

Candidate Intros begin this week

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Porch & Planet Festival April 20

The Second Annual Salado Porch and Planet Festival will be held on April 20 at a variety of Salado locations. The event, organized by Salado's Music Friendly Community Advisory Board, will provide an afternoon of music, food, Kid Friendly, and Earth Day activities where residents and visitors can stroll the streets the sidewalks, visit various sites and businesses while enjoying the streets of Salado.

The Salado Porch and Planet Festival will take place on the front porches, stoops, yards, or driveways of businesses along Main Street from Salado Plaza Drive to College Hill Drive and on Royal Street and Rock Creek Dr.

Events will include Kid Friendly activities as well as the Native Plant Society's Spring Plant Sale held from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. on the Creekside Grounds near the Barrow Brewing Company. The Cancer Fundraising BBQ Cook-Off will feature as many as 20 entries spread out all along Main Street starting at 11 a.m. and ending at 3 p.m. with the Awards Celebration held at

Lucy's Icehouse located at 805 North Main Street.

Throughout the day, there will be an Environmental Faire at the grounds surrounding the Salado Civic Center featuring several of the areas environmental organizations including Clearwater Water Conservation District, Master Naturalist, Wildlife Certification Program, Homegrown National Parks, Native Plant Society of Texas, and many others.

The grounds of the Halley House will host student entrepreneurs with booths on the property.

As part of the festival, the Salado Historical Society invites guests to tour the meticulously restored log cabins on the grounds of the Salado Civic Center, offering a glimpse into the past. The Boles-Aiken Cabin was discovered in 1986 by local real estate developer Bill Bartlett. Adjacent to the Boles-Aiken Cabin are the Writer's Cabin and the Denman Log Cabin, each with its own unique history. Visitors can also enjoy the serene outdoor seating areas and picnic spots nestled under the shade of large trees.



Sirena Fest is moving from Pace Park Salado to downtown Belton in 2025. (Photo by Royce Wiggin)

Sirena Fest moves to Belton

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Legacy CTX, Inc. (which changed its name from Legacy Salado in November 2023) announced via social media April 14 that it is changing the name of Sirena Creekside Carneval back to the original Sirena Fest.

The group also announced that Sirena Fest will be moving to Belton. "While we love scenic Pace Park in Salado, we are so excited to be spreading out in Belton's downtown square," the group stated on its Facebook page. "Belton City Officials and the Belton Chamber of Commerce have been terrific to work with, and we are looking forward to putting on another amazing event with their support."

The group is also moving to a different time of year. "The next festival will not take place until 2025," the group stated. "We want to make sure to bring you the kind of quality mermaid

festival that you have come to expect from us, so we are giving ourselves ample time to plan for the changes and challenges a new venue will bring."

Legacy CTX, Inc. board members are Amber Preston-Dankert, Theresa Howard, Michelle Lenis and Linda Lopez, according to the group's website.

Sirena Fest will take place April 26, 2025.

Sirena Fest began in 2017. Tiffany Schreiner, working with other local businesses and enthusiast, launched Sirena Fest in October 2017.

The festival was named after Sirena, the bronze mermaid sculpture by Salado sculptor Troy Kelley. Kelley and friends dedicated Sirena at 12:01 a.m. on January 1, 1986 to be the first public art dedicated during the Texas Sesquicentennial.

The Legend of Sirena, a native Tonkawa maiden who was doomed (or tricked) the day she met a magical catfish, is a story that is dear



Sculptor Troy Kelley with Sirena.

to the residents and tourists who come to Salado. Troy Kelley's bronze sculpture of the Tonkawa mermaid and the catfish that tricked her are an icon and one of the most important landmarks in this Central Texas town.

The late Jackie Mills, a local playwright, published the legend in a book, Sirena of Salado. She also incorporated it into the Legends of Salado play, performed every summer for more than

30 years. Artist Troy Kelley learned of the move when he began to get texts from friends.

In 2017, funds from Sirena Fest benefited Keep Salado Beautiful. From 2018 to 2022, funds have benefited the All Abilities Playground, which has been built at Pace Park. In 2023, funds benefited the placement of a Little Pantry on the grounds of the Salado Civic Center.

Early voting starts April 22 in races for SISD, Village

Early voting will begin April 22 in local races to determine the Village of Salado Mayor, two Village aldermen and two positions on the Salado ISD Board of Trustees.

Mayor candidates running include Michael Coggin and Bert Henry.

Two two-year terms on the Board of Aldermen will be filled. Alderman candidates running include Michael MacDonald, Zach Hurst and Paul Cox.

Two three-year terms on the Salado ISD Board of Trustees will be filled.

Salado School Board Candidates running include

Chris Diem, Michael Apodoca and write-in candidate Cooper Gill.

In-Person Early Voting in the local elections will be at the Salado Civic Center:

April 22: 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

April 23-26: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

April 27: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

April 24-30: 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

Election Day will be 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

Salado Village Voice begins its annual introduction of candidates with this edition: Mayor and Aldermen are found in the A Section and school board candidates are found in the C Section.

Candidate introductions

April sales tax rebate up slightly for Village

Bell County showed a 5.84% increase in sales tax revenues compared to the previous year. The Village of Salado showed a 0.57% increase in the April sales tax checks compared to April 2023. Nine cities in Bell County showed increases this month.

Village of Salado received \$54,682.46 compared to \$53,466.69 in April 2023. For the year, the Village has received \$287,046.27, which is 5.6% more than the \$271,812.36 paid through April 2023.

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

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

For that half-cent tax, Salado Public Library District received a \$50,036.89 April check, which was 5.84% more than last April's payment of \$47,271.70. For the year, the Library District has received \$236m261.77, which is 7.71% more than the \$219,337.44 paid through April 2023.

Bell County received \$2.57 million in April, which is 4.56% more than what was paid in April 2023. For the year, Bell County has received \$10.92 million, which is 0.3% less than the \$10.95 million paid through April 2023

Texas Comptroller Glenn

Sales tax rebates for April 2024 to Bell County taxing entities

Entity	Rate	April 2024	April 2023	Change	YTD 2024	YTD 2023	Change
Belton	1.500%	\$725,915.09	\$648,472.87	11.94%	\$3,004,528.52	\$2,878,346.92	4.38%
Harker Heights	1.500%	\$819,358.72	\$804,560.67	1.83%	\$3,668,047.81	\$3,679,105.53	-0.30%
Holland	1.000%	\$15,748.55	\$10,340.60	52.29%	\$57,049.54	\$46,874.42	21.70%
Killeen	1.500%	\$2,764,190.07	\$2,571,401.09	7.49%	\$11,499,240.28	\$11,238,931.73	2.31%
LR-Academy	1.000%	\$12,168.77	\$9,691.52	25.56%	\$51,455.46	\$46,328.49	11.06%
Morgans Point	1.500%	\$27,576.05	\$26,245.66	5.06%	\$116,254.89	\$120,990.33	-3.91%
Nolanville	1.500%	\$119,707.71	\$133,586.95	-10.38%	\$675,369.57	\$591,850.15	14.11%
Rogers	1.250%	\$10,871.47	\$8,004.63	35.81%	\$50,750.78	\$40,924.00	24.01%
Salado	1.000%	\$54,682.46	\$53,466.69	2.27%	\$287,046.27	\$271,812.36	5.60%
Temple	1.500%	\$2,756,420.10	\$2,791,056.03	-1.24%	\$11,920,721.12	\$11,917,625.63	0.02%
Troy	1.500%	\$130,326.61	\$80,282.31	62.33%	\$379,402.55	\$362,589.87	4.63%
Salado Library	0.500%	\$50,036.89	\$47,271.70	5.84%	\$236,261.77	\$219,337.44	7.71%
Bell	0.500%	\$2,576,129.97	\$2,463,655.86	4.56%	\$10,920,981.08	\$10,954,408.50	-0.30%

Hegar announced April 9 that he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts \$1.03 billion in local sales tax allocations for April, 5.5% more than in April 2023.

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

The comptroller sent rebates totaling \$647 million to Texas Cities, an increase

of 5.2% over last April.

The comptroller sent \$220.8 million to transit systems for April, an increase of 4.8% over April 2023.

Counties received \$63.6 million in sales tax rebate

checks, an increase of 4.0% over April 2023.

Special purpose districts received \$100.2 million in sales tax rebate checks for April, 10.7% more than last year.

FORUM

China will try to export its way out of economic slump

The Markets

Our dear old S&P 500 Stock Index (SPX), acting very much its age, (It is, after all, 101 years old!) got spooked by the bureaucrats at the Bureau of Labor Statistics, causing its minions (stock traders) to bolt for the proverbial door, taking the Index level down to 5123.41, a decline of 1.55% for the week. It finished the week 7.41% higher so far this year and about 24% up from this time last year. The CRSP US Mid Cap Value Index, not to be outdone by its older, larger, brother, fell 2.86% to 2575.07 but managed to hang on to a 2.4% gain this year and a very respectable 10.75% rise from this time last year. The inflation fear was suddenly compounded at the end of the week by news that U.S. warships are headed for the shores of Israel in anticipation of an Iranian attack on Israel.

The benchmark ten-year U.S. Treasury note, apparently missing the message that war is bad for investments, ended the U.S. workweek yielding 4.5%, up from last week's 4.39% as it continued its uneven but powerful decline in value as its yield has risen most weeks this year. The highest (annualized) rates were, as usual, at the shortest maturities with the 2-month bill hanging in there at 5.5%. West Texas Intermediate crude oil (WTI) apparently missed the message too, as the price ended the U.S. workweek at \$85.51, about where it was last week.

