

2023: A look back

By Tim Fleischer
Editor-in-Chief

This year has been one of marked growth, deep drought and change.

Salado ISD voters approved more than \$270 million in bonds in the Nov. 7 election, but will the new capacity be ready soon enough and will it be enough?

Voters overwhelmingly approved the issuance of Proposition A for \$235,960,000 in bonds for a new high school; renovations at Thomas Arnold Elementary school; re-purpose existing high school for an intermediate school; information technology infrastructure and HVAC replacements: 1,880 voted for and 1,084 voted against.

Voters also approved Proposition B for \$34,490,000 of bonds for a new stadium complex, with 1,511 for and 1,462 against.

According to Supt. Michael Novotny, the new high school, which will have a core capacity of 1,500 students and a classroom capacity of 1,000 students, will be open in Aug. 2026.

Work on the current high school to convert it to an elementary/intermediate school will begin during spring and summer 2026 to re-open in Aug. 2026.

Work on Thomas Arnold Elementary will begin in summer 2026 and finish in 2027 or 2028.

Construction of the new stadium is “contingent on when the district will have enough bond capacity to sell those bonds,” Dr. Novotny said.

This year has been marked by growth, drought and change and planning for more growth, drought and change.

The largest potential growth is the Solana Ranch development.

Solana Municipal Utility District #1 was approved in June by the Texas State Legislature. It was helped along the way by a unanimous March endorsement of the MUD by the Village of Salado Board of Aldermen.

“The first glass of water is going to cost more than \$25 million,” said Nick Taratsas, executive vice president with DMB Development, which is developing a 7,000-acre community from the 9,000-acre Solana Ranch. The community will have 14,000 homes when completed.

Phase 1 will be 5,000 homes.

“DMB has been working with Jarrell-Schwertner WSC to formulate a solution for the first phase of the development,” Taratsas stated.

“Severe groundwater restraints exist in the aquifers west of I-35,” he told aldermen. Because of that, DMB is focusing its efforts on locating viable sources of water on the east side of I-35.

In January, aldermen approved a development agreement and later approved the voluntary annexation of Mustang Springs at Salado. The development will include 891 acres of single family residential development, 31 acres of multi-fam-



The Barclay family unveils a lifesize bronze statue of Gus McRae sculpted by Salado artist Ronnie Wells. (PHOTOS BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)

ily residential, 27 acres of mixed use, 20 acres of commercial, 22 acres of private parkland and trails and 15 acres dedicated for a future public school, if it is accepted by the school district.

When built out, Mustang Springs at Salado will have 599 single family residences on lots ranging in size from an acre to two acres.

Mustang Springs at Salado will be developed in three phases. Phase 1 will be 134 single family residential lots of two acres on 352.29 acres. This phase will be served by on-site septic systems.

At their final meeting of 2023, aldermen narrowly approved the construction plans for Phase 1 of Mustang Springs at Salado with aldermen Paul Cox and Jasen Graham and mayor pro tem Rodney Bell voting in favor, while aldermen Bert Henry and Jason Howard voting against.

Phase 2 and 3 will be served by a wastewater treatment plant built by the developer. Phase 2 will be 377.95 acres of 151 single family residential estate lots of an acre to two acres in size. In addition, there will be 27.46 acres for mixed use, 31.41 acres for multi-family mixed use, 20.16 acres for commercial use, 15.13 acres for public facilities, 7.11 acres for wastewater treatment plant, 2.82 acres for water storage use, 18.51 acres for a ranch headquarters and 5.75 for existing ranch use.

Phase 3 consists of 375.44 acres with 314 single family residential estate lots of an acre or more as well as 1.57 acres for an amenity center.

The developer applied to Texas Commission for Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a wastewater treatment plant discharge permit, but has withdrawn that application. The developer will file a different application for wastewater treatment.

The developer also ap-



The Village of Salado broke ground on the construction of an All Abilities Playground at Pace Park on Oct. 2, with representatives from the board of aldermen, Sirenafest, Variety Peaceable Kingdom Retreat for Children, Mustang Springs at Salado, the Morris Foster Foundation, and Legacy Salado, Inc. and the Village Parks advisory board. Construction is expected to be completed by March 2024. Shown above, from left are alderman Jason Howard, Jonathan Briscoe, board member of Variety Texas Peaceable Kingdom Retreat for Children, alderman Bert Henry, Theresa Howard with Legacy Salado, Jim Kerby, principal of Kerby Investments and Mustang Springs at Salado, which donated \$360,000 to the effort, alderman Jasen Graham, Lyn Haney with the Morris Foster Foundation, Amber Preston Dankert with Legacy Salado and member of the Parks advisory board, alderman Paul Cox, Tiffany Schreiner, founder of Sirenafest and mayor Michael Coggin. (PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)

plied to Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District (CUWCD) for a drilling permit for two wells, each capable of 320 gallons per minute. CUWCD is in the process of considering the permit applications and will hold an evidentiary hearing on Feb. 14. During two preliminary hearings, and the board considered applications from nearby property owners to have standing in the hearing process.

In January, aldermen approved the formation of the first two Public Improvement Districts in the Village.

The Sanctuary PID is located at the intersection of I-35 and FM 2268. It has two tracts separated by FM 2268 totaling 106.47 acres. The North tract is 49.43 acres. The South Tract is 57.04 acres. Plans for the Sanctuary PID include construction of a 365 door hotel, approximately 500,000 square

feet of office, mixed-use, restaurant and retail space; 576 multi-family for rent units; 107 multi-family for sale units and 11 single family units. Construction of 210 apartments has begun at what is called Water’s Edge on the North Tract of Sanctuary PID. The Water’s Edge developer applied for and later withdrew a drilling permit for a well on its property. It will be served by Salado Water Supply Corporation. The developer was not able to conduct what is called hot construction work on the site until adequate water for fire suppression was put on the location. This was achieved toward the end of the year, so construction is likely to advance more quickly in 2024. The developer is seeking \$7.4 million in PID bonds for the construction of approved PID facilities on the Sanctuary PID.

The Sanctuary East PID

sits on 188.85 acres of land that connects FM 2268 to Royal Street. The Sanctuary East PID when fully built out will be 416 single family lots of between 50 and 75 feet in width. Sanctuary East will have a total assessed value of \$208 million according to the developer’s market estimate. The developer is seeking \$15 million in PID Bonds. The PID assessment is estimated at \$0.50 per \$100 assessed value over a 30 year lifetime. Construction of homes on this section of Sanctuary began in 2023.

In the depth of this drought, Clearwater UWCD has remained in Stage 3 of its Drought Status Report for the Edwards Aquifer BFZ. Salado Water Supply Corporation remains in Stage 3 of its Drought Management Plan, limiting outside watering to one day a week with odd addresses watering on Tuesdays and even addresses

watering on Wednesdays. Salado WSC in late July also issued a moratorium on servicing new developments within the boundaries of its Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN).

Residents in the western portion of Williamson County petitioned for annexation into the Clearwater UWCD as a means of addressing water issues in that area. The petition was later withdrawn before CUWCD board could act on it. However, CUWCD expects that a new petition will be presented in early 2024.

U.S. Congressman John Carter’s office announced in March that it has secured \$1.5 million in federal funds for the expansion of the Village of Salado wastewater treatment plant. Work on this will likely begin in 2024.

