



## BoA approves playground purchase, putting Mill Creek culvert job out to bid

Village of Salado aldermen at their April 20 meeting approved the purchase of \$240,531.11 in playground equipment through PlayWell Groups Inc.

The purchase include \$85,418.30 for Playcraft Custom Play System, \$20,814.50 for a Friendship Wildlife-themed Spinner, \$3,406.70 for two eight-foot two-seated swing bays, \$326.80 for belt seat, \$997.50 for inclusion seat, \$1,282.50 for playshare seat, \$6,982.50 for a Disc Swing, \$26,542.05 for Spin Max Orbit, \$19,416.24 for shipping.

The purchase includes

\$19,164.00 for a Modern Shade (30' X 47' X 13' tall), \$6,080.00 for a 15' X 15' cantilevered umbrella pyramid \$1,773.34 for engineered drawings.

Siteworks will include \$44,808.00 for a pour-in-place 3-inch surface, \$2,026 for wood fiber and \$1,492.02 for shipping and handling.

In other business, aldermen approved putting the installation of a large culvert on Mill Creek Road just northside of Creekwise Subdivision out for bid.

MRB Group, the Village's contract engineer presented plans to aldermen for the construction of larger culvert

on Mill Creek Rd. The new culvert should enhance the flow of storm water under the roadway," according to Village Administrator Don Ferguson.

The estimated cost of the drainage improvement project is \$107,423.

After receipt of bids, village staff will bring a recommendation to award a contract for construction.

The project will be funded from the American Recovery Act funds allocated to the Village.

Aldermen will meet again 6:30 p.m. May 4 at the Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Rd.



(PHOTO BY JASON DECKMAN)  
Paul Hynes scrutinizes plants for sale at the Native Plant Society Tonkawa Central Texas Chapter native plant sale on the grounds of Barrow Brewing Co. on April 22.

## Last day to vote early in local elections is May 2

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.

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

Early voting hours are 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.



Rebecca Jane plays accordion at SophistiKatz Beads during the Porch and Planet Festival on April 22 that had popup concerts throughout town, including performers from the Music Association of Central Texas on the gazebo stage on the grounds of the Salado Civic Center. Salado is a Music Friendly Community, designated by the Governor's Office. (PHOTO BY JASON DECKMAN)

## Village sales tax rebate check up 26.3% in April

Bell County continues to show double digit increases in sales tax revenues compared to the previous year. Six Bell County cities, including Salado, showed double digit percentage increases this month.

Village of Salado showed a 26.3% over last April. The Village received \$53,466.69 compared to \$42,333.54 in April 2022. For the year, the Village has received \$271,812.36, which is 10.22% more than the \$246,586.90 paid through April 2022.

The Village is one of three Bell County cities to levy a 1-cent sales tax, while seven other Bell County cities levy a 1.5 cent sales tax and Rogers levies a 1.25 cent sales

tax. The Salado Public Library District and Bell County each levy a half-cent sales tax.

For that half-cent tax, Salado Public Library District received a \$47,271.70 April check, which was 26.6% more than last April's payment of \$37,344.09. For the year, the Library District has received \$219,337.44, which is 6.89% more than the \$205,189.56 paid through April 2022.

Bell County received \$2.46 million in April, an increase of 15.91% over the \$2.13 million paid in April 2022. For the year, Bell County has received \$10.95 million, which is 13% more than the \$9.69 million paid

### Sales tax rebates for April 2023 to Bell County taxing entities

Entity	Rate	April 2023	April 2022	Change	YTD 2023	YTD 2022	Change
Belton	1.500%	\$648,472.87	\$542,430.23	19.54%	\$2,878,346.92	\$2,560,451.01	12.41%
Harker Heights	1.500%	\$804,560.67	\$749,395.20	7.36%	\$3,679,105.53	\$3,423,970.28	7.45%
Holland	1.000%	\$10,340.60	\$7,720.48	33.93%	\$46,874.42	\$35,743.10	31.14%
Killeen	1.500%	\$2,571,401.09	\$2,342,168.44	9.78%	\$11,238,931.73	\$10,555,621.43	6.47%
L.R-Academy	1.000%	\$9,691.52	\$8,876.02	9.18%	\$46,328.49	\$43,359.56	6.84%
Morgans Point	1.500%	\$26,245.66	\$22,919.60	14.51%	\$120,990.33	\$113,740.70	6.37%
Nolanville	1.500%	\$133,586.95	\$127,345.02	4.90%	\$591,850.15	\$532,213.67	11.20%
Rogers	1.250%	\$8,004.63	\$7,508.24	6.61%	\$40,924.00	\$35,363.48	15.72%
Salado	1.000%	\$53,466.69	\$42,333.54	26.29%	\$271,812.36	\$246,586.90	10.22%
Temple	1.500%	\$2,791,056.03	\$2,232,275.39	25.03%	\$11,917,625.63	\$10,237,611.62	16.41%
Troy	1.500%	\$80,282.31	\$61,553.28	30.42%	\$362,589.87	\$253,913.29	42.80%
Salado Library	0.500%	\$47,271.70	\$37,344.09	26.58%	\$219,337.44	\$205,189.56	6.89%
Bell	0.500%	\$2,463,655.86	\$2,125,476.16	15.91%	\$10,954,408.50	\$9,692,145.57	13.02%

through April 2022

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar sent cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts \$977.2 million in local sales tax allocations for April, 12.8% more

than in April 2022.

These allocations are based on sales made in February by businesses that report tax monthly.

The comptroller sent rebates totaling \$815 million to

Texas Cities, an increase of 11.5% over last April.

The comptroller sent \$210.6 million to transit systems for April, an increase of 13% over April 2022.

Counties received \$61.1

million in sales tax rebate checks, an increase of 16.9% over April 2022.

Special purpose districts received \$90.5 million in sales tax checks for April, 18.5% more than last year.

## Salado One Act Play sets final performance of scenes from The Ferryman April 27

The Salado UIL One-Act Play will present scenes from The Ferryman 7 p.m. April 27 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 Horridan by Samuel Perez, Muldoon (IRA boss) by Connor Stovall, Quinn Carney by Andreas Nikolaidis, Caitlin 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 Beth-

el, 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. Directors include J.J. Jonas, Renee Arnett, Ellie Bragg, and Faith Madsen.



Samuel Perez and Andreas Nikolaidis as Father Horrigan and Quinn Carney

## Spring Fling April 28

The Thomas Arnold Elementary Spring Fling will be 6-8 p.m. April 28.

The event will include bounce houses, food trucks, a petting zoo, a gaming truck, silent auction and raffle. Entry is free.

## SHS Spring Showcase set May 5

The Salado High School Spring Showcase will be 6 p.m. May 5 at Salado Middle School Cafeteria. It will feature performance by the SHS Band, Cheerleaders, Sparklers, Starlets dance team and Twirlers. Admission is \$5.

# FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas

## Wages for lowest earners increase 7% in past year

The Markets

It was another week of dire news in the headlines but the stock market, at least as represented by the S&P 500 Stock Index (SPX) seemed to have a differing view. The Index ended the week at 4133.52, down 1/10 of one percent. That left it up 7.66% this year, 15.4% higher than it was in October, and almost 85% higher than it was three years ago, but still down about 14% from its high point in January 2022. During the week, the SPX rose as high as 4166 and fell as low as 4115 but despite sudden moves down most mornings, had largely recovered by the end of each day. Earnings from the first quarter are coming in and, in those earnings, and the accompanying forecasts by the reporting companies, traders are trying to read the tea leaves to forecast where things are going. Yes, earnings forecasts by Wall Street analysts are down both for the first quarter and for the second, but so far, with nearly 10% of the SPX companies having reported, 82% of the reporting companies are substantially beating the estimates. Our other market indicator, the CRSP Mid-Cap Value Index, ended the week at 2326.42, up 0.59%. It is still down about half a percent this year but is up about 50% from three years ago.

The benchmark 10-year U.S. Treasury note yield bounced around wildly during the week, much like the stock market, but ended, again like stocks, pretty much where it started, yielding 3.57% versus last week's 3.52%. The Treasury yield curve continued in its firmly inverted position with 2, 3, and 6 month yields above 5% (annualized). Voting members of the Federal Reserve Board seem to be in something like a consensus of "one and done", meaning that one more 0.25% increase is in the works, but barring new data that conflicts with what they are seeing now, that will set the stage for a pause. That would put the rates right where Chairman Powell suggested 9 months ago, they would be. In a bit of a surprise to many observers, the price of West

### Market & Economic Update

by Jeffrey W. McClure



Texas Intermediate crude oil (WTI) fell almost 6% to \$77.87. Despite the announcement that OPEC would be cutting oil production, the U.S. Energy Information Administration released a report that global oil production is likely to increase by 1.5 million barrels per day this year.

#### The Economy

The economic headlines were, as usual, filled with worrying announcements. The speculation that we are headed for a recession somehow makes it into every story, no matter what the underlying facts seem to indicate. The reality is that under the headline announcing that jobless claims rose for the week, buried in the last paragraphs, was the notation that unemployment insurance claims and the unemployment rate are still near or at a record low. Inflation, of course, is the hot topic, with pundits howling about 5% inflation over the past year. As we mentioned last week, very little is said about the fact that about nine months ago, the one-year trailing inflation rate was 9%, and even less is said or written about the current 0.1% month over month inflation rate, which equates to 1.2% annualized. Even less is written about the section of the Labor Department's Wages and Inflation report that noted the wages for the lowest earning quarter of workers has risen 7% in the last 12 months. The economic news media is focused on bad news because, perversely, that is apparently what we want to see and hear.

There are more than one historically reliable predictors of recessions and one of the better ones is the price of copper. For example, copper is needed for just about everything we make or do, and the process of increasing supply, or for that matter, decreasing the sup-

ply, is very slow and very expensive, so rises and falls in copper prices are almost completely based on contracted orders over the next six months to a year. When copper purchasers sense rising demand coming down the road, they contract to buy more copper and the price either goes up or stays up. When those companies that supply copper to the building, transportation, electronics, and other core industries see less demand, they fail to renew contracts and the price goes down. The futures cost of copper has fallen substantially before every recession since WWII. It sometimes sends false recession signals, but to date, it has never failed to drop prior to a recession. Copper started the year at \$3.77 per pound and is now just below \$4.00. Yes, copper was at about \$4.50 a year ago, then slumped to \$3.23 in July, but has been rising or holding its own ever since.

We believe the source of the confusion is that we are seeing something we have not seen in over 40 years. In late 2020 and through 2021 our economy was in overdrive, running faster than was safe or reasonable, as we recovered from the pandemic. Now we are seeing the economic growth rate slowing as it settles back to a sustainable level. Over the last several decades, a slowing growth rate was a good sign that a recession was soon to arrive. Today, it may just be that we are returning to a healthy balance. The Fed's objective was to slow the growth rate to a sustainable level, and it looks more and more like it is working. Only time will tell, but there are as many signals that we are about to see faster growth later this year as there are indications that a recession is in the cards.

## Protect free speech: Don't mess with Texas' anti-SLAPP law

By WILL CREELEY

When it comes to criticizing the powerful or politically connected, the First Amendment protects the little guy. No matter who you are or how much money you have in the bank, you have the right to speak your mind. Because the Founders knew all too well the danger of granting the government the power to decide who can and cannot speak, the First Amendment was designed to shield speakers from government retribution.

But these days, the government isn't the only Goliath, and direct censorship isn't the only way to silence dissent. Over time, the rich and powerful learned a new way to shut up their detractors: forcing them to fight off flimsy lawsuits. By burying critics in a blizzard of costly litigation, would-be censors were able to increase the financial stakes of speaking out — even when the claims filed weren't worth the paper they were printed on.

These strategic lawsuits against public participation — SLAPPs, for short — threaten our national commitment to freedom of expression and an informed citizenry. What good are First Amendment rights if exercising them means having to shell out for a lawyer to defend against a meritless lawsuit?

So in 2011, former Governor Rick Perry signed "anti-SLAPP" legislation, the Texas Citizen Participation Act, into law. It allows Texans named in lawsuits to secure quick dismissals from state courts if the claim against them is based on their exercise of First Amendment rights, while still allowing plaintiffs who can demonstrate they have meritorious claims to proceed.

Put simply, the TCPA allows a speaker threatened by a bogus suit to ask the court

for a quick reality check: Are the claims against me legitimate, or is the plaintiff just trying to shut me up? If it's the latter, the court can save defendants a lot of time and money with a speedy dismissal, preserving their ability to speak their minds without fear of going broke.

Texas should be proud to be a national leader in protecting the rights of its residents to stand up and speak out. Other states nationwide have looked to the TCPA in passing their own anti-SLAPP laws. But a proposed amendment to the TCPA now making its way through the state legislature, SB 896, would seriously undermine the law's vital protections.

The TCPA arms innocent Texans with the means to fight back by filing an anti-SLAPP motion before spending a fortune on legal fees in pre-trial filings and discovery. Because protecting free speech is so important, if a court rejects a defendant's anti-SLAPP motion, the TCPA allows for an immediate appeal — and while it's being heard, the proceedings are stayed. That pause in the action spares defendants from having to fight off a potentially meritless lawsuit in two courts at the same time.

But SB 896 would change that, denying defendants a stay when the court deems their anti-SLAPP motion untimely, frivolous, or subject to an exemption. That tweak might sound reasonable at first blush. But determining whether an anti-SLAPP is untimely, frivolous, or exempt involves tough questions of law — questions that trial courts regularly answer incorrectly.

Deciding whether an anti-SLAPP motion is "frivolous" or exempted by statute is no cakewalk for judges. It involves close questions in an evolving area of the

law. And even what one might assume to be the most straightforward grounds for denial — timeliness — has proven tricky. In every Texas Supreme Court ruling on timeliness, the lower court's determination was reversed.

Add it up, and there's a real chance a trial court's anti-SLAPP denial won't stand up after review.

So requiring a speaker to argue these questions on appeal while simultaneously proceeding with discovery in trial court means they're wasting time and racking up billable hours on two fronts, fighting what might well prove to be a nonsense lawsuit. Even if the speaker wins on appeal, they've still lost time and treasure they shouldn't have, just for exercising their First Amendment rights. That's exactly the result the TCPA was meant to prevent.

This isn't an obscure legal threat. If passed, SB 896's amendment to the TCPA would have real-world consequences for everyday Texans across the political spectrum who dare to criticize the powerful or wealthy. And no matter what news outlet you rely on, journalists are prime targets for lawsuits filed by powerful interests wishing they'd write about something else. In today's balkanized political climate, small, independent outfits on the right and the left are particularly vulnerable.

The First Amendment protects everyone's right to participate in public debates, not just those with money or power. The TCPA bulletproofs the exercise of that right against bad-faith litigation from would-be censors. Because it would gut the TCPA — a powerful protection for all Texans — lawmakers should resoundingly reject SB 896.

