second-sixth graders. Cost is \$50 per camper. For information, call 254-947-6970 or email tom.westerberg@saladoisd.org.

July 12
Storytime at Salado Public Library, 11 a.m.



Amanda Brown will perform at Barrow Brewing at 8 p.m. July 16. PHOTO COURTESY JASON DECKMAN.

July 12
Adult Paranormal Investigations at Salado Public Library, 7 p.m.

July 13
Music Munchkins, 10 a.m. Salado Public Library.

July 13
Salado Lions Club luncheon meeting, 11:30 a.m., Salado Civic Center.

July 13
Barrow Brewing Co., guest food truck, 4-9 p.m., 808 Island Grillz.

July 13
Barrow Brewing Co., Trivia Night with Chad, 7 p.m.

July 14
Salado Ladies Community League meeting, 9:30 a.m. at Salado Church of Christ Activities Center. Speaker will be Kathy Jolly with Kids Bake Too.

July 14
Teens Perler Jewelry making, 1 p.m. Salado Public Library

July 14
Pint Night at Chupacabra Craft Beer, 4 p.m.-midnight. Get a free pint glass with every purchase of the featured brewery, Hop Fusion.

July 14
Adults True Crime Book Club, 6 p.m. Salado Public Library.

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 15
Storytime at Salado Public Library, 11 a.m.

July 15
Live Music at Chupacabra, 7 p.m., Kyle Mathis.

July 15
Barrow Brewing Co., live music, 7:30 p.m. Noaa Rienecker.

July 16
Barrow Brewing Co., Tie Dye Party, 205 p.m.

July 16
Barrow Brewing Co., 8 p.m. Amanda Brown and Friends.

July 16
Live Music at Chupacabra, 8 p.m., Keith Michael.

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 17
Barrow Brewing Co., live music, 5 p.m., Walt Wilkins.

July 18
Salado Democrats, 7 p.m. Salado Public Library. Third Monday every month.

July 18
Salado ISD Board of Trustees meeting, 6 p.m., Salado Civic Center.

July 20
Barrow Brewing Co., guest food truck, 4-9 p.m., Check Point Germany.

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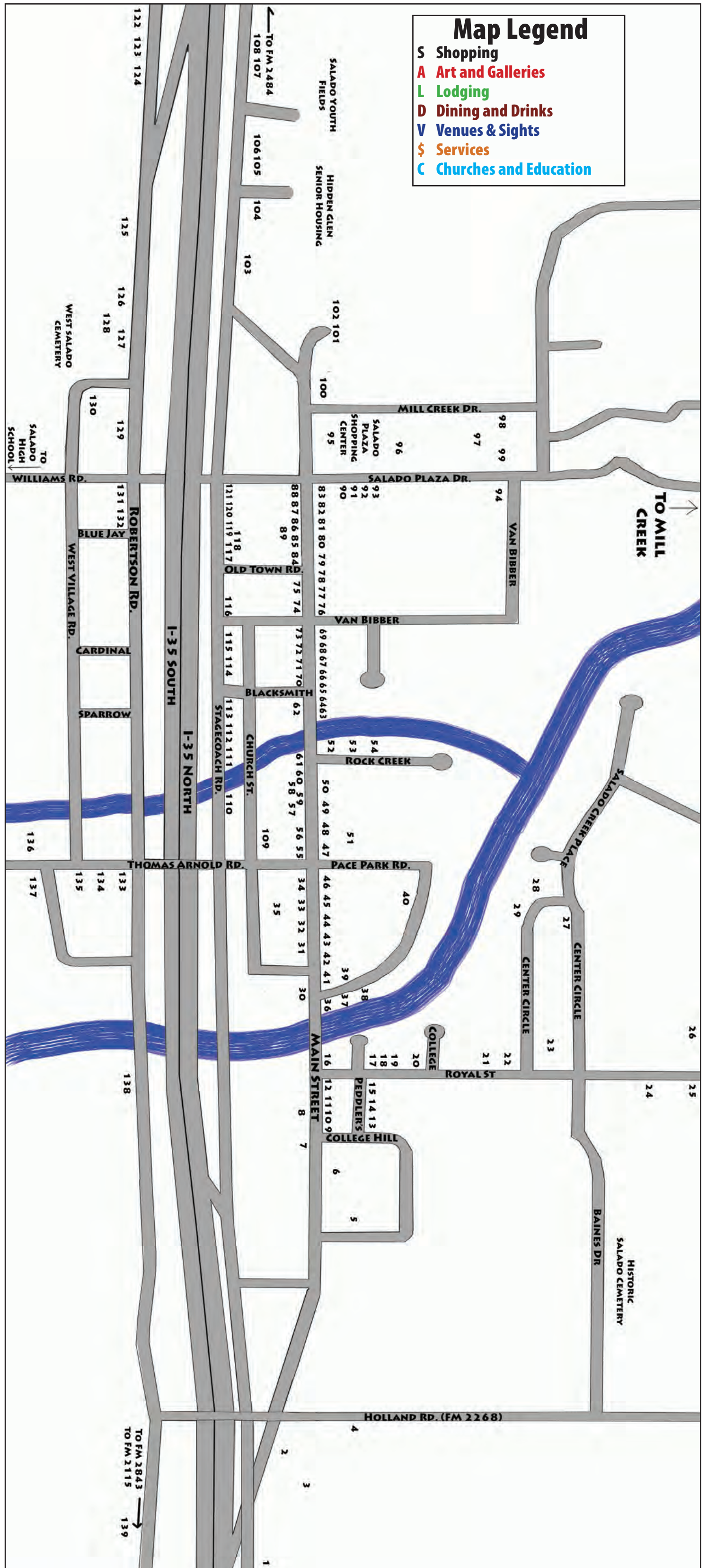


