



Community Chorus concert set 7 p.m. April 30 at FBC

Music is in bloom as the Salado Community Chorus prepares for their 30th Anniversary Concert. The Chorus was organized in 1994 as a Ladies Chorale and in 2000 became a mixed chorus. This semester there are 50 returning and 5 new members under the direction of Dottie Shirley. Dr. David Albee will return as accompanist. In honor of their 30th Anniversary the Chorus will ask all former members in attendance to stand and be recognized. We are proud to welcome the 30th Medical Brigade, Fort Cavazos, to post the colors as we begin the concert.

The Chorus is working on a mix of patriotic, spiritual

and contemporary songs for the 7 p.m. concert on April 30.

The concert will be held at First Baptist Church, 210 S. Main in Salado.

The concerts are free and no tickets are required.

The Chorus is a 501 (c) (3) organization, dedicated to the promotion of music enjoyment in the Village of Salado and is funded by donations, grants and membership dues. Donations are accepted at their concerts and through the website www.SaladoChorus.com.

You can follow the Chorus on the website and the Salado Community Chorus Facebook page.

Early vote continues in SISD, Village races

Early voting began 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 Coggins 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.

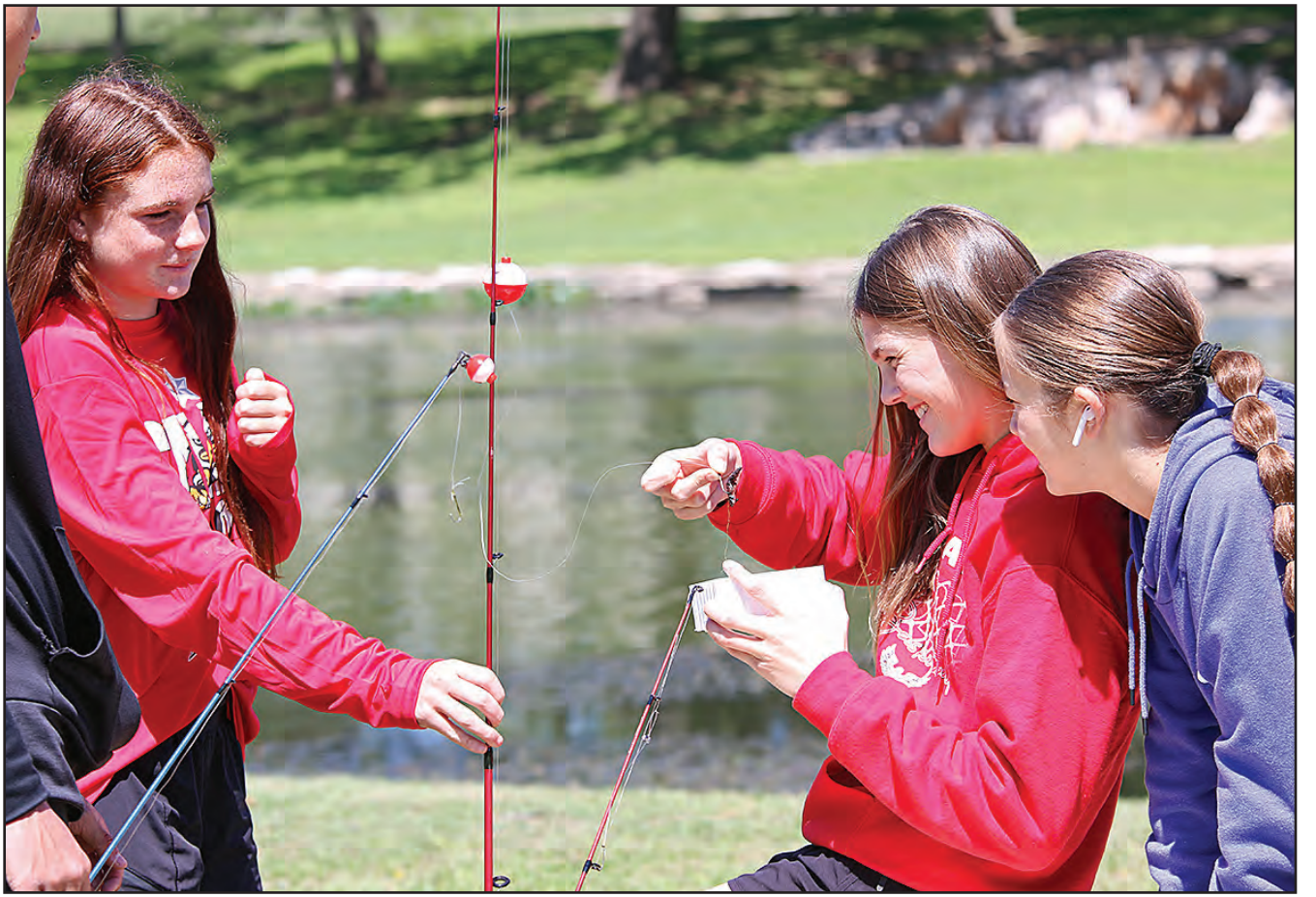
April 23-26: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

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 continues questions and answers with candidates this edition: Mayor and Aldermen are found in the A Section and school board candidates are found in the C Section.



Gone Fishing

Salado students in the Outdoor Adventures Program, an elective class at Salado Middle School hit the banks of Salado Creek April 22 to try their hand at fishing. Other activities in the class have included kayaking in the creek and outdoor survival skills. The class is taught by Scott Bates.

(PHOTOS BY ROYCE WIGGIN)

Sirena artist pleads for Sirena Fest to stay in Salado

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Artist Troy Kelley spoke before the Village Aldermen at their April 18 meeting about the announcement by Legacy CTX, Inc. to move Sirena Fest from Salado to Belton.

Kelley is the artist who sculpted Sirena for placement at Salado Creek in 1986, donating it to the Village and its children.

Introducing his wife Vickie, he said, "We're both sculptors and live here in Salado."

"I read about it in the pa-

per," he said of the move, adding "I don't understand why that is happening."

He then filled in the aldermen on the history of the Sirena sculpture. "When I came to Salado in 1984 and crossed bridge and saw the spring, I knew it would be ideal to put Sirena in that creek. I went to Chamber of Commerce and asked them about it."

He contacted Grace Jones, who owned the property on the creek. "She told me to put it in the creek, and that's what I did.

"I bought some water meters from Lonnie Edwards

and melted them down and made the Sirena sculpture. The piece was site specific. It has to be near water to be appreciated. That is why I can't understand the reason for the move to Belton."

Kelley said he is calling "on people to reconsider the decision they made. Let's form a group to look at the impact of the festival on Salado. I would like to speak with anybody."

Sirena was dedicated at 12:01 a.m. January 1, 1986 as the first public art dedicated during the Sesquicentennial of the Republic of Texas.

Kelley spoke during the

Citizen Comment portion of the meeting, so no action was taken.

Aldermen approved the temporary closure of Royal St. on Oct. 19 for the annual Barrow Volksride benefiting the Salado Volunteer Fire Department. The event had 400 riders in 2023 and stages in front of Barrow Brewing Co. with routes taking cyclists as far away as Nolanville and Holland.

Aldermen held the first reading of an ordinance to install stop signs at the intersection of Smith Bluff Road and Smith Bluff Way, creating an all-way stop.

Aldermen held the first reading of an ordinance granting Mustang Springs Utility, LLC, certain powers, license, privileges and franchise to operate and maintain a water utility system within the village. According to Village Administrator, this is the same franchise agreement that Salado Water Supply Corporation has to operate its water utility system. it includes a 4% franchise fee payable to the Village of Salado by the water utility system.

