

Heat, drought, population growth stress aquifers supplying water to millions of Texans

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Almost every other day, Charlie Flatten gets a call about another local water well gone dry.

Recently, he tried to help one woman find a water truck to fill her home cistern. But all the hauling companies had suspended service amid a deepening shortage in Central Texas.

"She's got to go find somewhere else to live," said Flatten, general manager of the Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District in Dripping Springs. "This is extremely serious."

Here in the booming Hill Country southwest of Austin, Flatten said, the Trinity Aquifer is at its lowest level on record. Across the region, iconic natural springs are dwindling or drying up, victims of extreme heat, persistent drought and ever-growing demand for water.

This May, Flatten's district issued a moratorium on groundwater pumping for the first time in its history. Meanwhile, he said, a private company called Aqua Texas, which provides water utilities to more than 50 Texas counties, continues pumping millions more gallons than it is authorized to take. And there isn't much he can do about it.

In Salado, the Salado Water Supply Corporation issued a temporary moratorium on servicing new developments.

"Their business model does not benefit from conservation," Flatten said of Aqua Texas, a subsidiary of Essential Utilities, an investor-owned utility with a \$10.4

billion market capitalization. "Their business model benefits from selling water, and their shareholders expect them to turn a profit every quarter."

Flatten sent Aqua Texas a \$450,000 fine for pumping almost twice as much as its permit allowed last year, but the company hasn't paid. Settlement negotiations continue, along with excessive pumping, Flatten said.

"We have contested the over pumping fee with the groundwater district and are currently working closely with them to get that resolved," said Aqua Texas spokesperson Jennifer Ollahan.

"The fee was for over pumping the drought curtailment numbers and not for over pumping the totality of our permit."

After months of requests from local leaders, Aqua on Aug. 11 banned all outdoor water use by its customers.

This situation highlights a critical weakness of aquifer management in Texas, according to Vanessa Puig-Williams, Texas water program director for the Environmental Defense Fund.

A 2022 report by EDF examined the long-term goals of groundwater conservation districts. It revealed that some regions were managing groundwater in ways that could lead to its eventual exhaustion due to challenges like lack of funding to gather groundwater data. The study found that goals also often fail to account for the local impacts stemming from increased groundwater pumping and drought.

"We are asking our local groundwater conservation districts to do the impossible," she said. "I think we've set ourselves up for a disaster,

and I think we're starting to see it in Central Texas."

The cavernous, limestone aquifers of Central Texas produce a notable collection of springs that have nurtured human habitation here for millennia.

Ancient footpaths once followed this line of water features along where the Hill Country meets the coastal plains. Later, the Spanish road through Texas took the route. Today it's the Interstate 35 corridor — one of the fastest-growing regions in the country — and the powerful springs mark the spots that would become Austin, San Marcos, New Braunfels and San Antonio.

Central Texas' largest springs, which come from the Edwards Aquifer, are approaching their lowest flow levels on record, according to Robert Mace, executive director of the Meadows Center for Water and the Environment at Texas State University in San Marcos.

Salado Water Supply Corporation gets about 60% of its water from groundwater, the Edwards Aquifer outcropping in southern Bell County.

"As we continue to get warmer and warmer, we're gonna see less and less recharge to the Edwards Aquifer, which means it's going to threaten our springs," he said. The largest spring complex in Texas, Comal Springs in nearby New Braunfels, is flowing at 30% of its historical average for August. Its primary spring has gone completely dry.

The lowest flow recorded at Barton Springs was 10 cubic feet per second during the drought of the 1950s — a decade-long dry spell that still stands as the worst in Texas history and the lowest



David Baker, founder and director of the Wimberley Watershed Association, said he's never seen the water level so low in Jacob's Well, photographed on Thursday, Aug. 10, 2023. (PHOTO BY DYLAN BADDOUR/INSIDE CLIMATE NEWS)

point for the Edwards Aquifer springs.

Dirk Aaron, general manager of the Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District in Bell County, compares the current drought to the historic drought of 2011. "The difference is that Bell County has grown by more than 25% since then.

There is one big difference between the 1950s and now. Back then, there were fewer than 8 million people in Texas. Today, there are 30 million. Texas has gained more residents than any other U.S. state since the turn of this century, and none of them brought their own water.

Current heat and rainfall conditions rival the intensity of the 1950s drought, said Roland Ruiz, manager of the Edwards Aquifer Authority in San Antonio. Back then,

however, these conditions lingered for almost 10 years.

"This drought is not nearly as long in duration, at least not yet," he said. "In terms of temperature, it's more intense."

Levels in the Edwards Aquifer, which supplies drinking water for nearly 2 million people, are about 50 feet below average for this time of year, according to Paul Bertetti, senior director for aquifer science research and modeling with the Edwards Aquifer Authority.

According to Todd H. Votteler, co-founder of the Texas Water Journal, Central Texas is in the "bullseye" of the current drought. Votteler said this underscores the challenge faced by water managers: the unpredictable duration of droughts. Consequently, he said, water suppliers should manage with a

prolonged-drought mindset.

When it comes to water conservation, there's one high-volume use that planners agree must be first to go: the lawn.

Summertime outdoor water use accounts for 50% to 80% of residential consumption, according to the Texas Water Development Board. Most of it goes onto turf grass.

Salado Water Supply Company is in Stage 3 of its drought plan, which allows outdoor watering only once a week and only between the hours of 8 p.m. and 10 a.m. Odd numbered houses can water on Tuesdays and even numbered houses on Wednesdays.

SWSC General Manager spoke to the Village of Salado board of aldermen and thanked customers who have *See Water, Page 3D*

Hotter 'n Ale Golf Cart show benefits food bank

The Hotter 'n Ale Golf Cart Show will be held 4 p.m. Sept. 2 at Barrow Brewing Company in Salado.

The Village of Salado has long been known as a golf cart town and the residents love the freedom and convenience of being able to drive their golf carts on and off the green. Larry Wentreck, long time resident and colorful character in the Village, approached the brewery co-owner, KD Hill, with the idea for a golf cart show earlier this year. Working

together, they realized they wanted to benefit the Heart and Hands Ministries, the local food bank.

There will be three categories for people to compete. ATV, golf cart, and "other". The "other" category may include anything on wheels, from strollers to bicycles to wheel chairs. Three judges will choose a winner from each category and a grand champion. No one knows what criteria the judges are basing their scores on, so anything goes! Participants

are encouraged to decorate their golf carts with themes or just wash and wax them, turn on all the lights and music, and show off their awesome upgrades. Prizes will be awarded to first place in each category and the grand champion will receive a trophy created by Gail Allard of Salado Glassworks.

Registration is one (or more) dry food items that will be collected and donated to Heart & Hands Ministries. People can register starting *SEE HOTTER 'N ALE, PAGE 4A*

SVFD responds to 2 accidents, including a fatality, on Aug. 24

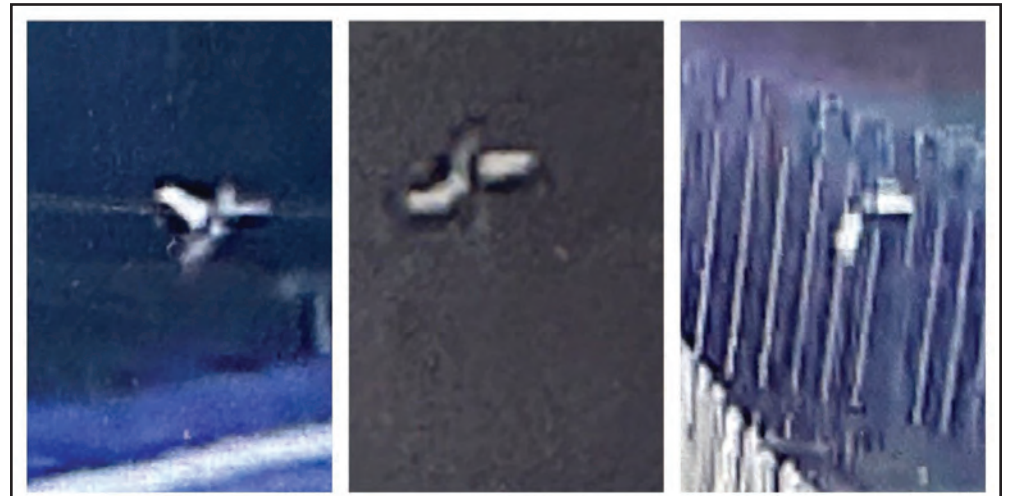
Salado Volunteer Fire Department responded to two early morning accidents in two different areas Aug. 24.

The first accident happened on the bridge over Salado Creek on FM 2843 (Florence Rd.) and involved a fatality with no other injuries requiring transportation. A 17-year-old Florence ISD student, who was also a former Salado ISD student, was killed in the accident on FM 2843. He was driving

a 2014 Nissan 370. He was passing a Honda Odyssey in a no passing zone and ended up colliding with a 2013 Freightliner semi. This accident was called in at 7:23 a.m. Aug. 24. First responders remained on the scene until 10:54 a.m. to conduct traffic safety while DPS troopers conducted an investigation.

While Salado VFD Chief Jim Franz was at the fire station to go to the accident on

FM 2843, he heard a crash in front of Salado High School on FM 2484. He called in the accident at 8:09 a.m. Aug. 24. That accident involved a small pickup truck and a passenger car that turned right onto FM 2484 in front of the truck traveling east. Two people were transported to Scott & White Hospital in Temple with non-life threatening injuries. Airbags were deployed on both vehicles involved in the accident.



Bell Co. Sheriff's investigators concluded that "flash of light" to be a flying insect.

