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RESERVED PARKING Safe Internet **Exchange Zone**

Provided by the Constable's Office Pct 2 THIS AREA IS UNDER **24 HOUR VIDEO SURVEILLANCE Emergency Call 911**

Non-Emergency Call 254-933-5987

At right, Bell County Precinct 2 Constable Rolly Correa and Deputy Constable Chris Bazar are shown with the Safe Internet Exchange Zone signs at the Salado Bell County Annex, located at 11057 Event Dr. If you park between the signs, your drops and exchanges will be recorded for safety. The area will not be manned. Safe Exchange Zones can help sellers and buyers avoid meeting at homes or other locations that may not recorded on camera.

(PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)



Safe Exchange Zone established here

Precinct 2 Bell County Salado Annex located at 11057 Event Drive off FM 2484 has established a "Safe Exchange Zone" for residents exchanging items that have been purchased or sold over the internet. The safe zone can also provide a neutral location for children who are meeting another parent in child custody arrangements.

Bell County Constable Rolly Correa along with Justice of the Peace Cliff Coleman wanted to provide the citizens of Pct. 2 and residents of the Salado a safe zone location for all types of usages.

"Sometimes the local District Courts have ordered child custody transfers to be witnessed or be captured on a video system," Constable Correa said. "Trying to find a suitable place to do this is

now available. If something goes wrong, they can fill out a report and pull up the video and send a copy to the

"Internet buy/sell sites have increased significantly over the last several years, so has the potential for criminal activity related to such transactions, "he added. "Meeting someone at your home or at an unfamiliar location can expose people to being victimized."

This area will allow residents to conduct exchanges in a public area under the watchful eve of video surveillance 24 hours a day.

"The goal of this precinct is to provide a space for residents to feel a bit more at ease in a moderately controlled environment," Correa

There will be signs in a

designated area of the parking lot that will show where the transaction will take place under video surveil-

Rather than having to share their personal address and having strangers come to their home, residents can meet at a location that is not only a neutral location, but one that also is on camera. The cameras will not be capturing audio at their location, it will simply be video.

While providing this site for transactions should serve as some peace of mind, the local police or Constable's office will not provide personnel to witness or monitor exchanges or transactions conducted at the location.

"We are not making guarantees, assurances, or promises as to the safety or security of any in-person

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transactions that may take place on the Bell County Salado Annex property," Correa said.

Neither the Constable's office nor the Justice of the Peace office employees are not responsible for the value, authenticity, or legitimacy of transactions conducted at the

Should someone need to file a report regarding illegalities, they should contact the Constables non-emergency telephone line, 254/933-5987. In an emergency, dial 9-1-1 for a police response.

"The creation of this Exchange Zone is another step toward building connections with the community by providing desired services that sometimes only can be offered by a law enforcement agency," Correa said.

Village budget, tax rate hearing 6:30 p.m. Sept. 7

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Village of Salado aldermen will conduct public hearings on the proposed 2023-24 budget and the proposed property tax at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 7 at the municipal

Aldermen are considering a \$2.1 million general operating budget for 2023-24. The general operating budget reflects a deficit of \$201,437.05 compared to the 2023 deficit of \$217,651.18.

However, the proposed budget removes \$207,000 in capital outlay from the street department and cuts the parks department by \$43,500.

Other departmental budgets will increase, including Administration, set to increase by \$115,104.10 to \$811,246.92. Of this increase, \$85,442.37 is driven by increases in personnel services and \$30,007.99 is increases professional fees.

Developmental Services will increase by \$25,415.22, mostly in professional fees.

Public Safety will increase by \$121,017.56. Of this increase, \$69,587.51 is in personnel services, bringing that budget line to \$683,226.60.

Public Works increases by \$5,246,99 to \$57,662.90.

Parks Department decreases from \$68,500 to \$25,000.

Street Department decreases from \$362,500 to on a proposed amending plat \$151,500.00 due to cutting of Lot 8, Shepherd's Glen. Capital Outlay.

Aldermen are considering a tax rates of \$0.4147 per \$100 valuation, which is a 4.8% increase over the 2022 tax rate of \$0.3957.

The average homestead in the Village of Salado has increase by 10.56% from

\$281,330 in 2022 to \$311,043 in 2023.

The tax on the average homestead, if approved, will increase 15.81% from \$1,113 in 2022 to \$1,289 in 2023.

The total tax levy on all

properties will increase from \$1 million to \$1.35 million, an increase of 34.38%. Aldermen will formally

adopt the budget and set the tax rate at their 6:30 p.m. Sept. 21 meeting.

In other business, the board will do the following:

- hold a public hearing for a conditional use permit to allow mixed beverage sales on property Zone Historic District at 112 N. Main St.
- Consider approval of the second reading of a proposed ordinance to regulate heavy truck traffic on certain streets within the Vil-
- Consider approval of a resolution encouraging the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to be proactive in its review of the wastewater discharge permit for the Mustang Springs development.
- Consider proposed Memorandum of Understanding between Village of Salado Police and Salado ISD Police departments.
- Consider financing and reimbursement agreements for the Salado Public Improvement District and the Salado East Public Improvement District.
- Consider possible action
- Consider sublease with Salado Chamber of visitors
- Appoint a representative to Bell County Public Health District Board of Directors.
- Consider selection of an executive search firm.

Why are native trees important to environment?

TONKAWA CHAPTER OF NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY OF TEXAS

Trees help to clean the air we breathe. Through their leaves and bark, they absorb harmful pollutants and release clean oxygen for us to breathe. In urban environments, trees absorb pollutant gases like nitrogen oxides, ozone, and carbon monoxide, and sweep up particles like dust and smoke. Increasing levels of carbon dioxide caused by deforestation and fossil fuel combustion trap heat in the atmosphere. Healthy, strong trees act as carbon sinks, offset carbon and reduce the effects of climate change. Trees and plants will store this carbon dioxide throughout their lives, helping slow the buildup of gasses in our atmosphere that has been rapidly warming our planet.

Trees play a key role in capturing rainwater and reducing the risk of natural disasters like floods and landslides. Their intricate root systems act like filters, removing pollutants and slowing down the water's

absorption into the soil. This process prevents harmful waterslide erosion and reduces the risk of over-saturation and flooding. According to the UN Food and Agriculture Association, a mature evergreen tree can intercept more than 15,000 liters of water every year. Trees filter your water, making your drinking supply cleaner and more reliable. Trees store and filter more than half of the water supply in the United States.

A single tree can be home to hundreds of species of insect, fungi, moss, mammals, and plants. Depending on the kind of food and shelter they need, different forest animals require different types of habitat. Without trees, forest creatures would have nowhere to call home. An intact forest can do even more, creating a home for some of the most diverse and resilient webs of life on the planet.

Trees help cool the planet by sucking in and storing harmful greenhouse gases like carbon dioxide into their trunks, branches, and leaves and releasing oxygen back into the atmosphere. In cities, trees can reduce ambi-

8° Celsius. With more than 50% of the world's population living in cities a number expected to increase to 66% by the year 2050 pollution and overheating are becoming a real threat. Fortunately, a mature tree can absorb an average of 22 lbs. of carbon dioxide per year, making cities a healthier, safer place to live. A tree's shade acts like a natural air conditioning and can even keep down the energy costs of our actual air conditioning systems, which are increasingly working overtime. Temperatures are rising and heat waves are getting longer due to climate change. Some places feel the heat more than others. Neighborhoods with lots of pavement absorb more heat and can be five to eight degrees hotter than surrounding areas. These areas also stay hotter later into the night, which is detrimental to our

Trees boost our mental health while raising our physical health. Did you know that hospital patients with rooms overlooking trees recover faster than those



If you lose trees due to construction, consider replacing them with Texas native trees like the Redbud. (Courtesy PHOTO)

without the same view? It's impossible to ignore that feeling of elation you get while walking through

a calm, quiet forest. Trees help reduce stress and anxiety, and allow us to reconnect with nature. In addition,

shade provided by tree coverage helps protect our skin from the ever-increasing

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The Markets

Our dear old S&P 500 Stock Index (SPX) turned in a stellar week as August slid to a close and September came roaring out of the gate rising 2.5% to 4515.77. That rise puts the SPX up 17.61% this year. It is now back to twice the level it had in March of 2020, and 26% higher than it was last October. Of course, it is also down about 6% from its record high back in January of 2022 but up 27.5% from where it was three years ago. On the other side of the U.S. stock market, the CRSP US Mid Cap Value Index rose 1.73% for the week, closing at 2383.78 up 1.89% this year but down 8.22% from last year's record high.