Former Village employee Ashley Lewis addressed the board about why she quit

work there. She discussed Salado Police Department case #88, which she originated after coming to work at the Village Visitors Center and finding the computer and other equipment at her office tampered with. According to Lewis, quoting the report, "Case #88: March 1 at 9:39 a.m. Officer Oster was called back to the visitor center." He met with Ashley and Village Information Technology worker Peter McNeil. McNeil checked out the computer to find that it had been unplugged and the

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Salado Cowboy Poetry, Music Gathering May 3-5

The fourth annual Salado Cowboy Poetry and Music Gathering will be May 3-5 in various locations throughout the Village.

Salado Cowboy Poetry and Music Gathering brings together a group of poets, musicians, and storytellers who are doing their part to preserve the cultural heritage of the American West. This gathering will give these performers an opportunity to share their talents.

"These men and women are now, or have been in the past, a part of the working cowboy environment," founder Sharon Douglas said. "This is the fourth year that Salado has hosted this event and the hope is to make it the best in the country by offering the true 'working

cowboy' culture and heritage. Cowboy poetry, music, and story telling is born in the dust of hard work.

Tickets are available at centraltexasitickets.com.

Schedule

Friday, May 3

6:30-8:30 p.m.: "Cuisine and Chords" reception, dinner and music featuring Devon and The Outlaw and Jim Cathey, Teresa Burleson, and others. Salado Museum, 423 S. Main St. Salado. Tickets \$50. Call 254-702-0979 for reservations. Limited seating. Additional parking is available behind Shady Villa and across the street from Barrow Brewing Co.

Thought the weekend, visit Salado Museum to view Vaquero: Genesis of

the Texas Cowboy, an exhibition produced by the Wittliff Collections, Texas State University, presented in partnership with Humanities Texas, the state affiliate for the National Endowment for the Humanities. This exhibition is made possible in part by a We the People grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. The exhibition features 62 digital carbon prints with bilingual narrative text that reveal the muscle, sweat and drama that went into roping a calf in thick brush or breaking a wild horse in the saddle. The exhibition will be available to the public from April 10 to May 30. For more information about viewing hours or to arrange group visits, contact Lynette

Jones at 254-947-3525 or 254-718-0820.

Saturday, May 4

7:30-9 a.m.: Lions' Club Pancake Breakfast, tickets \$6, 217 N. Church St.

10 a.m.-1:30 p.m.: Saturday Concerts at Salado Museum, 423 S. Main St.

10-10:45 a.m.: Little Britches Concert but Grown-ups should come too. Carolyn Britt, author and Richard Paul Thomas present her new book, Wind Bandits. Also appearing, Devon and The Outlaw and Washtub Jerry. Sponsored by Salado Ladies' Community League.

11 a.m.-Noon: Rhymes and Rhythms of the Range: Straw Berry, Teresa Burleson, Stan Mahler, Washtub Jerry, and Cal Farley Kids. Youth Cowboy Poetry Con-

test winners announced.

Alternate choices at Barrow Brewery's Farmers Market 108 Royal St Salado

• 11-11:45 a.m.: Devon and The Outlaw with Washtub Jerry

• 11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m.: Stan Mahler

1-1:30 p.m.: Jim Jones presents Sarah Pierce and Russ Phillips. Open mic as time permits. Salado Museum

1:45-3 p.m.: \$15 Admission; Salado Museum Tribute to Marty Robbins with Jeff Gore and Washtub Jerry. Also appearing are Belinda Gail, Jim Jones, George Ray Russell and Bruce Johnson.

5:30-6:30 p.m.: Inn on the Creek hosts Stan Mahler and Jim Jones. The Inn offers a variety of dinner and drink

options.

7-9:30 p.m. \$25 Admission. Tablerock Amphitheater, 200 Royal St., Salado. Gates open at 6 p.m. Along the Trail with Stories and Songs featuring: Belinda Gail, Lori Beth, Jeff Gore, Jim Jones, Washtub Jerry, Straw Berry, George Ray Russell and Bruce Johnson and Stan Mahler. In case of rain, the evening event will be moved to Heritage Country Church, 9929 Lark Trail, Salado.

Sunday, May 5

10 a.m.: Heritage Country Church, 9929 Lark Trail, Salado. Join Heritage Country Church in worship with Jeff Gore, Jim Jones, Belinda Gail and George Ray Russell. Come early for coffee and donuts.

Why drag me into this? All is not green in Salado

To the Editor of Salado Village Voice and Members of the public in Salado

My name is Jack M. Comeaux. I am a property owner and resident of Salado Texas living at 1618 Mill Creek Drive. Miss Becky Conley and I purchased the property where we reside in December 2018. We improved the property and have made many friends here. We enjoy everything Salado has to offer. I was a law enforcement officer for 20 years. During that time I was a patrol officer, patrol Sgt, investigator, evidence officer, child sex crimes investigator and for a short time acting chief during a political dispute in another city. Miss Becky is a retired flight attendant from American airlines for 32 years.

I am friends with Mayor Mike Coggin and Alderman Bert Henry. We get along well and when necessary, I question both of them directly about controversial political issues in the village. Many times I have gone to them directly when accusations have been made and get the answers and post them on social media for folks to see and evaluate. In doing so, I have been ridiculed and called a Coggin mouth piece, a Coggin surrogate by Mr. Brian Sunshine, and now a shill by Mr. Charles Simmons, who dislikes Mayor Coggin and has posted an ad this week in the Salado Village Voice. Mr Simmons doesn't even know me. He also stated that I am convicted felon which is true. I was tried as a police officer for too much force in 2010 in Falls County. It's old news and the state of Texas and I are on good terms and I have moved on as a citizen, property owner and productive resident in Salado. Mr. Simmons attempted to insinuate that Mayor Coggin associates with criminals. Mr.

Your Voice

Letters to the Editor

Simmons neglected to mention that I am also good friends with Bert Henry as well. So I guess that means Bert hangs out with the criminal element. I have not endorsed either candidate, have no signs in my yard, and attended no forums or meet and greet meetings for any candidate.

Mr. Simmons only dragged my name into this in an attempt to bash Mike Coggin, no other reason. If that's the case, then he should have mentioned my friendship with Bert Henry to be fair. It doesn't bother me ladies and gentlemen. I have long past the point where anyone dragging up my past of 15 years ago is important. My law enforcement friends including Sheriffs, Chiefs, troopers and street officers still respect me and have told me they consider me still a fine officer. My neighbors and friends are aware of my past and it doesn't bother them or affect our friendship.

So in summary, Mr. Simmons can do what he likes and call people names because he hates someone and that's fine. Basically shows the kind of person he is which in my opinion is not much. Life is way too short to dwell on this, but I did feel the public was entitled to my reply since my name was thrown into this political feud.

Our house is open to anyone and we welcome visitors and are willing to discuss anything or any questions you might have. Again, I'm good friends with Mike Coggin and Bert Henry and neither one is bothered by anything Mr. Sim-

mons had said concerning me except to say that it was unnecessary and a pretty low down. It upset Miss Becky greatly and that is totally uncalled for.

Please go vote on election day for the candidate of your choice. It is important. God bless.

