

Village will begin inspections of subdivisions

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Salado aldermen at their Dec. 7 meeting amended the Subdivision Ordinance to add an inspection process to the approval and acceptance of Subdivisions within the village.

The amendment adds the following section to Section 2.4 Procedures and Submission for Construction Plat Approval. "(m) Inspections following Construction Plat Approval. Following approval by the Village of a Construction Plat, the Village or its designee will conduct an inspection of the development described in the Construction Plat to ensure that any work performed complies with the Construction Plat as well as any applicable requirements of this Ordinance. The frequency of the inspections will be at the discretion of the Village Administrator. The cost of the inspection will be incorporated into the platting fees paid by the permitted party at the time of subdivision permitting."

The board also had the first reading of a six-page ordinance "prohibiting aggressive panhandling or solicitation within the corporate limits of the Village of Salado." The second reading and adoption of the Ordinance will be taken up at the Dec. 21 meeting.

Village administrator

Don Ferguson reported to aldermen that "the Village has received complaints about panhandlers asking for money from motorists at intersections on the IH-35 Frontage Road in the Village."

Village staff has drafted a proposed ordinance that "prohibits aggressive begging, panhandling or soliciting that disturbs and disrupts residents and businesses and restricts access to and the enjoyment of public places."

Aldermen approved the hiring of Manuel De La Rosa as Village Administrator at an annual salary of \$150,000. He will begin work in early January. Don Ferguson's retirement begins Dec. 31.

Aldermen tabled approval of the Phase 1 Construction Plans of Mustang Springs at Salado.

The board approved establishing the Salado Cultural Arts District Board as a permanent advisory committee to the Village of Salado and established membership guidelines and two-year terms.

The board, after voting against the consent agenda, approved four items on the consent agenda (approval of previous meetings' minutes), and then adjourned without taking action on the fifth consent agenda item: adding aldermen Paul Cox as a signatory on the village accounts.



Local residents are gathering toys for two girls who have been battling cancer: third grader Jordan Mitchell and kindergarten Bria Slingsby. The toy drive ends Dec. 15. Donations of toys or gift cards can be dropped off at Salado High School, 1880 Williams Rd. through Dec. 15. (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)

County hires grants administrator

During the Dec. 11 Bell County Commissioners Court Workshop, County Judge David Blackburn announced the hiring of Kylie Brooks as the county's first Grants Administrator.

The Grants Administrator position was created as part of the county's FY2024 budget. The county already receives millions of dollars in grant funds. The focus of this new position will be to not only seek out and apply for grant opportunities, but also to continue monitoring and administering both new

and existing grants once they've been secured.

"We view this position as working to support each and every office and department in the county," Blackburn said.

Brooks previously worked for Tarrant County Public Health working on a grant to help connect residents experiencing issues like job loss, health concerns, and evictions with available resources.

"I realized there how significantly grant funds can impact an organization's ca-

capacity to actually serve the public," Brooks said. "It was really great to be able to see firsthand how our programming and outreach could truly impact and change the lives of people going through some of the worst moments of their lives."

When she and her husband Shane moved to Bell County for his job, she was determined to find a role that would allow her to leverage the skills she'd gained in Tarrant County and serve her new community in the same manner she had been

able to serve her last one.

"Once I saw how useful grant funds could be in making life better for citizens, I wanted to keep doing that long term," Brooks said. "When this opportunity came about, I thought, 'This is exactly what I need.'"

Brooks is eager to hit the ground running.

"The sky is the limit with this position," Brooks said. "There are a lot of grant funds out there. It's just a matter of determining which ones are going to be most pertinent to us."

Jeff Parker announces run for Bell Co. District Attorney

Attorney Jeff Parker announced his candidacy for the position of District Attorney for Bell County.

Parker says that his comprehensive understanding of the justice system, underscored by his Board Certification in Criminal Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization since 2008, sets him apart as a uniquely qualified candidate for this crucial role.

With more than 24 years of experience handling criminal cases, Parker says he brings a wealth of expertise to his candidacy for District Attorney. He started his career as an Assistant County Attorney in Bell County, where he laid the foundation



Jeff Parker

of his prosecutorial skills. Parker then transitioned into criminal defense, gaining insights from the perspective of defending clients.

For the past seven years, he has been serving as an Assistant District Attorney in Coryell County, a role in which he says he has honed his expertise in prosecuting serious criminal offenses.

"This diverse background equips me with a unique and comprehensive understanding of the justice system, making me exceptionally well-prepared to take on the responsibilities of District Attorney for Bell County," he said.

A long-time resident of Temple, Texas, Jeff is deeply invested in the community

he aspires to serve.

"The number one thing voters should know about me is that I intend to directly address the backlog of Bell County felony criminal cases. Justice will be sure, and it will be swift," he said.

Underlining his commitment to law enforcement, Parker expressed his dedication to fostering a positive working relationship with local agencies.

"I support our law enforcement officers. I pledge to ensure that law enforcement is a top priority in Bell County. We do not defund the police, we support them fully," Parker emphasized.

Recognizing the strategic location of Bell County, Parker also pledges to ad-

dress the challenges posed by its major transportation arteries, I-35 and I-14.

"I-35 and I-14 are major arteries through which illegal immigration, human trafficking, and drug trafficking flow and, if unchecked, increase. I will work with law enforcement to do everything possible to stop those illegal activities from coming through our county," Parker stated.

Jeff Parker invites Bell County voters to learn more about his campaign and vision for a safer and more efficient criminal justice system.

The Republican Primary Election is scheduled for Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

Debbie Garrett files for 27th Dist. Judge

BELTON, TX —Bell County District Attorney prosecutor Debbie Garrett has filed for a place on the ballot in the race for Judge of the 27th District Court in the March Republican Primary. The court covers Bell and Lampasas Counties.

Garrett has worked as a prosecutor for the past 16 years, handling both misdemeanor and felony cases. Prior to joining Bell County, Debbie worked for the Gregg County Criminal District Attorney's Office for 11 years, where she also served as an Assistant District Attorney.

Upon declaring her candidacy in July, Debbie made the following commitment to

her constituents, "I will dedicate myself to making fair and impartial judgments, ensuring that the responsibility and integrity of the bench is upheld with every decision."

Endorsed by the Temple Police Association, Garrett says she has a lengthy history of working successfully with law enforcement to prosecute criminal cases.

"During my career, I have tried everything from Driving While Intoxicated, Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child to Capital Murder," she said. "I understand the effect of violent crime on the community and victims. I hope to bring my experience and insight as a prosecutor to the bench."

Garrett's experience includes Drug Court, Grand Jury and Assault Family Violence cases. She also has a background in Family Law, having served as a mediator in Family Law, Child Protective Services and Child Support Enforcement cases.

She also has served as an advocate for family violence and sexual assault victims and as a Parent Educator, teaching parenting intervention classes for first-time family violence abusers. Garrett also directed a mentoring program in which 200 women volunteers mentored girls in fifth grade to 12th grade. Many of the mentees had a parent who was incarcerated.