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## Breaking down your tax bill

OUR TAX DOLLARS SHOULD MAKE LIFE BETTER, NOT GO TO WASTE

By LINDSAY KOSHGARIAN

Many of us rushed to file our taxes before this year's April 18 deadline. While we all hope for a refund to help pay the rent or cover a vacation, we also want our taxes themselves to pay for worthwhile things.

Every year, my project at the Institute for Policy Studies creates a tax receipt to help people see what their taxes paid for. Here's what we learned this year.

On the one hand, our federal income taxes fund a lot of good, popular things. The expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act has saved lives. Food stamps (also known as SNAP) feed millions of hungry children and families. And Medicare will be there for all of us as we age.

On the other hand, there's a lot that we might want to do differently.

You probably expect that some of your federal income taxes go to the military. But did you know that the average taxpayer spent \$1,087 on private military contractors alone? That's more than double the \$474 that went towards paying the troops.

Unfortunately, that means you're subsidizing multimillion-dollar salaries for contractor CEOs while many troops rely on food stamps. (You also help pay for those.)

What's more, a lot of Pentagon spending funds things that aren't popular at all.

Despite lacking any

clear purpose, the war in Afghanistan went on for 20 years and cost more than \$2 trillion. It was a clear, tragic failure that the vast majority of us were ready to end well before the U.S. pullout.

Yet Pentagon leaders never had to seriously account for what went wrong. Instead, Congress gave the Pentagon and its contractors more money when the war ended — the opposite of what most of us would expect.

While throwing good money after bad at the Pentagon, we're not investing enough in domestic programs that actually work.

For example, it's conventional wisdom that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. But the average taxpayer paid \$20 for federal prisons compared to just \$11 for programs to end homelessness, despite the fact that stable housing has been shown to reduce crime.

Then there's the Child Tax Credit.

This is a shining star among government programs, one that helped cut child poverty in half when it was expanded during the pandemic. It's hard to ask for better results than that.

The average taxpayer paid \$345 for the Child Tax Credit in 2022. If you have children, it's likely that you got more than that from getting the Child Tax Credit yourself. But conservatives in Congress let the expansion expire in late 2021, abandoning a policy that worked and allowing child poverty to climb.

Scientists are united on the fact that we need to cut carbon emissions now or face dire consequences.

Yet the average taxpayer paid less than \$7 for renewable energy and energy efficiency programs in 2022. They got charged more than 10 times that amount for nuclear weapons, which themselves present an existential threat to humanity.

Most of us also support programs for cleaner air and water, which have saved millions of lives and trillions of dollars. Yet the average taxpayer paid less than \$22 for the Environmental Protection Agency, which was tasked with responding to the horrific chemical spill in East Palestine, Ohio that threatened communities in multiple states.

The same taxpayer paid five times as much for a single Pentagon contractor, Lockheed Martin, maker of the F-35 jet fighter. Unlike our successful clean air and water programs, the F-35 fighter is notorious for its failures and expense.

So, let's hope you got that refund and use it for something worthwhile. But let's also demand that our government prioritize programs that are worthwhile and make our lives better — and jettison the ones that don't.

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# Village of Salado Aldermen candidates on developments, districts

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* asked the following questions about roads and parks to the candidates.

**Question 1:** The Village is in negotiations with a developer in which the Village will purchase a wastewater treatment plant on the west side of I-35 using impact fees and wastewater charges to repay the debt on the WWTP. Do you favor this plan or not? Why or why not? (150 words)

**Question 2:** Through voluntary annexation and formation of a Public Improvement District (PID), the Village is bringing in more than 1,000 acres of property to be developed as Mustang Springs of Salado. Do you favor PIDs for funding mechanisms for developers? Why or why not? (150 words)

**Question 3:** The Village recently endorsed a proposed Municipal Utility District (MUD) for a proposed development in southern Bell County that could bring as many as 14,000 homes in phased development to this area. What impacts positive or negative do you see from this possible new community on the Village of Salado? (150 words)

**Question 4:** What concessions in terms of Economic Development should the Village make in order to bring in developments that are in the extra territorial jurisdiction (ETJ) in terms of property tax rebates, hotel occupancy tax rebates and/or sales tax rebates would you support or oppose? Why would you support or oppose these agreements? (150 words)

**Question 5:** Do you support or oppose overlay districts? Why or why not? (150 words)



**D. JASEN GRAHAM**

**Question 1:** Yes, the use of impact fees and wastewater charges to repay the debt of purchasing the plant makes sound financial sense because it essentially pays for itself. There is no additional tax burden imposed on current tax payers and only those who connect to this particular plant would be responsible for the required fees and charges.

Having a wastewater treatment plant on the west side of I-35 will provide support to the west side of Salado and help the Village shape Salado's growth pattern for years to come. Providing wastewater service is a key tool we have to annex properties into the Village. This gives us increased commercial and residential tax revenue to provide increased essential services to the entirety of the population.

**Question 2:** Yes, PIDs are effective funding mechanisms for developers and come at no risk to the municipalities that agree to

them. They come at no cost to the Village. Neither the Village nor its current taxpayers pay any funds toward the establishment and maintenance of a PID for a prospective development.

PIDs are loans to the developer from a financial institution that they are responsible for paying back. They repay these loans primarily through additional fees that are tacked on to the mortgage payments of those owning property on the development.

PIDs generally focus on the development of the roads, sidewalks, lighting and parks within their development and are paid for by those who reside within that development alone. These improvements bring value to the Village and increase property values resulting in increased revenue for the Village to prove essential services.

**Question 3:** Local businesses stand to benefit from an increase in patronage as the new population center grows resulting in increased profit margins. Increased commercial development along the I-35 corridor and FM 2843 to support this growth would also bring in additional commercial sales and property tax. The school district also stands to benefit from this development as even more of the development would fall within the school district as opposed to the Village limits or its ETJ.

Negative impacts should be negligible since the only portion of Salado that would touch the development is where we have newly annexed the rights of way along I-35 south of town and FM 2843 toward Florence. The majority of this development would fall within Williamson County and Jarrell's ETJ. It will also have to meet established prerequisites before being authorized to break ground, including resourcing water within acceptable levels as determined by the state.

**Question 4:** Yes, I would consider rebate incentives so long as the Village will be able to recoup the revenue within the same time period for which the tax rebate was established. The tax rebate MUST also have a time limit on it not to exceed 10 years. However, a 10-year tax rebate would certainly be the exception as opposed to the rule. These rebates must only be granted when the benefits for the Village clearly outweigh the cost of the tax revenue lost resulting from those rebates.

The Village hasn't needed to consider the use of this tool very often. However, as residential growth drives the need for additional commercial development, we want to make sure we are attracting commercial development that is consistent with Salado's vision

as outlined in the Village's Comprehensive Plan. If rebate incentives are required to attract those types of businesses, we may want to consider them.

**Question 5:** Yes, but overlay districts should only be considered when simpler zoning mechanisms will not suffice. A very limited approach to using an overlay district should be used to help shape future growth. Overlays can help fill gaps where traditional zoning does not address specific or complicated local conditions like the proposed historic district overlay which will provide protection to the look and feel of what is generally referred to as the historic district of Salado while still respecting the rights of property owners. There are other overlay districts that may warrant consideration like river shed overlays which protect land along the entirety of Salado Creek with one set of rules that could apply across districts. Overlays can also be used to help encourage economic development or curb traffic congestion. Foremost, this is a governing tool that should be used sparingly and only considered when simpler zoning mechanisms will not suffice.



**BERT HENRY**

**Question 1:** In order to determine whether or not I am in favor of or against this plan, I would need to review input from the citizens of the Village. I am not prepared to make a public statement either way, as I have not had an opportunity to ascertain whether or not this is in alignment with the wants and needs of the taxpayers.

**Question 2:** My vote would be on a case-by-case basis. A Property Improvement District (PID) can be an effective tool for local governments to implement development. They provide advantages, such as cost-effectiveness, community engagement, and effective partnerships. However, there are downsides to be considered when considering a PID.

The main pro of creating a PID is cost savings. Property owners in a new development are responsible for the costs associated with any PID project, rather than current taxpayers having to fund the project. PIDs also provide an opportunity for local stakeholders to get involved and participate in community improvement projects. This type of en-

agement increases community pride and sense of ownership, creating a sense of cohesion.

The downside of PIDs includes potential for local corruption, misuse of funds, and favoritism towards certain stakeholders. A PID has limited impact if the improvement projects do not adequately reflect the community's values, wants, and needs.

**Question 3:** An additional 14,000 homes would potentially 28,000 new neighbors (based on 2 people per household) to the Village of Salado. With a surge of that size, impacts will be felt, both positive and negative.

With 28,000 new neighbors, we could certainly see a positive financial impact as it relates to local businesses. It has a potential to breathe new life into struggling small businesses, as well as expand the customer base for the businesses that are more successful.

However, that positive financial impact would come at a price. More vehicles on our area roads (up to 56,000 if each household had two vehicles) that are already in need of repair. Additionally, congestion on the roads is cause for concern. School traffic is already enough to drive some folks crazy, if only for a few minutes. Adding thousands of vehicles to that scenario could become a problem.

**Question 4:** When local governments are interested in economic development in the extra territorial jurisdiction (ETJ) of their municipalities, providing certain concessions to developers in order to make their projects more attractive should be considered. These concessions may include offering property tax rebates, hotel occupancy tax rebates and/or sales tax rebates. These

rebates may be beneficial to both parties, as the local government would benefit from increased development and increased tax revenue, while the developer would benefit from reduced taxes, providing more attractive profit margins for their development.

It is important to note, however, that these concessions should be considered carefully by local government and offered judiciously to ensure that their goals for the municipality's economic growth are met. Additionally, if used properly, concessions such as these may prove to be a useful tool for helping to attract businesses to the municipality. I would support negotiating any of the above concessions.

**Question 5:** Establishing an overlay district can be costly, as local government must research the issue and create legislation for it. Also, there can be landowner conflicts, as some property owners might disagree with the overlay regulations or feel that the new rules will take away their right to use their land in a certain way. Creating overlay districts is a long and involved process which can lead to an excessive number of meetings and paperwork that can be overwhelming and inefficient, creating excessive bureaucracy. Conflicts can arise if proposed regulations within an overlay district contradict existing zoning codes. Members of the community may oppose changes in an area out of a fear of what they perceive as a loss of control over the development in their neighborhood. Whether or not I would favor or oppose an overlay district would be decided after input from the citizens of the Village of Salado.



**LINDA REYNOLDS**

**Question 1:** We absolutely must stop any further Westside wastewater moving under I35 and into the two Village lift stations. The stench from the two Village lift stations is already polluting the commercial Village and Mill Creek air.

Perhaps this is why the village manager and mayor want to move out of town?

A WWTP has been offered to the village for purchase and use on the Northwest side of Salado, and will not affect Historic Salado Creek.

Don Ferguson announced it is a higher quality plant than the one we built up a hill. Our Temple engineer told the Village, long ago, that the site would have been the best placement for our first Salado WWTP.

**Question 2:** Almost every development in Houston and Dallas are done with PIDs. But a Village of 2,400 taxpayers is not Houston or Dallas.

Alderman Graham and Bell have supported Mustang Springs which will dump their wastewater up stream of Salado into Salado Creek.

What happens when flooding causes a spill and raw sewage floats down Salado creek?

What happens when Salado, in an emergency, needs bond money to recuperate from a weather disaster?

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Elementary students work on flower beds at Thomas Arnold Elementary.



Juliet Glenn, Allyson Gouveia, Lexi Glenn and Master Gardener Crystal Mears.



Lorali Bookout pulls weeds, while Isabella Dworczyk whacks brush.

**VICKI JEANNICE TEMPLIN**

**AUGUST 4, 1957**

**APRIL 23, 2023**

Vicki Jeannice Templin was born on Sunday, August 4, 1957, in Brownwood, Texas to Valton and Nancy Sudderth. She attended school in Brownwood and graduated from Brownwood High School in 1975. On June 19, 1976, she married her life-long partner, Larry Templin.



Larry and Vicki started their life in San Antonio, Texas, where Larry was enlisted in the Air Force and stationed at Randolph Air Force Base. While in San Antonio, Vicki attended nursing school at Baptist Memorial Hospital School of Nursing and became an RN in 1978. Later she acquired the specialization of Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist from Harris Hospital School of Anesthesia in Fort Worth; the youngest admitted student at that time. She worked in the field of anesthesia in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. The Templin's' first son, Dustin, was born in Arlington, Texas on May 1, 1983.

Larry and Vicki moved to the Temple-Belton area in 1985 so Larry could start his CPA practice and made their home in Belton in 1987. While in Belton, on June 21, 1990, they were blessed with their second son, Spencer.

In 2006, Vicki found her true calling, when she began teaching Health Science Technology at Belton High School. She and Betty Higdon expanded the program, moving it to a separate campus and adding many classes. Students were able to graduate from high school and immediately enter the work force as Certified Nurse Assistants and phlebotomists. During her years at Belton High, she influenced the lives of many, many students. In fact, she was surprised and honored to be named Teacher of the Year for the 2011-2012 school year.

Since leaving teaching, she has received many messages, letters, and notes from former students. She's been asked to "pin" several nurses as they completed their studies. Her students have gone on to help others—becoming nursing assistants, RN's, nurse practitioners, medical technicians and even doctors. Her legacy of teaching has and will continue to help many people.

Vicki adored her family and loved her friends dearly. Most of all, she loved her Lord, Jesus. Written on her white board in her kitchen for many years was a quote from Dr. Chuck Missler, Author, and Bible Scholar, "God is going to ask you the same question every day—do you trust me?" And Vicki did trust the Lord. She took the words of Jesus to heart—forgiving all and giving of herself. Gifts, in fact, were her love language.

Vicki loved to laugh, and that wonderful sense of humor will be missed by all.

Vicki went to see Jesus on the same day of the week she was born, a Sunday, April 23, 2023.

Vicki is survived by her husband of 46 years, Larry Templin of Salado; son Dustin Templin and wife Roxane of Hondo; son, Spencer Templin of Dallas; two grandchildren, Jensyn and Jax Templin; parents, Valton and Nancy Sudderth, of Brownwood; sister, Melissa Sands and husband, Tim of Houston and their children, Connor, Cooper, Creagon and Cullen. She is preceded in death by her brother, Shane Sudderth.

Visitation will be Wednesday, April 26, 3-5 p.m. at Broecker Funeral Home. Service will follow at 5 p.m. with Andy Davis officiating. All are invited to the Templin residence following the service.

Services in care of Broecker Funeral Home of Salado.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests gifts be given to Belton Education Enrichment Foundation (<https://www.beefbisd.org> c/o: Vicki Templin Scholarship) or the charity of your choice.