Jack M. Comeaux
Salado

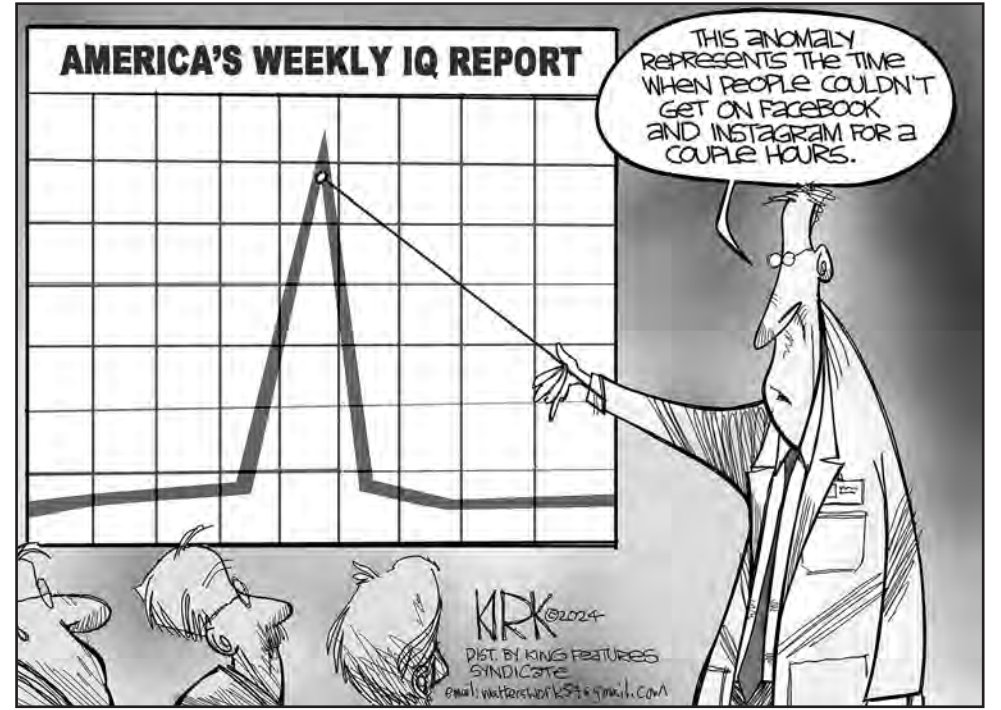
To the Editor:

All is not green in Salado. Consider:

1. The POTHoles have been here unaddressed for years.
 2. A Village employee was fired without cause and her reinstatement was costly.
 3. We've churned through five Chiefs of Police and there's been high department turnover for years due to permissive mismanagement.
 4. Village ordinances, maps and documents not properly kept for years.
 5. Village has waived over \$900,000 in developer fees.
 6. Sirena Fest is moving to Belton after being treated poorly.
 7. Construction permits granted without prerequisite water and sewer providers/plans.
 8. Playground equipment contracts not executed timely costing thousands more.
 9. There is ongoing sub-standard construction in the Sanctuary.
- Why?
Respectfully,
Charles Simmons
Salado

FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas



Higher rates, oil prices, inflation have not cooled US economy, yet

The dear old S&P 500 Stock Index (SPX) has been churning ahead, routinely breaking records on the upside, for about seven months now. That propensity to soar shows in its one-year trailing return of over 20%, but bull markets, like other animals, get tired after a season of climbing mountains and tend to take a breather every now and then. This week, the SPX took a snooze, slid a little down the mountain, and came to a halt at the still lofty level of 4967.23, 3.05% lower than it was as the week began. It has been a rough month for the Bulls, falling 4.08% in the last 30 days. The good news is that the Index is still up 4.14% this year and, as mentioned above, over 20% since last year. Our other, more democratic indicator, the CRSP US Mid Cap Value Index, ended the week at 2562.66, holding its loss to 0.48% for the week and 2.12% for the last month and is up 10.05% in the last year. The culprits in the slide of the SPX, or at least in the magnitude of the slip, were the same stocks that have propelled it upward for the last year, the so-called "Magnificent 7". Apparently,

Market & Economic Update

by Jeffrey W. McClure



some people who have been pouring money into anything even vaguely related to artificial intelligence have begun to realize that trees don't grow to the sky, and super-stocks succumb to the same economic laws as the rest of the market at some point. The real positive was that the sudden appearance of people coming to their senses did not spark a selloff, nor did it trigger a rush to buy those digital tech stocks as their prices fell. That sensical behavior suggests we are not in a "bubble," at least in the stock market.

If you are one of those who have stuck to the philosophy that holding some longer-dated bonds is a good way to cushion market declines like what we have seen in the last couple of weeks, you may be unhappy to know that the benchmark 10-year U.S. Treasury note yield rose to 4.62% as the week closed out. That rise in yield amounts to about a 19% rate increase this year, much of which has manifested recently. Since the market value of a bond portfolio falls as interest rates rise, you have probably seen a market value decline on both sides of your portfolio in the last couple of weeks. On the other hand, if your "bond" holdings are in ultra-short-term U.S. Treasury bills, you will be pleased to know they are continuing to pay an interest rate (yield) of just under 5.5% per year (annualized) with little or no decline in value. West Texas Intermediate crude oil prices (WTI) slipped and slid about 2.6% for the week, despite all the excitement in Southwest Asia, and closed out the U.S. market week at \$83.24 per barrel. That price is about 17% higher than it was at the beginning of the year, but it does not seem to have caused any slowing of our desire to burn the stuff in the process of getting from one place to another.

The Economy

As usual, the noise in the economics publications was primarily centered on what the Federal Reserve would or would not do for the rest of the year, and there was no shortage of pundits who, again, as usual, were absolute in their predictions. That worthy group of gentle people falls in the general category of "always confident but usually wrong." In case you have missed their perpetual prognostications, those were the mass of pro-

fessional wordsmiths who insisted that we would fall into a massive recession in 2023, then proclaimed that the Federal Reserve would, without a doubt, cut interest rates either three or four times in 2024 to hold off the now well overdue recession. Now, with renewed certainty, they are chanting in unison that the Fed may not cut at all this year and may even raise interest rates to new heights. Although this will neither sell newspapers, generate hosts of clicks, or even stop watchers from switching to another channel, the reality is that even the members of the Fed have no idea what they are going to do.

The deep concern continues that the U.S. economy continues to drive forward in the face of higher rates, higher oil prices, and ongoing 3.5% inflation. According to the Commerce Department, U.S. retail sales rose a seasonally adjusted 0.7% in March compared with a month earlier. Then, compounding the angst of those who are depending on a recession to rescue their careers, the Labor Department announced there were a whopping 303,000 more people employed at the end of March than at the beginning of the month, roughly twice the jobs growth we need to hold our own against a downturn. About 60% of U.S. industries added jobs in the month. Even the normally first-to-fall sector in a declining economy, leisure, and entertainment, gained jobs and surpassed its pre-pandemic highs. As if to further disturb the naysayers, the folks at Labor reported that more hours are being worked per worker, and hourly earnings rose 0.4% for the month and are now up 4.1% from a year ago. Note that wages are rising faster than the trailing 3.5% inflation, creating a real net gain in workers' earnings even as more workers work more hours per worker.

In short, the U.S. economy continues to confound its many pessimistic prognosticators, who, for we are sure, some very valid reasons, would like nothing more than to see our economy in a profound recession from which it desperately needed rescuing. Sadly, at least for them, we are pleased to report that the economy of these United States of America is in at least as good a condition as we have seen in our half century or so of paying close attention to such things.

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I support Bert Henry

I met Bert Henry first as a neighbor on Santa Maria Road in Salado. He was the kind of neighbor that you hoped for in that he was always ready to lend a hand, his time, or expertise.

He gradually became a trusted friend with access to our home and he and his family frequently hosted my grandchildren at their home, and they were always welcome at ours.

In 2021, when Bert was a volunteer firefighter and Public Information Officer for the Salado FD, our family suffered an unimaginable tragedy and Bert was the very first of the first responders to arrive and handle the situation. His steadfast character helped to shepherd us through that horrible event. His compassion - backed by deeds and action demonstrated his true character. Because Bert had become so close to our family, he was unfortunately unable to return to his role as a volunteer firefighter. As he told me, "this one hit too close to home, Joe." I've seen and dealt with PTSD nearly all of my adult life, and even as a layman, I could see it in Bert. After a brief period of healing from post traumatic stress, Bert became active in the community again by running successfully for Alderman.

You may say to yourself, "that all sounds great, but it's only this guy's experience with Bert why would that matter to me." To that, I would say that God has blessed me with nearly 64 years of life experience - 7 of that as a US Marine, wherein I graduated from US Army Ranger School and later was invited to dine with Senator William Cohen (before he became Secretary of Defense) to recap my experiences as a young leader of Marines. For 40 years, I have had the privilege of being married to Sandi, and together we raised 3 beautiful daughters, and I now have 2 grandchildren in the Salado ISD. I am also a founder and CEO of a company that will see our 30-year anniversary later this year.