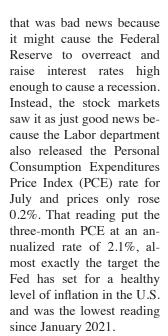
The benchmark 10-year U.S. Treasury note was yielding 4.18% as the week ended and a new month began. Last year at this time the 10-year yield was about 3.2% and two years ago the yield was 1.33%. The Treasury yield curve persisted in its inverted profile, with the highest annualized rate being 5.58% at four months while the 30-year T-bond was trading at a 4.29% yield. West Texas Intermediate crude oil, the U.S. benchmark for petroleum, rose about 7.4% to \$85.95, reacting to the news that the U.S. economy was not falling into recession, but rather continued to show all the classic signs of continuing healthy economic growth and that demand for petroleum would rise with the economy.

The Economy

In the United States, unlike most of the other developed countries in the world, the prime driver of economic growth is household spending. The Commerce Department announced that seasonally adjusted consumer spending rose a very healthy 0.8% in July, following a 0.6% increase in June. That July rate, if annualized, equates to a very robust 10.03% per year. In the recent past that would have been the kind of good news

Market & Economic Update

by Jeffrey W. McClure



First, the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) at the Commerce Department issued a correction to its earlier second quarter GDP growth rate, lowering it slightly to 2.1%. Then, S&P Global Market Intelligence forecast a 3.8% annualized GDP growth for the third quarter of 2023, while the Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank forecast 5.6%, and Moody's Analytics forecast a 4.9% annualized rate. No matter which forecast one chooses, the American economy is not only avoiding a recession but appears to be accelerating even as interest rates rise, and inflation fades to the low level the Fed wants to see.

If all that was not enough good news, the Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) reported that the number of job openings in the U.S. has declined from last year's 11.9 million to 8.8 million openings last month. That is still about 1.5 jobs unfilled for every unemployed person but is far better than what we have seen over the past couple of years. It is also closer to the 1.2 openings per job seeker we saw before the pandemic. Overall, U.S. employers

added 187,000 jobs in August, a number quite close to the steady-state number the Federal Reserve has been looking for. The unemployment rate rose from last month's 3.5% to 3.8% but not because workers were being laid off, but rather because about 736,000 people entered the job market in

Across the board, the reports we have seen for the week appear to be defining what economists refer to as a "Goldilocks" economy; not too hot nor too cold. Still, there were some negatives reported too. U.S. Automobile loan delinquencies jumped 20% in August, rising to levels above those we saw in 2019. The rise in overdue auto payments has concentrated, as it often does, in the subprime, higher interest rate loans made by non-bank lenders to buyers with credit scores below

Another less than optimal set of data came in from China, as anecdotal evidence continues to emerge that the world's second largest economy is not well. Manufacturing in that export-driven country shrank for the sixth consecutive month even as service sector activity slowed. Based on current data, it appears that the U.S. economy may grow this year at a faster pace than China's for the first time in decades. China's official turn from being dependent on exports to a consumer driven economy appears to be in real trouble as consumers have turned fearful and cut back on spending. Another export-driven economy, Germany, saw a continued contraction in economic growth even as inflation remained much higher than in the U.S.

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Barker, Buffett, Richardson and Extraordinary Lives

BY DR. GLENN MOLLETTE

Jimmy Buffett, Bob Barker and Bill Richardson all died recently. They all had one thing in common. They lived extraordinary lives.

Buffett had become a billionaire. He had amassed his fortune by capitalizing on his song, "Margaritaville." His hotels, restaurants, resorts and even retirement communities were hugely successful. In his later years, he continued to build new hotels and resorts that were beautiful and hugely successful.

Sadly, Buffett passed from Merkel cell skin cancer. He had been receiving treatment for over four years at was still doing concerts even as late as early July in Rhode Island. There was nothing stopping Buffett, except the skin cancer that took his life even when he had so much he still wanted to do. Yet, few people will ever live the life of Jimmy

Bill Richardson had spent his last few years helping people internationally. He was very successful in politics serving as a U.S. Congressman, Governor of New Mexico and as an Ambassador to the United Nations. He may best be remembered for his diplomatic work in negotiating the releases of journalist Danny Fenster from a Myanmar prison in 2021 and most recently Britney Griner from a Russian prison, among others. Richardson lived an amazing life.

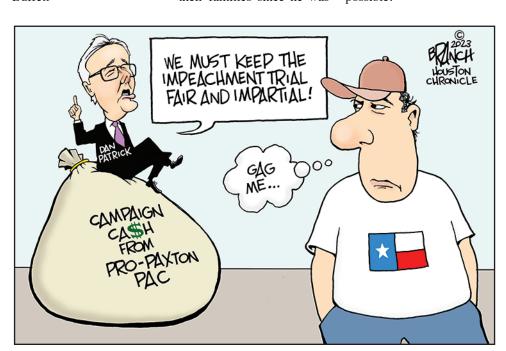
Bob Barker gets the longevity prize. It's hard to top 99, unless you make it to 100. Barker lived a full life of entertaining us on television. For fifty years he came into our homes as the host and producer of The Price is Right and earlier as the host of Truth of Consequences. Many of us show him in the hit comedy Happy Gilmore. Many Americans felt like Barker was a member of their families since he was

in their homes via television for so many years.

Barker, Buffett, and Richardson were all bigger than life personalities who lived extraordinary lives filled with success and pros-

Keep in mind the measure of our lives is not meant to be measured beside the lives of national or global personalities or anyone else. The fulfillment and success of your life may be in taking care of an aged parent, a troubled or disabled child, or seeing your spouse or life partner through life's difficult stages. Or, the great success of your life may be remembered in your kindness to your neighbors and to others you meet along the way Quite possibly, life's most extraordinary people may not be fully recognized until we are beyond this life.

The best we can do is the best we can do. We should trust God and live our lives in as meaningful a way as possible.



SHS ranked #2 in area

Salado High School is ranked #2 out of the 19 high schools in the Killeen Metro Area by the U.S. News & World Report this year. The only high school ranked higher than Salado is the Killeen ISD Early College High School, which is a magnet high school that does not provide full extracurricular programs including academics, athletics, FFA, and fine arts. Thus, Salado High School is the top ranked comprehensive high school. Salado High School also has the highest college readiness score of all 19 high schools.

These rankings are based on the following criteria:

College Readiness 30%: The proportion of 12th graders who took and earned a qualifying score on at least one AP or IB exam. Earning a qualifying score is worth three

Superintendent's Corner

by Dr. Michael Novotny

times more than just taking the exam.

State Assessment Proficiency 20%: Aggregated scores on state assessments that students may be required to pass for gradua-

State Assessment Performance 20%: How aggregated scores on state assessments compare with U.S. News' expectations given the proportions of students who are Black, Hispanic and from low-income households.

Underserved Student Performance 10%: Scores on state assessments aggregated just among students who are Black, Hispanic and from low-income households. These scores is typical in the state for non-undeserved students, with parity or higher being the goal.

College Curriculum Breadth 10%: The proportion of 12th graders who took and earned a qualifying score on AP and IB exams in multiple areas. More exams are valued more than fewer exams up to a maximum of four. Earning a qualifying score on an exam is worth three times more than taking the

Graduation Rate 10%: The proportion of entering ninth graders who graduated four academic years later.

This is the ranking of all 19 high schools in the

	are	compared with what	Killeen Metro Area:				
Rank	School	College Readines	s Graduation Rate				
1st	Early College High School						
	(Killeen ISD)	13.1	98%				
2nd	Salado High School	35.3	99%				
3rd	Troy High School	9.1	99%				
4th	Lampasas High School	17.7	99%				
5th	Rogers High School	N/A	97%				
6th	Belton High School	16.9	97%				
7th	Harker Heights High School	ol					
	(Killeen ISD)	16.4	94%				
8th	Copperas Cove High School	ol 13.6	94%				
9th	Temple High School	14.9	94%				
10th	Lometa High School	N/A	100%				
11th	Holland High School	N/A	98%				
12th	Gatesville High School	5.9	89%				
13th	Academy High School	6.5	96%				
14th	Ellison High School						
	(Killeen ISD)	10.6	92%				
15th	Killeen High School	14.8	88%				
16th	Evant High School	N/A	86%				
17th	Bartlett High School	N/A	100%				
18th	Pathways Academic Camp	us					
	(Killeen ISD)	N/A	74%				
19th	Shoemaker High School						
	(Killeen ISD)	7.6	88%				

Polka worship service held Sept. 17 at St. John Lutheran Church, Bartlett

If you tend to doze off during the Sunday morning church service, you might be a good candidate for the upcoming annual Polka Worship 10:30 a.m. September 17 at St. John Lutheran Church of Bartlett. Liturgy and hymns are arranged and conducted by Pastor Ardene Wuthrich of Temple, accompanied by the Praha Brothers Polka Band of Temple. The lively,



Pastor Wuthrich with the Praha Brothers Polka Band

spirited music from the polka band will definitely keep you awake.