Sheriff's conclude investigation

The Bell County Sheriff's Department Criminal Investigation Division has concluded the criminal investigation related to an incident in Salado on Aug. 19.

On Aug. 19 at approximately 7:18 p.m., deputies responded to reports of a firearm being brandished by an individual in the 100 block of Ranger Rd in Salado. It was reported that a subject chased several juveniles after they rang his doorbell and ran away. The juveniles reported the subject to have displayed and fired a firearm. Deputies located the suspect at that time and took statements from both he and witnesses. There were no injuries reported during the incident.

During its investigation, the Sheriff's Department ob-

tained and reviewed numerous surveillance videos, some of which included audio. Utilizing investigative tools, the Sheriff's department was able to synchronize the videos. Investigators were quickly able to determine there was no sound (gunshot) associated with the "flash of light".

Upon further review of additional footage obtained from the same security cameras, investigators were also able to conclude the "flash of light" to be a flying insect near the camera (53 seconds). Upon reviewing the original video, what is believed to be the same insect is observed approx. 12 seconds after the first sighting (1:05), and again approximately 2 seconds later (1:07) (see attached zoomed still-shot images). The noise previously

associated with a gunshot (2:14) is the result of the subject backing into a neighbor's mailbox while still attempting to locate the juveniles (not in camera view). The subject did return to that location and contacted the homeowner, providing his information and arranging repairs to the mailbox. It should also be noted that no residents in the area, including an independent witness who was standing outside watching the events, reported to have heard a gunshot.

This case was forwarded to the Bell County District Attorney's Office and is still under review. There have been no arrests or charges filed at this time.

The video can be found on saladovillagevoice.com.

Existing homes sales slip as rates hit 20+-year high

The Markets

The old S&P 500 Stock Index (SPX) did its now familiar up and down and back up again dance for the week ending on August 25, then finally, decided to end its three weeks decline by rising 0.82% to 4405.71. While the percent change in the Index was relatively minor, that it ended the week above the psychological important 4400 level was significant. More, it inched higher on the news that Jerome Powell, the Chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, was relatively hawkish in his annual Jackson Hole Economic Symposium, warning that higher interest rates could be in the making. As frightened as stock traders are of the Federal Reserve, it seems they could not ignore the high earnings of some of the biggest companies in the SPX. That minor rise left the Index up 14.75% this year, 23% higher than last October 12, 97% higher than in March 2020, and about 25% higher than it was three years ago. Of course, we must also note that it is also about 8% lower than it was in early January 2022. Minus those ultra-large tech companies that seem to be driving the SPX, the CRSP US Mid-Cap Value Index slumped another 0.35% for the week, although still up just a sliver from the beginning of the year.

After creating a lot of drama last week, the yield on the 10-year US Treasury note slipped 0.01% for the week to 4.25% as Treasury bills maturing in one year of less climbed to levels not seen in decades with the six-month T-bill ending the week at an annualized 5.61%. Yields on the 20 and 30-year bonds climbed as well, ending the week at 4.5% and 4.3% respectively. The yield curve remains inverted but in a strange arrangement where rates are high and rising on both ends but lower in the middle. There are rather well-defined reasons all that is happening, but it is none the less odd.

The Economy

As we have seen so often in the past year or so,

Market & Economic Update

by Jeffrey W. McClure



U.S. leading economic indicators seem to be in conflict with each other. It is perhaps best in the midst of forecast indicators in conflict to look at where we, meaning the U.S. economy, are in relation to the rest of the world. America's \$25.5 trillion GDP last year represented 25% of the world's total, about the same share we had in 1990, 33 years ago. Meanwhile, China, the world's second largest economy, represents 18% of the global GDP. While comparison with China is useful, comparison with other developed world economies may represent a better perspective. When we look at the total GDP of the G-7, the 7 biggest advanced economies in the world, the U.S. has 40% of the total. If we look at income per person, in 1990, the U.S. average was 24% higher than the Western European average, but today it is about 30% higher. If we compare ourselves with Japan, generally considered to be among the most affluent of modern nations, we were 17% higher in 1990, but today the average American earns 54% more than the average in Japan. Of course, one may argue that average wages are skewed by a small group of ultra-rich Americans, but the median American earnings is the world's fifth highest, and if we exclude tiny city-states like the United Arab Emirates and Luxembourg, it trails only Norway and Switzerland. As a recent Wall Street Journal article stated, "A trucker in Oklahoma can earn more than a doctor in Portugal." Why is that? First, American workers are generally more productive than those in other highly industrialized countries. Second, our worker population has continued to grow, largely through immigration. And third, U.S. workers tend to work more

hours. Will we continue to be the largest and most productive large economy in the world? That depends on a lot of things, like continuing to allow a relatively large number of immigrants into our workforce and continuing to have perhaps the most new-business-friendly economy in the world.

In more specific economic news, new orders for durable manufactured goods fell 5.2% in July after rising 4.4% in June, but if we exclude the extremely volatile transportation sector, July's orders rose 0.2% with core capital goods orders increasing 0.1% while unfilled orders rose 0.5%. All those numbers point to a healthy growth rate. The previously over-speeding labor market appears to be cooling with employers reducing the pay they are offering new hires to levels like what existing workers are being paid. Existing home sales fell 2.2% in July as the average 30 mortgage rate rose to 7.23%, the highest since 2001, according to the St. Louis Federal Reserve Bank.

Last but certainly not least, indicators that China's economy is in trouble continue to emerge. China's fertility dropped sharply from 1.30 live births per woman in 2020 to 1.09 last year. To maintain a stable population with no immigration (as China does), requires a birth rate of 2.1. At the same time, Chinese exports have plummeted, Evergrande, one of the world's largest real estate borrowers and developers ordered all its subsidiaries outside of China to declare bankruptcy even as China's biggest property developer, Country Garden, defaulted on interest payments on dollar-denominated debt with a face value of \$1 billion on Monday, the 21st.

Writers on gerrymandering, water and theft

To the Editor:

Are the craters in your yard big enough for you yet?

According to our state comptroller <https://comptroller.texas.gov/economy/resources/funding.php> Texas is receiving 3\$6.7 Billion from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and about \$40 Billion from the American Rescue Plan Act. This has created the surplus of funds TX now enjoys.

Considering the dire drought conditions we are currently enjoying we should be considering much more seriously the benefit of storing potable water into our aquifers when we are blessed with an abundance.

Ft. Cavazos is working diligently to implement an ASR (Aquifer Storage and Recovery) system on post. We should all support the first foray into ASR in our area and work to implement more than one storage location.

Water is a finite resource and we must preserve and protect what we are allotted. The funding in the state revolving fund overseen by the TWDB <https://www.twdb.texas.gov/financial/programs/CWSRF/index.asp> is an asset every municipality should investigate and utilize. Let's start preparing now for smart and sustainable development before our aquatic landscape vanishes.

Sandra Blankenship
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Your Voice

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

"For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" Matthew 16:26.

Today, Gerrymandering is used for cheating the electorate out of their Democracy. It creates an authoritarian government. The First amendment forbids state legislatures from discriminating against voters with disfavored views via the redistricting process. Voting is political speech.

The Texas Gerrymandered legislature only targeted the Harris county elections office, a Democratic stronghold and the most populous county in the state, to allow the secretary of state to overturn their elections.

The Texas 3rd Court of Appeals went from 6 Republican Justices in 2016 to 6 Democrat Justices in 2022. The Texas Gerrymandered legislature created a new 15th Court of Appeals to work around the 3CoA.

The Texas Constitution requires appeals courts to have a particular geographic area of the state. This court would be illegal.

Governor Abbott just signed House bill 2127, nicknamed the "Death Star" bill. This will ban cities from enacting laws that differ from the Texas state

code in nine categories, including local government, labor, finance, occupations, natural resources, business, property, commerce, and insurance.

The heavy knee of the Texas Gerrymandered legislature is on the neck of our fragile Texas democracy.

To quote President Ronald Reagan (R), "That's all we're asking for: an end to the antidemocratic and un-American practice of gerrymandering congressional districts . . . The fact is gerrymandering has become a national scandal."

Gary Caraway
Salado

To the Editor:

We want the persons (definitely plural because one alone couldn't load them) who stole our three topiaries from Sherrill Park to know that a police report has been filed. The animals were put there awaiting cooler and wetter weather before being planted. Sherrill Park is a private park and you are not welcome to just help yourself to things that don't belong to you. We would like to have them back!

Tommye Prater
for the Salado Volunteers



Biden, Trump and World issues, fervor or fever?

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

Every day in America we hear the names of Biden and Trump mentioned on various news television or radio stations. We daily hear about the struggles of Ukraine and Russia. Border security, illegal immigrants, inner city issues and China are almost daily themes.

How could we ever get through a day in America without hearing these ongoing names, themes and issues? It doesn't seem like we can especially if we daily watch the national news.

Many of us don't want to live with our heads in the sand thinking the world is a cozy place with everyone living in unity. Most of us understand the world has problems and political personalities that we either admire or abhor or can't live without. However, most of us have our breaking point when it comes to the daily fodder of political jockeying, mudslinging and media grids committed to swaying how you are supposed to feel about different candidates or world problems.

Recently I attended my high school senior class reunion and thoroughly enjoyed the gathering of old classmates. We caught up on old times, old ballgames, previous teachers and administrators as well as how life is going today. We remembered those who are already deceased and heard some funny stories and jokes. We shared food together and enjoyed small talk, laughs and some hugs. The line often repeated throughout the evening was, "You sure are looking good." This was an honest compliment for the most part because old friends always look good. An old classmate or someone who shared years of school history with you is typically a welcomed sight.