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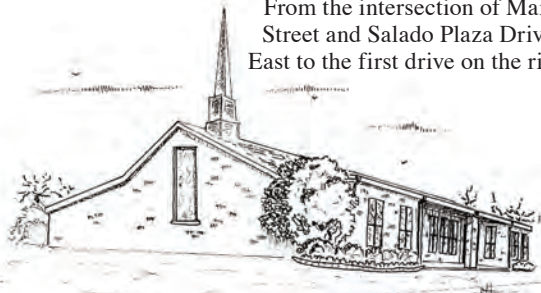
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Tyler Anderson, Kate Neas finish a bed.

**TAE Garden blooms**

SHS ASTRA club volunteers spent a morning last week weeding, pruning, spreading new soil and compost, and then planting new plants compliments of the Salado Nature Co. at the Thomas Arnold Elementary garden.

"We have transformed four overgrown flowerbeds into lovely pollinator gardens ready to welcome lots of bees, butterflies, hum-

mingbirds, and best of all - adoring children," said Susan Terry of the Salado Gardeners.

Master Gardener Crystal Mears helped these students identify weeds, and taught them how to prune the perennial plants. Lots of blue-bonnets going to seed.

Master Gardener Joanne Stuckey helped these students clean one of the beds, with lots of new plants added to fill it out.

One group of girls worked to tame the fire bush and remove the weeds.

One bed was completely overgrown, so the students removed everything and then planted with Texas Sage and pink salvia. More wildflowers will be added later.

Thomas Arnold Elementary Third Graders and the Salado Gardeners will team together for the first annual Texas Seed Stomp at the TAE Garden, beginning at 8:45 a.m. April 28.

Students will hear a brief lesson of the seven regions of Texas and Texas wildflowers. Each class will have a particular region of Texas in the Texas-shaped garden plot assigned to them where they will sow the seeds of their region and then stomp them into the ground so that they won't blow away.



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## Cookoff for Cancer

Sam Dowdy, Jr. Sam Dowdy won the First Place Brisket, First Place Ribs, Third Place Chicken, and Cook's Choice trophy at the Cookoff for Cancer BBQ competition. He is shown at left with organizer Buddy Schwab. Middle left is Alex Armitage & Robert Amaya of Patriot BBQ and bottom left is Chris Greene of Phat BBQ "Fat Side Up." Proceeds from the April 22 event benefit cancer research. (PHOTOS BY JASON DECKMAN)



### PEGGY ANNA BELLE AGAN DECEMBER 15, 1932 APRIL 24, 2023

Peggy Anna Belle Agan of Salado, Texas went to be with the Lord on April 24th, 2023. She recently celebrated her 90th birthday in December with all her family and Salado Church of Christ family.



Peggy was born on December 15, 1932, in Shamrock, Texas. She was the second youngest of her five siblings and raised on a farm in Twitty, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 68 years, Alvin Agan, her parents, John and Anna Belle Hefley, sister Eula Lee Clay, and brothers, Billy Hefley, John Richard Hefley, and Jimmy Hefley.

She is survived by her sons, John (Ellen) Agan of Temple, Texas, and Jim (Jill) Agan of Jonesboro, Arkansas. She is survived by four grandchildren, Lance (Kayla) Agan, Reid (Erika) Agan, Payton (Lexie) Agan and Paige (Stephen) McMorries. She is also survived by 9 great grandchildren, Nora Agan, Zoe Agan, Sena Agan, Blake Agan, Andie Agan, Miles McMorries, John Parker Agan, Evan McMorries, and another soon to be great grandson.

Peggy and Alvin lived in Pampa, Texas for 43 years before retiring and moving to Salado, Texas for 29 years. Peggy loved studying the Bible, her Salado Church of Christ family, her friends, and others she cared for. She was well known for her cooking, hospitality and care for others. The family would like to thank the Home Instead agency staff, and the Baylor Scott and White hospital staff for her care over the past 6 days.

There will be a visitation on Friday, April 28th from 10:00-11:30 a.m. at Broecker Funeral Home, 949 W. Village Road, Salado, Texas. There will be a private family graveside service afterwards at the Salado Cemetery. The family has requested that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Salado Church of Christ Missions Fund.

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Elizabeth Whitfield was the first to answer last week's scavenger hunt questions with photographs.

### Salado Library Anniversary Scavenger Hunt Clue #2

Once upon a time, 20 years ago to be exact, the Salado Public Library moved to its current location. Do you know where the library's first home in 1986 was? Its second home was the Salado Civic Center, and that's close. To locate the first home, find a plow. Take a photo of the building's west-facing entrance, and then stroll down the boardwalk to take a photo of a fondly remembered library celebrity, George the late library cat. His portrait will be displayed in the shop with his new jewelry collection. Submit both photos of the first library building entrance and George's portrait and collection, along with your name and phone number. The first person to correctly answer both clues wins a prize!

Scavenger Hunt Rules: Participants must submit their photo answers by email to the library at [splstaffcal@gmail.com](mailto:splstaffcal@gmail.com) and include their name and phone number. Answers for each week must be submitted before the next week's clue is published. Participants are advised not to climb or risk any injuries in order to take pictures answering the clues. The first correct answer(s) submitted by email each week wins that week's prize. No library staff or board members or their families may participate in the scavenger hunt and may not give answers to the clues. All those submitting correct answers over the hunt's four weeks will be entered in the May 20 anniversary celebration drawing for a chance to win another prize.

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.

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# Candidates on development

Our name will already be on millions of PID dollar bonds for The Sanctuary and Mustang Springs, and our credit may be stretched beyond helping local taxpayers.

I will NOT support the taking of individual's private property to assist ANY developer.

**Question 3:** A MUD means the developer takes all the financial responsibility. It means someone other than the village taxpayer's name will be used for funding of infrastructure.

The Villages "endorsement" was just a requirement, so the Village and school district would be aware of any future impact.

The real impact to the village is the continued sucking sound of our Salado Water district wells in the Edward's aquifer. I suspect Dirk Aaron's at Clearwater will have nightmares about keeping Bell County out of drought controls...and I for one thank God for Clearwater's work every day.

Our problem is, Travis and Williamson counties have no one protecting the underground water resource we all rely on.

**Question 4:** The Sanctuary contract "gave away the farm." Our lawyer, at the time, told the BOA, DON'T SIGN THAT CONTRACT! Why did they?

The previous mayor and BOA gave away the farm. Now every developer wants the same deal!

I remember Alderman Amber stating, developers should want to come to Salado...we shouldn't have to pay them.

Recently, a developer wanted a variance, or else he'd forget about developing, and sell the land. The planning and zoning gave the variance.

The word is out...SALADO FOR SALE, and we are cheaper than Austin, Round Rock, and Georgetown.

Set up an AirBNB in town, and swindle some old lady's ranch out of town...with government assistance?

**Question 5:** The problem with this question is the overlay district, which has seemed like a Volleyball game between the PNZ and the BOA has had secret meetings and "Public Hearings", but the public has never seen a clear map of what is being discussed.

Also, at one meeting, the Village manager says we never had an Historic District, and then at another

meeting he says you must have a permit since you are in the Historic district.

Overlay districts are attempts to control zoning and prevent development. Since incorporation, the business district on the Eastside of Salado has tried to WALL OUT the Westside businesses, and control all development.

Competition may be the American way...but killing the competition behind the shield of a government imposed overlay may be easier than just improving your product, and lowering your profit.

Property rights are lost. Doesn't sound like Texas.



**RODNEY W. BELL**

**Question 1:** I do favor the plan as it is presented. To be clear, the impact fees and charges will be strictly for this plant and NOT be tied to the existing plant on the east side of the village.

- My position is that each plant must function on its own financial merit and the east side plant must retire the debt as soon as possible. I would not support an action that uses the funding from the current plant to finance debt on the west side.

- The building of the west side system will assist in growing any commercial tax base on the I-35 and FM 2484 corner. The building of the QT is the first step in that progress.

**Question 2:** The use of a PID to develop a community is a financial choice each developer must make for funding their development.

- I personally am not in favor of a PID, however, there are benefits to the overall community. It does not change the amount of property tax the overall community receives. The PID "tax" is on top of and becomes a choice of the homeowner buying in that development.

- As long as the PID is communicated to the potential buyer up front, then to me it is an acceptable use of financing by the developer, and the buyer should beware.

**Question 3:** As of today, the only positive impact to

the Village of Salado may be some commercial property on the I-35 access that may bring in some property tax.

- On the negative side, the growth of this area is going to have a big impact on the schools and roads in our area. As this develops, we need to assess the growth progress, attempt to stay ahead on road planning by allocating funds, and taking advantage of state and federal dollars as growth continues.

**Question 4:** I can be open to concessions, however the development or business needs to bring overall value to the community. I am in favor of businesses that work with the village and want to move forward as corporate citizens looking to improve and not take advantage of the people of Salado.

In support of an agreement, there must be a finite term not to exceed 7 years, and be a rolling number that decreases the abatement year by year. Never should the abatement be a 100% or a length that runs past the 7 years. Some believe there should a tax abatement policy, but I believe that puts the village in a poor negotiating stance.

**Question 5:** I am opposed to the current proposed historic district overlay. I would be open to the idea if there were some modifications made in order to make it more friendly for the actual property owner.

- In the current overlay, the property owner would need to navigate a system to gain a variance on the property that they own. They should have the ability to make modifications using zoning ordinances already in place.

- It is my opinion that the current proposal is too restrictive and requires some modification.



**LENNOX J. ALFRED**

**Question 1:** The Village is still in negotiations with the developer in reference to the purchase of the wastewater treatment plant and these negotiations are still

ongoing. The development of the west side is a five-year project consisting of the improvement of approximately 1,100 acres which when completed will include residential, multi-family, some mixed use and some commercial property. Given the magnitude of this development the WWTP will not be built until Phase 2 and 3 of the development projects. Considering the possibility of the impact fees throughout the development and the successful installation and operational ability of the WWTP, I will be in favor of the Village purchasing the WWTP. I will be supportive of this although we are speaking of a plan that is five plus years away. I believe the Village ownership and operation of the WWTP could create an additional financial revenue stream for the Village, and also provide the Village with the opportunity and ability to consider future growth on the west side of I-35.

**Question 2:** The developers of Mustang Spring of Salado Development requested voluntary annexation into the Village city limits as they saw and appreciated the quality of life the Village and surrounding area has to offer. I am in favor of the Public Improvement District (PID) for Mustang Springs. This PID will ensure that the cost of street maintenance, roadway construction, landscaping or drainage facilities, water, and even landscaping will be paid for by the residents of that community through PID assessments and not cause a financial burden of the Village financial resources. The PIDs created by the Mustang Springs and Sanctuary Development will be self-sustaining for those specific developments and paid for by the residents usually with a payout over a 20 or a 30-year period. PID can also generate millions of dollars to the Village in the form of tax revenue.

**Question 3:** The development of 14,000 homes at the southern border of the Village and the increase in population it brings will affect all aspects of life as we know it within Salado, from our School District to our entertainment and lifestyle. This increase in population will put a greater demand on the Village to extend city services, including police security service, additional leisure space/parks, and increase the maintenance of key infrastructural needs. The increasing population

can exacerbate some issues already present in the Village. SISD will have to add additional campuses, staff, security and playground to support the growing educational needs of this community. If we look at this area from an economic viewpoint, we will be able to identify an increase in the tax revenue for the Village from the residential homes and any commercial sales tax that may be associated with this developing area. Every municipality has a responsibility to its citizens to preserve their quality and standard of life while encouraging sensible growth and development.

**Question 4:** The Village has the ability to provide monetary terms and incentives to developers and development that's located in its ETJ. Tax rebates, subsidies and tax incentives are all local incentives the Village can use if they are interested in including these areas into the city limits. I am not in favor of these tax incentives, or any form of tax rebates and agreements. These agreements by their nature limits the tax revenue that the Village would normally receive while creating the responsibility to provide all city related services, security and maintenance to the acquired area.

**Question 5:** I am supportive of the overlay district with the information provided by the historic committee. The committee's efforts produce an historic overlay area which takes into consideration owners' property rights, the preservation of a defined area that retained its originality, ecstatic's look and that unique feel for what the Village of Salado is known for and appreciated. The overlay also identifies the requirements of any future building construction, and the type of building material that can be used. The conservation of this district ensures that the elegance of the Village will remain for future generations to enjoy.



**SAMUEL MORRIS**

**Question 1:** Upon reviewing the plan for the purchase of the Salado Center WWTP, it appears to be favorable for the Village. The facility is well-established and has the current capacity to accommodate the anticipated growth on the west side. However, it would be beneficial to have a clearer definition of the facility's ability to increase capacity in case of future needs.

As for the terms of purchase, the payment plan seems to be mutually beneficial for both the seller and the Village during the initial term of the agreement. However, it is important to exercise additional diligence to ensure that the impact fees collected will be sufficient to cover the balloon payment at the end of the term. We must protect Village taxpayers from potential financial burdens by avoiding a large bill at the conclusion of the agreement.

**Question 2:** Understanding Public Improvement Districts (PID) in Texas can be complex, as it depends on how it is written. One positive aspect of a PID is that it is not funded by tax-

payer money, but rather by deposits made by the developer and installments made through PID assessments attached to the real estate within the PID. In addition, the use of a PID does not impact the bond rating of the local government in Texas. Another advantage is that it allows the Village to negotiate development standards that exceed the current Village standards.

However, one drawback is that it can add to the burden of real estate within the PID. It is crucial for potential buyers/builders in this area to be aware that the PID is tied to the deed and will impact the annual tax burden. The PID should be written in a way that is self-sustaining and does not impose any administrative burden on the Village. Furthermore, it should not involve day-to-day management or oversight by the Village for its operation, and it should only be used for new development.

**Question 3:** The endorsed MUD (Municipal Utility District) takes responsibility for utility infrastructure from the Village to the developer, which can be viewed as a positive aspect. However, one drawback is that the proposed 14,000 homes within the MUD would be excluded from the Village tax base. On the other hand, this would increase the tax base for the Salado ISD, which can be seen as a positive outcome. Additionally, the influx of visitors to the Village shops and restaurants due to the increased development. And that is a positive. However, this may exacerbate the existing parking issues in the heart of the Village. Therefore, it is crucial to address these parking issues promptly to attract and retain visitors as regular customers of our local businesses. Difficulties in parking or navigating around the Village may deter visitors from becoming regular patrons of our esteemed Village businesses.

**Question 4:** When it comes to economic development, I have concerns about the fairness of rebates that are not applied equally to all businesses. Through discussions with Village residents and small business owners, it has become clear that this issue raises questions of fairness. If we offer rebates to one business to come to Salado, then we must extend the same opportunity to all businesses that have chosen to remain in our community. Our current businesses are the backbone of our community, and it is important to treat them all fairly. Salado is a gem in the Hill Country, and I believe that development can continue without the need for special rules exclusively for newcomers. If changes to our current codes are necessary, they should be implemented consistently for all those affected by them.