The Economy

High inflation or not high inflation, that is the question. It is the question that a lot of folks are asking, but it may be the wrong question. The very bureaucratic Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) dropped their monthly bombshell on Wednesday with the release of their "Consumer Price Index Summary" and it reported an "unadjusted" twelve-month trailing consumer price increase of 3.5%. That was relatively unpleasant, but for those of us who delve beyond the headlines, the monthly numbers for February and

Market & Economic Update

by Jeffrey W. McClure



March were more attention getting. After several months of 0.1% and 0.2% monthly inflation, the jump to 0.4% we have seen in the past two months has the potential to be alarming. 0.4% compounded for twelve months equates to nearly 5%. Not only would such a number prevent the Federal Reserve from lowering interest rates, but it might well cause them to raise rates this year and next. That, of course, spooked those easily spooked on Wall Street. Shelter and services seem to be the culprits in this drama. Medical care services jumped 0.6%, shelter was up 0.4%, and electricity jumped 0.9%. Services in general rose about half a percent in one month. If you have tried to hire someone to work on your house, you will not be surprised.

So, what is the question we should be asking? The prime issue here is whether those areas where prices suddenly surged can keep on surging. The answer is probably, "No." We suspect that prices will stabilize in the coming months unless there is a major escalation in one or more of the wars plaguing the other side of the world. The consensus among those who actually do a bit of thinking before spouting off was that the hoped for three interest rate cuts from the Fed this year are probably off the table. That, in our opinion, is not a bad thing. It is reasonably important, in our opinion, that we remember for most of the past several decades, 3% inflation has been the normal rate. If we continue to have the booming economy we are seeing now, and let's hope we do, then demand will continue to be high, particularly for services, and more people will be employed at higher wage rates. What's not to like about that? It also means though that we are return-

ing to a more or less "normal" economic condition in which short term rates will be between 3% and 4% but longer-term Treasury rates will rise to 6% and above. That sounds extreme if you do not remember the U.S. economy prior to the Great Recession of 2008-2009. That Great Recession created an abnormal imbalance in the U.S. economy, resulting in near zero rates through the pandemic and out the other side. That imbalance necessitated an abnormally low set of rates, then many folks assumed those abnormally low rates and inflation to be a forever thing rather than a short-term reaction (which in the long-haul is exactly what it was).

Then, as the week drew to a close, the same BLS released the Producer Price Index (PPI) (wholesale prices). After rising 0.4% and 0.6% respectively in January and February, presaging the CPI numbers we are seeing, the PPI for Total Final Demand rose only 0.2%, or about 2.4% annualized. Wholesale prices tend to drive retail prices with the only major addition to the equation being labor costs. Better yet, Processed Goods for Final Demand (things that only need to be put on the shelf to sell) actually fell 0.5% in March. If labor prices do not rise precipitously and wholesale prices fall, then retail inflation has a short half-life.

Last on the list this week are growing reports that mainland China is making a shot at exporting their way back to economic health. A growing body of evidence suggests that Chinese manufacturers are making a substantially larger quantity of products than current demand will support. That means that the price of all those goods will need to, and

March update on UIL Lone Star Cup Salado High in 12th place

The UIL Lone Star Cup is awarded annually to six high schools, one in each of the six UIL classifications (1A, 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A and 6A), based on their team performance in district and state championships. The winning schools in each classification will receive the UIL Lone Star Cup trophy and a \$1,000 scholarship. The UIL would like to thank Texas Farm Bureau Insurance for their sponsorship of the UIL Lone Star Cup.

Honoring the best overall athletic and academic programs in Texas, the UIL Lone Star Cup is open to all UIL participant high schools.

Salado High School won the Lone Star Cup in 2008, 2013, and 2014 when we were in the 2A UIL size classification. We now compete in the 4A UIL size classification. We are one of the smaller 4A high schools as we have 721 students at the high school level and the 4A size classification ranges from 545 students to 1,314 students.

The UIL releases four

Superintendent's Corner

by Dr. Michael Novotny



updates each year:

Update #1, January 18, 2024

Includes Team Tennis, Marching Band, Military Marching Band, Cross Country, Volleyball, Robotics BEST, Football, Spirit, Congress

Update #2, March 14, 2024

Includes Swimming & Diving, Wrestling, Film, Mariachi, Basketball

Update #3, May 23, 2024

Includes Robotics FIRST, Soccer, Tennis, Theatrical Design, One-Act Play, Golf, Track & Field

Update #4, June 13, 2024

Includes Softball, Baseball, Academics

Salado High School is currently tied for 16th place in the Lone Star Cup rankings out of the 213 high schools in the 4A size classification.

Congratulations to the

following teams and coaches that earned Lone Star Cup points for Salado High School so far this year:

Volleyball (Coach Clint Brown) = 14 points (2 points for qualifying for playoffs, 2 points for the district championship, and 10 points for winning 5 rounds of playoffs)

Girls' Basketball (Coach Diane Konarik) = 6 points (2 points for qualifying for playoffs, 4 points for winning 2 rounds of playoffs)

Girls' Cross Country (Coach Corey Baird) = 6 points (for 3rd place as a team at the state meet)

Boys' Cross Country (Coach Michael Goos) = 2 points (for 5th place as a team at the state meet)

Team Tennis (Coach Joe Brown) = 2 points (for qualifying for playoffs)

The Bible is America's book

Rich Lowry



Of all the objectionable things Donald Trump has ever done, selling a Bible would seem to rank pretty far down the list.

Yet his marketing, along with Lee Greenwood, of a God Bless the U.S.A. Bible for \$59.99 has occasioned a couple of news cycles of outrage. The Bible has an American flag cover and accompanying American historical documents, including the Declaration of Independence, as well as the words to Greenwood's iconic patriotic song.

Hawking the Bible like it's a digital trading card or a personalized sneaker -- to name a couple of other products Trump has pushed in his inimitable style -- is tasteless and un-presidential, needless to say.

Dwight Eisenhower didn't market golf balls, and it was notoriously Jimmy Carter's brother -- not the president -- who sold a specially branded beer.

Nor should anyone confuse the handiwork of Thomas Jefferson -- or Lee Greenwood -- with the Word of God.

But the incensed commentary makes it sound as though Trump is the first person to sell an edition of a Bible catering to a niche market. In reality, there's a dizzying array of Bibles in this country for people with different interests, whether it's the law enforcement Bible, busy mom's Bible or outdoorsman's Bible with a camouflage cover and "devotions that tie directly to the sports of hunting, fishing, backpacking or any outdoor activity."

The God Bless the U.S.A. Bible was first published in 2021 and already had competition in the American Patriot's Bible from 2009.

The fact is that selling Bibles is a very American

venture, and the Bible, particularly the King James Version endorsed by Trump, is a very American book, in fact, the American book.

The ship's carpenter on the Mayflower might have brought the first copy of the King James Bible to our shores. The historian of Christianity Mark Noll notes that the Bible was often the only book that families owned.

By around 1800, traveling Bible salesman Parson Weems (famous for his biography of George Washington) was marveling at the hot market: "I tell you, this is the very season and age of the Bible. Bible dictionaries, Bible tales, Bible stories -- Bibles plain or paraphrased, Carey's Bibles, Collins' Bibles, Clarke's Bibles, Kimpton's Bibles, no matter what or whose, all, all will go down, so wide is the crater of public appetite at this time."

According to Noll, between 1794 and 1815, 186 novels were published in America compared to 246 editions of the New Testament or the full Bible. Almost all of the Bibles published before 1840 were the King James Version. Already early in the 19th century, he writes, "printer-publishers were creating and meeting demand by packaging the King James Version in many sizes, shapes, and prices."

Constant innovations in printing and distribution meant that the Bible and Bible-related literature led to what another historian calls "the birth of mass media in

America."

The King James Version played an enormous role in shaping America's anti-monarchical attitudes during the Revolution. And the way the Bible pervaded and shaped American life was one reason that the country's early leaders hoped a state establishment of religion was unnecessary -- thanks to the Bible, they could have Christianity, and a virtuous society, without Christendom.

The King James Bible became foundational to American rhetoric and literature such that it is impossible to imagine the work of the likes of Martin Luther King Jr. or William Faulkner without it. Even as its influence has declined, we often quote or echo it without even realizing it.

The great influence of the King James Version in American history," Noll has said, "came precisely because it was so widely available; because precisely its words, and what the words communicated, had entered so deeply into the consciousness of so many Americans, and particularly of otherwise voiceless Americans."

The God Bless the U.S.A. Bible won't be a signal contribution to this tradition, but neither is it a betrayal of it.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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Why are developers pulling out of Village extra-territorial jurisdiction?

Dear Editor:

So far, in 2024, two large tracts of land in Salado's ETJ have withdrawn from our ETJ.

WHY? I'm not sure, but I do know if you live in the Village...or the ETJ like Hidden Springs, if your water heater breaks down, not only do you have to pay for a new hot water heater and installation, but you also have to pay the Village a permit fee!

Your Voice

Letters to the Editor

We used to brainstorm how to convince surrounding areas to move from the ETJ, and join our Village boundaries.

Our Village Leadership decided to give and give and

give....to developers.... never to home owners or Village retail owners.

Why?