I'm writing this today because I want to ensure a future for my grandchildren here in Salado. I want them to view Salado as a viable option for them to raise their own families and I believe Bert Henry is the right Mayoral candidate to see that happen.

Last year, when the current Mayor (Michael Coggin) was censured by the Village Board, I spoke on behalf of the censure as a result of my previous interactions with Michael Coggin. You can research and you'll find that as a concerned citizen, I spoke out at a public forum about the unregulated construction traffic in front of my home and my concerns about safety and cost to repair the ensuing road damage. I was rewarded with Mayor Coggin showing his contempt by rolling his eyes at me as I left the podium. When another citizen (Mr. Jim Boynton) called the Mayor out on his conduct, he had the man forcefully removed from the meeting by the local police.

Fortunately, Bert Henry, Jason Howard, and Jasen Graham felt strongly enough about the mayor's actions that they later voted to censure him.

And just how did the Mayor respond when his colleagues on the board censured his actions? He made fun of the process by posting a graphic of a kangaroo court and proclaiming that he would do nothing different. In other words, he did not learn a thing from the censure. In fact, he doubled down by mocking the procedure.

I know this is not a man I want to lead the Village, and I ask you to prayerfully consider electing Bert Henry as the next Mayor of Salado. I believe you can trust Bert Henry, I know I do.

Respectfully,
Joseph C. Torres

(Pol Ad paid for by Joseph C. Torres)

Village of Salado Board of Aldermen Candidates

Salado Village Voice presented the candidates for Board of Aldermen of the Village of Salado with the following questions:

1. What are your thoughts on the annexation of Mustang Springs at Salado? (300 words)
2. What are your thoughts on the disannexation of developments from the ETJ? (300 words)
3. What are your thoughts on the recent announcement by Legacy CTX, Inc. to move Sirena Fest to Belton? (300 words)

Below are their responses:



MICHAEL MACDONALD

Question 1: First, as a citizen of the Village of Salado I was surprised that the administration and the Board of Aldermen considered and approved this annexation based on the actual distance from the main body of the village. Moreover, I do see why the request to annex (presumably by the developer) was presented and approved. Memories are still fresh with one of the fundamental reasons why the Village of Salado incorporated in the first place. Citizens of our community were faced with choices: reincorporate or inevitably lose our identity to a much faster growing Belton or Killeen. Saladoans chose reincorporation.

From the point of view from the developer, the Village of Salado offers a multitude of benefits. Some immediate presumed examples are increased market value of the developed properties, law enforcement support and protection, street maintenance and insurance relief based on affiliation and connection to the village.

As for the Village of Salado, I surmise that this approval to annex was based on equally perceived benefits for the village. Those benefits are a larger property tax base, bolster economic growth, and to manage or mitigate development within the ETJ so that encroachment by other municipalities may be inhibited.

Stressors that immediately concern me are water and emergency services. The ability to provide water to future citizens is a tremendous undertaking that must be resolved without delay. The potential to add more law enforcement to be effective alone may impede an already strained fiscal budget.

In reference to the approved Mustangs Springs annexation, my inherent responsibility as Alderman is to ensure ethical and equitable access of services to all Salado citizens that the Village of Salado is required to provide. For reference: Local Government Code, Title 2, Organization of Municipal Government, Subtitle C, Municipal Annexation, Chapter 43, Municipal Annexation. <https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/LG/htm/LG.43.htm>

Question 2: As with annexation of any ETJ is defined by Chapter 42 and Texas Local Government Code 212.172, the Village of Salado could be held accountable under Local Government Code 43.141(a), [If the municipality fails or refuses to provide services to a territory that has been annexed, inhabitants of the annexed territory can petition the municipality for disannexation]. Services to include water, law enforcement, road maintenance, Fire Protection/EMS, and code enforcement to list a few.

Furthermore, Senate Bill (SB) 2038 which was signed into law on 19 May 2023 with an effective date of 1 September 2023 codifies the 1963 Municipal Annexation Act and House Bill (HB) 347, which ended forced annexations. These laws are designed to limit the role of government and hold accountable municipalities that are governed by

them. SB 2038 also bolsters the provisions for those who reside in the ETJ that are affected annexation to request disannexation.

In matters concerning the perceived inadequacies or lack of services, it is incumbent upon the Village of Salado to encourage an amicable resolution with developers to lawfully manage their developments. I make this statement because with clear and concise language, village government and developers risk negatively impacting the most important party of this conversation, the current and future citizens of Salado.

In closing, disannexation is a slippery slope. At first glance, it may appeal to those who feel negatively impacted and provide a way-out and a way-ahead. However, much like annexation, disannexation is equally a contentious conversation. As Alderman, finding a resolution will only be achieved by engaged active listening and speaking only the facts of the matter at hand and conveying those facts for all to understand the decision process.

SB 2038: <https://capitol.texas.gov/BillLookup/History.aspx?LegSess=88R&Bill=SB2038>

Question 3: In the spirit of the famed quote, "For the strength of the Pack is the Wolf, and the strength of the Wolf is the Pack" by Rudyard Kipling, the strength of the village is the people who call Salado home. It took a village: individuals, families, visitors, private businesses, corporations, and local government to come together to realize the success of the all-abilities playground.

As I have observed, not one person, organization or politician can claim that they were the sole provider to this solution. But rather each are one of many who found joy of purpose in completing a community park that benefits all who call Salado home.

With the completion of the all-abilities playground at Pace Park, Legacy CTX Inc. (Legacy Salado as listed in their 2023 form 990-N e-postcard) made the organizational decision to reset their "Sirena Fest" event to the City of Belton for 2025. Based on their mission statement, [Our non-profit organization was established to enhance the Central Texas area through the preservation, conservation, maintenance, and improvement of public spaces and to improve the services, practices, and care for at-risk children, youth, and families

in Central Texas], I would like to thank them for their service to our community.

In learning of this surprised announcement, I did have concerns regarding the continuation of the artistic license "Salado Sirena Fest" moniker borrowed from the artist, creator and longtime resident, Mr. Troy Kelley who is identified as the source of the lore that was passed to him from his grandmother. Since 2017, Salado's Sirena Fest has been and should continue to be a proud event that stays in Salado. I thank and wish Legacy CTX Inc well in their future endeavors and believe that Salado Sirena Fest should stay with Mr. Troy Kelley and the Salado community.



ZACH HURST

Question 1: Annexation should be mutually beneficial to the municipality, the citizens of the village, and the investors. Regarding the annexation of Mustang Springs, this project began construction without permits. This is public knowledge as there were fines issued. However, according to the residents in the area, even though the fines were issued, the developers continued to proceed without proper permits. This should not be accepted. The village needs to enforce codes, and developers should not be allowed to continue without proper permits.

In the future, there should be transparency with all annexations between developers, the village, and the citizens. All future annexations should be filed with the county in the required timeframe. These appear to be the main issues with the Mustang Springs annexation. Annexation should help reduce the burden on taxpayers in the village. When annexation does not reduce the tax burden, it becomes an additional burden on the taxpayers. This does not always appear in dollar amounts. With the Mustang Springs annexation, the burden becomes a more personal issue because of a lack of clarity regarding the

agreements and how the construction can proceed without proper permits. Multiple complaints have been made regarding the continued development, but the tax-paying citizens have received no resolution.

Additionally, for future annexation, the village should not offer unreasonable incentives to encourage developers to come to our area. We have a beautiful, historic village with unique shops and businesses that has been drawing people in for many years. We need to use this to encourage developers to want to come to Salado, rather than offer incentives to bring them here.

