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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 35 years in Salado in Spring 2023.

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](http://saladovillagevoice.com) for breaking news, the latest Calendar of Events and information on many of the events in Salado.

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**Cover photo of First Baptist Church Live Nativity  
by Royce Wiggin**

# Calendar of Events

## October 1

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 1-2

Sirena Creekside Carnival. Visit [sirenafest.org](http://sirenafest.org) for more information.

## October 7

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

## October 7

Wade Bowen at Johnny's Outback. Gates open at 6 p.m. Advanced general admission, \$20. At the gate, \$25. Reserved Lawn Chair seating, \$30, bring your own chairs. Tickets at <https://johnnyssteaksandbbq.com/tickets-info/>.

## October 7-8

The Salado Ladies Community League second Jingle Walk, as part of the "Christmas in October," 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days. Each \$25 Passport entitles you to collect a special gift from each of the participating businesses you visit while shopping the day(s). Visit [centraltexastickets.com](http://centraltexastickets.com) and click on the Salado Christmas in October Jingle Walk event.

## October 8

Tour of Gault site. 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.

## October 8

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. Chris Beall Band at 7 p.m.

## October 8

Salado Youth Fair Booster Club Reverse Raffle, Tenroc Ranch. Doors open at 5 p.m., steak dinner at 6 p.m., first ticket pulled is 7 p.m. Tickets are \$150 and includes dinner for two. Live and silent auction items. First prize is winner's choice of Kubota four-seater ATV, Kubota tractor with front end loader or Kubota diesel lawn mower. Country chic attire. For tickets, call Nicole Dockray at 254-731-1264.

## October 8-9

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

## October 13

Around the World Dinner Series at Alexander's Distillery, 6:30 p.m. Reservations online through [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com) for \$84.95 for five course themed dinner. Destination Bavaria.

## October 14-15, 21-22, 28-29

Fall Blow-Your-Own Pumpkin, sessions every 30 minutes, Salado Glassworks. Reserve your time online at [saladoglassworks.com](http://saladoglassworks.com).

## October 15

Barrow Brewing Co. Volksride, benefiting Salado Volunteer Fire Department. Rides of 16 miles, 50KM and 100KM. \$60 registration at <https://www.bikereg.com/barrow-volk-ride>. 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. Rebecca Jane at 10 a.m. Austin Polka Band at 1 p.m. Glen Miller Band at 6 p.m.

## October 15

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

## October 16

St. Stephen Fall Festival, Tenroc. Chisholm Trail room, 11 a.m.

## October 18

Salado Chamber of Commerce 18th Annual Golf Tournament, Mill Creek Country Club with after-party at Johnny's Steaks & Barbecue.

## October 21

Muscadine Bloodline at Johnny's Outback. Gates open at 6 p.m. Advanced general admission, \$20. At the gate, \$25. Tickets at <https://johnnyssteaksandbbq.com/tickets-info/>

## October 22

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. Lori Beth at 12 p.m. Mike Middleton at 3 p.m. Wes Perryman at 7 p.m.

## October 28

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.

## October 28-29

Tablerock's Fright Trail. This is a one-half mile walking trail that gives thrills and chills! Portions of Classic Tales are presented along the trail. Saturday and Sunday evening before Halloween! Authors' bios and skits from classic tales from 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM. Tickets are \$5 adults and students, and \$3 for children 12 and under.

## October 29

Barktoberfest at Barrow Brewing Co, benefiting the Bell County Animal Shelter. Bring on the weenie dogs and the shepherds. Live music: Austin Polka Band 1 p.m. Jayne of the Huntsmen 3:30 p.m. Automatic Weekend 6 p.m.

## November 4-5, 11-12

Fall Blow-Your-Own Pumpkin, sessions every 30 minutes, Salado Glassworks. Reserve your time online at [saladoglassworks.com](http://saladoglassworks.com).

## November 5

MACT Fall Music Festival All Day at Barrow Brewing Co.

## November 5-6

The Austin Tinplate Trackers model railroad enthusiasts will have a display at the Salado Church of Christ Activities Center., 10 a.m.-5 p.m. November 5 and noon-4 p.m. November 6.

## November 10

Around the World Dinner Series at Alexander's Distillery, 6:30 p.m. Reservations online through [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com) for \$84.95 for five course themed dinner. Destination Peru.

## November 11-13

Annual Highland Games and Gathering of Scottish Clans, sponsored by the Salado Museum, at Thomas Arnold Elementary School.

## November 12

Empty Bowl project, benefiting the Salado Family Relief Fund, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at Salado Middle School. \$25 for soup lunch and take-home pottery bowl. \$10 for soup only.

## November 12-13

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

## November 18-19

Blow-Your-Own Christmas Ornament, sessions every 30 minutes, Salado Glassworks. Reserve your time on-line at [saladoglassworks.com](http://saladoglassworks.com).

## December 1

Christmas Stroll parade starts at 6 p.m. going up Main Street from Royal to the Salado Civic Center. Lighted sidewalks are available for the entire parade route. Bring chairs and smiles. All seats are good seats.

## December 2-3, 9-10

A Christmas Carol adapted for the stage by Harry Sweet at Tablerock Amphitheatre off of Royal St. Dickens' Yuletide play will guide you into the right spirit for our Lord's birthday. Show at 7 p.m. Adults \$15, Students \$10, Child (12 & under) \$5. Tickets sold at the gate on the night of the performance. Information for group tickets (20 or more) call (254)308-2200 Concessions open!

## December 2-3, 9-10, 16-17

Blow-Your-Own Christmas Ornament, sessions every 30 minutes, Salado Glassworks. Reserve your time [saladoglassworks.com](http://saladoglassworks.com).

## December 2-4, 9-11

Salado is magical at Christmas time. The 62nd annual Christmas Stroll features Late Night Shopping, Horse Drawn Carriage Rides, Pictures With Santa, Live Entertainment and Local Business Events Throughout Main Street.

## December 3

Salado Historical Society Christmas Tour of Homes. Tickets online at [centraltexastickets.com](http://centraltexastickets.com). Buy tickets in person at Salado Library, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Nov. 26 or 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Dec. 3.

