



Crews began replacing the streetlights on Main St. earlier this week. (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)

Sales taxes up 10.7% for Village of Salado

Bell County showed a minimal decrease in sales tax revenues compared to the previous year, while the Village of Salado showed a 10.7% increase in the September sales tax checks compared to September 2022. Six cities showed double digit percentage increases this month.

Village of Salado showed a 10.7% increase over last September. The Village received \$64,007.61 compared to \$57,820.72 in September 2022. For the year, the Village has received \$624,970.04, which is 5.26% more than the \$592,734.96 paid through September 2022.

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

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

For that half-cent tax, Salado Public Library District received a \$53,326.53 September check, which was 1.17% more than last September's payment of \$52,709.00. For the year, the Library District has received \$504,172.74, which is 1.84%

more than the \$495,050.53 paid through September 2022.

Bell County received \$2.58 million in September, just \$3,000 less than what was paid in September 2022. For the year, Bell County has received \$24.89 million, which is 6.42% more than the \$23.39 million paid through September 2022.

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced today he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts \$1.1 billion in local sales tax allocations for September, 3.4 percent more than in September 2022.

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

The comptroller sent rebates totaling \$687.6 million to Texas Cities, an increase of 6.4% over last September.

The comptroller sent \$236.4 million to transit systems for September, an increase of 2.3% over September 2022.

Counties received \$65.7 million in sales tax rebate checks, an increase of 5.4% over September 2022.

Special purpose districts received \$102.8 million in sales tax rebate checks for September, 3.4% more than

With drought, extreme temps, wildfire calls climb across South

Salado Volunteer Fire Department, along with firefighters from Bartlett, Little River, Rogers, Troy, Temple and the Texas Forestry Service Wildfire Task Force, assisted Holland Volunteer Fire Department in battling a 42-acre wildfire on FM 2268 between Amrstrong Road and Romberg Lane on Sept. 6.

The fire got within 50 of a house and threatened three structures, according to SVFD Chief Jim Franz.

The call came in at 9:21 a.m. Sept. 6 that a cattle trailer had a blow-out and sparks from the rim caused the dry grass along the roadside to ignite.

Crews were able to get the fire under control by 11 a.m., but units stayed at the location until 1:26 p.m.

Franz told *Salado Village Voice* that when the Wild Fire Task Force arrived, they were joined by units from Colorado Springs, CO, Maine and South Dakota.

More than a dozen fire trucks were on the scene.

Salado VFD has responded to 47 wildfire calls since May, according to Fire Chief Franz.

Salado VFD is not alone in facing high numbers of wildfire calls this summer as drought and extreme temperatures have take their tolls.

The Southern United States has faced a challenging summer with unrelenting daily temperatures of more than 100 degrees, abnormally low relative humidity, critically dry vegetative fuels ready to burn, wildfires exhibiting extreme fire behavior, and to top it off — a hurricane.

Hot summers and wildfires are not new to the South. Nor is interagency cooperation in responding to and suppressing wildfires.

The impacts that these high-intensity wildfires are having on the landscape is also extreme.

"Here in Texas, going out after a fire and seeing the devastation, it literally looks like a nuke was dropped,"



Crews from Salado, Holland, Little River, Rogers, Troy, Temple the Texas Forestry Service responded to a wildfire on FM 2268 last week. They were able to contain the blaze, but it threatened three structures, including a home. Salado Volunteer Fire Department has responded to 47 wildfire calls since May. (PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)

said Mandy Chumley, USDA Forest Service National Forests and Grasslands in Texas Public Affairs Specialist. "The level of intensity of the fires and the effects on the landscape are what is unprecedented for me."

In Texas, 4,279 wildfires have burned 165,837 acres since Jan. 1, 2023. Texas A&M Forest Service personnel responded to 942 of these wildfires for 112,091 acres.

For perspective, on average during the month of August, Texas A&M Forest Service firefighters typically respond to 151 wildfires. This year, agency firefighters responded to 519 wildfires during the month. Likewise, Louisiana experienced an average of 34 wildfires for 295 acres in August during 2019-2022, while in 2023, there have been 555 wildfires for approximately 53,464 acres.

The response to these wildfires has also been monumental. On Aug. 24, Al Davis, Texas A&M Forest Service Director and Chair of the South Central Forest

Fire Compact activated an interagency agreement that allows for enhanced personnel and equipment resource movement among states.

"We are supporting the Texas A&M Forest Service and local fire resources to improve conditions in Texas," said Shardul Raval, Fire and Aviation Management director for the Forest Service's Southern Region. "The interagency response has been robust."

In Texas, there are 322 personnel and 131 pieces of equipment from land management agencies from 36 states, and 52 aircraft staged and assisting in wildfire response. Also responding are more than 690 firefighters from Texas A&M Forest Service and Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System, to include those sent to assist with Louisiana wildfire response.

"The current drought in Texas and Louisiana is unprecedented. Thankfully, fires on the National Forest and Grasslands in Texas have

remained relatively small as a result of our prescribed fire program," said USDA Forest Service National Forests and Grasslands in Texas Forest Supervisor Kimpton Cooper. "This has allowed the NFGT to support our state and federal partners with ground resources, heavy equipment and aircraft to protect the communities we serve. The collaborative effort between states, communities and federal agencies working together across boundaries is extraordinary. The NFGT is proud to work with outstanding partners and great organizations in these historic times."

Texas A&M Forest Service Fire Analysts say there is a seasonal weather change forecast to potentially occur in early October. This change could cool temperatures down and possibly produce some much-needed rainfall.

For more information on wildfire activity visit <https://www.nifc.gov/>

Brynlee Hodge shines in Big Apple

Brynlee Claire Hodge of Salado appeared in the bright lights of Broadway on Sept. 9, as part of the annual National Down Syndrome Society (NDSS) Times Square Video presentation.

She is the daughter of Ryan and Stacy Hodge of Salado and the grand-daughter of Glenn and Gloria Hodge of Salado and Robert and Sue Knox of Lake Texoma.

Brynlee, her parents and sisters Zoey and Landon traveled to the Big Apple and were on Broadway when Brynlee's photo was cast on Jumbotron screens in the heart of Times Square.

The one-hour video of roughly 500 photographs includes children, teens, and adults with Down syndrome from all 50 states. These collective images promote the value, acceptance, and inclusion of people with Down syndrome in a very visible way.

The photo of Brynlee was selected from more than 2,400 entries in the NDSS worldwide call for photos.

Brynlee's photo was shown on two JumboTron screens in the heart of Times Square, thanks to the support of ClearChannel Outdoor. The two screens are located above Dos Caminos restaurant in Father Duffy Square.

The Times Square Video presentation kicked off the New York City Buddy Walk® at the Naumburg Bandshell in Central Park. The flagship Buddy Walk has taken place in New York City since 1995 as part of the National Buddy Walk Program. Buddy Walk events are held in communities across the country, as well as select international locations. For more information about the New York City Buddy Walk on September 9 or the National Buddy Walk Program please visit www.ndss.org.



The Hodge family in the Big Apple. (front) Londyn, (back, from left) Stacy, Zoey, Ryan and baby Brynlee.



Brynlee Hodge's photo (above) was broadcast to two Jumbotrons in the middle of Times Square to kick off the Buddy Walk. (COURTESY PHOTO)

FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas

Economic expansions don't die of old age, they're murdered by the Fed

The Markets

It is September and historically the U.S. and other stock markets perform poorly in September in most, but not all, years. There are a lot of ideas as to why that is, but no matter what the cause, it remains that stocks tend to drift downward this month. So, in the first week of September, as expected, The S&P 500 Stock Index, in its role as total market representative, fell 1.29% to 4457.49 for no particular reason. As we do, putting that in perspective, the SPX is now up 16.10% this year, 24.45% higher than it was last October, still about twice the value it had in March of 2020, and about 35% higher than it was three years ago at this time. Of course, it is also down about 7% from where it was at the beginning of 2022.