I couldn't help but noticing as the evening wound down that I didn't hear anybody wanting to argue about politics or political candidates. I didn't hear anyone worried that China might invade Taiwan. There wasn't discussion about our border or America's grow-

ing homeless crisis. Our two plus hours was spent simply enjoying each other, reminiscing and having a few laughs. A lot of good admiring words were shared between people making for an enjoyable evening. We had a two-hour successful gathering that didn't involve the top news stories of the week or the bad stuff that we hear about every day.

Taking a break of from all of the mainstream daily tensions that divide many of us would be a novel idea for all of us. Take a break from it all, at least occasionally. Just focus on kindness, friendship, helping people and being good to each other.

You'll have ample opportunity to express your frustrations when you vote or when you decide to watch a political debate. There are plenty of those coming. If you start feeling like you are an indifferent and detached from reality, then you can always turn on the evening news to have your fervor or fever reignited.

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Native Plant Society Sale Sept. 22 at Barrow Brewery

The Tonkawa Chapter of the Native Plant Society of Texas will hold its annual fall sale beginning with a Texas native tree and shrub sale Friday 7 p.m. Sept. 22, at Barrow Brewing.

Now is the perfect time to replace those dead and dying exotic plants with good strong Texas natives that will better survive drought, heat and cold. In-

cluded in the sale will be many Texas native tree varieties including Texas Redbuds, Mexican Plums, Texas Persimmons, Burr Oaks, Lacey Oaks, Eve's Necklace, Golden Ball Tree, Possum Haw and more.

Saturday, Sept. 23 is a Native Plants Society of Texas Tax Free day with a sale of trees, shrubs, plants, and grasses including many

that are normally difficult to find. Milkweeds varieties that grow well in our area will also be available. The Saturday September 23 sale will begin at 9 a.m. and will be located under the shade trees by the bridge at Barrow Brewing 108 Royal Street in Salado. For more information and a partial list of the natives go to www.npsotcentx.org

Genealogical Society will host a seminar with Patti Huff Smith on Oct. 28

Bell County Genealogical Society will host a day-long seminar with professional genealogist Patti Huff Smith on Oct. 28 at the Temple Public Library, McLane Room, 100 W. Adams on the third floor.

The seminar, entitled "Between the Lines: What Your Ancestors Did Not Tell You, Getting the Most from your DNA Results," will be a selection of topics to help you begin your journey researching your family history with the help of DNA.

The \$35 registration fee includes the presenter's handouts, a continental breakfast and a boxed lunch from Schlotzky's.

Patti Huff Smith is the current Vice President of the Dallas Genealogical Society: a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists and the Texas Genealogical Society. She attended a multitude of conferences and lectures to develop her skill in Genetic Genealogy. She received her Certificate in Genealogical Research from Boston University, and attended Diahna Southard's five-week DNA course.

Attendees are encouraged to bring their laptops to get the most out of this hands-on event.

Sign-in and breakfast will be 9:30 a.m.

Following are the topics for discussion.

10 a.m.: "Getting Started

with DNA," with an introduction to the top five testing sites; why use DNA in your research; what you get from the different types of DNA tests.

11:15 a.m.: "Maximize Your Ancestry DNA Results with Ancestry ThruLines," covering the benefits of using ThruLines, how to use ThruLines and what pitfalls to avoid.

12:15 p.m.: Lunch

1 p.m.: "How to use GEDmatch.com" GEDmatch.com is a free database for genetic genealogy that allows users to share their autosomal DNA information with others and perform DNA match comparisons.

2:15 p.m.: "Bringing It All Together: -A Case Study for 1818." She will discuss how pulling all these components together to demon-

strate how to use traditional genealogy and incorporating Ancestry DNA results, GEDmatch.com, FindaGrave.com and a bit of good luck to confirm her fourth great grandparents.

Register by mailing a check or money order of \$35 by Oct. 19 to: BCGS, Seminar Registration, 100 West Adams Avenue, Suite 308, Temple, Texas 76501. Include the names, emails and cell phone numbers of those attending, payment and choice of sandwich: original, ham, turkey or veggie and requests for gluten-free bun. Lunch include sandwich, chips, pickle, cookie and bottled water.

For questions or more information visit <https://www.facebook.com/groups/120201541316366>



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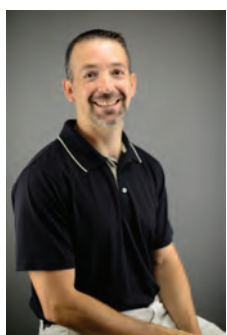
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**BLANCHE LADELL
(STRAIN) PRESTON
MAY 5, 1929
AUGUST 22, 2023**

Blanche Ladell (Strain) Preston was born in Colorado City, Texas, on May 5, 1929 to Minnie Belle (Womack) Strain and John Lee Strain.

She passed away on August 22, 2023.

She grew up in a farming and ranching family, along with her sisters Minnie Lee and Irene, before moving to attend college at McMurry in Abilene.

It was in Abilene where she met the love of her life, W.C. (Toby) Preston. They were married on June 30, 1948 at the Methodist Church in Colorado City. Blanche was quick to smile about the early days, and often told stories of all the mischief Toby created. He kept her busy and ensured life was quite a ride!

Blanche and Toby Preston started as farmers and ranchers themselves, but quickly expanded into a whirlwind of other opportunities. They owned an ice cream parlor, a flower shop, wholesale oil company, Preston's One Stop gas station, a wrecking yard, Big 3 Auto Supply, dress shop, a grocery store, 7 Bar Western Wear, a go-cart track, Salado Land Company, an emu breeding facility, Preston Limousin Cattle Company, and a golf club factory, just to name a few of their adventures.

The couple lived in Colorado City, Ira, Snyder, Lamesa, Waco, and Belton, before finally calling Salado home in 1967.

Blanche and Toby were avid golfers and befriended legends along the way. They also traveled extensively, including their growing family in their travels. Blanche had an infectious laugh, a warm smile, and a knack for making people feel welcome. As her family grew, her greatest accomplishments called her Granny.

Blanche is survived by her children, Linda Preston and John Ricky Preston (Juana Kay (Gibbs) Preston). Grandchildren include David Preston (Jodee Wilson Preston), Amber Preston Dankert (Session Harrell), and Tristen Williams Bland (Jace Bland). Great-grandchildren include Lauren Preston Doskocil (Corey), Jonathan Preston (Nicole), Reese Preston, Maxton Dankert, Jacob Preston, Mia Dankert, Casen Harrell, Luke Harrell, Brinley Harrell, and Toby Bland. Great-great-grandchildren include Brayden, Karsyn, Kace, and Blakeley.

She was preceded in death by her parents, sisters, one son, Ronnie Carol Preston, and her beloved husband, W.C. (Toby) Preston.

A time of visitation was held from 5-7 p.m. Friday, August 25, at Harper-Talasek Funeral Home in Belton. Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Saturday, August 26, also at the funeral home. Burial followed in Salado Cemetery.

PAID OBITUARY



**JOSEPH CARROLL
WOOD, JR.
JULY 27, 1939
AUGUST 7, 2023**

Joseph Carroll Wood Jr. passed away at his home surrounded by loved ones on August 7, 2023. A Celebration of his Life will be held at Reunion Ranch, 850 Co Rd 255, Georgetown, Texas, on Sunday, September 3, at 2 p.m.

Joe was born on July 27, 1939 in Waco, Texas to Joseph Carroll Wood Sr. and Doris Watters Wood.

He attended Waco public schools and the Judson School in Scottsdale, Arizona, where he graduated in 1957. In 1965, he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics from Sam Houston State University, while also serving in the Army National Guard.

Joe worked alongside his father and grandfather in the family apparel manufacturing business – Wood Manufacturing – until 1983. Moving to southern California, he became involved in the production and distribution of audio and visual materials related to recovery from alcohol and other substance abuse. His company – FMS Productions – operated in Carpinteria, California until 2006. At that time, Joe moved to Salado, Texas to be closer to family and relocated his company to Georgetown, Texas.

Joe was particularly proud of his service on the boards of several nonprofit institutions devoted to education about recovery from addiction including: the Betty Ford Center, the Johnson Institute, and the Rush Recovery Institute. A devoted member of Alcoholics Anonymous, Joe sponsored hundreds of individuals throughout their recovery journey.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Joy Wood and Jean Wood; and nephew, Scott Hayner.

Survivors include his daughter, Michelle Hodge and her children Kate, Peyton, and Mason; his son, Mike Wood, his wife Aimee and their children Michael and Henry; his sisters, Judy Wood, Jane Wood, and Jeri Wood and her husband Jacques; nephews, Bill Hayner and his wife Windy, Clark Collins, and Chris Auclair; nieces, Cissy Aberg and Andrea Castro and her husband Enrique, and countless friends.

The family would like to especially thank Kelly and Renee who began years ago as pet sitters for Joe's beloved dog – Sam – and grew to become cherished companions and caretakers of Joe until his death. In addition, the family is grateful to Maria, Theresa, Tanja, and Christina from Visiting Angels for providing care and compassion to Joe during his final weeks.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The San Gabriel Outlaws Group of Georgetown or the City of Georgetown Animal Shelter.

(PAID OBITUARY)

**JUANITA DAVID BENOIT
NOVEMBER 25, 1936
AUGUST 20, 2023**

Juanita David Benoit of Salado, Texas and Gueydan, Louisiana, died August 20, 2023.

A visitation for Benoit will be held Thursday, August 31 from 5:00-7:00 pm at the Broecker Funeral Home in Salado, Texas. Services for Nita will be held Friday, September 1 at St. Stephen Catholic Church in Salado, Texas. A rosary will take place at 10:30 am, followed by a mass at 11:00 am. Burial will be held at 2:00 pm at the Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Killeen, Texas. Nita will be buried with her loving and devoted husband, Stanley James Benoit.