## December 10

Annual Posada from south Main St. to St. Joseph Episcopal Church.

## December 10-11

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

## December 13

Annual Christmas Concert, 7 p.m. at Salado First Baptist Church, performed by Salado Community Chorus.

## December 16-17

Live Nativity at 3C Cowboy Fellowship. See the Christmas story through the eyes of a lonely cowboy, 6-9 p.m. each night.

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# Sirena's Creekside Carnaval

Legacy Salado Inc. announces that Sirena's Creekside Carnaval, formerly Sirena Festival, will be bigger and better than ever. The festival kicks off with a Promenade around Pace Park Drive at 9:30 am. Oct. 1.

There will be floats and entertainers making their way along the route, where the crowd will witness the crowning of the first Creekside Princess of Carnaval.

After the crowning, attendees will be able to participate in different activities throughout both days of the festival. Acton Academy Salado will host a Children's Business fair, bringing 50 child-entrepreneurs to the Pace Park Pavilion.

The "Whatever Floats Your Boat" recycled materials boat race will start down Salado Creek at 1 p.m. Oct. 1.

Throughout the day Saturday, there will be live music, stiltwalkers, live mermaids, bubble contortionists, belly dancing, and a Wild Animal Zoo Show at 3 p.m. in the pavilion. Artists will offer lessons in making products such as pottery and keychains.

Be sure to return Sunday Oct. 2, when there will be new experiences to behold. Free

tickets for the first 20 children will grant VIP access to get free face painting and free Color Street nail makeovers. Tickets will be given away Sunday morning starting at 9:30 a.m. sharp at the Information Booth. Author Sheri Wall will entertain children with her storytime reading of her book about the legend of Sirena, and the Texas Master Naturalists will hold a live demonstration in the pavilion. There will be live music all day, and artist Ro Shaw will hold a "glaze your own ornament" event.

During the event, visitors will be able to visit over 60 vendor booths, choose foods from seven different food trucks, and enjoy experiences such as soccer training, walk-through educational demonstrations by Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, multiple bounce houses, a petting zoo, and so much more!

This year, founders Theresa Howard and Amber Dankert have raised over \$20,000 with the help of generous sponsors throughout the community and beyond

"We hope that attendees find it in their



*Mermaids Galore during Sirena's Creekside Carnaval. (Photo by Theresa Howard)*

hearts to donate during the event itself," Dankert said. "All proceeds will be donated to the all-abilities playground project at Pace Park."

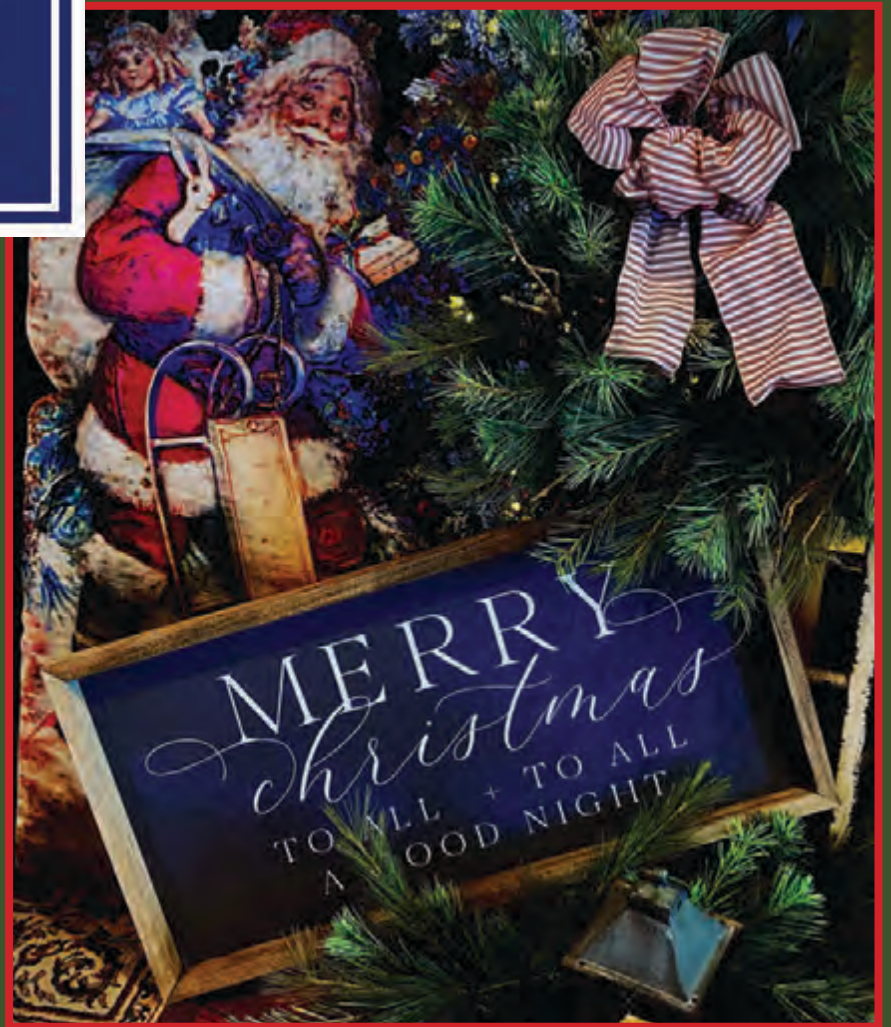
For a full lineup of events, visit [www.sirenafest.org](http://www.sirenafest.org).

A graphic for Salado General Store. The text "SALADO" is in a large, black, serif font at the top. Below it, "GENERAL" is in a much larger, bold, black, serif font. Underneath "GENERAL", "EST. STORE 2022" is written in a smaller, black, serif font. At the bottom, there is a black horizontal bar with the text "GIFTS • CANDY • BOUTIQUE • ICE CREAM" in white, uppercase, serif font. Below the bar, the address "1 ROYAL STREET | SALADO TX" and the hours "MON-SAT 10AM-8PM | SUN 12PM-6PM" are written in a black, serif font. The background of the graphic is a light-colored, textured surface that looks like wood or stone.