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Salado

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Village of Salado Board of Aldermen Candidates

Salado Village Voice presents the candidates for Board of Aldermen of the Village of Salado each week leading up to the May 4 election. This week, we gave each candidate a chance to introduce themselves to the community. Below are their responses:



MICHAEL MACDONALD

Friends and neighbors of Salado, I am Michael MacDonald. It's an honor to introduce myself to you as a candidate for Alderman. With degrees of MBA in Economic Development, MS in Aerospace Engineering, and BS in Aeronautical Engineering, along with certifications as a Certified Manager [CM] and Senior Human Resource Master [SHRM], I bring a diverse background and a wealth of experience to the table for your consideration.

I honorably served the US Army for over 26 years as a Career Counselor. My wife, son and I chose Salado as our forever home in 2020. We were drawn to its beauty, charm, rich cultural history, and its people. We've enjoyed supporting and visiting Salado since 2001, and we wholeheartedly believe there's no better place to raise a family.

Like you, we are deeply invested in Salado. As in the past and into the future, supporting local business is paramount to our village's success. We cherish having frequented places such as Gregory's for my wife, Lesley's wedding ring in 2008; and Classics on Main, where Lesley recorded and produced her first piano album in 2005. We furnished our forever home using almost entirely local business resources and have found friends who are like family in the process. It is so good to be a local.

Preserving our rich culture and history is important to me and should be at the top of everyone's initiatives. Preserving and protecting our village is foremost in my mind. Investing and partnering with community businesses, leaders, and village administration will ensure that Salado remains the Jewel in the Crown of Texas.

My family and I have also experienced the resilient strength of our community during covid, harsh winter freezes, and damaging tornadoes and storms. The acts of compassion, faith, and kindness found as neighbors help neighbors is what makes Salado a home for us all.

As Alderman, I will honorably serve with these community values:

Stewardship: Maintaining trust and confidence as Alderman of the Village of Salado is important to me. My responsibility is to provide transparent, consistent performance based on values that align with our community's citizens.

Every Voice Matters: I want to hear your voice. It is my duty and honor to respectfully listen to everyone's perspectives, give careful consideration in my work, and share with you how decisions are made that impact all of our community.

By, Of, and for The People: I will serve our community at your pleasure. I represent all of us who reside in the Village of Salado. As Alderman, I will be accessible, present, and reliable.

Bridging the Gap, Mending Fences: I will help bridge the gap, making an active effort to connect and reconcile perspectives, needs, and aspirations of the community I serve. I intend to engage all points of view in an effort to help mend fences.

Sustainable Economic Growth & Decision Making: Sustainable economic growth requires active engagement. Support of our local business owners is paramount to a thriving Village. I will advocate for meaningful partner-

ships between the Village Administration and the Chambers of Commerce that: sustain current business, nurture new opportunities, and provide incentives for growth that revitalize the charm of our community.

Community Recognition Programs: I plan to propose a Community & Individual Recognition Program for outstanding contributions to our Village. Recognition would grow from: observations of impactful kindness, community-driven projects, and volunteerism.

Commitment and Community Impact: My commitment to the Village of Salado will encompass a steadfast dedication to serve the public interest and work towards cultivating a community that preserves its legacy and thrives in both the present and future.



ZACH HURST

My wife, Christie, and I have lived in Salado for almost four years, and we have four adult children, Zachary, Elisha, Samantha, and Austin, as well as eight grandchildren. We are not new to Texas, however. I first moved to Texas in 1992 and was stationed at Fort Hood, now Fort Cavazos. I frequently returned to the area throughout my military career and lived in Fort Hood, Killeen, and Harker Heights. Christie's family has lived in Salado since 1999, and her parents were the primary reason we moved back to Texas and purchased a home in Salado after my retirement. We both loved Salado and spent many weekends enjoying the events in the village before our 2014 military permanent change of station, so we were very excited to return.

I enlisted in the Army in 1987 from Ohio, just two weeks out of high school. I was initially a Huey mechanic and later transitioned to Blackhawk helicopters. I served in every enlisted rank, culminating as a Command Sergeant Major (CSM). I served continuously for over 30 years and retired in 2017. I had the privilege of serving as the senior enlisted

advisor for three battalions and, lastly, as a Brigade Command Sergeant Major. Along with all my military training and advanced schooling, I obtained my Bachelor's degree. I am currently a member of the Salado American Legion Post 585.

After retiring and moving back to Texas in 2020, we bought our home in Salado. Later, I began volunteering for the Salado Library by towing the parade float and helping with the golf carts in the Christmas parade. I also assist in setting up the library booths at local events, and this year, I helped with hiding eggs for the children at the Salado Easter egg hunt held at Sherrill Park. For the last three years, I have also volunteered for the Lenten Fish Fry at Saint Stephen's Catholic Church, preparing the fish during the day and frying in the evenings. In the past, I volunteered for Habitat for Humanity, building homes for families in El Paso, Texas.

I am running for a seat on the Board of Alderman to set a course for Salado that focuses on preserving the historic charm we all hold dear. I want to bring tourism back to the village to help our Salado businesses thrive. I intend to ensure that proposals are met with an ethical vote to protect our citizens and investors.

I do not have all the answers, but I think it is time for a new set of eyes willing to seek the answers and stand up for what is right without bias. I am not a big talker, but I am a proven leader. I listen and take appropriate action when necessary. I am straight and to the point, proactive rather than reactive. That is why I am running for Alderman. I have dedicated over 30 years of my life to protecting our country and our rights, and I am prepared to dedicate my time to protecting our historic village and our rights as village citizens. I am strong and committed, and you can rely on me today and always.



PAUL COX

Shirley and I have called

Salado home for more than 17 years. We both feel that moving here was one of the best decisions we've ever made! I am originally from Houston. I earned a BBA and an MBA at Sam Houston State University. While at SHSU, I earned a commission in the U.S. Army through the ROTC program and served two years active duty as field artillery officer.

We were active members of Salado United Methodist Church for about 15 years where we served on various committees and volunteered to work on many outreach programs and fundraising events. Since September 2022, we have been active members of

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SUNDAYS at Salado Public Library

SALADO CREEK MINISTRIES

Sundays 9 AM

Bible Study

& Worship



www.saladocm.org



Community Gathering to pray for...

PEACE in the World
PEACE in our Country
PEACE in our Hearts

6 p.m. May 2

Salado United Methodist Church



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Obituaries

ROBERT (BOB) EUGENE PIATT

APRIL 23, 1953

APRIL 12, 2024

Robert (Bob) Eugene Piatt, of Salado, led a remarkable life filled with entrepreneurial spirit, family, and adventure.

He passed away on April 12, 2024.

Born on April 23, 1953, in Lawrenceville, Illinois, to Carl and Ruth Piatt, Bob grew up surrounded by hard work and ambition.

Despite the passing of his siblings Patricia (Pat) Waters and Carl E. Piatt, Jr., he found strength and support in his surviving siblings: Penny Allen and her husband Tim & Billy Piatt and his wife Charlene.

Bob's journey led him to Salado, Texas, where he found both love and success. His marriage to Peggy Piatt on November 25, 1995, marked the beginning of a beautiful union, blending their families into one.

As a business owner and leader, Bob left an indelible mark on the community of Salado through his company, Cap-A-Bus, Inc. His expertise and dedication helped the business flourish, earning recognition for its quality and innovation. Bob's entrepreneurial spirit also led him to venture into various industries, from feed mills to fitness centers, always driven by his passion for creating and building.

Beyond his professional endeavors, Bob cherished his family above all else. His children and grandchildren were his pride and joy, and he shared his love for cars, travel, and adventure with them. Bob's zest for life was infectious, and his ability to make everyone feel special with his stories and music left a lasting impression on all who knew him.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 3C Cowboy Fellowship on April 28, 2024, at 3 pm, providing an opportunity for family and friends to honor Bob's memory. In lieu of flowers, donations to 3C Cowboy Fellowship and/or the Heart of Texas Corvette Club are encouraged, reflecting Bob's commitment to his community and passions.

Though Bob may have passed on, his legacy lives on through the lives he touched and the memories he created. His spirit of resilience, creativity, and love will continue to inspire generations to come.

(Paid Obituary)



DON EARL BERRY OCTOBER 24, 1945 MARCH 30, 2024

Don Earl Berry, 78, passed away on March 30, 2024, in Georgetown, TX.

Don Berry was born on October 24, 1945, in Kerrville, TX, to Earl Berry and Ellen Berry.

Don graduated from Tivy High School in 1964 and went on to Schreiner University and then Southwestern University in Georgetown where he earned a degree in Economics and Education. He taught school in Bartlett, Tx, and later at Windham School District, a correctional education system for the State of Texas. In addition to teaching, he was a farmer and rancher.

Don married Suzanne Scharnberg on May 28, 1966 at Mt. Wesley in Kerrville. They had two children, Amanda Berry Foreman, of Georgetown, Gregory Wayne Berry of San Antonio.

Berry was a member of the Salado United Methodist Church where he served as a lay leader. Later, he became a member of Yancey Methodist Church.

Berry is survived by the mother of his children Suzanne Allen, daughter Amanda Berry Foreman (Charlie Foreman), son Greg Berry (Sarah) 13 grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Ellen Wilson Berry, father, Earl Truman Berry, and sisters, Judy Berry Johnson and Betty Berry Stacy.

A memorial service for Don Berry was held on April 5 at Yancey Methodist Church.

Memorial donations can be made in Don's name to the American Cancer Society.

Services are entrusted to Crotty Funeral Home & Cremation Services in Belton, Texas.

Body of Christ Clinic sets Gospel Concert May 18

The Body of Christ Community Clinic (BOCCC) announced that it will host a star-studded Southern Gospel concert 6 p.m. May 18 at the Sue & Frank Mayborn Performing Arts Center on the campus of the University of Mary Hardin Baylor. The concert is called the "Southern Gospel Jubilee." Scheduled to appear are Karen Peck & New River, Joseph Habedank and The Erwins.