The benchmark U.S. Ten-year Treasury Note ended the week yielding 4.26%, the highest yield we have seen since last October. The Treasury yield curve remained decidedly inverted with all Treasury maturities of one year or less yielding in excess of 5.4%. Ironically, the lowest current yield in the curve is the ten-year note with literally all maturities less than that or more than that with a higher interest rate. With Saudi Arabia and Russia announcing oil production cuts it was not a surprise to see West Texas Intermediate crude oil (WTI) rise to \$87.29 per barrel. Again, that is the highest price we have seen in a year or so. Standby to pay more at the pump.

The Economy

Like the Treasury yield curve, the U.S. economy is continuing to function in a manner that most economists would have said was not possible as recently as a year ago. Interest rates are the highest we have seen in 22 years, and got that way in record time, yet new houses are selling before the foundation is laid. Despite a clear slowing in the manufacturing side of our economy, manufacturers are holding tight to workers and slowly raising pay levels.

There is an old saying dating to at least the mid-

Market & Economic Update

by Jeffrey W. McClure



dle of the last century that economic expansions do not die of old age but rather are murdered by the Fed. Since World War II, each economic expansion has succumbed to increases in interest rates as borrowing money to keep adding capacity became prohibitively expensive. In each of the interest rate increases we have seen for at least the last 75 years, they were matched by increased layoff rates as businesses dug in to survive what came to be considered as the inevitable reduction in consumer demand. Since consumer demand is what makes up about two-thirds of our economy, that seemed like a law of physics. This time around, as the Fed raised rates in the most aggressive increase in 40 years, businesses neither slowed construction nor durable goods purchases, added a net 3.1 million jobs over the last 12 months instead of laying off workers, and consumers continued to spend more as their inflation-adjusted, or real incomes rose about 3.8% since last July. It appears to really be different this time.

Why has that happened. First, the recession we saw in 2020 was unlike any we have seen in a hundred years. While unemployment went up, it did not do so at the rate we have seen in past recessions. Yes, there were stimulus checks that went out, but we have seen that happen before. What was different was that the pandemic created a forced reduction in demand, particularly for services. When it was finally over, the rebound as consumers had accumulated record amounts of savings while using the stimulus checks to pay down debt was unlike anything we have seen before. Moreover, a lot of baby-boomers decided that the forced time off they found themselves with constituted a good excuse to retire. Then, largely because of a

concerted effort over the past decade or more to move jobs across the border into Mexico, the flow of illegal immigrants looking for jobs shrunk to a trickle. Those two factors produced a labor shortage, and when there is a shortage of something people or businesses need, they will be likely to pay more for that commodity. In this case it was workers. Those higher-paid workers are still buying things, eating out, vacationing, going to movies, and generally driving our economy. On top of that, with debts at a low point, savings accounts higher than we have seen in most of a century, and an abundance of steady, high-paying jobs, those who did not own a house decided this was the time to correct that. Home building is the activity that has the highest money multiplier in our economy, and that is showing. Most of a home purchase is borrowed money that was not previously in circulation and there is a lot of home building going on so, a lot of money that was locked up in banks is now circulating in the economy and driving our GDP higher.

The Institute for Supply Management services sector index jumped to 54.5 from last month's 52.7 for its eighth straight monthly gain on a scale where numbers over 50 reflect economic expansion. Yes, the manufacturing ISM index is below 50, but that is relative. Because the rebound effect last year was so high, the contraction we have seen in manufacturing appears to simply be a retreat to a sustainable level from one that was too high to maintain.

The U.S. economy is on a roll with a lot of momentum and plenty of money to keep it going. At the same time, data coming out of China suggests that their economy is in serious trouble, and the European

Village of Salado proposes bloated FY 2024 budget

To the Editor:

I rode into and settled in Salado in 1997 because taxes were low, government was limited and our village was self-sustaining.

Fast forward to 2023.

We have a bloated FY2024 proposed tax rate and budget using the so-called "Unused Increment Rate" as a method to exceed the Voter Approval threshold by 4 cents on every \$100 valuation and increase our property taxes (in dollars) by almost 16% in a single year. It is unconscionable.

Proposed big city local government salaries are not based on small town reality and "zero funding" for capital street improvements is a poke in the eye to every citizen who receives very little beyond (high turnover) police protection in return for our property tax dollars.

Last but not least, the proposed budget for the Sanctuary wastewater treatment plant reflects yet another deficit where taxpayers have to make up the difference for the 6th year in a row. Taxpayers also continue to pay down the preponderance of a bond for a

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sewer from which we will never benefit. The time for this wastewater operation to be budget neutral or even profitable in order to pay its fair share of the indebtedness is long overdue.

Overtaxation, overspending and prescriptive over-regulation have no place at Salado's city hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Sunshine

Dear Editor:

I am writing to ask that people in our drought stricken area set out containers of water for the deer and other wildlife who are suffering so in this relentless heat. Many of the small streams and ponds that they have relied on have dried up, and we still have at least another month of 100 plus temperatures to deal with. A shallow container would be good for small animals, and a deeper one for the deer and larger

animals. The deeper containers would need a board or something propped up on the inside to allow any animal to get out if it fell in (squirrels, for instance). Also, these containers of water should be placed outside the fence, so that small animals don't have to get past dogs to get a drink!

I would also ask that homeowners not begrudge the deer for coming into their yards to get a taste of something green -- when there isn't a blade of green grass in any of the fields anywhere. I have seen many does with small fawns, sometimes more than one fawn -- and they need something to eat in order to feed their babies. This is an unusually hot and dry summer, and animals and wildlife are suffering. Please do what you can to help until the rains begin to fall again. Sincerely,
Linda Cawthon



Ewton named Region 12 Asst. Principal of Year

Superintendent's Corner

by Dr. Michael Novotny



Congratulations to Karen Ewton, Salado Middle School Assistant Principal, for being selected as the Region 12 Outstanding Middle School Assistant Principal of the Year. The Texas Association of Secondary School Principals (TASSP) recognizes outstanding principals and assistant principals from the twenty region Education Service Centers in the state. School administrators are nominated and chosen by their peers within their regions. Nominations are based upon exemplary performance and outstanding leadership. As the Region 12 winner, Karen is eligible to compete for the state title of Assistant Principal of the Year.

Karen is a five-year Assistant Principal at Salado Middle School. She has been in Salado ISD since 1998 and previously served Salado ISD as a reading teacher and soccer coach. Karen graduated from the University of Texas at Austin and earned a bachelor's degree in Marketing. She attended Lamar University and earned a Master of Education in Administration. Karen is well-loved by students, teachers, and parents for her efforts to create a positive learning experience for all students. Her wit, humor, and curiosity are all traits that support her



Karen Ewton

as a leader of learners. She was previously recognized as a teacher of the year for Salado ISD and the State Assistant Soccer Coach of the Year by the Texas Association of Soccer Coaches.

Each of the region winners will be recognized during the Josten's Night of the Stars Awards Dinner held in conjunction with

the TASSP Summer held each year in June in Austin. Each will be presented with an award and recognized in a commemorative book entitled Texas Principals, Texas Heroes.

Congratulations again to our Region 12 Middle School Assistant Principal of the Year, Karen Ewton!

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Janie and Rance Dulaney, then and now.



Dulaney celebrate 60th anniversary

Janie and Rance Dulaney celebrated their 60th Anniversary with a celebration hosted by their children, Stacy Metcalf (Toby) and John Rance Dulaney Jr. (Janice), and their grandsons, Bryant Lisenbe (Sophia), Justin Rance Dulaney and Jake

Ryan Dulaney. The event was held at The Dead Fish Grill and was attended by other family members and friends.