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SUNDAYS at Salado Public Library

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& Worship



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Long time resident of Salado, Jane Wilmer, now living in California celebrated her 100th birthday. Front Row (L-R) Ann & Nephew Danny Harris with Jane 2nd Row (L-R): Daughter-in law Linda Wilmer (Jim), Niece Wendy Harris Shapiro, Daughter-in law Beth Wilmer (Tom) 3rd Row (L-R): Son Jim Wilmer, James Shapiro, Daughter Mary Wilmer Mills, son Tom Wilmer Thank you for all the wonderful stories about my dear Mom. She's doing amazingly well, short-term memory aside. What else would we expect from her?! I want to thank the wonderful Salado community for all the birthday cards and well wishes she's received. It's heartwarming and she appreciated hearing from so many friends. Salado is a very special place as we all know.

Quilt Show held at Belton United Methodist Church May 4

Belton United Methodist Church Quilt Show will be held 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. May 4 at the United Methodist Church Sanctuary. The church is located at 205 East Third Avenue in Belton, TX.

Entry fee will be \$5 to benefit the local missions.

"Praying for Peace" held May 2 at Salado United Methodist Church

Faith leaders from the different churches in Salado are making plans to hold four community gatherings to pray for peace—peace in the world, peace in our country, and peace in our hearts, not just a cessation of hostilities, but true peace.

The next day of praying for peace will 6 p.m. May 2 at Salado United Methodist Church. This gathering will bring together ministers from the Salado United Methodist Church and the New Life Methodist Church

to lead the group in prayer and bring special messages of peace.

Tommy Prud'homme is the Senior Pastor at Salado United Methodist Church. His first sermon there was in November 2022.

Tom Lathen is the minister at New Life Methodist Church. He is an ordained Deacon in the Global Methodist church.

He has served New Life Methodist Church since early 2023.

National Day of Prayer observed at Bell County Courthouse Steps

May 2 is the National Day of Prayer, and Bell County Community will be observing it on the Northside Steps of the Historic Bell County Courthouse at 10 a.m. on that day.

This is the 73rd Annual National Day of Prayer.

This year's theme is Lift

Up the World; Light Up the World.

There will be a public gathering on the grounds of the Belton Courthouse.

The ceremony is sponsored by Central Texas Republican Women and Salado Area Republican Women.

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Mayor candidates on Mustang Springs, disannexation, Sirena Fest

Salado Village Voice presented the candidates for Mayor of the Village of Salado with the following questions.

1. What are your thoughts on the annexation of Mustang Springs at Salado? (300 words)

2. What are your thoughts on the disannexation of developments from the ETJ? (300 words)

3. What are your thoughts on the recent announcement by Legacy CTX, Inc. to move Sirena Fest to Belton? (300 words)

Below are their responses:



MICHAEL COGGIN

Question 1: The Mustang Springs developer has a successful record on delivering estate-type housing developments. A plan was presented to the Board of Aldermen that includes a 1,100 acre development with 700+ homes on 1+ acre estates with home values averaging over \$1 million, as well as parks, a swimming pool, water and wastewater systems, hiking trails and clubhouse. However, the development has gotten off to a shaky start. One major concern that has been raised is a potential impact on Salado Springs and neighboring water wells. It is important to note that neither the mayor nor our BOA has any jurisdiction over water issues. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has jurisdiction over water issues.

Personally, I share these concerns and want this issue to be resolved.

In addition, the developer's wastewater permit apparently had an incorrect address. The plat had one property listed incorrectly. The developer started work without a permit and has been fined \$48,000 by the Village. However, the developer is currently meeting expectations and is working on permits for the water system. They have also agreed to re-design the wastewater system to a more strict treatment system to meet all state TCEQ requirements.

These initial issues will be resolved. This development is located next to the future 8,000 home Solana Ranch community. The annexation by Salado creates a barrier to keep Jarrell from creeping into the Salado region. The signed development agreement is simple – no tax breaks for the developer, Salado will receive water franchise fees and the developer provided \$380,000 in park funds to help finish up the Pace Park all-abilities playground. I believe my leadership in all the Mustang Springs annexation discussions will, in the end, make Salado stronger and the development will turn out to be a great benefit to the Village.

Question 2: The state legislature recently passed laws allowing property owners to petition to dis-annex from city Extraterritorial Jurisdictions (ETJ). This procedure is as easy as submitting a request along with the metes and bounds map of the property. I understand these laws were passed in support of property owner rights.

I recently visited with a landowner who planned to leave the Salado ETJ. He mentioned that he planned to develop his property with single residence homes.

He was concerned that if he was in the Village of Salado ETJ then he would have to comply with the village housing development ordinance. He indicated the new subdivision would have to go through the village development process which is more strict than Bell county's subdivision requirements. I agreed to support his decision and told him that if he changed his mind and

wanted back into the ETJ or village city limits that we were open for discussions.

I fully support property owner rights and if an ETJ landowner wants to leave, then I support this action.

Question 3: You may take the Fest out of Salado but you will never take Sirena out of Salado! Our local icons Troy Kelly and Jackie Mills worked for decades to create our Sirena legend. I hope the Sirena Fest organizers realize that this decision affects many people in Salado - from small business owners to little "mermaid" children. I do not understand how the organizers think that the Belton square is a "better venue" than Pace Park. Is the Belton square a larger location? Where would the event patrons park? Is Belton really a better government to work with considering two of our Board of Alderman members volunteer at the Sirena fest event?

I do know that our village staff have worked hard to support the Sirena Fest events. Our Board of Aldermen voted to pave Pace Park Road which improved access to the event. Our village staff cleaned the restrooms, trimmed trees and mowed the grounds to prepare for the event. Our Board of Aldermen voted to waive all park fees. Our Board of Aldermen voted to allow alcohol sales in the park.

Our police and volunteers provided traffic control and crosswalk guards.

The Village of Salado stands ready to support Sirena Fest (and any other major charity event) by providing services and waiving fees fairly and reasonably as approved by the Board of Aldermen.



BERT HENRY

Question 1: The annexation of Mustang Springs at Salado remains a contentious

issue, and my opposition stems from several critical concerns that have yet to be adequately addressed. From the outset, the developer's lackadaisical approach to crucial administrative processes is glaringly evident. Their failure to conduct a proper survey for the original Wastewater Treatment Plant Permit Application with TCEQ, instead resorting to a Google Maps search for an address they didn't even own, raises serious doubts about their commitment to due diligence.

Furthermore, the uncertainty surrounding the avail-

ability of water for the development, pending review by the Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District, casts a shadow of doubt on the project's feasibility. The fact that construction commenced without necessary permits, and subsequently resumed in defiance of fines and regulations, underscores a blatant disregard for local ordinances and community standards.

Moreover, the developer's history of non-compliance with Village Ordinances paints a troubling picture of their commitment to responsible development practices.

While the "donation" to the All-Abilities Playground project may seem altruistic on the surface, it pales in comparison to the substantial incentives received in return, including waived Parkland Dedication Fees and significant financial concessions.

The rush to approve the annexation, despite glaring red flags and vocal opposition, smacks of a premature decision driven by interests that prioritize expedience over prudence. As I asserted during the deliberations on this mat-

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Mike Coggin for Mayor – NOT

Coggin claims he wants less dissent in Board of Aldermen meetings.

If Coggin wants less dissent at Board of Aldermen meetings, he should not call people in the audience "psycho," have people ejected from meetings for criticizing him or the Aldermen, or reference the Board of Aldermen as a "Kangaroo Court." That is why there is dissent. That is why Coggin is the first mayor in the history of Salado to be censured (formally reprimanded) by vote of the Board of Aldermen for violating citizens' First Amendment Rights and Texas State Law.

Coggin and his supporters tell people Bert Henry is not qualified. Bert Henry has served competently as an Alderman. He has actually read documents, asked appropriate questions and supported citizen comments. No ego, no narcissism and no club bowing to certain interests. He has proven to be an excellent Alderman. He will make an excellent mayor.