Headlining the concert is Karen Peck & New River. This family band is synonymous with Southern Gospel Music and has been nominated for multiple Grammy and Dove Awards.

Joseph Habedank is a two-time Grammy nominee and named Gospel Music's Favorite Soloist for 4 consecutive years. Joseph has a powerful

testimony of recovery from drug addiction that he shares through his music.

The Erwins, a four-sibling group from Texas who have won a Dove Award and been nominated for a Grammy. They are blazing new trails in Southern Gospel, proving that the future of Southern Gospel music is secure with young artists.

Individual ticket prices for the concert are \$40 per person or sponsorships for \$500 for 6 reserved seats, \$750 for 8 preferred seats. Other sponsorships levels include \$1,000 for Gold, \$2,500 for Platinum, \$5,000 for a Diamond partnership. Sponsorships may be purchased by calling 254-939-9500. Individual tickets can be obtained by calling the UMHB box office at (254) 295-5999 1-4 p.m.

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Grace Church Salado launches Grief Share sessions

On April 17, Grace Church Salado launched the first of 14-weekly sessions of an international program called "Grief Share". This program is open to the greater Salado community, as well as those at Grace Church.

Grief Share consists of a network of 15,000-churches worldwide equipped to offer grief support groups. The program is nondenominational and features biblical concepts for healing from a person's grief. Each support group meets weekly; where the typical program consists of an instructional video, small group discussion and a workbook. As each session is a "self-contained" module, individuals can join in at any of the 14 weekly sessions. The only cost would be for the workbook (\$20).

Leading the Salado group is Mary Hendrix, MTh., who has served for over 20 years as a hospice Chaplain in a large hospital system. In her role as Hospice Spiritual Care Manager, she coordinated the chaplain department, which included bereavement ser-

vices, music therapy and the volunteer program. As a chaplain, she ministered to dying patients and spiritually supported their loved ones and care-

givers. Over the years of her professional career, she performed numerous funerals and memorial services.

Her other interests in-

clude serving six years as a volunteer police chaplain, as well as starting and directing a non-profit ministry in California to street prostitutes. In Tex-

as, for several years she served as the Executive Assistant to the President of the International Fellowship of Chaplains, headquartered in Temple.

For further information on the Grief Share program in Salado, please contact Mary Hendrix at 858-232- 4692.

Aldermen Candidates

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New Life Global Methodist Church. I have been an active member of the Salado Chapter of Lions Club International for over four years and currently serve on its Board of Directors. Volunteering to work various charity events and community projects has always been important to me. My wife and I are supporters of Salado's historic legacy. Honoring our past should always be acknowledged in planning our future.

I am currently serving my second term on the Board of Aldermen. The last three and a half years have been a time of unprecedented growth in Bell County but, especially, in Salado. My 35+ year career in the mortgage lending industry in Texas has proved to be a valuable asset in my decision making on the BoA. It has given me the unique skills to meet the challenges of development, construction and contract negotiations while, at the same time, managing budgetary matters and infrastructure expansion caused by our accelerated growth curve.

The BoA has accomplished a lot since November 2020 (the election was postponed from May 2020 due to COVID). Thanks to Mayor Coggin's leadership, we were successful in getting the Sanctuary Development Agreement modified. The changes made will save the Village up to \$10 million over the next 19 years. We completed the Main Street sidewalks and lights. Heavily traveled roads have been repaved (Mill Creek Dr., Center Circle and Pace Park Rd). Salado Plaza Dr. has been completely rebuilt. There are many other infrastructure improvements on the list for the next term. Public safety has been greatly improved with 24/7 police protection.

There are numerous other accomplishments achieved by our Mayor and current Board of Aldermen. I am proud to be a member of this team. Future success depends on experienced leadership. I take no individual credit for what has been accomplished - it is a team effort. To quote an old saying, "There is no "I" in TEAM."

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Mike's career as an engineer enables him to apply analytical reasoning and risk assessment to issues brought before the Board of Aldermen. As mayor, he has effectively dealt with the changing dynamics caused by growth in Salado. Mike understands the importance of Salado's historic identity and the value it brings to the community and strives to protect and preserve our historic district. He is a strong proponent of Salado's:

- Businesses
- Chamber of Commerce and community organizations
- Arts and music community
- Native Plants Society and its recommendations to use native plants and grasses in Salado.

We believe that Mike Coggin is *by far* the most qualified mayoral candidate and confidently support his re-election as Mayor of Salado.

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Candidates for Mayor

Salado Village Voice presents the candidates for Mayor of the Village of Salado each week leading up to the May 4 election. This week, we gave each candidate a chance to introduce themselves to the community. Below are their responses:

for sixty-seven projects located throughout Iraq valued at \$1.5 billion. I completed several bridges, water treatment plants, sewage treatment plants, roads, airfield, schools and electrical power plants during my time in Iraq.

My last position with the Department of the Army was at Fort Sam Houston where I was responsible for a \$750 million medical center expansion project and renovation of the existing facility.

I am honored to have served 2 years as a Salado Alderman and 4 years as your Mayor of Salado. I am proud of my accomplishments while on the Board of Alderman. I have lowered the tax rate by 40%. I am responsible for improving the Police Department by hiring a new Police Chief, adding officers, buying new police vehicles and implementing 24/7 police coverage. I also managed the Main Street project of restoring the road, adding storm drainage, sidewalks and lights. As your elected official, I renegotiated the Sanctuary Development agreement to save the Salado taxpayer over \$10M. I have been successful to improve Pace Park, Main Street, Salado School, Center Circle, Salado Plaza and Mill Creek roads.

I hope to use my engineering experience to help shape the Village of Salado for future success!

If elected as Mayor, my focus areas are:

- Continue to lower tax rates
- Pay off the sewage system bond debt
- Manage growth to keep the Salado historic identity
- Complete projects for road improvements and drainage (pothole and patching roads, flooding on Chisholm Trail and Royal Street West Village paving projects top priorities).
- Continue to improve efficiency in Village Government in a fair and transparent manner

I have enjoyed representing the great people in Salado and hope you will vote for me to finish the projects that we have planned.



MICHAEL COGGIN

Our family moved to Salado 25 years ago where we fell in love with the small-town feeling, incredible schools, historic heritage, scenic creek, golf course and friendly people. It is a great place to live, worship and raise a family. I have worked to keep this small-town identity as your mayor.

I am married to my wife, Diana, a graduate of Angelo State University in finance and just celebrated our 30th anniversary. We have two children – Brinn who was a pole vaulter and valedictorian at Salado ISD, Masters from Baylor University and is a Certified Public Accountant in Waco, Blake who is a 2007 Salado ISD graduate who played football and basketball and has his Masters from the University of Texas. He is a Certified Public Accountant in Johnson City, Texas. We have five grandchildren.

I am a Texas registered professional engineer. I have attended Salado First Baptist Church for 25 years and am active in the Salado Historical Society and Salado Lions Club. I retired from the Department of the Army in 2012 after serving 33 years. I am presently employed with as an engineering consultant working on military and Veterans Administration projects.

I worked at Ft Hood as the Chief of Engineering at the Directorate of Public Works for six of those years. I managed the design, traffic control, construction and master planning programs. During this time, we converted the post from Army owned family housing to contractor leased – I spent much time planning community neighborhoods, traffic control and utility support for this new program.

In 2004, I volunteered to go to Iraq where I was stationed in the Green Zone in Baghdad. I was the Chief of Party responsible for the US Agency for International Development reconstruction program. I was responsible for the construction and design effort



BERT HENRY

It is with great enthusiasm and dedication that I step forward to introduce myself and announce my candidacy for Mayor of our beloved Village of Salado. My wife Crystal and I, along with our son, Ember,

have proudly called Salado our home since 2012. As we embark on this journey together, I want to share with you a glimpse into my background, values, and vision for our community.

My journey in service to our nation and community has been shaped by a deep-rooted commitment to transparency, advocacy, and accountability. This commitment stems from my upbringing in a family of veterans, where the values of integrity, honor, and duty were instilled in me from an early age. My father's service in the United States Navy and my own enlistment shortly thereafter have not only influenced my personal values but have also provided me with invaluable experiences and skills.

Professionally, I have served in various leadership roles, including as a Corporate Investigator and Auditor with esteemed organizations such as Saks, Inc. and The Navy Exchange Command. In these roles, I played a pivotal role in ensuring ethical operations and business continuity, safeguarding the interests of both employees and stakeholders alike. Currently, I am a Consultant for a Central Texas CPA firm.

However, my dedication to service extends far beyond the boardroom. As a Salado Volunteer Firefighter and Emergency Medical Responder for seven years, I have had the honor of serving on the frontlines during times of crisis. From battling wildfires, structure fires and vehicle fires to providing aid during medical emergencies, I have witnessed firsthand the strength and resilience of our community in the face of adversity. My experience in emergency planning and response has equipped me with the foresight and resilience needed to navigate through challenging times, such as the recent COVID-19 pandemic, the Ice Storm of 2021 and the Tornado of 2022, for which I responded and served as Incident Command for the Southshore community after the initial calls for service. My tenure with the fire department, coupled with my leadership roles on the Executive Board, has earned me recognition and accolades, including multiple Firefighter of the Year awards and commendations for my contributions to public safety.