**Question 5:** After careful consideration, I do not support the overlay districts in their current form. While I understand the desire for a consistent look and feel in the Village, I find the business type restrictions to be oddly focused. Through discussions with members of the community, I believe that we can achieve continuity without the need for the current overlay proposals. I believe that there are better legislative solutions that can help us maintain the unique character of our community while also supporting the diverse needs of our local businesses.

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## Animal Tales Anthology, Poetry Festival April 29 at Tablerock Amphitheatre

Tablerock Festival of Salado presents the 2023 Animal Tales Anthology and Tablerock Poetry Festival 3-9 p.m. April 29. This year's Poetry Festival is Dedicated to Jackie and the late Denver Mills.

The Poetry Festival will feature the launch of the 2023 Animal Tales Anthology, with Texas National and International Poets represented. Join with host, Thom Woodruff, Beat Poet Laureate of Texas. Thom has positive ties to the Salado community which include convening poetry workshops, school performances at Salado High School, and playing Edgar Allen Poe for Fright Trail.

A feature performance by Sandi Horton will give the audience a special gift of music and poetry, as she will read her animal poetry and play native flute songs. In addition Salado's own Poet Laureate, Patsy Sanford will read. Many exceptional poets from Salado, Georgetown, Temple, Austin and all points Texas will share their original works. Some poets will even have musical accompaniment.

This is a unique live outdoor presentation, but will move indoors if weather does not cooperate.

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Sandi Horton



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SARW annual Fine China Luncheon set for June 6.

## Make reservations today for the June 6 Fine China Luncheon

Now that Easter has passed, many are making plans to attend the popular Fine China Luncheon and Fundraiser hosted by the Salado Area Republican Women. The June 6 event is the 16th such celebration. It will be held at the Blue Heron Room of Tenroc Ranch, 5471 Thomas Arnold Road. The event starts at 11:30 a.m. but doors will open at 10:45 a.m. for guests to view the decorated tables and to vote for their favorite table.

First and second place awards will be given for the most favorite tables. There will be many silent auction items available for viewing as well. Money raised sup-

ports many conservative causes such as for military, civic, educational and campaign projects. Two scholarships are awarded annually as well.

Tickets are \$40 and may be purchased by mailing a check made out to SARW, PAC; c/o Barclay McCort; 406 Royal View Rd; Salado, TX 7657. Reserved tables of 7 or 8 are available but are limited.

Your email or cell phone number is requested to confirm receipt. Some group seating is available when checks are sent together. For more information contact Barclay McCort at [barclay-mccort@gmail.com](mailto:barclay-mccort@gmail.com) or 254-760-4266.

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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.  
 Second Monday Book Club meets at 7 p.m. at Salado Winery, 841 N. Main St.  
 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.  
 Weekly curated wine tasting hosted by Hannah Hendrick 6-8 p.m. at Salado Win-

ery, 841 N. Main St. Tickets available online through Salado Winery Eventbrite. Call 254-947-8011 or check Facebook for more information.  
 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 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 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**  
 Pinot Noir curated wine tasting hosted by Hannah

Hendrick 6-8 p.m. at Salado Winery, 841 N. Main St. Tickets available online through Salado Winery Eventbrite. Call 254-947-8011 or check Facebook for more information.

**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 performance 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**  
 Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 7 p.m., Sam Goldwinners.

**April 29**  
 The Lions 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**  
 Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 10 a.m., Brian Mullins.

**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 1**  
 Stated meeting for Salado Masonic Lodge #296, 95 S. Church St., 7:30 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

**May 3**  
 Music Munchkins at Salado Public Library, 10 a.m.

**May 3**  
 Barrow Brewing Co., guest food truck, 4-8 p.m., Korean Kravings.

**May 4**  
 Adult Craft at Salado Public Library. Mason Jar Luminaries, 5:30 p.m. Sign-up at front desk.

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

**May 4**  
 Make and Take Sangria wine tasting hosted by Hannah Hendrick 6-8 p.m. at Salado Winery, 841 N. Main St. Tickets available on-

line through Salado Winery Eventbrite. Call 254-947-8011 or check Facebook for more information.

**May 4**  
 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.

**May 4**  
 Texas Red's Name That Tune Bingo with Sweet Caroline and DJ Dale Host, 7 p.m. at Barrow Brewing Co. Featuring 75 Hit Songs. Mark your free Bingo cards to win brewery prizes.

**May 5**  
 Salado High School Spring Showcase, 6 p.m. at Salado Middle School Cafeteria. \$5 admission. Performances by Salado Band, Varsity Cheerleaders, Sparklers, Starlets and Twirlers.

**May 5**  
 Live music at Chupacabra, 7 p.m. Wade Ralston.

**May 5-7**  
 Salado Cowboy Poetry & Music Gathering, throughout Salado. Visit https://saladocowboypoetry.org.

**May 6**  
 Salado Lions Club Pancake Breakfast, 7:30-10 a.m. at Salado Church of Christ Activity Center, 225 N. Church St. \$5 per person, children age six and under, free. Proceeds fund scholarships and other community projects.

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

**May 6**  
 Cowboy Poetry at Salado Public Library, 11 a.m.

**May 6**  
 Robot Day at Salado Public Library, 1-3 p.m. with the Salado Eaglebots robotics team.

**May 6**  
 Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 7 p.m., Olivia Harms.

**May 6**  
 Live music at Chupacabra, 8 p.m. Cami Maki.

**May 7**  
 Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 4 p.m., Eric Turner.

**May 8**  
 The 2nd Monday bookclub meets at 7 p.m. at Salado Winery, 841 N. Main St. Book for May is Wrong Place Wrong Time by Gilliam McAllister.

**May 10**  
 Salado Lions Club luncheon meeting, 11:30 a.m., Salado Civic Center.

**May 10**  
 Barrow Brewing Co., guest food truck, 4-8 p.m., Mama Llama. Trivia with Chad starts at 7 p.m.

**May 11**  
 Pint Night at Chupacabra Craft Beer, 4 p.m.-midnight. Get a free pint glass with every purchase of the featured brewery, Symbol Brewing.

**May 11**  
 Salado Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting for Wristy Business, #1 Rock Creek Dr., 5:30 p.m.

**May 11**  
 Blow-Your-Own Ladies' Night Event at Salado Glassworks, #2 Peddler's Alley. Stemless Wine Glass (\$100). Ages 21+. Register online at saladoglassworks.com.

**May 11**  
 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 Oaxaca, Mexico.

**May 12**  
 Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 7 p.m., Wes Perryman.

**May 12**  
 Live music at Chupacabra, 7 p.m. Michael Saldana.

**May 13**  
 Lego Freeplay at Salado

Public Library, 12:30 p.m.

**May 13**  
 Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 7 p.m., Anna Larson Band.

**May 13**  
 Live music at Chupacabra, 8 p.m. Josh Jaccard.

**May 13-14**  
 Salado Market Days 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at Salado Antique Mall 721 Stagecoach Road. Salado's original Market Days event.

**May 14**  
 Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 4 p.m., TBD.

**May 15**  
 Salado ISD Board of Trustees meeting, 6 p.m., Salado Civic Center.

**May 15**  
 Salado Democrats meet the third Monday of each month, 7 p.m., in the conference room of Salado Public Library.

**May 16**  
 Adult Book Talk at Salado Public Library, 6:30 p.m.

**May 17**  
 Music Munchkins at Salado Public Library, 10 a.m.

**May 17**  
 Barrow Brewing Co., guest food truck, 4-8 p.m., Checkpoint Germany.

**May 18**  
 Pint Night at Chupacabra Craft Beer, 4 p.m.-midnight. Get a free pint glass with every purchase of the featured brewery, Wild Acre.

**May 18**  
 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.

**May 18**  
 Texas Red's Name That Tune Bingo with Sweet Caroline and DJ Dale Host, 7 p.m. at Barrow Brewing Co. Featuring 75 Hit Songs. Mark your free Bingo cards to win brewery prizes.

**May 18**  
 Blow-Your-Own Date Night Event at Salado Glassworks, #2 Peddler's Alley. Blow your Own Bowl (\$190). Ages 21+. Register online at saladoglassworks.com.

**May 18**  
 Name that Tune Bingo, Barrow Brewing Co., 7 p.m.

**May 19**  
 Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 7 p.m., Automatic Weekend.

**May 19**  
 Live music at Chupacabra, 7 p.m. David Matthew Harness.

**May 19-20**  
 3C Revival Rodeo, 3C Cowboy Fellowship arena, 16258 Gooseneck Rd. Gates open 5:30 p.m.

**May 20**  
 Salado Public Library closes at 2 p.m. for 4-6 p.m. Anniversary Party

**May 20**  
 Salado Public Library 25th Anniversary Celebration, 4-6 p.m.

**May 20**  
 Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 7 p.m., Kill the Noise.

**May 20**  
 Live music at Chupacabra, 8 p.m. Kyle Mathis.

**May 21**  
 Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 4 p.m., TBD.

**May 24**  
 Salado Lions Club luncheon meeting, 11:30 a.m., Salado Civic Center.

**May 24**  
 Century 21 Snow Cone Day Noon-2 p.m at 860 N. Main

**May 24**  
 Barrow Brewing Co., guest food truck, 4-8 p.m., Korean Kravings.

**May 25**  
 Kids Paper Airplane Extravaganza at Salado Public Library, 2:30 p.m.

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# Salado Cowboy Poetry & Music Gathering set for May 5-7, brings performers to town

Salado Cowboy Poetry and Music Gathering brings award-winning cowboy poets and Western singers to Salado every May.

## KICK-OFF JAM

The event will kick off 6:30 p.m. Friday, May 5 at Barrow Brewing with a jam featuring all of the performers who will sing a song or two or share a story.

## FARMERS' MARKET

Stroll through the Farmers' Market at Barrow Brewing 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, May 6 while enjoying free entertainment by various performers.

## POP-UP PERFORMANCES

### THROUGHOUT SALADO

The Gathering will feature several pop-up performances beginning at 10:30 a.m. and ending at 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 6. These performances are free of charge.

Locations will include these: Wells Gallery, The Nature Company, The Shed, Shoppes on Main Boutique and the Stagecoach Restaurant.

Trolleys will transport folks all along Main Street and Royal St.

As of presstime for the magazine, following is the schedule of pop-up performances:

10:30-11:45 a.m.: Shoppes on Main, Kristyn Harris.

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.: The Shed, Doug Figgs.

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.: Stagecoach Restaurant, Don Cadden.

1-2 p.m.: Wells Gallery, Jeff Gore.

2:15-3 p.m.: The Nature Co. of Salado, Jim Jones and Doug Figgs.

Check the event website or pick up a shop and sing schedule Saturday morning at Barrow Brewing Co.'s Farmers Market. The gathering will have an information tent near the entrance beginning at 9:30 a.m.

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

A special children's program will feature Western entertainer Jim Jones, who will share his stories and songs. His performance is scheduled for 11 a.m. Saturday, May 6 at Salado Public Library.

The performance is free to attend.

## MATINEE CONCERT

The western poetry team from Cal Farley's Boys and Girls Ranch will perform at a 1 p.m. matinee Saturday, May 6. Don Cadden, Kristyn Harris, Floyd and Valerie Beard, Straw Berry and Washtub Jerry will all perform during the matinee concert.

Tickets for the Matinee Concert are \$25 available at centraltexastickets.com.

## BBQ DINNER AND CONCERT

Heritage Country Church, 9677 Lark Trail, Salado, will host a BBQ Dinner 5-6:30 p.m. Saturday, May 6. Plates are \$20 each. For reservations, call 254-239-7106.

Following the BBQ, Heritage Country Church will host a Concert featuring Doug Figgs, Jeff Gore, Jim Jones, Terry Nash and Washtub Jerry. Tickets for the evening concert at \$25 per person and can be purchased at centraltexastickets.com.

The concert will feature the following performers.



### JEFF GORE

Jeff Gore has been performing since he was four years old. He has spent the last 30 years traveling and singing cowboy and gospel music all over the U.S. and abroad. The recipient of Male Vocalist of the Year award in Cowboy Music from the Academy of Western Artists (1997), and a lifetime achievement award for Western Music by the American Cowboy Culture Association (2005, the youngest ever to receive this award), he has also produced and acted on television and has appeared in film (most notably, in The Good Old Boys and Nail 32).

In spite of these and other accomplishments, he is proudest when he is asked to ride out with a crew of cowboys at the wagon on ranches from Texas to Idaho. He and Donna, his wife of over 38 years have two daughters who live with their husbands in Abilene, and five grandsons. Jeff grew up working on ranches and still does, living out and singing about the cowboy life.



### JIM JONES

Jim Jones is a Western/Folk Singer/Songwriter, an author and a native Texan who lives in New Mexico. He was the International Western Music Association's 2014 Male Performer of the Year and winner of that organization's 2019 Song of the Year, along with the Academy of Western Artists 2016 Western Song of the Year and the Western Writers of America 2013, 2017

and 2021 Spur Awards for Best Western Song. His songs and books are about the West ... cowboys, horses and cattle, cattle rustlers, the coming of the train ... songs about people and land, rivers and mountains, the beauty of the Western sky. Jim has produced 11 Western/Folk albums as well as five Western novels, a novella and a Children's Book in the Western genre. His Western novels include the Jared Delaney series, Rustler's Moon, Colorado Moon and Waning Moon, and the spin-off series including The Big Empty (2016) and The Lights of Cimarron (2019), published by both Five Star Publishing and Speaking Volumes Press.



### WASHTUB JERRY

The farther you live from what some people consider civilization, the more self-reliant and innovative you must be. You have to admire a guy who enters a field and actually creates his own genre by making a musical instrument with which to conquer a niche that any other mortal is afraid to even challenge. That is exactly what Washtub Jerry has done. He is the only "tub-bass" player in the field of cowboy entertainment today. Not only that, but he may also very well be the hardest working man in the business. Go to any show where Washtub is performing, and you'll find performers lined up to get him to play backup bass for them. I have yet to see him turn one of them down. In addition, he understands more about music theory than any music teacher I know and can illustrate it to you on his unique instrument with the skill of a philharmonic surgeon. And, to top it off, Wash was named "1999 Instrumentalist of the Year."



### DOUG FIGGS

Doug Figgs is a horseshoer, a day working cowboy, and a Western music singer/

songwriter. In more than twenty five years of shoeing horses he has earned the title of "Certified Journeyman Farrier", the highest level attainable through the American Farrier's Association. In the last few years he has turned his attention to his love of music with the emphasis on Western themes. His 4th album, "A Cowboy Like Me" received the Rural Roots Music Commission's 2016 "Traditional Western Music" CD of the year award. As a member of the Western Music Association he was named 2018 and 2021 Male Performer of the Year, 2015 Songwriter of the Year, and his song "Socios" was named 2015 Song of the Year.