Janie and Rance were married on September 7, 1963 at Cook Springs Baptist Church in Huntsville, Texas.

After graduating from Sam Houston State Teachers College, Rance began a teaching and coaching career that included stints in El Campo, Killeen, Huntsville, Belton and Salado. He retired from Salado ISD in 2000.

During that time, Janie

worked at various jobs, mostly at school districts where Rance worked including Killeen, Belton, Salado and Jarrell, retiring from Jarrell ISD in 2002. She was also very successful in the business world operating several businesses which they owned.

Church to celebrate first anniversary

The New Life Methodist Church of Salado, a newly formed congregation of the Global Methodist Church, will celebrate its first anniversary as an organized church on September 16 and 17.

The church was formed one year ago and affiliated with the Global Methodist Church earlier this year. The growing congregation currently meets at the Salado Museum on Main Street,

in downtown Salado, with Bible Study each Sunday at 9 a.m. and Worship Service at 10 a.m.

To celebrate the church's first anniversary the church will hold a BBQ dinner at the Museum on Saturday evening, 6 p.m. September 16, all church members and interested parties are invited to attend.

The church will hold a worship service the next day at 10 a.m. Special speak-

er for the service will be Dr. Leah Hidde-Gregory, President Pro-Tempore of the Mid-Texas Conference of the Global Methodist Church. Dr. Hidde-Gregory holds a Doctorate in Ministry in Church Leadership Excellence from Wesley Theological in Washington, D.C., a Master of Divinity degree from Perkins School of Theology in Dallas, and a bachelor's degree in Psychology and Sociology

from Texas A&M Commerce.

New Life Methodist Church Pastor Tom Lathen stated, "The congregation of our church has worked so hard the past year in getting the church off the ground and establishing ourselves as a center for Bible study and worship in Salado. We are all so excited for what is on the horizon for our church and our community!"

Daughters of the Republic of Texas have Membership Rally

A Ben Milam Chapter Daughters of the Republic of Texas (DRT) membership rally is scheduled for 12:30 p.m. on September 23, at Immanuel Baptist Church, 1401 W Central Ave, Temple. Founded in 1891, DRT is the oldest patriotic women's organization in Texas and one of the oldest in the nation.

DRT is a lineal organization, comprised of 106 chapters, with goals to educate, research, preserve and protect the history of the Republic of Texas for all future generations. Any woman having attained her 16th birthday is eligible for membership provided she is personally acceptable to DRT and is a lineal descendant of a man or woman who rendered loyal service for Texas prior to the consummation of the Annexation Agreement of the Republic of Texas with the United States of America in 1846.

A woman without a qualifying ancestor but with an interest in the goals and activities of DRT may apply to become an Associate Member.

The DRT encourages anyone with a love of Texas history to join them in celebrating and preserving the heritage. This meeting is a membership rally, and ladies are welcome to visit us at their upcoming meeting.

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Key to the Village

Salado Mayor Michael Coggin presented KD and Graydon Hill with the Key to the Village during the Board of Aldermen meeting on Sept. 7 in recognition of the contributions made by Barrow Brewing Co. and the Hills to the Village since opening the craft brewery on Royal St. (PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)

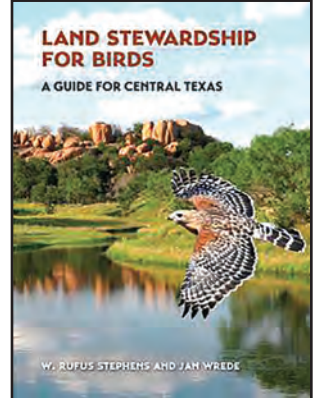
Native Plant Society hosts Booksigning and Plant Sale

The Tonkawa Chapter of the native Plant Society of Texas is hosting two events. A book signing and presentation 1 p.m. September 16, at the Salado Civic Center, 601 N. Main, Salado.

The featured book is "Land Stewardship For Birds - A Guide For Central Texas" and focuses on Texas native plants that sup-

port 108 species of birds. In addition, our fall plant sale is Friday, 7 p.m. September 22, featuring native trees and shrubs, and Saturday, 9 a.m. September 23, plants, grasses, trees, shrubs & milkweeds.

The sale is located at Barrow Brewing 108 Royal St. in Salado. www.npsotcentx.org



Scholarship winner Moses addressed Dems

The Salado Democrats, at their last meeting, welcomed one of the six Bell County Democratic Women's Scholarship recipients to speak. Iyana Moses read her essay that told of her homelessness as a young child and many painful foster placements. She was placed with an aunt and uncle who helped her become the person she is now. She became student council president of her school. She will attend University

of Houston in Victoria. Her goal is to be a Dr. (Thoracic surgeon.)

Following Iyana was a presentation from Lennox Alfred. He donated a \$500 scholarship to the Bell County Democratic Women to give out next year.

The local Democrats also met Justice Tom Baker who currently sits on the 3rd Court of Appeals, place 5. He is a Temple resident. He will be running for re-election in 2024. He spoke about



Iyana Moses

the 3rd Court of Appeals. The next meeting of Salado Democrats will be 7 p.m. Sept. 18 at the Salado Library.

Holly and Jeremy Hensley will be the speakers, a school librarian and high school teacher who have worked through the COVID-19 pandemic and returned to school to see banning of books in school libraries.

The meeting will be open.

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An Evening With Edgar Allan Poe

Usher in Fall with the "Fall of the House of Usher" and an All Hollows theme at an Evening with Edgar Allan Poe. Poe's spirit will be captured by the Friends of the Library who will host the event at the distinctive Chapel at Caliber Oak at 5235 Royal Street in Salado on 4 p.m. October 1.

Say "Nevermore" to the heat wave with poetry, signature cocktails, delicious food, and darkly dressed characters with the background of chamber music and the macabre.

Rick Thomssen, owner of the Chapel at Caliber Oak, says, "(This is) a chance to help the Friends of the Library with some fundraising. Our specific joy for this event is our wonderful Friends of the Library group



being here, and a totally different theme and activity at the chapel. We're so danged excited."

Tickets are limited and can be purchased for \$25 at the Salado Public Library

or on CentralTexasTickets.com. Donations are also appreciated and can be made on the CTT site or at the Salado Library.

Help make this evening a "Raven" success.

4th annual Hickory Golf Tournament held in November

The ancient game of golf, played as it was during its earliest beginnings in Scotland, makes its return appearance here in Salado this November when Salado Senior Center hosts the fourth annual Pioneer Classic Hickory Golf Tournament at Mill Creek Golf Course, November 4-5. The two-man team event is sponsored by area businesses with all proceeds benefiting the Salado Senior Center.

"We are very excited to again be included on the Hickory Golf Association of Texas (HGAT) tournament circuit this year," says

tournament organizer Dave Swarthout.

The golf weekend features special guest William W. Reed, past president of The Golf Heritage Society (a global non-profit organization headquartered in Lebanon, Ohio) who will display an extensive collection of historic golf equipment and artifacts at Mill Creek throughout the weekend.

"The public is welcome to come out for the opening tee-off ceremonies at noon on Saturday, which will include Pipe Major Doug Slauson performing

on the course, and to view the historic golf items on display in the clubhouse," says Swarthout. "Of course, there is no charge but donations to the Senior Center are always welcome!"

What makes Hickory Golf unique is that the players use clubs that have a solid hickory wood shaft as did clubs used in the late 19th and early 20th Century. The players also dress the part, with men wearing vintage-style golfing knickers, jackets and caps.

To register in the tournament and support the Salado Senior Center, contact Swarthout at 414.378.2341 or email dswarthout50@outlook.com.