After worship, a homecooked German dinner will

REGISTERING Now **Bell County Master Gardeners workshops** schedule for September includes herbs, butterflies and drought tolerant plants

Bell County Master Gardeners Association will host a hand-on workshop "Herbs: From Garden to Kitchen, 9-11:30 a.m. Sept. 16 at the Texas Agrilife Extension Office, BCMGA Learning Center at 1605 N. Main St. in Belton. . Certified Master Gardener's Betty Nejtek and Terrie Hahn will conduct an educational class on tips on growing herbs successfully in Central Texas. Information will be provided on how to use herbs from your garden followed by tasting. Class size is limited to 20. Class fee is \$8. To register, email bcmgaspeakers@gmail.com. Registration closes Sep. 13.

The Bell County Master Gardener Association free monthly seminar on "Migrating Monarchs" will be 6 p.m. Sept. 21 at the Texas Agrilife Extension Office, BCMGA Learning Center. Certified Master Gardener Dave Slaughter will discuss the migration patterns of the monarchs as they fly to their summer breeding grounds in southwestern Mexico as well as what each of us needs to do to protect the monarch butterfly habitat in North America. He will also discuss milk weed varieties as well as when to plant, maintain, propagate, and prune in the late fall. Class size limit is 50. Register at bcmgaspeakers@ gmail.com

Bell County Master

Gardners and the Harker Heights Activities Center present a special seminar on "Drought Tolerant Native Plants" 6-7:30 p.m. Sept. 28 the Harker Heights Activities Center, 400 Indian Trail, Harker Heights. Certified Master Gardener, Barbara Ishikawa. Barbara will present an assortment of native plants that are drought tolerant for your landscape, enabling you to conserve water.

Please register at https://bit. ly/43wOEIc. Register will open 8 a.m. Sept. 11. Class size is limited to 50. E-mail Kailie Gomez at kgomez@ harkerheights.gov or call 254-953-5465 if you have any questions.

The Bell County Master Gardener Association presents a Hands-on Workshop "Herb Vinegars, Salts and Dressings, Oh My" 9-11:30 a.m. Sept. 30 at the Texas Agrilife Extension Office in Belton. Please plan to join Certified Master Gardener's, Jeanne Richard, Nancy Novakoski, and Pat Johnson as they teach you about using fresh and/or dried herbs in the kitchen to create tasty vinegars, salts, and dressings like a professional chef. You'll discover how herbs are a cook's best friend and much better than store bought! Class participants will create their own herbal vinegar, herb salt and herb dressings to take home as well as demonstrations, tastings and recipes that will make you look like a gourmet chef. Class size is limited to 20. Class fee is \$11. Register at bcmgaspeakers@gmail.com by Sept.



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be served in the Teinert Recreation Center. Plates will include sausage, sauerkraut, tered potatoes and homemade bread. Plates will be

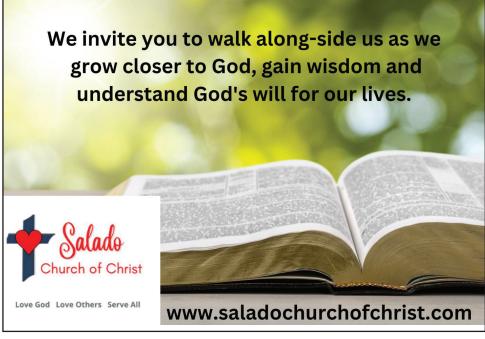
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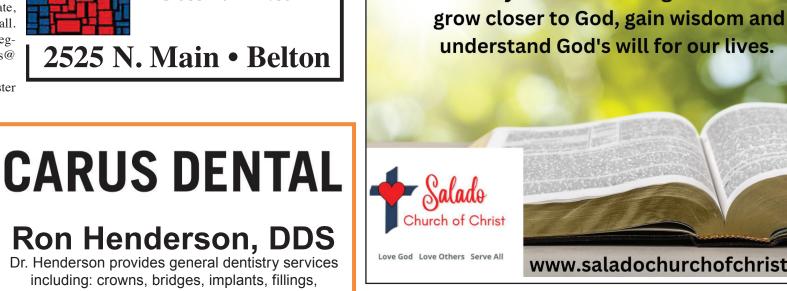
The afternoon will feacoleslaw, brown beans, but- ture a Quilt Raffle of a quilt made by St. John's Piece-Makers, with tickets going available for \$12--the same for \$1, or 6 for \$5, and the price as last year--and are St. John women's organidine-in or take-out. Desserts zation will host a Country Store, offering baked goods, arts & crafts, and home canned produce.

St. John is located at 30650 State Highway 95, about a mile north of Bartlett. For more information, call the church at 254-527-3341.













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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:00 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM Sunday School (All Ages)

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

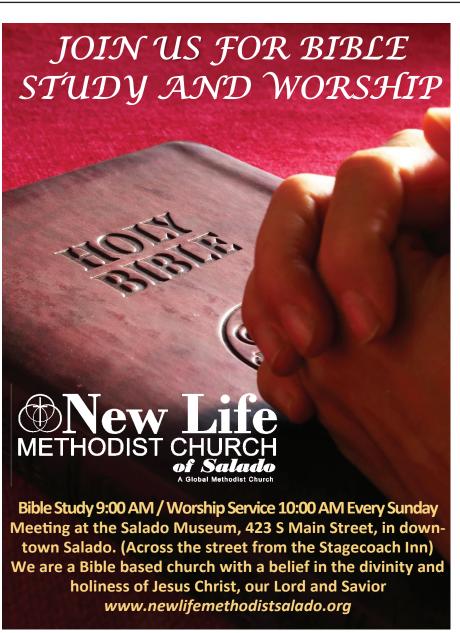
Children's Bible Drill (4th - 6th grade) 5:45 PM **Kingdom Kids (Kindergarten - 6th grade)** 6:00 PM 6:00 PM **Student Midweek (7th - 12th grade)**

Adult Bible Studies 6:00 PM

6:00 PM **ESL (Ingles Idioma Segundo)**

7:00 PM **Choir Rehearsal**

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St. Joseph's Episcopal Church

Sunday Service 10 a.m.



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Mass Schedule

Tuesday - 6 p.m.
Wed & Thurs - 8:30 a.m.
Friday - Noon
Saturday - 5:30 p.m.
Confessions 4:30-5:15 p.m.
or call for an appointment

Friday
Adoration (Holy Hour) 11 a.m.
Sunday
(English) 9 a.m.

(Spanish) 11 a.m.

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www.saintstephenchurch.org

Ladies League to hear recap of "Traveling Texas with Ann Harder"

Ann Harder, will be the speaker at the September 14 Salado Ladies Community League Meeting at the Church of Christ Activities Building. Social time starts at 9:30 with the meeting commencing at 10 a.m.

Harder will be recapping her recent two-year series with 25 KXXV for the ABC affiliate's "Traveling Texas with Ann Harder."

Harder is a Baylor Alumna and is well known to Central Texas as a former 25 News KXXV Primetime Anchor. Ann currently hosts a weekly podcast called "Central Texas Life" on the Rogue Media Network. Ann is enjoying her semi-retirement with volunteer work with a several organizations. She is President of the National Society of Co-



Ann Harder

Presbyterian

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lonial Dames of America in the state of Texas, an officer in the Texas Society of Mayflower Descendants, and has just completed her time as President of the Waco Symphony Association Board of Directors. She also is a singer for Lucas Artists which provides entertainment for the residents of area retirement facilities and assisted living homes. She was recognized for her volunteerism by the Junior League of Waco where she won the Excellence in Volunteerism Award (2004-2005), Waco ISD Alumna of the Year (2006), Military Order of the Purple Heart Media Person of the Year (2006), and Waco Faith and Family Film Festival Champions Award Recipient (2022).

Native Trees FROM PAGE 1A

harshness of the sun.

