

Early voting starts April 24

Local voters will elect three Salado Independent School District trustees to three-year terms and three Village of Salado aldermen to two-year terms on May 6.

Candidates for the Salado ISD Board of Trustees will appear on the ballot in this order: Savannah Hennig, Kimberly Redelsheimer, David Matthews and Eric Malmin.

Candidates for the Village of Salado Board of Aldermen are these: D. Jasen Graham, Bert Henry, Linda Reynolds, Rodney W. Bell, Lennox J. Alfred, and Samuel Morris. Cody Coufal withdrew his candidacy on April 10. His name will remain on the ballot.

Early voting in the election will begin April 24 at the Salado Civic Center, 601 North Main St.

Early voting hours are 7 a.m.-7 p.m. April 24. 8 a.m.-5 p.m. April 25-28 and May 2; 10 a.m.-2 p.m. April 29 and 7 a.m.-7 p.m. May 1.

Election day, the polls will be open 7 a.m.-7 p.m. May 6.

Under Texas law, voters who possess one of the seven acceptable forms of photo ID must present that ID at the polls when voting in person. Voters who do not possess and cannot reasonably obtain one of the seven approved forms of photo ID may fill out a Reasonable Impediment Declaration (RID) (PDF) at the polls and present an alternative form of ID, such as a utility bill, bank statement, government check, or a voter registration certificate.

Here is a list of the acceptable forms of photo ID:

- Texas Driver License issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS)
- Texas Election Identification Certificate issued by DPS
- Texas Personal Identification Card issued by DPS

- Texas Handgun License issued by DPS

- United States Military Identification Card containing the person's photograph
- United States Citizenship Certificate containing the person's photograph

- United States Passport (book or card)

With the exception of the U.S. Citizenship Certificate, which does not expire, for voters aged 18-69, the acceptable form of photo identification may be expired no more than four years before being presented for voter qualification at the polling place.

For voters aged 70 or older, the acceptable form of photo identification may be expired for any length of time if the identification is otherwise valid.

Election Identification Certificates are available from DPS driver license offices during regular business hours.

Here is a list of the supporting forms of ID that can be presented if the voter does not possess one of the forms of acceptable photo ID and cannot reasonably obtain one:

- copy or original of a government document that shows the voter's name and an address, including the voter's voter registration certificate;
- copy of or original current utility bill;
- copy of or original bank statement;
- copy of or original government check;
- copy of or original paycheck; or

- copy of or original of (a) a certified domestic (from a U.S. state or territory) birth certificate or (b) a document confirming birth admissible in a court of law which establishes the voter's identity (which may include a foreign birth document).

After presenting one of the forms of supporting ID listed above, the voter must execute a Reasonable Impediment Declaration.

Coufal withdraws BoA candidacy

Cody Coufal on April 10 withdrew as a candidate for the Village of Salado Board of Aldermen.

However, his name will still appear on the May 6 ballot as his withdrawal was after the deadline in order for his name to be stricken from the ballot.

Coufal made the following statement about his withdrawal: "I regret to inform this community and those who have supported my journey that, effective immediately, I am withdrawing my candidacy for Salado Alderman."

"When I filed to run for this position, I was aware that some issues within our Village existed and it was my hope that I could assist in improving them. I was quickly introduced to the manipulation, vengeance, and some unethical behavior both past and present. This type of behavior goes against my core values and must be addressed before I willingly



Cody Coufal

associate myself in an elected position. I do, however, aim to continue serving on a more intimate level in areas that better align with the passion I have for the future of this Village."

"I want to thank those citizens that have supported my campaign and the many new friends and neighbors I have met along the way," he stated. "I am a firm believer that the truth will prevail, and one day, Salado will come together for the greater good."



Members of New Life Methodist Church of Salado, a newly formed congregation of the Global Methodist Church, carried a replica of the "Cross of Christ" in procession through Salado on Good Friday April 7. (PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)

Briggs withdraws as Police Chief

Less than a week after being named as the Police Chief for the Village of Salado, Mathew Briggs withdrew from the position on April 6 to take a position in another municipality.

The Village announced on March 31 that Briggs would begin his new role as Police Chief with the Vil-

lage of Salado on April 10. The Village announced that Briggs would earn an annual salary of \$85,000.

The vacancy in the Chief of Police position was created by Gary McHone who left the Salado Police Department to become the Police Chief of the newly formed Salado ISD Police Depart-

ment.

The Village will interview the second and third finalists for the position to fill the position.

Currently, the Village of Salado has eight full-time sworn officer positions budgeted, including three School Resource Officers (SRO) who are partially

funded by Salado ISD.

Village Administrator Don Ferguson said that there are two vacancies in the police department. He added that the Village may consider converting the SRO positions to full-time Village police department positions.

Salado Spring Clean-up April 15

In conjunction with the "Texas Trash Out" initiative, occurring throughout Texas in the month of April, the Spring litter pick-up in Salado will be April 15.

Salado's bi-annual litter clean-up was assumed by the Salado Lions Club upon the demise of the Keep Salado Beautiful initiative. The Vil-

lage of Salado will be partnering with the Lion's Club for this effort.

"While the organizers have changed, the most important players have not... YOU!" said Marjorie Hairston, chair of the service committee of the Salado Lions Club. "We all need to pitch in and continue to

make Salado a beautiful and inviting place to live, work and visit. Everyone is invited to participate. So bring your significant other, your children, your dog and/or your neighbor."

Trash bags, gloves, and pickers can be picked up at the Salado Civic Center on April 15, starting at 9 a.m.

You can select a pick up area from a list or designate a place you want to beautify. This initiative will run until noon.

"Whatever you collect should be turned in by noon to be included in our report to Keep Texas Beautiful showing them 'we love our Village.'" Hairston added.

Spring native plant sale set April 22

The Tonkawa Chapter of the Native Plant Society of Texas Annual Spring Sale will be held 9 a.m.-3 p.m. April 22 at Barrow Brewing 108 Royal St. in Salado.

Texas native plants, trees, shrubs and grasses have been collected from numerous sources over the past year and are healthy and ready for planting. Over 100 varieties of these vital pollinator attracting plants will be offered in various areas at the Salado Springs along with numerous educational booths. Six varieties of milkweed that

grow in Central Texas, and help to attract butterflies, will be included in the Monarch Area. Numerous host and nectar plants along with information on how to grow milkweeds from seeds and how to build your own Monarch way stations will also be available. A large variety of flowering native Texas trees are included in this year's sale with some located as far away as Medina, Texas. The collection includes Texas Red Bud, Mexican Plum, Rusty Blackhaw, Bigtooth Maples, Eve's Necklace, just

to name a few. Sun-loving and shade plants will be available in numerous sizes and price ranges perfect for adding to home landscaping, fields, and meadows.

Information on helping to save the endangered Texas State Reptile the Horned Lizard, bee keeping, water saving drought tolerant plants and free seeds will be available. Again this year Wild Birds Unlimited of Temple will be available to answer all of your birding questions as well as showcasing all the latest feeders, seeds and bird

baths. Containers will be provided to help with the carrying of your chosen plants along with helpful volunteers to get them to your vehicle. A special "Ask Me" area has been added this year with friendly experienced gardeners who will offer advice for all your native plant questions. A partial list of items included in the sale is available at www.npsotcentx.org.

All proceeds from the sale will be used to fund numerous educational and community projects in Bell County.

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An Open Exchange of Ideas

Fear remains that Feds will increase interest rate too far

The Markets

The S&P 500 Stock Index (SPX) keeps on plugging away in its not-uncommon, counterintuitive manner. Having professionally experienced about 10 bear and bull markets, not to mention the many academic works we have read that were devoted to the study of those two undomesticated animals, we can say with assurance that what we have seen since about October of 2022 has a strong resemblance to the early days of every sustained bull market we have lived through. In our experience and research, the largest part of any rise in a bull market occurs in the face of a loudly voiced fear of a pending recession. The SPX for this foreshortened holy week did lose about 0.01%, closing out the week at 4105.02 but remains about 15% higher than it was last October. It is also up 83% from its low in March three years ago but still a bit over 14% lower than it was at its peak in January 2022. It is and was our humble opinion that October 2022 has a high probability of having been this cycle's low point. Morningstar continues to proclaim that the broad U.S. stock market is undervalued, with the caveat that despite that, there could be some rough periods ahead. The CRSP US Mid-Cap Value Index continued to suffer from the selloffs in the regional banking sector and fell 1.11% to 2291.44, but its loss since its record high back in January 2022 is only about 11% and still compares favorably with the 14% loss in the SPX.

The yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note fell just a bit from last week's 3.48% to this week's 3.39%. The highest yields are still to be found in the 1-year and less maturities with the 4-month T-bill yielding an annualized 5.07%. West Texas Intermediate crude oil, the benchmark for the black goo on this side of the world, rose to a price of \$80.46 per barrel. While that is a bit higher than some of the prices we saw last winter, it is also

Market & Economic Update

by Jeffrey W. McClure



about 18% less expensive than it was last year at this time.

The Economy

The markets and the economy are caught between a rock and a hard place, as our mother/grandmother used to say. There remains a deep and abiding fear at all levels of business and economic leaders that the Federal Reserve (the Fed) will raise interest rates too far and thereby create a major recession as Paul Volker's Fed did back in the late 1970s and early 1980s. We are comfortable that scenario is unlikely because the economy today is very, very different than it was 45 years ago. Also, unlike the 1970s, inflation has not become entrenched, with workers, often through their unions, demanding double digit pay raises each year. Many of the issues that made a major recession almost inevitable in the early 1980s generally don't exist today. Yes, using the monetary tools available to the Fed is often more of an art than a science, but unlike the 1970s, the U.S. Federal Reserve Board is full of academics who have spent their lives studying this subject whereas in the 1970s the Fed Governor's chair was sometimes seen as an award for loyal party members.

U.S. Employers added 236,000 jobs in March, far more than would be needed in a steady-state economy, and that announcement raised fears that the Fed would jack up rates and crush the economy. Another bit of reverse psychology was revealed with the announcement that the number of unfilled jobs in the U.S. is finally declining, albeit slowly. The labor market appears to be on the path for a return to normalcy. Fewer jobs open, of course, was seen as a positive and the market rose on the news.

Saudi Arabia leveled an economic slap in the face to both Europe and the U.S. as it announced it had negotiated a one-million-barrel per day reduction in oil production with OPEC(+). The announcement came after Saudi authorities effectively reached an agreement with Russia to raise the price of oil so Russia could continue its invasion of Ukraine. The surprise, at least to us, is that the average U.S. at-the-pump gasoline price only rose about 7 cents per gallon or about 2% from recent prices. There was a time we remember all too well when the Saudis could do a lot of damage to our economy, but that was 50 years ago, and we have learned a few things since then. In the 1970s when the Saudis decided to wage economic warfare against us, the price of an average gallon of gasoline quadrupled as long lines formed at gas stations to try to get fuel at any price.

The bottom line is unchanged. We are in a healthily growing economy that seems to be reducing its growth rate to something more sustainable than we have seen since the pandemic. The Atlanta Fed is forecasting a GDP rise of 1.5% (annualized) for the first quarter. The key here though, is that it is confusing. There are strong signals suggesting we are in the early stages of an expansion and equally strong signals that a downturn is imminent. Over the four (+) decades we have been doing this we have found the best way to understand a confusing set of economic statistics is to go out into the economy and get a feel for what is happening. What we see and hear in the real world of people making and spending money doesn't feel like there is a recession pending.

Village will have several projects beginning this summer

This summer will be an exciting time for Salado! Your Board of Aldermen has been busy planning street improvements. Fasten your seatbelts this summer and get ready for orange cones, construction workers and traffic detours. Here are the highlights:

Royal Street will get a full restoration during a \$1.2M road improvement project from Main Street to Drake's Landing (well past the Methodist Church). Work will start and be completed this summer.

Center Circle will be repaved with new ribbon curbs. Work will start and be completed this summer. This includes the entire Center Circle Street.

Salado School Road will be repaved this summer. We are also teaming with the Sanctuary Water's Edge

Mayor's Update

by Michael Coggin



developer and plan to pave Santa Maria Road this summer – a new haul route has also been made to keep construction traffic out of our neighborhoods.

The \$700K drainage program projects will start this summer. Stagecoach Circle, Chisholm Trail and Mill Creek Drive are scheduled to see drainage improvements.

The Salado waste water treatment plant will receive a \$1.5M expansion from 200,000 gallons per day to 300,000 gallons per day. The design will start this summer with anticipated

project completion scheduled for next summer.

Road patching on Van Bibber Road and Blaylock Drive is scheduled for this summer. Other pothole and patches will be ongoing throughout the village.