Garrett graduated Mag-

na Cum Laude from Texas Tech University School of Law and has been a licensed attorney since 1994. She is a member of the Texas Bar Association, Bell County Bar Association, the Central Texas Republican Women, Salado Area Republican Women, Lampasas Area Republican Women, the Texas District & County Attorneys Association and the Child Fatality Review Team. In addition, she serves on the board for the Children's Advocacy Center of Central Texas. She also is a member of the Belton, Lampasas and Salado Chambers of Commerce. Debbie and her husband attend First Baptist Church of Belton, where she enjoys singing in the choir.



Debbie Garrett

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The Markets

Our dear old S&P 500 Index (SPX) in its role as the U.S. stock market barometer, inched upward all week in a series of rises and falls, suggesting a battle between the bulls and the bears, finally closing at 4604.37, up a miniscule 0.21%. The pundits seemed to be convinced that the market was too high and was due for a fall, just as they have been for the last year or more, citing statistics and surveys, but clearly someone forgot to tell the investors who have propelled stocks or the consumers who have driven the economy that they should stop spending and investing. The SPX is now up an astounding 19.92% this year about 29% from last October, and up over 25% from this time three years ago. We are within reach of a full recovery for that venerable Index as it is only about 4% lower than it was as 2022 dawned. Our other market indicator, the CRSP US Mid-Cap Value Index, which is a good measuring stick of what is going on in the heart of the U.S. stock market, also turned in a positive week, rising 0.08% to 2401.55. It held its positive return, year-to-date, up 2.95%, and is up about 11% since last October, but remains down about 7.5% from its high in early 2022.

The benchmark 10-year U.S. Treasury note closed out the week yielding 4.23% nearly unchanged from last week. Also essentially unchanged were the yields on Treasury bills maturing in less than one year with all of them carrying an annualized yield well over 5% with the shortest, the 1-month T-bill, yielding 5.54% to the delight of those with assets invested in U.S. Treasury money market funds. The price of a barrel of West Texas Intermediate crude oil slipped down 4.25% for the week to \$71.27.

The Economy

As we have mentioned before, our favorite government agencies are the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) at the Commerce Department, and the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) in

Market & Economic Update

by Jeffrey W. McClure



the Labor Department. We have it on good authority that both bureaus are full of bureaucrats, but, at least from our perspective, they are good bureaucrats! Last week's economic news was packed with reports from the BEA but this week the BLS joined in the good news train of reports with its Third Quarter (Revised) Productivity and Costs report. The lead sentence in the release summarizes the news quite succinctly, "...labor productivity increased 5.2 percent in the third quarter of 2023..." As is common, that astonishingly good news was tempered by the details, but even a "seasonally adjusted annual rate" that high is exceedingly unusual. That dramatic increase in U.S. productivity was a result of a measured 6.1% annualized increase in production, achieved by putting in only 0.9% more hours, as labor costs decreased 1.2%. Our GDP is fundamentally driven by the number of worker hours times the production per hour. The best way to grow any economy is by increasing the production per worker hour, the productivity rate, and that is what just surged forward.

Digging deeper into the BLS report revealed some tidbits of information we consider both fascinating and probably indicative of how our economy is doing. Among them was the news that unit profits of non-financial corporations in the United States were growing at an annualized rate of 11.1% in the third quarter, a stark contrast to the 1.7% decrease in profits over the last four quarters. It now looks like the stock market may have had it right as it rose through most of 2023 in anticipation of higher corporate profits (earnings). The other revealing item was that manufacturing output decreased 0.3%, but the hours worked increased 0.5% as manufacturing pro-

ductivity declined by 0.8%. The report confirms what manufacturing executives have been saying, that business is not currently growing but they are retaining their workers in anticipation of an increase in orders next year. So, if manufacturing productivity declined, where did the overall increase in worker productivity come from? It came from the service sector. Service oriented businesses are continuing to see a boom in business, and they have apparently figured out how to increase revenues and profits without having to hire a lot of new people.

Then, the BLS released the Employment Situation Summary for November with the news that non-farm payroll employment increased by 199,000 in November and the unemployment rate dropped to 3.7%. Those numbers strongly indicate that the U.S. economic growth has slowed to what is likely to be a very sustainable rate. Vanguard is now estimating GDP growth in the fourth quarter to come in at an annualized rate of 2.5%, still higher than the long-term trend but probably not high enough to trigger further short-term rate hikes. At the other end of the spectrum, the Atlanta Fed's, GDP Now, annualized growth estimate for the fourth quarter has decreased to 1.2%. The difference boils down to estimates of how much consumers will spend over the holidays. We won't know until well into 2024 which was right, but this will be interesting to watch and see who is closer to the final mark.

The bottom line is that the U.S. economy appears to be in good health and growing nicely. The debate is not about whether we are in a recession, but just how fast our economy will grow over Christmas. That is not a bad place to be.

The Importance of Home

FOR GENERATIONS, POOR PEOPLE HAVE RELIED ON EACH OTHER TO KEEP A ROOF OVER THEIR HEADS.

BUT IN THE WORLD'S WEALTHIEST COUNTRY, WE NEED MORE.

By KAZMYN RAMOS

Too many of us have to depend on sheer good luck to make it — especially when it comes to putting a roof over our heads.

We grow up hearing that hard work alone will lift us above the hardships we're born into. But many of us also watched as our parents worked two and three jobs, relied on extended family to watch us, and still struggled to afford stable housing. Far too many of us are living that same struggle ourselves.

It's not that we aren't resourceful. My grandmother, who barely scraped by with factory work and countless odd jobs, pulled together with neighbors who supported each other through a mutual aid network. Thanks to her resourcefulness, our community, and luck, we had someplace to call home. That gave my mother the chance to become the first one in our family to go to college. I followed in her footsteps to attend graduate school.

We made it work. But I've learned through generational poverty that the lack of affordable housing is one of the biggest obstacles to thriving. I learned even more through my work with Healthy Families, a national, research-backed program.

I conducted home visits

with low-income mothers, addressing maternal health, birth outcomes, and child development. Their poverty was different from what I grew up with. Many of these mothers were immigrants with language barriers and no access to the extended networks, mutual aid, or stable housing that I had.

Evictions were rampant. I saw conditions that you wouldn't believe existed in the richest country in the world.

I'm a strong believer in mutual aid. But in the world's wealthiest nation, should we really have to rely solely on working people sharing their meager resources among themselves? To eradicate poverty and housing instability, we're going to need more than that.

Nationally, a worker would need an hourly wage of at least \$28.58 to afford a modest two-bedroom rental — or nearly \$24 an hour for just one bedroom. The federal minimum wage is \$7.25 per hour. Almost half of low-income renters spend over 30 percent of their incomes on housing alone.