This is why it is so important to replant native Texas trees for every tree lost to construction or disease. Many towns and villages across the planet are requiring developers and contractors to plant two trees for every tree they are cutting down to make room for houses and apartments.

The Tonkawa Chapter of the Native Plant Society of Texas meets on the first Monday of the month, 6 p.m. at Barrow Brewing Co., 108 Royal St.

Each meeting features a different expert addressing topics of interest on native plants and incorporating them into residential and commercial landscapes. The Chapter also hosts Native Plant Sales. To learn more visit http://www.npsotcentx.

This article is comprised of information from numerous websites including The Arbor Day Foundahttps://www.arborday. The Nature Conserorg/ https://www.nature. vancy Texas A&M https:// texastreeplanting.tamu.edu/ viewalltrees.aspx, Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Cenhttp://www.wildflower. org, Native Plant Society of Texas http://www.npsot.org , Tonkawa Chapter NPSOT http://www.npsotcentx.org

Tanglefoot Club meets for potluck and crafts

The Tanglefoot Club of Bell County Extension Education Association, monthly meeting will be 10 a.m. Sept. 11 at St. Luke Catholic Church, 2807 Oakdale Dr. in Temple.

A short business meeting will be followed by a craft project lead by Beverly Mock. Pot luck luncheon will follow the craft project. Hostesses are Joy Scott and P.J. Hill.

These meetings are open to the public. If you are interested in giving back to the community, working with 4-H and helping the local Belton Agrilife Extension Agent, join the Extension Education Association.



Conner Thomas Haun April 4, 2006 August 24, 2023

Conner Thomas Haun was born in Temple TX April 4, 2006. Conner, 17 years old of Salado Texas passed away on Thursday, August 24, 2023.

Conner spent most of his education at Central Texas Christian School of Temple, attended Salado High School for two years, and Florence High School for his senior year.

Conner started pursuing his dreams to be a Porche mechanic and shop owner by getting his first job at Don Ringler Toyota as a lube tech over the summer.

Conner loved many things in life, his family, his friends, food, hunting, fishing, and fast cars. He lived life with humor and love in his heart. This past summer Conner defined who God created him to be: A strong and loving

Conner was preceded in death by his mother, Robin Boniface, grandparents, John L and Darlene (Dee Dee) Haun and Billy Mac Allman. He was also preceded in death by Great Grandparents, John & Kate Haun and Thomas & Levada Gallaway.

Conner is survived by his parents, John T. and Maria Haun. Survivors include brothers, Caleb, Michael, Grant and Bryant Whalen and his sisters, Faithlynn, Marie and Melissa Kate Haun.

Conner is also survived by his grandparents, Mike and Boniface and Iris Trouche. Survivors also include his uncles, Justin (Carol) Haun, Johnny (Laura) Haun, Jeff Allman, Marty Allman and Mark Allman. Conner is also survived by his cousins, Jensen and Baker Haun, Hannah and Cade Young with Eloise and Shep, Hunter Haun and Nathan Allman.

Services were held Tuesday Sept 5, 2023 at Harker Heights Methodist Church located at 208 W Cardinal Ln, Harker Heights, TX 76548 at 6:30 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to Conners Memorial Fund for Discovery Programs in Austin at https://donorbox.org/conner-haun-memorial-fund.

Crawford Bowers Funeral Home in Killeen is handling arrangements, dignitymemorial.com

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The Hotter n Ale Best Dang Golf Show Ever was held Sept. 2 at Barrow Brewing Co. Dry goods were donated to Heart and Hands Food Bank.

Drop off donation times to Hearts and Hands food bank are Wednesdays from 9-11 a.m. at 213 Mill creek Dr., Unit 135, Salado. For more information on Hearts and Hands visit

heartandhandsministries.com

Tickets on sale now for annual Jingle Walk

Tickets for the Salado Ladies Community League third annual Jingle Walk are now available!

You better hurry because they sold out last year within the first week of going on sale at centraltexastickets.

This year the event will cover three days Oct. 13-15. Shopping hours will be 10

a.m.-6 p.m. Oct. 13-14 and noon-4 p.m. Oct. 15.

There will only be 250 tickets (passports) sold.
The Jingle Walk allows

participants to walk along the Salado "Magic Mile" and shop locally for lovely clothing and unique, one-of-a-kind gifts for everyone on their Christmas list. Each participant will need all three days to see everything the shops have to offer. Each \$30 Passport entitles participants to collect a special gift from each of the participating businesses that are visited during the shopping day(s). Shoppers who visit the designated shops and make purchases will be eligible for the three drawings of special door prizes.

To purchase a ticket log onto Central Texas Tickets Website, centraltexastickets. com and click on the Salado Christmas in October Jingle Walk event. On the event weekend the purchaser will first need to visit the Salado Civic Center, 601 N Main, where a passport map will be issued to help the shopper locate the participating businesses.

Retail stores participating in the Jingle Walk include these: 21 Main, Clover & Co, Connie's Gifts & Art, Ellis Trading Post, Fletcher Books & Antiques, H n H Home Decor and Gifts, MAKS Mercantile, Mud Pies Pottery, Presley Boutique, Red Barn Consignment Store, Salado

Creek Antiques, Salado Glassworks, Serendipity, Soeur, Sofi's, Solas Gallery, Sophistikatz Beads, Strawberry Patch, Susan Marie's of Salado, Tango Charlie Boutique, The General Store, The Nature Co of Salado, The Rose and Bee, The Shoppes on Main, Uniquely Salado and Wild Texas Cowgirl.

Restaurants participating in the Jingle Walk include these: Alexander's Craft Cocktails & Kitchen; BobbyQue, Chupacabra Craft Beer and Salado Lone Star Winery, Empressario Wines, Greenfield's Coffee, Cocktails, Barrels and Brew, Johnny's Steaks & Barbeque, Happy Pizza Co., Lively's. Marketplace Cafe & Creperie, McCain's, Rio Salado, Stagecoach Restaurant, The Barton House, The Pizza Place, The Shed,

Other businesses participating include these: All City Main Street Realty, Brookshire Brothers Floral, Hoelscher's Christmas Designs, Inn on the Creek, Omega Builders at Drake's Landing, Shady Villa Hotel, Shelby's Pilates, Skin Luxe Medical Spa and Yellow House B&B.

Because the Salado Ladies Community League is a 501(c)3, all proceeds are returned to the community through grants and scholarships. For more information and deals on local lodging visit us on Facebook the web site at WWW.SaladoL-



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Mondays Salado Senior Center open a.m.-3 p.m. Mondays at 650 Royal St. (Salado Únited 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 Ĺodge #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 Win-

ery, 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

Knitting Group at Salado Public Library, 10 a.m. Storytime with Ms. Mia at

Salado Public Library, 11 a.m. 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 en-

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

Wednesdays

Just Peachy



November 10-12 Annual Highland Games and Gathering of Scottish Clans, grounds of Thomas Arnold Elementary, benefiting Salado Museum and College Hill Park. Visit https://saladomuseum.org/scottish-gathering-and-highland-games

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 Ch-

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

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

Vinvl Nite wi 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, 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.

Fridays

Storytime with Ms. Mia, Salado Public Library, 11 a.m. 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. 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 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.

September 8

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

September 8

Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 8 p.m., Wayworn Traveler.

September 8-30

Blow-Your-Own Drinkware Events at Salado Glassworks. Make your own Mug, Sipper, Tumbler for \$90. Ages 12+. Fridays 3-5 p.m. Saturdays 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Registration opens August 9 online at saladoglassworks.com

September 9

Live music at Chupacabra, 7 p.m., David Matthew Har-

September 9

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

September 9-10

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

September 10

Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 4 p.m., Ryan Paul Davis.

September 11

The 2nd Monday book club meets at 7 pm at Salado Win-

September 13

Barrow Brewing Co., guest food truck, 4-8 p.m., Chock

Full O Cheese. September 13

Plants & Pints Party, 6 p.m., Barrow Brewing Co. Presented by Root to Rise, this event promises a fun-filled experience for plant enthusiasts and beer lovers alike. Tickets are \$35 each and include Each ticket includes: 1 4-6" House-

plant of your choice; Decorative Pot of your choice; 1 beer from the brewery; All supplies, soils, additives, and tools; Hands on instruction from the Root to Rise Plant Team; Planty decorations to add your flair and Printed instructions for your plant's personal care needs. Order online at barrowbrewing.com/events.

September 14

Salado Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting 5:30 pm. at Ellis Trading Post #3 Old Town Rd

September 14

Pinot Grigio-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/3M-LXXOA. Call 254-947-8011 or check Facebook for more information.