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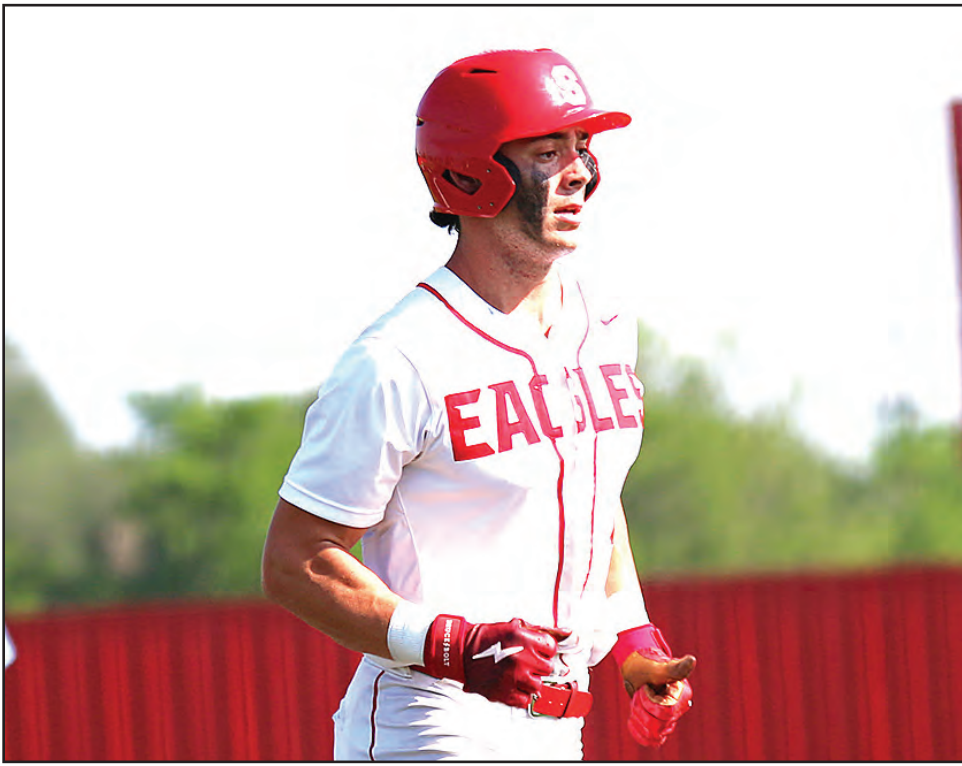
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Williams earns All-Star nod

Nolan Williams was named to the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association South 2A-4A All Star Team in his senior year as an outfielder for the Salado Eagles.

Playing in 27 games, he had a batting average of .338 and an on base percentage of .509 over his 108 plate appearances. He had 33 hits, including seven doubles, a triple and six homeruns. He knocked in 26 runs and scored 28 runs. He earned 21 walks and struck out 11 times.

In the field, Williams had a .979 efficiency score. He had 47 chances to make plays and put out 45 opponents and had one assist. He was part of one double play and made one error in the season.




Senior outfielder Nolan Williams was named to the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association All Star South Team. (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)

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Trustees hire staff, adopt budget

The Salado ISD School Board met on Wednesday, June 29. The following is a summary of that meeting:

- Salado High School student Thomas Novotny led the pledge to the United States flag and the state flag.
- The Board approved the hiring of the following eight new employees:
 - Carissa Adkins, family consumer science teacher at Salado High School
 - Tracy Brantley, math teacher/coach at Salado Middle School
 - Andrew Gomez, special education teacher/coach at Salado High School
 - Amber Haines, 2nd grade teacher at Thomas Arnold Elementary School
 - Lindsey Heise, school counselor at Salado High School
 - Jenna Perkins, social studies teacher/coach at Salado Middle School
 - Hallie Raesz, autism specialist at all three schools
 - Maria Tonkinson, 4th grade teacher at Thomas Arnold Elementary School
 - Colleen Tucker, social studies teacher at Salado High School
 - The Board reviewed

Superintendent's Corner

by Dr. Michael Novotny



the district's monthly enrollment report. The May 2022 end-of-year enrollment was 2,242 students, as compared to 2,123 students in May 2021 and 2,052 students in May 2020.

- The Board reviewed the district's monthly financial reports.
- The Board approved the minutes from the April 18, May 16, and June 7 school board meetings.
- The Board approved the 2022-2023 student code of conduct.
- Bob Templeton with Zonda Education presented the demographic study and ten year enrollment projections for the school district.
- The Board approved the 2021-2022 final amended budget.
- The Board approved the Central Texas autism grant fund 429 shared services arrangement and interlocal contract.
- A public hearing was held regarding federal program application planning for 2022-2023.