Above all, Coggin is petty. He does not have the decorum of a mayor. That is why a tape of his threatening comments at Sirena Fest were played for Coggin and the Aldermen at a meeting. That is why Coggin holds a grudge against Aldermen that do not support his position on issues. That is why he endorsed a candidate for Alderman who made racist statements on his website. That is why he ejects citizens for comments at meetings under threat of police removal. That is why he made inappropriate comments and threats at Sirena Fest. That is why he guaranteed Bert Henry would never be an Alderman. That is why he hides resumes of Planning & Zoning Committee candidates he doesn't like from the Aldermen. That is why he has obvious skills like Jack Comeaux (a convicted felon), who have no idea what Village issues are, come to meetings and praise Coggin on what a good job he is doing. That and more say something about Coggin's character that does not warrant him being mayor.

Coggins tells people that Bert Henry is a convicted felon. That is a lie and is slanderous. Convicted felons are prevented from running for office. If Bert Henry were a convicted felon, he could not vote, run for or be elected to the Board of Alderman and could not be a candidate for mayor. Coggin is petty. Slings mud and lies are right up his alley.

It is time for a change in the mayor of Salado. It is also time for a change in the existing country club of Aldermen. Vote for Bert Henry for mayor.

I do not like and will not support petty acts and tyrants on an ego trip who trample on the First Amendment right of free speech, call people in the audience "psycho" and call the Board of Aldermen a "Kangaroo Court." That is why Jim Boynton gave Coggin back the Salado Village coin Coggin gave him. Coggin's touted education and experience have not shown to be advantageous to the Village or his role as mayor.

It is time for a change in mayor. Vote for Bert Henry for mayor.

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BoA

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PC date rolled back one day. Telephone lines were also changed to forward all calls to the Visitors Center to the Municipal Building.

"He was able to set the correct date and time and fix the telephone," Lewis said. "The computer went offline at 6:28 p.m. Feb. 29. The building alarm was deactivated at 6:18 p.m. and reactivated at 6:42 p.m.

Camera footage from a local business showed a Black Jeep Renegade pulling up to the back of the Visitors Center at 6:17 p.m. and leaving at 6:43 p.m.

"That person has left," Lewis said. "A few days later, I found out the administrator had hired that person's spouse. I made an appointment to meet with the village administrator and he would not even see me. I felt frustrated and that is why I quit."

Aldermen meet again on May 2.

Aldermen Candidates

Question 2: While I am have not been privy to the details related to this disannexation of the associated Carother's properties from the ETJ, I believe that any request for disannexation of developments is something that should be carefully researched.

The request for disannexation by any developer is concerning and should be carefully researched by the village and made public to the citizens. I am not sure why Carother's developers made the request, but the village citizens are often unaware of such decisions, and no clear answers are provided. There should be more transparency in all business ventures so that we, as citizens, can better understand why any developer would want to be disannexed from the Village of Salado. These are answers that I want to find and share with the citizens of Salado. If there are failures on the part of the village that result in these requests, then, as an Alderman, I will fight to get those failures corrected.

Certain things are out of our control, but our response to investors and developers can be fixed by expediting

requests and working closely with the developers to ensure their needs are met, the village is protected, and their plans will benefit the village and the citizens. As I stated about the Mustang Springs development, these ventures should be mutually beneficial to all involved with no bias. We must be a fair village, offering the same response time and efforts to each potential investor or developer while ensuring that our historic village is protected.

Question 3: The decision by Legacy CTX Inc. to move their Sirena Fest to Belton is unfortunate. The legend of the mermaid, Sirena, in Salado, began with a story written by Jackie Mills over 30 years ago and has become engrained in Salado's history. The annual festival, based on the tale of a catfish and an Indian maiden, has brought people from around Texas to our village to celebrate this tale for quite a few years. The reasons behind the decision for Legacy CTX Inc. to move out of our village are readily available on the internet and social media, and everyone has a right to make their own educated decisions.

That does not mean that Salado cannot continue to hold a festival celebrating the story of our Sirena and the statue still by the creek where the tale supposedly happened.

I feel that there needs to be more support for events in the village, so we do not continue to lose these functions to adjacent towns. Events like the Sirena Fest draw people into our village, improving tourism goals and benefiting our local businesses. We have already lost the art fair, a Salado event for over 50 years, and one of my wife's favorite events of the year. We will continue to lose more events if we do not do more to promote the village. We have beautiful public spaces that could be utilized to draw events to the area. We have outstanding arts and antique businesses in our village. We need to focus on promoting what we have so that we do not lose more of what we all love about Salado.



PAUL COX

Question 1: Mustang Springs will play a major role in the growth and prosperity of Salado in the next few years.

The landowners voluntarily annexed this 1,100 acre tract of land into the Village limits. The development agreement called for no special rebates back to the developer as most other development agreements with the Village have previously done. The developer donated over \$360,000 toward the All Abilities Playground. This donation gave us enough funds to complete this important addition to our Parks system.

Mustang Springs will be a low density community. All lots are one acre and larger. There is currently a large home on the property that is the future clubhouse for the development. A series of hiking trails meanders throughout the property. When fully built out, the property tax revenue will double our current property tax revenue for the entire Village. Yes, roads will need to be maintained and police services provided. However, these services will be needed only in proportion to the number of residents living in Mustang Springs and the roads will be good for 25-30 years with minimal maintenance. As the resident numbers increase, so will our property tax revenue which will more than offset the cost of our additional services to Mustang Springs. Also, these new residents will shop, dine and support local businesses and community events. If Mustang Springs was not annexed into Salado, the developer would still develop this property. The only difference is, we would get no tax benefits.

As you probably know, some of the neighboring landowners have protested this

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development at BoA meetings concerned about the water and sewer treatment of the new development. The Village has no jurisdiction over water and wastewater. The developer must provide Salado with proof that they will have water and wastewater provided prior to construction of homes.

Question 2: The two properties wanting to be disannexed are the airport, south of town, and some acreage west of the Village owned by Carothers Homes.

Disannexation from an ETJ is not uncommon. One of the main reasons relates to building codes. Developers can save money if the codes are not as strict if the land is in the county and not in our ETJ. Our codes are written to a higher standard, therefore, it is more expensive for the developer to build in the ETJ. I'm not saying the county codes are bad but Salado's codes are of higher standard for an important reason. We want a higher quality product for our citizens.

Many more developers request to be annexed into the Village than those requesting disannexation from our ETJ.

Question 3: I don't look at Legacy CTX's move to Belton as a loss but an opportunity for Salado to build a better and more inclusive event. The new event can benefit our citizens as well as our business community. I have had communication with individuals and businesses who are willing to step up to help organize such an event to honor the Sirena legacy where it belongs, in Salado!

Temple Daily Telegram
July 3, 2017

Salado brothers sentenced in multiple scam cases

From the article written by Deborah McKeon

BELTON — Phillip Henry, 35, and Bert Henry, 41, both of Salado, were given probated sentences Monday, but each must pay \$39,752.00 restitution within five years to five victims of their fencing scam.

The brothers both pleaded guilty to scamming Bell County residents out of the money they were paid to do work that was never completed. The money was never returned to the victims.

Bell County 426th District Court Judge Fancy Jezek sentenced Phillip Henry to 10 years' probation. He previously paid \$10,000 to the court toward the restitution amount, Bell County District Attorney Henry Garza said Monday. The \$10,000 was distributed to the victims, and the court also fined him \$2,500.

The victims previously came together and agreed if Phillip Henry paid the sum of \$10,000 toward partial restitution of what he owned, he would be placed on 10 years probation and pay back the complete amount owed within the five years of his probation, Garza said.

Bert Henry was sentenced to six years deferred adjudication probation and must also pay \$39,752.00 restitution to the victims within five years. He was also fined \$2,500.

Several victims were present in court during the sentencing and addressed both brothers about their conduct, Garza said.

The companies the brothers did names under were H&M Services, Majestic Fence and Deck, Reliable Fence and Deck, Central Texas Best Fence and Deck and 4 Star Fence and Deck.