Our design for a new City Hall is nearing completion. It is hoped this \$1.5M project will start this summer and be completed next spring. This 5,000 square feet building will house our village administration office and police department located next to the new Bell County Annex on Event



Facilities planning committee will present plan to SISD board

Our facility planning committee has met four times so far and has participated in a tour of our school facilities. The committee is comprised of 47 voting members, including 23 parents, 13 community members, and 11 teachers. All of the voting members on the committee live in our school district. Of the 47 voting committee members, five of them also served on our facility committee in 2017-2018 and 42 of them did not.

The committee will present a facilities plan to our school board, including a recommendation regarding whether or not to call a bond election. Our Interest and Sinking (I&S) tax rate is currently at the maximum rate of 50 cents per \$100 of property value. Therefore, if a bond election is recommended by the committee, called by the school board, and approved by the voters,

Superintendent's Corner

by Dr. Michael Novotny



the bond will not increase the tax rate.

The following is a list of the topics our committee has discussed: Purpose & Process Overview of the District Where We've Been and Where We're Going Goal Setting & Consensus-Building Campus Tours Public School Finance Demographics + Capacity Facility Condition Assessment Principal & Departmental Presentations – Facility Needs & Proposed Projects Safety & Security Construction Cost Trends Table Workshops & Prioritization – Potential Elements

of a Long-Range Plan

The agendas and presentations from the facility committee meetings are available on the school district website (www.saladoisd.org) at the "Long Range Facilities Planning Committee" link. The following are the dates of our two remaining meetings: Monday, May 1, and Monday, May 22.

All of the meetings are open to the public and are at 6:00 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center, located at 601 North Main Street. If you have any questions regarding this information, you are welcome to contact me at michael.novotny@saladoisd.org or 254-947-6905.



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Introducing aldermen candidates

Six candidates are vying for three two-year terms on the Village of Salado Board of Aldermen for the May 6 general election. They appear on the ballot in this order: D. Jasen Graham, Bert Henry, Linda Reynolds, Rodney W. Bell, Lennox J. Alfred, and Samuel Morris. Cody Coufal withdrew from the race on April 10.

This week, *Salado Village Voice* introduces the candidates to the voters.



D. JASEN GRAHAM

Family Information: Jasen and his wife Sara have been married for almost 25 years. They have two children, Grace, a senior at Texas A&M University and Davis, a junior at Salado High School.

Education and Professional background: Jasen has a Bachelor of Business Administration from Tarleton State University and a Master of Science in Adult and Continuing Education from Kansas State University. Jasen served in the United States Army until he retired as a lieutenant colonel in 2019. He is a combat veteran and a two-time recipient of the Bronze Star. Since 2019, Jasen has served with the Department of Veterans Affairs as Director of Risk Management for Financial Software Implementation.

Civic, Service and community organizations/involvement: Jasen is President of the Salado Lions Club. Additionally, Jasen serves as the Vice President of the Board of Directors for the Salado Museum and College Park, LLC. He is also an active member of the First Baptist Church of Salado. He is currently serving his second year as the chairman of their finance committee. He also serves with the church's student ministry program as the Sunday school teacher for junior high boys.

Why are you running for Village of Salado Board of Aldermen? I want to see us continue moving forward and building on those areas where we have excelled and improve on those areas which still need some work. We accomplished so much during my first term as an alderman to set conditions for Salado's future success but there is still so much to be done! Salado is full of talented people with a strong desire to be involved in their community. We need to take a new approach at helping those people identify their passions and plugging them in where their talents can be leveraged to the benefit of the community. There is a lot of opportunity for us to move forward together in a way we can all be proud of that will have lasting effects for years to come and I want to be part of that.

What is your top priority for the Village? Responsible growth is the most important issue facing our Village today. The number of residential developments continues to grow within our footprint. Our essential services need to support a first-class quality of life for the population it serves now and in the future. That means dependable infrastructure, commercial development, public safety and wastewater

reduction all need to be synchronized lines of effort. This must be done while always keeping in mind Salado's identity as a Village and preserving that so that it doesn't end up being just another town along the I-35 corridor.



BERT HENRY

Family Information: My wife, Crystal, and I moved to Salado in 2012. We have 5 Children; James (33), Anna (24), Elijah (24) Noah (22) and our youngest son, Ember, is 15 years old. Ember attended Salado Schools until this year. I come from a proud family of Veterans; my father retired from the United States Navy in 1994, I enlisted in the Navy shortly thereafter and I have a son that is currently serving in the Navy.

Education and Professional background: I previously held positions as a Corporate Loss Prevention and Asset Protection Investigator and Auditor with Saks, Inc. and The Navy Exchange Command (NEXCOM), where I played an essential role in those organizations' ability to operate successfully and ethically. In these positions, I was tasked with Business Continuity Management, a responsibility to ensure that the organization was well prepared in the event of an emergency, disaster, or unexpected interruption of business.

Civic, Service and community organizations/involvement: I am a Member of the Parks Advisory Board. I previously served on the Salado Volunteer Fire Department from November 2014 thru October 2021, where I've held the positions of Public Information Officer, President and Vice-President of the SVFD's Executive Board. Additionally, I was awarded Firefighter of the Year in 2015, 2019 and 2020, and received numerous other awards, certificates, citations and commendations. In 2013, I received the Belton Police Department Chief's Award.

Why are you running for Village of Salado Board of Aldermen? I am seeking election to the Board of Aldermen for the sole purpose of advocating for the Citizens and Businesses of the Village of Salado. I have dedicated my entire life to the service of others, beginning with my first job as a lifeguard at 16 years old. I have a passion for service. If given the opportunity, I will take the responsibility of communicating with the community and engaging citizens to learn more about their concerns and how the board can best serve them. Through engagement, we can work together to make informed decisions on behalf of all constituents. I would consider the needs of both businesses and residents before making decisions, regarding every aspect of your interests before voting on an issue. Ultimately, it is up to the Board to ensure all aspects of Village life, from roads to parks, economic development to tourism and special events, run efficiently and serve the public's interest.

What is your top priority for the Village? My top priority, if elected, is the turnover in the Village of Salado Police Department. During my 7-years as a First Responder, I spent countless hours on scenes with our Police Officers. I've befriended many of them and they expressed their frustrations. Contrary to the current Administration's statements on this matter, Pay and Incentives were never a reason given for leaving. Across the board, they felt unappreciated. The lack of recruitment and retention are not pay or incentive issues, they are micro-management issues. They are trust issues. They are issues of feeling undervalued. I'd like to help change their perceptions!



LINDA REYNOLDS

I am younger than both former president Trump, and President Biden.

When I was a young wife and mother, my husband passed away. So I worked to pay off the mortgages on two houses and raise my daughter. Twelve years ago, I retired after teaching for 35 years, and moved to Salado to help my sister care for mom.

No one paid me to move to Salado, and I don't believe we need to pay ANYONE ELSE to move here to live, or open a business. Developers need to be financially healthy partners, OR we do not need their business in Salado. Financially weak developers only leave disasters in their wake.

Today, I have no debt, except what I owe the IRS this April 18. As a fiscal conservative, I live by my mom's warning that HASTE MAKES WASTE. Financial decisions should not be made under pressure.

When I watched Skip and Dave, Fred, Frank and Mike agree to borrow millions at 7 a.m. one July 2015 morning, my head spun at the thousands in interest the village would pay before a shovelful of dirt was turned.

All my life, I have believed governments should be transparent, honest, and debt free. Aldermen must not be rushed into financial decisions that affect young families for years into the future.

Residents need to know, when their tax dollars are spent, if Government is working to keep them safe and secure.



RODNEY W. BELL

Family information: Bobbette and I have lived in Salado since 2003. Our daughter, Kendall and her husband Adam live in South Carolina, and they have blessed us with two beautiful granddaughters (Chandler-3, and Collins-1).

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**Chamber of Commerce
after hours social marks
Salado Village Voice
35th anniversary
for Fleischer family**

More than 100 people visited the crowded *Salado Village Voice* office at 213 Mill Creek Dr., Suite 125 for the monthly Salado Chamber of Commerce after hours social April 4.

The monthly after hours is held the first Tuesday of each month at a different business in Salado and encourages local businesses and citizens to gather in an informal setting.

Tim and Marilyn Fleischer, publishers of *Salado Village Voice* newspaper, took the opportunity to also mark 35 years with the newspaper and 35 years of marriage. The couple were

married in Temple on April 16, 1988.

The newspaper has been a member of the Texas Press Association since 2001.

The *Salado Village Voice* was named the first Business of the Year in 2002 and Marilyn Fleischer was named to the Hall of Fame by the Chamber in 2019.

Tim served twice as president of the Chamber of Commerce in 1998 and 2015.

The couple has served on numerous committees through the years promoting business, raising funds for community, civic, school and individuals in need.

Tim raised funds to place a dozen limestone tables and benches in Pace Park. The Duck Race created by Tim raised money to build the first youth soccer field.

Marilyn established the non profit organization Salado Family Relief Fund in 1992. She Chaired the



The newspaper Staff Marilyn & Tim Fleischer, Royce Wiggan

Salado Art Fair for 1999-2001 and continues to serve on the Salado Community Foundation board since 2014.

In addition to the *Salado Village Voice* newspaper, the Salado: A Jewel in the Crown of Texas magazine was added to their distribution more than 30 years ago. The Salado: A Jewel in the Crown of Texas magazine is approved by the State of Texas to be delivered quarterly to every Texas Visitor Center. It is distributed weekly in Salado. The *Salado Village Voice* newspaper and Salado: A Jewel in the Crown of

Texas magazine are available in print and on-line at SaladoVillageVoice.com. Tim and Marilyn Fleischer as well as their son Royce Wiggan can be found working at 213 Mill Creek Dr. Suite 125 in Salado Plaza. Office hours are 10-4 Mon-Fri. Office phone is 254-947-5321. You can contact Marilyn at advertising@saladovillagevoice.com or Editor Tim at news@saladovillagevoice.com.

While the *Salado Village Voice* is not the first newspaper in Salado, it has had the longest life-span since being founded in 1979.



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6:00 PM ESL (Ingles Idioma Segundo)
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Call church office for additional information (254) 947-5456

DRT meets April 19 in Temple Library

The next regular meeting of the Ben Milam Chapter Daughters of the Republic of Texas (DRT) is scheduled for 12:30 p.m. on April 19, in the board room (third floor) at Temple Public Library, 100 West Adams Ave. Founded in 1891, DRT is the oldest patriotic women's organization in Texas and one of the oldest in the nation.

DRT is a lineal organization, comprised of 106

chapters, with goals to educate, research, preserve and protect the history of the Republic of Texas for all future generations. Any woman having attained her 16th birthday is eligible for membership provided she is personally acceptable to DRT and is a lineal descendant of a man or woman who rendered loyal service for Texas prior to the consummation of the Annexation Agreement of the

Republic of Texas with the United States of America in 1846. A woman without a qualifying ancestor but with an interest in the goals and activities of DRT may apply to become an Associate Member. The DRT encourages anyone with a love of Texas history to join us in celebrating and preserving this heritage. Ladies are welcome to visit us at our upcoming meeting.



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Water conservation, topic of next SARW meeting

Salado Area Republican Women will host a program on water conservation. The meeting will be held at the Salado Civic Center Thursday evening starting at 6:30 p.m. April 27.

Two speakers will be Aaron Abel of the Brazos River Authority as a Senior Water Resources Planner in 2008. He was promoted to the position of Water Services Manager in 2018.

The second speaker will be Brad Brunett who joined the Brazos River Authority (BRA) as a Hydrologist/Planner in 1997.

He has served in various positions and currently serves as Regional Manager for the Central and Lower Basins which oversees BRA water supply and treatment operations in the



Aaron Abel



Brad Brunett

Brazos River basin from just north of Waco to Freeport.

The meeting will be informative and of interest to the booming population of

Central Texas.

The public is invited but reservations are necessary for seating availability.

Contact Vice President

Sherril Gardipee at sherril.gardipee@gmail.com or 254 217-4390 no later than April 24.

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Obituaries



MARGRIT H. CHAPMAN
JANUARY 10, 1942
APRIL 5, 2023

A Memorial Service for Margrit H. Chapman, 81, of Belton, will be held 9 a.m. April 14, 2023 at Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery. 11463 State Highway 195 Killeen, TX 76542

Chapman died Wednesday, April 5, 2023 at home surrounded by family.

She was born January 10, 1942 in Germany to the late Artur & Figura Sophia Würf. She married Bobby Dean Chapman, September 12, 1972 in Belton.

She worked at Magnolia's of Salado where she had her own shoe store.