Entry is \$150 per player and includes two rounds of golf with meals afterward (dinner on Saturday and lunch on Sunday). A commemorative ball is \$5 or a sleeve of five golf balls for \$15. Players can also rent hickory shaft clubs for \$35

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Village of Salado Calendar of Events

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. Tuesday Night Prix Fixe at Alexander's Craft Cocktails + Kitchen. \$16.95 for entree, dessert and glass of wine. Prix Fixe menu changes weekly. Visit Alexander's Facebook page for weekly updates on Prix Fixe. Reservations encouraged.

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

Wednesdays
Guest food truck day at Barrow Brewing Co., 4-9 p.m. Game Night at Barrow Brewing Co., 4-9 p.m. Trivia with Chad on second Wed.

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

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, 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 14
Salado Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting 5:30 pm. at Ellis Trading Post #3 Old Town Rd

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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/3MLXXOA>. Call 254-947-8011 or check Facebook for more information.

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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, visit <https://www.saladotx.gov/music-friendly-community>.

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
Book signing 1 p.m. Salado Civic Center featuring W. Rufus Stephens and Jan Wrede, authors of Land Stewardship for Bird A Guide for Central Texas. Hosted by Tonkawa Chapter of the Native Plant Society of Texas.

September 16
Live music at Chupacabra, 7 p.m., Kyle Mathis

September 16
Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 8 p.m., Denny Cullinan.

September 17
Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 4 p.m., Not Past 11.

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 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 21-23
Central Texas Youth Rodeo Association rodeo at Heritage Country Church arena, 9929 Lark Trail. Thursday and Friday 7 p.m. start time. Saturday 6 p.m. start time.



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Super Crossword

NATIONAL DATA

- ACROSS: 1 Bumper-car carnival ride, 7 TV title alien, 10 Garden pond fish, 13 Cause to blunder, 19 Cook too long, 20 Ned of NASCAR, 22 Ned of "The D.A.", 23 Appear gradually, as a scene, 24 "No, seriously!", 25 Surrounded by, 26 Mountain laurel, 29 Clumsy type, 30 Stocking stuffer, 31 It's charged, 32 Alternative to ChapStick, 37 "Old Folks at Home", 44 Vital artery, 45 Spellbound, 47 1989-2007 senator Trent, 48 Stein fillers, 49 Blue spruce, 53 Propose a date to, 55 Author Ferber, 56 Pro — (in proportion), 57 "— a customer", 59 Joe of "GoodFellas", 60 Clinton aide Myers, 62 Susan of "Goldengirl", 64 Eurasian animal with antlers, 66 "North to the Future", 70 Used up, 74 118-Across was one, 75 Printing goofs, 80 Humdinger, 81 Reformer Raiph, 84 "OK" from Tom Sawyer to Aunt Polly, 86 Workplace welfare org., 87 Fuddy-duddies, 89 Topaz, 92 Relative of a lutz, 93 Bullfight yells, 95 Israeli airline, 96 Right wrongs fanfare, 97 Cactus wren, 101 Went in, 103 To the — power, 104 Savings acct. accrual, 105 Hail, basically, 106 Some legislators (or the theme of this puzzle?), 117 Arrived by plane, 118 Opera legend Pavarotti, 119 Make a comment, 120 Response to "You'd never do that!", 121 Ill-fated NASA mission of 1967, 122 And others, to Ovid, 123 Dwelt, 124 Round bread of India, 125 Subj. for some immigrants, 126 Passable, 8 Desktop illuminator, 9 No longer being detained, 10 Sax celebrity, 11 Soulful Redding, 12 Really liny, 13 "Saturday Night Fever" star, 14 Hard Italian cheese, 15 "Sure, put me down", 16 Toenail treatment, informally, 17 Astral bear, 18 Coffee holder, 21 Rambled, 27 Mexican city due south of Dallas, 28 Elevate, 32 Waiting with — breath, 33 2013 Grammy winner for "Royals", 34 Dunne of classic films, 35 Lieu, 36 Chinese ideal, 37 California county whose seat is Fairfield, 38 Sign word after "Ye", 39 Stocking stuffer, 40 Worked on a leaf collection?, 41 "You beat me", 42 Tennis tie, 43 Up and about, 46 Gained access to, 50 Refrigeration fluid, 51 Workers with shingles, maybe, 52 Kofi, once of the U.N., 54 Caveman's weapon, 58 Scrub nurses' sites, in brief, 61 Be hammy, 63 Tribal pole emblem, 65 — Mountain (Vermont ski resort), 67 Two fives, 68 — Marymount University, 69 Stadium's kin, 70 Britcom of the '90s, 71 Pope before Paul V, 72 Coors offering, 73 Trade group, 76 GPS calculation, 77 1941 Oscar winner Mary, 78 Scottish title, 79 Emitted a contented sigh, 82 Ending for golden or New, 83 Arnaz of TV, 85 Decide on, 88 Toned down, 90 Outside clearance event, of a sort, 91 Quite chubby, 94 Bert with lion lines, 98 Not delayed, 99 Diamond substitute, 100 Baseball pioneer Buck, 102 Came closer, 105 One way to fry food, 106 Chunky slice, 107 Garr of films, 108 Spellbound, 109 Flair, 110 Cocooned insect, 111 Son of Seth, 112 Head, in Haiti, 113 Classroom, 116 Revue sketch, 117 Fill-OK'ing agency.

Grid for Super Crossword with numbers 1-126 indicating starting points for words.

Contract Bridge

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shifts to the seven of clubs. Your jack loses to the king, and West returns the nine of clubs to your ace.

You cross to dummy with a heart and lead the queen of diamonds, finessing after East follows low. West wins with the king and returns a club, and you wind up down two, losing a spade, a diamond and four club tricks.

You could complain about bad luck, if you're so minded, because two finesses had to fail in order to lose the contract. In fact, you would have made five notrump if West had had the king of spades and East the king of diamonds. But when you analyze the play more fully, you realize that the contract was a sure thing from the word "go," and that the outcome was really your own fault.

All you had to do to wrap up three notrump was to win the opening spade lead with dummy's ace and take a diamond finesse. Win or lose, you could not score less than nine tricks.

It is certainly not difficult to prove that playing a low spade from dummy at trick one jeopardizes the contract, while playing the ace of spades guarantees it. A little thought — combined with a cautious nature — often makes all the difference between success and failure.

East dealer.

East-West vulnerable.

NORTH

- ♠ A 9 2, ♥ A J 7, ♦ Q J 9 5, ♣ 6 5 4

EAST

- ♠ K 8 4, ♥ 9 5 2, ♦ 6 2, ♣ Q 10 8 7 3

SOUTH

- ♠ Q 7 3, ♥ K Q 10, ♦ A 10 8 7 4, ♣ A J

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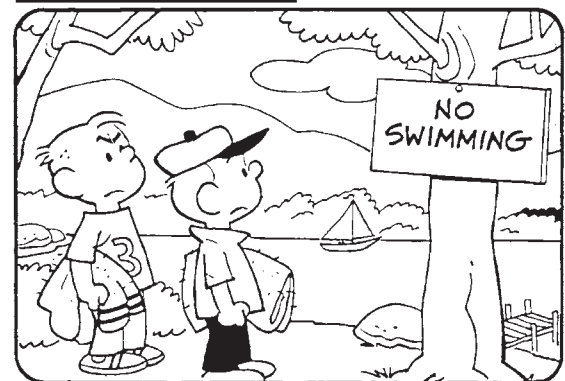
East South West North Pass 1 NT Pass 3 NT Opening lead — five of spades.

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINGOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Sudoku grid for HOCUS-FOCUS with numbers 1-9 in various cells.