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Floor practice at Salado Masonic Lodge #296, 95 S. Church St., 6:30 p.m. except on Stated Meeting nights.

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

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.

Trivia with Rockin Rick, at Chupacabra, 7-9 p.m.

## **Wednesdays**

Guest food truck day at Barrow Brewing Co., 4-9 p.m.

Game Night at Barrow Brewing Co., 4-9 p.m. Trivia with Chad on second Wed.

Wine Down Wednesday at Alexander's Craft Cocktails & Kitchen, 5-7 p.m., Half price on select bottles of wine, featured wine by the glass and feature cocktail specials change weekly.

Karaoke, 7-10 p.m. at Chupacabra.

## **Thursdays**

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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*The Live Nativity at the First Baptist Church of Salado on Main Street is part of the annual Salado Christmas Stroll. (Photo by Royce Wiggin)*

## Christmas Stroll

Experience the magic of Christmas in the idyllic Village of Salado during its 62nd Annual Salado Christmas Stroll historically held the first two weekends of December and presented by the Salado Chamber of Commerce.

December 2-4 and December 9-11: dozens of beautifully decorated boutiques open their doors for you to enjoy Late Night Shopping Fridays and Saturdays until 9 p.m. (or later) and Sundays until 5 p.m. Salado's Boutiques will be well stocked with a variety of unique merchandise, so you are sure to find something for everyone on your Christmas list. Make your way from shop to shop with ease as you sip hot cocoa strolling down Main Street's beautifully lighted sidewalks. Horse Drawn Carriage Rides will guide you down Main Street most weekends as you take in all the lights, sounds and warmth of the season.

Have you been naughty or nice? Visit Santa both weekends at The Stagecoach Inn. Times can be found on [salado.com](http://salado.com) or the Stroll Facebook Page.

On December 2-3 and December 9-10: The "Greatest Story Ever Told" comes to life Friday and Saturday evenings during the 62nd Annual Salado Christmas Stroll. From 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm First Baptist Church of Salado presents their Live Nativity at 210 South Main Street.

A long-standing tradition during the Salado Christmas Stroll is Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol." Tablerock Amphitheatre of Salado will present their 30th Annual Performance of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol". The show begins at 7:00 pm on December 2-3 and December 9-10. Tickets for the show will be available for purchase online at [CentralTexas-Tickets.com](http://CentralTexas-Tickets.com).

Saturdays, December 3 and December 10, head on over to Barrow Brewing Company and browse local handmade crafts at their Christmas Market, as you enjoy live music, tasty beverages, and food trucks. The Christmas Market will be held Noon to 6:00 pm.

There will be FREE parking throughout the Village of Salado, including the Salado Civic Center, Brookshire Brothers, First Baptist Church of Salado, Church of Christ and more.

Information about the 62nd Annual Salado Christmas Stroll and the events listed here, and others can be found online at <https://business.salado.com/calendar> or the Stroll Facebook Page. Pick up the Salado Village Voice for the most up-to-date calendar of events for Stroll.

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# Christmas Carol stays true to Dickens

By Jackie Mills

After winging it through two years of A Christmas Carol, I called Harry Sweet and asked him to direct a true version of Dickens' A Christmas Carol.

"What script do you use?" Harry questioned. After I hemmed and stammered around a bit, Harry said, "In other words, Jackie, you want me to write a script based on Dickens' story of A Christmas Carol and then direct the play?"

"Exactly." I explained. And he did.

Both Dickens and Harry Sweet have passed on to their greater rewards, but the story and the play lingers and grows more important to everyone each Christmas than any other story except for the Bible's history of the birth of Jesus Christ.

Harry kept the play exactly like Dickens wrote the story; with only one minor addition. Dickens did not name Nephew Fred's wife in his story. Harry's age, his love of the theater and the fun loving twinkle in his eye made him name Fred's wife "Ginger" for the play. Harry must have watched a lot of Fred Astair and Ginger Rogers movies in his misspent youth. I feel sure Dickens forgave Harry! And the minor change took nothing away from the story that has always renewed our faith in our fellow man, gave us Hope for the future and taught us the true spirit of Charity.

We always leave the amphitheater appreciating our family and loved ones and firmly set on a more righteous path. No wonder it is a favorite Christmas play!

In 2022, for the 30th year,

Charles' story and Harry's adaption for the stage will once again grace Tablerock's Goodnight Amphitheater on Friday and Saturday nights of December 2-3 and December 9-10 with the Yuletide rendition of A Christmas Carol.

A Christmas Carol will have a cast and crew of more than 60 zealous actors and polished crew members to entertain the masses.

Ticket sales at the gate will be sold starting at 6 p.m. with the performance beginning at 7 p.m. Adults \$15.00, Students \$10.00, Child (12 & under) \$5.00.

For information about group tickets (20 or more) call (254)308-2200.

Popcorn, nachos, hot dogs, hot chocolate and funnel cakes will be ready for the concession stand to open at 6 p.m.

In Harry's will he bequeathed



*Marley's ghost as portrayed by Howard Horton.*

his A Christmas Carol script to Tablerock with instructions to "Keep the play true to Dickens." And Tablerock does just that.



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# Jingle Walk Oct. 7-8 features 26 shops

Tickets for the Jingle Walk Passports went on sale September 1, sponsored by the Salado Ladies Community League.

The annual event will take place Friday, October 7 and Saturday, October 8, both days as part of the "Christmas in October" celebration. The hours will be 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days.

While shopping along Salado's Magic Mile participants will get a special gift from each of the 26 participating businesses you visit while shopping the day(s). In addition, participants are eligible for a raffle drawings when they visit all the shops and turn in their passport to the Civic Center. There will be three raffle drawings which include an Inn on the Creek Weekend Stay; a \$100 Gift Card to Alexander's Craft Cocktails and Kitchen; and a gift basket with items donated by the Salado retailers.

There will only be 250 Passports available for this event and may be purchased online at the Central Texas Tickets Website, [centraltexastickets.com](http://centraltexastickets.com) and click on the Salado Christmas in October Jingle Walk event.