She is survived by husband, Bobby Dean Chapman; sons, Guy DiLuzio, Andy DiLuzio, Albert DiLuzio and Chris DiLuzio; daughter Michelle Chapman; 14 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Dossman Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.



NANCY MARIE HOLLOWAY
DECEMBER 11, 1948
MARCH 25, 2023

Nancy Holloway, 74, of Georgetown, passed away on March 25, 2023 surrounded by her family.

She was born on December 11, 1948 to Harold and Annabelle Stanley in Austin, where she continued to live through most of her adult life.

In 1991 she met Harlan Holloway, and they married in 1992, going on to raise their combined seven kids.

She dedicated her life mother to her daughters Tanya, Kristi, Sarah, and Natalie, and eventually to Harlan's kids Blane, Heather, and Amanda.

She is preceded in death by her father, Harold Stanley and mother, Annabelle;

brothers Bobby and Harold and her sister, Jeannie.

She is survived by her husband, Harlan; her children, Tanya, Kristi, Sarah, Natalie, Blane, Heather, and Amanda. her sisters, Harriet, and Wanda; and her brother, George, her sister Jackie and husband Henry Tumey of Salado and nephew Ty Tumey and his wife Amy of Salado.

A celebration of life was held at Ramsey Funeral Home on March 30, 2023. Messages of sympathy and support may be sent to the family at www.ramseyfuneral.com.



PAUL WILLIAMS
JUNE 27, 1961
APRIL 4, 2023

Paul Williams, 61, of Little River-Academy, passed away April 4, 2023.

He was born June 27, 1961 to Robert and Mildred Williams.

He received a Bache-

lor's Degree in Education from Tarleton State University. While at Tarleton, he played football and threw discus.

After college, Paul began his career in education as an English teacher and coach. Along with a 35 year teaching career, Paul served in the United States Army Reserves, serving his country for 25 years and retiring in 2018 as a CW3. His personal military decorations included Afghanistan Campaign Medal with Campaign Star, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal (two awards), NATO Medal, USA/USAF Presidential Unit Citation, Army Superior Unit Award, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Service Star, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal with Campaign Star.

In 2012, Paul married Amanda.

After retirement, Williams was elected to Little River Academy City Council. He was involved in the Little River United Methodist Church and substituted at Holland ISD.

He is survived by his wife, Amanda; nine children, Morgan and husband Jason; Kristin and husband Ryan; Ashley; Heath and wife Lizzie; Koby and wife Mariah, Kinsey and hus-

band Preston; Joe; Jack and Brooklyn; 13 grandchildren and numerous other extended family members.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Paul Williams Memorial Scholarship at Holland ISD.

Visitation was April 10 at Dossman Funeral Home. Funeral Service was April 11 at Temple Bible Church. Williams was buried at Wilson Valley Cemetery with military honors.

Submit your news & community events with photos to news@saladovillagevoice.com

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Candidates

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Education and Professional background: I hold dual Bachelor's in Business Administration degrees with concentrations on Management and Information Systems from Baylor University. I am a 2001 graduate of the Baylor Executive MBA

program. This two year program concentrated on executive management and global strategies.

Currently I serve as Executive Vice-President, Technology Services for First Community Services. We serve the IT needs of First National Bank Texas, First Convenience Bank, First Community Mortgage, and First Heroes National Bank.

Civic, Service and community organizations/involvement:

- Sunday School Teacher, Deacon, & Finance Committee at FBC-Salado.
- 10 Years Trustee for the Salado ISD School Board (2008 – 2018).
- 4 Years Alderman for the Village of Salado (2019 – Present).
- 4 Years Councilman for the City of Mart (1996-2000).
- Past Treasurer and Past President of several boards in Bell County.

Why are you running for Village of Salado Board of Aldermen?

• Four years ago I ran and will continue to run to manage the property taxes paid by the citizens of the Village of Salado. We have been successful during my terms of lowering the I&S(debt)

rate each budget year. This strategy has been instrumental in lowering the rate from over 60 cents per \$100 property evaluation to under 40 cents today. Maintaining a sound financial strategy while navigating the uncertain economic future is a strength I bring to this board.

• Engage critical thought process into complex problems facing the village.

What is your top priority for the Village?

• Continue Financial policy that addresses the village tax rate.

• Align financial policy that maximizes village services that have to be maintained.

• Continue allocation of funds from growth to offset bond payments on sewer system.

infrastructure: Our growth as a community, the availability of ground water for our citizens and current developments are all part of the infrastructure of our future.

We must ensure our resources are secure, safe and available. We must also work towards improving drainage in our community so we can prevent flooding of private property and public areas.

Community Safety: Protection of our residents, our community, our schools, private and personal property are a direct reflection of the health and quality of life within Salado. A safe community is a vibrant, cohesive, and strong community, and should be protected by a dependable, well trained, well equipped and well-staffed Police Force.

Salado is well appreciated by developers and building contractors and seen as an emerging location to develop, invest and grow. Our Village administrators and legislators must ensure that all growth and development is considered on the merit of being in the "Best Interest" of Salado and its residents. We must maintain our current tax reform at a minimum to lower the city's tax burden on our residents.



LENNOX J. ALFRED

Family information: Lennox J. Alfred is a native of Trinidad & Tobago and in 2004 married to his soul mate and best friend Darlene, together they have three adult children and ten grandchildren. They enjoy family dinners, annual family trips and celebrating the 12 Days of Christmas as a family with fun filled events, activities, volunteer opportunities and more.

Education and Professional background: Lennox is a retired United States Army veteran with 20 years of service as a decorated veteran. While in the military he pursued and earned his degree from the University of Maryland graduating with a BS in Business Management. Along with his wife he has successfully owned and managed two companies, Coldwell Banker Residential Real Estate and Longhorn Properties Property Management & Sales. They still own and operate the latter, Longhorn Properties, as a team.

Civic, Service and community organizations/involvement: Lennox is a past chair of the P&Z Board of Adjustments for the City of Killeen. Lennox and Darlene have both been active in the church for years serving on various local, District, Conference and Jurisdiction committees and ministries within the Central Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church. They are both Lay Servants, Lennox serves as a Conference Trustee and Darlene as Conference Lay Leader.

Why are you running for Village of Salado Board of Aldermen? We moved to the Village of Salado in 2005 and it soon became less of a place to simply live and more of a place to call home. That is one of the reasons that the campaign motto is simple: "For Our Community, For Our Future." I believe that now is the time to get involved to work towards the future of the Salado of tomorrow for our children and grandchildren of today. Salado is changing, growth and development is inevitable we must however protect the uniqueness that we love about our Village.

What is your top priority for the Village? In-



SAMUEL MORRIS

Family Information: Sam Morris and his wife Barbara, along with their two sons, relocated to Salado, Texas seven years ago. Their sons proudly graduated from Salado High School, and Barbara is currently employed as a dyslexia teacher while also serving on the Salado Library Board.

Education and Professional background: Following his service as a meteorologist in the United States Air Force, Sam transitioned to power systems. In 2016, he received an invitation to join the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, where he assists with current and future grid operations.

Why are you running for Village of Salado Board of Aldermen? It is my belief, anyone running for a public office should act as a true representative of their constituents. It's important for members of the community to feel heard and have their concerns acknowledged. As a candidate, I aspire to be that person who you can come to with your issues and I'll strive to be a vocal advocate for the community.

What is your top priority for the Village? It's inevitable that Salado will experience growth, but it's crucial that we plan for it properly. My top priority is to ensure that the community has a say in how Salado grows. By providing the village administration with the necessary tools and resources, we can manage growth in a way that doesn't compromise the qualities that make Salado such a special place.

Meet & Greet with Lennox Alfred candidate for Village of Salado Board of Aldermen

6 p.m. Tues. April 18
Johnny's Steaks & Barbecue
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This event will give the community an opportunity to see and hear more from and about the candidate directly in an informal setting. Light refreshments will be served. No registration is required.



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The Edwards Aquifer is below normal due to a lack of recharge. Also the lake is extremely low due to lack of rainfall west of our area to refill the lake through the Lampasas River.

Stage 1 requests our customers to voluntarily limit outside watering to twice a week with odd addresses watering Tuesday and Friday and even addresses watering Wednesday and Saturday.

Water usage is three (3) times higher when lawn and outdoor watering begins. Please check sprinkler systems for leaks and adjust the system to be sure sprinklers are not spraying driveways and streets. Avoid over watering and allowing runoff. For example, if you water an area for 20 minutes, cut the time back to 10 minutes for two (2) different times to allow the ground to absorb the water instead of running off.

Further, mowing grass at the highest setting on mower provides the root system an extra degree of shade which requires less additional water.

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Salado Library kicks off anniversary celebration with local authors book signing

The Salado Public Library District will kick off a spring celebration of its 25th year as a library district and its 20th year in its current location with a local authors book signing inside Barrow Brewing Co. from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 15. Authors Charlene Ochsner Carson, Howard and Debra Lufburrow, Jackie Mills, Mary Katherine Parker and Sheri Wall will discuss and sign their books. Donations to the Friends of the Salado Public Library will be accepted at the book signing.

Ms. Carson co-authored the local history, "Salado," with Mary Harrison Hodge and wrote another history, entitled "Gristmills of Central Texas." Howard Lufburrow wrote a murder mystery, "Crown Deception," and his wife, Debra, wrote a local history, "Set Apart: The Sanctified Sisters." Ms. Mills wrote "Sirena of Salado," a children's book based on a Native American myth and the outdoor drama "Legends of Salado," performed at Salado's Goodnight Amphitheater for more than 25 years. Ms. Parker wrote "My Journey in Coping, Recovering, and Winning the Battle over Obsessive Compulsive Disorder." Ms. Wall has written "Maiden Mermaid: The Tale of Sirena," the Silly Milly series and other children's rhyming books.

Other anniversary celebration events include a four-week scavenger hunt, with clues published each week, starting on April 20. The first person to submit the correct photo answer each week, will win a prize. All those giving correct answers will be entered in a drawing for additional prizes to be given at next month's anniversary party.

On May 20, the Salado Public Library will close at 2 p.m., and the anniversary party will be from 4-6 p.m. Refreshments, recognition of library supporters, door prizes and additional scavenger hunt prizes will be given.

Salado volunteers founded the Salado Public Library in 1986. Salado citizens voted to establish the library district in 1998, and the library moved to its current location in 2003. The Salado Public Library District encompasses 134 square miles and serves more than 8,000 people.

For more information about the library district's anniversary celebration, please contact Jeanie Lively at Salado Public Library at (254) 947-9191.



Charlene Ochsner Carson



Jackie Mills



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Sheri Wall



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Village of Salado Calendar of Events

Mondays
 Floor practice at Salado Masonic Lodge #296, 95 S. Church St., 6:30 p.m. except on Stated Meeting nights.
 Open Mic with Ryan White, at Chupacabra, 7 p.m.
 Tonkawa Chapter Native Plant Society of Texas meeting, 6 p.m., Barrow Brewing Co.
 Salado Democrats meet the third Monday of each month, 7 p.m., in the conference room of Salado Public Library.

Tuesdays
 Knitting Group at Salado Public Library, 10 a.m.
 Storytime with Ms. Mia at Salado Public Library, 11 a.m.
 Tech Tuesday at Salado Public Library, 2 p.m. Get help with technology. Appointment required. Call the Library at 254-947-9191.
 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. Reservations encouraged.
 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.
 The Bell County Master Gardener Association holds a free monthly seminar on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Texas Agrilife Extension Office, 1605 N. Main in Belton.

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

Saturdays
 Live Music at Barrow Brewing, 7 p.m.
 Live Music at Chupacabra Craft Beer, 8 p.m.

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

April 13
 Pint Night at Chupacabra Craft Beer, 4 p.m.-midnight. Get a free pint glass with every purchase of the featured brewery, Saloon Door.

April 13
 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

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April 13
 Blow-Your-Own Date Night at Salado Glassworks, #2 Peddler's Alley. \$185 per couple. Book online at saladoglassworks.com.

April 13
 Salado UIL One-Act Play public performances of scenes from The Ferryman, 7 p.m. Salado High School cafeteria. Tickets are \$5 at the door.

April 14
 Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 7 p.m., Neapolitan Band.

April 14
 Live music at Chupacabra, 7 p.m. Michael Saldana.

April 15
 Spring Clean Up in Salado. Trash bags, gloves, and pickers can be picked up at the Salado Civic Center beginning at 9 a.m. You can select a pick up area from a list or designate a place you want to beautify. This initiative will run until noon. Whatever you collect should be turned in by noon to be included in a report to Keep Texas Beautiful.

April 15
 Community Garage Sale, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Salado Middle School, benefiting Salado schools Choir program.