- A public hearing was held regarding the 2022-2023 budget.
- The Board approved the 2022-2023 budget.
- A public hearing was held regarding the 2022-2023 tax rate.
- The Board approved local policy EFA: Instructional Resources: Instructional Materials.
- The Board approved local policy EFB: Instructional Resources: Library Materials.
- The Board deleted local policy EF: Instructional Resources.
- The Board conducted the annual evaluation of the superintendent.
- The Board approved a one year extension to the superintendent's employment contract. The superintendent's new contract is from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2027.

If you have any questions regarding this information you are welcome to contact Michael Novotny at mi-

chael.novotny@saladoisd.org or 254-947-6905.

The Salado ISD School Board's next meeting will be Monday, July 18, at 6:00 p.m. at the Salado ISD Civic Center, located at 601 North Main Street.

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The Salado Telephone Exchange -- 1890-1958



Harry E. and Minnie Allamon owned the Salado Telephone Co. for about 15 years. Harry retired from farming in 1925 to buy the phone company. The couple operated it out of their house, first in the old Grange building on South Main St. and later in the Norton-Orgain house (Inn at Salado). (COURTESY PHOTO)

BY THE LATE MARY HODGE
AND CHARLENE CARSON
LOCAL HISTORIANS

Editor's note: This is a story that the late Mary Hodge was working on prior to her death in September 2021. Charlene Carson, knowing how much Mary wanted the story of Salado's first telephone service told, finished researching and writing the story for her.

The first citizens of Salado were isolated from the world. Their only communication was the postal service or horseback.

In the fall of 1877 steps were taken by the citizens of Belton to construct a telegraph line from Belton to a connection with the Western Union Telegraph line at Round Rock. In the spring of 1878, the line was completed and the Belton Telegraph Company opened with offices at Belton, Salado, Corn Hill, Georgetown, and Round Rock. Bell County, including Salado, now had wire connections with the outside world.¹

The arrival of the telegraph in Salado in August 1878 was an exciting event. The office was on the second floor of the Bailey/Berry Building located at the northeast corner of Main and Royal Streets. (Currently the Sugar Shack).

The first telephones came to Bell County during the spring of 1884 when the Southwestern Telegraph and Telephone Company came to this area, and connected Temple and Belton with other cities, installing local exchanges in both places.²

It is assumed that Salado's first telephone office was also located on the second floor of the Bailey/Berry Building. Mr. Bailey owned all of the telephone lines, however, according to an article in the Granger News, April 5, 1907, he sold the line from Bartlett to Prairie Dell to J.M. Roebuck.

Telephones were installed on the wall at eye level. You had to stand to talk on them. There was a phone booth on the southeast corner of Royal and Main Streets. (Near present day Bentons.)

The boys lined up to make dates with their girlfriends, if the girlfriend's families had a telephone. There was little privacy because due to the difficulty of hearing, the operator had to repeat what was said.



(MARY HODGE COLLECTION)

The early phones in Salado were like this one.

Salado's telephone office was moved often. Through interviews, family letters, and newspaper articles we know some of them.

The Temple Daily Telegram, July 18, 1908, reported that Messrs. Murphy and Brown, owners of the Salado Telephone Exchange, moved their switchboard and office from the former location to their new quarters in the Berry building. The article did not say where the former location was.

In early 1918, the F. M. Guest family was living in the old Guthrie home, located at the northwest corner of Main Street and Thomas Arnold Rd. (Dr. Willingham's dental office.) They formerly worked at the telephone office which was placed in their home, but by late 1918 Jeff Smith and family had taken over both the Guest home and phone office.³

The next known location of the telephone office was at home of Harry E. and Minnie Allamon. According to a family letter, Allamon quit farming in 1925 and bought the rural telephone company, which he managed for 15 or 16 years. Initially, they lived in the old Grange building across the street from the Stagecoach Inn. In June 1930, the Allamons moved to a beautiful two-story home at 7 North Main Street now known as The Inn at Salado.

Carolyn Lamberth Johnson, the Allamon's granddaughter, remembers seeing the switchboard set up in the living room of the house.

When she and her parents, Roy and Eva Lamberth Allamon moved into the house in 1945, the switchboard was no longer there.

When Mr. Allamon had the telephone exchange, all the wires, poles, and telephones belonged to him. Eva, the Allamon's daughter, once talked about people stealing the wires. She admitted she went to Temple one time to see a psychic to see if she could tell her who was stealing the phone exchange property. Of course, she didn't find out much.

During World War II Cassie Tabor, (life-long resident of Salado,) said that she went to the Allamon's house to receive word about her brother who was injured in the war.

Everywhere you called was long distance. The operator had to repeat what was said.

It is unclear when the telephone company actually moved to the museum building, but we can assume that it was there when Ollie and Ruby Allamon purchased the building in 1943. According to Bell County deed records, in 1943, Paul Pirtle and his wife, Gertrude, sold the building commonly known as the Salado Museum to Ollie T. Allamon and Ruby Lee Allamon. Ollie Allamon was Harry Allamon's nephew.