As a 501(c)3, all proceeds are returned to the community through grants and scholarships.



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# Oktoberfest Weekends at Barrow Brewing Co.

Barrow Brewing Co. will celebrate four weekends of Oktoberfest on October 1, 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 market and Live Music.

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

Weather permitting the three routes taking off at 8:30 a.m. The final route sweep is 3:30 p.m. The 50 KM and 100 KM 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](mailto:barrowvolksride@yahoo.com) or call 512-810-0611.

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

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 market 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.



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



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

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# Shopping Map of historic Salado

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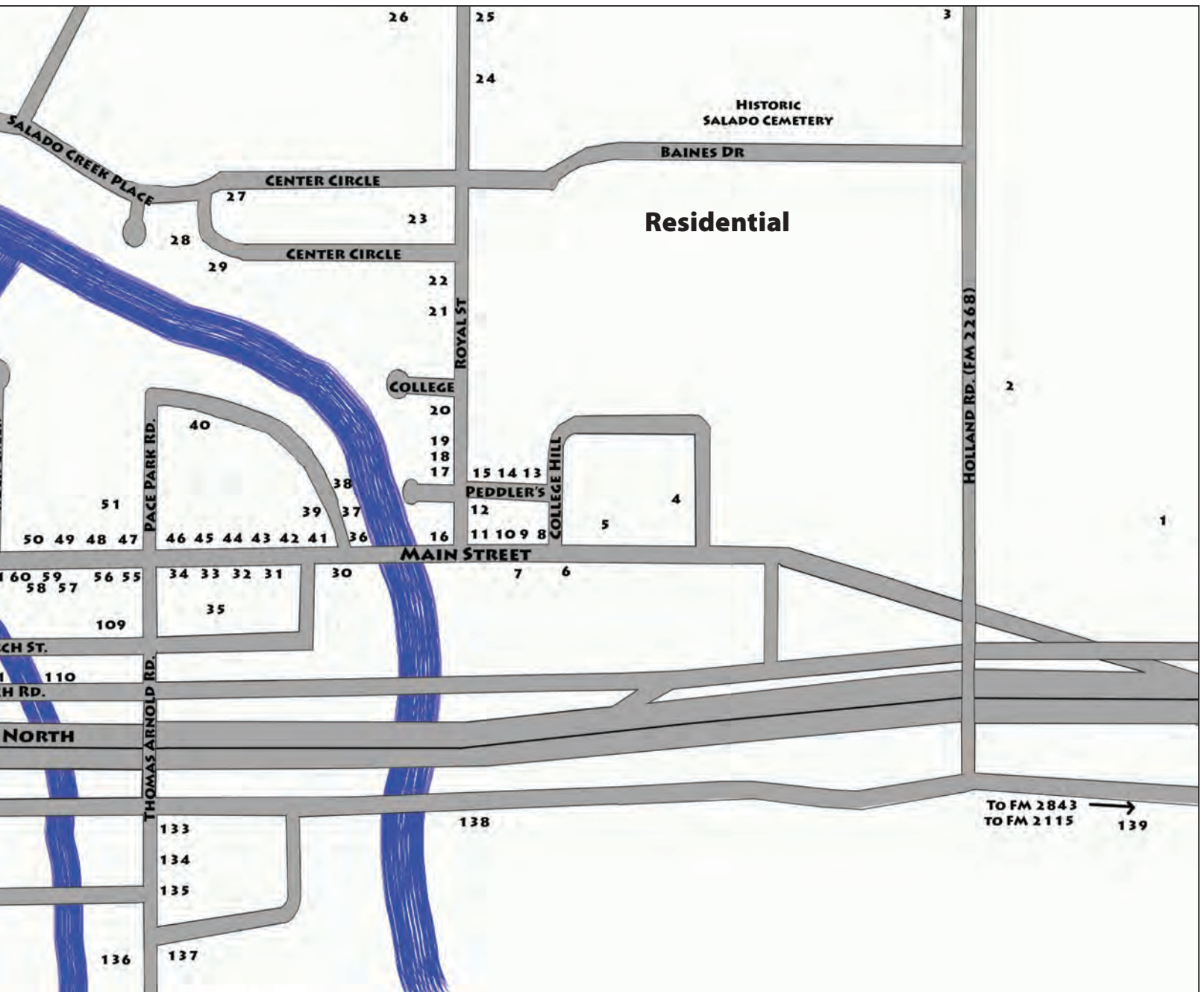
- S** Shopping
- A** Art and Galleries
- L** Lodging
- D** Dining and Drinks
- V** Venues & Sights
- \$** Services
- C** Churches and Education

#	Business Name	
2	St. Stephen Catholic Church	C
3	Yellow House B & B	L
5	Salado College Park	V
3	Shady Villa	L
7	Stagecoach Restaurant	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	Salado General Store	S/D
	Sirril Art Gallery	A
17	Barrow Brewery Company	D
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
40	W.A. Pace Memorial Park	V
42	Susan Marie's	S
43	The Strawberry Patch	S
44	Prellop Fine Art Gallery	A
46	The Nature Company of Salado	S
49	21 Main	S
49	Christy's of Salado	S
49	Lively Coffeehouse and Bistro	D

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	D
60	Salado Creek Jewelers	S
62	The Pizza Place	D
64	Griffith Fine Art Gallery	A
67	The Buddy Schwab Group	\$
69	McCain's Bakery & Cafe	D
70	Wells Gallery	A
75	Angelic Herbs	S
76	Salado Civic Center	\$
81	Salado Wine Seller & Salado Winery Co.	D
82	St. Joseph's Episcopal Church	C
84	Old Town Salado Shopping Center	
	Pen Station	S
	Salado Olive Oil Company	S
	Serendipity Salado	S
	Sophistikatz Beads & Gifts	S
	The Rose & Bee	S
85	MAKS Mercantile	S
	Wild Texas Cowgirl	S
	Salado Creek Foods	S