In addition to my professional and volunteer endeavors, I have been deeply involved in our community through various organizations and initiatives. Serving on the Village of Salado Board of Aldermen since 2023, I have advocated tirelessly for the interests of our citizens and local businesses, championing respect, transparency and accountability in government. My involvement in the Bell County Public Health District's Board of Directors further underscores my commitment to promoting the well-being of our community. I am also a Charter Member of the Salado American Legion Post 585 and serve as the Public Relations Officer.

If elected as your Mayor, I am committed to building upon the foundation of progress and prosperity that defines Salado. My priorities include rebuilding a culture of mutual respect, open communication and collaboration amongst the Board of Aldermen, fostering economic growth, enhancing public safety, repairing the roads in our residential areas and preserving our unique history and natural beauty. With your support, I am confident that together we can overcome any challenge and realize the full potential of our vibrant community.

In closing, I humbly ask for your trust, your support, and your vote in the upcoming election. Together, let us embark on a journey of unity, resilience, and prosperity for the Village of Salado.



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- Claims to prioritize roads but budgeted ZERO dollars for capital outlay - street improvements in the 2024 proposed budget

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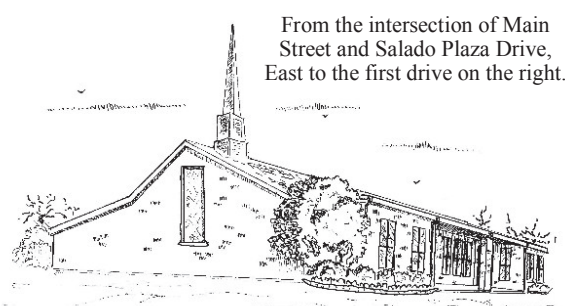
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Salado Community Foundation President John Barclay welcomed the audience to the first-ever Gathering of Givers event.



Salado Community Foundation Vice President Melanie Kirchmeier introduced each group speaker during the Gathering of Givers event.



Village of Salado Mayor Michael Coggin welcomed and thanked the groups for their work to improve the quality of life in Salado.

Salado Community Foundation hosts Gathering of Givers

Last week, the Salado Community Foundation hosted a networking event for local non-profits and charitable organization.

The Gathering of Givers, which was held April 11 at the Salado Civic Center, will become an annual event to recognize the work of these organizations and

to encourage groups to coordinate and support each other in their local projects.

Among the groups invited to attend were Garden of Hope, Hearts and Hands, Legacy CTX, Public Arts League of Salado, Legacy CTX, Salado Cemetery Association, Salado Chamber of Commerce, Salado

Community Chorus, Salado Cowboy Poetry and Music Gathering, Salado Education Foundation, Salado Elves, Salado Family Relief Fund, Salado Historical Society, Salado ISD Mentors, Salado Ladies Community League, Salado Lions Club, Salado Ma-

sonic Lodge #296, Salado Museum and College Park, Salado Music Friendly Community Board, Salado Public Library District and Friends of the Salado Pub-

lic Library, Salado Senior Center, Salado Village Artists, Salado Volunteer Fire Department, Texas Brazos Trail Region, Vet-Com.org

and the Village of Salado.

Representatives from each group present were given a chance to discuss

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Gathering of Givers

FROM PAGE 1B

the mission, goals and purpose of their group and how their group raises funds to meet those goals and purposes.

John Barclay, president of the Salado Community Foundation, said that the Foundation will provide links to each group's website on the Salado Community Foundation website at saladocf.org.

Board members of Salado Community Foundation are President John Barclay, Vice President Melanie Kirchmeier, Treasurer Brian Fritch, Secre-



Jim Franz
Salado Volunteer
Fire Department



Nancy Mills Mackey
Friends of Salado Library
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Steven Ervin
Salado Cemetery
Association

tary Michael Moore and Neil Dunch, Jami Fischer, Marilyn Fleischer, Christy Goodfellow, Lawson Grant, Michael Novotny, Troy Smith, Merle Stalcup, Jane Stone and Jennifer Westbrook.

Salado Village Voice will launch a series of arti-

cles on the Givers. The series will include contact information, website, history, goals, fundraising events, board members and more.

If your local non-profit or charitable organization would like to be included, email Tim Fleischer at news@saladovillagevoice.com.

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Cook Off for Cancer April 20 on Main

The Cook Off For Cancer – Salado BBQ Cookoff will take place on April 20.

Wristbands will be available to purchase for \$10 at the civic center the day of and also at a few select retailers (to be named soon).

You can also go to <https://cook-off-for-cancer-salado.square.site/> and enter, get wristbands or just donate to a good cause. On April 19, there will be a corn-hole tournament at Barrow Brewing Co. as well.

The public can vote for their favorite team. Each BBQ team will have a tip jar. The team who collects the most money in tips, wins the People's Choice. Teams will be set up up and down Main street.

This is an event to benefit research for Head and Neck Cancer.



Calendar of Events FROM PAGE 2B

May 10-11

Blow-Your-Own Mother's Day Event at Salado Glassworks, #2 Peddler's Alley. Flower (\$75) - Ages 12+, (Friday 3 p.m. & 4:30 p.m.). Bowl (\$100) - Ages 12+, (Saturday 11AM - 4:30 p.m.). Basic Ornament or Mini Bowl (\$60) - Ages 3+ (Saturday 10 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.). Register online at saladoglassworks.com.

May 11

Clay Walker at Johnny's Outback. Gates open at 6 p.m. \$40 General Admission, (\$45 Day of Show); \$75 Pit (Standing Room Only); \$600 Reserved Table of 6 (Tables are Stage Side not in front of stage). Advance tickets at johnnysteaksandbbq.com.

May 11-12

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

May 19

SunKissed at the Spa, 12 noon-3 p.m. at The Village Spa, 216 Royal St., Call 254-293-6600 for info.

May 19

Teen Acne and Makeup Class, 4-6 p.m. at the Village Spa, 216 Royal St., Call 254-293-6600 for reservations, only four spots left!

May 22

Snow Cone Day at Century 21 Bill Bartlett Real Estate. Shred Day, 860 N. Main St., 12 noon-2 p.m. School's out! Kick off the summer with a FREE snow cone at Century 21 Bill Bartlett. Granny's

Shaved Ice will be serving five of their delicious flavors.

May 24-25

Blow-Your-Own Drinkware Event at Salado Glassworks, #2 Peddler's Alley. Mug, Sipper, Tumbler (\$95) - Ages 12+ (Friday 10 a.m.-2 p.m. & Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m.). Register online at saladoglassworks.com.

May 27

Community Band of Central Texas Memorial Day concert at Tablerock Time to be announced.

May 29

Want to participate in a Blow Your Own event with your gal pals? Salado Glassworks you covered with our Ladies' Night. Their artists will assist in various ways to help make your one-of-a-kind hand-blown stemless wine glass, 5:30 p.m. Perks with your reservation include your complimentary wine or beer in the shop (two per person), light snacks, and a laid back atmosphere. Book online at saladoglassworks.com.

May 31-June 1

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June 4

Salado Area Republican Women 17th annual Fine China Luncheon and Fundraiser, 11 a.m., Blue Heron Room of Tenroc Ranch, 5471 Thomas Arnold Rd. For information,

contact Barclay McCort at barclaymccort@gmail.com or 254 760-4266.

June 7-8

Blow-Your-Own Drinkware Event at Salado Glassworks, #2 Peddler's Alley. Mug, Sipper, Tumbler (\$95) - Ages 12+ (Friday 10 a.m.-2 p.m. & Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m.). Register online at saladoglassworks.com.

June 8-9

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

June 13

Around the World Dinner Series at Alexander's Craft Cocktails + Kitchen, 6:30 p.m. Reservations online through eventbrite.com for \$100 (includes tax and gratuity or \$1,000 for annual passport) for five course themed dinner. This month's Destination, Normandy, France.

June 14-15

Blow-Your-Own Drinkware Event at Salado Glassworks, #2 Peddler's Alley. Mug, Sipper, Tumbler (\$95) - Ages 12+ (Friday 10 a.m.-2 p.m. & Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m.). Register online at saladoglassworks.com.

June 22

Gary Allan at Johnny's Outback. Gates open at 6 p.m. \$45 General Admission, (\$50 Day of Show); \$100 Pit (Standing Room Only); \$750 Reserved Table of 6 (Tables are Stage Side not in front of stage). Advance tickets at johnnysteaksandbbq.com.