April 15
 Salado Public Library will host local authors book signing 11 a.m.-1 p.m. inside Barrow Brewing Co. to kick off a spring celebration of 25 years. Authors Charlene Ochsner Carson, Howard and Debra Lufburrow, Jackie Mills, Mary Katherine Parker and Sheri Wall will discuss and sign their books. Donations to the Friends of the Salado Public Library will be accepted at the book signing.

April 15
 Peep Taste Test, 1-4 p.m. Salado Public Library.

April 15
 Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 7 p.m., Natalie Metcalf.

April 15
 Live music at Chupacabra, 8 p.m. Kyle Mathis.

April 16
 Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 4 p.m., Towne Adams.

April 18
 Essential Oils with Elise Lange, Salado Public Library.

April 18
 Imaginative Doodling: Salado Village Artists Workshop- Ages 8-12, with Cathy Sands. 12 person limit per class; cutoff date for reservation is Friday before class date. Member cost is \$10; non-members, \$20. Contact: Cathy Neese, 254-913-1423, leave message.

April 19
 Barrow Brewing Co., guest food truck, 4-8 p.m., Checkpoint Germany.

April 20
 Salado Public Library 4 week scavenger hunt begins. Call the library for details 254-947-9191

April 20
 Pint Night at Chupacabra Craft Beer, 4 p.m.-midnight. Get a free pint glass with every purchase of the featured brewery, Liveoak.

April 20
 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.

April 21
 Belly Dance Night at Barrow Brewing Co., 7 p.m.

April 21
 Live music at Chupacabra, 7 p.m. Trey Yenger.

April 21 & 22
 We are MUSIC! is a celebration of our personal connection with the music that becomes the soundtrack of our lives at Salado Museum, 423 S. Main St.. Performances by Richard Paul Thomas, Emma Jane Conley, TerryLynn and Richard Schrimsher. Tickets are \$30, available at <https://SaladoMuseum.org> and at the door. Show starts at 7 p.m.

April 21-May 13
 Blow-Your-Own Mother's Day Gift Event at Salado Glassworks, #2 Peddler's Alley. Fridays and Saturdays. Register online at saladoglassworks.com.

April 22
 Tonkawa Chapter of Native Plant Society of Texas spring plant sale at Barrow Brewing Co., 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Information on helping to save the endangered Texas State Reptile the Horned Lizard, bee keeping, water saving drought tolerant plants and free seeds will be available. Again this year Wild Birds Unlimited of Temple will be available to answer all of your birding questions as well as showcasing all the latest feeders, seeds and bird baths. Containers will be provided to help with the carrying of your chosen plants along with helpful volunteers to get them to your vehicle. A special "Ask Me" area has been added this year with friendly experienced gardeners who will offer advice for all your native plant questions. A partial list of items included in the sale is available at www.npsotcentx.org.

April 22
 Cook Off For Cancer will have barbecue competitors lining Salado's Main Street. Wristbands will be available for \$10 at the Salado Civic Center. The public can vote for their favorite. When you purchase a wristband, you will be given tickets to drop in the jar of your favorite barbecue team.

April 22
 Salado Porch and Planet Festival, noon-5 p.m. The event will provide an afternoon of music and Earth Day activities where residents and visitors can visit businesses while enjoying time in Salado.

April 22
 Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 7 p.m., Everett Wren.

April 22
 Live music at Chupacabra, 8 p.m. Trey Yenger.

April 23
 Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 4 p.m., TBD.

April 24
 Salado Ladies Community League celebrates its half-century of service to Salado with an evening event at The View at the Creek, 6-8 p.m. Wine and appetizers and a short program honoring past presidents of the Salado Ladies Community League, which began as the Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary in 1973.

April 25
 Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Nancy Best Realty and other businesses at their new location on Main St., 4:30-6:30 p.m. at Salado Inn, 7 N. Main St.

April 25
 Salado Community Chorus Spring Concert, 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Salado.

April 26
 Music Munchkins, 10 a.m., Salado Public Library

April 26
 Barrow Brewing Co., guest food truck, 4-8 p.m., Checkpoint Germany.

April 26
 Adult Craft Sharpie Tile Planter, 5:30 p.m. Salado Public Library

April 27
 Pint Night at Chupacabra Craft Beer, 4 p.m.-midnight. Get a free pint glass with every purchase of the featured brewery, Sol Family.

April 27
 Salado Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet, 6 p.m., Bell County Expo Center Special Events Room. \$60 per person, table sponsorship, \$550. Order tickets online at salado.com.

April 27
 Barrow Boogie line dancing fundraiser for the Salado Senior Center, 6:30 p.m.

April 27
 Program on water conservation, sponsored by Salado Area Republican Women, 6:30 p.m. Salado Civic Center. Aaron Abel, Water Services Manager at Brazos River Authority, and Brad Brunett, Regional Manager for the Central and Lower Basins of the BRA, will be the speakers. Free, reservations required by contacting sherril.gardipee@gmail.com or 254 217-4390 no later than April 24.

April 27
 Salado UIL One-Act Play public performances of scenes from The Ferryman, 7 p.m. Salado High School cafeteria. Tickets are \$5 at the door.

April 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.

April 28
 Live music at Chupacabra, 7 p.m., Britton Pyeatt.

April 28
 Royal Street Art Walk. Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 7 p.m., Matthew Johnson.

April 29
 The Lion's Roar 5K Walk/Run, 9 a.m. at Salado Civic Center. \$30 person, \$20 per person 17 & Under. Awards to overall male and female, top three male and female in each age group. Online registration at runsignup.com.

April 29
 Crawfish Boil benefiting the Masonic Lodges of Bell County, 10:30 a.m.-sold out, \$20 per plate. Barrow Brewing Co.

April 29
 Tablerock Festival of Salado presents the 2023 Animal Tales Anthology and Tablerock Poetry Festival 3-9 p.m.

April 29
 Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 7 p.m., Denny Cullinan.

April 29
 Live music at Chupacabra, 8 p.m., Jon Austin

April 30
 Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 4 p.m. Kris Schultz.

May 6
 Century 21 Annual Shred Day 9 a.m.-11a.m. 860 N Main St

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We are MUSIC! is a celebration of our personal connection with the music that becomes the soundtrack of our lives.

Music is everywhere and we are all participants either as musicians, singers, dancers, or simply listeners, swaying with the music and tapping our feet.

The evening's program April 21-22 at the Salado Museum will be presented in three unique segments:

- The opening program will be a Variety Show featuring the stories and songs written by Salado Songwriter Richard Paul Thomas and introductions of our special guests Emma Jane Conley, TerryLynn and Richard Schrimsher (Touch of Class).

- After intermission, it's time to sing and dance to the music of Touch of Class, playing some of their favorite music.

- Finally, the evening will close with a sing-along around the campfire.

Tickets are \$30 and are available at <https://SaladoMuseum.org> and at the door. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Salado Museum & College Park's "Leaking Roof Fund."

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. April 21-22. The show starts at 7 p.m. Salado Museum is located at 423 S. Main St.

EMMA JANE CONLEY

Emma Jane Conley started singing professionally at age of 18 and began her professional music career after college. She could sing anything and so she did. Music theatre, show bands, club bands, studio, light opera, soloist with professional choirs. She always had a church gig and even had a temple gig. She can sing in Italian, Latin, French, German, Welsh, and Hebrew.

She says, "I enjoyed it all. Singing for others was all I wanted to do".

"The course of my life brought me to seminary where I received a Master of Divinity. I am ordained and serve in the specialized ministry of clinical chaplaincy. I continue to sing in this ministry to patients in ICU, or patients with unmanaged pain, and when a person is making their sacred transition to the next life".

"My Master of Divinity and Master of Ethics and Health Policy degrees provide knowledge and set the background for many topics of my workshops that include music and participation. Healthcare ethics, provider burn out and compassion fatigue, spirituality and more. I include music to break up content and allow people to let the information integrate from their minds to their emotions and being. Now I know the purpose, the God given gift I received at birth, is to bring peace, love, and wholeness to people through music and skilled spiritual care". "It is said that singing is praying twice. So let us Sing!"

RICHARD PAUL THOMAS

Richard Paul Thomas — better known to his friends as RpT — has been making music since rock 'n' roll was young. And he's still finding new sources of inspiration each time he picks up a guitar and sits down to write a song. On his latest album, SALADO, Thomas plays with a variety of fun musical ideas from Riding on a Train to Retirement Blues along with an eclectic variety of songs in between. He has widened the emotional scope of his songwriting to include concerns for the environment and the people around him. From Violeta,



TERRYLYNN AND RICHARD SCHRIMSHER OF TOUCH OF CLASS

honoring the life of Chilean Artist Violeta Parra, to a plea to those choosing to ignore the challenges facing our changing planet in Denial, and ending the album with Look at My Hands, he illustrates his depth of feelings about these subjects.

Born in Milwaukee, WI, Thomas started playing guitar in 1957, inspired by rising stars such as Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens, the Everly Brothers and Roy Orbison and has shared stages with artists such as Anne Murray, Loggins & Messina, Helen Reddy, Townes Van Zandt, James Lee Stanley, Odetta, and Michael Martin Murphey. His latest efforts are released monthly as singles and lyric videos.

Thomas moved to Salado in 1985 and lives here with his wife, Linda.

TOUCH OF CLASS

TerryLynn and Richard Schrimsher of Touch of Class met as a recommendation from a mutual friend so they could record together at Willie Nelson's Studio. That meeting was 37 years ago, and they have been singing together since. TerryLynn and Richard have

been performing as Touch of Class for the past 25 years.

Before Richard met TerryLynn, he started playing with Roy Robbins and the Availables right out of High School. Both joined Roy again when he reunited his band recording in Nashville at Dottie West's son's Studio. TerryLynn toured Wal-Mart stores in support of her own music and performed with the National Wal-Mart Choir for many years touring stores and hospitals for the Children's Miracle Network. She and Richard were in a trio with Dale McBride including performances with Dale's son, Terry McBride. They currently live in Belton.

This We Are Music! event is the first in a series and is an extension of the over 50 house concerts produced by Richard Paul Thomas and recorded at RpT's Library, a music and video recording studio in Salado.

These concerts featured a wide variety of songwriters and performers.



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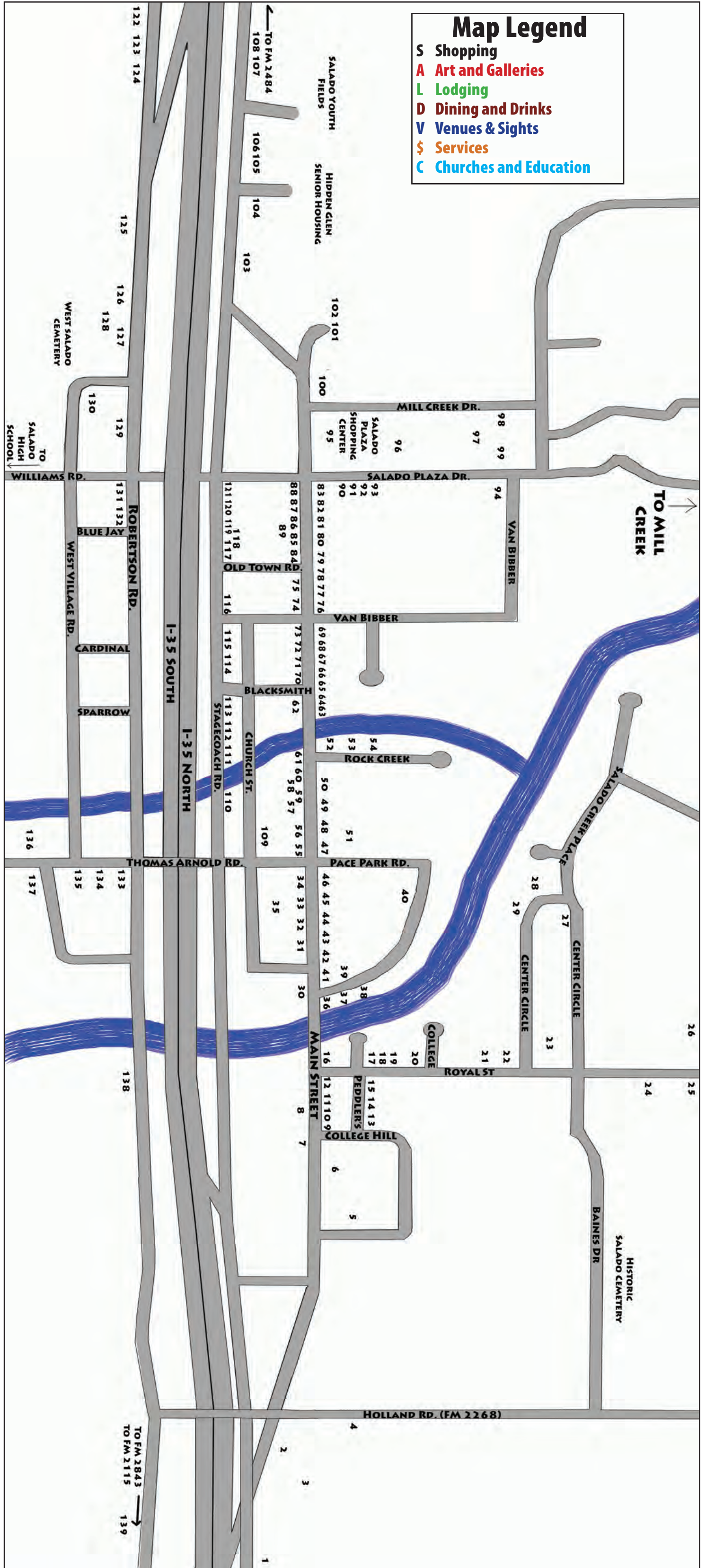
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Schools & Sports

Lady Eagles' soccer season comes down to 0.1 second

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Salado Lady Eagles' season came down to a tenth of a second at Northwest ISD Stadium on April 8.