## Residential

- 86 Village Mill Antiques S
- 87 Bill Bartlett – Century 21 \$
- 90 Presbyterian Church of Salado C
- 92 Salado Sculpture Garden A
- 96 Salado Village Voice \$
- 97 Brookshire Brothers S
- 100 Salado Public Library C
- 113 Salado Church of Christ C
- 114 Village of Salado Municipal Building \$
- 114 Village of Salado Police Department \$
- 116 Salado Creek Antiques S
- 119 Salado Antique Mall S
- Salado Market Days S
- 125 Robertson's Hams S
- 130 Village Spirits S
- 136 Salado Schools & Stadium C
- 139 Cedar Valley Baptist Church C

- Not Shown on the Shopping Map**
- Coldwell Banker Real Estate
  - Nancy Best \$
  - Don Ringler (Belton) \$
  - Garlyn Shelton Auto Group \$
  - Moore A/C \$
  - The View at the Creek V

## Historical Markers in Salado

- 5. Salado Historic College Hill
- 6. Shady Villa Hotel
- 7. Main Street Bridge
- 16. Barber-Berry Mercantile
- 23. George Washington Baines House
- 24. Historic Dipping Vats
- 25. Archibald J. Rose Mansion
- 26. Old Methodist Chapel
- 27. Caskey-Hendricks House
- 28. Dr. B.D. McKie Place (Twelve Oaks)
- 29. Alexander's Distillery
- 30. First Baptist Church
- 31. Orville T. Tyler House
- 35. Salado Masonic Lodge #296
- 45. The Anderson House
- 46. Old Saloon
- 48. The Norton-Orgain House
- 50. Welborn Barton House
- 51. Levi Tenny House
- 55. Armstrong Adams House

- 61. Historic Dodd's Creek Lenticular Bridge
- 72. The Vickrey House
- 76. Boles-Aiken & Denman Cabins
- 77. Robert B. Halley House
- 79. William Reed Cabin
- 100. The Josiah Fowler House
- 113. Salado Church of Christ
- 125. White-Aiken House
- 138. Elijah Sterling Clack Robertson Plantation

## Public Art in Salado

- 6. Col. Robertson Statue
- 7. Sirena
- 16. Turtle limestone carving at the Creek
- 50. The Lovers
- Chisholm Trail limestone carving
- 61. The Troll at the Bridge
- 61. Tree Fairy at the Bridge (look up!)
- 70. Sculpture by Ronnie Wells
- 76. Late Again by Troy Kelley at Civic Center
- 80. Limestone Carving
- 92. Salado Sculpture Garden
- 100. Reading by Ronnie Wells at Salado Library



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*The Saint Stephen Catholic Church Fall Festival committee is pleased to announce that the Saint Stephen Fall Festival is coming up on Sunday, October 16, 2022. Above, Agueda Perez is shown serving a popular Mexican dish. The festival is one of the major social and fundraising events of the year with hundreds of individuals and families in attendance. Fall Festival 2022 will be held at the Tenroc Ranch in the Chisolm Trail event center beginning at 10:30 a.m. The Live Auction, high point of the festival will begin at 1 p.m. The Raffle, another barn burner event, will feature several world class items with the drawing at 3 p.m. There are games and a petting zoo for the kids. Enjoy a plate of the Saint Stephen BBQ, or over at the Mexican Food Court, gorditas, menudo, enchiladas, carnitas and much, much more. Saint Stephen Catholic church is located in Salado on FM 2268 and can be viewed at: [saintstephenchurch.org](http://saintstephenchurch.org).*

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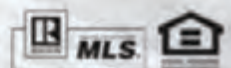
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*The parade will gather the pipe bands and Scottish clans on the grounds of Thomas Arnold Elementary school at noon November 12. Parade Route is available at [saladoscottishfestival.com](http://saladoscottishfestival.com). (Salado Village Voice photo)*

# Party with the Scots



*The annual Highland Games moves to Thomas Arnold Elementary in 2022.*

## Salado Highland Games, Gathering of Clans marks 61st anniversary

Sixty-one years ago, on November 12, 1961, people from around the country who shared Scottish ancestry came together in Salado for the First Gathering of All Scottish Clans. Tartan banners waved bearing the name of each clan and more than a thousand people attended. Every November since, the Scots have gathered in Salado to celebrate their heritage making this the oldest Scottish festival in Texas.

This year the 61st Scottish Gathering and Highland Games will be held November 11-13 at a new location...on the grounds at Thomas Arnold Elementary School on Thomas Arnold Road in Salado. Proceeds benefit Salado Museum and College Park, the 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that has hosted the event since its inception.

This is the place to experience all things Scottish -- the skirl of bagpipes, wearing of the tartan, tossing the caber, Highland dancers, Celtic music, men in kilts, Scots shops, good eats and more.

One of the event's main features is the Clan Village, the largest gathering of Scottish Clans in Texas where members of up to 40 Scottish clans and societies will share information with visitors about Scottish history and genealogy.

The weekend begins on Friday evening when a torchlight ceremony is held on the banks of Salado Creek. The solemn ceremony recreates the coming together of the ancient Scottish clans to fight with Robert the Bruce for Scotland's freedom in 1314 at Bannockburn. The Calling of the Clans is free and open to the public and starts at 6:00 pm creek side off Royal Street just north of the museum. A ticketed "Welcome Social" follows at the Museum.

"If you want a preview of things to come on Saturday, make your way to Barrow

*See Gathering of the Clans, Page 29*

# Gathering of Clans Nov. 11-13

*Continued from Page 28*

Brewing Company Friday night after the Calling,” says Liz Patranella, co-chairman of the Scottish Gathering. “Murder the Stout, a rousing Celtic music band, will be playing at the brewery Friday and Saturday nights, as well as at the Gathering on Saturday and Sunday.”

On Saturday, the grounds at Thomas Arnold Elementary open at 9 a.m. where activities include the Clan Village, bag-piping and drumming competitions, Scottish athletics competitions (including the Caber Toss and the return this year of the popular Hammer Throw), Highland Dancing competitions, live Celtic music, a Bonniest Knees contest, a Scottish shortbread contest, food, shopping and more.