She was born November 25, 1936 in Gueydan, Louisiana to Elery and Hazel David. Upon graduating from Gueydan High School, She began pursuing a degree in Education.

On January 21, 1956, Nita married Stan Benoit, who had joined the US Army. She earned her degree in Elementary Education from Mary Hardin Baylor University, and began a career teaching elementary children until she retired May 2003.

They had three children, eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Survivors include son Jeffrey Benoit and wife, Patti, of Austin, daughter Cheryl Benoit of Crockett, Texas; daughter-in-law Estelle Benoit of Austin, Texas; her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She is also survived by three sisters, one brother, and many cousins.

Nita was preceded in death by her husband, Stan Benoit and her son, Danny Benoit.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to: St. Stephen's Catholic Church, P.O. Box 662, Salado, TX 76571



Salado Area Republican Women honors veteran members by donating a brick to the National Mounted Warrior Museum on Ft. Cavazos. Bricks are being placed to honor the three veterans, Brenda Howard, Fayann Ridgley and Shirley Stephenson of Salado and Brenda Howard, from Belton. While the museum is not scheduled to open until February 2024, they were treated to an early tour of the museum. Above, from left: Veterans recognized are Brenda Howard, Shirley Stephenson and Fayann Ridgley.

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at 2 p.m. on Sept. 2. Winners will be announced at 6 p.m. Heart and Hands' mission is to help alleviate hunger by providing nutritious food, personal care items, and social service information to those in need.

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Sheryl Russell, Harper and Tiffany Schreiner. (PHOTO BY GARRETT CLARK OF SOLAR FLIGHT PRODUCTIONS)

Adventures of the Cosmic Cowgirl

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Tiffany Schreiner's *The Legend of the Cosmic Cowgirl* is what she calls "a poetic tale for all ages of the rowdy, resilient and pioneering spirit."

She should know. A sixth-generation Texan, she is the direct descendant of Captain Charles Armand Schreiner, the Father of Kerrville. According to his biography by Michael Bowlin entitled "Captain Charles Schreiner, Father of the Hill Country," tragedy



Charles Armand Schreiner from his biography, "Captain Charles Schreiner, Father of the Hill Country" by Michael Bowlin. (PORTAL TO TEXAS HISTORY AT [HTTPS://TEXASHISTORY.UNT.EDU/](https://texashistory.unt.edu/))

struck the Schreiner family soon after arriving in Texas. Gustave Adolph Schreiner, his wife and five children arrived in Hot Wells, near San Antonio, on Sept. 23, 1852. Just 18 days later, Gustave was dead, the victim of a rattlesnake bite to his neck. Less than four years later, Charles' mother died during an epidemic.

By that time, Charles, just aged 16, was on his own. He joined a Texas Ranger company, serving for more than two years. He then went into the cattle business in Kerr county and married Mary Magdalena Enderle, taking her back to the ranch in Kerr County. In his lifetime, he amassed more than 500,000 acres, his ranch bearing the famous name Y.O. Ranch.

He opened the first bank in Kerrville and operated a successful mercantile as well as his cattle business. He was also philanthropic, donating \$5 million to causes in and around Kerrville, earning him the title "Father of the Hill Country."

In 1917, he donated land and money to establish Schreiner Institute in Kerrville. The Schreiner Institute opened in 1923. Military

training at Schreiner Institute ended in 1971 and in 1971 it was renamed Schreiner College. It was renamed Schreiner University in 2001.

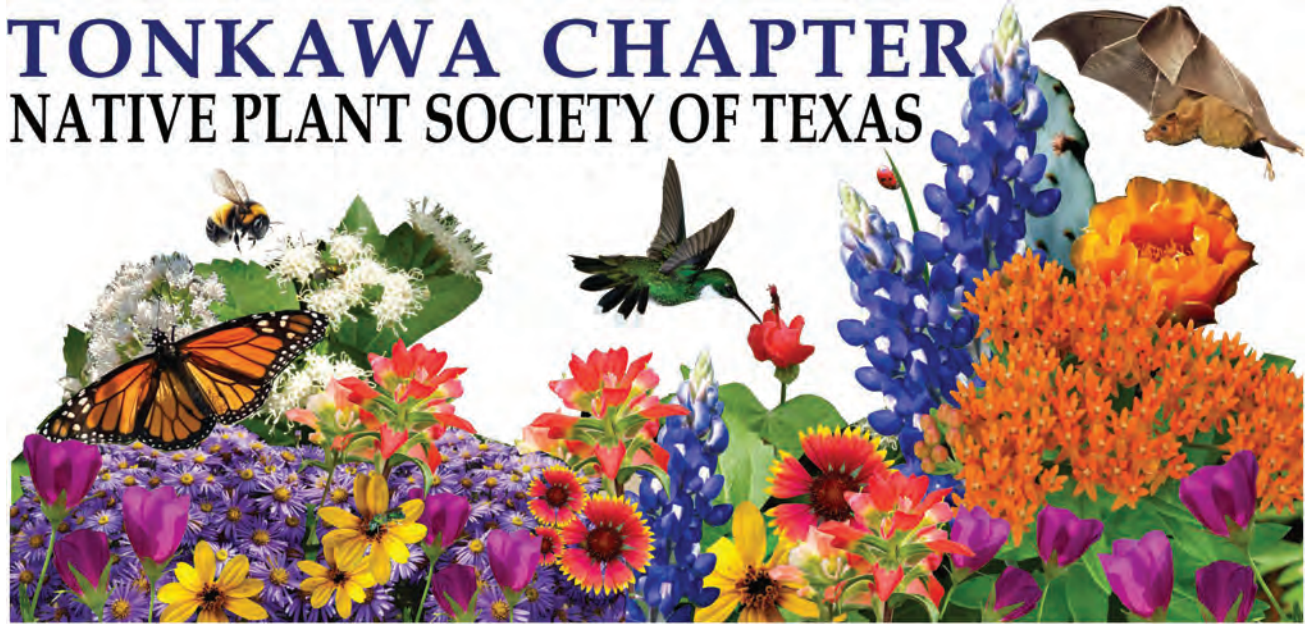
Schreiner University celebrates its Centennial Sept. 15-18 at the campus in Kerrville. Tiffany will launch her book during the weekend. It is available on amazon at <http://bit.ly/3sBRG0e>.

Tiffany says the book expresses her love of Texas, of back roads, big skies and bigger hearts.

It takes big hearts to turn tragedy into a gift, which is what happened in 1984 when Tiffany's baby brother Charles A. Schreiner V died at 11 months of congenital heart failure. His grandparents, Jim and Daurice Bowmer, turned the tragedy into a magical place for children. They donated the land near Youngsport for Baby Charlie's Fishing Camp. Over four decades, Baby Charlie's Fishing Camp became Peaceable Kingdom Retreat for Children and is today Variety of Texas' Peaceable Kingdom Retreat, which serves more than 4,000 children each year with camps,

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Mondays

Salado Senior Center open 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Mondays at 650 Royal St. (Salado United Methodist Church Youth Activity Center). Coffee Corner and Game Time, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Chair Yoga with Joette Grieco, 9-10 a.m. Bridge, 9:30-noon. Movie and Popcorn, 1-3 p.m.

Family Interactive Movie at Salado Public Library, 1 p.m. Village Artists- knitters, crocheters and stitchers meet, 1-4 p.m. Salado Village Artists' red building behind the Civic Center.

Proud Heart Yoga beginner sessions at Barrow Brewing Co, Aug. 14-Sept. 25, 6:30-7:30 p.m. \$120 includes a craft beer after the session.

Bikes & Brews, 6:30 p.m. for a no-drop ride, Barrow Brewing Co.

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., first Monday of month, 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

Village Artists- artists and crafters meet 9:30-11:30

a.m. Salado Village Artists' red building behind the Civic Center.

Knitting Group at Salado Public Library, 10 a.m.

Storytime with Ms. Mia at Salado Public Library, 11 a.m. No Storytime on Aug. 1.

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

Teens Cosplay July Workshop at Salado Public Library, 1 p.m. Register at front desk.

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.

Grief Share support group program, 6:30-8 p.m. 14-week fall session at Grace Church of Salado. The program is non-denominational and feature biblical concepts for healing from a person's grief. Cost is \$20 for workbook. For further information on the Grief Share program in Salado, please contact Mary Hendrix at 858-232-4692. Last session is Nov. 1.

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

Thursdays

Salado Senior Center open 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Thursdays at 650 Royal St. (Salado United Methodist Church Youth Activity Center). Coffee Corner and Game Time, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Chair Tai Chi with Rich Trautman, 10-11 a.m. Bingo, noon-1 p.m. Bridge, 12:30-3 p.m. Movie and Popcorn, 1-3 p.m.

Pint night at Chupacabra, 4 p.m.-midnight.

Vinyl Nite with Shannon at Barrow Brewing Co., 5 p.m.

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

Barrow Cycling Club, 6 p.m. for a no-drop ride.

Weekly 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 <https://bit.ly/3MLXXOA>. Call 254-947-8011 or check Facebook for more information. Maxx Carter at Chupacabra.

bra, 6-10 p.m.

Bikes & Brews, 6:30 p.m. for a no-drop ride, Barrow Brewing Co.

Run4Beer Group, 6:30 p.m., Barrow Brewing Co.

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.

Friday

Storytime with Ms. Mia, Salado Public Library, 11 a.m. No Story-time Aug. 4.

Live Music at Axis Winery, 3-6 p.m.

Live Music at Chupacabra Craft Beers, 7-11 p.m.

Live Music at Barrow Brewing Co. 7 p.m.