As will work on Royal St., another multi-million SEE 2023, PAGE 3A

Inflation may not be dead, but it is in coma

The Markets

After all the headlines about the stock market plunging and then roaring to record highs, one would assume that something big had happened in the last week before Christmas. Instead, the net result as measured by the S&P 500 Stock Index (SPX) was a gain of a mere 0.75%, taking it to 4754.63. During the day on Wednesday, and again early on Friday morning, it did

Market & Economic Update

by Jeffrey W. McClure



come close to a record, but then traders panicked as the pessimists (bears) started selling for no easily discernable reason other than a desire to not be invested over Christmas with a possible spreading of the war in

Southwest Asia and fears of inflation. If you are keeping track of such things, the SPX is now up almost 24% this year, up about 33% since October 2022, and has risen about 27% in the last three years but, remains

0.75% below its record high as 2022 began. Yes, you read that right, 24 of the 27 points the Index has gained in the last three years have all been this year. That is the way stock markets work. This marks the eighth consecutive week of gains in the SPX, the longest such run in five years. Our other followed index, the CRSP US Mid-Cap Value Index, a good representation of what the stock market without its seven largest growth stocks looks like, rose 0.47% for the week and is now up 6.58% this year but is still 4% lower than it was at the beginning of 2022.

On the other side of the market, the benchmark 10-year U.S. Treasury note ended the week almost exactly where it ended last week, yielding 3.90%. Both the longer-term bonds and the shortest of the T-bills were also about where they were last week with the one-month T-bill yielding 5.54% and the thirty-year bond paying 4.05%. West Texas Intermediate crude oil (WTI) rose 2.38% to \$73.49 on news of increased shipping costs for oil from Southwest Asia resulting from the shipping attacks on vessels lined up to enter the Suez Canal.

The Economy

Once more, the excitement in the stock market was driven by statements, misunderstanding of statements, and rumors about what the Federal Reserve was likely going to do in the next six months. Most of that was triggered by an unexpectedly benign report on inflation from our beloved Bureau of Economic Analy-

sis (BEA) at the Commerce Department. The monthly Personal Income and Outlays report for November of this year was a delight to read. First, personal income for US workers rose 0.4% in November and has averaged about 3.2% for the last five months. The even better news was that inflation (PCE) for November was minus 0.1% bringing the five-month average to 0.16%! If we carefully annualize that rate, as the BEA does each quarter in its report, it means that over the last five months inflation has been running at an annual rate of 1.94%, almost exactly what the Fed has been targeting! It appears to possibly have been fears that November's PCE would come in unexpectedly high but instead it came in low that created the rush to buy on Friday what had been sold on Wednesday.

In that report, it was not only the good news that inflation has fallen into an even deeper sleep that was important. The news that workers (read "consumers") who are the driving force for good or ill in the U.S. economy, have been consistently seeing a gain in their collective income at an annualized rate of about 3.91% while inflation has declined to under 2%. The difference between those two numbers, almost 2% per year, is almost exactly the sweet spot the Fed has been shooting for. For the U.S. economy to grow at what is generally accepted to be its maximum long-term capacity, consumers need to have about 2% more money to spend each year, after subtracting inflation.

At least from a theoretical macroeconomic view, it just doesn't get any better than this!

Then, as if that combination of news was not enough to get the juices of any macroeconomics geek flowing, the University of Michigan reported that their consumer sentiment survey increased to a five-month high of 69.7 from last month's 61.3, the largest monthly rise since 2005. The centerpiece of that increase was consumers' collective belief that cost of goods and services (inflation) would rise only 3.1% over the next year and average 2.9% over the next five to ten years. Inflation, like our economy, is mostly driven by consumers, and when consumers anticipate higher inflation, they tend to buy things in larger quantities and sooner than they otherwise would, creating a surge in demand that pushes prices up, a self-fulfilling prophecy. The great fear in the Fed and among economists is of that behavior and belief system feeding on itself as prices rise because people expected rising prices, which causes them to buy even more and faster, generally with borrowed money, creating an inflationary spiral. Then, when they finally run out of credit, those same consumers suddenly stop buying, creating a recession, or worse.

Once more our report is that inflation, if not dead, is in a very serious coma and the U.S. economy is in as good a shape as we have ever seen it.



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(PHOTOS BY ROYCE WIGGIN)
Hillary Mixon Glossup hugs David Matthews after announcing him as the Citizen of the Year.



Christy's of Salado, owned by Christy Goodfellow (left) was awarded the Business of the Year by her neighboring business owner, Kaye Coachman of 21 Main.



Jim Reed shakes hands with Salado Chamber of Commerce Hall of Fame inductee Bill Bartlett while Bill's daughter Melanie Kirchmeier looks on, smiling.

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dollar project.

These will be done with new leadership in place in the Village as Village Administrator Don Ferguson announced in August that he would retire at the end of the year. Ferguson was presented with flags that were flown over the U.S. Capitol and the State Capitol buildings on Dec. 21 at the last meeting he sat as Village Administrator.

Manuel De La Rosa will take the reins as Village Administrator in January.

The Village also hired a new Village Secretary Debbie Bean (following the retirement of Cara McPartland) and a new Police Chief Allen Fields (following Gary McHone becoming the Chief of the Salado ISD Police Department).

The board of aldermen have a new member as Bert Henry was elected to the board in May. Jasen Gra-

ham and Rodney Bell were re-elected to the board.

Salado ISD Board of Trustees has two new members as Eric Malmin and David M. Matthews were elected to the board. Savannah Hennig was re-elected to the board.

The year has not just been about growth, challenge and change but of celebration.

First Cedar Valley Baptist Church dedicated its new sanctuary with a ceremony attended by Gov. Gregg Abbott just a year after a devastating tornado leveled it to the ground. Victory Baptist Church also re-opened its doors at its rebuilt sanctuary.

June marked the grand opening of the Salado Senior Center, which is open at the Youth Activity Center every Monday and Thursday. There are activities from exercise groups to

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KD Hill watches as Barrow Brewing Co. workers install a walking bridge to span Salado Creek. The bridge will alleviate pedestrian traffic jams during peak weekends as well as connecting the southside of downtown Salado to parking in Pace Park. (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)



D. Jasen Graham, Rodney W. Bell and Bert Henry were elected to two-year terms on the Village of Salado Board of Aldermen.



Savannah Hennig, Eric Malmin and David M. Matthews were elected to three-year terms on the Salado ISD Board of Trustees.

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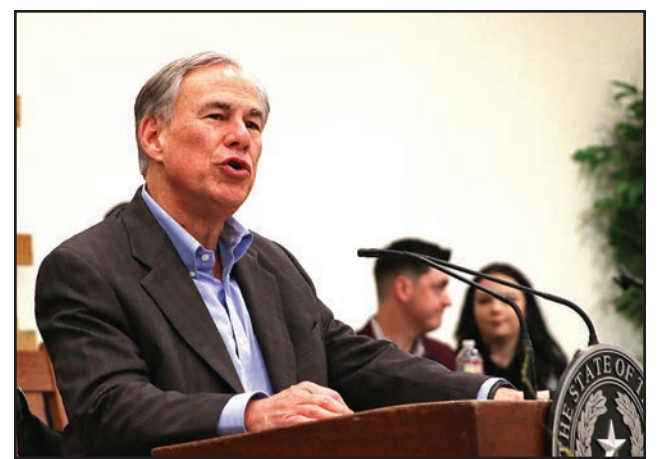
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Pastor Donnie Jackson talks with the congregation and community at the dedication of the First Cedar Valley Baptist Church Building April 1. (PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)



(PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)
Governor Greg Abbott returned to First Cedar Valley Baptist Church less than a year from his visit to the area that had been devastated April 12, 2022 by an EF-3 tornado.



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pickleball to card games and much more.