That's all that was left in the first overtime period between the Lady Eagles and the Stephenville Honeybees when Stephenville senior Victoria Cameron got a shot past senior goalkeeper Fran Blancaflor to put the Honeybees up 2-1.

The Honeybees would hold onto that lead over the next 10 minutes and will play in the UIL 4A Soccer State Tournament April 12-13 in Georgetown.

Had the shot been a bit later, the game would have been decided by penalty kicks as neither team could score in the second overtime period.

Blancaflor made two incredible saves in the final 15 seconds of regulation in order to send the game into overtime. In all, Blancaflor made 16 saves against 18 on-target shots by the Honeybees. Stephenville took a total of 37 shots in the match.

Salado, on the other hand, took six shots on goal on 13 total attempts.



Lexi Rice fights Mackenzie Gonzalez of Stephenville for possession in overtime. (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)

The only shot that got past Stephenville's senior goalkeeper Maddie De Los Santos was Sydney Lange's penalty kick with 2:19 left in regulation.

Despite taking 18 shots in the first half, Stephenville did not score until 34:23 in the second half on a shot by junior Ashley Perez to go up 1-0.



4A Region 1 Runners Up Salado Lady Eagles: (front row l-r) Payton Cunningham, Cade Harris, Lexi Rice, Shelby Hollywood, Madelyn Schulz, Leyla Peralta, Melanie Morrow, Fran Blancaflor, Izzy Blancaflor, Skylar Gardner. (back row l-r): Reese Lange, Evelyn Ackerman, Madlyn Serna, Kennedy Anthony, Jill Taylor, Rachel Bender, Ashlyn Williams, Haley Piatak, Kinsey Yawn, Cassie Vargas, Sydney Lange, Cambry Edmondson, Taylor Dabney, Madyson Rosamond. (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)



Ashlyn Williams heads the ball in Salado's 4A Region 1 semi-final soccer match against Wichita Falls. (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)

Lady Eagles shut out Wichita Falls in semi-final

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Salado Lady Eagles shut out Wichita Falls Lady Coyotes, 2-0, in the 4A Region 1 semi-final soccer match, scoring both goals in the early part of the second half.

Cassie Vargas stole the ball, passing it downfield, where Sydney Lange put the ball into the Wichita Falls net on an assist from Haley Piatak to go up 1-0 over the Coyotes with 34 minutes left in the second half.

Ashlyn Williams stole the ball, kicking it to Shelby Hollywood who passed it to Piatak who kicked it past Coyote goalkeeper Aidan Herrera for the second goal with 27:22 left in the match to give Salado its 2-0 lead, which the Lady Eagles held onto, but not without threats.

Fran Blancaflor recorded the shut out for Salado, but had to make nine saves in order to keep it. The Lady

Coyotes were on target nine of their 13 shots. Blancaflor's most impressive save came when the Lady Eagles had a 2-0 lead and she laid herself across the ground to keep Brooklyn Amador's close shot from getting in.

Wichita Falls took shots early in the match, with Aliyah White missing in the second minute of the match and Blancaflor making her first save against White less than 30 seconds later at 37:55 mark.

Rice was the first Lady Eagle to take a shot, saved by Herrera at the 31:20 mark.

The Lady Coyotes had misses by Alinessa Salinas and Brooklyn Amador with the 23:17 and 22:40 marks respectively in the first half.

Hollywood took her first shot on target at 21:34, saved by Herrera.

Less than a minute later, Herrera made a save against Vargas's first shot attempt. Blancaflor defended Ma-

laysia Larque's shot with 122:48 left in the first half. The Lady Eagles were able to defend against a Coyote corner kick with 5:42 left in the first half.

Sydney Lange missed a shot with 4:54 left in the first and Lexi Rice missed a shot with 3:36 left in the first.

Wichita Falls opened the second half with a miss by Jayden Johnson three minutes into play.

Salado answered by getting the ball within the box where Piatak and Rice both missed, Rice's shot hitting the crossbar.

Just seconds after Lange's goal gave Salado a 1-0 lead, Blancaflor made saves against Amador and Annalisa Salinas to keep her shut out intact. She made six of her nine saves in the second half of the match.

Salado will face either Stephenville or San Elizario in the Region Final.



Fran Blancaflor puts her body on the line to make a save against Wichita Falls. (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)

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SOAP presents public performances

April 13, 27 of scenes from Ferryman

The Salado UIL One-Act Play will present scenes from *The Ferryman* on April 13 and April 27 at 7 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. The show is open to the public; tickets are \$5 at the door.

The *Ferryman* is a 2017 play by Jez Butterworth. Set during *The Troubles*, it tells the story of the family of a former IRA activist, living in their farmhouse in rural County Armagh, Northern Ireland in 1981.

Cast members are Malone (IRA)/Tom Kettle by Philip Nikolaidis, Magennis (IRA)/Aunt Maggie by Kit Nordquist, Father Horrigan by Samuel Perez, Muldoon (IRA boss) by Connor Stovall, Quinn Carney by Andreas Nikolaidis, Caitlyn Carney by Harper Schreiner-Brown, Mercy Carney by Kallin Brantley, Honor Carney by Olivia Kelley, Oisín Carney by Chasen Jagers, JJ Carney by Daniel Sanchez, Jr., Mary Carney by Laura Ball, Shane Cocoran by Sean Murray and Diarmaid Cocoran by Ian Miles.

Crew members are Stage Manager Grey Madsen, Asst. Stage Manager Ella Maes, Light Technician Cort Bethel, Sound Technician Kennedy Hewett, Special Light Tech May Davis, Special FX Eric Soto and Stagehand Alex Gruber.

Alternates, understudies, makeup, hair and costume: Makena Griffin, Lisa Lewis, Annalise Reed.

Directors: JJ Jonas, Renee Arnett, Ellie Bragg, Faith Madsen

Salado's one-act play has advanced to state nine times and has won three state championships.



Harper Schreiner-Brown and Philip Nikolaidis as Caitlyn Carney and Tom Kettle



Philip Nikolaidis as IRA terrorist

Strickland throws no-hitter

Salado Eagles allowed no hits in their district games last week, beating Connally twice.

	R	H	E
Connally	0	0	2
Eagles	15	8	0

Caden Strickland threw a no-hitter against the Connally Cadets April 6, and would have had a perfect game except for a walk in the first inning. The Eagles won 15-0 in the mercy rule

shortened contest.

Strickland struck out 11 batters, requiring his defense only twice, on a fly out to second baseman Drew Bird in the fourth and a ground out to shortstop Owen Curtis for the final out of the game in the top of the fifth.

The Eagles scored three runs in the first, all without benefit of a hit as Brody Naegele and Bird walked and Strickland was hit by the pitcher. Naegele scored on a sacrifice fly by Lane Heath while Bird and Strickland scored on an error.

The Eagles added eight runs in the second. Five batters were walked and another one hit while Heath, Owen Curtis, BJ Amann and Bird had hits in the inning.

The Eagles did not score

in the third or fourth innings.

Heath went 3-for-3 to lead Salado, with 3 RBI and a run.

Five other Eagles had a hit: Amann, 1-for-3, 2 RBI; Curtis, 1-for-4, 2 RBI, a run; Logan Flores, 1-for-3, an RBI and a run; Bird, 1-for-2, an RBI and 2 runs; Strickland, 1-for-3, an RBI and a run.

	R	H	E
Eagles	12	11	1
Connally	1	0	3

Logan Flores and Caden Stump combined to no-hit the Connally Cadets April 3.

Flores pitched four innings, striking out nine and walking one.

Stump closed, pitching an inning, striking out one, walking one and allowing a run in the fifth.

Brody Naegele, Caden Strickland, and Lane Heath had singles and Owen Curtis had a double in the Eagles' first inning, in which Salado scored five runs.

Strickland doubled with two outs in the second, scoring on a double by Flores.

Kase Maedgen knocked in two runs with a single in the third.

Singles by Drew Bird,

Heath and Maedgen contributed to a four-run fourth.

	R	H	E
JV Red	12	11	0
Connally	0	0	1

Bryton Massar threw a no-hitter as the JV Red Eagles beat Connally 12-0 on April 3.

The Eagles collected 11 hits, including a homerun by Lincoln Hossfeld, who went 3-for-3 with 3 RBI at the plate.

Brendan Wilson went 2-for-2 with an RBI.

Micah Redelsheimer went 2-for-3 with an RBI and a run.

Also getting hits were Jace Light, Ethan Robledo, Jacob Preston and Massar.

	R	H	E
Heights	5	7	1
JV White	3	5	1

Salado JV White Eagles fell to the Harker Heights JV squad 5-3 on April 4.

Salado scored a run in the bottom of the first for a brief lead, before Harker Heights scored two runs in the top of the second and top of the third. The Eagles narrowed the lead to 4-3 with two runs in the bottom of the third.

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Bri Waters and Salado Lady Eagles celebrate her homerun against Connally. (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)

Ladies undefeated in 23-4A

Salado Lady Eagles sit atop the field at 6-0 in District 23-4A softball with recent wins over Connally and La Vega.

	R	H	E
Connally	6	8	1
Salado	7	10	0

Salado Lady Eagles scored two runs in the bottom of the sixth to retake the lead and win their district match-up at home, 7-6, against the Connally Lady Cadets April 10.

The Lady Eagles scored three runs in the first. Lexi Dudeczka led off the bottom of the first with a double. She advanced on a ground out to short by Harley Drouillard and scored on a ground out to short by Ryley Litchfield. With two outs and empty bases, Bri Waters walked and stole second. Shelby Dodge singled and Waters scored on an error that allowed Dodge to go to third. Dodge scored on a single by Brooke McLaurin.

Salado added two more runs in the bottom of the second. Dudeczka led off the frame with a dingle. She was thrown out at second on a fielder's choice that allowed Drouillard on base. Litchfield doubled and Dodge knocked in the two runners with a single.

Connally took advantage of three walks, a single and a double to score four runs in the top of the third. The Lady Cadets took a 6-5 lead in the top of the sixth with two doubles and two singles.

Drouillard led off the bottom of the sixth with a single. She was thrown out on a fielder's choice that put Litchfield on base. Bri Waters then homered for the go-ahead run.

McLaurin closed the game with three straight strikeouts in the top of the seventh for the win.

Bri Waters got the start on the mound for Salado. She allowed eight hits and struck out seven batters, walking four. Connally scored six earned runs against her.

Dodge led the girls, going 3-for-4 with 2 RBI.

Litchfield went 2-for-4 with an RBI and 2 runs.

Dudeczka went 2-for-4 with a run.

Also getting hits for the Lady Eagles were Waters, 1-for-2, 2 RBI, 1 run; McLaurin, 1-for-4, 1 RBI; Drouillard, 1-for-4, 1 run.

	R	H	E
Salado	16	16	2
La Vega	3	6	4

Salado Lady Eagles pelted La Vega for nine runs in the fifth inning on their way to a 16-3 mercy rule win on the road over the Lady Pirates April 4.

Salado scored two runs in the second and La Vega scored a run in the third. The Lady Pirates scored two runs in the bottom of the fifth to trail 11-3 before the Lady Eagles added five runs in the sixth.

Lexi Dudeczka had a single, an RBI double and a two-run homer to lead Salado's offense.