Saturdays

Farmers' Market, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. every Saturday, Barrow Brewing Co.

Asanas and Ales, 9 a.m. every Saturday in the taproom at Barrow Brewing Co.

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

Live Music at Barrow Brewing, 7 p.m.

Live Music at Chupacabra Craft Beer, 8 p.m.

Sundays

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

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

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August 31

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

August 31

Teen/Young Adults Writers Group, 6 p.m. Salado Public Library.

September 1

Live music at Chupacabra, 7 p.m., Josh Jaccard.

September 1

Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 8 p.m., Wes Perryman.

September 2

The Hotter n Ale Best Dang Golf Show Ever, 4-8 p.m. at Barrow Brewing Co., 108 Royal St. Registration starts at 2 p.m. No cost to register but please bring a dry good to donate to Heart and Hands wFood Bank, which works to alleviate hunger by providing nutritious food, personal care items, and social service in-

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SALADO SENIOR CENTER SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES

EVERY MONDAY

Pickleball (3 courts available: Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced)

EVERY MONDAY & THURSDAY

9:00-2:00 — Coffee Corner
9:00-3:00 — Game Time

* To ensure sufficient supplies, this event requires participants to RSVP at the Senior Center registration desk or contact the Senior Center the week prior on Monday or Thursday during the hours of 9:00-3:00.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4th

* CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY *

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11th

9:00-10:00 — Exercise Class (Chair Yoga w/ Joette)
9:00-10:00 — Beginner's Pickleball w/ Cindy Mewhinney
9:30-12:00 — Bridge
10:00-12:00 — Dominoes 42 Game
10:15-11:15 — Stretching (Beginner's Yoga w/ Gary)
1:00-2:00 — Karaoke w/ Beth Correa
* 1:00-3:00 — Tie Dye w/ Karen Fredrich (Bring your own item to tie dye)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th

9:00-10:00 — Exercise Class (Chair Yoga w/ Joette)
9:00-10:00 — Beginner's Pickleball w/ Cindy Mewhinney
9:30-12:00 — Bridge
10:00-12:00 — Dominoes 42 Game
10:15-11:15 — Stretching (Beginner's Yoga w/ Gary)
11:30-12:30 — Lunch/Birthday Celebration
12:30-1:30 — Beekeeping Presentation w/ Joe Sloane
1:00-2:00 — Music by Paul Cox

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th

9:00-10:00 — Exercise (Chair Yoga w/ Joette)
9:30-12:00 — Bridge
* 10:00-11:00 — Fraud Prevention Class w/ Cadence Bank & Constable Correa
10:15-11:15 — Stretching (Beginner's Yoga w/ Gary)
10:30-2:30 — Domino 42 Tournament
* 1:00-2:00 — Origami w/ Julia Rampe

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th

9:00-10:00 — Exercise Class w/ Alice Cooper
* 10:00-11:00 — Make Envelope Greeting Cards
10:00-12:00 — Dominoes 42 Game
10:00-12:00 — Learn to Play Mahjong
10:15-11:15 — Chair Tai Chi w/ Richard Trautman
12:00-2:00 — Refresher/Beginner Bridge
12:00-3:00 — Mahjong
12:30-3:00 — Bridge
1:00-2:30 — BINGO

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th

9:00-10:00 — Exercise Class w/ Alice Cooper
10:15-11:15 — Chair Tai Chi w/ Richard Trautman
* 10:00-12:00 — Fall Shadowbox w/ Salado Public Library
10:00-12:00 — Dominoes 42 Game
10:00-12:00 — Learn to Play Mahjong
12:00-2:00 — Refresher/Beginner Bridge
12:00-3:00 — Mahjong
12:30-3:00 — Bridge
1:00- 2:30 — BINGO

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st

9:00-10:00 — Exercise Class w/ Alice Cooper
10:00-12:00 — Dominoes 42 Game
10:00-12:00 — Learn to Play Mahjong
10:15-11:15 — Chair Tai Chi w/ Richard Trautman
12:00-2:00 — Refresher/Beginner Bridge
12:00-3:00 — Mahjong
12:30-3:00 — Bridge
* 1:00-3:00 — Book Club w/ Salado Public Library: "What You Wish For" by Katherine Center
1:00-2:30 — BINGO

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th

9:00-10:00 — Exercise Class w/ Alice Cooper
* 10:00-11:00 — How to Use Google Maps w/ Salado Public Library
* 11:00-12:00 — Extreme Beginner Facebook w/ Salado Public Library
10:00-12:00 — Dominoes 42 Game
10:00-12:00 — Learn to Play Mahjong
10:15-11:15 — Chair Tai Chi w/ Richard Trautman
12:00-2:00 — Refresher/Beginner Bridge
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September 2
Live music at Chupacabra, 7 p.m., Josh Jaccard.

September 2
Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 7:30 p.m., Magic Stallion.

September 3
Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 4 p.m., Tasmin

and Tim.

September 6
Barrow Brewing Co., guest food truck, 4-8 p.m., Korean Kravings.

September 7
Carbernet Sauvignon weekly 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 <https://bit.ly/3MLXXOA>. Call 254-947-8011 or check Facebook for more information.

September 7
Texas Red's Name That Tune Bingo with Sweet Car-

oline and DJ Dale Host, 7 p.m. at Barrow Brewing Co. Featuring 75 Hit Songs. Mark your free Bingo cards to win brewery prizes.

September 8
Live music at Chupacabra, 7 p.m., Kelany Brent.

September 8
Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 8 p.m., Way-worn Traveler.

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day trips and other special programs.

Tiffany has resilience herself, overcoming long COVID, which has left her with migraines but hasn't broken her spirit. She is currently working with the Texas Ranger Historical Association on the Bicentennial of the founding of the Texas Rangers when Texas was still a part of Mexico. She launched Sirenafest and is a volunteer with the San Marcos Mermaid Parade. She is also the director of investor relations and historic special events for Stagecoach Properties in Salado, where she grew up, remembering it as a small village of artists, historians and dreamers.

And she has a new dream for Salado, centered around the Cosmic Cowgirl of her new book. The Cosmic Cowgirl is, of course, her daughter Harper. She worked with Sheryl Russel for creative direction and Addison Joyner for illustrating the book.

In addition to the release of her new book The Legend of the Cosmic Cowgirl, Schreiner is working on a new event in Salado.

The Imagineers Rodeo on Royal and Stagecoach, hosted by Lonesome Dove

Events, will be Oct. 28, a day full of what Schreiner calls "Cosmic Cowgirl and Cowboy Dreaming." Proceeds from the event will benefit CASA of Bell County. CASA is the acronym for Court Appointed Special Advocates. CASA volunteers are the voice of children who are in the foster care system. They "advocate for the best interest of a child in foster care. They are then appointed by a judge to represent and advocate for a child's best interest, both in the child protection system and in life. CASA volunteers are each assigned to help one child or set of siblings at a time, so they are able to focus on giving each child or sibling group the individualized advocacy and attention they deserve."

"I can't think of anyone more deserving of our life and support," Schreiner said.

Schreiner is seeking sponsors for the day-long event. To find out more about the Rodeo on Royal and Stagecoach, call Schreiner at (254) 466-5018.

Details of the event will unfold in the coming weeks, but Cosmic Cowgirls and Cowboys will be central to it.



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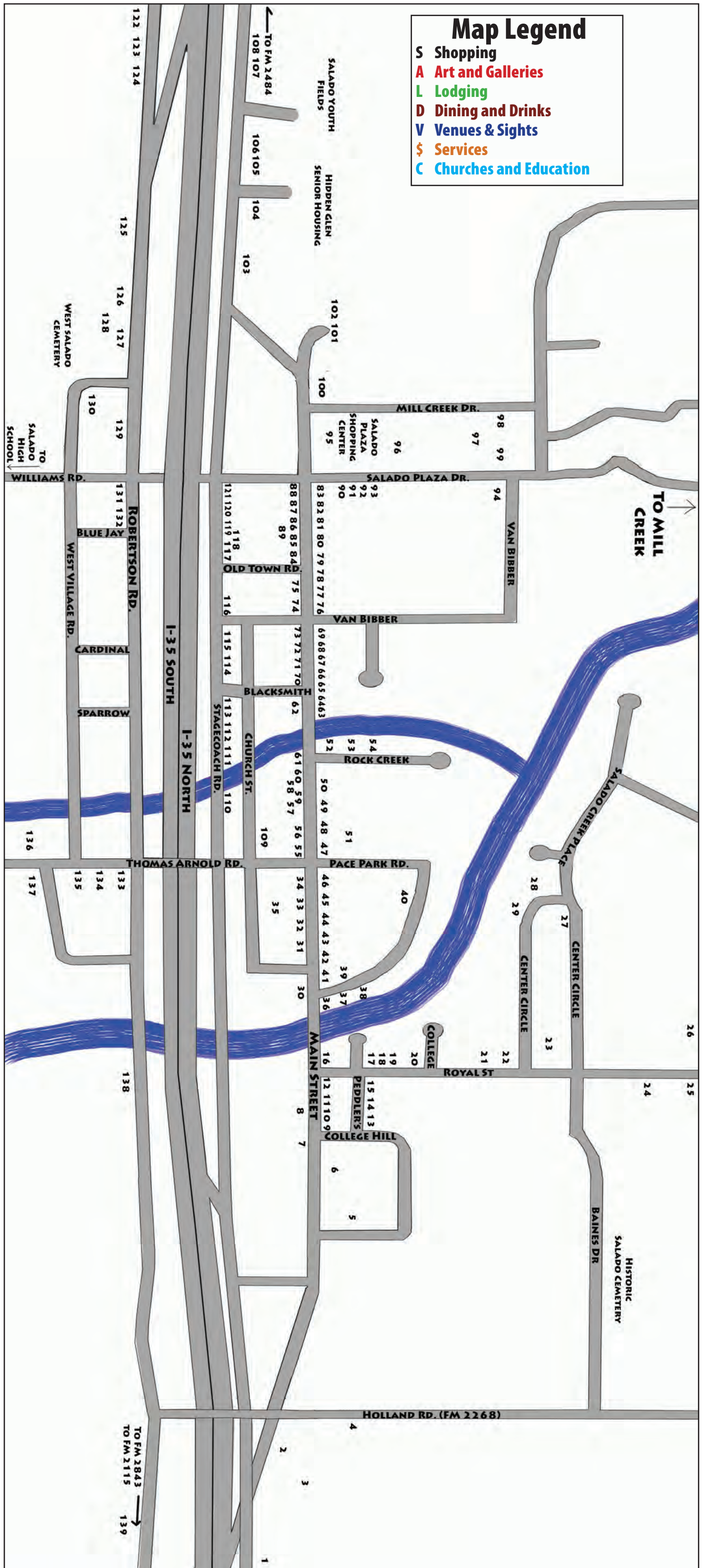
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Eagles Football opens season with win over Fredericksburg

BY TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Salado Eagles beat the Fredericksburg Battlin' Billies 45-35 on the road Aug. 25 to win their season opener. Salado will host the Bryan Rudder Rangers at 7 p.m. Sept. 1.