September 14

Salado Music Friendly Community Let's Talk Music! Networking Mixer, 6 p.m. at Solas Gallery (2 Rock Creek Dr.). For more information about Salado Music Friendly Community initiative, upcoming music events and more, https://www.saladotx. gov/music-friendly-communi-

September 14

Around the World Dinner Series, Alexander's Craft Cocktails + Kitchen, 6:30 p.m. Five course themed dinner, \$100 per person. Tickets on eventbrite.com. This month's focus is Cuba.

September 15 Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 7 p.m., Jake Waylon Band.

September 15

Live music at Chupacabra, 7 p.m., Jon Austin. September 16

Live music at Chupacabra,

September 16

7 p.m., Kyle Mathis

Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 8 p.m., Denny Cullinan. September 17

Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 4 p.m., Not Past September 20 Barrow Brewing Co., guest

food truck, 4-8 p.m., Checkpoint Germany.

September 21 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. September 21

Open Mic Night at Barrow Brewing Co. September 21

Malbec-weekly curated wine tasting hosted by Hannah Hendrick 6-8 p.m. at Salado Winery, 841 Ñ. Main St. Tickets available on-line through Salado Winery Eventbrite https://bit.ly/3M-LXXOA. Call 254-947-8011 or check Facebook for more information.

September 21-23

Central Texas Youth Rodeo Association rodeo at Heritage Country Church arena,

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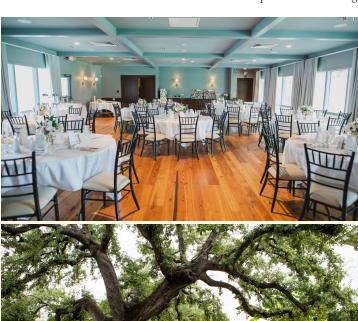
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Calendar of Events

9929 Lark Trail. Thursday and Friday 7 p.m. start time. Saturday 6 p.m. start time. Order of Events: Calf Riding, Steer Riding, Poles, Straights, Goats, Barrels, Chute Dogging, Dbl Mugging, Tie Down, Ribbons, Breakaway, Team Roping. Age Groups: 6 & Under, 7-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16-19.

September 22

Tonkawa Chapter of Native Plant Society holds Sale 7 p.m. Tree Sale

September 22

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.

September 22

Live music at Chupacabra, 7 p.m., Beanna Wendolyn.

September 22

Royal Street Art Walk. Galleries open late.

September 22

Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., Glenn Collins and the Alibis.

September 23

Tonkawa Chapter of Native Plant Society holds Sale 9

September 23

Native Plant Sale at Barrow Brewing Co. during the Farmers Market.

September 23

Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 7 p.m., Whitestone Band.

September 24

Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 4 p.m., Sean Harrison.

September 26

Salado Chamber of Commers Lunch N' Learn noon, at 423 S. Main St. Synergy Nutrition presents food prepping and improving nutrition

September 27

Barrow Brewing Co., guest food truck, 4-8 p.m., Flexin'

September 27

Pints & Properties with Sean Harrison at 6:30 p.m., Barrow Brewing Co.

September 28

Salado Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cuttin Farmers Insurance 5:30 p.m. 40 S. Main St. Suite A

September 28

Wines Around Spain-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/3M-LXXOA. Call 254-947-8011 or check Facebook for more information.

September 28

Open Mic Night at Barrow Brewing.

September 29

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

September 29

Live music at Chupacabra, 7 p.m., Trey Yenger. September 30

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

October 3 Salado Chamber of Commerce Business After hours 5:30- 7 p.m. at Brookshire

Brothers 215 Mill Creek Dr. October 7

Sirena's Creekside Carneval, Pace Park Salado. Promenade starts at 9:30 a.m. and celebrates crowning of the Creekside Carnaval Princess and Catfish King. Festival will be 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Live music, live mermaids, vendors, food trucks, a zoo show, petting zoo and performances by Native American dancers. For more information about Salado's Creekside Carnaval, visit www.sirenafest.org. For more information about Salado's Creekside Carnaval, visit

www.sirenafest.org. October 7

Oktoberfest at Barrow Brewing Co.

October 7

Salado Youth Fair Booster Reverse Raffle, Tenroc Ranch. Tickets on sale soon.

October 10

Around the World Dinner Series, Alexander's Craft Cocktails + Kitchen, 6:30 p.m. Five course themed dinner, \$100 per person. Tickets on eventbrite.com. This month's focus is Venezuela.

October 13-15

Salado Ladies Community League annual Christmas in October Jingle Walk. Ticket holders will have three days to visit 20 plus retailers, receive a gift from each, and qualify for amazing door prizes. Tickets are limited to 250 and will go on sale September 1 on CentralTexasTickets.com. Salado Civic Center, 601 N. Main St., SaladoLCL.Org. Proceeds from this 501(c) fundraiser will be used for grants and scholarships in the Salado area.

October 14

Oktoberfest at Barrow Brewing Co.

October 17

Annual Salado Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament, Mill Creek Golf Club. Visit

salado.com for more information and to sponsor or register as a player.

October 21

Barrow Brewing Volks Ride to benefit Salado Volunteer Fire Department. Registration at https://www.bikereg.com/barrow-volk-ride.

October 21

Oktoberfest at Barrow Brewing Co.

October 21

Cattlemen's Ball, benefit-

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In the Aug. 31, 2023 edition of Salado Village Voice story on the publication of The Legend of the Cosmic Cowgirl, we reported that Tiffany Schreiner was director of the San Marcos Mermaid Parade. She is a volunteer with event, which

will have its Promenade on



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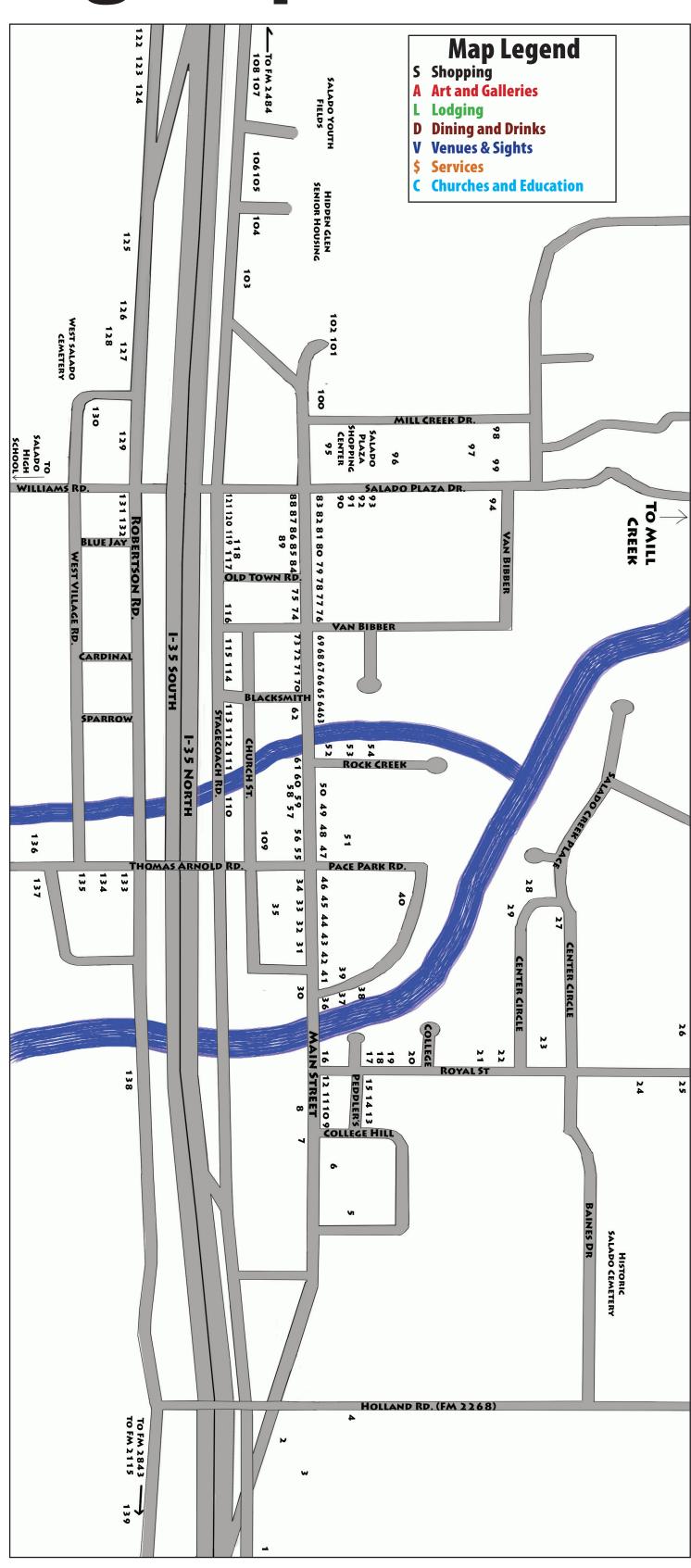
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Historical Markers in Salado