He has toured the Southwest extensively and continues to turn out his own variety of Western music, from hard driving songs with a tinge of southern rock, to beautiful ballads and everything in between.



### TERRY NASH

Terry Nash has been a top five finalist for the last four years for the Western Music Association Male Cowboy Poet of the Year award. He was raised on a farm/ranch cow/calf operation on the High Plains of Colorado, near Idalia. In the late eighties, Terry drifted to a small ranch near Loma, Colorado, where he and his wife Kathy raise horses, hay and beef, and spend as much time on the mountain horseback as possible. Along with writing and reciting his original cowboy poems, Terry brings classic cowboy poetry to stages throughout the West, and has recently co-written a couple songs.



### COUNTRY CHURCH

Enjoy doughnuts, coffee and chat with the folks at Heritage Country Church beginning at 9:30 a.m. Sunday May 7.

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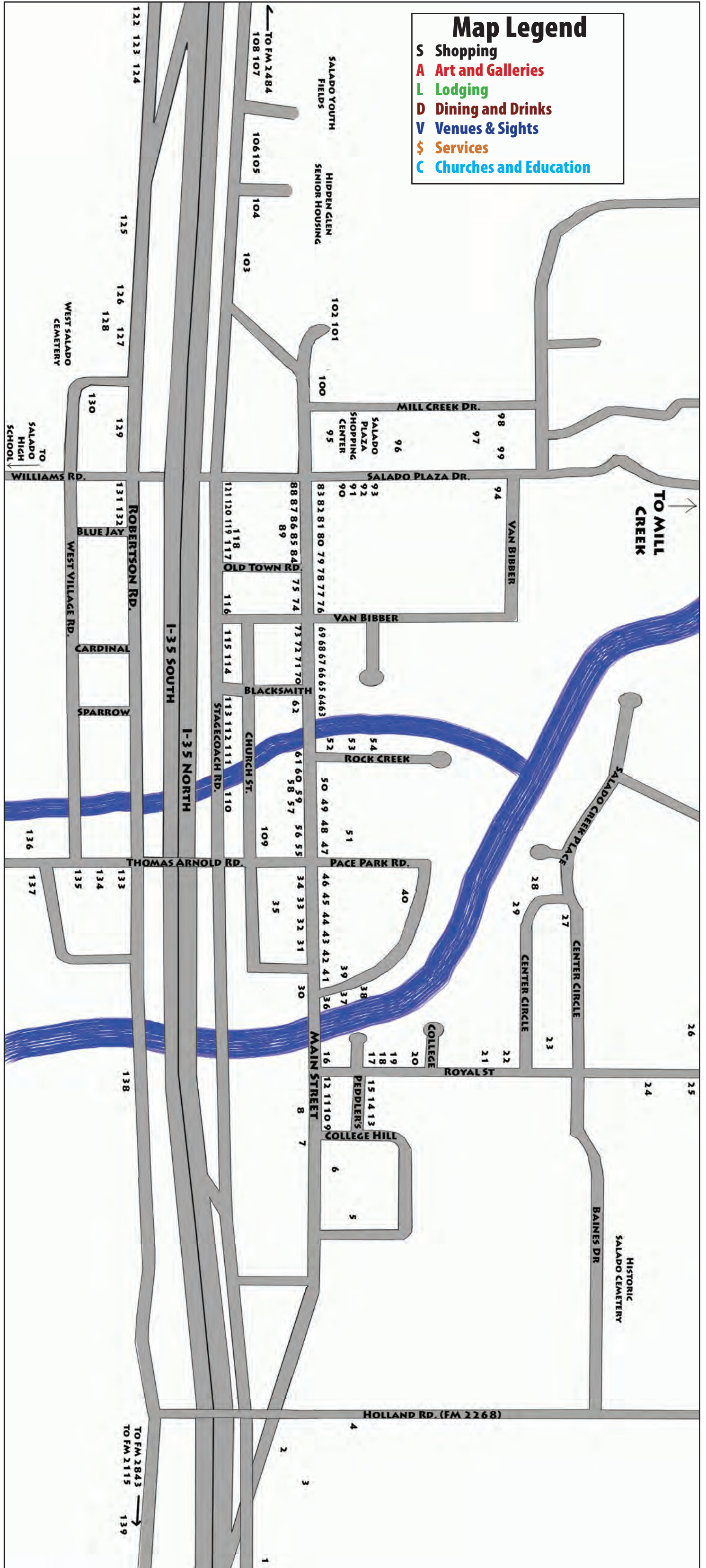
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8	StageCoach Inn	D
	Shady Villa	L
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9	Salado Museum	V
	254-947-5232	
	Salado Visitors Center	\$
	254-947-8634	
	Salado Chamber of Commerce	\$
	254-947-5040	
	Village of Salado Tourism Office	\$
	254-947-8634	
	New Life Methodist Church	C
10	Sofi's	S
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11	Chupacabra Craft Beer and Winery	D
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	Chupacabra Kitchen	D
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14	Salado Glassworks	A
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15	Rio Salado Cocina y Cantina	D
	254-308-2044	
17	Barrow Brewing Co.	D
	254-947-3544	
	Happy Pizza	D
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21	The Venue	V
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	Village Spa	S
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22	The Shed	D
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24	Tablerock	V
	254-947-9205	
26	Salado United Methodist Church	C
	254-947-5482	
29	Inn on the Creek	L
	254-947-5554	
	Alexanders Craft Cocktails & Kitchen	D
	254-947-3828	
30	First Baptist Church	C
	254-947-546	
32	First Texas Brokerage	\$
	254-947-5577	
34	First Community Title	\$
	254-947-8480	
36	Woof.salado	S
	254-500-6865	
40	W.A. Pace Memorial Park	V
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41	Susan Marie's	S
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49	Lively Coffeehouse & Bistro	D
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52	Wristy Business	S
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62	The Pizza Place	D
	254-947-0222	
75	Stage Stop Center	\$
	Salado Creek Dental	\$
	254-308-2027	
76	Salado Civic Center	\$
	254-947-5479	
80	Axis Winery	D
	254-308-2016	
81	Salado Wine Seller and Salado Winery Co.	D
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82	St. Joseph's Episcopal Church	C
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136	Salado Schools & Stadium	C
	Village Church of Salado	C
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139	Cedar Valley Baptist Church	C
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| 8. Main Street Bridge                 | 27. Caskey-Hendricks House        | 46. Old Saloon                | 76. Boles-Aiken & Denman Cabins |
| 16. Barber-Berry Mercantile           | 28. Dr. McKie Place (Twelve Oaks) | 48. The Norton-Orgain House   | 77. The Robert B. Halley House  |
| 23. The Baines House                  | 29. Alexander's Distillery        | 50. The Barton House          | 79. The Reed Cabin              |
| 24. Historic Dipping Vats             | 30. First Baptist Church          | 51. The Levi Tenney House     | 100. The Josiah Fowler House    |
|                                       | 31. The Tyler House               | 55. The Armstrong Adams House |                                 |

# Schools & Sports

## Lady Eagles win Region III golf tournament

Salado Lady Eagles won the 4A Region III golf tournament and will return to the State Tournament.

The girls led China Spring by just two strokes and Lampasas by four strokes with a team total of 362 after the first round of 18 holes.

After nine holes on the second day, Salado still held the same lead of China Spring and Lampasas.

"The girls played significantly better day two on the back nine than their opponents did," said coach Scott Ringo. "Their ability to score and hold it together over the most difficult nine holes was the difference." The Lady Eagles ended the second day with a team total of 356 for a two-day total of 718. Lampasas overtook China Spring with a 374 day two total, finishing with a 740 team score. China

Spring finished the second day with a 389 for a two-day total of 753.

China Spring had the top individual, Hannah Antunes, who finished with a two-day total of 150.

Cooper Meyer led Salado, placing third overall. She shot an 82 on day one and an 84 on day two for a 166 total.

Lydia Burluson shot twin 89s to place 10th overall with a 178.

Elliot Self had rounds of 94 and 91 to place 13th in the field.

Reese Rich had rounds of 97 and 92 to place 15th and round out the team scoring.

Madeline Rakowitz had a two-day score of 200, placing 23rd.

Shooting as an individual, Claire Kunders had a two-day total of 210 to tie for 37th.



Salado Lady Eagles are 4A Region III Champions: Above, from left are Elliot Self, Madeline Rakowitz, Lydia Burluson, Coach Scott Ringo, Cooper Meyer, Reese Rich. (COURTESY PHOTO)

## SHS sends 10 to Region III track meet at Midway

Salado Lady Eagles will send eight competitors and Salado Eagles will send two to the Region III track meet in at Midway High School, qualifying April 19 at the Area meet in Gatesville.

The Varsity girls distance runners dominated their brackets with Cade Harris, Alexa Williams and Zoie Adcox taking first, second and third respectively in both the 1600 M Run and 3200 M Run.

Harris won the 1600 Meter Run with a time of 5:30.52, edging out teammate Williams who ran a 5:30.63. Adcox came in at 5:32.53.

Harris won the 3200 Meter Run with a time of

11:44.11, again edging out Williams, who had a time of 11:44.44. Adcox came in at 11:44.92.

Salado also had three runners qualify for Regionals in the 800 Meter Run. Penelope Anderson won the race with a time of 2:26.84. Senior Ellie Mescher was second with a time of 2:28.42. Mescher has qualified for Regionals in the 800 Meter Run in each of her years in High School. Ally Ihler came in fourth with a time of 2:32.88.

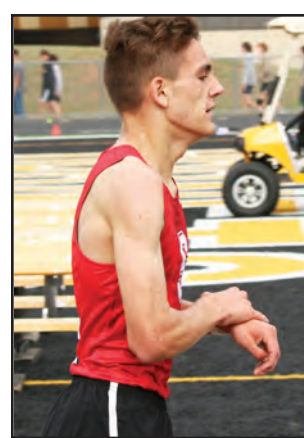
Lexy Wilson placed second in the Long Jump with a mark of 17-1 1/2 to qualify for Regionals.

Meri Fischer had a mark of 10-0 to take fourth place

in Pole Vault and qualify for regionals.

Also earning points towards Salado's third place finish at the Area meet was Penelope Anderson, who placed fifth in the 400 Meter Run with a time of 1:02.68; Macy Morris, sixth in the 300 Meter Hurdles with a time of 52.52 and the 4X400 Meter Relay Team of Addison King, Elizabeth Markham, Mescher and Anderson, which placed sixth with a time of 4:21.84.

Luke Anderson qualified for the Regional Meet by placing third in three distance races. He ran the 800 Meter Run in 2:03.31. He ran the 1600 Meter Run in a time of 4:33.79. He ran the



Luke Anderson qualified for Regionals in three events.



Lady Eagle distance runners took the top three places in the 1600 Meter and 3200 Meter Runs: Cade Harris, Alexa Williams and Zoie Adcox. (PHOTOS BY TIM FLEISCHER)

3200 Meter Run in a time of 9:53.82.

Kye Hayes qualified in the Pole Vault with a fourth place mark of 13-0.

Coulson Boyd competed in the 1600 Meter Run with a time of 4:43.03.

Owen Crisp competed in the Discus with a throw of

121-3.

Photos of all SHS competitors taken by Tim Fleischer are at [saladovillagevoice.com/sports](http://saladovillagevoice.com/sports) section.

## SHS Academic Team wins Region 3 Meet -- again

Salado won the 4A Region 3 UIL Academic Meet by 79 points over second place team Little Cypress-Mauriceville. Salado scored 244 point while Little Cypress scored 165 points and Burnet scored 122 points.

Salado had the top speech team.

The Calculator Applications team placed first. Ty Castro placed first and Paige Fariss placed second. Matthew Cabaniss was seventh and Thomas Novotny was ninth.

The Mathematics team placed first. Luke Drigalla placed first and Paige Fariss placed third. Ryan Novotny was fourth. Elliot Self contributed to the team score.

The Number Sense team placed first, led by Luke Drigalla's first place, Ryan Novotny's second place and Jack Cabaniss's third place. Chloe Rose placed sixth.

The Spelling team placed first, led by Ethan Sunshine's first place and Jeb Rine's second place. Contributing team members were Lydia Burluson and

Hoak Rine.

The Current Issues and Events team placed second with Jeb Rine placing sixth. Also contributing were Dray McLane, Sam Redelsheimer, and Brooklyn Williamson.

In individual competitions, Laura Ball placed first in Informative Speaking, James Tipton and Wesley Engleking placed first and second respectively in Persuasive Speaking. Laura Ball placed second and James Tipton placed sixth in Lincoln Douglas Debate.

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# Lady Eagles have perfect run through district, face Lampasas



Lexi Dudeczka hits for Salado

Salado Lady Eagles will face the Lampasas Lady Badgers in the bi-district round of the playoffs in a best-of-three series April 28-29.

Salado won the district 23-4A crown with an undefeated run 10-0 through its opponents, the last being a 16-3 rout of China Spring on the road April 18. Lampasas is the fourth place team from District 24-4A.

	R	H	E
Salado	16	17	0
C. Spring	3	5	1

Salado Lady Eagles poured on 13 runs in the sixth inning to put away China Spring, 16-3 April 18.

Salado scored runs in the first, fourth and fifth while China Spring plated two runs in the bottom of the fifth to keep it close.

Harley Drouillard scored first for Salado, after hitting a on-out single, she reached second on an error, stole third and dashed home on a passed ball.

Brooke McLaurin scored in the fourth, hitting a single, stealing second and scoring on a Allyson Schauer's double.

Ryley Litchfield scored in the fifth. She singled with one out, followed by a walk to Bri Waters and a single by Shelby Dodge to load the bases. A walk to McLaurin scored Litchfield.

Lexi Dudeczka started the avalanche of runs with one out in the sixth. She tripled to deep center and scored on a passed ball. Drouillard and Litchfield followed with doubles to put runners at second and third. Waters walked, loading the bases. Dodge knocked in two runs with a single, McLaurin singled, loading the bases again. Brooklyn Williamson walked pushing a run across. Toni Pugh was hit by the pitcher to push across another run. Allyson Schauer doubled, knocking in two more runs. Dudeczka singled and Drouillard walked to load the bases again. Schauer scored on a passed ball. Litchfield tripled to score two runners. Waters doubled to score Litchfield. China Spring issued three straight walks to score Litchfield before the Lady Cougars were able to record the final two outs.

China Spring scored a run in the bottom of the sixth and the game ended by the Mercy Rule.

McLaurin got the win on the mound, pitching 4-2/3 innings. She allowed 3 hits and 2 earned runs, striking out 5 and walking 3.

Schauer pitched 1-1/3 innings to close the game, allowing 2 hits and an earned run.