The Eagles had 379 yards in the air against the Billies and 99 on the ground, while Fredericksburg had 237 passing yards and 191 yards on the ground.

Salado drew first blood on a 32-yard pass from senior quarterback Luke Law to senior running back Kase Maedgen with 9:07 left in

the first. Townes Sather converted the PAT kick for a 7-0 lead.

Fredericksburg's Reed Spies connected with Asher Goehmann on a 50 yard TD pass on the ensuing series. Charles Ryan tied the score at 7-7 with 7:34 left in the first.

Salado answered with 3:28 left in the first. Lincoln Hossfeld stepped in briefly behind center Josh Barker. Long enough to find senior receiver Brendan Wilson for a 68-yard strike. Sather converted the PAT for a 14-7 lead with 3:28 left in the first.

Senior receiver Morgan Adams pulled in a 40-yard touchdown pass from Law

to give Salado a two-touchdown lead with 11:48 left in the first half. Sather converted the kick to put Salado ahead 21-7.

Law used his legs for a 3-yard TD dive midway through the second quarter. Sather's kick gave Salado a 28-7 lead with 6:29 left in the half.

Fredericksburg narrowed the gap on an 11 yard pass from Spies to Santi Villa. Ryan converted the kick to bring the score to 28-14.

Fredericksburg scored twice in the third quarter to get within one point of Salado.

Spies scored on a 58-yard run with 5:08 in the third quarter. The kick failed and Fredericksburg trailed 28-20.

Aaron Cantu narrowed the score to within one with 2:06 in the third on a 38-yard run by Aaron Cantu. Ryan's kick brought it to 28-27.

Wilson grabbed a 31-yard pass from Law with 1:45 left in the third. Sather's kick gave Salado a 35-27 lead going into the fourth.

Wilson brought in a 60-yard pass from Law with 10:59 left to play. Sather's kick gave Salado a 42-27 lead.

Jaxson Chenoweth caught a 9-yard pass from Spies with 7:34 left to play. Spies dove in for a 2-point conversion to bring the Billies within a touchdown: 42-35.

The Eagles punted to deep in Billies' territory and the Salado defense forced Fredericksburg to turn the ball over on downs.

With 15 seconds left to play, Sather put the game



Davis Graham gets a hold of Fredericksburg's quarterback Reed Spies. (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)



Morgan Adams pulls in a 40 yard touchdown pass from Luke Law. (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)

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away with a 24-yard field goal for the final score of 45-35.

	SHS	FHS
First Downs	21	19
Rushes-Yards	29-91	36-263
Recep-Yards	17-379	12-159
Comp-Atts	17-26	12-20
TD-INT	5-0	3-0
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	2-1
Penalties-Yds	9-85	5-70
Individual Stats		
RUSHING: Salado:	Kase Maedgen, 12-91; Lincoln Hossfeld, 1-10; Luke Law, 9-2; Brendan Wilson, 1- -2.	
Fredericksburg:	Reed Spies, 19-127; Aaron Cantu, 12-88; Luke Harleroad, 4-22.	
Passing: Salado:	Law, 16-25-0-311; Hossfeld, 1-1-0-68; Fredericksburg: Spies, 12-28-191.	
Receiving:	Wilson, 6-195; Morgan Adams, 6-10; Maedgen, 1-32; James Renick, 3-24; Korbin Konarik, 1-19. Fredericksburg: Asher Goehmann, 3-66; Jaxson Chenoweth, 2-50; Weston Herber, 4-44; Drake Threadgill, 3-31.	

Defensive Stats: Phoenix Flores, 6 Tackles, 8 Tackle Assists (TA); Lincoln Hossfeld, 8 Tackles, 4 TA; Davis Graham, 5 tackles, 5 TA; Demonte Foster, 5 Tackles, 5 TA; Lucas Beyer, 2 Tackles, 2 TA, 1 Recovered Fumble; Braydon Dildine, 4 Tackles, 1 AT, 1 Tackle For Loss (TFL); Dawson Barksdale, 2 Tackles, 1 TA, TFL, Sack; AJ Fach, 1 Tackle, 1 TA; Noah Romney, 1 Tackle; J.J. Adams, 2 TA; Caleb Dockray, 2 TA; Michael Edmondson, 1 Tackle, Devonte Foster, 1 TA.

SHS JV 0
FHS JV 13

Salado Eagles JV lost their season opener to the visiting Fredericksburg JV squad 13-0.

The Battlin' Billies scored both of their TDs in the fourth quarter on a 41-yard TD pass and a 3-yard TD run.

The Eagles defense came out strong for the first 3 quarters and held Fredericksburg to 0 points with the help of C.J. Larremore and Levi Ball," Coach Caleb Perez said. "Special teams and turnovers got the best of us."

Quarterback Luke Bingham was named the outstanding offensive player. Defensive tackle Luke Bauser was named the outstanding defensive player.

Salado travels to Bryan, where they will face the Bryan Rudder Rangers on Aug. 31.

SHS 9th 14
FHS 9th 7

Salado ninth grade Eagles beat their Fredericksburg counterparts 14-7 at home Aug. 24.

Outstanding Offensive Player was Landen Noske.

Outstanding Defensive Player was Christian Norcross.

"There were some points in the game when Fredericksburg tried to come back, and had some big plays, but our boys were very resilient, stayed in it, and got the win," Coach Kris Perkins said. "I was proud of that, many young teams will just give up, the Freshmen didn't give up, they continued with their plan, and scored right back."

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From left, Addison King, Ally Ihler, Anna Redelsheimer, Penelope Anderson, Zoie Adcox, Sydney Engleking, Alexa Williams, Cade Harris. (COURTESY PHOTO)

Lady Eagles win Belton XC Invitational

The Lady Eagles competed in the Belton XC Invitational on Friday, August 25th. The course was held at BLORA and proved to be a true hot Texas trail run with its rugged & challenging terrain and hot temperatures.

The varsity girls ran in the 5A/6A division and they ran away with the team title.

Salado won the meet with 26 points, followed by Harker Heights, 79 points, Lake Belton, 92 points, Belton, 97 points.

The top 7 girls all placed in the top 15 and were medalists. Full results are below:

Cade Harris, second place, 19:46; Penelope Anderson fourth place, 20:44; Zoie Adcox, fifth place, 20:51; Sydney Engleking, sixth place, 21:01; Anna Redelsheimer, ninth place, 21:30; Alexa Williams, tenth place, 21:56; Ally Ihler, 14th place, 22:19; Addison King, 23rd place, 23:16.

The Lady Eagles will run in the Pro-Fit Invitational at Wilson Park, Temple on Friday, September 1.

Salado JV Red team competed in the 1-4A Varsity division and finished in 3rd behind a strong Goldthwaite and Hamilton team.

Goldthwaite won the meet with 34 points. Hamilton followed in second with 66 points, Salado, third place, 93 points. Full results are below:

Cassie Vargas, 13th, 12:46; Sofia Cadenas, 15th place, 12:47; Serenity Jirasek, 17th place, 12:51; Zimri Lebaron, 20th, 12:58; Madyson Rosamond, 30th, 13:26; Rylee Young, 33rd, 13:29.

JV White team results (194 girls - 1A-6A):

Lya Amijo, 21st, 15:13; Emma Terwilliger, 47th, 15:47; Avery Hibner, 53rd, 15:59.



(COURTESY PHOTO)

Boys XC Place second at Belton Meet

The boys cross country team competed in the Belton Meet at BLORA Aug. 25.

The Varsity placed second out of 16 teams. The eagles were led by Sophomore Coulson Boyd (2nd),

Freshman Daniel Anderson (9th), and Junior Camden Aycock (11th) who all received a medal for placing in the top 15. The JV placed 7th out of 16 teams. The JV was led by Freshman Cash

Drigalla (1st) and Junior Jonathan Brauchle (3rd). Both received medals for their performance. Full Salado results are below.

Varsity- Coulson Boyd, second place, 17:04.7; Daniel Anderson, ninth place, 18:00.4; Camden Aycock, 11th place, 18:02.8; Alex Hauck, 21st place, 18:47.4; Brody DeLukie, 23rd place, 18:47.4.

JV- Cash Drigalla, first place, 19:13.5; Jonathan Brauchle, third place, 20:17.2; Wesley Engleking, 17th place, 21:37.0.