Ruby, who was widowed, came to Salado in response to an ad for someone to run the telephone office in the rock building across from the Stagecoach Inn.

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She and her small daughter, Dolores, came from Mississippi.

Ruby's nephew, recalled that when a call was being put through, Ruby would rush to the switchboard, put on her headset, plug in one of the lines and find out who was to be called. Her nephew said that sometimes he was allowed to do the ringing...like when it was two longs and a short.

On April 12, 1947, Ollie and Ruby Allamon sold the property to J.Y.W. and Ruth C. Dowdy, who installed the Salado Telephone Company which serviced 23 telephones.⁴

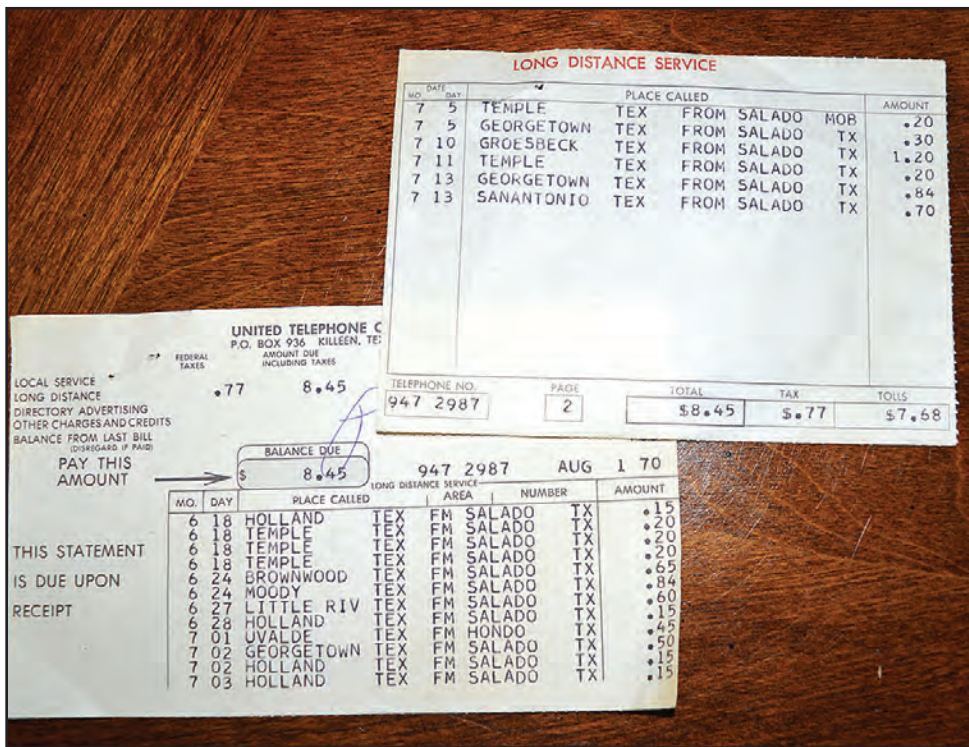
Mr. Dowdy opened a small gift shop downstairs where he sold items such as purses, belts, and trinkets made from the armored shells of armadillos.

After the Allamons sold the telephone company, they moved to the DeGrumond House as caretakers. The DeGrumonds came rarely and stayed upstairs.

Gladys Hunt operated the phone exchange for several years until the Dowdys decided to sell the building. Mrs. Hunt was a widow who was responsible for the care of herself and her young daughter. They lived on the second floor of the telephone office building. Everyone who came to the phone office had to climb an outside stairway to a porch-like landing on the second floor. The door was in the center. The switchboard was on the left as you entered, and on right was a phone booth made of beautiful wood.

When the C.B. and Mary Hodge Feed & Grain store was downtown in the building next to the phone office and Mary's mom would call, Mrs. Hunt would stick her head out of the top story window of the phone office and yell, "Mary, your mom is calling you. She's on the line."

On May 20, 1950, the Dowdys sold the property to Texas Farmers Telephone Company, Inc.⁵ There were six men on the board – Fred Harrison, President; J.W. Phillips, Vice-President; R.B. James, Secretary; R.D. Harris, Treasurer; and L.D. Clark. The main office was located in Temple. Included in this sale was Zabcikville,



C.B. and Mary Hodge's phone bill from 1970. (MARY HODGE COLLECTION)

Oenaville, Moffat, and Little River Academy.

There were only about 40 people out of 250 who had phones. The new company planned to install a dial system. Only 30 people signed to receive the new system. The Hodge's number was 6. The Earl Guest family was number 3.

As soon as the new dial system phones were installed, everyone wanted one. They realized you could hear on them.

Mary's father, Fred Harrison, had controlling interest in the company. He built a private line from his home in Jarrell to Mary's home in Salado so that she could talk to her mother anytime. She enjoyed this for many years. When her father retired, they gave him the use of the

private line for the rest of his life. It was not disconnected until 1978 when he passed away.