The Salado Chamber of Commerce celebrated with its annual awards banquet, where it honored David M. Matthews as the Citizen of the Year, Christy’s of Salado as the Business of the Year and Bill Bartlett as a new Hall of Famer.

Salado Public Library marked the 25th anniversary of the formation of the Salado Public Library District and the 20th anniversary of being housed at 1151 N. Main St.

In late March, to much fanfare, Ronnie Wells’ life-size bronze of August McCrae was unveiled by John and Dottie Barclay who placed the statue on their Main St. property for the enjoyment of the public. Since then, countless residents and



State Rep. Brad Buckley presented retiring Village Administrator Don Ferguson with a Texas flag that was flown over the state Capitol. (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)

visitors have enjoyed sitting for a spell with Gus.

In October, the Village broke ground on the \$600,000+ All Abilities Play- lage broke ground on the the street lights in late Sep- \$600,000+ All Abilities Play- tember, just in time for the ground in Pace Park. Work Christmas season. The Sala- do Elves decorated all of the

street lamps to give Salado a festive look for the Christmas holiday season.

The village also saw the installation of a temporary walking bridge over Salado creek donated by Barrow Brewing Co.



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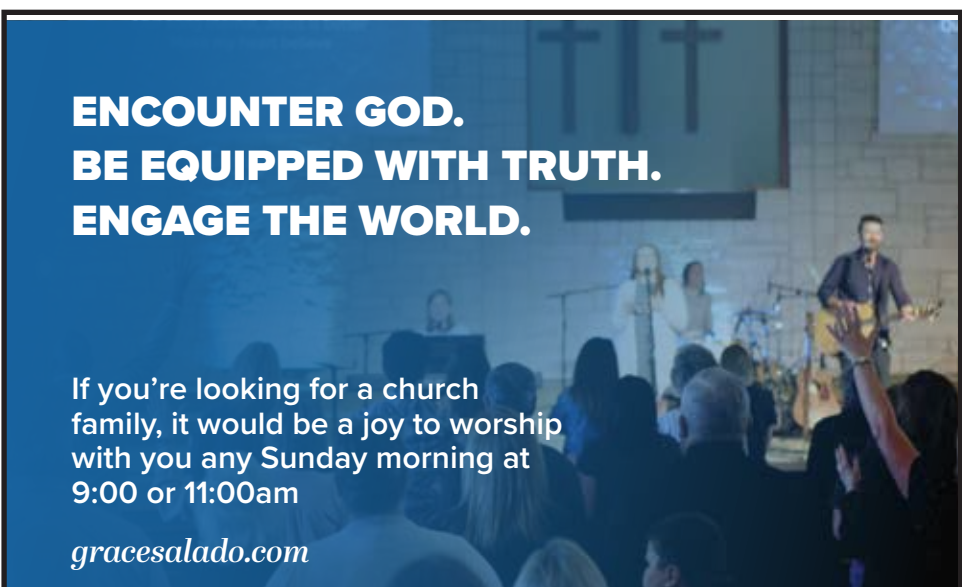
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L-R Jerry Secrest, co-owner of Centraland Title Company, Charlene Burk, President of Centraland Title Company, Annie Griffey, Escrow Officer in the Salado office, Ann Secrest, Leslie White, Senior Escrow Officer. Logan McClinton, Centraland's commercial closer. Chamber members, family and friends were on hand to celebrate the official ribbon cutting of Centraland Title Company on January 24. Centraland is located at 221 North Main Street Salado, TX 76571, The office phone number is 254.947.7205 You can contact Leslie White at lwhite@centralandtitle.com PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN

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(PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)
 The Salado General Store owners Haley Volney and Katlyn Volney cut the ribbon at their Grand Opening Ribbon cutting celebration held Feb. 7. The store located at #1 Royal St.

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Red Barn Consignment held it's grand opening ribbon cutting Feb. 16, 2023. L-R Vendors Michael and Eileen White, Owner Marti Stuckey cutting the ribbon, Vendors Merry and Johnny Kellough. The store is located at 642-B N. Main. To contact Marti Stuckey call 214-449-4500. Stop in to visit soon.



Tanya Clifton cuts the ribbon for The Pixie Depot, located at Salado Square, 21 N. Main St., Suite i. The Salado Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting was held March 30. (Photo by Marilyn Fleischer)



The Salado Inn on Main St. cut the ribbon April 20 on the reimagined use of the historic property known as the Norton-Orgain House. Property owners TJ and Emily (Shepperd) Jones are shown at center as they cut the ribbon during the Salado Chamber of Commerce event to welcome 10 businesses that will now call The Salado Inn home.



The Joneses with (center) Nicole Langenbach Pirc of NumberHub, LLC and Niberley Walton of Salado Christian Counseling. Her husband Dr. Demetrius Walton was out of town.

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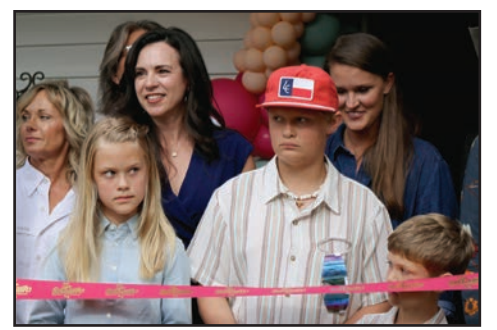


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From left, Rusty and Jill Wasik, The Village Venue; Randy Duncan and Melissa Garcia-Duncan, Empresario Wines and Kim Benestante, Christina Puckett Lynneanne Nicely, from Mustangs Springs of Salado



The Jones children (Evie, Cinco and J.R.) and (behind, from left) Mary Beth Murchison and (rear) James Kerby of Kerby Ventures, developer of Mustang Springs of Salado, Nancy Best of Nancy Best Realty and Emily Jones, property owner.



From left: Virginia Cloud, Karen Young and Nelson Bonilla from Salado Luxury Properties and Heather Cariker of Lush Hydration of Salado.



From left: Sandy Carlson, of Presley Boutique Salado and Lauren Goodale, FNP of SkinLux Aesthetic, Salado. PHOTOS BY MARILYN FLEISCHER



Salado Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting for new member FIT4MOM Temple Belton Salado on May 2. Owner Dana Haliburton is shown cutting the ribbon. . For more information and schedule, visit www.temple.fit4mom.com (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)



Wristy.Business located at #4 Rock Creek had its official Salado Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting on May 11. Owner Glenn Bowen is cutting the ribbon. Glenn Bowen at 254-899-9218 . PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER



Salado Chamber of Commerce and Jarrell Chamber of Commerce held a joint ribbon cutting for new member, The Sereno Estate on May 4. Owners Christopher and Jessica Walters are r cutting the ribbons. The Sereno Estate is an Event Venue and B&B located at 8989 West FM 487, between Florence and Jarrell. visit www.serenofarms.com. (PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)




Salado Chamber of Commerce welcomed two new businesses to town with a ribbon cutting at their location, 805 N. Main St., Suite F on May 25. The businesses are Oakheart Photography, owned by Mary Reynolds and Reynolds Armory LLC, owned by Ashton Reynolds.