Litchfield led Salado batters, going 3-for-5, with 2 RBI and 3 runs.

Dudeczka also went 3-for-5, with an RBI and 2 runs.

Schauer went 2-for-4 with 3 RBI and a run.

Pazlee Conrad went 2-for-2 with 2 RBI and 2 runs.

Dodge went 2-for-4, with an RBI and a run.

Drouillard went 2-for-4, scoring 3 runs.

Dodge went 2-for-4 with an RBI and a run.

Waters was 2-for-2 with an RBI and a run.

Katey Bartek had a hit in her single at-bate.

	R	H	E
Ellison	4	8	2
Salado	8	14	2

Salado Lady Eagles beat the Ellison Lady Eagles, 8-4, in a warm-up game April 25.

The Lady Eagles scored three runs in the first, four in the fourth and one in the fifth. Ellison scored a run

in the fifth and three in the sixth.

Lexi Dudeczka led the girls at the plate, going 3-for-4, including a triple and scoring 2 runs.

Bri Waters went 2-for-4 with a double and 3 RBI.

Ryley Litchfield went 2-for-4 with a double, an RBI and 3 runs.

Harley Drouillard went 2-for-3 with an RBI and 2 runs.

Katey Bartek hit 1-for-1 with an RBI. Shelby Dodge hit 1-for-3 with a run. Also getting hits were Brooke McLaurin, Angel Van de Plas and Allyson Schauer.

Waters got the win for Salado, pitching three innings. She allowed 2 hits and a walk and struck out 6 batters.

McLaurin pitched 2 innings, allowing 2 hits and a run and striking out 3.

Schauer pitched 2 innings, allowing 4 hits, 3 runs (1 earned) and striking out a batter.

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# Eagles finish district against China Spring

Salado Eagles will finish District 23-4A baseball on the road April 28 against China Spring, the fourth-ranked team in state. The Eagles will finish either second or third, depending upon their results against the state-ranked Cougars this week.

	R	H	E
Gatesville	0	0	1
Salado	10	0	1

Only two batters reached base for the Gatesville Hornets as Caden Strickland threw another no-hitter in the Salado Eagles' 10-0 Mercy Rule win April 21.

The first batter to reach did so on four pitches in the second inning as he threw four straight balls against Hornet third baseman Clayton Gregory.

Strickland turned around and in three quick pitches struck out Mason Mooney. He then caused Ben Mabry to ground out to third baseman Will Messner for the third out.

With two outs in the fourth, Bralen Veazey reached on a fielding error by first baseman Lane Heath.

Strickland forced a total of seven infield groundouts in his mound performance. Three of them were to second baseman, two were to third baseman Drew Bird Messner and one was a shot back to Strickland. Left fielder Kase Maedgen was the only outfielder to see much action, catching fly balls in the first and fourth innings.

The Eagles sticks, however, saw a lot of action as Salado tallied 10 runs on 10 hits.

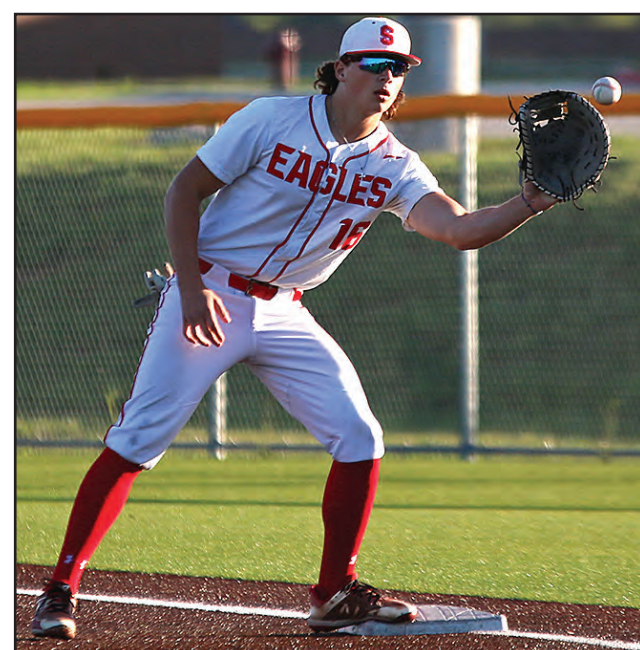
Salado scored four runs in the first. With one out and empty bases, Drew Bird went to first when he was hit by the pitcher, Strickland singled and Logan Flores walked to load the bases. BJ Amann hit a sac fly to center scoring Bird. Heath singled to score Strickland. Owen Curtis singled to left to score Flores. Heath stole third and scored on the attempted throw. Curtis went to second on the throw, but was left stranded on the third out.

The Eagles added two more in the third. With one out, Bird singled, going to second on a passed ball. Strickland walked but was thrown out on a fielder's choice that put Bird and Flores at the corners. Flores stole second and both runners scored on a double to left by Amann.

Salado added two more in the third. Curtis led off with a walk. Messner hit to right field, reaching on a fielding error that put runners at second and third. Curtis scored on a sac fly to deep right. Brody Naegele doubled to plate Messner. Gatesville got the next two batters out with infield grounders to strand Naegele in scoring position.



Caden Strickland throws no-hitter against Gatesville April 21. (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)



Lane Heath records an out against Gatesville. (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)

The Eagles ended the game with three doubles. Bird doubled to deep left, scoring on a double to center by Strickland. Strickland scored on a walk-off double by Amann.

Amann had three hits to lead Salado, knocking in four runs. Strickland had two hits, knocking in a run and scoring two himself. Bird had two hits and scored three runs.

Heath had a hit, an RBI and a run. Curtis also had a hit, an RBI and a run. Messner had a hit and a run.

	R	H	E
Salado	1	4	1
Gatesville	3	7	0

Salado lost on the road to the Gatesville Hornets, 3-1, on April 18, which may end up being a deciding factor in the final standings for District 23-4A.

The Eagles scored their only run in the second inning. With one out, Lane Heath singled to left. Brody Naegele followed with a double to right. Kannon Baird walked to load the bases.

The Hornets scored in the third, fourth and fifth innings for the win.

Maedgen led Salado, going 2-for-4 with an RBI. Heath was 1-for-3 with a run hit Naegele was 1-for-3.

Logan Flores was dinged with the loss. He allowed 7 hits and 3 runs, 2 of them

earned. He struck out 5 and walked 1.

	R	H	E
JV Red	2	2	9
Gatesville	12	5	4

Salado JV Red lost to Gatesville, 12-2 on the road April 18, committing nine errors and tallying two hits.

Brendan Wilson and Lincoln Hossfeld each had hits for Salado. Wilson scored a run and Hossfeld had an RBI. Jacob Preston scored a run for Salado.

Bryton Massar got the loss on the mound in an in-ning appearance for Salado. He allowed 2 hits and 5 runs, 4 of them earned. He struck out 2.

Wilson pitched 3-2/3 innings, allowing 3 hits and 5 runs, 1 of them earned.

	R	H	E
Gatesville	6	6	0
JV Red	6	8	2

Salado JV Red tied Gatesville, 6-6, in a home game April 21.

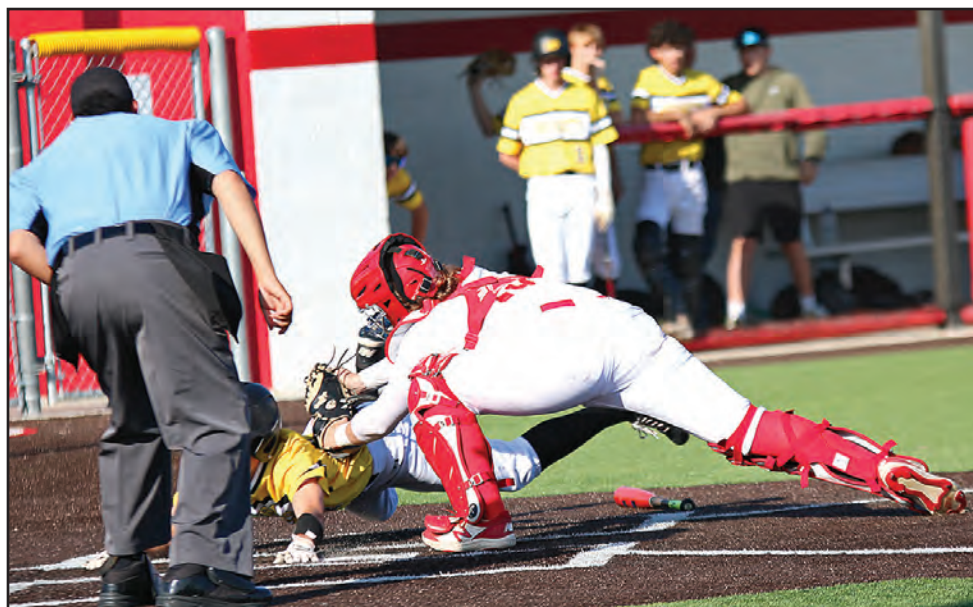
Jacob Hercules led the Eagles, going 2-for-2 with 2 RBI and scoring a run.

Hudson Rosenbaum went 2-for-2 with an RBI and a run.

Brendan Wilson went 2-for-2 and scored 3 runs.

Also getting hits were Ethan Robledo, 1-for-3 and an RBI and Lincoln Hossfeld, 1-for-3 with a run.

Cord Ramsey pitched 3-1/3 innings. He allowed 4 hits, 4 runs, 3 of them earned and struck out 1.



Ethan Robledo catches a runner out at home for the JV Red Eagles. (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN) PHOTO GALLERIES/STORY UNDER SPORTS AT WWW.SALADOVILLAGEVOICE.COM

Hossfeld closed, allowing 2 hits and 2 runs.

	R	H	E
Gatesville	1	2	4
JV White	6	6	4

Salado JV White beat their Gatesville counterparts 6-1 in a home game April 17.

Six Eagles got a hit, led by Trey Waters went 1-for-3 with 2 RBI and a run.

Also tallying hits were Hudson Rosenbaum, 1-for-3, 2 RBI; Mason Olson, 1-for-3, an RBI; Luke Bingham, 1-for-3, an RBI; Cash Adams, 1-for-2, 2 runs, Cash Robinson, 1-for-2, a run.

Trey Waters got the win on the mound, pitching 3-1/3 innings. He allowed 1 hit and 1 earned run and struck out 8.

Chance Carlson closed the game, allowing a hit and striking out 3.


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## Boys place 11th at Regional golf

Salado Eagles placed 11th in the Regional tournament with a team total of 756. Bullard won the boys division with a team total of 647.

Noah Self led the boys with rounds of 99 and 86 to place 50th in the field of 83 golfers. Also scoring for Salado were Cutter Meyer, 189, 53rd; Owen Piatt, 191, 54th and Sulley Anderson, 193, 56th

Cade Fenoglio shot a 195, 58th place and individual golfer Mason Brown shot a 202, 65th place.



Shown above are (from left) Owen Piatt, Cade Fenoglio, Noah Self, Cutter Meyer, Sulley Anderson

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Opening lead — king of clubs.

four hearts as shown and West led the king of clubs. At trick two, West shifted to the nine of spades, covered by the jack, queen and king. Declarer had to lose another club and a diamond, so the contract hinged on not losing a trick to the queen of hearts. But since he was not yet prepared to deal with this problem, he led a club at trick three, postponing the decision. West took the ace and returned a spade to dummy's ace. Declarer now made the move he hoped would help clear up the trump situation. He led the queen of clubs. East ruffed with the three, and South overruffed. Declarer concluded that East would not have ruffed if he held three or four hearts including the queen, so he next cashed the ace of hearts. When East showed out, it became a simple matter to pick up West's queen via a finesse, and the contract was made.

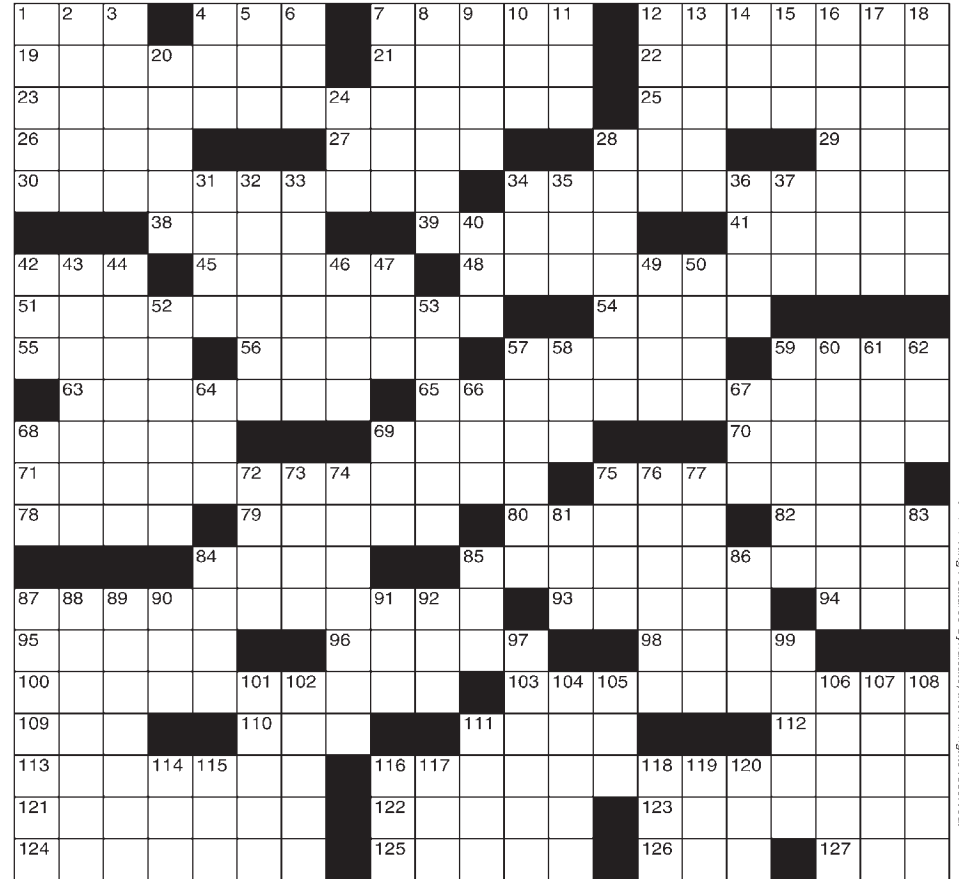
When declarer is missing the Q-x-x-x of a suit, it is mathematically better for him to cash the A-K to try to drop the queen than to take a finesse. The difference in merit between the two plays is so slight, however, that declarer should not hesitate to opt for the finesse whenever there are clues pointing in that direction. Such clues might come from the bidding or from prior plays. In some cases, it might even be possible for declarer to exercise his own ingenuity.