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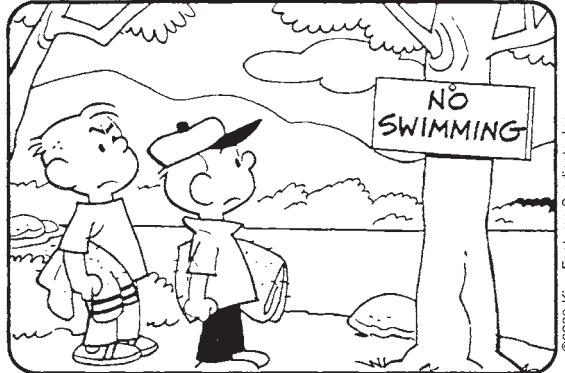
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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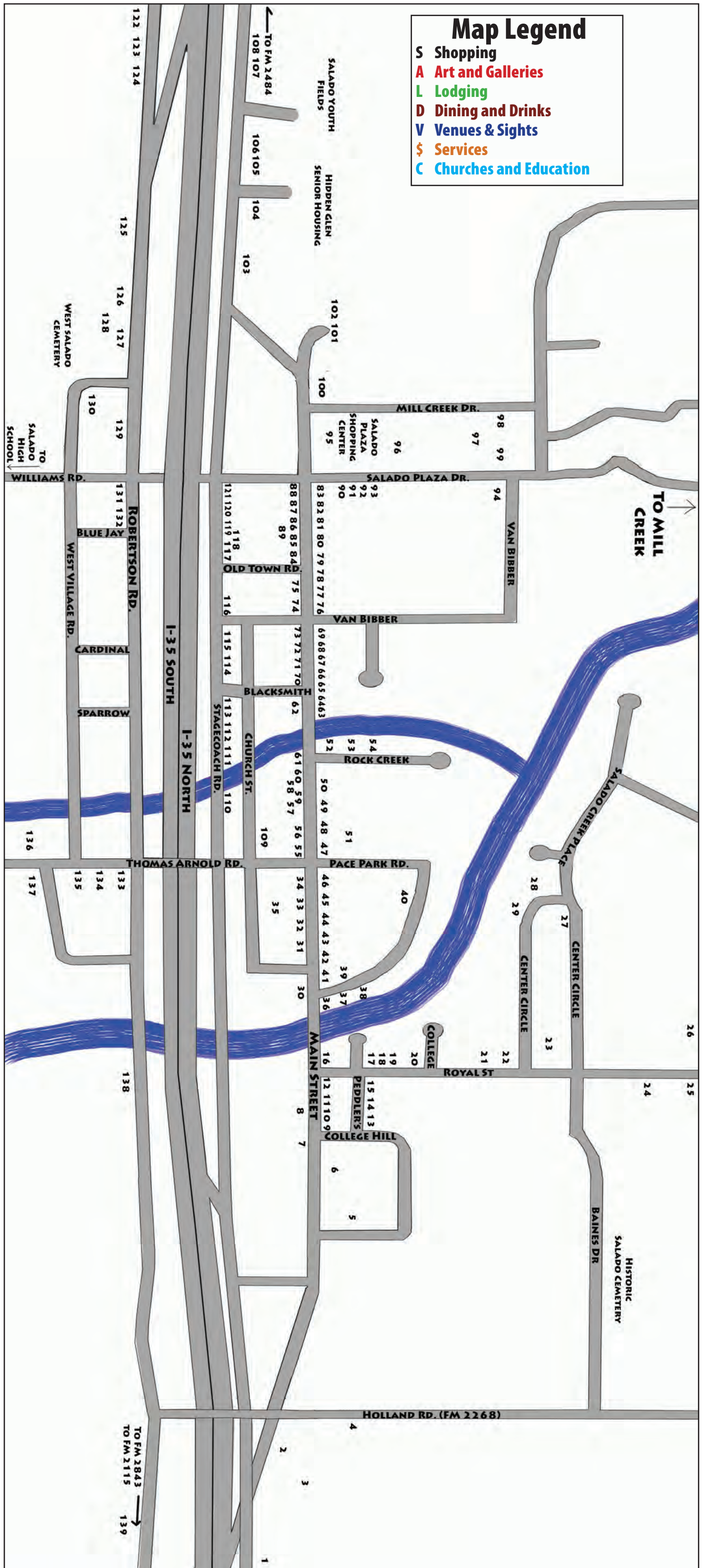
Answers for Super Crossword, showing a grid of letters corresponding to the crossword clues.

Super Crossword



Shopping Map of Salado

#	Business Name	Type
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17	Barrow Brewing Co. 254-947-3544 Happy Pizza 254-226-1684	D
21	The Venue 254-947-5554 Village Spa 254-293-6600	V S
22	The Shed 254-947-1960	D
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26	Salado United Methodist Church 254-947-5482	C
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30	First Baptist Church 254-947-546	C
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36	Woof.salado 254-500-6865	S
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62	The Pizza Place 254-947-0222	D
66	BNT Real Estate 254-230-4949	S
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107	Salado Creek Ministries meets at the Holiday Inn Express	C
113	Salado Church of Christ 254-947-5241	C
126	Cowboy's Barbecue 254-947-5700	D
130	Village Spirits 254-947-7117	S
132	Broecker Funeral Home 254-947-0066	\$
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139	Cedar Valley Baptist Church 254-947-0148	C
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| 6. Salado Historic College Hill | 25. The A.J. Rose Mansion | 35. Salado Masonic Lodge #296 | 61. Historic Lenticular Bridge |
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| 8. Main Street Bridge | 27. Caskey-Hendricks House | 46. Old Saloon | 76. Boles-Aiken & Denman Cabins |
| 16. Barber-Brey Mercantile | 28. Dr. McKie Place (Twelve Oaks) | 48. The Norton-Orgain House | 77. The Robert B. Halley House |
| 23. The Baines House | 29. Alexander's Distillery | 50. The Barton House | 79. The Reed Cabin |
| 24. Historic Dipping Vats | 30. First Baptist Church | 51. The Levi Tenney House | 100. The Josiah Fowler House |
| | 31. The Tyler House | 55. The Armstrong Adams House | |



Salado Varsity Lady Eagles Volleyball

Front row: Jillian Taylor, Shelby Hollywood, Ariel Cebreco, Sara Ellis, Grace Clemons, Reese Rich and Payton Ortega; Back row: Coach Brent Reynolds, Haley Brown, Macy Morris, Elly Wade, Elsie Law, Kael Wilcox, Livia Niu, Mazzy Johnson, Head Volleyball Coach Clint Brown. (COURTESY PHOTO)

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JV Red Lady Eagles Volleyball

Front Row, from left: Paige Heiner, Sophia Vegahausser, Brylee Craddick, Ava Uranga; Back Row, from left: Aay Postell, Lucy Johnson, Blakely Pekar, Addison Kincaid, Parker Humphries, Addy McCoin, Haylen Fincher, Paisley Frieme. (COURTESY PHOTO)

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Ladies continue to sweep opponents

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

	1	2	3	F
SHS	25	25	25	3
THS	15	21	21	0

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, 1.

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	F
SHS	25	25	25	2
HHHS	20	17	10	0

Salado swept Harker Heights 25-20, 25-17 and 25-10 in a home match Sept. 1.

Kael Wilcox led the girls with 11 kills, followed by Elsie Law, 10, Macy Mor-

ris, 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.

Team from California only one to best Eagles

The boys cross country team traveled to Galveston to run in the Galveston Island Beach Run on Sept. 8 and placed second out of 23 schools in the Division 1

race. The only team to beat the Eagles traveled all the way from San Diego, California (El Camino HS). Results are below:

Luke Anderson, third,

16:29.4; Coulson Boyd, fourth, 16:31.8; Camden Aycock, 16th, 17:17.1; Brody DeLukie 22nd, 17:38.5; Alex Hauck, 45th 18:19.9; Daniel Anderson, 53rd.