Building on my mother and grandmother's work in mutual aid, I've found community engagement to be invaluable — not only to connect families to housing, but also to organize our collective voices to push law-

makers toward solutions.

Solutions like building more affordable housing, more public housing, and more housing in general. Guaranteeing workers a living wage for their hard work. Making sure we have a strong social safety net so families can survive lean times.

Unfortunately, housing policy often takes human rights and the need for community out of the policy process. It focuses on zoning, commerce, profit-maximization, and "protecting" wealthy communities from low-income neighbors. This does a disservice to the rich sense of community affordable housing can create.

Housing should be seen as a human right and a community builder, not a wealth builder. It should be a way to lift us all up rather than segregate us and perpetuate the cycle of poverty.

The more we separate ourselves from our fellow humans, the more damage we do to all of us as a society. My mother and grandmother taught me that. I bet yours did too. So let's work together to make the dream of housing for all a reality.

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Our Ever-Changing Christmas Story

By GLENN MOLLETTE

Christmas is always changing. The biblical story never changes but your story is always changing. How we celebrate and view the story of Mary and Joseph and the baby Jesus may change throughout life. We view the story one way as children but then the story matures as we age.

We all have a lot of Christmas stories. I remember a large family. My mother came from a large family as did my dad. They all had children so the total number of family we felt connected to was great. The years have passed by and my mother and father have passed as have all their siblings and many of their children. The people we related to, heard from and spent Christmas with has changed. They no longer exist. Many of us have lost spouses and buried children and thus our Christmas has changed.

The story of Christmas is the same but it's not the same. For some of us we have a difficult time even

recognizing Christmas. What once brought us laughter, joy and even peace may no longer exist.

How you spend Christmas this year may be a distant memory next year. What you may dread or enjoy this Christmas may not even be possible next year.

In reality, very few of our Christmases ever look totally the same. Finances change. Jobs change. Health changes. Death robs us of loved ones. Our residences sometimes change.

Mary and Joseph certainly never celebrated Christmas ever again the way they celebrated their first one. The birth of Jesus in a stable and placed in a manger will always stand out as the Christmas we will remember about that family. Hopefully they had a few easier Birthday celebrations for Jesus in the years ahead. Although it seems they may have had many more difficult ones as Jesus' father Joseph soon disappeared from the Biblical narrative. We don't know if Joseph died or

left but his absence had to be a hardship on Mary and her family.

The story of the first family of Christmas was filled with ups and downs. What Jesus would face later in life was excruciating for his mother and siblings and certainly for him. The end of Jesus' life story is the best part. The story for Jesus ends well. He was abused, humiliated, lived-in poverty, executed but came out of his tomb as the living son of God. According to the scriptures he was seen by hundreds of people. The person who had to be more thrilled than all in seeing Jesus after his death had to be his mother. The way she would experience and celebrate Christmas, her son's birthday, would forever be changed. Her Christmas story became an amazing story of victory, triumph and great hope. Her story changed and it got better.

My prayer for us all is that we each will experience hope, peace and victory in our ever-changing Christmas story.

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New Life Methodist holds Christmas Sing-Along

New Life Methodist Church of Salado will hold a special Christmas music Sing-Along 6 p.m. Dec. 19 at the Salado Museum. The public is invited to attend an evening of celebrating the birth of Christ through music and songs. The Salado Museum is located at 423 South Main Street in downtown Salado, across the street from the Stagecoach Inn. Refreshments will be served.

Pastor Tom Lathen said, "Christmas music is so very special at this time of the year. We hope that the community will come help us celebrate the birth of Jesus through music." Pastor Lathen added, "We will include a couple of secular Christmas songs, everyone who loves Christmas will find something that they will enjoy." Lay Leader John Perry added, "We hope folks in the Salado

area will join us for a cozy, traditional Christmas sing-along to help us celebrate this very special time of the year."

The New Life Methodist Church of Salado is a part of the Global Methodist denomination and meets every Sunday morning at the Salado Museum. An adult Bible Study is held each Sunday at 9 a.m., a Teens Bible Study at 9:15 a.m., followed by a church wide Worship Service at 10 a.m.



Salado Masonic Lodge supported two local organizations that serve families in the Salado area. Above, Art Wadford, a past master of Salado Lodge, is shown above delivering a dozen bikes to the Salado Family Relief Fund for distribution to economically disadvantaged children in Salado ISD. Wadford put the bikes together for the delivery last week. The Salado Family Relief Fund is distributing gifts to more than 50 families and 150 children this year. If you would like to donate to this cause, visit saladofamilyrelieffund.com. Below, Lodge Secretary Tim Fleischer delivers toys that the brothers of Salado lodge collected at their November stated meeting to Heart and Hands Ministries. Heart and Hands delivered a book and a toy to the children in the families that it serves through its twice-monthly food distribution. Food is distributed to families in Salado and the surrounding community. To donate to Heart and Hands Ministries, visit heartandhandsministries.com.



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BCMG speakers set

Bell County Master Gardeners will have a three-hour workshop on Jan. 13 and a shorter seminar on Jan. 18.

The Bell County Master Gardener Association presents a hands-on workshop "Seed Starting" 9 a.m.-noon Jan. 13 at the Texas Agrilife Extension Office, BCMGA Learning Center, 1605 N. Main St., Belton. Certified Master Gardener Wayne Schirner will discuss the requirements for seed germination and how to grow seedlings. You will plant seeds that you will be able to take home to germinate and plant in your spring vegetable garden. The class is limited to 20 participants. Workshop fee is \$20. You can register by emailing bcmgaspeakers@gmail.com

Registration closes Jan. 10. The Bell County Master Gardener Association is hosting a free monthly seminar on "Container Vegetable Gardening" 6-7:30 p.m. Jan. 18 at the Texas Agrilife Extension Office, BCMGA Learning Center, 1605 N. Main St., Belton. Certified Master Gardener Kathy Love will feature research based tips on how to grow your favorite veggies from tomatoes to squash in containers, even on apartment patios! The size of the containers is essential for each variety so come learn what each needs. Class limit is 50. Register by email to bcmgaspeakers@gmail.com.



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By BILL KINNISON
 PRESIDENT
 SALADO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

In the heart of Salado, a quaint village steeped in history, the 1908 Old Church Place stands as a testament to the community's rich cultural heritage.

The Salado Historical Society, recognizing the significance of this venerable structure, has embarked on a mission to ensure its preservation.

However, a financial obstacle looms large, prompting a call to action for the people of Salado to consider helping save it by relocating the cherished building to the approved location behind the Civic Center.

The Salado Historical Society, driven by a passion for heritage conservation, is raising funds earmarked to move the 1908 Old Church Place. After moving the building, the Society aims to channel all their funds into the rehabilitation of the building post-move.

Historic minded citizens of Salado have successfully moved and pre-

served various structures, showcasing a commendable commitment to safeguarding its architectural and historic legacy.