- 6. Salado Historic College Hill
- Shady Villa Hotel (Stagecoach Inn)
- Main Street Bridge
- Barber-Berry Mercantile 23. The Baines House

24. Historic Dipping Vats

- 25. The A.J. Rose Mansion
- 26. Old Methodist Chapel
- 27. Caskey-Hendricks House
- 28. Dr. McKie Place (Twelve Oaks)
- 29. Alexander's Distillery
- 30. First Baptist Church 31. The Tyler House
- 35. Salado Masonic Lodge #296

The Barton House

51. The Levi Tenney House

- 45. The Anderson House
- Old Saloon

The Norton-Orgain House

55. The Armstrong Adams House

- 49. The Vickrey House
- 61. Historic Lenticular Bridge
 - 76. Boles-Aiken & Denman Cabins
 - 77. The Robert B. Halley House
 - 79. The Reed Cabin
 - 100. The Josiah Fowler House

The Miracle on Thomas Arnold

Editor-in-Chief

"I'm too old for this...." Roger Murtaugh in Lethal Weapon, a movie that came out when I was 21 years old.

The fictional character played by Danny Glover was six years younger than me. I was feeling him as I watched the Bryan Rudder Rangers go up 34-0 on my Salado Eagles, a team I have covered since 1988, in less than 18 minutes of play.

But then something happened that this sportswriter has never seen happen before while covering the Salado Eagles.

With 6:11 left in the first half and the Rudder Rangers with an insurmountable lead of 34-0, the Salado Eagles hunkered down and created a miracle. Rudder missed an extra point in their dominance of Salado in the first half, something that would come to haunt them.

Kase Maedgen took the ensuing kickoff at the 3 yard line and returned it to the Salado 30. He then took a hand-off for 16 yards for a first down at the Salado 46. Luke Law missed a pass. He hit Brendan Wilson for six yards, with a penalty putting the ball at the Rudder 27. A pass interference call gave Salado the ball at the 14. Maedgen rushed for 6 yards. A defensive offsides gave Salado the ball at the 4. Maedgen scored and Townes Sather was good for the kick with 3:58 left in the half. Salado trailed 34-7.

The Eagles struggled and swapped punts with Rudder when Brooks Mayberry recover a fumbled punt for Salado at the Rudder 32-yard-line with 1:31 left in the first half.

With 1:31 left in the half, Salado pushed the ball forward with a pass from Law to James Renick, a run by Maedgen and a short pass to Brendan Wilson to give the Eagles a first down at the Rudder 20 yard line with 30 clicks left on the halftime

Runs by Maedgen and gave Salado the ball at the Rudder 1 yard line with 1 SEE EAGLES, PAGE 3C

second left on the clock. Talk about clock manage-

Law pushed the ball in and Townes Sather converted the kick to bring the halftime score to 34-14.

The Eagles kicked to Rudder for the second half.

A miracle happened in the second half. Like the US hockey team miracle of the

Salado kicked the ball to Rudder to open the second

Dawson Barksdale recovered a fumble for the Eagles by Bruce Hendrick, who had not given up anything so far. Salado took over deep in Rudder territo-

Three plays later, Maedgen scored from the 7 yard line. With Townes Sather kicking the extra point, Salado brought the score to 21-

The Eagles forced Rudder to punt on the next series, taking over at midfield.

Law hit Maedgen for a 51-yard TD with 9:44 left in the third, With Sather's kick, Salado was within striking distance at 28-34 with 9:36 left in the third.

The Rangers drove to the Salado 6, when A.J Fach intercepted a pass in the end zone for a touchback, for the Eagles.

That was all Maedgen needed. He took a second-and-10 hand-off, broke a tackle at the line of scrimmage and ran for 81 yards to score. Sather's kick gave Salado the first lead of the game with 4:54 in the third.

Davis Graham shut down a fourth down attempt with 3:33 left in the third to give the Eagles the ball at the Ranger 49 yard line.

Maedgen ran through the heart of the defense for 40 yard to give the Eagles the ball at the Ranger 9. Law bulled his way for 5 yards before scoring on a draw for 4 yards with 2:35. The Eagles took the first lead of the game on a PAT kick by Sather, 42-34.

The combatives turned the ball over to each other, Law and a quick time out Rudder on an interception



Kase Maedgen runs through Bryan Rudder's defense in Salado's comeback win Sept. 1. (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)



Dawson Barksdale recovers a fumble by Bryan Rudder. (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)

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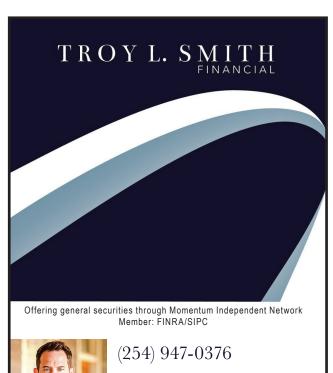
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Ladies sweep Troy, Heights

Salado Lady Eagles swept both of their non-district volleyball opponents last week.

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The Lady Eagles swept Troy, 25-15, 25-21 and 25-21, on the road Aug. 29.

Macy Morris had 2 aces to lead Salado, followed by Sara Ellis, Reese Rich, Mazzy Johnson, Livia Niu and Haley Brown, 1 each.

Elsie Law and Kael Wilcox led Salado with 9 kills each, followed by Haley Brown, 8, Niu, 7, Payton Ortega, 4, Ellis and Morris, 2 each and Grace Clemons,

Law led the girls with 5 blocks, followed by Niu, 3, Brown, 2, and Morris, 1.

Niu had 30 assists, followed by Brown and Clemons, 2 each, and Ellis, Morris, and Rich, 1 each.

Rich led the girls with 12 digs, followed by Ellis, 11, Clemons, 9, Wilcox, 6, Shelby Hollywood, 5, Niu, 4, Brown, 2 and Morris, 1.

1 2 3 SHS 25 25 25 HHHS 20 17 10

Salado swept Harker Heights 25-20, 25-17 and 25-10 in a home match Sept.

Kael Wilcox led the girls with 11 kills, followed by Elsie Law, 10, Macy Morris, 8, Haley Brown, 7, Livia Niu, 3, Grace Clemons, 2 and Payton Ortega, 1.

Niu led Salado with 34 assists, followed by Clemons, 2, and Morris, Sara Ellis and Reese Rich, 1 each.

Rich led the girls with 30 digs, followed by Clemons, 9, Ellis and Shelby Hollywood, 8 each, Brown, Niu and Ortega, 3 each and Morris, 1.



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Livia Niu sets the ball for Salado.



Katie Ellithorp serves in Salado JV Red's win over Harker Heights.



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Ava Uranga digs in Salado JV White's 2-0 sweep of Harker Heights.





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Ladies win Pro-Fit Invitational

Salado Lady Eagles won the 5A-6A girls division of the Pro-Fit Invitational Cross Country Meet Sept. 1 at Wilson Park in Temple. They competed against 21 with a field of 156 runners.

Salado won the meet 22:00. with 62 points with Hendrickson in second with 91 points and Liberty Hill in third with 113 points.

Following are their individual places and times.

Cade Harris, third, 19:10. Penelope Anderson, Ally Ihler, 39th, 21:44. Addison King, 45th,

fourth, 19:46.

Anna

17th, 20:46.

20:09.

Zoie Adcox, 48th, 22:03. The JV Red team ran in the varsity 1A-4A division, placing fourth overall. They competed in a field of 173 runners.

The girls had the following places and times:

Alexa Williams, sixth, 14:01

Sofia Cadenas, 22nd, Redelsheimer, 14:45.

Zimri Lebanaon, 29th, 14:35

Rylee Young, 51st, 15:02. Ainsleigh Liebig, 84th,

15:46. Juliann White, 98th,

The JV White team placed third in the JV 1A-4A Division. They competed in a field of 103 runners.