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Eagles fall to #5 Malakoff 42-0

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Salado Eagles lost to the #5 Malakoff Tigers (3A, Div. 1) 42-0 in a non-district game Sept. 8 at Midway Panther Stadium. The Tigers dominated Salado with their speed, size and strength, taking advantage of two early interceptions to build a 28-0 halftime lead.

Bubba Hicks scored on a two-yard sweep after Jerriion Hall ran through the Salado defense for 52 yards to draw first blood with 6:40 left in the first. The 74-yard drive was set up by a Jakerry Smallwood interception of Luke Law's first pass of the game. Smallwood returned it for a TD but a holding call brought the play back to the Tiger 26.

The Eagles took the ensuing kick to the 34 and Law hit Kase Maedgen for 15 yards, followed by a 14 yard jaunt by Maedgen to cross midfield. Law hit Maedgen for another 13 yards and Maedgen ran 16 yards through the middle of the Tiger defense to set up first and goal at the Tiger 9. Facing third and goal, Law threw into traffic at the goal line and Hicks intercepted it in the end zone.

This set up an 80-yard, 10-play drive by the Tigers, capped by a 14-yard run up the middle by Jerriion Hall to score with 10:49 left in the half. Landon Boswell converted his second PAT kick to give the Tigers a 14-0 lead.

The Tigers defense forced the Eagles to a quick three-and-out. Following a 25-yard punt, Malakoff took advantage of the short field and drove 46 yards in six plays, scoring on a 12 yard pass from Mike Jones to Chauncy Hogg. Boswell's PAT gave the Tigers a 21-0 lead with 6:25 left in the first half.

After forcing Salado to another three-and-out, the Tigers couldn't get any yardage, but a booming 66 yard punt buried Salado at the 8. The Eagles went three-and-out and a squibbed punt



Phoenix Flores puts a big hit on Jackerry Smallwood of Malakoff. (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)



AJ Fach brings down Jerriion Hall for the Salado Eagles. (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)

bounced back to Salado's 17 with 1:37 left in the half.

Jones hit Hogg for 11 yards to set up a 6 yard touchdown run by Hall, his second of the night with 1:04 left in the half. Boswell's PAT gave the Tigers a 28-0 halftime lead.

Salado took the second half kick and drove 43 yards to the Malakoff 38, but could not convert a fourth-and-5 play.

Five plays later, Hicks got his second rushing TD of the night on an 11 yard carry. Boswell made it 35-0 with 6:36 left in the third.

The Eagles drove from their 15 to their 44, where the Tigers stopped Law on a fourth-and-2 with 4:21 in the third. Law connected with Morgan Adams for 21 yards during the drive.

The Tigers drove 45 yards in seven plays, scoring on a 2-yard quarterback keeper after Jones fumbled the snap. Boswell's kick gave Malakoff the final lead of 42-0 at 1:51 in the third.

	RHS	SHS
First Downs	23	7
Rushes-Yards	33-262	26-78
Passing Yards	165	69
Comp-Atts	19-22	8-19
TD-INT	1-0	0-2
Fumbles-Lost	4-2	1-0
Penalties-Yds	6-50	3-25

Individual Stats
SALADO PASSING: Law, 8-18-69, 2 Int. Hossfeld, 0-1.

SALADO RUSHING: Kase Maedgen, 14-53, Long 16; Luke Law, 7-8,

Long 12; Lincoln Hossfeld, 5-17, Kong 10.

SALADO RECEIVING: Maedgen, 2-28, Long 15; James Renick, 1-16, Long 14; Morgan Adams, 3-23, Long 20; Korbin Konarik, 1-2.

MALAKOFF PASSING: Mike Jones, 18-21, 164 yards, 1 TD; Jaxson Jedlicka, 1-1-1 yard.

MALAKOFF RUSHING: Bubba Hicks, 7-40, 2 TD, Long 12; Jerriion Hall, 8-117, 12 TD, Long 52; Jedlicka, 4-31, Long 20; Jones, 3-10, Long 4; Zain Stanford, 4-12, Long 8.

MALAKOFF RECEIVING: Chauncy Hogg, 9-100, 1 TD; Hicks, 1-2; Hall, 1-3; Doc Renberg, 1-11; Parker Poteete, 1-16; Kayland Davis, 2-13, Lon 7; Kaden Wilson, 1-1; Evan Loper, 2-19, Long 7; Josh Garcia, 1-10.

SALADO DEFENSIVE STATS: Devonte Foster, 8 Tackles, 5 Assisted Tackles (AT), 1 Cause Fumble (CF); Demonte Foster, 6 Tackles, 3 ATs, 1 Pass Break Up (PBU); Phoenix Flores, 5 Tackles, 1 AT, 1 Tackle For Loss (TFL), 1 Sack; Braydon Dildine, 4 Tackles, 1 AT; AJ Fach, 4 Tackles, 1 TFL; Lincoln Hossfeld, 3 Tackles; Davis Graham, 2 Tackles, 4 ATs; J. J. Adams, 1 Tackle, 2 ATs, Caleb Dockrey, 1 Tackle, 1 AT; Jett Stockton, 1 Tackle, 1 AT; Ethan Robledo, 1 Tackle; Noah Romney, 1 Tackle; Lucas Beyer, 3 AT, 1 Recovered Fumble (RF); Micah Redelsheimer, 1 AT, 1 RF; Landon Blackwell, 1 AT; .

SHS JV 0
LBHS JV 20

Salado JV Eagles lost to Lake Belton High JV Broncos 20-0 Sept. 7.

The Broncos scored on a 65-yard punt return in the second quarter, a 1-yard run

in the third and a 3-yard run in the fourth.

Offensive Lineman Chase Hauck was named the Offensive Player of the Game.

Outside Linebacker Isaac Capetillo was named the Defensive Player of the Game.

"Costly special teams play hurt the Eagles. Two of the three touchdowns came off of long punt returns," Coach Caleb Perez said.

SHS 9th 27
Troy 9th 34

Salado 9th grade Eagles got behind early then rallied a comeback, but Troy answered to get the win on Sept. 7.

The Eagles last-minute drive was brought to a halt by an illegal formation penalty that nullified a 60-yard pass play.

"The Salado freshmen played a tough game in very tough conditions," Coach Kris Perkins said. "The players endured an incredibly hot Thursday evening game. The team learned from the loss and we are looking forward to a home game against Gatesville this week."

Offensive Player of the Week is Brayden Naegele.

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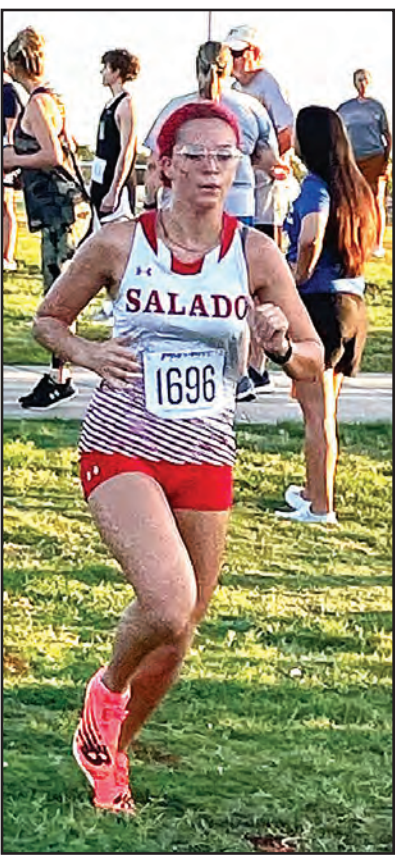
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Ladies win big school division at Pflugerville

Salado Lady Eagles XC team placed first in the Pflugerville ISD Invitational Sept. 8. This is the varsity girls fourth team win of the season, competing in the 5-6A division.

Cade Harris, second, 19:28; Penelope Anderson,

fifth, 20:27; Alexa Williams, sixth, 20:34; Sydney Engleking, eighth, 20:43; Anna Redelscheimer, tenth, 20:50; Ally Ihler, 25th, 21:57; Addison King, 27th, 22:05.