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Salado Chamber of Commerce welcomed Synergy Nutrition Consulting with a ribbon cutting held at the Chamber office on June 6. Cairn Timko cutting the ribbon, is a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN) serving Bell County and the Austin area. synergy-nutritionconsulting.com. (PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)

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Sandy Carlson owner of Presley Boutique cut the official Chamber of Commerce ribbon July 11. The shop is located at 7 N. Main St. Ste. R. by parking behind Salado Inn. Online shopping is available at Presleyboutique.com. (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)

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The Salado Chamber of Commerce cut the ribbon on the Salado Senior Center June 8. (PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)



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Salado Chamber of Commerce welcomed new member Streamline Interior Designs with a ribbon cutting held June 22 at Salado Museum. Owned by Kathryn Meloy, Streamline Interior Designs offers an array of services, Call 817-832-0121 or visit www.streamlineinteriordesigns.com. (PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)



Omega Furniture & Design Solutions held its official Ribbon Cutting as a new member of the Salado Chamber of Commerce on June 29 at the Salado Museum, Omega Furniture & Design Omega Furniture & Design Solutions transforms environments into creative, aesthetic spaces. It is located in Belton. To learn more, visit www.omegafads.com/. (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)



Ellis Trading Post owners Rick and Stacy Ellis cut the official Salado Chamber of Commerce ribbon on Sept. 14. The business is located at 602 Old Town Road #3 Old Town Salado

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MONDAY, JANUARY 8th
9:00-10:00 — Pickleball Pickup Game
9:00-10:00 — Exercise (Chair Yoga w/ Joette)
10:00-12:00 — Dominoes 42 Game
10:15-11:15 — Stretching (Beginner Yoga w/ Gary)
12:00-3:00 — Bridge
12:30-3:00 — Siamese Mahjong
1:00-2:30 — Crochet w/ Joette

MONDAY, JANUARY 15th
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MONDAY, JANUARY 22nd
9:00-10:00 — Pickleball Pickup Game
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10:00-12:00 — Dominoes 42 Game
10:15-11:15 — Stretching (Beginner Yoga w/ Joette)
11:30-12:30 — Lunch: Birthday Celebration & Donor Appreciation
12:00-3:00 — Bridge
1:00-2:30 — Crochet w/ Joette
* 1:00-2:30 — Arts & Crafts w/ Joan Smith

MONDAY, JANUARY 29th
9:00-10:00 — Pickleball Pickup Game
9:00-10:00 — Exercise (Chair Yoga w/ Joette)
10:00-12:00 — Dominoes 42 Game
10:15-11:15 — Stretching (Beginner Yoga w/ Gary)
12:00-3:00 — Bridge
* 1:00-2:00 — Make Valentine Treat Holders
1:00-2:30 — Crochet w/ Joette

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4th
9:00-10:00 — Exercise Class w/ Alice Cooper
10:00-12:00 — Dominoes 42 Game
10:00-12:00 — Learn to Play Mahjong
10:15-11:15 — Chair Tai Chi w/ Richard Trautman
12:00-3:00 — Mahjong
12:00-2:00 — Beginner/Refresher Bridge
12:00-3:00 — Bridge
1:00-2:30 — BINGO

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18th
9:00-10:00 — Exercise Class w/ Alice Cooper
10:00-12:00 — Learn to Play Mahjong
10:00-12:00 — Dominoes 42 Game
10:15-11:15 — Chair Tai Chi w/ Richard Trautman
12:00-2:00 — Beginner/Refresher Bridge
12:00-3:00 — Mahjong
12:00-3:00 — Bridge
1:00-2:30 — BINGO
* 1:00-3:00 — Book Club w/ Salado Public Library

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25th
9:00-10:00 — Exercise Class w/ Alice Cooper
* 10:00-11:00 — How to Download eBooks/Audiobooks Using SimplyE w/ Salado Public Library
10:00-12:00 — Learn to Play Mahjong
10:00-12:00 — Dominoes 42 Game
10:15-11:15 — Chair Tai Chi w/ Richard Trautman
* 1:00-12:00 — Extreme Beginner Google Search w/ Salado Public Library
12:00-2:00 — Beginner/Refresher Bridge
12:00-3:00 — Mahjong
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* To ensure sufficient supplies, this event requires participants to RSVP at the Senior Center registration desk or contact the Senior Center the week prior on Monday or Thursday during the hours of 9:00-3:00.

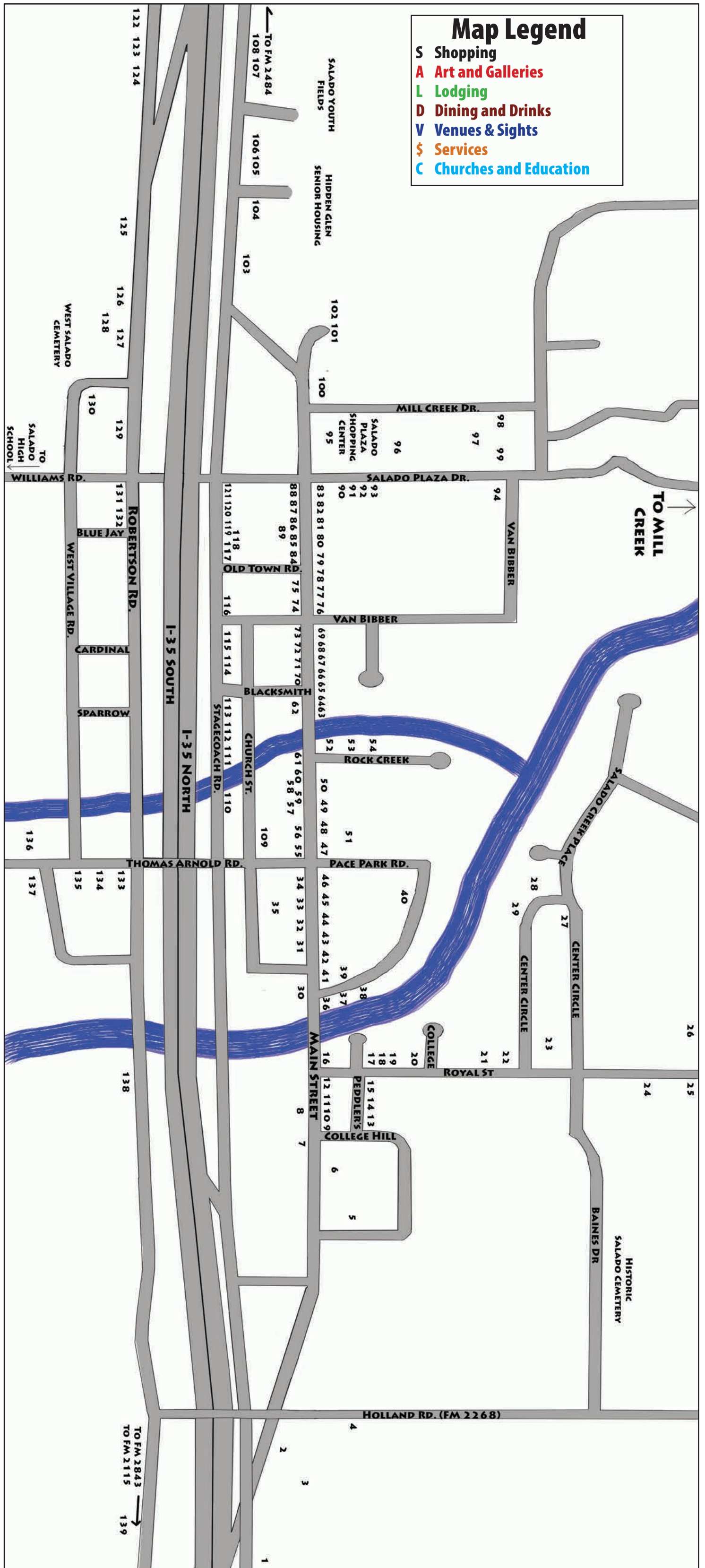
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8	StageCoach Inn Shady Villa 254-947-5111	D L
9	Salado Museum 254-947-5232 Salado Visitors Center & Tourism 254-947-8634 Salado Chamber of Commerce 254-947-5040 New Life Methodist Church	V \$ \$ C
10	Sofi's 254-947-4336	S
11	Chupacabra Craft Beer and Winery (254) 308-2019 Chupacabra Kitchen (254) 308-2220	D D
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
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100	Salado Public Library 254-947-9191	C
107	Salado Creek Ministries meets at the Holiday Inn Express	C
113	Salado Church of Christ 254-947-5241	C
122	Bell County Annex	\$
124	Axis Winery 254-308-2016	D
126	Cowboy's Barbecue 254-947-5700	D
130	Village Spirits 254-947-7117	S
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
Not Shown on the Shopping Map		
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