One of the most anticipated events of the day is the Bands

and Clans Parade that forms at Main St. and North Pace Park Road at Noon and moves west along Thomas Arnold Road to the festival grounds. Official opening ceremonies follow with presentations and a massed bag-pipe bands performance. Spectators are invited to stand along the route or bring lawn chairs to enjoy the parade. (Parade route available on the festival website.)

Sunday events begin at 9 a.m. with the Kirkin’ o’ the Tartan, a traditional Scottish devotional service and continues with athletics competitions, Pipe and Drum and Highland Dance performances, Pet Costume Contest and Parade, Clan tents, live music, shopping and food booths.

For ticket information and complete schedule, go to [saladoscottishfestival.com](http://saladoscottishfestival.com) or call the museum at 254-947-5232.



*The Calling of the Clans is a solemn ceremony that recreates the coming together of the ancient Scottish clans to fight with Robert the Bruce for Scotland’s freedom in 1314 at Bannockburn. (Courtesy photo)*

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## Community Chorus Christmas Concert

*The Salado Community Chorus's 2022 Christmas concert will be at Salado First Baptist Church at 7 p.m. December 13. The Salado Community Chorus is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization dedicated to the promotion of music enjoyment in the Village of Salado. Chorus members and instrumentalists are volunteers from Salado and several other Central Texas communities. Chorus practice is each Tuesday from 6-7:30 p.m. in the Salado Civic Center.*

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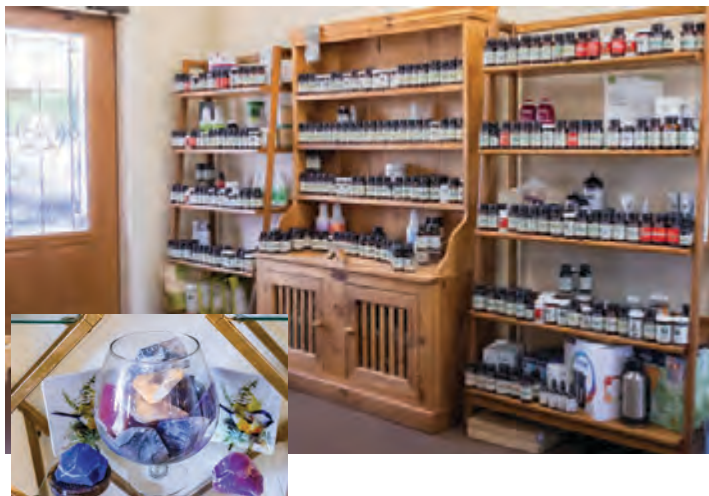


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*Posada will make its way up Main St. to St. Joseph Episcopal Church on December 10. (Photo by Royce Wigginn)*

## Posada recreates journey of Joseph and Mary

Las Posadas, the nine day Christmas tradition observed in Spain, Mexico and the Southwest United States, will be celebrated as La Posada, a one day event, in Salado during the community's Christmas Stroll. La Posada will be from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Saturday, December 10. The public is invited to take part.

The Spanish term means inn, place of lodging or accommodations. In some ways the spirit of Las Posadas is similar to the English custom of caroling.

It dates back 400 years in Mexico and recreates the journey of Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem.

Each year the same drama is played out. Though thoroughly rehearsed, what will happen will seem fresh and exciting to the young people taking part. Dressed in period clothing, they will begin at the gate to the old ruins on College Hill and then lead a candle light procession down Main Street a distance of two miles. Along the way they will stop to ask for lodging and a place to rest.

Of course there is no room at any inn until they reach St. Joseph's Episcopal Church. There, too, The Reverend Lynn Osgood will apologize at first for the lack of lodging.

Then The Reverend Lynn Osgood will have a thought. She will lead the couple to a stable behind the church. There she will offer to settle them in for the night in mounds of hay.

Participants are members of St. Joseph's Youth Group and Spanish language students from Belton High School. They spend weeks practicing the para pedir posada (searching for lodging) in a call and response chorus. Barbara Yanez-Smith, a Spanish language teacher, gave a loose translation of the words. The first chorus asks for a place to rest: "Let me in, my wife is Maria, she is the Queen of Heaven."

The second chorus responds, "Well, if she is the Queen of Heaven why is she out in the middle of the night wandering about?"

At the final destination there is unison of choruses.

"Entren santos peregrinos – come on in, we had not recognized you – we now see you're Jose and this is your wife Maria."

Each year nearly 200 participants take part. Afterwards they gather in the church courtyard for tamales, empanadas, hot chocolate with cinnamon and fruit punch. Small children get to bat a piñata for the candy inside.

St. Joseph's Episcopal Church is located at 945 Main St. This brief history of the Posada originally appeared in the *Salado Village Voice* newspaper in 2012, written by Harper Scott Clark.

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The Austin Tinplate Trackers model railroad enthusiasts will have a display at the Salado Church of Christ Activities Center November 5-6.

The display is free to the public and children will have the chance to operate the model trains (with assistance from the Tinplate Trackers, of course). The display will be open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. November 5 and noon-4 p.m. November 6.

The Tinplate Trackers of Austin, Texas is a 3-rail O-Gauge Model Train Club located in the Austin area. The club participates in a number of model railroading activities and events in Central Texas.

Membership is open to anyone having interest in Trains. Our website is constantly being updated so please check back frequently.

The Tinplate Trackers are people who enjoy the operation of O-gauge tinplate trains on modules that are basically standardized, yet open to unlimited improvisation. The largest layout created by members was 40 feet by 60 feet.

Tinplate refers to toy trains and track — such as American Flyer, Marx and Lionel -- built before World War II, when they were actually made of metal. However, toy trains built today are mostly plastic but the tinplate rails still remain. Tinplate trains are larger than most scale model trains and are lots of fun.

A module is a unit, a short section of railroad, built to standard specifications so that it can be joined with other such units to form an oval layout. It is distinguished from a sectional layout, used by



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Tee time on Nov. 5 will be noon with dinner served after the round. Tee time on Nov. 6 will be at 9 a.m. with lunch to follow.

The golf tournament is being presented in association with the Texas Hickory Golf Association. Hickory Golf enthusiasts collect hickory golf clubs and play in social tournaments in traditional golf clothing (knickers and caps included). They celebrate the history of the game together by working to keep its traditions alive.