Salado JV Red Girls placed third in the 1-4A Var-

sity Division Sept. 8. Cassie Vargas, 13th, 13:49; Zimri Lebaron, 16th, 14:02; Sophia Cadenas, 17th, 14:11; Ainsleigh Liebig, 27th, 14:56; Madyson Rosamond, 29th, 15:07.

Salado JV White Girls placed third in the 1-4A Var-

sity Division. Lya Armijo, eighth, 15:48; Avery Hibner, tenth, 15:53; Sydney Lange, 16th, 16:38; Rachel Bender, 19th, 16:58; Avery Smith, 21st, 17:16; Emma Terwilliger, 22nd, 17:28.

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(Front row, from left) Anna Laura Matl, Caitlyn Kasper, Mea Fuller, Kaydence Andruss; (back row, from left) Meri Fischer, Atyana Click, Olivia Walrath. (COURTESY PHOTO)



Salado Junior Varsity Cheerleaders

Lilliana Castro, Brynlee Myers, Storie Ryals, Alexis Alsop, Adyson Postell, Kristen Clifton; (back row, from left) Maddison Baker, Caidynce Ferrell, Corinne Wyche, Erin Schauer, Aubree Sammat. (COURTESY PHOTO)

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**Proposition Number 1
(HJR 126)**

HJR 126 proposes a constitutional amendment to protect a person's right to engage in generally accepted farm, ranch, timber production, horticulture, or wildlife management practices on real property that the person owns or leases. The proposed amendment would not affect the authority of the legislature to authorize the regulation of these practices by: (1) a state agency or political subdivision as necessary to protect the public health and safety from imminent danger; (2) a state agency to prevent a danger to animal health or crop production; or (3) a state agency or political subdivision to preserve or conserve the natural resources of the state under the Texas Constitution. Additionally, the proposed amendment would not affect the legislature's authority to authorize the use or acquisition of property for a public use, including the development of natural resources under the Texas Constitution.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment protecting the right to engage in farming, ranching, timber production, horticulture, and wildlife management."**

**Proposition Number 2
(SJR 64)**

SJR 64 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow the governing body of a county or municipality to exempt from property taxation all or part of the appraised value of real property used to operate a child-care facility. The proposed amendment would authorize the governing body to adopt the exemption as a percentage of the appraised value of the property, but that percentage could not be less than 50% of the appraised value of the property. The proposed amendment also would allow the legislature to define the term "child-care facility" and to establish additional eligibility requirements to receive the property tax exemption.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment authorizing a local option exemption from ad valorem taxation by a county or municipality of all or part of the appraised value of real property used to operate a child-care facility."**

**Proposition Number 3
(HJR 132)**

HJR 132 proposes a constitutional amendment to prohibit the legislature from imposing a tax based on the wealth or net worth of an individual or family. The proposed amendment also would prohibit the legislature from imposing a tax based on the difference between the assets and liabilities of an individual or family.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment prohibiting the imposition of an individual wealth or net worth tax, including a tax on the difference between the assets and liabilities of an individual or family."**

**Proposition Number 4
(HJR 2- Second Special Session)**

HJR 2 proposes a constitutional amendment to modify certain provisions of the Texas Constitution related to property taxes. The proposed amendment would authorize the legislature to temporarily limit the maximum appraised value of real property for property tax purposes in a tax year. The proposed amendment also would increase the mandatory homestead exemption for school district property taxation from \$40,000 to \$100,000. The proposed amendment would require the legislature to provide for a reduction in the amount of the limitation on school district property taxes imposed on the residence homestead of the elderly or disabled. Additionally, the amendment would exempt appropriations not dedicated by the Texas Constitution and used for property tax relief from being considered as appropriations when determining whether the rate of growth of appropriations in a biennium has exceeded the constitutional tax spending limit. The proposed amendment would further authorize the legislature to provide that members serving on an appraisal board in a county with a population of at least 75,000 serve terms not to exceed four years.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to establish a temporary limit on the maximum appraised value of real property other than a residence homestead for ad valorem tax purposes; to increase the amount of the exemption**

from ad valorem taxation by a school district applicable to residence homesteads from \$40,000 to \$100,000; to adjust the amount of the limitation on school district ad valorem taxes imposed on the residence homesteads of the elderly or disabled to reflect increases in certain exemption amounts; to except certain appropriations to pay for ad valorem tax relief from the constitutional limitation on the rate of growth of appropriations; and to authorize the legislature to provide for a four-year term of office for a member of the board of directors of certain appraisal districts."

**Proposition Number 5
(HJR 3)**

HJR 3 proposes a constitutional amendment to redesignate the national research university fund as the Texas University Fund (TUF), and to appropriate funds from the economic stabilization fund to the TUF. The proposed amendment would appropriate to the TUF an amount equal to the interest income, dividends, and investment earnings attributable to the economic stabilization fund for the preceding state fiscal year. The appropriation amount could not exceed \$100 million for the state fiscal year beginning September 1, 2023, or an amount adjusted for the increase in the general price index, not to exceed two percent, in subsequent state fiscal years. The proposed amendment also would prohibit any state university that is entitled to participate in dedicated funding provided by Article VII, Section 18 of the Texas Constitution from receiving money from the TUF.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment relating to the Texas University Fund, which provides funding to certain institutions of higher education to achieve national prominence as major research universities and drive the state economy."**

**Proposition Number 6
(SJR 75)**

SJR 75 proposes a constitutional amendment to create the Texas water fund. The Texas water fund would be a special fund in the state treasury outside the general revenue fund, administered by the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) or its successor to assist in financing water projects in the state. The proposed amendment would direct the Texas water fund administrator to use the fund only to transfer money to other TWDB funds or accounts. The proposed amendment would authorize the legislature to appropriate money for deposit to the water fund to be available for permitted transfers. No further legislative appropriation would be required for the water fund administrator to transfer money from or restore money to the fund, including the transfer of money to or the restoration of money from certain designated TWDB funds and accounts. The water fund would consist of: (1) money transferred or deposited to the fund by general law; (2) other revenue that the legislature by statute dedicates for deposit to the fund; (3) investment earnings and interest earned on amounts credited to the fund; (4) money from gifts, grants, and donations to the fund; and (5) money returned from any authorized transfer. The proposed amendment would require the legislature, by general law, to provide for the manner in which money from the Texas water fund may be used. The proposed amendment also would require that at least 25% of the money initially appropriated to the Texas water fund be transferred to the New Water Supply for Texas Fund.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment creating the Texas water fund to assist in financing water projects in this state."**

**Proposition Number 7
(SJR 93)**

SJR 93 proposes a constitutional amendment to establish the Texas energy fund. The Texas energy fund would be a special fund in the state treasury outside the general revenue fund, administered by the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) or its successor. Money in the Texas energy fund could be used, without further appropriation, only by PUC or its successor to provide loans and grants to finance or incentivize the construction, maintenance, modernization, and operation of electric generating facilities necessary to ensure the reliability or adequacy of an electric power grid in the state. The proposed amendment

would require PUC to allocate money from the fund for loans and grants to eligible projects for electric generating facilities that serve as backup power sources and in each region of the state that is part of an electric power grid in proportion to that region's load share. The Texas energy fund would consist of: (1) money credited, appropriated, or transferred to the fund by or as authorized by the legislature; (2) revenue that the legislature dedicates for deposit to the fund; (3) the returns received from the investment of the money in the fund; and (4) gifts, grants, and donations contributed to the fund.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the Texas energy fund to support the construction, maintenance, modernization, and operation of electric generating facilities."**