The girls had the following places and times:

Avery Hibner, 8th, 16:11. Lya Amijo, ninth, 16:05. Sydney Lange, 21st, 17:05

Rachel Bender, 29th, 17:44.

Avery Smith, 34th, 18:06.

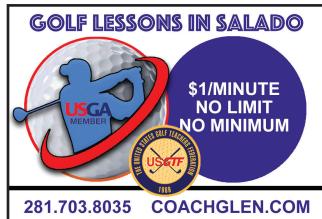
Emma Terwilliger, 40th,

Salado will run in the Pflugerville Invitational at Northeast Metro Park Sept. 8.

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Five runners get 5th place at Pro-Fit

16:03.

Salado Eagles cross country team took five runners to the the Pro-Fit meet at Wilson Park in Temple Sept. 1 and finished fifth in the 5A/6A division out of 20 other schools.

The Eagles were led by Sophomore Coulson Boyd and Freshman Daniel Anderson who both received medals.

Following are their indvidual places and times:

Coulson Boyd, second, 15:59.0. Daniel Anderson, eighth,

16:37.8. Camden Aycock, 20th,

17:16.0. Delukie, 26th, Brody 17:30.8

Calvin Adinaro, 164th, 27:02.6.



Coulson Boyd (above left) and Daniel Anderson (above right) both earned medals at the Pro-Fit Cross Country Meet in Temple on Sept. 1. (COURTESY PHOTOS)

Brayden Dildine defends against Bryan Rudder's Jaquise Martin. (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)

ping up anyway is the defi-

nition of courage. Kids that

are disciplined, work hard,

and have that kind of cour-

age are tough to beat. Next

week we travel to Troy, and

the boys are already looking

Hudson Hawkins, several

tackles and at least two

sacks. Hudson was a down-

right menace to the Ranger

game is Brayden Naegele.

He ran the ball well, and

played with a level of matu-

rity that is not common this

early in their High School

career. Looking forward

to what he does at the Troy

REPORTED BY COACH KRIS PERKINS.

Offensive player of the

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Player of the game is

forward to it. Go Eagles.

Eagles FROM PAGE 1C

by Maedgen and Salado on a fumble recovery at their own 10 yard line.

The Rangers scored on a 59 yard pass from Cody Billings to Jaquise Martin with 9:24 left to play.

The Rangers went for two, but Davis Graham broke up a pass to give Salado a 42-40 lead.

Jayden Erskine intercepted a Luke Law pass and returned it for a 60 yard touchdown with 9:35 let to play. The kick brought the score to 47-42.

The Eagles took the ensuing kick off and methodically drove down the field, scoring on a 1 yard dive by Law with 2:34.

The Eagles went for 2, but failed, bringing the score to 48-47.

Rudder took the kick off to their 30 yard line but could not get a first down, turning it over to Salado with 1:35 left and no timeouts for the 48-47 win.

RHS SHS

First Downs 21 **Rushes-Yards** 35-172 37-315 **Recep-Yards** 17-182 279 Comp-Atts 17-36 TD-INT 2-0 1-2 Fumbles-Lost 5-2 1-1 **Penalties-Yds** 8-72 1-15 **Individual Stats**

SALADO RUSHING: Kase Maedgen, 23-249, 3 TDs, 80 long; Luke Law, 13-61, 3 TD, 13 long; Lincoln Hossfeld, 1-5.

SALADO PASSING: Luke Law, 17-36, 182 yards, 1 TD, 2 INT, 49

SALADO RECEIVING: Kase Maedgen, 1-51, 1 TD; Morgan Adams, 3-37, 23 long; James Renick, 2-32: Jackson Turk, 3-27.

Defensive Stats: Davis Graham, 5 Tackles, 6 Tackle Assists (TA): Demonte Foster, 4 Tackles, 6 TAs; 1 Pass Break Up (PBU), 1 Cause Fumble (CF); Phoenix Flores, 4 Tackles, 6 TAs, 1 CF; Lincoln Hossfeld, 2 Tackles, 4 ATs, 1 Quarterback Hurry (QBH), 1 PBU; DeVonte Foster, 4 Tackles, 2 TAs, 2 Tackles For Loss (TFL); Dawson Barksdale, 3 Tackles, 1 TA, 1 Fumble Recovery (FR); Lucas Beyer, 2 Tackles, 3 ATs; Caleb Dockray, 2 Tackles, 2 ATs; Ethan Robledo, 3 Tackles; Braydon Dildine, 2 Tackles, 1 AT, 3 PBU; J. J. Adams, 2 Tackles, 1 AT, 1 QBH; Noah Romney, 2 Tackles; A. J. Fach, 1 Tackles, 4 ATs, 1 Interception (Int); Kase Maedgen, 1 Int.

SHS JV 27 **RHS JV**

Salado Eagles notched a 27-12 win against the Rudder JV on the road Aug. 31.

Salado JV started strong with 20 points in the second quarter. "The offense was able to move the football the entire night.," Coach Caleb Perez said. "Defensively the Eagles stayed strong and held Bryan Rudder to 12 points."

Luke Bauser scored first for Salado with a running TD and 2 point conversion.

Rudder scored, but failed to convert the PAT to bring the score to 8-6.

Luke Bauser scored another running TD, but the extra point was no good. giving Salado a 14-6 lead.

Levi Ball caught a touchdown pass from Luke Bingham, but the extra point was no good to give Salado a 20-6 halftime lead.

In the fourth, Luke Bauser had his third running TD,. The extra point by Alan Perez was good for a 27-6 lead.

Rudder added a TD in the fourth for the final score of 27-12.

Bauser was the Offensive Player of the Game.

Cornerback Dion Thomas was the Defensive Player of the Game.

SHS 9th **32** Rudder 9th 0

The freshman were a little worried about playing a school that was much larger than Salado. But that didn't stop them from getting on the field and playing their best, and their best was a shutout. As a coach you have to be proud of that. Being a little scared but step-

Up Next: Malakoff

The Salado Eagles will face the #5 in 3A, Div. 1 Malakoff Tigers at 7 p.m. Sept. 8 at Midway ISD Stadium. Last year, the Eagles lost in double overtime to Malakoff 29-27. The Tigers went 31-2 last year, losing 21-10 in the state semi-finals to Brock.



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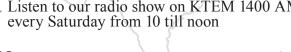
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Answers

9. Actor Alec Baldwin, 17 times.

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Contract Bridge

THE BACKWARD FINESSE West dealer. North-South vulnerable. **NORTH** ♠ 9 7 3 **♥**J 10 7 5 ♦ K 6 2 **♣**A Q 9 WEST **EAST ♠** A K Q J 8 **♥** 3 ♠ 10 5 4 **♥**A62 ♦ 10 8 4 3 ♦ Q 7 5 **♣**10 8 6 2 **♣**753 **SOUTH ♠** 6 2 **♥** K Q 9 8 4 **♦** A J 9

The bidding: West North East South Pass 1 🌲 Pass 2 🖤 **4 ♥** 3 ♥ **Pass** Pass Opening lead — king of spades.

♣KJ4

The backward finesse is a play seldom used by declarer. The proper setting for it occurs so rarely, and the play itself is so unnatural, that it is virtually a collector's item.

First let's define what is meant by a backward finesse. Usually, if declarer has the diamond combination shown in the diagram, he cashes the king and then plays a diamond to the jack. If East has the queen, the finesse wins, and South makes three diamond tricks. In the absence of clues indicatchance of winning the finesse.

Note that declarer would make only two diamond tricks in the actual deal, and would therefore go down one, if he played the suit in the usual way. But note also that South can win three diamond tricks by first leading the jack from his hand. Leading an unsupported jack is contrary to the canons of good card play, but it is undeniably effective in the present case.

If West ducks the jack, South scores three diamond tricks. If West covers the jack, declarer takes the king, leads a diamond to the nine and again has three diamond tricks.

The backward finesse is rarely used because it requires two cards to be favorably placed, while a simple finesse requires only one. The odds against a backward finesse succeeding are ordinarily 3-1.

Nevertheless, the backward finesse is the right play in this deal. When South ruffs the third round of spades and leads a trump, East turns up with the ace. Since East passed his partner's opening bid, declarer should conclude that East does not also have

the queen of diamonds. Accordingly, after drawing trump and cashing the A-Q-K of clubs, South leads the jack of diamonds, knowing that West has the queen and hoping that East has the ten. In the actual deal, the backward finesse succeeds, and South makes the contract.