South, of course, had no use whatever for a discard on the queen of clubs. The club play was designed solely to locate the heart queen. It must also be noted that East should have asked himself why declarer was leading a good club -- which was sure to get ruffed -- before drawing trump. If East had deduced what South was up to and refused to ruff, South might well have concluded that East was guarding the queen of hearts and so gone wrong in the trump suit.

Super Crossword

TWELVE OF DIAMONDS

- ACROSS
1 "— Sharkey" (70s sitcom)
4 Winter bug
7 Corn, to Brits
12 SoCal daily paper
19 Mammal with a black mask
21 Cook's wear
22 Ant-Man's partner in a 2018 superhero film
23 Oakland baseballer's footwear?
25 Boarded, as a train
26 Langston Hughes poem
27 Stuff hitting an umbrella
28 Fa-la linkup
29 Coop female
30 Calamari prepared by a San Francisco baseballer?
34 Atlanta baseballer's collection of Kia cars?
38 Son of Isaac
39 Watch slyly
41 — Park (home of Edison)
42 Atlys.' gp.
45 "Scorpio" co-star Delon
48 Chicago baseballer moonlighting as a journalist?
51 Detroit baseballer's Easter flowers?
54 Vaping item
55 Designer von Fürstenberg
56 Like many tiny headphones
57 Put the — (try to coerce)
59 Oomph
63 Gold lumps
65 Money owed by a Washington baseballer?
68 Tether again
69 Actor Quinn
70 OshKosh — (kids' clothing brand)
71 What a Minnesota baseballer sleeps on?
75 Enormous
78 Latin "to be"
79 Litigious sorts
80 Taunt
82 Article in Ulm
84 Pioneer Boone, briefly
85 Cincinnati baseballer's chewy candy?
87 Something a St. Louis baseballer confesses?
93 "Oh My My" singer Ringo
94 Ending with cash
95 Kitchen range brand
96 Warhol and Roddick
98 Pixar's lost swimmer
100 Kansas City baseballer's toast topper?
103 Pennant won by a Pittsburgh baseballer?
109 President pro —
110 Right-angled pipe joint
111 Sleek, in brief
112 1993 Nobelist Morrison
113 Some wind players
116 Florida baseballer's rod-and-reel activity?
121 Web page for aficionados
122 Figure skating leaps
123 Sideways
124 Felt hats
125 Dog strap
126 Single bill
127 "Nuts" actor Wallace
DOWN
1 Jenny with a diet plan
2 Singer LaBelle
3 Women's golf star Lorena
4 Enemy
5 Filming locale
6 Bi- minus one
7 Member of a Kenyan tribe
8 Plant pests
9 "Fe" element
10 Saldana of "Guess Who"
11 Type widths
12 No. 2 in a statehouse
13 Burn — in one's pocket
14 Vietnamese New Year
15 — Jima
16 Search to find a criminal
17 Actress Getty
18 Subsidize
20 Exact copy
24 Grand — (wine type)
28 Riviera resort
31 Old autocrat
32 — Mae (loan offerer)
33 Charmingly old-fashioned
34 Sch. in Provo
35 Pflfer from
36 Smelly city air
37 Atop, in odes
40 Old IBM products
42 Noshed on
43 The top story
44 Rabbitlike rodents
46 Lands in eau
47 Actress Vardalos
49 MBA subj.
50 — oolada
52 Motor
53 Some Muppet dolls
57 Just one little bite
58 — Tin Tin
59 More antsy
60 10th-century pope
61 Lack
62 Final degree
64 Sparky rock
66 Spots on TV
67 16-oz. units
68 Numbered rd.
69 Pt. of ETA
72 Clumsy — ox
73 Skipjack, e.g.
74 Reveal everything
75 Grain in ale
76 South Korean airline
77 Confidential
81 Koch and Asner
83 Always, in odes
84 Old TV part
85 Letters after Sen. Javits' name
86 "It's either you —!"
87 Haul away
88 One-celled organisms
89 Actor Burr
90 Genetic stuff
91 Skit show since '75
92 Mount — (Charley Weaver's home)
97 Hexes
99 "King — Hill"
101 Volkswagen model
102 Somebody — problem
104 From Erin
105 Actor Ely
106 French river
107 Record of a single year
108 2003 Ben Affleck flop
111 Field of study
114 Propyl lead-in
115 Tristan's title
116 Bad, to Luc
117 Hatchet, e.g.
118 "Alice" spinoff
119 Holm of film
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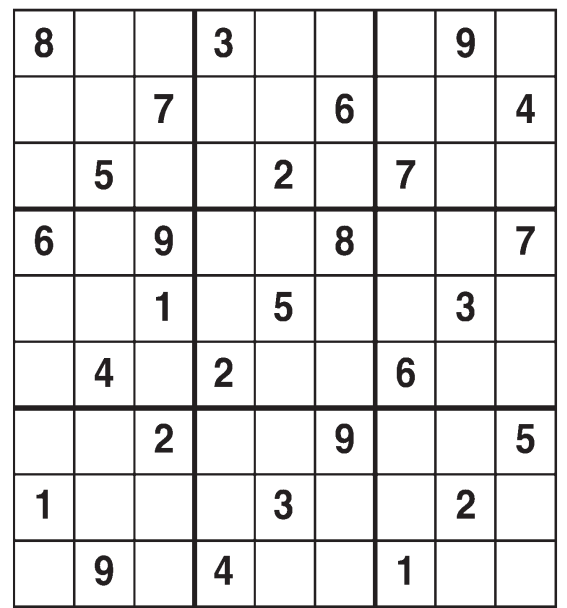


Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. MOVIES: Which movie gave actor Tom Hanks his first Oscar?
2. SCIENCE: Apollo astronauts reported that the Moon smelled like what substance?
3. GEOGRAPHY: How many stars are on the Australian flag?
4. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president killed a man who insulted him in a duel?
5. MUSIC: Which pop group produced the hit song "God Only Knows"?
6. TELEVISION: "The Brady Bunch" features how many blended family members?
7. LANGUAGE: What is the official language of the United States?
8. U.S. STATES: What is the state capital of Rhode Island?
9. ASTRONOMY: Which is the only planet in our solar system that is not named after a god or goddess?
10. FOOD & DRINK: What is a cheese connoisseur called?
Answers
1. "Philadelphia."
2. Burnt gunpowder.
3. Six.
4. Andrew Jackson. In 1806 he shot and killed Charles Dickinson in a duel.
5. The Beach Boys.
6. Eight: six children and two parents.
7. None — the United States doesn't have an official language.
8. Providence.
9. Earth.
10. A turophile.

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by Linda Thistle



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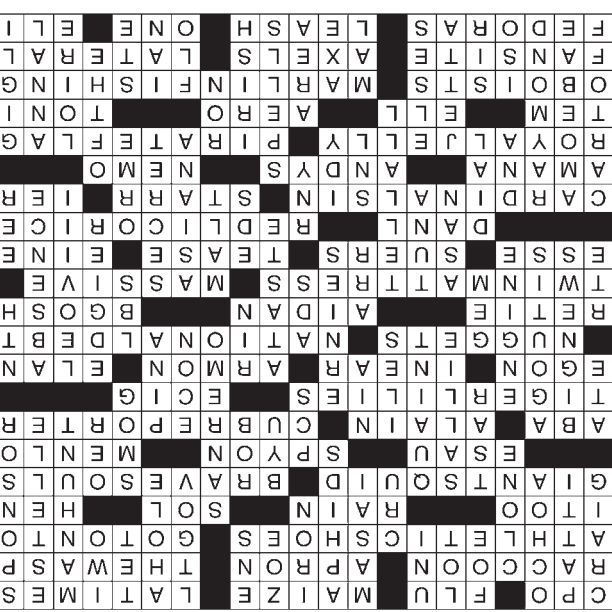
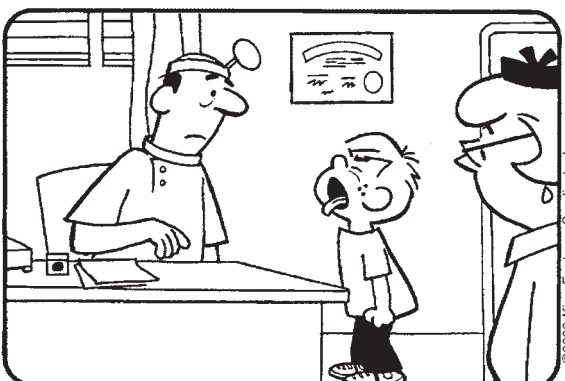
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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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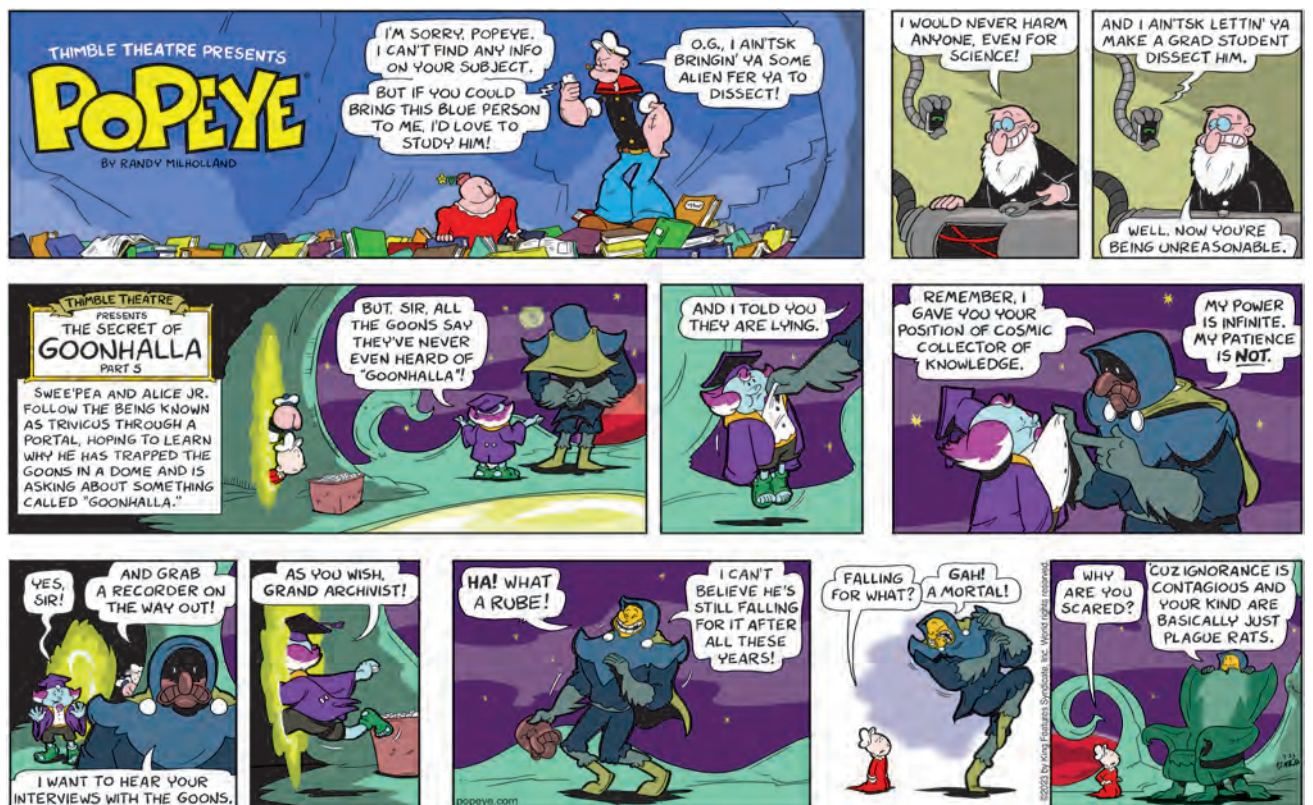
Super Crossword

A 10x10 grid of numbers for a Sudoku puzzle.

Answer

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# SISD candidates address school vouchers, growth, facilities and bond proposals

Local voters will elect three Salado Independent School District trustees to three-year terms.

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.

*Salado Village Voice* asked the candidates the following questions:

**Question 1:** Senate Bill 8 approved 18-13 will create a school voucher-like program. What challenges, if any, for public schools do you foresee local school districts facing in the coming years, if this proposal passes in the House and is signed into law by Governor Abbott? Do you favor school vouchers? Why or why not? (200 words)

**Question 2:** H.B. No. 5367 to create Solana Ranch Municipal Utility District (MUD) in the southern portion of Salado ISD has been introduced into the House. This MUD could bring as many as 14,000 homes to southern Bell and northern Williamson Counties. What impact do you foresee this and other proposed developments having on Salado ISD? Is SISD prepared for this potential growth? (200 words)

**Question 3:** Rate the facilities of each campus from 1 being poor to 10 being excellent. What, if anything, should be done to improve the existing facilities at Thomas Arnold Elementary? At Salado Middle School? At Salado High School? (300 words)

**Question 4:** A facilities planning committee will wrap up its meetings in May, shortly after you possibly take a seat on the SISD board of trustees. Do you support calling for a November bond election? What new facilities do you think should be included? (200 words)



SAVANNAH HENNIG

**Question 1:** There are many proposed voucher bills this legislative session, each laid out a little differently. I acknowledge that a school voucher program could be beneficial for students whose school district is not meeting educational standards or student needs. However, I have unanswered questions. Senate Bill 8, as written, would provide \$8,000 annually in state funding to a student who participates in the voucher program. Many private schools charge a higher tuition than this, and the bill doesn't address what private schools are allowed to do if \$8,000 doesn't cover tuition. The bill doesn't address whether private schools who receive state funding would now have to adhere to state testing standards nor whether religious private schools who participate can still teach religious courses. Public schools receive state funding and therefore must adhere to state accountability and regulation. Knowing wheth-

er this would apply to any participating educational provider is imperative. The primary challenge I foresee is equity in accountability, regulation, and funding, and I advocate locally and at the state level for public schools to have the educational programs, support for staff, funding, and safety measures they need to allow them to serve students well.

**Question 2:** Salado ISD has known about this potential development for some time, and the district has done well in creating conversation with not only this developer but others in the area to gather information, learn about proposed timelines, and discuss the donation of land for potential future school sites. Securing possible facility locations is a huge step toward preparing for the growth that's coming, and the Solana Ranch developer has a reputation for providing land not only for schools but for emergency services as well. It's important to recognize that should this MUD pass, 14,000 homes will not be built in year one. This is a development that will take place over the next 10-20 years, but it will have a large impact on our school district. Preparing for growth includes continuing conversations with developers, staying abreast of new developments, allocating land for potential school sites, determining timeframes when new schools/buildings/extracurricular facilities are necessary and then moving forward appropriately. It's also extremely important that the district keep the community knowledgeable of the growth that's here and the growth that's coming so that as needs arise, the district has support from the community.