On December 12, 1962, the shareholders of the Texas Farmers Telephone Company, Inc. adopted an Article of Incorporation, which was filed in Bell County on October 19, 1964, to change the company name to United Telephone Co., Inc.⁶ The United Telephone Co. continued the local telephone service from the museum building until they leased the building to the Central Texas Area Museum after its founding in 1958. On the 20th day of October 1964, the museum purchased the building.⁷

Thanks to my friends Charlene Carson, Carolyn Lamberth Johnson and

Carol Wilson for sharing newspaper clippings, family letters, and photographs. Thanks also to the friends who shared their stories and memories of Salado's early telephone exchange. Mary Hodge

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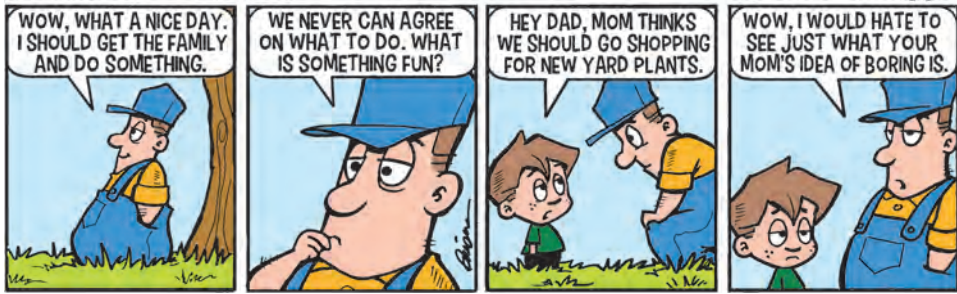
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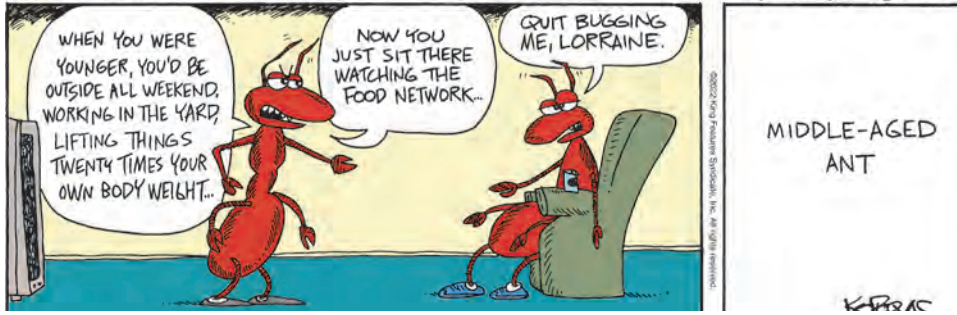
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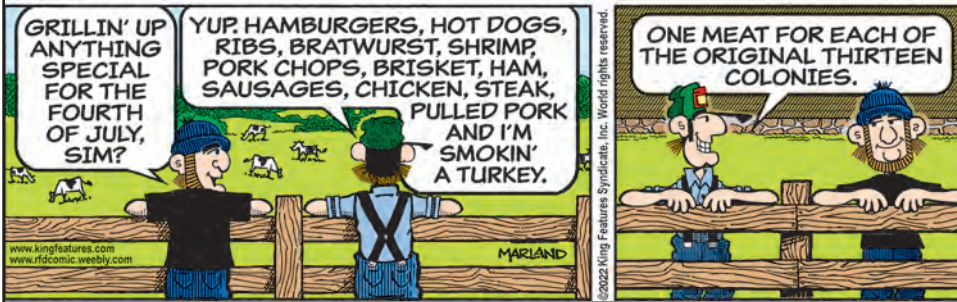
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♥ 4
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♣ Q 4

EAST
♠ A J 7
♥ 9 6 2
♦ A 3
♣ J 10 8 7 3

SOUTH
♠ K 6
♥ A K Q J 10 8 3
♦ 9 8 4
♣ 5

The bidding:
South West North East
4♥ Pass Pass Pass
Opening lead — queen of diamonds.

ace. East returned the diamond three to West's ten, and West continued with the jack.

Declarer ruffed with dummy's seven of hearts and was overruffed by East's nine. East then cashed the ace of spades to put the contract down one.

South would have made his game had he not covered the queen of diamonds with the king at trick one. In that case, no overruff would have taken place, and he would have lost only two diamonds and a spade.

In considering his play to the opening trick, South should assume West does not have the ace of diamonds. After placing the ace with East, declarer should then conclude that nothing can be gained by covering the queen with the king.