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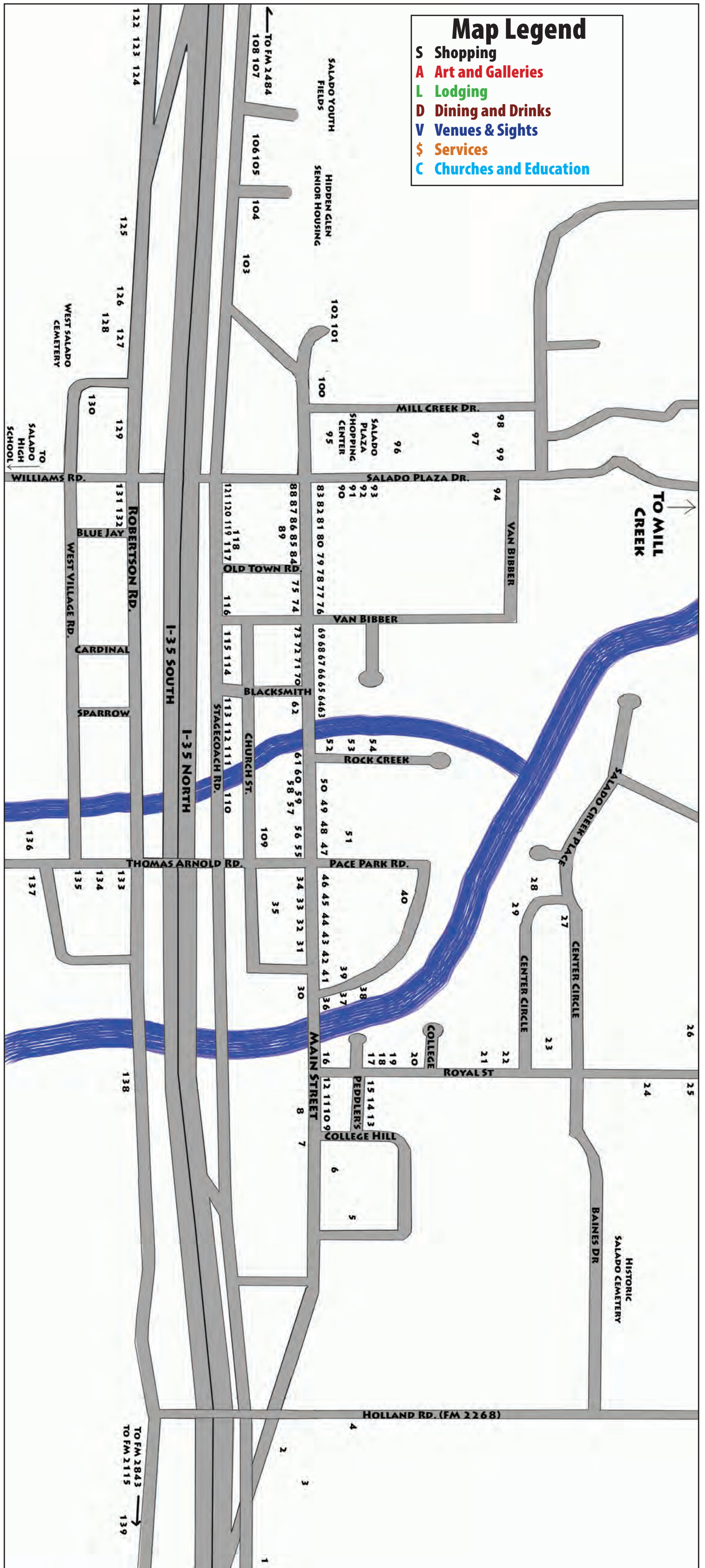
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	254-947-8037	
6	Salado College Park	V
7	Raney & Assoc. Real Estate	\$
	254-913-1215	
8	StageCoach Inn	D
	Shady Villa	L
	254-947-5111	
9	Salado Museum	V
	254-947-5232	
	Salado Visitors Center & Tourism	\$
	254-947-8634	
	Salado Chamber of Commerce	\$
	254-947-5040	
	New Life Methodist Church	C
10	Sofi's	S
	254-947-4336	
11	Chupacabra Craft Beer and Winery	D
	(254) 308-2019	
	Chupacabra Kitchen	D
	(254) 308-2220	
14	Salado Glassworks	A
	254-947-0339	
15	Provecho	D
	254-308-2098	
17	Barrow Brewing Co.	D
	254-947-3544	
	Happy Pizza	V
	254-226-1684	
21	The Venue	V
	254-947-5554	
	Village Spa	S
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22	The Shed	D
	254-947-1960	
24	Tablerock	V
26	Salado United Methodist Church	C
	254-947-5482	
29	Inn on the Creek	L
	254-947-5554	
	Alexanders Craft Cocktails & Kitchen	D
	254-947-3828	
30	First Baptist Church	C
	254-947-546	
32	First Texas Brokerage	\$
	254-947-5577	
34	Farmers Insurance	\$
	254-947-0995	
34	First Community Title	\$
	254-947-8480	
40	W.A. Pace Memorial Park	V
	254-947-5060	
48	Nancy Best Real Estate	\$
	512-571-1259	
48	Salado Luxury Properties	\$
	254-526-6611	
56	Salado Creek Jewelry	S
	254-855-5538	
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	254-947-0222	
75	Stage Stop Center	\$
	Salado Creek Dental	\$
	254-308-2027	
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	254-947-5479	
78	Star Nails and Spa	\$
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	254-947-8011	
82	St. Joseph's Episcopal Church	C
	254-947-3160	
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	C
	254-308-2023	
91	Troy Smith Financial Services	\$
	254-947-0376	
92	Salado Sculpture Garden	A
96	Salado Plaza	\$
	Ace Pest Control	\$
	254-947-4222	
	Integrity Rehab	\$
	254-699-3933	
	Salado's Hair Shop	\$
	254-421-5173	
	Salado Village Voice	\$
	254-947-5321	
100	Salado Public Library	C
	254-947-9191	
107	Salado Creek Ministries meets at the Holiday Inn Express	C
113	Salado Church of Christ	C
	254-947-5241	
122	Bell County Annex	\$
124	Axis Winery	D
	254-308-2016	
126	Cowboy's Barbecue	D
	254-947-5700	
130	Village Spirits	S
	254-947-7117	
132	Broecker Funeral Home	\$
	254-947-0066	
133	Johnny's Steaks & BBQ	D
	254-947-4663	
134	The Dog Spot	\$
	254-947-3647	
135	Carus Dental	\$
	254-947-8067	
136	Salado Schools & Stadium Village Church of Salado	C
	972-978-2239	
137	Iron Orchid Bodywork (inside Salado Fitness)	\$
	254-541-5659	
139	Cedar Valley Baptist Church	C
	254-947-0148	
Not Shown on the Map		
	3C Cowboy Fellowship	C
	254-947-7211	
	Grace Church	C
	254-947-5917	
	Heritage Country Church	C
	254-239-7106	
	Mill Creek Country Club	V
	254-947-5698	
	JD's Truck Stop and Grill	S/D
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	Anytime Fitness Salado	S
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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-Brey Mercantile | 28. Dr. McKie Place (Twelve Oaks) | 48. The Norton-Orgain House | 77. The Robert B. Halley House |
| 23. The Baines House | 29. Alexander's Distillery | 50. The Barton House | 79. The Reed Cabin |
| 24. Historic Dipping Vats | 30. First Baptist Church | 51. The Levi Tenney House | 100. The Josiah Fowler House |
| | 31. The Tyler House | 55. The Armstrong Adams House | |



State Semi-finalists Salado Lady Eagles. (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)

Lady Eagles fall 2-1 to Boerne in overtime of state semi-final

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

In the 88th minute of the 4A state semi-final soccer match between the Salado Lady Eagles and the Boerne Lady Greyhounds, Kailey Stringfellow took a pass from Sophia Namvar near the corner of the penalty box and eked it past Cambry Edmondson to put the Greyhounds up 2-1 in overtime on April 10.

A shot by Reese Lange in the 82nd minute went over the cross bar in the first overtime period.

Boerne's Kinsley Sawyer made a save on a shot by Shelby Hollywood, her third of the match, in the 83rd minute of the match to keep the score knotted at 1-1.

The Lady Eagles could get no shots off in the second overtime period and Boerne held on for the 2-1 overtime win, sending the Lady Greyhounds to the state final at Birkelbach Field in Georgetown.

Boerne scored early on a low shot from 20 yards out by Avery Ukeiley that slid just inside the right post in the eighth minute of the match.

Salado scored in the 74th minute on a shot from the near right sideline by Shel-

by Hollywood that curved into the back post from 30 yards out to tie the match at 1-1.

In traffic, Boerne took three quick shots on goal in the 56th minute of the match with Lady Eagle goalkeeper Edmondson making two quick saves against Stringfellow and Isabella Pottet and Lexi Rice defending against the third shot by Namvar.

The Lady Eagles took eight shots in the match with Hollywood taking three of them, Reese Lange taking two, Sydney Lange taking two and Cade Harris taking one.

Boerne took five shots, two by Stringfellow (one for a goal), one by Pottet, one by Namvar and one for goal by Ukeiley.

Salado was called for 13 fouls and three yellow cards (one each by Sydney Lange, Reese Lange and Skylar Gardner).

Boerne was hit with 11 fouls and one yellow card on Pottet.

Junior Shelby Hollywood and Junior Midfielder Skylar Gardner were named to the All-Tournament Team.

The Lady Greyhounds lost to defending state champions Celina 1-0.



Junior Forward- Shelby Hollywood was named to the 2024 UIL Soccer State All-Tournament Team. (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)



Junior Midfielder- Skylar Gardner was named to the 2024 UIL Soccer State All-Tournament Team. (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)

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Mady Serna competes with Boerne. (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)

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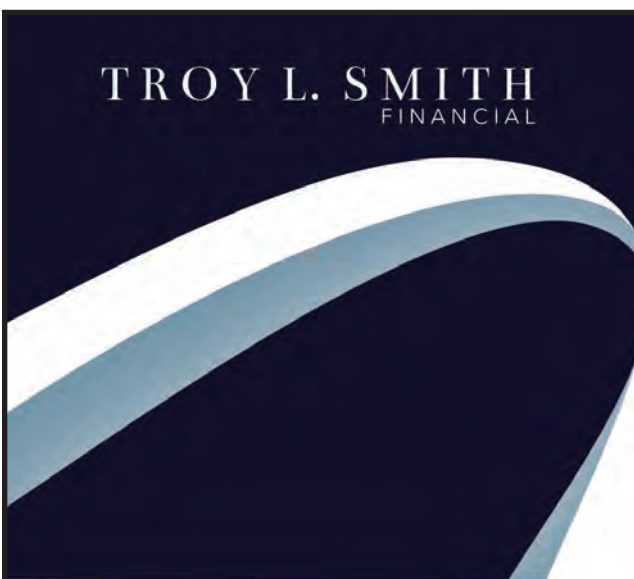
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Meet the candidates for Salado ISD Board of Trustees

Salado Village Voice May 4 election. This week, presents the candidates for Salado Independent School District Board of Trustees each week leading up to the May 4 election. This week, we gave each candidate a chance to introduce themselves to the community. Below are their responses:



MICHAEL APODACA

Hello Salado citizens and community. My name is Michael Apodaca and I would appreciate your vote for school board.