The Farr House, located at 803 Rose Way, stands as an exceptional example of rescuing, relocating and restoring a historic building rather than allowing its further deterioration and destruction.

The Farr House has a very long history dating back to March 2, 1875 when the land was first purchased in Belton by William G. Ludlow. The original house built by Mr. Ludlow had two front rooms, large front and back porches and a lean-to or detached kitchen when he sold it to John A. Clark on October 15, 1877. The Clarks then added the second and third rooms to the west side and the back porch was extended along that wing. On June 2, 1879 the house was sold to Dr. Rezin S. Farr.

Dr. Farr and his family lived in the house until his two surviving daughters were forced to leave the home in Belton due to declining health in 1968. As the house stood unoccupied, vandalism, time, weather and emptiness ultimately took their toll, culminating with the Farr home being condemned by the Belton Fire Marshall in 1982.

The late George Kolb purchased the house in 1991 and moved it to its permanent site in Salado. From 1991 to present day, the Farr house has gone through

many renovations; each renovation was meticulously performed in keeping with the original style: Greek Revival with touches of early Victorian design in both the exterior and interior of the home.

A beautifully restored original iron fence greets guests as they walk up a brick walkway to the front porch that features beautifully restored and converted electric kerosene lamps, original cedar shutters and windows. Inside the home, framed pictures of Dr. Farr and his family along with Dr. Farr's medical license dated 1867 can be found to record the history of the home. A narrative by Dr. Farr dated 1879 and a certificate granted to "Miss Mary Horn", (later Mrs. Rezin Farr) from "Andrew Female College," dated 1867, also adorn the entry foyer hall.

The original pedestal sink and claw foot tub were restored by George Kolb during the initial restoration of the home.

Across the hallway to the right is the parlor room. The room features the second original fire place and mantel. The 15 foot ceilings in this room were dictated by the building conventions of the 1880's

The dining room also features the original mid-19th century exposed structural bars that were common to houses of that period and the third original fire place.

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Village Artists- knitters, crocheters and stitchers meet, 1-4 p.m. Salado Village Artists' red building behind the Civic Center.

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.

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. Exercise class with Alice Cooper, 9 a.m. Chair Tai Chi with Rich Trautman, 10-11 a.m. Learn to Play Mah Jongg, 10 a.m.-noon; Dominoes 42, 10 a.m.-noon. Mah Jongg, 12-3 p.m. Beginner or Refresher Bridge, noon-2 p.m. Bridge, 12:30-3 p.m. Bingo 1-2:30 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.

Run Club, 6:30 p.m., Barrow Brewing Co.

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 Agril-

ife 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
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 Barrow Brewing Co., 4 p.m.

Through December 15
Local residents are gathering toys for two girls who have been battling cancer. The toy drive ends Dec. 15. You can donate toys or gift cards for third grader Jordan Mitchell or kindergartener Bria Slingsby at Salado High School, 1880 Williams Rd. through Dec. 15.

December 14
Christmas Block Craft at the Salado Senior Center, 650 Royal St., sponsored by Salado Public Library.

December 14
Tween Book Club, 2:30 p.m., Salado Public Library.

December 14
Pint Night at Chupacabra Craft Beer, 4 p.m.-midnight. Get a free pint glass with every purchase of the featured brewery, Pegasus City.

December 14
Teens and Young Adult Crafters Workshop, 4:30 p.m., Salado Public Library.

December 14
Adult True Crime Book Club, 6 p.m., Salado Public Library.

December 15
Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 6 p.m., The Merles.

December 15
Community Band of Central Texas Holiday Concert, Salado Middle School, 1169 Williams Rd., Brass ensemble plays at 6:30 p.m. Concert begins at 7 p.m.

December 15
Live music at Chupacabra, 7 p.m. Kelany Brent.

December 15-17
Blow-Your-Own Ornament Event at Salado Glassworks. Basic Ornament (\$60) - Ages 3+, Fridays 3-5 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Fancy Ornament (\$70) - Ages 3+, Saturdays 2-5 p.m. and Sundays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Registration opens October 18. Register online at saladoglassworks.com.

December 16
Come visit Santa Claus at Greenfield Coffee, 555 Pace Park Rd. 9:30-11:30 a.m., free coffee and hot chocolate, sponsored by Jesse Mondragon for Bell County Constable Pct. 2 Campaign.

December 16
Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 6 p.m. Everett Wren.

December 16
Live music at Chupacabra, 8 p.m. Josh Jaccard.

December 18
Lunch & Birthday Celebration at Salado Senior Center, 650 Royal St., 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

December 18
Marcia Chiarelli music at Salado Senior Center, 650 Royal St., 12:30-1:30 p.m.

December 18
Salado Library District board meeting, 4:30 p.m., Salado Public Library.

December 19
Adult Craft, Wine Cork Christmas Tree, 1 p.m., Salado Public Library.

December 19
An evening of Christmas Hymns & Music, 6 p.m., New Life Methodist Church at Salado Museum, 423 S. Main St.

December 20
Music Munchkins, 10 a.m., Salado Public Library.

December 21
Thursday Book Club, 2 p.m., Salado Public Library.

December 21
Pint Night at Chupacabra Craft Beer, 4 p.m.-midnight. Get a free pint glass with every purchase of the featured brewery, Red Gap.

December 21
The Longest Night Worship Service, 6 p.m. in the Salado United Methodist Church Historic Chapel, 650 Royal St. This is a special service for those with heaviness in their hearts this holiday season. Everyone is invited to this special service.

December 21
Village of Salado Aldermen meeting, 6:30 p.m. 301 N. Stagecoach Rd. Meeting will be cast via Zoom. Link will be posted at saladotx.gov 72 hours before meeting.

December 22
Teens and Young Adults Holiday Hang, 1 p.m., Salado Public Library.

December 22
Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 6 p.m., The Breakfast Cooks.

December 22
Live music at Chupacabra, 7 p.m., Tyler Tillman.

December 23
Heritage Country Church Christmas candlelight service, 6:30 p.m., 9979 Lark Trail.

December 23
Live music at Chupacabra, 8 p.m., Wade Ralston.

December 24
Christmas Eve Morning Service, 10 a.m., 3C Cowboy Fellowship, 16258 Gooseneck Rd.

December 24
Christmas Eve Morning Worship, 10 a.m., Salado United Methodist Church Historic Chapel, 650 Royal St.

December 24
Christmas Eve Morning Worship, 11 a.m., Salado Creek Ministries, at Salado Public Library.

December 24
Christmas Service, 11 a.m. First Cedar Valley Baptist Church, 12395 FM 2843

December 24
Christmas Eve Candlelight Services, First Baptist Church of Salado, 210 S. Main St., 4 p.m. and 6 p.m.

December 24
Christmas Eve Service, Salado Church of Christ, 5 p.m.

December 24
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 5 p.m. 3C Cowboy Fellowship, 16258 Gooseneck Rd.