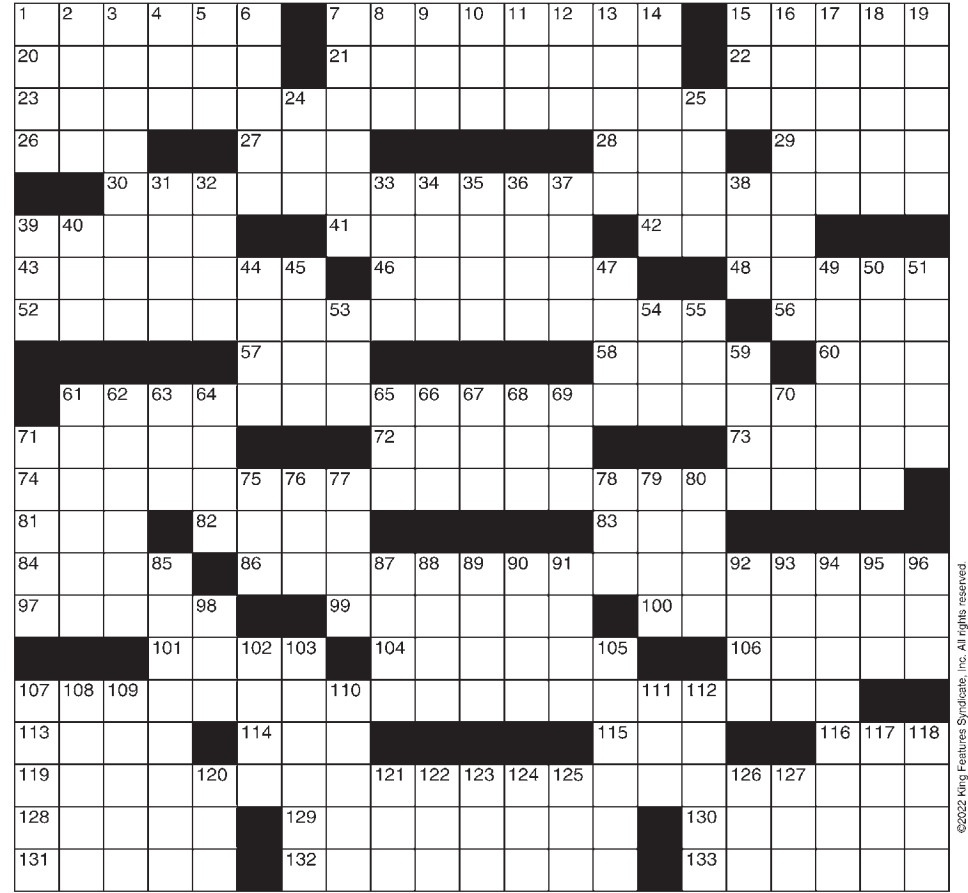
Conversely, ducking the queen can gain if East was dealt the singleton or doubleton ace. When East has the singleton ace, he is forced to play it on his partner's queen, establishing dummy's king. And when East has the A-x, the danger of a third-round overruff in diamonds is substantially reduced.

So, although it does not seem to matter very much whether declarer covers the opening lead or not, which would certainly be true in most deals, the right play is to duck — just in case.

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by Steve Becker

- ACROSS**
- 1 Big name in small planes
 - 7 Passage leading to an aural drum
 - 15 Sign into law
 - 20 Despicable
 - 21 Cessation
 - 22 Six-Day War leader Dayan
 - 23 Starting something over, figuratively
 - 26 Bottom line
 - 27 "You — My Sunshine"
 - 28 U.S. intel org.
 - 29 See 106-Across
 - 30 Question the Devil asks in a Kipling poem
 - 39 Patrick of "A Clockwork Orange"
 - 41 Leave high and dry
 - 42 — pot (sinus-cleaning device)
 - 43 Wolfs down
 - 46 — wheel (fair ride)
 - 48 Final resting places
 - 52 Cause heads to turn
 - 56 Yule tune
 - 57 Wheel center
 - 58 Turn rancid
 - 60 Norma — (film heroine)
 - 61 Nickname for Connecticut
 - 71 River to the Rhone
 - 72 Senseless
 - 73 Drop by
 - 74 Recent times
 - 81 Wheaton of "Stand by Me"
 - 82 Singer
 - 83 G.P. or vet
 - 84 War god
 - 86 Giving a rigorous tryout
 - 97 Play a ukulele, e.g.
 - 99 Boastful talk
 - 100 Cigar-holding container
 - 101 Huge, informally
 - 104 Chucked
 - 106 With
 - 29-Across, neo-soul singer with four Grammys
 - 107 What's accurate about a situation
 - 113 City NNE of Lake Tahoe
 - 114 — Z
 - 115 Courtroom promise
 - 116 On top of, to poets
 - 119 It closed all 130+ of its U.S. campuses in 2016
 - 128 Wall work
 - 129 1973-99 Lima-based carrier
 - 130 "The Wizard of Menlo Park"
 - 131 Conjuring aid
 - 132 Encroach on another's land
 - 133 Novelist du Maurier
 - 12 "Stillmatic" rapper
 - 13 Narc, e.g.
 - 14 Gives access
 - 15 Outback bird
 - 16 Symbol for written music
 - 17 "Ad — per aspera" (Kansas' motto)
 - 18 Mass singers
 - 19 Principle
 - 24 Mutt's sound
 - 25 Despicable
 - 31 Bit of crying
 - 32 Ward of TV
 - 33 Wilson's predecessor
 - 34 Weight allowance, once
 - 35 Yesteryear
 - 36 Brought into the world
 - 37 Troop group
 - 38 "The Addams Family" cousin
 - 39 Actress
 - 40 Home pest
 - 44 Cavern effect
 - 45 Daze
 - 47 Spanish ayes
 - 49 Swamp
 - 50 "Get lost!"
 - 51 Precip-ice?
 - 53 "Six-pack"
 - 54 Texter's hugs
 - 55 Cloister sister
 - 59 "Please reply," in brief
 - 61 Jeans go-with, often
 - 62 Dog following its owner closely
 - 63 Suffix with south
 - 64 Co. VIPs
 - 65 Uncle, in Argentina
 - 66 Pol. middle-of-the-roader
 - 67 — chi
 - 68 Little — (kids)
 - 69 Vietnamese New Year
 - 70 Actress Carrere
 - 71 "— a Very Good Year"
 - 75 Spy's device
 - 76 Capote, to his friends
 - 77 Courtroom promise
 - 78 Big whoop
 - 79 Chris of "Sex and the City"
 - 80 "Ac-Cent — Ate the Positive"
 - 85 Bottom line
 - 87 Dog with Dorothy
 - 88 "What business is — yours?"
 - 89 Magazine mogul Conde
 - 90 Lillian of film
 - 91 Grove growth
 - 92 Give forth
 - 93 Pitchfork part
 - 94 Cincinnati Reds player in the Baseball Hall of Fame
 - 95 "... or — gather"
 - 96 Song syllable
 - 98 Sea, to Yves
 - 102 Avocado dip, informally
 - 103 To boot
 - 105 Barely passing grade
 - 107 Prunes
 - 108 In a snit
 - 109 — nous
 - 110 Sharpener of skills
 - 111 Many mag pages
 - 112 Schleppe
 - 117 School on the Thames
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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