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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 |
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| 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 | |



2023 Grand Champion Market Steer

Salado High School junior Jackson Husung had the Grand Champion Market Steer at the Bell County Youth Fair and Livestock Show. The steer sold for \$18,500 at the Auction on Feb. 11. Shown above are (Left to right) Stiles Patin, Justin Pistone, Legend Pistone, Jackson Bragg, Randy Eakin, Julie Gallaway, Jack Husung, Jr., Lucille Husung, Jack Husung, Sr., Jackson Husung, Frances Gonzales, Gary McGuire & Maria Husung. (PHOTO BY KATINA COSTERISAN -- SHOWPHOTOBYKATINA.COM)

Success marks 2023 for Salado students

Salado students had a great deal of success in athletics and academics in the past year.

Winter 2022-2023 Sports

Salado Lady Eagles varsity basketball team, after leading by as much as eight points in the first, fell to the Connally Lady Cadets, 52-49, in the Region IV Quarterfinals Feb. 20 at Lake Belton High School. The loss ended Salado's season at 23-13.

The varsity Eagles basketball team was 9-25 and 2-8 in district for 2022-23.

The Salado Film Squad competed in the UIL Young Filmmakers State Festival on Feb. 22 at the University of Texas LBJ Auditorium. Salado High School sopho-

mores Amanda Sgobbo and Ben Wickert won the state championship this year with their film Amelia. The film featured Kirbee Webb. Additionally, Sgobbo and Wickert captured second place with their film Fading. The duo defended their championship from 2022 with their film Grief.

Two Salado High School wrestling team members, Freshman Keagan Sieracki and Sophomore London Woods, earned medals competing at the State 5A Wrestling Tournament held Feb. 16-17 at Cypress's Berry Center. Both wrestlers had been District and Regional Champions.

Keagan (106 pound weight class) finished third in his 16-man bracket at State and London (132) placed fourth.

After placing at the UIL Folkstyle State Wrestling Championship where Sieracki placed third and Woods placed second, the two Salado High wrestlers moved right into the Freestyle and Greco-Roman season. Sieracki took first place for Freestyle and Greco-Roman at the Texas State Championship. Woods took third place in state in both styles as well.

Salado girls powerlifting team placed 12th overall at the State Powerlifting Meet in Frisco.

Jade Oliver placed second in her weight class, Jordan Schaub placed fourth in her weight class and newcomer Olivia Walrath hit personal records on all of her lifts.

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Mea Fuller and Cody Yohner were crowned 2023 Salado High School Homecoming Queen and King during halftime of the Salado Eagles football game against the Boerne Greyhounds on Sept. 22. Mea is the daughter of David and Audrey Fuller and was escorted by her father, David. Cody Yohner is the son of Peter Yohner. Cody was escorted by his sister, Ayla Dunn. (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)

Meanwhile in boys powerlifting, two Salado High powerlifters competed at the State Powerlifting Meet in Abilene. Drew Carter placed fifth in his weight class and Dray McLane placed 10th in his weight class.

Salado Lady Eagles were Region finalists in Soccer, losing in 2-1 overtime to the Stephenville Honeybees on a shot with less than a tenth of a second on the clock. The Lady Eagles ended their season with a 27-5 record, 10-2 in district.

Salado Eagles lost 1-0 in overtime to the Carter-Riverside Eagles in the Area Round of the 4A soccer playoffs March 28. Salado ended its season as District Champions and Bi-District Champions with a record of 18-2-3, 10-0 in District 5-4A.

SHS Academics

The UIL academic and speech team competed at

the state UIL meet and earned second place overall amongst all the 4A schools in the state.

Salado scored 133 points. Sulphur Springs won the state meet with 196 points.

Spring Sports

Three distance runners competed at the State Track Meet May 11. Freshman Cade Harris placed fourth in the UIL 4A Girls 1600 Meter Run with a time of 5:16.73. She placed eighth in the 3200 Meter run with a time of 12:04.30. Sophomore Penelope Anderson placed eighth in the UIL 4A Girls 800 Meter Run with a time of 2:23.56. Sophomore Luke Anderson placed fifth in the UIL 4A Boys 800 Meter Run. He ran a time of 1:55.76, a personal record.

Salado Lady Eagles softball won District 23-4A and lost to Burnet in the Regional Quarterfinal round of the playoffs. Salado ended its season with a 26-12, 10-0 record.

Salado Eagles baseball team was the third place team in District 23-4A and lost to Taylor in the Regional Quarterfinal round of the playoffs.

The girls golf team placed sixth in the UIL State Meet. Members were Cooper Meyer, Reese Rich, Lydia Bursleson, Elliot Self,

Madeline Rakowitz. They had a team score of 695 over two days.

Top grads

Ellie Mescher was named the 2023 Salado High School Valedictorian with a final grade point average of 111.45. Lydia Bursleson was named Salutatorian with a final GPA of 110.73148.

Summer Sports

Over the summer break, the Salado Bats were the 12U State Runners-Up, falling to the Groesbeck Swamp Donkeys 4-2 July 14 at Crossroads Park in Temple in the Texas Teenage Baseball-Softball Association state tournament finals.

Salado Eagles White 6U baseball team placed sixth in the state tournament out of a field of 27 teams.

Fall Sports

In the fall, the varsity Eagles football team struggled to a 2-8 season.

During the season, Mea Fuller and Cody Yohner were crowned 2023 Salado High School Homecoming Queen and King during halftime of the Salado Eagles football game against the Boerne Greyhounds on Sept. 22.

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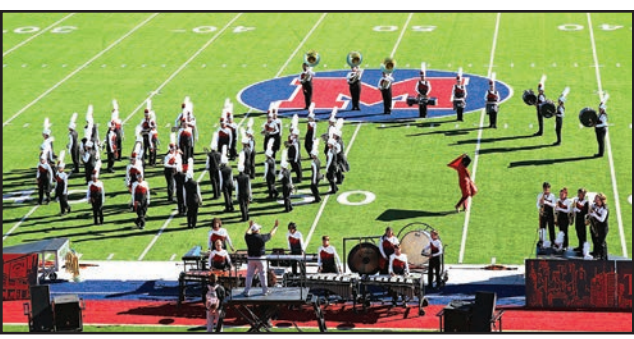


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Salado High School Marching Band earned First Division with their Paint the Town Red performance at the Region 8 4A Marching Contest at Midway Panther Stadium in Waco. The band advanced to the Area F contest Oct. 21. (PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)



Salado Bats are State Runners-Up in the 12U Texas Teenage Baseball-Softball Association state tournament. Shown above are (players row, from left) Tristen Oliver, Cruz Cox, Gavin Winders, Noah Sifuentez, Kelton Matocha, Camden Herrmann, Slayde Rockwell, Brady Bratton, Landon Crum, Hayden Greenfield, Staton Norman. Coaches are (from left) Stephen Cox, Josh Bratton, Heath Crum, Ryan Norman.