December 24
Christmas Eve Evening Worship Candlelight Services, 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Salado United Methodist Church Historic Chapel, 650 Royal St.

December 24
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, Presbyterian Church of Salado, 6 p.m. Salado Plaza Dr.

December 25
Christmas Day!

December 25
Salado Village Voice office closed.

December 25
Salado Senior Center closed.

December 25
Village of Salado office closed.

December 25-26
Salado Public Library closed for holiday.

December 28
Pint Night at Chupacabra Craft Beer, 4 p.m.-midnight. Get a free pint glass with every purchase of the featured brewery, Spindle Tap.

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Calendar

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December 28
Family After Hours Nerf War, 6 p.m., Salado Public Library.

December 29
Live music at Chupacabra, 7 p.m., Chad Anderson.

December 30
Teens and Young Adults Karaoke Party, 1 p.m., Salado Public Library.

December 30
Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 6 p.m., Morgan Lee Powers.

December 30
Live music at Chupacabra, 8 p.m., Jimmy Zapata.

December 31
Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 6 p.m., Amanda and Nate.

December 31
First Cedar Valley Baptist Church, FM 2843, New Year's Watch Night. Pot luck to follow. Bring a favorite dish or dessert.

January 13
The Bell County Master Gardener Association presents a hands-on workshop "Seed Starting" on Saturday, January 13 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Texas Agrilife Extension Office, BCMGA Learning Center, 1605 N. Main St., Belton. Certified Master Gardener Wayne Schirner will discuss the requirements for seed germination and how to grow seedlings. You will receive information on when to start seeds to have transplants at the proper time. Wayne will discuss dense seed planting as well as optional things that can assist in seed starting. You will plant seeds that you will be able to take home to germinate and plant in your spring vegetable garden. Class Limit: 20. Class Fee: \$20. Register at bcmgaspeakers@gmail.com Registration closes on Jan 10

January 18
The Bell County Master Gardener Association is host-

ing a free monthly seminar on "Container Vegetable Gardening" on Thursday, January 18 from 6 -7:30 p.m. at the Texas Agrilife Extension Office, BCMGA Learning Center, 1605 N. Main St., Belton. Certified Master Gardener Kathy Love will feature research based tips on how to grow your favorite veggies from tomatoes to squash in containers, even on apartment patios! The size of the containers is essential for each variety so come learn what each needs. Class Limit: 50 Please register at bcmgaspeakers@gmail.com Donations are appreciated to support continuing education opportunities in Bell County.

OLD CHURCH PLACE CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1B

Kolb's restoration of the house included the addition of two master suites, located at the back of the house. The Farr House stands as a testament to the dedication of many Salado residents to historic preservation, even if it means moving a building to a new location. Other notable examples include the relocation of the following structures: House on 401 Center Circle from Georgetown, and the Historic Methodist Church on Royal from Thomas Arnold. The Dodds Creek Bridge, once in Coryell County, found a new home thanks to the citizens proactive efforts. Other instances of successful moves include the

Inn on the Creek at 602 Center Circle, the Boles-Aiken log cabin, and the Denman log cabin from the Belton area on 101 Van Bibber Rd., and the Veranda from Lampasas, now housing the First Texas Brokerage office. The Reid log cabin on 831 Main St., the Masonic Lodge 296, Band building from Belton at 112 Royal, two Salado Square buildings from Santa Anna and San Angelo. All stand as testament to the citizens commitment to preserving its historic architectural treasures from this area. By invoking these examples, the plea to move the 1908 Old Church Place becomes a call to uphold Sal-

ado's longstanding tradition of architectural and historic preservation. The Village's proven track record demonstrates not only a capability but also a civic duty to protect and relocate structures that embody central Texas history. Preserving the 1908 Old Church Place is not merely an investment in a building; it is an investment in Salado's narrative, a commitment to passing down a vibrant cultural legacy to future generations. As the Salado Historical Society presses forward with its efforts, Salado citizens are urged to consider the pivotal role they can play in securing this legacy, ensuring that the 1908 Old Church