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*Texas Hickory Golf enthusiasts are coming to Salado Nov. 5-6. (Adobe stock photo)*

in this tournament," said Dave Swarthout, executive director of Salado Museum and College Park.

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# Sam Bass and Salado

By Carol Wilson  
Local Historian

Almost certainly outlaw Sam Bass passed through Salado on his journey from Denton to Round Rock in July 1878. Is there any credible evidence that he did more than ride through? Did he spend a night at the Salado hotel or in the cave beneath? Speculation to that effect continues to surface from time to time. Perhaps it is time to address it.

Because the information is specific to Salado, the best sources on the subject are old newspapers and the writing of early local historians/writers. There is no shortage of information about Sam Bass. Newspapers had a field day with the story in 1878, including lengthy articles that outlined Jim Murphy's account of the Bass gang's movements on their journey from Denton to Round Rock. There is no mention of Salado.

Perhaps a more persuasive piece of evidence on this subject is found in the writing (and exclusions therein) of Bell County's early historian, George W. Tyler. Tyler was an attorney, born in 1851 and spent his youth in Salado. He was also a history enthusiast and spent much of his life collecting information for a book he hoped to complete on Bell County's history. George Tyler was an eyewitness to this period of history. He was a young adult and a resident of Belton when Sam Bass made his way from Denton to Round Rock. Tyler certainly had an appreciation for the historic significance of the Bass shootout and included a paragraph about the incident in his book, *History of Bell County*. Tyler's reference to Bass characterized him as an outlaw "with a slight connection to Bell County."<sup>1</sup> Tyler outlined the gang's movements in Bell

County but the information is specific only to Belton, with no mention of Salado. Certainly George Tyler was motivated to record the story correctly while giving Bell County its fair share of publicity. Talk of a sighting of Bass in Salado would not have escaped him.

Felda Davis Shanklin, another writer of Salado's history and one familiar with Salado's historic hotel and cave, has several references to the property in her book, *Salado, Texas, It's History and People*. These include information about Ed Buckles, the man who owned the hotel in 1878.<sup>2</sup> Shanklin is silent on the subject of Sam Bass.

E. S. C. Robertson, the man who founded Salado, kept a journal during his life where he recorded the goings-on in Salado both large and small. It is inconceivable that he would not have mentioned a visit from the Bass gang. He too is silent on the subject.

When did rumors of a connection between Sam Bass and Salado first surface? We can only substantiate written accounts. The earliest published reference I found was 1955, in a book titled *Ghost Towns of Texas*. The author exercised some caution when mentioning Bass, saying, "Legend has it that Sam Bass, notorious outlaw and southwestern Robin Hood, used this cave as a hideout just before he went to Round Rock for a fatal rendezvous with rangers."

The following year, 1956, a book titled *Early Homes of Texas* was less cautious, writing: "Close to the Inn is the entrance to a cave containing a flowing spring, the water from which is now piped into the building. In the wilder days of Texas the cave, with its supply of good water, is reputed to have been used as a refuge by Sam Bass and others who did not want their pres-



*The photo above shows (left to right) Jim Murphy, Sam Bass and Seaborn Barnes. This widely circulated photo is from the collection titled, Abilene Photograph Collection and was provided to the Portal to Texas History by Hardin-Simmons University Library.*

ence widely known. The cave is said to have been furnished at one time with sleeping facilities for these exceptional guests."

The two books listed above provided no footnote or other specific source but both acknowledge contributions by the Van Bibbers who owned the Salado hotel property at that time. In a 1950 interview with a Waco newspaper, Dion Van Bibber admitted that he enjoyed telling tales about the Inn, adding that the information had come to him "from local residents, and records and letters from pioneer Texas families."<sup>3</sup> But on the subject of Sam Bass and stories linking the outlaw to the cave, even Dion Van Bibber later reversed his stance.

On July 27, 1968, the Dallas

Morning News contained this as part of an article about the many unsubstantiated claims about Bass treasure: "Sam Bass has such a reputation as a caveman that my friend, Dion Van Bibber of the Stagecoach Inn in Salado claims he owns the only cave in Bell County in which, according to the yarn spinners, old Sam never visited."<sup>4</sup>

Perhaps this came in response to a rash of treasure hunting that occurred in Central Texas in the 1960s that became a real nuisance. Or had Mr. Van Bibber just been "pulling our leg" all along?

Even putting aside the points in evidence laid out above, the Bass story has a hard time passing a simply test of reasonable-

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*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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# Bridges across Salado Creek

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 cable

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 water-shed 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



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# Sam Bass: did outlaw spend night in the Stagecoach cave?

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ness. Consider these points:

\* The Bass gang's spree of criminal behavior, at least in Texas, lasted only a few months and was confined to the northeastern portion of the state. There was little opportunity or need for Bass to bury treasure in Central Texas.

\* Having spent at least one night in Belton before continuing their journey southward, the Bass gang would not have been looking for a place to sleep after traveling only 11 miles. A bank or saloon might have tempted them. Salado had neither.

\* By 1878 the college at Salado had been in operation for almost two decades, sitting on a hill that overlooked the hotel and the entrance to the cave. The hotel and cave were popular spots with locals and located near several other business establishments—a most impractical hiding place.