Sophomore London Woods and Freshman Keagan Sieracki earn medals at State 5A Wrestling Tournament



Lady Eagles are State volleyball Semi-finalists. Shown above, (front row, from left) Sara Ellis, Shelby Hollywood, Livia Niu, Reese Rich, Grace Clemons, Ariel Cebreco, Jillian Taylor. Back row (l-r) Head Coach Clint Brown, Assistant Coach Brent Reynolds, Kael Wilcox, Elsie Law, Macy Morris, Payton Ortega, Haley Brown, Elly Wade, Mazzy Johnson, manager Ashlyn Hernandez, manager Kaylee Bragg, Assistant Coach Diane Konarik, Assistant Coach Marian Kelso and athletic trainer Marcy Fleming. (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN).



Salado Eagles Cross Country (l-r): Coach Michael Goos, Coulson Boyd, Daniel Anderson, Camden Aycock, Morgan Hauck, Luke Anderson, Brody DeLukie, Jonathan Brauchle. (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)



Salado Lady Eagles Cross Country (at right): (from left) Coach Corey Baird, Addison King (alternate), Cade Harris, Sydney Engleking, Anna Redelsheimer, Ally Ihler, Alexa Williams, Penelope Anderson, Zoie Adcox. (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)

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Marching Band

Salado High School Marching Band earned First Division with their Paint the Town Red performance at the Region 8 4A Marching Contest at Midway Panther Stadium in Waco. The band advanced to the Area F contest Oct. 21.

Volleyball

The Salado Lady Eagles varsity volleyball team had a historic season. Salado Lady Eagles' historic volleyball season came to an end at the Curtis Culwell Center Nov. 16, where the girls lost to the defending 4A State Champions Canyon Randall in four sets. Randall lost the championship in five sets to Comal Davenport Nov. 18. Salado won the first set 24-23, lost the second set 26-24, lost the third set 25-18 and lost the fourth set 25-23. Senior setter Livia Niu was named to the All Tournament team.

Cross Country

Salado Eagles cross country team placed fifth in the UIL 4A State meet Nov. 4 at Round Rock's Old Settlers Park.

The Eagles had a team score of 169 to place behind Canyon, first, 56; La Feria, second, 105; Boerne, third, 127 and San Elizario, fourth, 138.

Salado Lady Eagles placed third in the UIL 4A State Cross Country Meet Nov. 4 at Round Rock's Old Settlers Park.

The girls team placed behind Canyon Randall and Fredericksburg. Salado had a team score of 103. Canyon Randall had a team score of 50 and Fredericksburg had a team score of 61,

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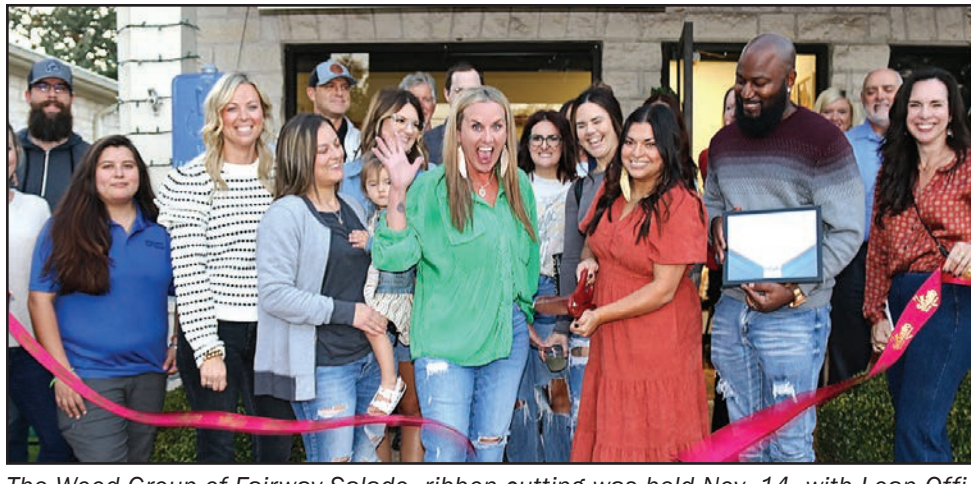
Chamber officers, members as well as family, friends and customers joined in the ribbon cutting celebration at Farmers Insurance 402 S. Main Suite A. New owner Ashley Sosa cut the ribbon and welcomed her guests. You can contact Insurance Agent Ashley Sosa by calling 254-947-0995 or email her at asosa1@farmersagent.com . PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER



Salado Chamber of Commerce cut the ribbon on the walking bridge over Salado Creek on Oct. 5. Barrow Brewing Co. placed the bridge there to give visitors an alternate walk path across the creek. KD and Graydon Hill are shown in the center cutting the ribbon. (PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)



Salado Chamber of Commerce representatives welcomed two new businesses owned by Giselle Salazar. The ribbon cutting was held for Giselle Salazar Photography and Avenue Hair Design on Oct. 19 at #3 N Main St. Contact Avenue Hair Design at 254-308-2082 or visit www.AveHairDesign.com. Visit www.gisellesalazarphotography.com for more information and booking an appointment.



The Wood Group of Fairway Salado ribbon cutting was held Nov. 14 with Loan Officer Crystal Friemel (cutting the ribbon) and Ashley Belicek, also present were Branch Managers Matt Wood and Marc Wood. The office is located at 40 N Main St. in Salado. woodgroupmortgage.com. You can reach Crystal by calling 254.394.3330 or crystal.friemel@fairwaymc.com. PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER