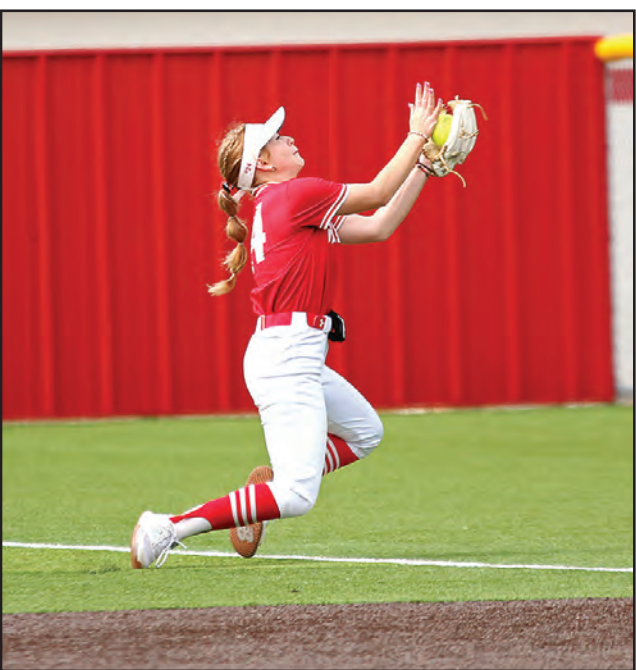
Harley Drouillard had



Brooke McLaurin gets a strikeout. (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)



Lexi Dudeczka lays down a bunt. (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)



Pazlee Conrad gets an out in the first inning against Waco Connally. (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)

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three singles, including an RBI and scored a run.

Angel Van de Plas had a double and an RBI single.

Also getting hits were Bri Waters for 2 RBI, Brooke McLaurin for an RBI, Alyson Schauer for an RBI, and Kaelyn Houston, Ryley

Litchfield, Katey Bartek, Brooklyn Williamson and Giselle Salazar.

McLaurin pitched the entire game, allowing six hits and striking out 11. La Vega scored three runs, one of them earned, against her. She allowed one homerun.



Haley Piatak will play soccer for Blinn College next year. As a Salado Lady Eagle, she had 47 goals and 32 assists in her four years of playing varsity soccer. She was district freshman mvp her freshmen year, district midfield MVP her sophomore year, and 1st team all district her junior year. Haley is pictured with her father Brian and mother Allison. (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)



Ethan Llobregat will play football for Blinn College next year. He was a starting offensive lineman for the Salado Eagles in 2021 and 2022. He is pictured above with his sister Natalie Rondon, and parents Aurea and Pedro Rondon. (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)

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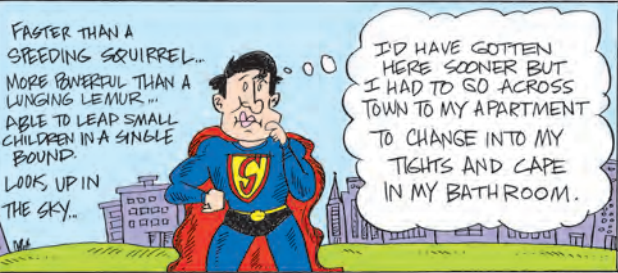
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Out on a Limb



by Gary Kopervas



The Spats



by Jeff Pickering

- ACROSS**
- 1 "Same Old Love" singer Gomez
 - 7 Taken-back autos, e.g.
 - 12 Most adultlike
 - 20 Sanctuary
 - 21 Novelist Jong
 - 22 Undeveloped expanse
 - 23 Carole King album hanging as a decoration?
 - 25 Surpass
 - 26 Drags to court
 - 27 Endures
 - 28 Big primate
 - 30 San — (Texas city, informally)
 - 31 Nixon veep Spiro
 - 32 Taylor Swift album signed for a Catholic dignitary?
 - 34 Title ship in a 1997 Spielberg epic
 - 38 Hullahaloo
 - 40 Hoodwink
 - 41 John Lennon album sitting there all by itself?
 - 43 Shoe parts
 - 45 "Attack, dog!"
 - 48 Portions out
 - 49 In the style of
 - 50 Closest buds, in brief
 - 51 Savoir- —
 - 53 Get as profit
 - 54 Historic start?
 - 55 Write preliminary lyrics to a Patti Smith album?
 - 57 Healing sign
 - 59 Cello's ancestor
 - 60 Pop's Grande
 - 61 Michael Jackson album that plays mind games?
 - 68 Pope before Stephen IV
 - 69 Having no depth, in brief
 - 70 Spellbound album that's very popular in big cities?
 - 74 Granola bit
 - 75 Dearth
 - 79 Works by painter Joan
 - 80 Small bouquet
 - 81 Polymer used in piping, for short
 - 82 U.S. Navy builder
 - 84 Major Calif. airport code
 - 85 General — chicken
 - 86 Looking to buy a Beatles album?
 - 88 Only OK
 - 90 Frequently
 - 92 Least distant
 - 93 Badly damaged Fleetwood Mac album?
 - 97 Assessed
 - 99 Mad magazine's Alfred E. —
 - 100 Dryly funny
 - 101 Peeling knife
 - 102 Smartphone extras
 - 106 Mark up with comments
 - 108 Joni Mitchell album upon being hit by lightning?
 - 111 Billy Joel hit
 - 112 Stones
 - 113 Celestial dust cloud
 - 114 Parts of car wheels
 - 115 Cheeky
 - 116 Old Faithful is a famous one
- DOWN**
- 1 Toothed tools
 - 2 Jacob's twin
 - 3 Actor Waggoner
 - 4 Edifice extensions
 - 5 Granola bit
 - 6 Mixtures
 - 7 Della of song
 - 8 Of times past
 - 9 Fruit stones
 - 10 Scanner of bar codes, for short
 - 11 Doc's throat-checking request
 - 12 Copied a cow
 - 13 Clerk on "The Simpsons"
 - 14 The "T" of the DPT vaccine
 - 15 Detach, as a jacket fastener
 - 16 Toy in a crib
 - 17 Mistake
 - 18 River by the Louvre
 - 19 Affixed, as gift wrap
 - 24 Bamboo-eating bear
 - 29 Comical tumble in slapstick
 - 31 Very busy
 - 32 Sebastian of England
 - 33 That is, to Tiberius
 - 34 Not closed all the way
 - 35 Stubborn sort
 - 36 Land in el agua
 - 37 Go no further
 - 39 Go — diet
 - 42 Greta of the silver screen
 - 44 Part of OTB
 - 45 Cordage fiber
 - 46 Dunne of the silver screen
 - 47 Labor leader Chávez
 - 50 Extensive
 - 51 Supporting the idea
 - 52 Seed casing
 - 54 Compadre
 - 55 Chopped into small cubes
 - 56 Lyre relative
 - 57 Tibias' places
 - 58 Spiral shape
 - 59 Title cousin in a 1992 film
 - 61 Purple fruits
 - 62 Letter flourish
 - 63 "Hey, dude!"
 - 64 Turin "Ta-ta!"
 - 65 Turns rancid
 - 66 Part of OTB
 - 67 Chapeau
 - 72 — salts
 - 73 Slimy stuff
 - 74 Bakers get their mitts on them
 - 75 Oz lion player Bert
 - 76 Busy as —
 - 77 Cartoon pics
 - 78 Retained
 - 81 — wee Herman
 - 82 Smiling evilly
 - 83 "Yikes!"
 - 85 Huge wave
 - 86 Rds.
 - 87 Bury
 - 88 Actress Raven- —
 - 89 Speechifier
 - 91 Fast-food cookers
 - 93 Not inclined
 - 94 Spirits in lamps
 - 95 Of the moon
 - 96 "Hee Haw" co-host Buck
 - 98 Bohemian
 - 101 Delts' neighbors
 - 102 "Dear" advice columnist
 - 103 In addition to
 - 104 Cry feebly
 - 105 Blacken, as a steak
 - 107 Scot's cap
 - 109 Mauna —
 - 110 Mediocre grade

Contract Bridge

THE CLUES POINT THE WAY

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
 ♠ 7 6 5
 ♥ 6 3 2
 ♦ A Q 8 4
 ♣ 10 7 3

WEST
 ♠ A J
 ♥ J 7 5
 ♦ K J 10
 ♣ Q J 9 8 4

EAST
 ♠ Q 10 9 8
 ♥ K
 ♦ 7 6 5 3 2
 ♣ K 6 5

SOUTH
 ♠ K 4 3 2
 ♥ A Q 10 9 8 4
 ♦ 9
 ♣ A 2

The bidding:
 South West North East
 1♥ Dble Pass 1♠
 2♥ Pass Pass 3♦
 3♥ Pass 4♥ Dble

Opening lead — queen of clubs.

The South African declarer got to four hearts doubled as shown, and West led the club queen. South won with the ace, cashed the ace of trump, felling East's king, then led a diamond and successfully finessed the queen.

After discarding a club on the ace of diamonds, declarer led a spade to the king, losing to the ace. South eventually lost two more spades and a trump trick and finished down one, -200. He was able to ruff his fourth spade in dummy to prevent an even greater loss.

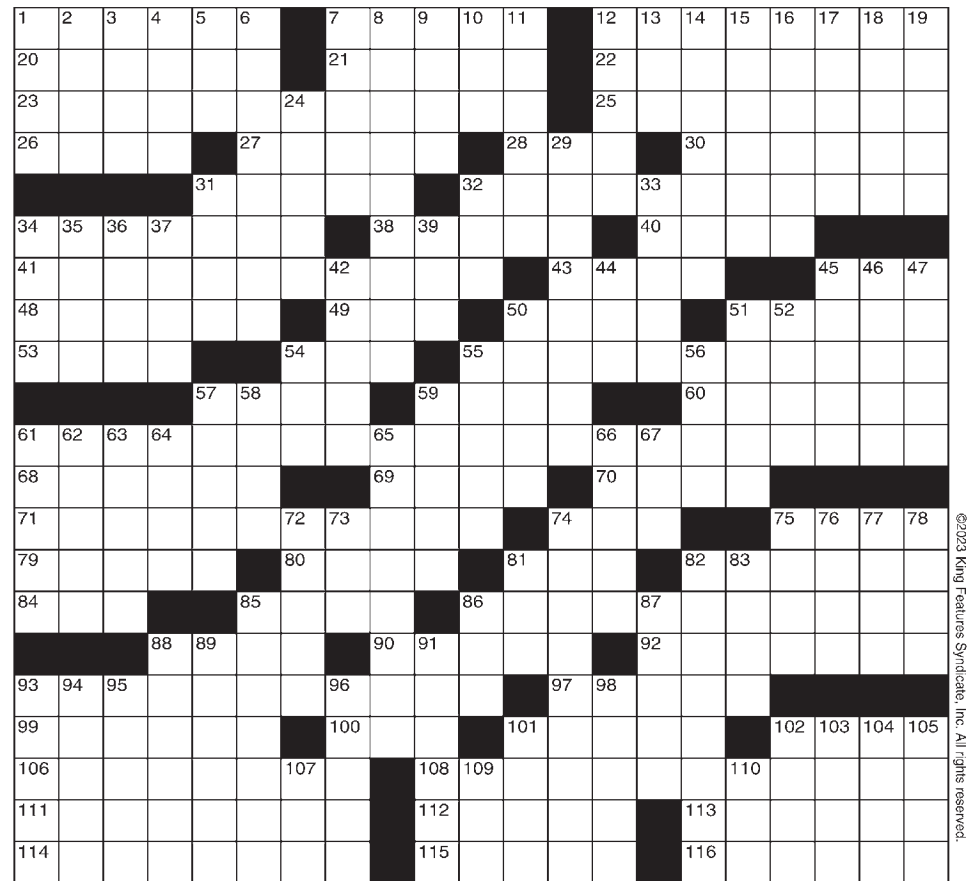
South's early plays were certainly correct. The diamond finesse, though dangerous, was necessary, but after it succeeded South should have reassessed his prospects and made the contract.

It was a serious mistake to lead a spade to the king at trick five. To play a spade from dummy was surely right, but to play the king was surely wrong. South should have placed West with the spade ace for his takeout double, because East had already turned up with the king of hearts and (by inference from West's opening lead) king of clubs.

Had South played a low spade on East's eight at trick five and later played a low spade again, he would have gained a spade trick and made the contract. He also would have been 990 points to the better.

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by Steve Becker



Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- TELEVISION: What is the name of the president in the drama "West Wing"?
- GEOGRAPHY: Which U.S. state shares the same name as one of the Great Lakes?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: What are the ZIP codes assigned to the president and first lady?
- LANGUAGE: What is cryptophasia?
- MOVIES: What is the number on top of the bus in the movie "Speed"?
- LITERATURE: What is the setting for Dashiell Hammett's novel "The Maltese Falcon"?
- ANATOMY: Which two parts of the human body contain the most bones?
- U.S. STATES: In which state would you find the Grand Teton National Park?
- AD SLOGANS: Which popular product uses the slogan, "Is it in you"?
- FOOD & DRINK: What is the primary ingredient of baba ganoush?