Bert Henry



Phillip Henry

If Bert Henry can't be trusted to build a fence, how can he be trusted to build a future?

(Pol. Ad. paid for by Ellen Bear, Debbie Lorenz and Jeff Weihl)

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ter, approving the annexation under such circumstances is a disservice to the integrity of our community and its regulatory framework.

My steadfast opposition to the annexation of Mustang Springs at Salado is rooted in a commitment to upholding transparency, accountability, and responsible governance. Until these fundamental issues are adequately addressed and resolved, it is my firm belief that proceeding with the annexation would be a grave mistake with far-reaching consequences for the community at large.

Question 2: The requests of developments to be removed from the Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) of the Village of Salado raises several critical considerations. Foremost among them is the underlying motivation prompting developers to seek such action. It's evident that this desire stems from a troubled history characterized by delays, lack of responsiveness, and arbitrary decision-making within the ETJ approval process.

The legacy of the former Village Administrator's neglect of duties looms large in this context. His failure to uphold due process, coupled with a tendency to circumvent established ordinances, created an environment of uncertainty

and frustration for developers. This misconduct not only hindered economic growth but also tarnished the village's reputation as a reliable partner for businesses seeking to establish themselves within its jurisdictional boundaries or in the ETJ.

However, amidst these challenges, there's room for optimism under the leadership and guidance of the new Village Administrator. With a commitment to transparency, accountability, and adherence to established protocols, there's an opportunity to mend broken relationships and restore trust in the village's regulatory processes. By fostering open communication, expediting reviews, and ensuring fair treatment for all stakeholders, the Village of Salado can rebuild its standing as a welcoming and conducive environment for responsible development, in alignment with the wishes of the residents and existing local business owners.

Efforts to repair the damage inflicted by past mismanagement should extend beyond mere procedural reforms. It's essential to cultivate a culture of collaboration and partnership, recognizing the mutual benefits of responsible and sustainable growth for both the village and developers. Through proactive engage-

ment and a genuine commitment to serving the interests of the community, the Village of Salado can emerge stronger and more resilient, fostering a conducive environment for economic prosperity while upholding the principles of good governance.

Question 3: Legacy CTX, Inc.'s decision to relocate Sirena Fest is a significant development. Although the announcement brought about a sense of sadness, it's essential to review and acknowledge the circumstances that led to this decision.

The discrepancy between the claims made by the Mayor, to select individuals, which I have reviewed, regarding the support provided by the Village and the factual account presented sheds light on the challenges faced by event organizers. The assertion that Salado provided free police traffic control and paved Pace Park Road to enhance access is contradicted by evidence to the contrary. The event paid two Police Officers in 2022 and traffic control was provided by volunteers. Police coverage for the 2023 event was donated by an Officer. Moreover, the efforts to manage waste, were primarily borne by the organizers and through generous donations from individuals and businesses. As for the paving of Pace Park Road, that project was already planned. In fact, the Mayor spoke of it during the 2022 Chamber of Commerce Forum. The mowing and upkeep of the park is a normal function of the Village Maintenance Department. Pace Park should be maintained on a regular basis for the enjoyment of all that visit!

Furthermore, the commitment of Legacy CTX, Inc. to giving back to the community is evident in their substantial donations and efforts to support local initiatives. However, when faced with challenges and discrepancies in the support received from the Mayor and former Village Administrator, it becomes imperative to reassess the feasibility of continuing operations in the same location.

The relocation of Sirena Fest to Belton appears to be a strategic move aimed at ensuring the success of the event. However, with the right leadership, I am confident that all parties would agree to conversations about holding future events in Salado!



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Salado Public Library presents "Prose and Spirits with Jane Austen"

Friends of the Salado Public Library will conduct its second literary fundraiser on May 5, hosted by Rick and Denise Thomssen at the Chapel at Caliber Oak in Salado. "Prose and Spirits with Jane Austen" will begin at 4 p.m., with local talent appearing as Jane Austen characters.

Performers include K.D. Hill as Jane Austen, Jim Buchanan as Mr. Bennett, Becky Michele Hupert as Mrs. Bennett, Josh Kuntz as Mr. Darcy and Rachel Poe as Elizabeth Bennett. The afternoon will include cocktails, tea and Regency-era fare. Those attending are encouraged to wear Regency-inspired apparel; costumes are encouraged but optional.

VIP tickets are \$35 each. All ticket sales are final and non-refundable. Tickets may be purchased at the Salado Public Library or online at [https://www.saladolibrary.org/friends-of-the-](https://www.saladolibrary.org/friends-of-the)



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Poetry Festival April 27 at Tablerock

Tablerock Festival will host its 16th Annual Poetry Festival April 27.

This year in 2024, Tablerock Festival will once again release a Poetry Anthology (edited by Bijan Rahnmai and Thom the Poet). The theme for the Festival and Anthology is on Animal Rescue.

This year the festival will also offer free workshops for all ages. Australian Bob Mud (aka Robert McMahon) will reveal the secrets of bottle flutes, clay creations and bamboo flutes. He will also extend

your notion of what a djerdido can do.

Sandi Horton and Christina Culverhouse will include you in a participatory workshop of making Mandalas and wire wraps. Workshops start at noon and continue all day (until 8pm).

"The Tablerock Poetry Festival is joyful event that was started by Jackie and Denver Mills, and we will honor both of them in memory at the Festival, Thom Wilson said.

Poetry Festival will run continuously from noon to 9 p.m. at Tablerock Good-night Amphitheater located on Royal St Salado Texas.

Entry is by donation. Copies of the Anthology will be on sale at the Admission Gate for \$10 per book. Remember this is also a benefit for the operational needs of Tablerock Theater and all donations are welcomed.

The program (hosted by Sandi Horton and Thom the World Poet) begins at 2-6 p.m. Anthology readers get five minutes to read their published poem and one other. There will be an open event where attendees are offered an opportunity to read in the open section. In the evening, there will be a program that will use poetry and music in their performance (on Animal Rescue theme).

This year's Special Guests include:

- Bob Mud, Poet, Artist and Musician from Brisbane Queensland Australia
- Sandi Horton, Native American Wood Flute Artist and Poet from Waco Texas (host of Waco Wordfest)
- Trevor Wainwright, International Poet from Castelford England
- Bijan Rahnmai, Persian Poet of Love from Austin Texas

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MONDAY, MAY 6th

9:00-10:00 — Beginner's Pickleball Lesson w/ Cindy
 9:00-10:00 — Exercise (Chair Yoga w/ Joette)
 9:00-11:00 — Quilting w/ Lyna
 10:00-12:00 — Dominoes 42 Game
 10:15-11:15 — Stretching (Beginner Yoga w/ Gary)
 11:00-12:30 — Crochet w/ Joette
 12:00-3:00 — Bridge
 * 12:30-1:30 — Create Your Own Balloon Buddies w/ Norma Milligan

MONDAY, MAY 13th

9:00-10:00 — Exercise (Chair Yoga w/ Joette)
 9:00-11:00 — Quilting w/ Lyna
 10:00-12:00 — Dominoes 42 Game
 10:15-11:15 — Stretching (Beginner Yoga w/ Gary)
 11:00-12:30 — Crochet w/ Joette
 12:00-3:00 — Bridge
 12:00-3:00 — Siamese Mahjong

MONDAY, MAY 20th

9:00-10:00 — Exercise (Chair Yoga w/ Joette)
 9:00-11:00 — Quilting w/ Lyna
 10:00-12:00 — Dominoes 42 Game
 10:15-11:15 — Stretching (Beginner Yoga w/ Gary)
 11:00-12:30 — Crochet w/ Joette
 * 11:30-1:30 — Back to the 50s Birthday Celebration/Lunch for All
 12:00-3:00 — Bridge

MONDAY, MAY 27th

* CLOSED — Memorial Day *

* 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.