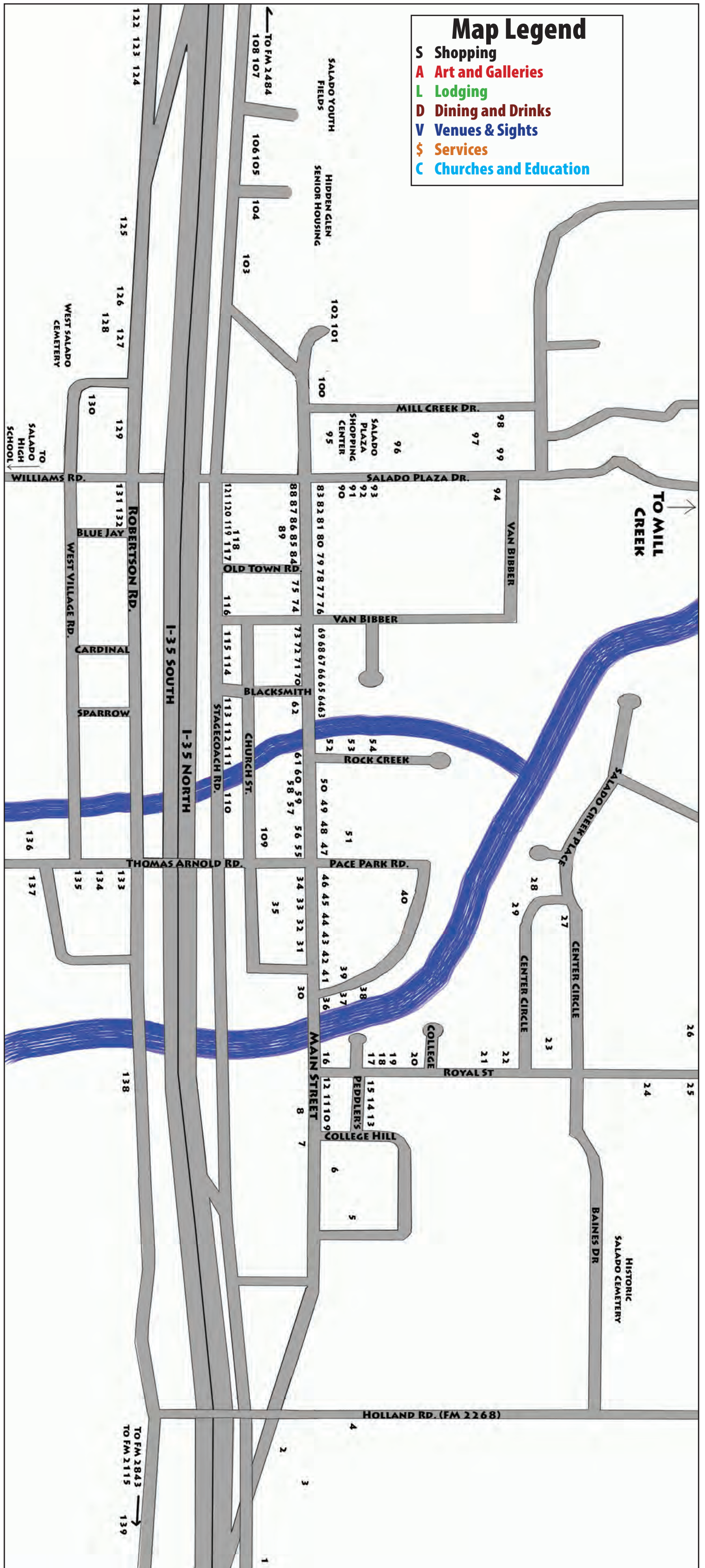
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7	Raney & Assoc. Real Estate 254-913-1215	\$
8	StageCoach Inn Shady Villa 254-947-5111	D L
9	Salado Museum 254-947-5232 Salado Visitors Center & Tourism 254-947-8634 Salado Chamber of Commerce 254-947-5040 New Life Methodist Church	V \$ \$ C
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14	Salado Glassworks 254-947-0339	A
17	Barrow Brewing Co. 254-947-3544 Happy Pizza 254-226-1684	D D
21	The Venue 254-947-5554 Village Spa 254-293-6600	V S
22	The Shed 254-947-1960	D
24	Tablerock	V
26	Salado United Methodist Church 254-947-5482	C
29	Inn on the Creek 254-947-5554 Alexanders Craft Cocktails & Kitchen 254-947-3828	L D
30	First Baptist Church 254-947-546	C
32	First Texas Brokerage 254-947-5577	\$
34	First Community Title 254-947-8480	\$
36	Woof.salado 254-500-6865	\$
38	Greenfield Coffee Cocktails Barrels 254-444-7854	D
40	W.A. Pace Memorial Park 254-947-5060	V
48	Nancy Best Real Estate 512-571-1259	\$
48	Salado Luxury Properties 254-526-6611	\$
53	Wristy Business 254-899-9218	\$
56	Salado Creek Jewelry 254-855-5538	S
62	The Pizza Place 254-947-0222	D
66	BNT Real Estate 254-230-4949	S
75	Stage Stop Center Salado Creek Dental 254-308-2027	\$ \$
76	Salado Civic Center 254-947-5479	\$
78	Star Nails and Spa 254-308-2084	\$
81	Salado Wine Seller and Salado Winery Co. 254-947-8011	D
82	St. Joseph's Episcopal Church 254-947-3160	C
84	Old Town Salado	\$
85	Salado Post Office 254-947-5322	\$
86	Bill Bartlett – Century 21 254-947-5050	\$
87	The Personal Wealth Coach 254-947-1111	\$
90	Presbyterian Church of Salado 254-308-2023	C
91	Troy Smith Financial Services 254-947-0376	\$
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107	Salado Creek Ministries meets at the Holiday Inn Express	C
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132	Broecker Funeral Home 254-947-0066	\$
134	The Dog Spot 254-947-3647	\$
135	Carus Dental 254-947-8067	\$
136	Salado Schools & Stadium Village Church of Salado 972-978-2239	C C
137	Iron Orchid Bodywork (inside Salado Fitness) 254-541-5659	\$
139	Cedar Valley Baptist Church 254-947-0148	C
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3C	Cowboy Fellowship 254-947-7211 Grace Church 254-947-5917 Mill Creek Country Club 254-947-5698 JD's Truck Stop and Grill 254-947-5228	C C V S/D



Historical Markers in Salado

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|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 6. Salado Historic College Hill | 25. The A.J. Rose Mansion | 35. Salado Masonic Lodge #296 | 61. Historic Lenticular Bridge |
| 8. Shady Villa Hotel (Stagecoach Inn) | 26. Old Methodist Chapel | 45. The Anderson House | 49. The Vickrey House |
| 8. Main Street Bridge | 27. Caskey-Hendricks House | 46. Old Saloon | 76. Boles-Aiken & Denman Cabins |
| 16. Barber-Berry Mercantile | 28. Dr. McKie Place (Twelve Oaks) | 48. The Norton-Orgain House | 77. The Robert B. Halley House |
| 23. The Baines House | 29. Alexander's Distillery | 50. The Barton House | 79. The Reed Cabin |
| 24. Historic Dipping Vats | 30. First Baptist Church | 51. The Levi Tenney House | 100. The Josiah Fowler House |
| | 31. The Tyler House | 55. The Armstrong Adams House | |

SHS lands 11 players on All-Region Band; four qualify for Area

Salado High School band members competed in the Region ATSSB All-Regions Band contest Dec. 2 with 11 members making the band and four qualifying to compete at the Area level Jan. 6 for a chance to make the State band.

Following are the individual results:

Kiera Flynn - 9th Chair Concert Band - Flute

Lauren Wilson - 38th Chair out of 70 - Clarinet

Cole Stanton - 41st Chair out of 70 - Clarinet

Valente Hernandez - 3rd Chair Symphonic Band - Alto Sax - AREA QUALIFIER

Taylor Tracy - 13th Chair out of 36 - Alto Sax

Michael Dorris - 11th Chair out of 17 - Tenor Sax

Gunner Peterson - 14th Chair out of 16 - Bari Sax

Micah Redelsheimer - 7th Chair Symphonic Band - Trumpet - AREA QUALIFIER

Austin Hollas - 1st Chair Concert Band - Euphonium - AREA QUALIFIER

Andreas Nikolaidis - 2nd Chair Concert Band - Tuba - AREA QUALIFIER

Morgen Glossup - 21st Chair out of 56 - Percussion


Valente, Micah, Austin and Andreas will compete at the Area competition on Saturday, January 6th for a spot in the All-State Band! Valente, Micah, Austin, Andreas and Kiera will represent Salado on January 13th at the All-Region Clinic and Concert.

SHS Band is under the direction of Blake Vajgert and assistant director Ian Allen.




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Area Qualifiers- From left: Austin Hollas, Micah Redelsheimer, Valente Hernandez, Kiera Flynn, Andreas Nikolaidis.



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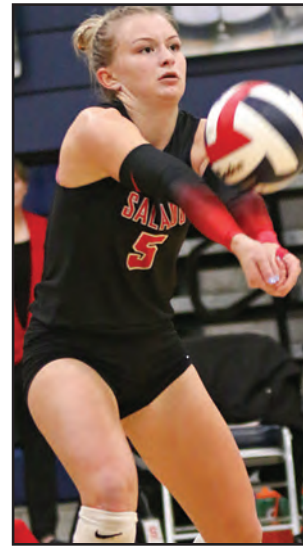
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Lady Eagles land 3 on TCGA All-State Team

The Texas Girls Coaches Association named three Salado Lady Eagles to its 4A All State Volleyball Team, released last week.