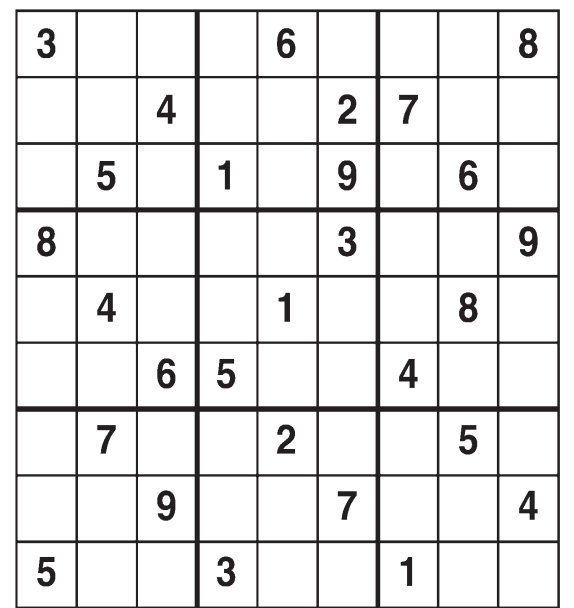
Answers

- Josiah "Jed" Bartlet.
- Michigan.
- 20500-0001 and 20500-0002.
- A language developed by twins that only the two children can understand.
- 2525.
- San Francisco.
- More than half the bones are in the hands and feet, 27 in each hand and 26 in each foot.
- Wyoming.
- Gatorade.
- Eggplant.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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

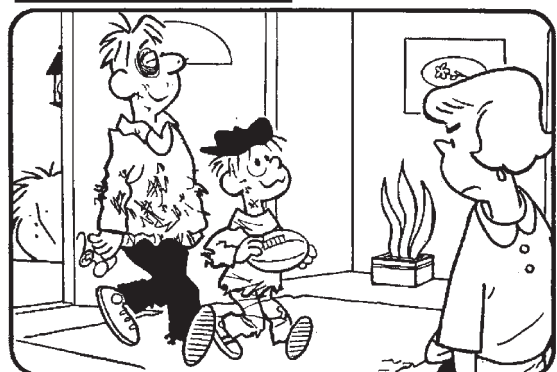
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- ♦♦ Challenging
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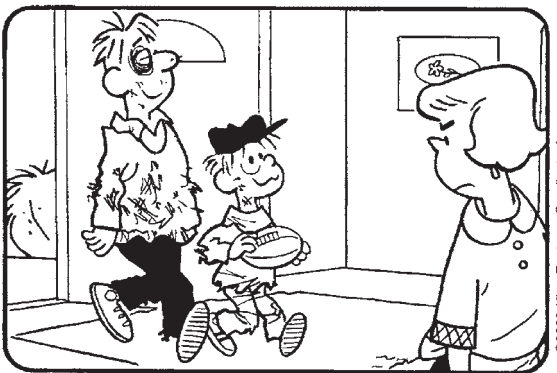
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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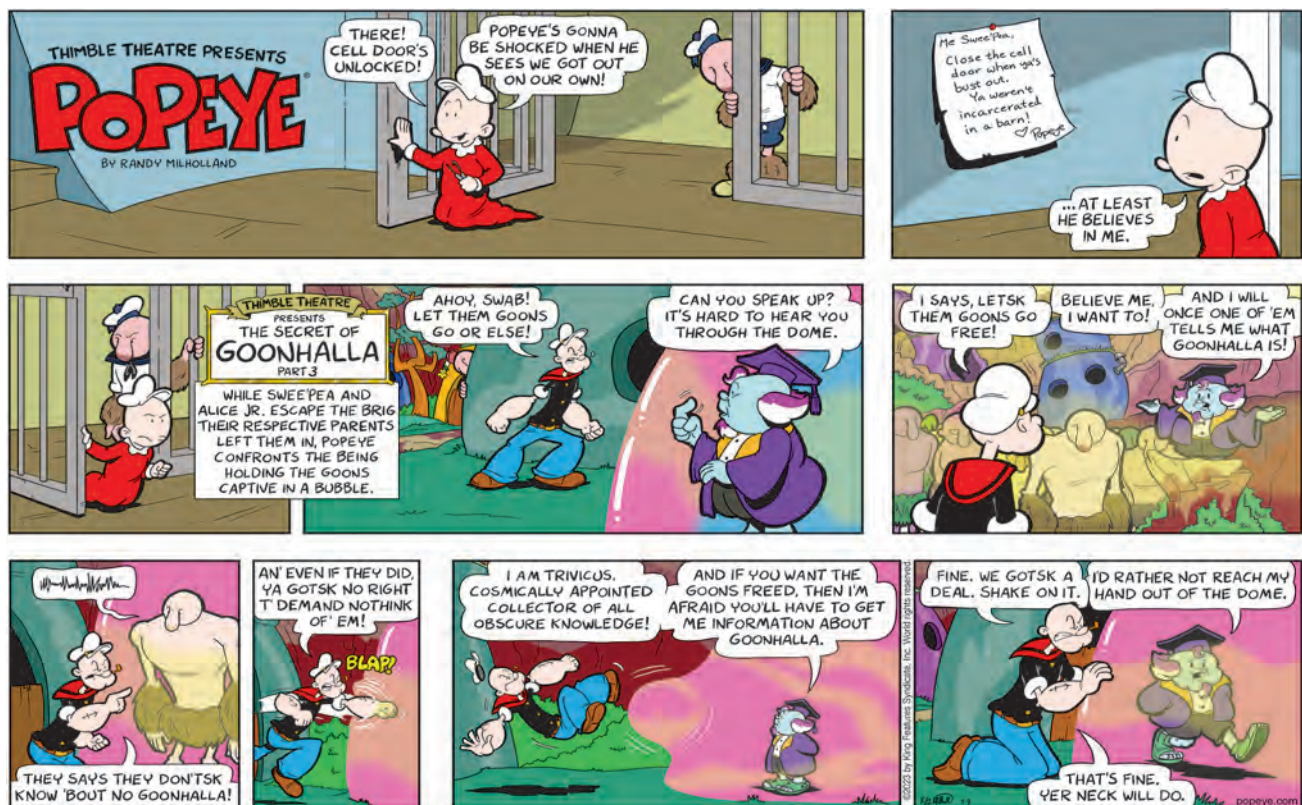
Differences: 1. Light is missing. 2. Glasses are missing. 3. Cap is reversed. 4. Plant is missing. 5. Collar is different. 6. Cuff is added.

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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

If you enjoy the Puzzle page, try our interactive crossword and sudoku puzzles online at: saladovillagevoice.com



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Super Crossword

Introducing the 2023 candidates for Salado ISD Board of Trustees

Four candidates have filed for three three-year terms on the Salado Independent School District Board of Trustees for the May 6 general election. They appear on the ballot in this order:

This week, *Salado Village Voice* introduces the candidates to the voters.



SAVANNAH HENNING

Family information: I have been married to my husband, Garrison, for 14 years and we have two children, Garrison (age 9) and Mayleigh (age 4).

Do you have children in Salado schools? If so, which campuses? Our son is in 3rd grade at Thomas Arnold Elementary, and our daughter will start there in the fall of 2024.

Education and Professional background: I'm a Salutatorian graduate of Salado High School and Summa Cum Laude graduate of Abilene Christian University with a degree in Accounting. After spending several years in corporate America, I transitioned to working in real estate with my family at Century 21 Bill Bartlett where I've been for almost a decade. As a school board member, my experience in my career allows me to provide expert knowledge and insight about our growing community.

School, Civic, Service and community organizations/involvement: Prior to serving on the school board, I served six years as Treasurer for the Salado Education Foundation. I served on the previous Long Range Facility Planning Committee, and I am a homeroom mom. I serve on the fundraising committee for Salado Youth Baseball & Softball Association. My family and I are active members of First Baptist Church Salado where I serve as a Trustee.

Why are you running for Salado ISD Board of Trustees? Serving on the board has been the most challenging, but also the most rewarding, act of community service I've experienced. I am seeking re-election because I believe school districts are at the heart of a community, and I am passionate about the next generation of students walking our hallways. I want to continue investing in the students of Salado ISD as we experience growth we've never seen before. I have professional insight to offer for the exact challenge we are facing, and as the only incumbent, I already have knowledge of current Salado ISD successes, challenges, and hot topics. I am grateful for your support and vote for the opportunity to continue the work I'm already doing.

What is your top priority for Salado ISD? Salado ISD's biggest challenge is our rate of growth. With that growth, my priority is making sure we are meeting the needs of our students. We must provide quality education, we must be able to meet our students emotionally and mentally where they are, we must provide safe and adequate physical

space, and we must provide support to our staff.



KIMBERLY REDELSHEIMER

Family information: Kim is married to Karl Redelsheimer. Karl is an Active-Duty Army Chaplain, currently stationed at Fort Hood. Fort Hood is their 5th Duty Station. They have three high-school aged children and a dog named Winnie, who you might have seen at Salado baseball games, football games, and cross country meets! The Redelsheimers love being a part of the community in Salado.

Do you have children in Salado schools? If so, which campuses? Kim is the proud mom of 3 Salado Eagles! Samuel is a senior and Anna and Micah (twins) are sophomores at Salado High School.

Education and Professional background: Kim has a B.A. from Calvin University in Grand Rapids MI, and a Master's Degree in Health Services Administration from The George Washington University in Washington D.C. She has taught undergraduate and graduate level courses in Healthcare Policy and Economics for the past 16 years. Currently, she is Adjunct Faculty at George Mason University and Purdue Global University.

School, Civic, Service and community organizations/involvement: The Redelsheimer family attends chapel on Fort Hood, and also Christ Lutheran Church in Georgetown. Kim has been involved with PTO at both the MS and the HS, and currently is the co-president of the HS PTO. Kim is an active supporter of the HS band, UIL Academics, and many SHS sports teams. Kim also serves on the SISD Site Based Committee. Kim is part of the Quilting Group at Christ Lutheran.

Why are you running for Salado ISD Board of Trustees? As a military family, we have been involved with many different schools! Salado ISD is the sixth school system that our children have been in. I think this gives me a good perspective and context in which to serve as a SISD school board member. I've seen what works well in schools and how schools can face difficult challenges. I bring with me the experience and perspective of having been in many different school systems in different States and also overseas. I have volunteered and been part of the PTO in each school our children have attended. In my work teaching at the University level, I see what students need to be able to thrive after high school. I am grateful that my children are students in SISD, and I want to give back to help make SISD the best it can be.

What is your top priority for Salado ISD? My top priority as a board member for Salado ISD will be to ensure that all students receive a high-quality education which prepares them to be contributing members of society. I think board mem-

bers need to be collaborators between students, parents, teachers, and administrators. Valuing each contributor's perspective and working together for solutions that put students first is what I will focus on as a SISD board member. SISD will be facing many challenges of growth and expansion over the next few years. I hope that my voice will give effective insight into the opportunities that SISD will encounter.



DAVID MATTHEWS

Family Information: My name is David Matthews. In 1994, my parents moved my triplet sisters and me to Salado from the Rio Grande Valley. I attended Salado ISD until I graduated, class of 2002. Many long-term, Salado residents may have known my dad, David Matthews from First State Bank, or my mom, Kay Matthews from elementary and high school administrations.

Do you have children in Salado schools? If so, which campuses? My wife of 12 years and I recently moved back to Salado from Ft. Worth with our two beautiful daughters, one in 2nd grade at the elementary school and one who will be in Kindergarten next year in the TAE 1 building.

Education and Professional Background: I received a degree in hospitality management in Colorado. I am currently an independent insurance agent. Previously I worked 17 years in the Metal Recycling Industry and gained invaluable skills in management and leadership.

Upon moving back to my home town, I became a member of the Salado Lions Club and Salado Chamber. Activities have included the semi-annual pancake supper, the annual 5K, the Bunny Hop, and the Turkey Trot, Salado Eagles Football concession stands, and Heart and Hands. I am also a faithful member and regular attendee of 3C Cowboy Fellowship.

Why are you running for Salado ISD Board of Trustees? I am running for Salado ISD school board trustee to show my passion for my community, my children's future and the future of their peers, and support for local teachers. I think it's important to be involved in our children's education. Our teachers are facing more than they have ever faced before and they need our support. Our community is still acclimating to the rapid growth around us so I want to be a part of the long-range planning for our schools. The faith, character, and values that have upheld me in my life will continue to play a role in my decisions.