My wife Jane and I moved to Salado in 2007 so that our youngest son Michael could attend the Salado Schools. We love it here and really enjoy living in Salado.

The idea of serving on the school board is appealing to me as an opportunity to serve this community that I do so love. I care about Salado and our children and want to ensure the best educational outcomes for all students. I previously served six years on the Salado Education Foundation, where I was the scholarship committee chair for four years, the Cattlemen's Ball chair for two years, and the treasurer for one year. It was truly a privilege to serve the students, teachers, and schools, and the school board would be a great way to continue to support our community.

I previously twice served Salado and the school district as a community member on the planning committee that studied the need for the bond for the middle school and the current bond that will provide a new high school, much needed upgrades for the elementary school, and a stadium. All of these projects are essential to SISD, and I thank the voters for passing them.

I am a former Army Officer and currently work at

the Operational Test Command serving Soldiers on behalf of our Nation and our Army. My wife Jane is the principal of Skipcha Elementary School in Harker Heights. We are members of First Baptist Church of Salado, where I serve as Deacon. Since 2001 I have served as a leader for my family-based team serving with Casas Por Cristo building homes and schools for the under privileged in Mexico.

If elected I pledge to work hard on behalf of our community's schools. It is important for the board to sustain a positive foundation, work as a team to create a vision for the district and set measurable goals to achieve that vision. I will be actively engaged in important functions such as understanding and regularly monitoring the fiscal health of the district.

Nothing, however, is as important as focusing on student achievement and implementing policies that ensure success for all students. My goal is to be an asset to the board and our community, and I will use all my professional training and experience in planning, budgeting, written and oral communication, problem analysis, and administrative controls to do so.

If elected I recognize as a new board member there is a lot to learn and to stay up to date with as laws and policies can change year-to-year. Trustees are also required by law to take classes to ensure they fully understand policy and procedures. I will work hard on that because an effective board member must be informed and educated about what's going on in our district.

I am sure you have noticed I used the word "serve" quite a bit in the paragraphs above. That is truly where my heart is, my candidacy for school board is based on the motivation and belief in supporting and serving in the community where I live.

Thank you for taking a few minutes to read my introduction, and again I ask you to please vote for me. I am looking forward hearing from everyone in the community of Salado and discussing the goals and priorities of SISD. I can be reached on my cell phone at (859) 620-3788, call or text is okay. Please get out and vote on May 4th. Thank you!



CHRIS DIEM

I am a Bell County native, have been married to my wife Jessica for nearly 15 years, and am the proud parent of a 5th and

3rd grader at Thomas Arnold Elementary. I graduated high school in Harker Heights before earning a Bachelor of Science from Texas A&M University in 2005. I earned a master's in educational administration from Tarleton State University and am on track to complete my Doctorate in Educational Leadership from Liberty University later this year. I have spent 22 years in public education, beginning as a substitute and student teacher before spending 4 years as a high school teacher, 3 years as a high school assistant principal, and 2 1/2 years as Principal of Salado Junior High School. During that time, I was recognized as a semi-finalist for the HEB State Principal of the Year Award in 2013 and as the Region 12 Middle School Principal of the Year in 2014. Since January 2015, I have worked for the Texas A&M University College of Medicine in various academic and non-academic roles. Currently, I serve as the assistant dean of student affairs for the Round Rock and Temple campuses.

I am also an active member of my community; in addition to my current role as a Board Member for the Salado ISD Board of Trustees, I currently serve as a coach for Salado Youth Baseball and Basketball, Board Chairman for Fellowship of Christian Athletes- Heart of Texas West, Deacon at First Baptist Church of Killeen, Area Representative for the Texas A&M Association of Former Students, and am a member and past-president of the Rotary Club of Harker Heights. I have previously served Salado ISD on the Student Health Advisory Committee and District Based Decision Making Committee while serving my community as a board member for the Association of the United States Army Central Texas Chapter, Killeen/Fort Hood Area A&M Club, and Public Policy Committee for the Harker Heights Chamber of Commerce.

It has been an honor to serve on the Salado ISD Board of Trustees for the past 2 years, and I hope to earn your vote and be allowed to serve for another term. Salado ISD is a district of choice; having relocated to Salado largely for the school district, I can personally speak to that. We have made great strides in safety and communication over the past two years, and I have prided myself on listening to those with concerns and working to find solutions to those challenges. I have also seen the many amazing things our district has to offer as a board member and, more importantly, as a parent. We have excellent teachers and engaged parents, and we have seen our community support two bond initiatives to help us continue to take steps forward. I hope to have the opportunity to continue to support the students, teachers, staff, and administrators who occupy those buildings and do my

part to push Salado ISD forward.



WRITE-IN CANDIDATE

COOPER GILL

My name is Cooper Gill. My wife, Valerie, and I both grew up in Belton and are now happily raising our four boys in Salado. We have been planting our roots here for the past three years, and we truly love the unique community of this town. We have two children that currently attend TAE and will have two more joining them in years to come. I love spending my time coaching baseball and basketball with Salado Youth Sports and fishing the creek with my family.

I have a passion for public education and a desire for Salado ISD to achieve academic excellence in a safe, intellectually challenging learning environment. In the last three years, I have been actively advocating for Salado ISD as a parent. I have traveled to the capital to speak with Representative Buckley's office on education priorities, had several meetings with Salado ISD campus and district administrators discussing school safety and academic success, and spoke at multiple school board meetings advocating for disciplinary protocol changes and academic excellence.

With four children who will be in Salado ISD over the next 17 years, I am deeply invested in making sure that students and educators have the ability not only to succeed, but to thrive. I believe all students deserve a top-tier education that fosters a life-long love for learning and encourages them to reach their full potential. I look forward to putting in the hard work and asking hard questions to make sure the opportunity to thrive is available to every student and educator in Salado. I believe that open, transparent communication is integral for trust to be formed and maintained between our schools and community members. I will serve the community by encouraging and facilitating open dialogue between parents, staff, and administrators, and work to help find effective solutions.

As a board member my priorities will be focusing on retaining and attracting the best teachers for our district ensuring that their feedback is reflected in district spending and staffing decisions. These improvements in the classroom will allow students on every campus to thrive and will result in improvements in our campus accountability ratings. I am devoted to serving this community by being a 'boots on the ground' advocate and by asking hard questions that ensure the decisions that are made by the school board are always in the best interest of Salado ISD families. I appreciate the opportunity to earn your vote, and I look forward to answering any questions you may have for me as a school board candidate at coop.gill@gmail.com

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Salado One Act Play Cast: (front row, from left) Eric Soto, Olivia Kelley, Sean Murray, Eleftherios Nikolaidis, May Davis, Rylie Buck, Alex Gruber, Ella Mouton; (second row, from left); JJ Jonas, Harper Schreiner-Brown, Brooklynn Winkler, Ellie Bragg, Ivan

Montesinos, Renee Arnett, Daniel Sanchez, Chasen Jagers, Gunner Peterson, Callum Campbell, Kennedy Hewitt, John Montoya, Laura Ball; (back row, from left) Michael Dorris, Robert Kessler, Andreas Nikoladis, Xavier Dabney, Ian Miles, Cort Bethel



SHS One Act Tech Crew (from left) Laura Ball – Stage Manager, Eric Soto – Projectionist, Cort Bethel – Lighting, Kennedy Hewitt – Sound, May Davis – Specials. This is the third competition where Salado has been selected Best Technical Crew. Tech Crew is led by Renee Arnett and Ellie Bragg. (COURTESY PHOTO)

SHS One Act Play heading to Regional competition

After winning the area contest on April 13, Salado One-Act Play (SOAP) will advance to the regional contest at S.F. Austin University in Nacogdoches on April 26.

The team is performing an adaptation of Aaron Sorkin's *The Trial of the Chicago 7* about the infamous 1968 trial that put free speech at the center viewpoint of a polarized nation.

Individual awards went to five members of the company: Best Performer – Eleftherios Nikolaidis as Abbie Hoffman, All-Star Cast – Andreas Nikolaidis as Attorney General John

Mitchell, Uncle Sam, and Judge Julius Hoffman and Sean Murray as defense attorney William Kunstler.

Honorable Mention All-Star Cast went to Harper Schreiner-Brown as FBI Agent Daphne O'Connor and defense attorney Richard Schultz. Outstanding Technician was Eric Soto for use of historic projections. Salado also won the Best Tech Crew Award.

Other members of the OAP team include: Liam Baird, Gunner Peterson, Brooklynn Winkler, Daniel Sanchez, Olivia Kelley, Callum Campbell, Ian Miles, Michael Moses Dorris, Ivan

Montesinos, Robert Kessler, John Montoya, Rylie Buck, Xavier Dabney, and Alex Gruber.

Directors are J.J. Jonas, Renee Arnett, and Ellie Bragg.

Two plays will advance from each of the four regions in Texas to comprise the final eight in each conference at the state meet in May.