**Proposition Number 8
(HJR 125)**

HJR 125 proposes a constitutional amendment to create the broadband infrastructure fund. The broadband infrastructure fund would be a special fund in the state treasury outside the general revenue fund, administered by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts (Comptroller). Money from the fund could be used, without further appropriation, only for the expansion of access to and adoption of broadband and telecommunications services. The broadband infrastructure fund would consist of: (1) money transferred or deposited to the fund by the Texas Constitution, general law, or the General Appropriations Act; (2) revenue that the legislature by general law dedicates for deposit to the fund; (3) investment earnings and interest earned on money in the fund; and (4) gifts, grants, and donations to the fund. The proposed amendment would authorize the Comptroller to transfer money from the broadband infrastructure fund to another fund as provided by general law, and the state agency that administers the fund to which any money is transferred could use the money without further appropriation only for the expansion of access to and adoption of broadband and telecommunications services. The broadband infrastructure fund would expire on September 1, 2035, unless extended by adoption of a joint resolution of the legislature. Immediately before the expiration of the fund, the Comptroller would be required to transfer any unexpended and unobligated balance remaining in the broadband infrastructure fund to the general revenue fund.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment creating the broadband infrastructure fund to expand high-speed broadband access and assist in the financing of connectivity projects."**

**Proposition Number 9
(HJR 2)**

HJR 2 proposes a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to provide a cost-of-living adjustment to eligible annuitants of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas (TRS). The proposed amendment also would authorize the legislature to appropriate money from the general revenue fund to the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts to pay the cost-of-living adjustment.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment authorizing the 88th Legislature to provide a cost-of-living adjustment to certain annuitants of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas."**

**Proposition Number 10
(SJR 87)**

SJR 87 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to exempt from property taxation tangible personal property held by a medical or biomedical manufacturer as a finished good or used in the manufacturing or processing of medical or biomedical products.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation equipment or inventory held by a manufacturer of medical or biomedical products to protect the Texas healthcare network and strengthen our medical supply chain."**

**Proposition Number 11
(SJR 32)**

SJR 32 proposes a constitutional amendment to expand the authority of the

legislature with regard to conservation and reclamation districts in El Paso County. The Texas Constitution permits conservation and reclamation districts in certain counties across the state to issue bonds to fund the development and maintenance of parks and recreational facilities but does not currently provide this authority to El Paso County. The proposed amendment would add conservation and reclamation districts in El Paso County to those districts currently allowed, if authorized by general law, to issue bonds supported by property taxes to fund the development and maintenance of parks and recreational facilities. The proposed amendment would not limit the powers of the legislature or of a conservation and reclamation district with respect to parks and recreational facilities as those powers currently exist.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit conservation and reclamation districts in El Paso County to issue bonds supported by ad valorem taxes to fund the development and maintenance of parks and recreational facilities."**

**Proposition Number 12
(HJR 134)**

HJR 134 proposes a constitutional amendment to abolish the office of County Treasurer in Galveston County. The amendment would authorize the Galveston County Commissioners Court to employ or contract with a qualified person or designate another county officer to perform any functions that would have been performed by the County Treasurer. The proposed amendment would take effect only if a majority of the voters of Galveston County voting on the proposition favor the amendment.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment providing for the abolition of the office of county treasurer in Galveston County."**

**Proposition Number 13
(HJR 107)**

HJR 107 proposes a constitutional amendment to increase the mandatory retirement age for state justices and judges. Currently, the Texas Constitution establishes that justices and judges of the appellate courts, district courts, and criminal district courts must retire on the expiration of the term during which they reach the age of 75 years or an earlier age, not less than 70 years, as the legislature may prescribe. The proposed amendment would change the mandatory retirement age for justices and judges of the appellate courts, district courts, and criminal district courts to 79 years or an earlier age, not less than 75 years, as the legislature may prescribe. The proposed amendment also would remove the provision stating that justices and judges may only serve until December 31 of their fourth year in office if they reach the age of 75 years in the first four years of a six-year term.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment to increase the mandatory age of retirement for state justices and judges."**

**Proposition Number 14
(SJR 74)**

SJR 74 proposes a constitutional amendment to establish the centennial parks conservation fund as a trust fund outside the state treasury. The fund could be used, in accordance with general law, only for the creation and improvement of state parks. The centennial parks conservation fund would consist of: (1) money appropriated, credited, or transferred to the fund by the legislature; (2) gifts, grants, and donations received by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) or its successor for a purpose for which money in the fund may be used; and (3) investment earnings and interest earned on amounts credited to the fund. The proposed amendment would authorize the legislature to appropriate money from the centennial parks conservation fund to TPWD or its successor for the creation and improvement of state parks.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the centennial parks conservation fund to be used for the creation and improvement of state parks."**

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For most Texas gardeners, the heat of summer has felt never-ending, and the rain has been far too sparse, creating a need to prioritize which plants to water, and which ones can wait.

Monitor showing most of Texas ranging from abnormally dry to exceptional drought, very few parts of the state are getting the rain crops, gardens and people need right now. Currently, over 75% of the state is in a stage of drought, which is affecting more than 23.5 million people.

Those Texans with water restrictions will have to continue to choose where they put their water and how best to conserve it.

For Texans forced to prioritize where to use their water, keep in mind that now is the critical time for pecans. Plants that already have

fruits or berries in the green stage also need to be afforded special consideration during drought. A lack of moisture can cause fruit to drop as well as reduce size and affect color.

Thinking ahead to decorating for the holiday season, Stein said keep an eye SEE GARDENING TIPS, PAGE 4D



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Garden Tips for September

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on your holly plants. Water is needed for the berries to reach their festive shade and to remain on the plant until it is time for use. He also reminds those with these plants that raw holly berries are toxic to people and pets. Garden tips for September

Rejuvenate heat-stressed geraniums and begonias for the fall season by lightly pruning, fertilizing and watering.

Deadhead roses and other perennials and then apply light fertilization for a fall bloom.

Prune out dead or diseased wood from trees and shrubs, but hold off on ma-

pruning until midwinter. Pruning now may stimulate tender growth prior to frost.

Divide spring-flowering perennials such as irises, Shasta daisies, gailardias, cannas, day lilies, violets, liriopse and ajuga. Reset these divisions into well-prepared soil with generous amounts of organic material worked into the top 8 to 10 inches. Water in thoroughly.

Prepare garden beds for spring-flowering bulbs as soon as possible. It is important to cultivate the soil and add generous amounts of organic matter to improve the water drainage.

Bulbs will rot without proper drainage.

Flower plantings at this time can provide landscape color for three seasons in the central, eastern, and southern parts of Texas. Annuals set out early enough will bloom as soon as Thanksgiving and frequently last until Memorial Day.

Annuals that should soon be available in nurseries and garden shops include petunias, calendulas and pansies. Resist the urge to plant until the weather cools.

Now is also the time to plant biennial flowers such as poppies, larkspur, sweet

peas, bluebonnets, etc.

In addition, it is time to plant strawberry plants for harvest next spring.

Replenish mulches around trees and shrubs. Mulch is crucial for retaining moisture so check for bare spots and add as needed.

September is a good time to assess what pests, such as ants, are in your garden that may need to be controlled. (Texas A&M AgriLife photo by Michael Miller)

Start cool-season vegetables, such as mustard, lettuce, arugula, broccoli, car-

rots and turnips, from seed in well-prepared beds.

Harvest okra, peppers, squash and other vegetables often to encourage further production.

Now is a good time to assess the fire ant situation in your yard and develop a control plan.

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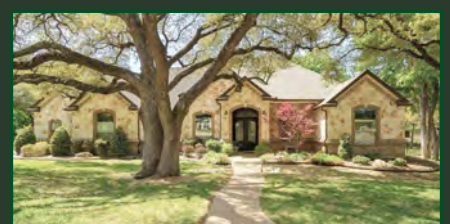
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