What is your top priority for Salado ISD? My top priority is supporting growth by helping teachers in the ever changing and ever growing influx of students and the unique needs of those students. The schools have a sub-shortage and the facilities are at max-

imum capacity. It's my goal to see some plans in place so that this year's problems aren't next year's problems.



ERIC MALMIN

Family Information: My name is Eric Malmin. I am married to Kelsey Malmin and together we have four beautiful daughters. We have been raising our family here in Salado for the past 5 years. Kelsey and I both grew up locally in Bell County and I am excited to have the opportunity to give back and serve this community.

Do you have children in Salado schools? If so, which campuses? Our two oldest girls are currently students at Thomas Arnold Elementary. Within the next 3 years all four of our girls will be students of Salado ISD.

Education and Professional Background: I graduated from Troy High School in 2005. I earned a Bachelor of Science degree while playing football at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor and then went on to earn a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree from the University of Texas at El Paso. Currently I practice

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School, Civic Service and community organizations/involvement: Since first moving to Salado, I have been actively serving the community. I have coached multiple youth sports teams including softball, soccer, basketball and Eagle Dribblers. Additionally, I currently serve as a board member for the Salado Youth Basketball Association. I am also an active member of Grace Church

Salado where I serve on the parking team and co-lead a community group with my wife and another couple in our home every week.

Why are you running for Salado ISD Board of Trustees? My reason for running for school board is simple. I have a deep desire to serve the students and families of this community. I want to give back to a community that has given so much to me, and my family and I feel that the school board is the best place for me to do this. I want to work with the students, teachers,

administrators and community members to develop a partnership built on open communication, honesty, trust and mutual respect. Salado is a growing district and with this growth comes inherent challenges. I want to be a part of the team that helps navigate these challenges and guides Salado ISD into its exciting future.

What is your top priority for Salado ISD? My top priority for the district is, and always will be, student success. A resolute commitment to student success will be the foundation for every

decision I make. While there are other issues that I consider to be of paramount importance such as school safety, supporting our teachers, addressing staffing challenges and facility deficiencies, all these things exist for one shared purpose, student success. Many of these students will one day return to serve this community. They will be our teachers, nurses, doctors, construction workers, small business owners, bankers, farmers, welders, etc. Investing in these students is also an investment in the future of this community.

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11/2021

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCIÓN)

To the registered voters of **Salado Independent School District and the Village of Salado, Salado, Texas:**

(A los votantes registrados del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Salado y del Pueblo de Salado, Salado, Texas:)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on **May 6, 2023**, for voting in a general election to elect **three (3) trustees for full three-year terms for Salado I.S.D. Board of Trustees, and three (3) Aldermen for the Village of Salado.**

(Notifíquese, por la presente, que las casillas electorales detalladas abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 6 de mayo, 2023, para votar en una elección a elegir a tres (3) fideicomisarios para mandatos de tres años completos para el Consejo de Administración del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Salado y tres (3) concejal del Pueblo de Salado.)

LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES:

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(LA DIRECCIÓN DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)

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During early voting, a voter may vote at the location listed below:

(Durante Votación Adelantada, los votantes podrán votar en el sitio de votación nombrada abajo)

Location of Main Early Voting Polling Place: **Salado Civic Center, 601 North Main, Salado, Texas**
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Dates and Hours for Early Voting

(Días y horas de Votación Adelantada)

April 24, 2023, 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

April 25, 2023, 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

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April 28, 2023, 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

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Applications for Ballots by Mail (ABBM) must be received no later than the close of business on: **April 25, 2023.**

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Issued this the 24th day of March 2023.

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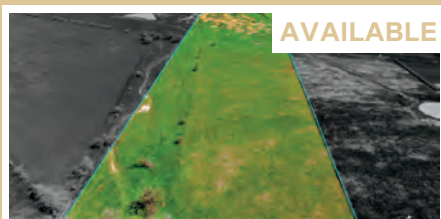
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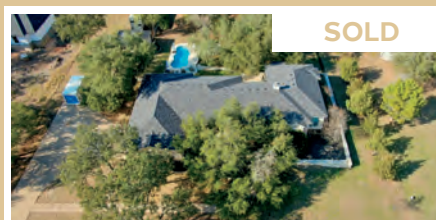
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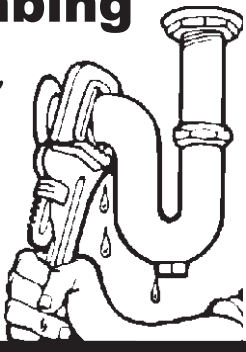
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Small business optimism declines

AUSTIN – NFIB's Small Business Optimism Index decreased 0.8 points in March to 90.1, marking the 15th consecutive month below the 49-year average of 98. Twenty-four percent of owners reported inflation as their single most important business problem, down four points from last month. Small business owners expecting better business conditions over the next six months remain at a net negative 47%.

"Small business owners are cynical about future economic conditions," said NFIB Chief Economist Bill Dunkelberg. "Hiring plans fell to their lowest level since May 2020, but strong consumer spending has kept Main Street alive and supported strong labor demand."

Although state-specific data is unavailable, NFIB State Director Annie Spilman warned that without meaningful tax and regulatory relief, small business owners in Texas could remain pessimistic about future economic conditions:

"Texas entrepreneurs want to hire hardworking men and women, invest in their communities, and expand their operations – despite the economic uncertainty they face. Meaningful property tax relief and regulatory consistency would make it easier for our job creators to do all this and more. We hope the legislature will act quickly on behalf of small business owners and their employees."

Key findings include:

Forty-three percent of owners reported job openings that were hard to fill, down four points from February and remaining historically very high.

The net percent of owners raising average selling prices decreased one point to a net 37% seasonally adjusted.

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The net percent of owners who expect real sales to be higher deteriorated six points from February to a net negative 15%.

As reported in NFIB's monthly jobs report, a seasonally adjusted net 15% of owners are planning to create new jobs in the next three months. Twenty-six percent of owners reported few qualified applicants for their open positions and 27% reported none. Eleven percent of owners cited labor costs as their top business problem and 23% said that labor quality was their top business problem. Labor quality remains in second place behind inflation by one point as the top business problem.

Fifty-seven percent of owners reported capital outlays in the next six months, down three points from February. Of those making expenditures, 40% reported spending on new equipment, 23% acquired vehicles, and 11% spent money for new fixtures and furniture. Fifteen percent improved or expanded facilities and 6% acquired new buildings or land for expansion. Twenty percent of owners are planning capital outlays in the next few months, down one point from February. Overall, the small business sector shows little strength from capital spending.

A net negative 6% of all owners (seasonally adjusted) reported higher nominal sales in the past three months. Sales are trending down. The net percent of owners expecting higher real sales volumes deteriorated six points to a net negative 15%.

The net percent of owners reporting inventory increases was unchanged at a net negative 1%. Not seasonally adjusted, thirteen percent reported increases in stocks and 17% reported

reductions. Nineteen percent of owners reported that supply chain disruptions still have a significant impact on their business. Another 31% reported a moderate impact and 35% reported a mild impact.

A net 1% of owners viewed current inventory stocks as "too low" in March, up five points from February. By industry, shortages are reported most frequently in transportation (18%), retail (17%), manufacturing (16%), and wholesale (16%). Complaints of shortages in construction (3%) have been reduced because home sales have slowed due to higher interest rates. A net negative 4% of owners plan inventory investment in the coming months, up three points from February.

The net percent of owners raising average selling prices decreased one point from February to a net 37% seasonally adjusted, the lowest since April 2021. Unadjusted, 11% reported lower average selling prices and 50% reported higher average prices. Price hikes were the most frequent in wholesale (71% higher, 16% lower), retail (61% higher, 8% lower), construction (57% higher, 8% lower), and finance (56% higher, 8% lower). Seasonally adjusted, a net 26% plan price hikes, up one point.

Seasonally adjusted, a net 42% reported raising compensation, down six points from February. A net 22% plan to raise compensation in the next three months.

The frequency of positive profit trends was a net negative 18%, five points better than in February. Among owners reporting lower profits, 31% blamed weaker sales, 23% blamed the rise in the cost of materials, 13% cited the usual seasonal change, 9% cited

lower prices, 8% cited labor costs, and 3% cited higher taxes or regulatory costs. For owners reporting higher profits, 48% credited sales volumes, 21% cited higher prices, 18% cited usual seasonal change, and 5% cited lower labor costs.

Two percent of owners reported that all their borrowing needs were not satisfied. Twenty-nine percent reported all credit needs were met and 59% said they were not interested in a loan.

A net 9% reported their last loan was harder to get than in previous attempts, up four points.

Three percent reported that financing was their top business problem. A net 26% of owners reported paying a higher rate on their most recent loan, up two points. Rates are rising, but credit is still available.

The NFIB Research Center has collected Small Business Economic Trends data with quarterly surveys since the fourth quarter of 1973 and monthly surveys since 1986.

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04/02	HACKBERRY RD, Bell	Passenger vehicle fire
04/02	ROYAL ST, Salado	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
04/02	ROYAL ST, Salado	No incident found on arrival at address
04/02	Pace Park RD, Salado	Authorized controlled burning
04/02	S IH 35, Bell	Motor vehicle accident with injuries
04/02	S IH 35, Bell	Dispatched & cancelled en route
04/02	IH 35, Bell	Dispatched & cancelled en route
04/02	MOUNTAIN DR, Bell	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
04/03	281 mm S IH 35 HWY, Salado	No incident found on arrival at address
04/03	ELMER KING RD, Bell	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
04/03	MARY LN, Bell	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
04/03	FM 1670, Bell	Forest, woods or wildland fire
04/04	S IH 35 SERVICE RD	Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.
04/04	YELLOW ROSE DR, Bell	Assist invalid
04/05	S INTERSTATE 35 HWY, Salado	Dispatched & cancelled en route
04/05	S INTERSTATE 35 HWY, Salado	Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.
04/06	IH35 South just before Exit 284	Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.
04/06	M WAY, SLDO	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
04/06	BAINES ST, Salado	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
04/07	FM 2843 RD, Bell	Authorized controlled burning
04/07	IH35 South HWY, Salado	Motor vehicle accident with injuries
04/07	I-35, Salado	Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.
04/07	W VILLAGE RD, Salado	EMS call, excluding MVA with injury
04/07	HACKBERRY RD, Bell	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
04/08	FM 1670, Bell	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
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Texas voters support homestead exemption over property appraisal caps, survey shows

AUSTIN TX – The Texas Association of Property Tax Professionals release the results of a statewide survey conducted by Texas' preeminent political pollster Mike Baselice.

The statewide survey of 800 Texas voters found strong support for the Texas Senate plan to provide significant property tax relief by increasing homestead exemptions as opposed to the Texas House scheme to lower appraisal caps.

In summarizing the survey results, Mike Baselice

said, "More than four out of five likely voters in Texas support SJR 3 – a measure to increase the Texas homestead exemption to \$70,000, and to increase the exemption for seniors and disabled homeowners to \$100,000. Specifically, voters support SJR 3 by a 70-point margin – 82% in favor to 12% opposed.

"At a smaller 42-point margin, voters support reducing the cap on appraisal increases to 5% in HJR 1 (67% in favor to 25% opposed)."

When forced to choose between the two proposals, voters prefer SJR 3 over HJR 1 – 47% to 40%. That margin grows wider to 57%-38% after a series of informed choices about the two proposals. For example:

- Voters prefer SJR 3 over HJR 1 by over two-to-one (64% to 29%, respectively) after learning SJR 3 provides additional tax relief to seniors which the appraisal cap proposal fails to do.

- Voters choose SJR 3 over HJR 1 by nearly two-to-one (61% to 32%, respec-

tively) when they learn the increase in the homestead exemption will provide every Texas homeowner \$798 in property tax savings every year whereas appraisal caps give owners of more expensive properties larger tax breaks than owners of lower-valued properties.

Other informative statements that led to increased opposition to HJR 1 include:

- 72% are opposed to HJR 1 when they learn the appraisal caps are modeled after California's property tax system which has led to

a massive housing shortage, skyrocketing home prices, increased homelessness, and among the nation's highest cost of living.

- 68% are opposed to HJR 1 when they learn the measure adopts California's property tax law which led to the largest divide between rich and poor in the nation with older, higher income property owners getting the biggest tax breaks while lower income and younger people pay significantly more in taxes than they otherwise would without an appraisal cap.

In summary, there was serious concern and hesitation over how appraisal caps in California led to a massive housing shortage, the greatest divide between rich and poor, and huge inequities with owners of similarly valued properties paying dramatically different property taxes. At the end of the survey, support for HJR 1 and appraisal caps was cut in half to just 31% of voters, while opposition more than doubled from the beginning of the survey to 55%.



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