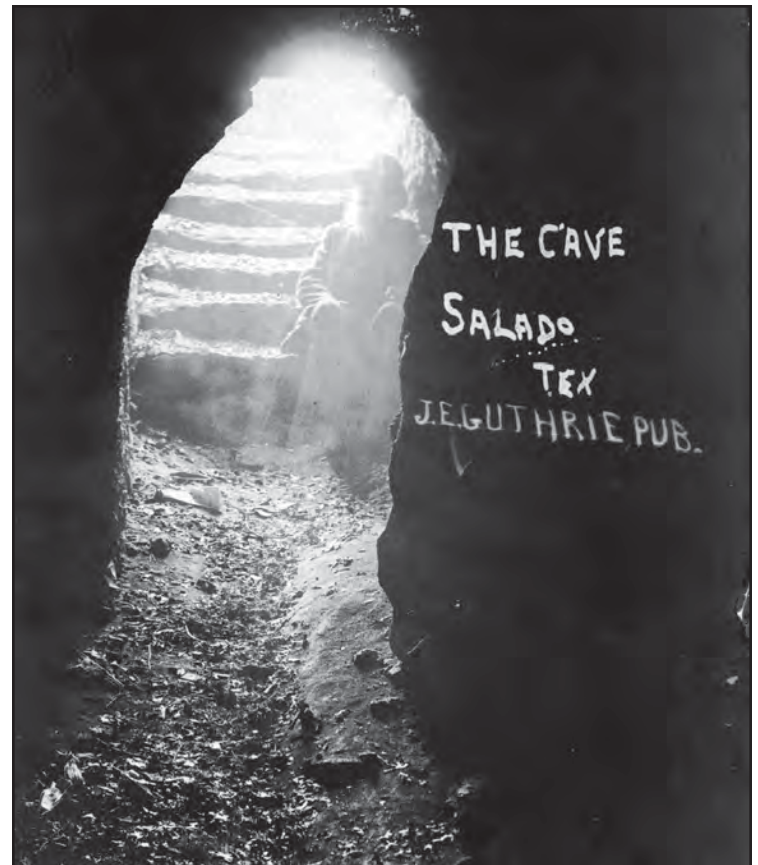
\* The entrance to the cave

is steep and slippery, there being no stairs in 1878. The Bass gang was known for camping in wooded areas where they could not be waylaid as they slept and could maintain easy access to their horses.

\* Jim Murphy told authorities that Sam had used his last gold coin at a saloon in Waco. He was desperate to rob a bank because he was out of funds. This strongly suggests that there was no hidden treasure.

Did Sam Bass spend a night in Salado? We should rarely, if ever, speak about this kind of thing in absolutes, but the evidence strongly suggests that he did not. Does it matter? Guarding the historical truth is tantamount to guarding our reputations as serious students of history and trustworthy conveyers. For that reason, it matters.

This article first appeared in the Aug. 11, 2022 *Salado Village Voice* newspaper.



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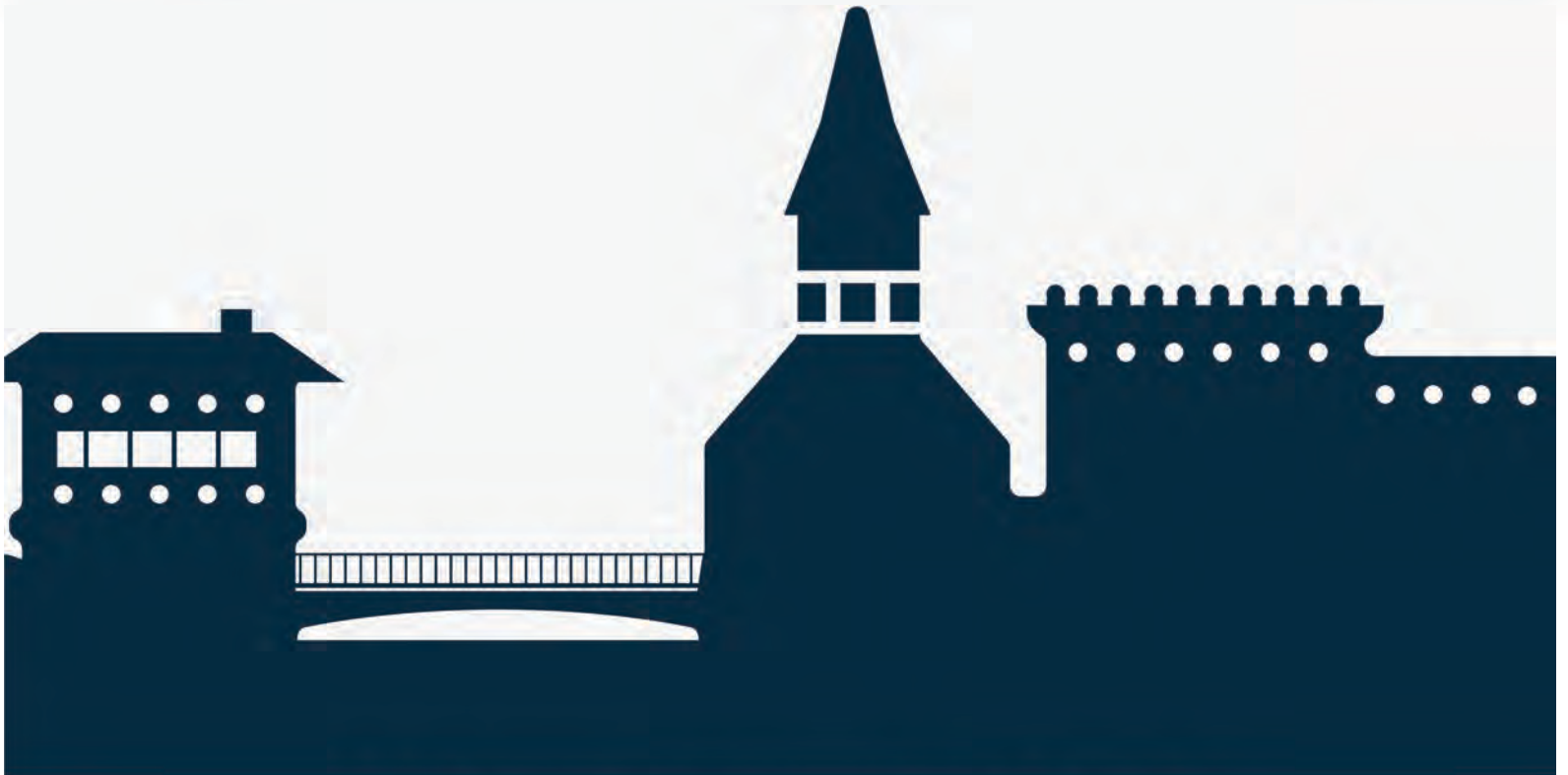


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Tickets are \$25 per person for the soup and the take home handmade pottery bowl or \$10 for the soup lunch alone.

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