**Question 3:** Thomas Arnold Elementary has three separate buildings that are typically denoted as TAE 1, TAE 2, and TAE 3. The physical facilities at TAE 1 and TAE 3 need the most amount of work, but the high school is currently the most overcrowded. If we're rating on a scale of 1-10 for physical condition, I would rate TAE 1 and TAE 3 as a 2/3, TAE 2 a 6, the middle school at nearly 10, and the high school a 7.

TAE 1 and TAE 3 need improvements/renovations and the high school needs more space. There is a long list of needs for a variety of spaces, but without passing a bond, the district cannot make any major improvements to facilities. The district has and will continue to maintain these facilities, and in recent years has replaced roofs, replaced HVAC's, repainted, replaced flooring, updated as feasible, etc., but to improve the facilities on any substantial basis requires funds that the district does not and will not have without passing a bond. The question asks what the district should do, but realistically it is what the district can do, given our available funding. This leads to question 4:

**Question 4:** I would support a bond election, because I believe our district needs it. On a percentage basis, we are the second fastest growing district out of the 77 districts in Region 12. Absorbing that kind of growth into our existing facilities is very challenging,

and we are running out of space. It's important to understand that if the community passed a bond, it would not increase the district's tax rate. The Interest & Sinking (I&S, debt service) tax rate is already at \$0.50 and will not increase.

I believe the district's top needs are exactly what the facility committee has preliminarily identified which are a new high school to include ag facilities and performing arts, major renovations to the elementary school, and a new stadium. As a current school board member, I am not serving on the facility planning committee, but I served on the previous one in 2018 and know the immense amount of work that is involved. Assuming the committee brings a recommendation to the school board, I look forward to hearing what they've determined are the most pressing needs for the district and having an open discussion with board members about the future facilities for Salado ISD.



KIMBERLY REDELSHEIMER

**Question 1:** If Senate Bill 8 is signed into law, I predict that there may be challenges for rural and low-performing school districts. SISD is well-positioned to weather these challenges, due to our population growth and highly rated schools. SISD has an extremely high graduation rate, dedicated teachers, and involved parents. All the stellar attributes that make SISD a sought-after school district will mitigate the effects of a state-wide voucher program. SB 8 as it currently stands would make up to \$8,000 a year available to use for a student's private school tuition. While this would empower school choice by giving parents more resources to fund their choice of school, it could have detrimental effects on some public schools. School choice is very important, and I think that all parents should be able to choose the best school setting for their child, whether that be Public School, Private School, or Homeschooling. I think that school vouchers can be used effectively to give power to parents, but I have concerns about taking funds away from at-risk school districts.

**Question 2:** New developments and increased population are having a powerful impact on daily life in Salado, not only on SISD. Currently SISD is not prepared for rapid population growth. There are not enough safe and effective facilities now for SISD to adequately manage its current student populations. SISD is working to become prepared for these changes, and the success of a bond election in November is vital for this preparedness. SISD needs to prepare for growth with plans that allow for future flexibility. SISD needs to think strategically and creatively about the space, facilities, and staffing need-

ed to provide education for current and future students. Though growth and change are never easy, a positive outcome of this growth is the opportunity to improve and expand the programs and facilities of SISD.

**Question 3:** I polled my three high schoolers to get a sense of how they would rate the facilities of each campus, as they have been students in all 3 facilities. Their ratings are: TAE-4, SMS-9, SHS-5. As a military family, SISD is the sixth school system we have been a part of. SHS is the most crowded school my kids have attended. The older sections of TAE and SHS need significant improvements. Many safety problems at TAE and SHS stem from physical plant issues and a lack of adequate space. The use of portable buildings is not optimal for learning or safety. I attended the April 10 Facilities Planning Committee of SISD, and I was impressed by the energy, questions, and passion of all participants involved. It is hard to make decisions when there are many legitimate needs and a limited amount of dollars. The committee is ranking and evaluating priorities with input from over 50 stakeholders, who are committed to a top-quality public school system in Salado. I look forward to hearing the recommendations of the Facilities Planning

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# SISD hopefuls on growth

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Committee. I am confident that this committee will make compelling plans to make SISD more equipped to educate students and provide an inviting work environment for teachers and staff. SISD's facilities should match the high quality of the student achievement we see at SISD. Investment in spaces such as a Performing Arts Center would benefit students of all ages throughout the ISD.

**Question 4:** I support calling for a November bond election. SISD needs to invest in infrastructure and physical plants at all three campuses, especially at TAE and SHS. The Facilities Planning Committee has sound insight into which campus(es) should be prioritized for renovation or new construction. It's important to first have a detailed analysis of the current strengths and weaknesses of each campus to be able to effectively improve facilities. I think the educational spaces at TAE and SHS should be the focus of infrastructure improvements. SISD Athletic facilities need to be able to accommodate athletes and

spectators. SISD should explore the construction of a Performing Arts Center to benefit all SISD students and the Salado community at large.



DAVID MATTHEWS

**Question 1:** Every bill has its pros and cons. This bill seems to be missing some major details. For example, would this voucher be income-based, how long would the vouchers be received, will the government start holding private schools to the same standards as public schools, will private schools continue to be selective with potential students if they have vouchers, etc. The list of questions could go on and on. I don't know enough about this bill to have an opinion on if I favor it or not.

I would be more interested in seeing Senate Bill 9 passed that would include raises for teachers based on the teacher experience, establishing a grant program to increase the number of classroom teachers, and creating a grant program to rehire retired teachers to fill vacancies etc.

A concern for me about Senate Bill 8 would be the effect of these vouchers on the government's education funds and how much money would be lost for public schools.

**Question 2:** Driving around Salado and seeing the new rooftops going up is enough to say that Salado will be a 5A School in the next couple of years. There is no telling how long or what the timeline is for this new district, but it could be ten years from now. If these 14,000 homes do come, SISD would have to look at needs like more land further away from our current schools to curb the traffic problem, current building expansions, or land closer to the current facilities. Currently Salado is not prepared for what everyone can

see coming, and that's why we need a bond passed to make precise decisions on new buildings.

**Question 3:** While rating each school's facility sounds like an easy task, it is not. The order of schools from oldest to newest is the Elementary School, High School, and Middle School. My daughter once attended a school in a building more than 100 years old and it adequately provided for the needs of the neighborhood so it sometimes comes down to functionality. The schools' facilities will always need improvement as they get older and technology advances. However, it's not the facility that makes the school, but the staff, and our teachers and administrators are making the best out of what they have until we get a bond passed.

**Question 4:** I would be supportive of a bond and would like to see multiple thoughts and ideas on what the bond money would do. It would be my goal to see the board showing good stewardship of tax-payer dollars to build the proper buildings for Salado

students and teachers. It's hard to say which facilities should be included in the bond because we need all three campuses enlarged and each campus has special needs.



ERIC MALMIN

**Question 1:** The passing of a voucher-like program would provide parents with state funds to use toward their child's education outside of their local public school system. This system could possibly result in decreased funding for public schools as parents remove their children from local districts and enroll them in private schools that they deem more appropriate for their children. Salado ISD is currently one of the lowest funded districts per student and any decrease in funding could be devastating to the future of the district.

In general, I tend to be against government funding of private entities. However, I am also against taxpayer dollars funding a public school system that is not in line with the priorities, values and expectations of the parents and community members. Salado ISD must continue to work to understand, meet and exceed these expectations in order to continue to be an attractive destination for parents and their families.

**Question 2:** It is hard to imagine any district our size being prepared for the amount of growth that is currently being projected. The facilities at our high school and elementary school are already inadequate for our current student body. The addition of thousands of new homes will only compound the issues we are already having. As we look to the future, the district must be proactive in preparation for this impending growth. We must ensure that any plans for the future meet our current needs as well as our projected needs. We cannot afford to fall further behind; however we must not rush into something that will prove to be inadequate in the future.

**Question 3:** Thomas Arnold Elementary: 3/10. The facilities at TAE present many issues. Currently students must exit the building to move from one class to the next. Enclosing the walkways at TAE would improve safety and security for our students and

teachers. The gym at TAE 1 is in dire need of renovations. There is a portion of the campus without fire suppression systems. These are just a few of the things needing attention at TAE. In general, the campus is dated and any attempt at renovation will likely result in significant additional costs.

• Salado Middle School: 9/10. This is our newest campus in the district, and it really is a wonderful school. The facility functions well with our current student population and is designed in a way that will accommodate significant future growth. There is a need for a permanent solution to the mud problem at the outdoor common space just outside of the cafeteria. The ground in this area cannot support grass and results in students tracking mud into the building creating more work for our custodians and limiting their ability to respond to needs elsewhere on campus.

Salado High School: 4/10. Salado High School has been too small since the first day it held classes. The common use spaces such as the cafeteria, gymnasium and hallways are all undersized and present safety concerns for students and staff. These inadequate common spaces limit the ability to add additional needed classrooms, lab space and facilities for CTE programs. Due to these core limitations, it is difficult to suggest meaningful improvements that would solve our problems at this campus. I would be willing to seek the counsel of experts in this area in order to come up with creative solutions that address the unique needs of this campus.

**Question 4:** Salado ISD is growing rapidly, and our current facilities are not sufficient to support this growth. In order to provide a safe and secure learning environment for our students at all levels we are going to have to invest in the future of this district. I appreciate the time and effort of the members on the planning committee. They have a difficult task, and I am confident they are working with our students' best interests in mind. As I previously stated, the most glaring needs are at the high school and elementary school levels, and I feel these should be our top priorities when considering a bond. I would consider supporting a bond election if the proposal was well thought out, thorough and fully addressed our long-range needs.



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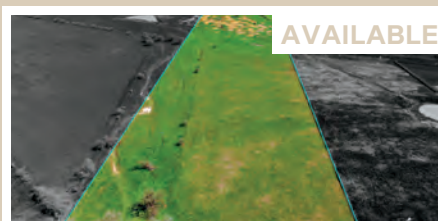
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Campus eligibility for Title I, Part A is based on low income data and academic need. **Private Nonprofit Schools** and/or **Homeschools with government nonprofit status** that serve students living within Salado ISD boundaries and that are interested in receiving program information on participation and/or providing input into program planning for services for eligible students may contact Kelli Rhiddlehoover, Director of Finance, at 254-947-6904 or 601 North Main Street, Salado, Texas, 76571

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING VILLAGE OF SALADO

The Village of Salado has scheduled a public hearing on the proposed voluntary annexation of approximately 1,105 acres of land located northwest of the intersection of FM 2843 and Mustang Creek Road, in the Extraterritorial Jurisdiction of the Village of Salado, Bell County, Texas. **The public hearing will take place on Thursday, May 18, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. at the Salado Municipal Building located at 301 N. Stagecoach Road, Salado, Texas.** The annexation petition, including a map and metes and bounds description, is available for inspection at the Salado Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Road, Salado, Texas between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. A Municipal Services Agreement for the tract will be available at the public hearing and copies will be available for inspection. After the public hearing, at the same meeting, the Board of Aldermen will decide whether to annex the subject property. If you have questions concerning the annexation process, we encourage you to contact Village Administrator Don Ferguson at (254) 947-5060 or email [dferguson@saladotx.gov](mailto:dferguson@saladotx.gov).

### INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids will be received by the Village of Salado at 301 N Stagecoach, Salado, Texas 76571 at 2:00 P.M., on May 11, 2023, and will be publicly opened and read aloud at that time, for constructing the following project:

#### MILL CREEK DRIVE CULVERT

Project includes the removal and replacement of an existing two-barrel 24" CMP drainage culvert with a two-barrel 5'x2' pre-cast concrete box culvert with wingwalls and associated pavement repair.

Bids must be submitted on the complete project. Bids must be enclosed in a sealed envelope, addressed to Don Ferguson, City Administrator, and the outside of the envelope must be marked BID ENCLOSED – MILL CREEK DRIVE CULVERT. All bids must be made on blank forms provided and included in the bound document. The name and address of the Bidder must be plainly marked thereon.

Each bid must be accompanied by cash or a certified cashier's check, drawn on a bank or trust company authorized to do business in the State of Texas, payable to Village of Salado in an amount at least equal to five percent (5%) of the total amount of the bid, as a guarantee that a contract will be entered into. In lieu of cash or a certified check, the Bidder may submit a bid bond in the form prescribed in paragraphs 5.01 and 5.02 of the General Conditions.

Bidding Documents are on file and may be examined at Village of Salado located at 301 N Stagecoach, Salado, Texas 76571. Bid Documents and Specifications may be obtained electronically by the prospective bidders or suppliers at [www.civcastusa.com](http://www.civcastusa.com) at no charge. 1963.22000-11 – "Village of Salado- Mill Creek Drive Culvert." Bidding Documents obtained from any other source are for examination only, are not considered complete, and are not valid for bidding purposes. Neither Village of Salado nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including Addenda if any, obtained from sources other than those issued through CivCast.

The right is reserved to reject any or all bids, to waive informalities, and to award contract or contracts which, in the opinion of the Village of Salado, appear to be in its best interest. The Village of Salado reserves the right to hold any or all proposals for the period of time from the opening of bids as specified in Section 00 41 43, Bid Form.

No pre-bid conference is scheduled for this project.

Village of Salado

Don Ferguson, City Administrator

April 27, 2023

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04/16	FM 2484, Bell	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
04/17	MM 278 SB IH 35, Bell	No incident found on arrival at address
04/17	FM 2268, Bell	No incident found on arrival at address
04/18	HIGHLAND DR, Salado	Authorized controlled burning
04/18	N Interstate Highway 35, S/B, Bell	Motor vehicle accident with injuries
04/18	INDIAN TRL, Salado	EMS call, excluding MVA with injury
04/19	N STAGECOACH RD, Salado	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
04/19	DECKER RD, Bell	Dispatched & cancelled en route
04/19	FM 2268, Bell	EMS call, excluding MVA with injury
04/19	HACKBERRY RD, Bell	EMS call, excluding MVA with injury
04/19	STAGECOACH CIR, Salado	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
04/20	MOUNTAIN DR, Bell	Assist invalid
04/20	LARK TRL, Bell	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
04/20	N DALTON ST, Bartlett	Dispatched & cancelled en route
04/20	MOUNTAIN DR, Bell	Assist invalid
04/20	IH35 South HWY, Bell	Motor vehicle accident with injuries
04/20	MARY LN, SLDO	Rescue, EMS incident, other
04/20	MOUNTAIN DR, Bell	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
04/20	IH35 North HWY, Bell	No incident found on arrival at address
04/21	MOUNTAIN DR, Bell	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
04/21	Long Meadow RD, Bell	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
04/21	HILL RD, Bell	Dispatched & cancelled en route
04/22	Salado Park RD, Bell	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
04/22	S INTERSTATE 35, Bell,	Motor vehicle accident with injuries

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