Salado has placed at the state finals nine times, including three state championships.

Salado will perform its show for the public on April 18 and May 2 at 7 p.m. in the SHS cafeteria.

Kinder, Pre-K Round-Up set

Thomas Arnold Elementary Pre-K and Kindergarten Round Up will be at the Salado ISD Administration Office in the Salado Civic Center (601 N. Main) 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. April 19 and 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. April 22.

The following documents are required at the time of enrollment.

- Proof of residency (closing document, lease agreement or a current electric/water bill). SISD enrollment process will not begin until proof of residency is present.

- Birth certificate
- Social security card.
- Immunization records.

If a student has never attended school before, or is transferring from out of state, the student cannot be enrolled until an immunization records is provided and approved by the school nurse.

- Driver's license of per-

son enrolling student.

- Active duty military families are asked to provide DOD FORM 1172-2 (DEERS enrollment form) for Pre-K enrollment.

Children enrolling in Kindergarten must be five years old on or before Sept. 1, 2024.

Children enrolling in Pre-K must be three or four years old on or before Sept. 1, 2024.

Further requirements for enrolling in Pre-K can be found on the saladoisd.org website.

Pre-K and Kindergarten "approved transfer" students will enroll on the district-wide enrollment date July 22.

The first day of school is Aug. 14.

For more information, contact TAE Registrar Britta Broussard at 254-947-6958 or email at brittani.broussard@saladoisd.org.



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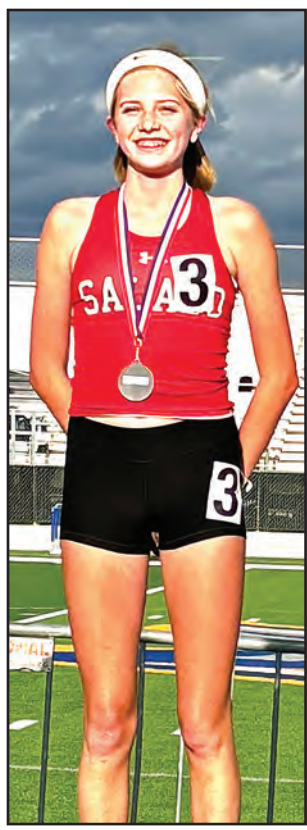
Cade Harris, regional qualifier in 3200M Run and 1600M Run.



Kaylee Bragg, regional qualifier in High Jump and 300M Hurdles.



Zoie Adcox, regional qualifier in 800M Run and 3200M Run.



Sydney Engleking, regional qualifier in 800M Run and 1600M Run.

SHS girls sending 8 to Regional track meet

Salado High girls track will send eight competitors to the Regional Track Meet. They qualified by placing in the top four at the Area Track Meet April 10 at Lago Vista.

The girls placed second overall in the meet, with the following results:

800 Meter Run: Zoie Adcox, First Place (qualified for the regional meet), 2:25.51; Sydney Engleking, second place (qualified for the regional meet), 2:26.51.

1600 Meter Run: Cade Harris, first place (quali-

fied for the regional meet), 5:30.72; Sydney Engleking, second place (qualified for the regional meet), 5:32.58; Ally Ihler, fourth place (qualified for the regional meet), 5:34.34.

3200 Meter Run: Cade Harris, first place (qualified for the regional meet), 11:52.98; Zoie Adcox, second place (qualified for the regional meet), 11:54.26.

100 Meter Hurdles: Grace Tipping, seventh place, 17.23.

300 Meter Hurdles:

Kaylee Bragg, fourth place (qualified for the regional meet), 48.74.

4x100 Meter Relay: Paige Fariss, Grace Tipping, Macy Morris, Payton Ortega, sixth place, 51.80.

4x200 Meter Relay: Paige Fariss, Riley Guthrie, Serenity Jirasek, Payton Ortega, sixth place, 1:50.21.

4x400 Meter Relay: Serenity Jirasek, Macy Morris, Addison King, Penelope Anderson, fifth place, 4:16.90.

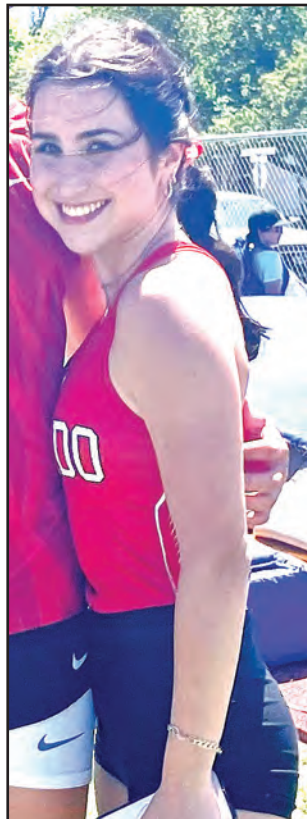
High Jump: Kaylee

Bragg, first place (qualified for the regional meet), 5' 4"; Macy Morris fourth place (qualified for the regional meet), 5' 0".

Pole Vault: Meri Fischer, fourth place (qualified for the regional meet), 9' 9".

Long Jump: Payton Ortega, fourth place (qualified for the regional meet) 17' 5½".

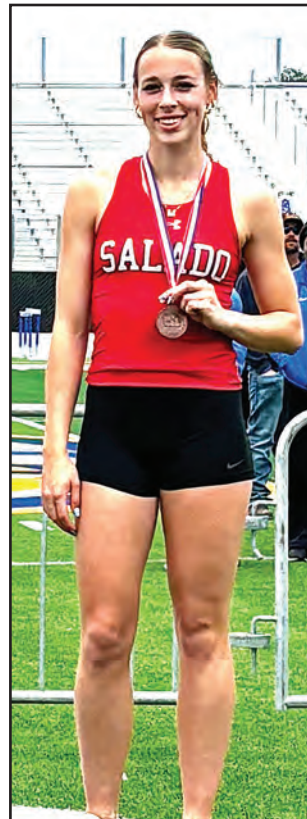
Triple Jump: Payton Ortega, fifth place 35' 0¼".



Meri Fischer, regional qualifier in Pole Vault.



Ally Ihler, regional qualifier in 1600M Run.



Macy Morris, regional qualifier in High Jump.



Payton Ortega, regional qualifier in Long Jump.

SHS boys sending 4 to Regional track meet

Salado High boys track will send four competitors to the Regional Track Meet. They qualified by placing in the top four at the Area Track Meet April 10 at Lago Vista.

100 Meter Dash: Jackson Bragg, second place (qualified for the regional meet), 11.26.

800 Meter Run: Daniel Anderson, third place (qualified for the regional meet), 2:00.53. Alex Hauck, fifth place, 2:03.41.

1600 Meter Run: Luke Anderson, fourth place (qualified for the regional meet), 4:28.76; Coulson Boyd, fifth place, 4:29.23; Daniel Anderson,

4:41.29.

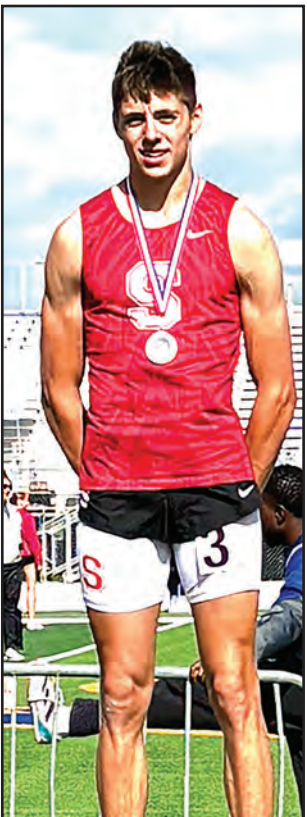
3200 Meter Run: Luke Anderson, third place (qualified for the regional meet), 9:55.75; Coulson Boyd, fourth place (qualified for the regional meet), 9:56.17.

4x400 Meter Relay: Jackson Bragg, Alex Hauck, Luke Anderson, Daniel An-

derson, fifth place, 3:32.74.

High Jump: Anthony Angell, sixth place, 5' 10".

Pole Vault: Jackson Bragg, first place (qualified for the regional meet), 15' 9"; Luke Bauser, eighth place, 11' 0".



Jackson Bragg, regional qualifier in Pole Vault and 100M Dash.



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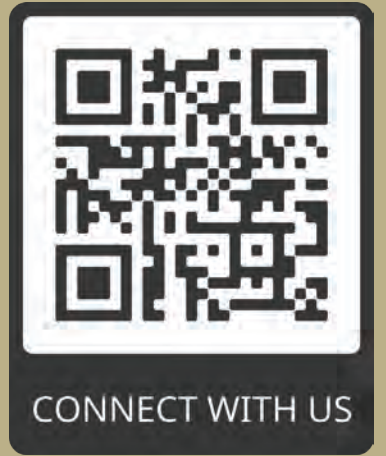
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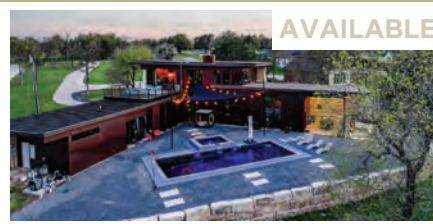
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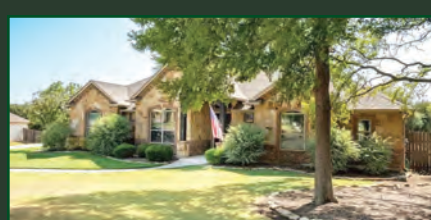
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