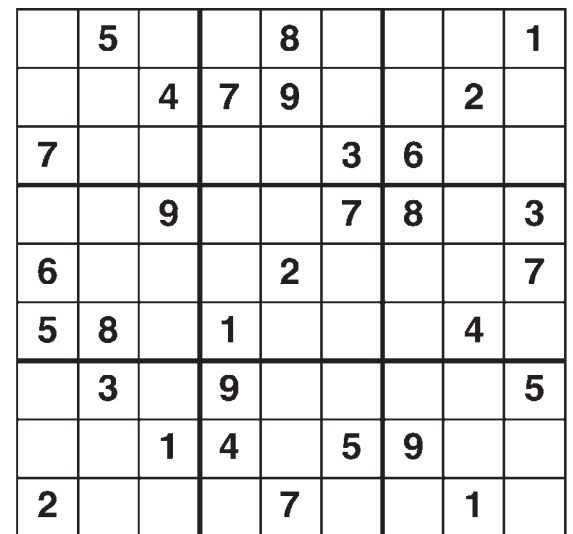
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2. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: How many stars were in the first American flag?
3. HISTORY: About how many slaves in the United States were free by the end of the Civil War?
4. TELEVISION: What was the name of the planet that Mork called home on "Mork & Mindy"?
5. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president was born on July 4?
6. U.S. STATES: How many major islands make up the state of Hawaii?
7. MOVIES: Which is the first non-English movie to win Best Picture at the Oscars?
8. GEOGRAPHY: Which is the largest continent in size?
9. LITERATURE: Which 19th-century novel's subtitle is "The Modern Prometheus"?
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Answers

1. Vixen
2. 13, one for each colony
3. 4 million
4. Ork
5. Calvin Coolidge
6. Eight major islands and many small islets
7. "Parasite," 2020
8. Asia
9. "Frankenstein"
10. Dried, edible seaweed

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



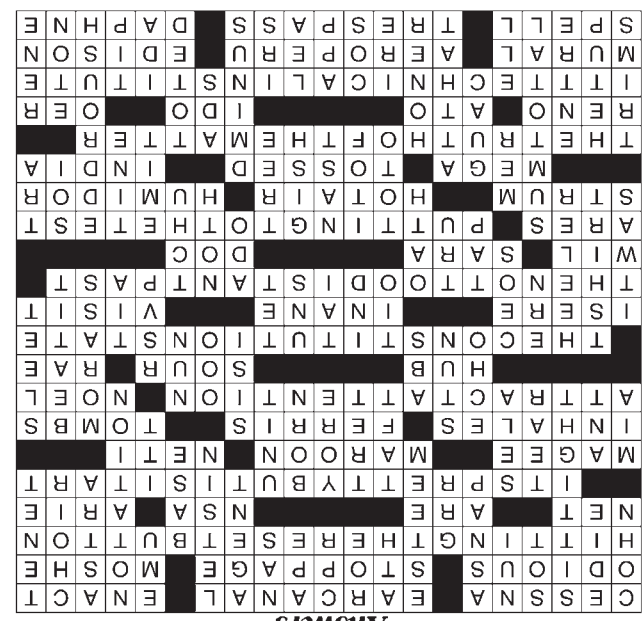
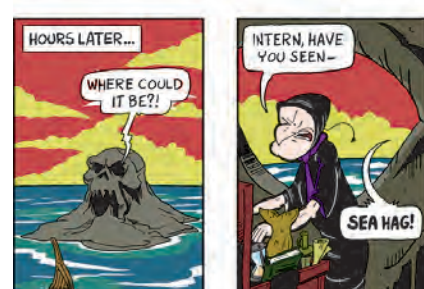
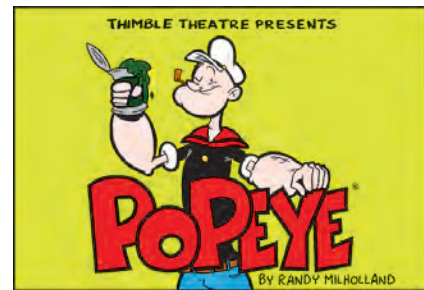
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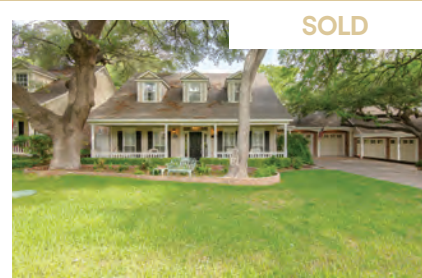
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Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is now accepting applications for 10,000 permits in 62 hunt categories on both public and private land. (PHOTO COURTESY TEXAS PARKS & WILDLIFE)