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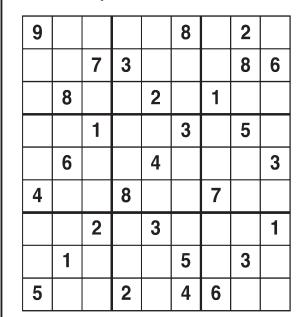
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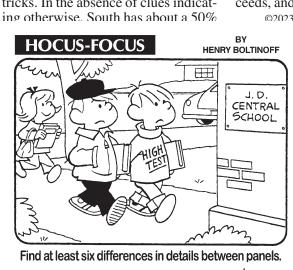














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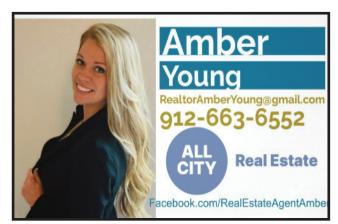
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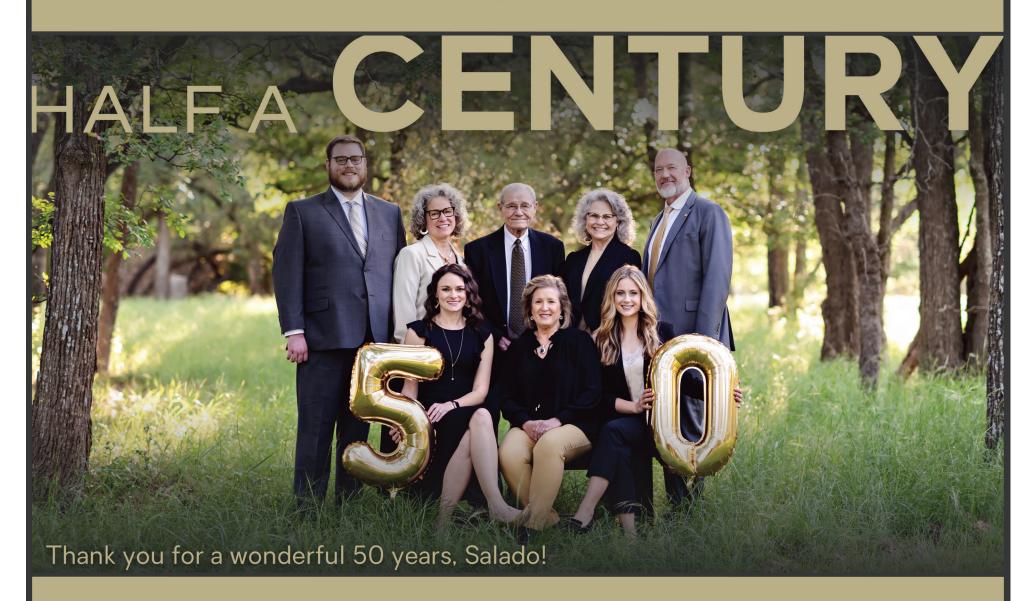




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Hunters can help prevent wildfires

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department urges Texans to help protect the lands and natural resources we all love during the upcoming dove hunting season by being mindful of activities that may cause a wildfire.

Persistent triple-digit temperatures and minimal rainfall over the past two months have resulted in extremely dry vegetation across the state, which increases the likelihood of dangerous wildfires. Any outdoor activities that create heat or sparks can ignite dry vegetation and wildfire.

This year, conditions are favorable for wildfire ignitions and Texas land management agencies urge everyone to be cautious on hunts, whether it takes place on public or private land.

"Since mid-June, Texas has been marked by devastating wildfires that have burned more than 75,000 acres," said Wes Moorehead, Texas A&M Forest Service Fire Chief. "As Texans recreate this hunting season, it is important to remember that your actions can leave a lasting impact, and everyone has a role to play when preventing wildfires."

"As Texans venture outdoors, it's important to remember just how dry the vegetation is," said Chis Schenk, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Statewide Fire Program Leader "It doesn't take much for an inadvertent spark or carelessness to cause a wildfire. The high temperatures cause fires to spread rapidly and make it hard for firefighters to work. Please enjoy the outdoors but be careful with

Nine out of 10 wildfires in Texas are human-caused and everyone can make a difference by taking personal responsibility for their actions. Remain vigilant as drought conditions continue to expand and intensify and be cautious with any activity that may cause a spark.

To avoid accidentally starting a wildfire while dove hunting:

Avoid driving over and parking on dry grass - the heat from your vehicle can easily ignite the grass.

Always check with local officials for burn bans or other outdoor burning restrictions. Each county in Texas sets and lifts its own burn bans. View the latest burn ban map here: https:// tfsweb.tamu.edu/burnbans/.

If you are taking a trailer out on your adventures, make sure tires are properly inflated, chains don't contact the road and loose metal doesn't repetitively hit anything else, all of which can cause sparks.

Always be ready to put out a fire should one start. Have a shovel and water with you in camp and have a fire extinguisher with you at all times.

For more information on preventing wildfires this hunting season, visit https:// tfsweb.tamu.edu/Hunting-FireSafety/.

Salado Volunteer Fire Department Report Aug. 27- Sept. 2

Date	Location	Incident
08/27	W I AVE, Nolanville	Building fire
08/27	Crows Ranch Rd, Bell	Forest, woods or wildland fire
08/27	Interstate 35, Bell	Dispatched & cancelled en route
08/28	WALKER CIR, Salado	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
08/28	HIDDEN SPRINGS DR, Bell	EMS call, exclud. MVA with injury
08/28	FM 2843, Bell	Grass fire
08/28	MOUNTAIN DR, Bell	Assist invalid
08/29	FM 2843, Bell	Motor vehicle accident with no injuries
08/29	MARY LN, Salado	Assist invalid
08/30	DECKER RD, Bell	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
08/30	E Amity RD, Bell	No incident found on arrival at address
08/30	Horned Frog RD, Bell	Water or steam leak
08/30	WILLIAMS RD, Salado	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
08/30	HIDDEN SPRINGS DR, Bell	Assist invalid
08/31	SOUTHSHORE DR, Bell	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
08/31	Hare RD, Bell	Grass fire
08/31	S IH 35 SERVICE RD, Bell	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
08/31	HIDDEN SPRINGS DR, Bell	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
09/01	FM 2484, Salado	EMS call, exclud. MVA with injury
09/01	MARY LN, Salado	EMS call, exclud. MVA with injury
09/01	N IH 35, Jarrell	Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire
09/01	Interstate 35, Bell	Grass fire
09/02	I35 NB @ NB rest area, Salado	Grass fire
09/02	BUGLE DR, Bell	Medical assist, assist EMS crew

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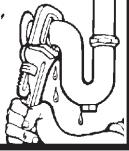
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Electric vehicle owners to pay added registration fees

A new change at the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles will impact owners of electric vehicles in Bell County. Beginning September 1, new \$200 annual fees have been added to the registration renewals of electric vehicles along with a \$400 fee at the time of the purchase during the initial twoyear period.

"My aim is to ensure that electric vehicle owners are well-prepared and not taken by surprise when it comes time to renew their registrations," Bell County Tax Assessor-Collector Shay Luedeke said.

Vehicle owners can choose to renew their vehicle registrations up to 90 days prior to their expira-

These new fees are the

result of Senate Bill 505, which passed during the 88th Regular Session of the Texas Legislature. This bill was a response to the growing number of electric vehicles on Texan roads. The state currently uses revenue from gasoline and diesel fuel taxes to fund transportation and infrastructure projects. These new fees are designed to collect additional revenue from electric car owners who do not require either gas or diesel.

"As of March 2023, there were 105,000 electric vehicles registered in the state of Texas. By July, this number soared to 159,000, indicating a substantial growth in electric vehicle adoption across our state," Luedeke

The new fees are in addition to the standard registration fees and applicable taxes. They do not apply to hybrid vehicles, motorcycles, moped, or "neighborhood vehicles" like golf

Bell County vehicle owners can use any of the following options to renew their vehicles:

• Online renewal through the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles website

• Renewal via the Texas by Texas (TxT) mobile app

• Mailing applications to the Bell County Tax Assessor-Collector's office

• In-person renewal at one of the Bell County Tax

Assessor-Collector's offices or at any of the following other locations:

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H.E.B. (1101 W. Stan Schlueter in Killeen) H.E.B. (3002 South 31st

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"As Bell County adapts to these changes, the county's commitment to efficient and transparent vehicle registration remains unwavering" Luedeke said.

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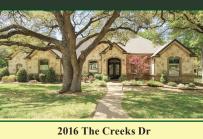


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