Senior Setter Livia Niu was named to the All State Team. She led Salado with 1,246 assists on 3,101 attempts. Niu led the team with 69 aces. She had 11 blocks and 139 kills.

Senior Reese Rich was named to the TCGA All State Team. She had 645

kills to lead the team. She also had 747 serve receptions and 50 aces.

Junior Hitter Kael Wilcox was named to the TCGA All State Team. She led the Salado Lady Eagles with 369 kills on 882 attacks.

Salado finished the season as District and Regional champions, losing in the State Semi-Final with a 39-11 record, 10-0 in district play.

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Ladies open with win over Heights

Salado Varsity Lady Eagles soccer team faced off against the Harker Heights Knights to kick off the new season on Dec. 7.

The start was slow for the team, as they went down one to Heights, but they stayed in control and played well despite being down.

In the second half, the game changed.

It started with a big slam against Shelby Hollywood in the box which resulted in a penalty kick for the Lady Eagles. Sydney Lange put the goal away with a gorgeous shot.

Shelby Hollywood soon followed up with another goal assisted by Skylar Gardner.

Hollywood wrapped up the night with the final point from an assist by Lange.

The final result was a 3-1 win.

“Sophomores Emily Lemus and Reese Lange showed poise and control in the midfield,” assistant coach Amy Thomas said. “After tonight, the Lady Eagles season sure looks promising. We can’t wait for them to play again!”

JV Lady Eagles

Salado Lady Eagle JV soccer team took on the Harker Heights Knights at Eagle stadium.

The game started quick with both teams battling it out, but Avery Hibner sent in a cross setting up teammate Eva Alcozer to score, making it 1-0.

Lucy Johnson made her way down the field, streaking up the middle, and drilling the ball into the back of the net.



Varsity Lady Eagles Soccer

Front row, from left: Rachel Bender, Cade Harris, Lexi Rice, Melanie Morrow, Leyla Peralta, Sydney Lange; Back row, from left: Cambry Edmondson, Reese Lange, Rylee Young, Madyson Rosamond, Cassie Vargas, Sofia Cadenas, Shelby Hollywood, Kinsey Yawn, Emily Lemus, Skylar Gardner, Izzy Blancaflor, Taylor Dabney. (COURTESY PHOTO)



JV Lady Eagles Soccer

Front: goalkeepers Hannah Amani and Amirah Amani. Middle row, from left: Avery Smith, Presley Goos, Britany Hernandez, Jenna Goodman, Emma Terwilliger, Eva Alcozer, Sasha Hoppe. Back row, from left: Georgia Sitz, Cora Thomas, Annabelle Schwartz, Valeria Sanchez, Lucy Johnson, Savannah Carroll, Avery Hibner, Kenadi Smith. (COURTESY PHOTO)

Finally to wrap up a strong performance, Kenadi Smith scored to ensure victory.

“Not only did our Lady

Eagles score three beautiful goals, but Hannah & Amirah Amani shared a shutout in goal,” Coach Thomas said. “This season

is looking very promising, and we can’t wait to see what our girls have in store for the opportunities to come!

Eagles play in North Shore Classic

Salado Eagles competed in the Lago Vista North Shore Classic basketball tournament Dec. 8-10 in which they won one of four games. The Eagles also lost to Georgetown last week.

	1	2	3	4	F
SHS	18	9	16	15	58
RHS	14	11	9	4	38

Salado Eagles beat Rock-

dale, 58-28, on Dec. 8.

Scoring for the Eagles were Levi Ball, 19 points, 8 points, 2 assists, a deflection and a steal; Mason Brown, 12 points, 6 rebounds, 5 assists, 2 deflections, 2 steals and 2 blocks; Colby Ramm, 9 points, 4 rebounds, an assist, 2 steals; Kase Maedgen, 6 points, 3 assists, 4 deflections, and a steal; Gabriel Merriman, 4 points, 2 rebounds, 2 assists, a deflection and a steal; BJ Amann, 2 points, 4 rebounds, 3 deflections; Houston Thomas, 2 points, 2 rebounds, 2 deflections; Dawson Barksdale, 2 points, 2 rebounds, an assist.

	1	2	3	4	F
SHS	9	13	20	15	57
THS	12	24	11	22	69

Salado Eagles lost to Tena-

ha, 69-57, on Dec. 8.

Scoring for the Eagles were Levi Ball, 14 points, 16 rebounds, 9 assists, 2 steals, 7 blocks; Kase Maedgen, 12 points, 3 rebounds, 2 assists, a steal; Gabriel Merriman, 10 points, 5 rebounds, BJ Amann, 9 points, 6 rebounds, 4 assists, a steal and a block; Colby Ramm, 9 rebounds, 1 rebound, a deflection and a steal; Mason Brown, 3 points, 4 rebounds, a steal and a block. Korbin Konarik, a deflection.

	1	2	3	4	F
SaHS	14	14	9	7	44
SwHS	14	21	14	11	60

Salado Eagles lost to Sweet-

ney, 60-44, on Dec. 7.

Scoring for the Eagles were Levi Ball, 12 points, 8 rebounds, an assist, a deflection, a steal, 5 blocks; BJ Amann, 8 points, 5 rebounds, a steal and 5 blocks; Houston Thomas, 6 points, 3 rebounds, a deflection and a steal; Gabriel Merriman, 5 points, 3 rebounds, a deflection and a steal; Mason Brown, 5 points, 5 rebounds, an assist, a steal and 2 blocks; Korbin Konarik, 4 points, 4 rebounds, 3 assists and a block; Kase Maedgen, 4 points, 2 rebounds, 4 assists and a deflection; Dawson Barksdale, 3 rebounds, an assist and a block.

	1	2	3	4	F
SHS	13	14	19	16	62
SSes	17	18	24	8	67

Salado Eagles lost to Saint

Stephen's Episcopal School, 67-62, on Dec. 7.

Levi Ball recorded a double

double with 30 points and 10 rebounds. He also had 2 assists, 4 deflections and 2 steals.

Also scoring for the Eagles were Mason Brown, 14 points, 2 rebounds, 3 assists, a deflection and a steal; Houston Thomas, 6 points and a re-

bound; BJ Amann, 4 points, 4 rebounds and 3 assists; Korbin Konarik, 3 points, 7 rebounds, a deflection and a steal; Gabriel Merriman, 2 points, 3 rebounds, an assist and 2 deflections; Kase Maedgen, 1 point, 2 rebounds and 3 assists.

	1	2	3	4	F
SHS	10	2	7	15	34
GHS	17	24	8	9	58

Salado lost to Georgetown

58-34 on Dec. 4.

Scoring for the Eagles were Colby Ramm, 13 points, a rebound and 2 deflections; Levi Ball, 6 points, 7 rebounds, an assist, a deflection and 3 steals; Korbin Konarik, 5 points, 2 rebounds, 2 assists, 2 deflections, 2 steals and a block; BJ Amann, 4 points, 6 rebounds, an assist, a deflection, a steal and a block; Gabriel Merriman, 4 points, 4 rebounds, an assist, deflections and 2 steals; Mekhi Lanier, 2 points and 2 rebounds; Mason Brown, 5 rebounds, an assist and a deflection; Houston Thomas, 2 rebounds, a deflection and a steal; Dawson Barksdale, a deflection and an assist.