TPWD accepting Drawn Hunt Permit Applications

AUSTIN – New opportunities and scenery are available to hunters this fall through the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department’s (TPWD) drawn hunt permits program, now accepting applications for a shot at almost 10,000 permits in 62 hunt categories.

The permits allow drawn hunts on both public and private lands throughout Texas. Among the offerings available through the online system are hunts for white-tailed and mule deer, pronghorn, turkey, alligator, dove and guided packages for exotic species and bighorn sheep.

“This season, we will conduct drawings in 62 hunt categories,” said Kelly Edmiston, TPWD Public Hunting Program Coordinator. “These drawings include selections for U.S. Forest Service Antlerless Deer Permits, both adult and youth hunts, 18 e-Postcard Selections for hunters using the \$48 Annual Public Hunting Permit (APH), and hunts conducted on 10 National Wildlife Refuges (NWR) in Texas.”

Applicants for e-Postcard hunts and U.S. Forest Service (USFS) Antlerless Deer Permits must have a current APH permit to apply.

New areas included in this year’s drawn hunt catalog include the Muleshoe NWR and Powderhorn State Park. Devil’s Sinkhole SNA, Lost Maples SP, Village Creek SP, and Stephen F. Austin SP have re-entered the program this season. TPWD also created two new NWR hunt categories, for Antlerless Deer and Alligator.

An interactive map shows all drawn hunt opportunities by category or by area, and all applications, fee payments and permit issuance are handled electronically. To participate, applicants will need internet access, an email address and a credit or debit card. The customer ID number from

the applicant’s hunting or fishing license is the most effective way to access the system.

Application fees are \$3 or \$10 depending on the hunt category. Adult hunters that are selected may also need to pay a Special Permit fee of \$80 for regular hunts and \$130 for extended hunts. Some categories, such as the Youth-Only hunts, require no application fees or permit fees. Permits are open to resident and non-resident hunters alike.

The first application deadlines are in August. Aug. 1 is the deadline for the alligator hunt categories, pronghorn, and private lands dove hunts, and Aug. 15 is the deadline for

archery deer, general exotic and javelina. Application deadlines are the 1st and 15th of the month from Aug. 1 to Nov. 1. A full list of category deadlines can be found online. Hunters can apply up to 11:59 p.m. Central Time on the application deadline, and after the application is submitted, they can check their drawing status online at any time.

For more information or to get started in the application process visit the TPWD drawn hunts webpage. For questions, contact hunt@tpwd.texas.gov or call (512) 389-4505 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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Citizen Contact	4
DISTURBANCE	2
FIRE	2
FOUND PROPERTY	1
HARASSMENT	1
OPEN DOOR	2
Other	2
SELECT	2
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SUICIDAL SUBJECT	1
TRAFFIC CONTROL	1
TRAFFIC HAZARD	4

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Salado Fire Department Report June 26- July 2

Date	Location	Call
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06/27/2022	I-35	Motor Vehicle Accident
06/27/2022	ROYAL ST	Public Service Assistance
06/27/2022	HOMEPLACE LN	Dispatched & Cancelled en route
06/27/2022	AMANDA CIR	Sick Person
06/27/2022	I-35	Motor Vehicle Accident with Injuries
06/28/2022	CREEK RUN CIR	Sick Person
06/28/2022	ROCK CREEK DR	Arcing, Shorted Electrical Equipment
06/28/2022	HOMESTEAD RD	Unconscious / Fainting
06/29/2022	OAK PARK LN	Lift Assist
06/29/2022	STAGECOACH RD	Heat Exposure
06/29/2022	N AVE	Dispatched & Cancelled en route
06/30/2022	WILLIAMS RD	Grass Fire
06/30/2022	ELM GROVE SPUR	Grass Fire
06/30/2022	BLAYLOCK DR	Heat Detector Activation
06/30/2022	ROYAL ST	Psychiatric / Abnormal Behavior
06/30/2022	I-35	Motor Vehicle Accident
06/30/2022	I-35	No Incident Found
06/30/2022	CHISHOLM TRL	Falls
07/01/2022	OAK PARK LN	Lift Assist
07/01/2022	STINNETT MILL RD	Dispatched & Cancelled en route
07/01/2022	DECKER RD	Sick Person
07/02/2022	SOLANA RANCH RD	Motor Vehicle Accident with Injuries
07/02/2022	STAGECOACH RD	Sick Person
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