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Thank you to our Ft. Cavazos partners! We so appreciate Christina Luciano and the many soldiers from Fort Cavazos who built and refurbished our garden beds. Your hard work was a great lesson for the students and something they will never forget.

Thank you, parents! The PTO donated over \$14,000 to complete the 150 "seat" student shaded outdoor learning center.

Thank you to our generous donor! A benefactor donated \$3,360 to TAE to help us cover the construction costs!

Thank you, Mr. Doty! Michael B. Doty of Quality Stone donated over 10 tons of beautiful Texas limestone to create our ruggedly resilient amphitheater.

Thank you, Mr. Webb! Dallas Webb of Webb Construction designed the shade structure and he and his crew built those steel rafters that will support the shade roof for years to come.


Thank you, Mr. Glazener and FSR! Adam Glazener and the whole team at FSR roofing company donated and installed the shade roof! It's far beyond anything we could have ever imagined.

Thank you especially, Mr. Mullins! Jake Mullins of Village Landscaping and Design has donated hours of his time and energy to partner with us on creating the design as well as organizing irrigation, planning the garden landscape and amphitheater and generally pulling all of the pieces together to make it sustainable for years to come.


Thank you to our SISD partners! From the admin building to the classrooms, adults and students have worked to make this garden grow and prosper, it is an example of a great team effort that will benefit many students in the years to come.

Just to walk through the TAE garden with the students is a walk through a lesson on the power of community. Thank you to everyone for rolling up your sleeves, contributing, and working on behalf of our little ones.

TAE Garden Planning Team:
 Melanie Lane, Teacher, Carina Costa, Parent,
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Meet the new high school teachers

Several new high school teachers greeted students when they returned to class earlier this month.



NICOLE BOLEN
Teacher's Education and Certifications: B.S. Degree in Biology with an Education Focus from The Citadel, Military College of South Carolina; Certificate in both Life Science and Composite Science

Teaching Experience: This is my 6th year
Subjects and Grade Levels: Physics, Honors and On Level (Juniors and Seniors)

Why a Teacher?: I became a teacher because I enjoy helping other's understand complex ideas. I want kids to truly learn skills and content that they can take with them for the rest of their life.

Extra-curricular activities: I coach UIL Science and I coach for Salado FC.

elior of Exercise and Sports Science English 6-12, PE 6-12

Teaching Experience: 30 years

Subjects and Grade Levels: English III, English IV

Why a Teacher?: I have always enjoyed working with children. I love that I have this opportunity to help my students/athletes develop academically but also athletically. Growing up, I had some teachers and coaches that positively influenced my life in multiple ways and in return, I would like to do that for my students.

Extra-curricular activities: Assistant Volleyball, Basketball, Track



TIM KELSO
Teacher's Education and Certifications: Bachelors of Science in Exercise Sports Science and minor in Political Science. Certified in EC-12 Special Education

Teaching Experience: 28 years
Subjects and Grade Levels: Math 9-12

Why a Teacher?: Becoming a teacher and coach was a natural choice for me, shaped by my upbringing and personal passions. Growing up, I had several influential coaches who ignited my love for both teaching and competition. In my family there a several educators that further inspired me to follow this path. The idea of being a coach

resonated deeply with me because it allowed me to combine my passion for teaching with the love of the competition of the game. This profession lets me pass on knowledge, shape young minds, and foster a sense of camaraderie, just as my coaches did for me.

Extra-curricular activities: Girls Basketball and Softball



KRIS PERKINS
Teacher's Education and Certifications: Masters Degree in Education

Teaching Experience: 3 years, this is my 4th year
Subjects and Grade Levels: World Geography, 9th

Why a Teacher?: After retiring from the US Army, I was looking forward to starting my teaching career. I enjoyed seeing how teaching could touch the future. I have always wanted to teach in Salado, two of my kids graduated from Salado, and I wanted to be a part of such a highly rated school.

Extra-curricular activities: Assistant Football Coach, Head Wrestling Coach.



AUGIE RAMIREZ
Teacher's Education and Certifications: BAAS Texas State, Science 4-8 Cert and Health EC-12 Cert

Teaching Experience: 4 years

Subjects and Grade Levels: HS Health

Why a Teacher?: I became a teacher to help make a difference in students lives.

Extra-curricular activities: Head Coach-Baseball and Assistant HS Football.



BRYAN STEPHENS
Teacher's Education and Certifications: Masters and Bachelors at Stephen F. Austin State University

Teaching Experience: 20+ years

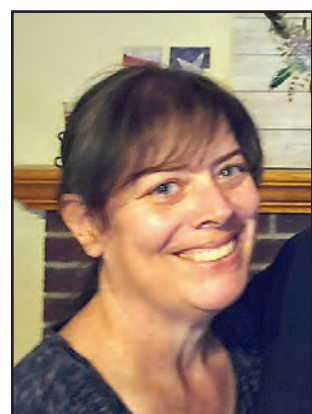
Subjects and Grade Levels: 12th year Assistant Principal, former HS Science Teacher and Coach

Why a Teacher?: I became a teacher because I like to help people.

Extra-curricular activities: I still coach youth baseball and softball outside of school whenever possible.



On Jan. 17, 13-year-old Salado student Samuel Rechtferg set a goal for himself inspired by the turn of the new year and his personal passion of running. He decided to run one mile every day regardless of conditions. What motivated him to do this were a few things. He wanted to stay in good shape for his summer wrestling adventures which included representing the State of Texas at the 95 lb. spot for Summer Nationals in Philadelphia, PA. He also played linebacker for Salado and believed this mental conditioning would translate on the gridiron. Lastly, he wanted to do something that seemed initially unachievable. As of today, he has completed over 200 miles and never missed a day...running through injury, super heat, ice storms, torn shoes, late night home arrivals and early morning school commitments. A mental tactic he does to not feel overwhelmed with the long road ahead is breaking it down into small milestones - 50 miles, 100 miles, 365/2 miles, etc. He says that he hopes sharing this short story inspires other youth athletes to set goals that are even higher.



MARIAN KELSO
Teacher's Education and Certifications: Bach-

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SISD Trustees meet Aug. 21

The Salado ISD School Board met on Aug. 21. The following is a summary of that meeting:

- Salado High School student Avery Hibner led the pledge to the United States flag and the pledge to the state flag.

- Karen Ewton, assistant principal at Salado Middle School, was recognized as the Texas Association of Secondary School Principals (TASSP) Region 12 Assistant Principal of the Year.

- Bell County Justice of the Peace Cliff Coleman ceremonially swore in Police Chief Gary McHone. Chief McHone ceremonially swore in Officer Heath Crum and Officer Jennifer Latta.

- The Board reviewed the monthly financial reports.

- The Board reviewed the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST) report. Our district earned the highest possible rating of "Superior" with a score of 98 out of a possible 100 points.

- The Board reviewed our monthly enrollment report. Our current enroll-

Superintendent's Corner

by Dr. Michael Novotny



ment is 2,319 students, as compared to 2,180 in August 2021 and 2,268 in August 2022.

- The Board approved the minutes from the July 17 school board meeting.

- The Board approved budget amendments.

- The Board approved the Memorandum of Understanding Concerning Coordination Between the Salado Independent School District Police Department and the Bell County Sheriff's Department.

- The Board approved the Memorandum of Agreement between Impact Counseling Services, Inc. and Salado Independent School District for the 2023-2024 school year.

- The Board discussed the Salado Historical Society's request for a second historical building to be located on Civic Center grounds.

- The Board approved the tax rate of \$1.1692 per \$100 of taxable value. This

the lowest tax rate for our school district in at least 33 years.

- The Board approved an Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit (Option 3 Agreement) and to delegate contractual authority to the Superintendent.

- The Board approved an order authorizing redemption of outstanding bonds.

- The Board approved the 2023-2024 district goals.

- The Board conducted the annual evaluation of the superintendent.

- The Board approved a one year extension of the superintendent's contract.

If you have any questions regarding this information or our school district, you are welcome to contact me at michael.novotny@saladoisd.org or 254-947-6905.

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



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Lady Eagles compete in Academy, beat #3 Stephenville Honeybees

After beating the #3 Stephenville Honeybees in five sets on Aug. 22, the Salado Lady Eagles went 3-2 in the Academy Tournament Aug. 24-26.

	1	2	F
SHS	25	25	2
MFHS	10	20	0

The Lady Eagles swept Marble Falls in their first round of play at the Academy Tournament, 25-10 and 25-20, on Aug. 24.

Sara Ellis led the girls with 5 aces; Reese Rich and Grace Clemons each had an ace.

Haley Brown had 6 kills to lead Salado; Macy Morris, 5, Mazzy Johnson, 4, Kael Wilcox, 3, Payton Ortega, 2 and Ariel Cebreco, Clemons, Elsie Law and Livia Niu, 1 each

Ortega and Law had the only blocks for Salado.

Niu had 12 assists to lead Salado; Johnson and Law had 1 each.

Reese had 9 digs to lead Salado, followed by Niu, 4, Johnson, 3, Clemons and Ortega, 2 each, and Elly Wade, Brown, Ellis and Wilcox, 1 each.

	1	2	F
SHS	25	25	2
THS	19	24	0

Salado swept Thrall, 25-19 and 25-24, in the second round of play Aug. 24.

Grace Clemons, Sara Ellis and Reese Rich all had an ace.

Payton Ortega had 8 kills to lead Salado; Haley Brown, Elsie Law, Macy Morris, Livia Niu and Kael Wilcox, 3 each and Ellis, 1.

Law had 3 blocks, followed by Brown, Morris, Niu and Ortega, 1 each.