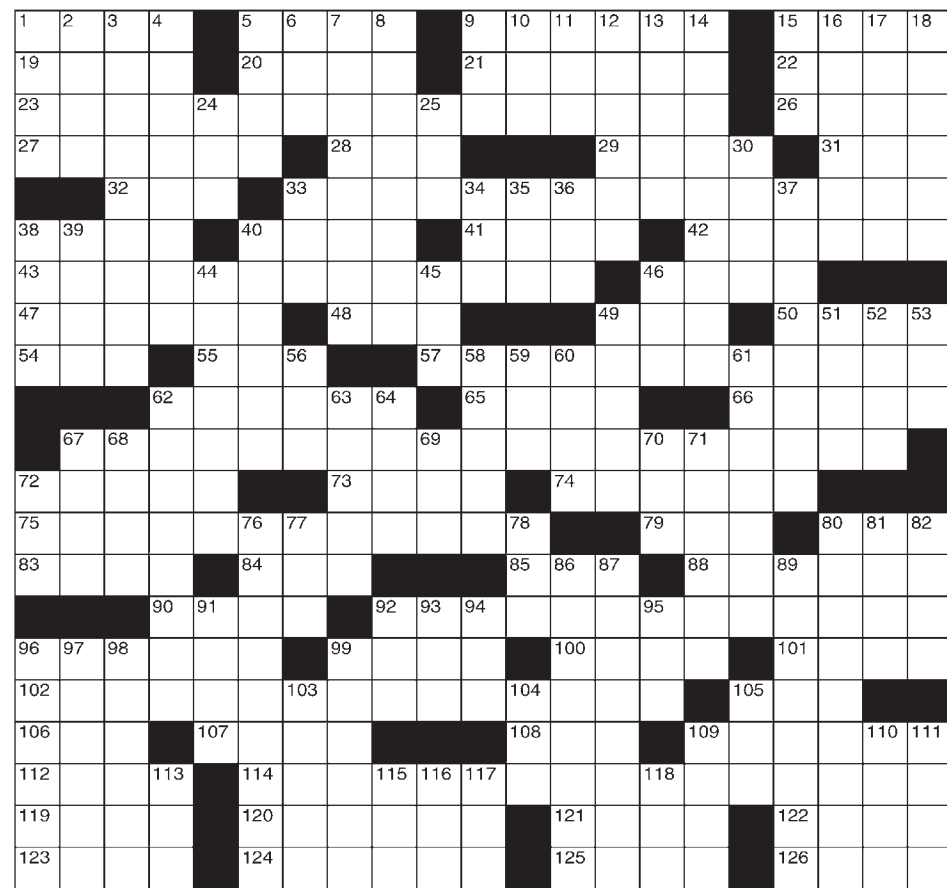


The Bin Spa & Power Washing had their ribbon cutting Nov. 28 in front of the Chamber of Commerce with Chamber members and friends in attendance. Owner Brendan Brown, Nathan Burns Manager and Power Washing Expert Tristan Green brings their service to you. They are a veteran owned and operated Central Texas' premier eco-friendly trash can cleaners, dumpster cleaners, and power washers. They disinfect, sanitize, and deodorize those stinky, germ-ridden bins on a monthly, quarterly, or one time basis. Visit thebinspa.com for more information. PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN

Super Crossword

FORGET THE WHOLE THING

- ACROSS**
- 1 Warning about a racy web pic
 - 5 "West Side Story" knife
 - 9 Seasoned vet
 - 15 Bro
 - 19 French for "yours"
 - 20 Treat for feet, for short
 - 21 Pope after Marcellus II
 - 22 Scads
 - 23 RFORM
 - 26 Rapper Snoop —
 - 27 Variety show hosts, e.g.
 - 28 ACLU interests: Abbr.
 - 29 Farming unit
 - 31 Pasty luau
 - 32 Flight takeoff abbr.
 - 33 NTR
 - 38 "Peek—!"
 - 40 Classic comic Martha
 - 41 Uplifting poems
 - 42 Place full of video games
 - 43 UBL
 - 46 Chicken cordon —
 - 47 British chums
 - 48 Stars and Stripes' nation
 - 49 —wester (certain storm)
 - 50 "Oh, God!" actress Garr
 - 54 Cousins of aves.
 - 55 Name of some newspapers
 - 57 GHTE
 - 62 Actors Fiennes and Macchio
 - 65 Very top
 - 66 Flying
 - 67 TRONI
 - 72 Cast out of the country
 - 73 Official helper
 - 74 Pays out
 - 75 EAKI
 - 79 Diner check
 - 80 Start for existing
 - 83 Name of some newspapers
 - 84 Vetero's vote
 - 85 U.S. tax org.
 - 88 Aromatic aftershave liquid
 - 90 QBs' blunders: Abbr.
 - 92 RKE
 - 96 Person doing a crossword puzzle, e.g.
 - 99 Outer limit
 - 100 Chimney grime
 - 101 Great serves
 - 102 HEER
 - 105 2000-15 CBS series
 - 106 Writer Rand
 - 107 Blood type, in brief
 - 108 Total
 - 109 Wakes up
 - 112 Writer Uris
 - 114 NTEN
 - 119 Peel, as fruit
 - 120 Excited response to "Who wants ice cream?"
 - 121 Cozy corner
 - 122 Pierce player Alan
 - 123 Cast off hair
 - 124 Swan constellation
 - 125 Forest sight
 - 126 Saclike growth
 - 8 Wine merchants
 - 9 Unlock, in poems
 - 10 Resting place for a napkin
 - 11 Drinker's hwy. offense
 - 12 Implores
 - 13 Christina of "Bel Ami"
 - 14 Put too high a price on
 - 15 Papa
 - 16 Perfect world
 - 17 Be charitable
 - 18 Gas guzzler
 - 24 Multivolume U.K. lexicon
 - 25 Chicago winter hrs.
 - 30 Blarney
 - 31 Stone's land
 - 33 Mushroom feature
 - 34 King, in Lyon
 - 35 Hubbub
 - 36 Novelist Deighton
 - 37 Runs furiously with short, quick steps
 - 38 Heads of fleets: Abbr.
 - 39 Regatta entry
 - 40 Upshot
 - 44 Eavan of figure skating
 - 45 Univ. helpers
 - 46 Web automaton
 - 49 Brother of Moe and Curly
 - 51 Deep black, in poems
 - 52 Break in friendship
 - 53 Hair TV cousin
 - 56 "Science Friday" airtel
 - 58 Person tying shoes
 - 59 Onetime transportation agcy.
 - 60 Foods created by biotech
 - 61 Flood-prevention sack
 - 62 One sharing your blood
 - 63 Songwriter Carmichael
 - 64 Salon noise
 - 67 Large-scale public show
 - 68 Untrue tales
 - 69 Neighbor of Mont.
 - 70 Caress
 - 71 How money may be lost
 - 72 Sci-fi gift
 - 76 Belonging naturally
 - 77 "One Mic" rapper
 - 78 "— Tok" (#1 hit for Keshia)
 - 80 On the nose
 - 81 Viking letter
 - 82 Rescue crew VIPs
 - 86 Occupant
 - 87 Represented
 - 89 Peruvian singer with a wide range
 - 91 Notorious emperor
 - 92 OR workers
 - 93 Rust may be a sign of it
 - 94 DVR remote abbr.
 - 95 Cain, to Eve
 - 96 Hair-raising sites?
 - 97 "Is that so?"
 - 98 Poe's "radiant maiden"
 - 99 Yuletide quaff
 - 103 Destitute
 - 104 Tic —toe
 - 105 Gear tooth
 - 109 Yard tool
 - 110 Outer limits
 - 111 Sports datum
 - 113 TV neighbor of Homer
 - 115 Pewter, mostly
 - 116 Univ. website suffix
 - 117 Vetoers' votes
 - 118 Rival of Wade



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♠ 7 6 5
♥ 9 4
♦ A Q 7
♣ A K 10 8 2

WEST
♠ K Q 3 2
♥ A K Q J 8 5
♦ 8 4
♣ 6

EAST
♠ 4
♥ 10 6 3 2
♦ 9 6 3 2
♣ 7 5 4 3

SOUTH
♠ A J 10 9 8
♥ 7
♦ K J 10 5
♣ Q J 9

The bidding:
North East South West
1 ♣ Pass 1 ♠ 2 ♥
Pass Pass 3 ♦ Pass
3 ♠ Pass 4 ♠

Opening lead — king of hearts.

another trump, he would lose control of the hand and take a bad beating. West would take the K-Q of trump and play another heart. When South ruffed, leaving West with the only remaining trump, the rest of West's hearts would become tricks, and declarer would go down four!

To forestall this, South leads the nine of spades at trick three, not the ace. If West ducks, South gets home safely by cashing the ace and then leading his winners in the side suits.

So let's say West takes the nine with the queen. How does West then proceed? This is a crucial decision, for West's next play determines the outcome. Since dummy can ruff a heart continuation, West might decide to make a neutral return, such as a diamond or a club.

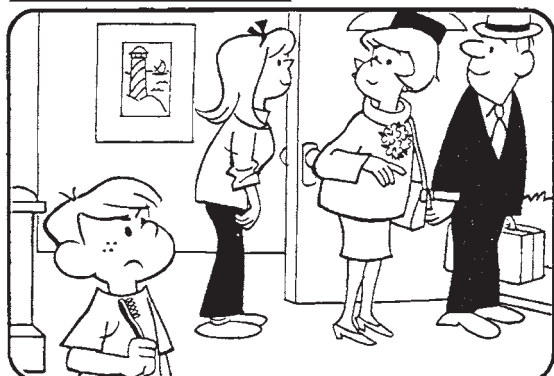
If he did this, declarer would win and play the ten of spades in order to maintain trump control. Whether West won the ten with the king or decided to let the ten hold, the contract could no longer be defeated.