The Eagles are 5-9 as of presstime Dec. 12. They hosted Brownwood after presstime and won't have another home game until Jan. 5.

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Lady Eagles play University, Burnet

Salado Lady Eagles split their non-district basketball games last week, losing to Burnet and beating University.

	1	2	3	4	F
SHS	13	4	18	11	46
BHS	16	15	14	12	57

Salado Lady Eagles lost at home, 57-46, to Burnet on Dec. 5.

Scoring for the Lady Eagles were Ally Ihler, 15 points, 2 rebounds, 3 deflections and a steal; Elsie Law, 12 rebounds, 7 rebounds, 2 deflections and a block; Ariel Cebreco, 8 points, 2 rebounds and 2 steals; Brylee Craddick, 6 points and a deflection; Giselle Salazar, 3 points, a deflection and a block; Lorali Bookout, 2 points, 5 rebounds, 2 deflections and a steal; Grace Riggs, 2 rebounds and a deflection; Riley Guthrie, 2 rebounds; and Kate Maedgen and Karlee Konarik, 1 rebound each.

	1	2	3	4	F
SHS	10	16	15	12	53
UHS	2	10	7	6	25

Salado Lady Eagles beat University 53-25, on Dec. 8.

Scoring for the Lady Eagles were Karlee Konarik, 14 points, 2 rebounds, an assist, 6 deflections, 3 steals; Elsie Law, 13 points, 6 rebounds, an assist, a deflection, and 3 steals; Ally Ihler, 11 points, 4 rebounds, an assist, 4 deflections, a steal and a block; Abigail Klein, 4 points, 3 rebounds, an assist, 4 deflections and a steal; Riley Guthrie, 4 points, 3 rebounds, a deflection and a block; Ariel Cebreco, 3 points, 2 points, a deflection, 2 steal; Giselle Salazar, 2 points, 5 rebounds, an assist, 3 deflection, 3 steals; Lorali Bookout, 2 points, 4 rebounds, 7 deflections, Grace Riggs, 2 rebounds and an assist; Kate Maedgen, 1 rebound and a steal.



Grace Riggs rebounds against Burnet. (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)

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Following are top six placements by Thomas Arnold Elementary students

2nd grade
Chess: 1st - Beckett Kirkpatrick; 2nd (tie) - Jamyson Mears.
Creative Writing: 5th - Weston Powell; 6th - Brylee Everett.
Music Memory: 1st - Jackie Martinez.
Oral Reading: 3rd - Henzlie Ray.
Spelling: 6th - Jamyson Mears.
Storytelling: 1st - Adlie Rice.

3rd grade
Chess: 1st - Tate Foster; 6th - Hudson Williams.
Music Memory: 2nd - Ellee Quick.
Ready Writing: 3rd - Mark Anthony Logan.
Spelling: 1st - Wayne Ray and 5th - Zachary Gonzalez.
Storytelling: 6th - Reed Powell.

4th grade
Art: 1st - Grant Flippin; 4th (tie) - Ramiya Dawson.
Chess: 5th (tie) - Grant Flippin; 5th (tie) - Palmer Hall.
Music Memory: 4th -

Grant Flippin; 5th - Amelia Cotterill.

Number Sense: 5th - Luke Goodman.

Oral Reading: 4th - Keuss Rives; 5th - Maren Morris.

Ready Writing: 1st - Tristan Kubiak.

Spelling: 2nd - Four Brantley

5th grade
Art: 4th - Sophia Blancaflor; 5th - Skylar Torres.

Chess: 5th - Ayce Guay; 6th (tie) - Oliver Martin.

Listening: 1st - Benn Fletcher; 2nd - Madilynn Mears.

Maps, Graphs, and Charts: 3rd - Ayce Guay.

Number Sense: 2nd - Crosby Landreth; 5th - Grayson Hoelscher.

Oral Reading: 6th - Benn Fletcher.

Ready Writing: 2nd - Gaby Logan; 5th - Coco Jones; 6th - Kennedy Powell.

Social Studies: 2nd - Samantha Hawkins; 5th - Mace Royston.

Spelling: 1st - Gaby Logan; 6th (tie) - Brady Wentz.

Students competing from Thomas Arnold Elementary were the following:

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Abigail Wible, Adlie Rice, Angela Ayala, Beckett Kirkpatrick, Brylee Everett*, Camila Vargas Espinoza, Claire Mauk*, Ginny Holtzclaw, Henzlie Ray, Jackie Martinez, Jamyson Mears*, Jimma Bratton, Kacie Culin, Kiya Quesinberry, Lily Reynolds, Min-

nie Hicks, Rhett Gill, Scarlett Adkisson and Weston Powell.

*participated in more than one event

3rd Grade

Avery Smith, Chippy Thomas, Colton Edwards*, Drew Diem, Eden Breit, Ellee Quick, Ellie Ehrig, Emmalyn Basham, Finn Burch, Graham Hodges, Hudson Williams, Joshua Splawn*, Kennedy Rafay, Margaret Brochtrup, Mark Anthony Logan*, Mia Welcelean, Noah Tincher, Reed Powell, Tate Foster, Wayne Ray and Zachary Gonzalez

4th Grade

Amelia Cotterill*, Aria McHenry, Avree Bradley, Cooper Bryant, Emmalyn Smithers*, Four Brantley, Garrison Hennig, Gavin Page, Grant Flippin*, Keuss Rives, Kooper Malmin*, Lane Johnson, Luke Goodman, Maren Morris*, Micah Wible, Palmer Hall, Ramiya Dawson, Reid Kilpatrick, Travis Burleson and Tristan Kubiak.

5th Grade

Alexa Reyes, Ashlynn Griesemer, Averie Williams*, Ayce Guay*, Benn Fletcher*, Blaze Gill*, Brady Guthrie, Brady Wentz, Caroline Chainier, Charlotte Burch, Coco Jones, Crosby Landreth*, Everett Gill, Gaby Logan*, Grayson Hoelscher, Jolee Veal*, K'Mya Scott-Peredo, Kayson Hoelscher, Kendall Stephens, Kennedy Pow-

ell*, Mace Royston, Madilynn Mears, May Allison, Nate Diem, Oliver Martin, Reid Oldham, Samantha Hawkins*, Sierra Kaufman, Skylar Torres, Sophia Blancaflor*, Tyler Curb and Tucker Read.

*indicates the student participated in more than one event

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Penelope Anderson was named to the 1-4A All-Stars. She is coached by Corey Baird. She placed 17th overall at the UIL State Cross Country Meet in Round Rock with a time of 12:04.6.

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