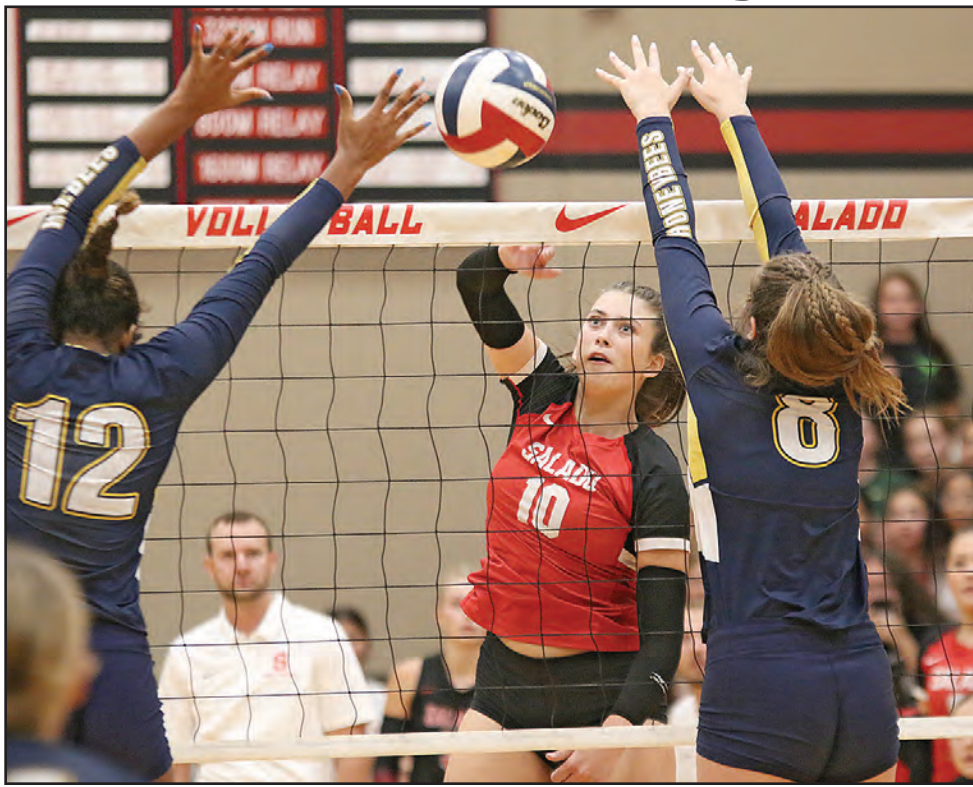
Niu had 18 assists; Rich, 2, Shelby Hollywood, Clemons and Wilcox, 1 each.

Rich had 11 digs; Niu, 10, Clemons, 6, Ellis, 5, Brown, 3, Hollywood and Morris, 2 each, and Law and Wilcox, 1 each.

	1	2	3	F
SHS	25	26	13	1
AHS	21	28	15	2

In their closest match of the tourney, Salado lost in three to Academy, 25-21, 26-28 and 13-15 on Aug. 26.

Grace Clemons and Mazzy Johnson both had



Haley Brown gets a kill against Stephenville. (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)



Grace Clemons digs the ball for the Lady Eagles. (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)



Shelby Hollywood plays the ball against Stephenville. (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)

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18 and 25-11 sweep Aug. 26.

Payton Ortega served up 3 aces to lead Salado, followed by Haley Brown, 2, and Sara Ellis, Mazzy Johnson and Elly Wade, 1 each.

Elsie Law and Ortega had 5 kills each to lead Salado, followed by Macy Morris and Brown, 3 each, and Johnson, 1.

Johnson had 3 blocks while Law had 2.

Johnson led the girls with 18 assists, followed by Grace Clemons, 2 and Morris, 1.

Brown led the girls with 9 digs, followed by Ellis and Ortega, 3 each, Johnson, 2 and Elly Wade, Clemons and Law, 1 each.

	1	2	3	F
SHS	18	25	7	1
THS	10	20	15	0

Salado fell in three to Thrall, 18-25, 25-23 and 7-15, in their final game of the Godley tournament on Aug. 26.

Grace Clemons and Payton Ortega had the only service aces of the match.

Haley Brown led the girls with 7 aces, followed by Ortega, Elsie Law, Macy Morris and Kael Wilcox, 5 aces each, and Mazzy Johnson, 4.

Law and Elly Wade each had 2 blocks, while Johnson, Morris and Ortega had 1 each.

Johnson led the girls with 17 assists, followed by Ortega, 6, Sara Ellis, 2, and Brown and Cebreco, 1 each.

Brown and Clemons had 8 digs each to lead Salado, followed by Ortega, 7, Ellis, 4, Cebreco and Johnson, 3 each and Law and Wilcox, 2 each.

	1	2	3	4	5	F
Sa HS	17	15	25	26	15	3
St HS	25	25	21	24	5	2

Salado Lady Eagles came from a two-set deficit to beat the visiting #3 Stephenville Honeybees in five sets Aug. 22.

The fourth set was tightly fought, though Salado took an early 9-5 lead. The Honeybees tied the score at 14-14 and neither team could get more than two points ahead, tying again at 19-19, 20-20, 21-21, 22-22, 23-23 and 24-24.

Livia Niu faked the Honeybees out for a dink shot into the middle of their court to put Salado up 25-24.

She then set up Elsie Law for a booming kill shot to win the set, 26-24, sending the match into a tie-breaker.

But the Lady Eagles had clearly gained the momentum, going on a nine-point run, before the Honeybees could win a point to make the score 14-5.

Reese Rich received the Honeybee serve, sending the ball to Niu who set up a shot for Law. The point was originally ruled in favor of Stephenville but later given to Salado for the 15-5 fifth set win.

Niu had 3 aces to lead Salado, followed by Sara Ellis, Macy Morris and Grace Clemons, 1 each.

Haley Brown led the girls with 16 kills, followed by Payton Ortega, 11, Law, 10, Kael Wilcox, 9, Morris, 8 and Niu, 6.

Niu had 41 assists, followed by Ellis, 5, Grace Clemons, 3, Shelby Hollywood, 2, and Brown, Law and Rich, 1 each.

Rich led the girls with 18 digs, followed by Ellis and Hollywood, 11 each, Clemons and Niu, 6 each, Ortega, 5, Brown, 3 and Morris, 2.

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2 aces while Haley Brown and Ariel Cebreco had 1 each.

Brown led the girls with 10 kills, followed by Elsie Law, 7, Kael Wilcox, 5, Macy Morris and Payton Ortega, 3 each, and Johnson, 2.

Law had 3 blocks; Ortega, 2, and Morris and Wilcox, 1 each.

Johnson had 18 assists, Sara Ellis, 4, Grace Clemons, 3, and Cebreco and Ortega, 1 each.

Clemons led the girls with 10 digs, followed by Ortega, 7, Wilcox, 6, Brown, 3, Law, 2, and Ellis, 1.

	1	2	F
SHS	25	25	2
LVHS	18	11	0

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have cut back and said that strict enforcement of the watering regulations would be in place.

"I want a green lawn," said the 50+year Saladoan. "But I want to be able to take a shower even more."

Many other central Texas water utilities have taken drastic actions. Manor allows only watering by a can. Georgetown banned sprinkler use in some of its territory for the first time since 2011.

The town of Wimberley has banned all outdoor water use due to current drought conditions while the Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District has ordered a 40% reduction in water use, but not all permitted pumps are complying.

Residents and developers must reform their water use habits as the population of Central Texas continues to grow, said Cathy Ramsey, a Dripping Springs resident and Western Hays County project coordinator for the Save Our Springs Alliance.

She has no well on her 10-acre semi-rural lot. Instead, pipes channel rainwater that falls on her house into a 20,000 gallon cistern that sits half-buried near her house. She uses nontoxic detergents so her sinks and showers can drain into gardens outside.

Ramsey doesn't grow a lawn. She lets the native grasses grow tall. Some of their roots can reach more than 15 feet below ground,

she said, giving them excellent drought tolerance.

"We're destroying our springs to have lawns," she said. "How sad."

Native grasses alone won't save Texas from water scarcity. Sustainable growth will require a combination of tactics on multiple fronts, said Perry Fowler, executive director of the Texas Water Infrastructure Network.

Priorities should include repairs to widespread leakage in aging water systems, adoption of reuse technologies, construction of new reservoirs and, ultimately, development of desalination plants.

Water infrastructure in Texas has typically relied on federal money from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund, he said, but increasing earmarks in national legislation are decreasing the amount available to Texas.

In November, Texas will vote on a proposed amendment to the state constitution — known as Proposition 6 — that will establish a state water fund.

"I think a lightbulb went off this last [legislative] session showing that people are viewing water as more

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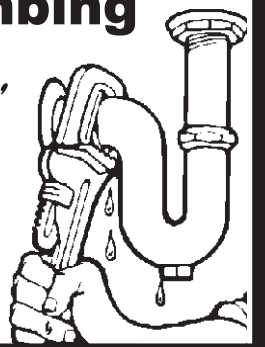
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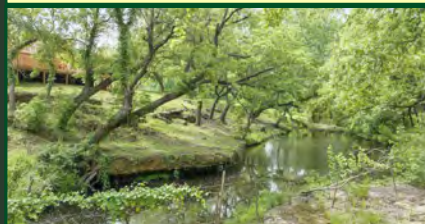
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- 67 Acres - 1934 Live Oak Cemetery Road
- 20 Acres - 15919 Crows Ranch Rd
- 10.98 Acres - TBD S Main St
- 9.2 Acres - 3484 W Amity Rd
- 4.49 Acres - 11 Rose Ln
- 15 Acres - Rogers Sandy Ridge Ln.



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