But if West, upon taking the nine of spades with the queen, returns another heart, the contract cannot be made. The old bugaboo against giving declarer a ruff-and-discard does not apply here. In fact, it will cause South endless pain and suffering, regardless of which hand he chooses to ruff in. Indeed, the best South can do against this defense is to settle for down one.

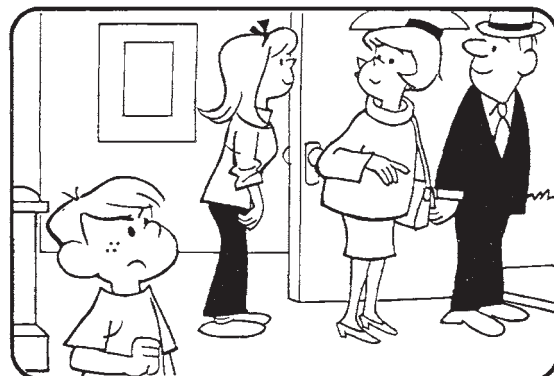
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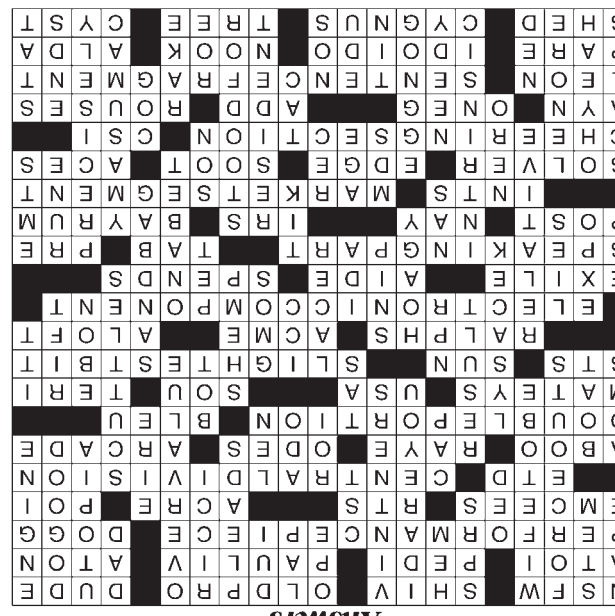
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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Picture is missing. 2. Toothbrush is missing. 3. Body is slimmer. 4. Hat is smaller. 5. Corsage is missing. 6. Suitcase is missing.



Answers

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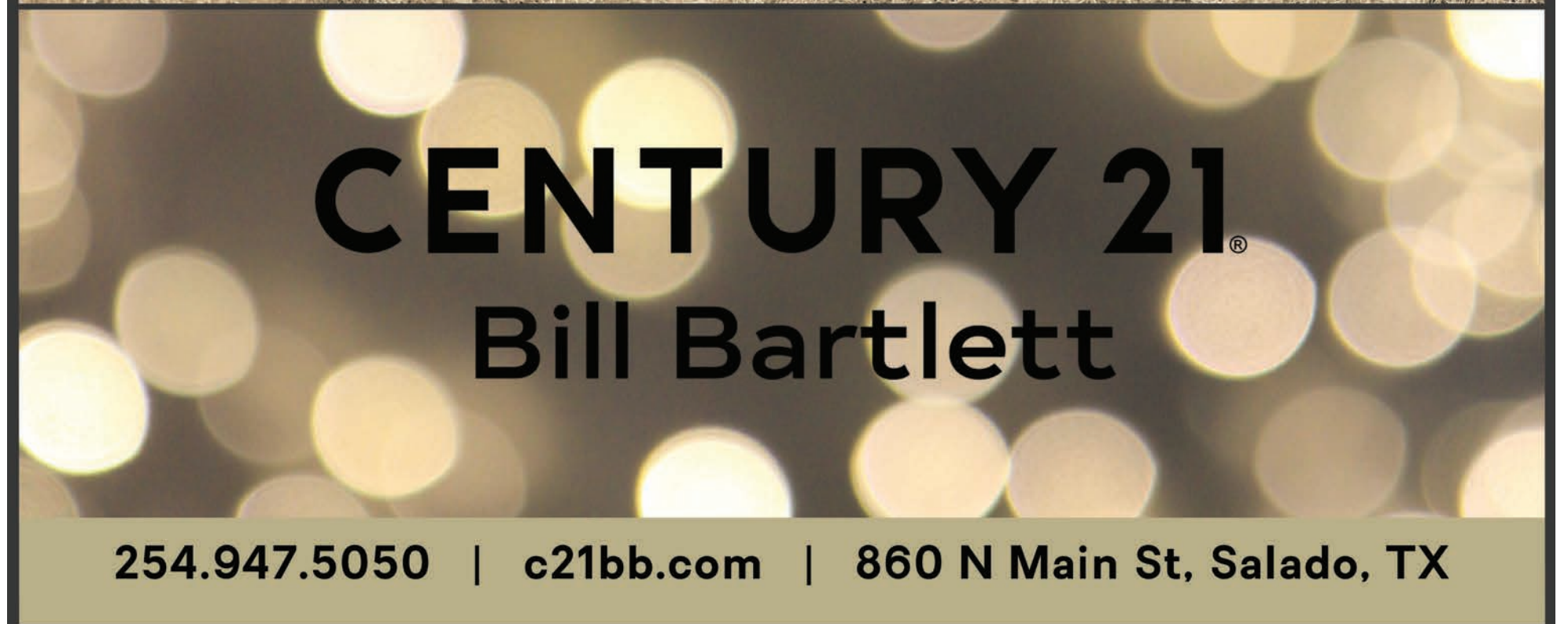


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12/19	OLD MILL RD, Salado	EMS call, exclud MVA with injury
12/19	RUSTIC TRL, Bell	Dispatched & cancelled en route
12/19	IH-35, SB, Belton	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
12/19	RUSTIC TRL, Bell	Dispatched & cancelled en route
12/19	OAK PARK LN, Salado	Dispatched & cancelled en route
12/19	N MAIN ST, Salado	EMS call, exclud MVA with injury
12/20	THOMAS ARNOLD RD, Salado	Dispatched & cancelled en route
12/20	IH-35, NB, Salado	Motor vehicle accident with injuries
12/20	BLACKBERRY RD, Bell	Assist invalid
12/21	CEDAR KNOB CHURCH RD, Bell	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
12/21	LA PALOMA LOOP, Bell	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
12/21	MILL CREEK DR, Salado	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
12/21	N STAGECOACH RD, Salado	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
12/22	IH-35 @ MM 286 NB, Bell	Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.
12/22	ANDRE LOOP, Bell	Dispatched & cancelled en route
12/22	HARE RD, Bell	Dispatched & cancelled en route
12/22	MILL CREEK DR, Salado	EMS call, exclud MVA with injury
12/22	IH-35, NB, Salado	No incident found on arrival at address
12/22	SOUTHBEND RD, Bell	Dispatched & cancelled en route
12/23	IH-35, SB, Salado	Dispatched & cancelled en route
12/23	EAGLE PASS DR, Salado	Assist invalid
12/23	MARY LN, Salado	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
12/23	N MAIN ST, Salado	Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.
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