THURSDAY, MAY 2nd

9:00-10:00 — Exercise Class w/ Alice Cooper
 10:00-12:00 — Dominoes 42 Game
 * 10:00-11:30 — Simple Scrapbook Page Kit -OR- Trio Card Kit w/ Linda Bruggman
 10:00-12:00 — Learn to Play Mahjong
 10:15-11:15 — Chair Tai Chi w/ Richard Trautman
 12:00-3:00 — Mahjong
 12:00-3:00 — Bridge
 1:00-2:30 — BINGO

THURSDAY, MAY 9th

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 — Arts & Crafts w/ Salado Public Library
 10:15-11:15 — Chair Tai Chi w/ Richard Trautman
 12:00-3:00 — Mahjong
 12:00-3:00 — Bridge
 1:00-2:30 — BINGO
 * 3:00 — After Hours Fellowship — Wine Flight and Tasting at Axis Winery

THURSDAY, MAY 16th

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
 12:00-3:00 — Mahjong
 12:00-3:00 — Bridge
 * 12:30-1:30 — Book Club w/ Salado Public Library
 1:00-2:30 — BINGO

THURSDAY, MAY 23rd

9:00-10:00 — Exercise Class w/ Alice Cooper
 * 10:00-11:00 — One-on-One Technology Time 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
 12:00-3:00 — Mahjong
 12:00-3:00 — Bridge
 * 1:00-2:00 — "Be Well, Live Well" Nutrition Program: "Be Independent: Eat Well" by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension
 1:00-2:30 — BINGO

THURSDAY, MAY 30th

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
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May 19th	SunKissed at the Spa Event 12-3pm
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Village of Salado Calendar of Events

Mondays
 Salado Senior Center open 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Mondays at 650 Royal St. (Salado United Methodist Church Youth Activity Center). Coffee Corner, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Game Time, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.; Pickleball Courts open, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.; Chair Yoga with Joette Grieco, 9-10 a.m.; Dominoes 42, 10 a.m.-noon; Stretching (Beginner Yoga) with Gary, 10:15 a.m.; Bridge, 12-3 p.m. Quilting with Lyna, 1-2 p.m. Crochet with Joette, 1-2:30 p.m.

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

Bikes & Brews, 6:30 p.m. for a no-drop ride, Barrow Brewing Co.

Floor practice at Salado Masonic Lodge #296, 95 S. Church St., 6:30 p.m. except on Stated Meeting nights.

Open Mic with Ryan White, at Chupacabra, 7 p.m.

Tonkawa Chapter Native Plant Society of Texas meeting, 6 p.m., first Monday of month, Barrow Brewing Co.

Second Monday Book Club meets at 7 p.m. at Salado Winery, 841 N. Main St.

Salado Democrats meet the third Monday of each month, 7 p.m., in the conference room of Salado Public Library.

Tuesdays
 Village Artists- artists and crafters meet 9:30-11:30 a.m. Salado Village Artists' red building behind the Civic Center.

Knitting Group at Salado Public Library, 10 a.m.

Storytime with Ms. Mia at Salado Public Library, 11 a.m. No Storytime the week of Feb. 11-16.

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

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

Wednesdays
 Guest food truck day at Barrow Brewing Co., 4-9 p.m.

Game Night at Barrow Brewing Co., 4-9 p.m. Trivia with Chad on second Wed.

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

Karaoke, 7-10 p.m. at Chupacabra.

Grief Share gathering and



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Thursdays
 Salado Senior Center open 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Thursdays at 650 Royal St. (Salado United Methodist Church Youth Activity Center). Coffee Corner, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Game Time, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Exercise class with Alice Cooper, 9 a.m. Chair Tai Chi with Rich Trautman, 10-11 a.m. Learn to Play Mah Jongg, 10 a.m.-noon; Dominoes 42, 10 a.m.-noon. Mah Jongg, 12-3 p.m. Beginner or Refresher Bridge, noon-2 p.m. Bridge, 12-3 p.m. Bingo 1-2:30 p.m.

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

Vinyl Nite with Shannon at Barrow Brewing Co., 5 p.m.

Teen Writing Group, Salado Public Library, 6 p.m.

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

Weekly curated wine tasting hosted by Hannah Hendrick 6-8 p.m. at Salado Winery, 841 N. Main St. Tickets available online through Salado Winery Eventbrite <https://bit.ly/3MLXXOA>. Call 254-947-8011 or check Facebook for more information.

Maxx Carter at Chupacabra, 6-10 p.m.

Bikes & Brews, 6:30 p.m. for a no-drop ride, Barrow Brewing Co.

Run4Beer Group, 6:30 p.m., Barrow Brewing Co.

Family Night at The Shed, specials on beer and pizzas change every week.

The Bell County Master Gardener Association holds a free monthly seminar on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Texas Agrilife Extension Office, 1605 N. Main in Belton.

Fridays
 Storytime with Ms. Mia, Salado Public Library, 11 a.m. No Storytime the week of Feb. 11-16.

Live Music at Axis Winery, 3-6 p.m.

Live Music at Chupacabra Craft Beers, 7-11 p.m.

Live Music at Barrow Brewing Co. 7 p.m.

Saturdays
 Asanas and Ales, 9 a.m. every Saturday in the taproom at Barrow Brewing Co.
 Live Music at Axis Winery,

2-5 p.m.
 Live Music at Barrow Brewing, 7 p.m.
 Live Music at Chupacabra Craft Beer, 8 p.m.

Sundays
 Live Music at Barrow Brewing Co., 4 p.m.

Through May 25
 Vaquero: Genesis of the Texas Cowboy exhibit at Salado Museum, 423 S. Main St. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Mondays-Saturdays.g

April 25
 Teens/YA Crafter's Workshop, 4:30 p.m., Salado Public Library.

April 25
 Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 7 p.m., Melissa Engleman.

April 26
 Shenandoah at Johnny's Outback. Gates open at 6 p.m. \$25 General Admission, (\$30 Day of Show); \$40 Reserved Seat; \$500 Reserved Table of 6 (Tables are Stage Side not in front of stage). \$600 Front Stage, Second Row, Table of 6. \$750, Front Stage, Front Row, Table of 6. Advance tickets at johnnyssteaksandbbq.com.

April 26
 Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 7 p.m., Eric Turner Band.

April 26
 Live music at Chupacabra, 7 p.m., Wade Ralston.

April 26-27
 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.

April 27
 Teens/YA: Super Smash Bros., 2 p.m., Salado Public Library.

April 27
 Central Texas Poetry Festival, Tablerock Amphitheater. 2-9 p.m. The 16th annual gathering of poets for the 2024 Anthology, titled Animal Tales, will be hosted by the fun-loving and talented Thom the World Poet. Entrance is free.

April 27
 Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 10:30 a.m., The Brothers Wayfare; 7 p.m., TBD.

April 27
 Live music at Chupacabra, 8 p.m., Dustin Endsley.

April 28
 Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 4 p.m., Dan Whitaker. **April 30**

Salado Community Chorus Spring Concert, 7 p.m., First Baptist Church of Salado, 201 N. Main St. Concert is free.

May 1
 Music Munchkins, 10 a.m.; Mini-Makers, 11 a.m., Salado Public Library, 1151 N. Main St.

May 2
 Faith leaders from the different churches in Salado will hold four community gatherings to pray for peace—peace in the world, peace in our country, and peace in our hearts, not just a cessation of hostilities, but true peace. The second Community Gathering will be held at Salado United Methodist Church on May 2 at 6 p.m.

May 3-4
 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 3-5
 Salado Cowboy Gathering for more information visit www.saladocowboypoetry.org.

May 4
 Shred Day, 9-11 a.m., Century 21 Bill Bartlett Real Estate. Shred Day, 860 N. Main St. This event is free and open to the public. Limit 3 boxes.

No binders, binder clips, plastic or trash, please. Stapled papers and catalogs must be under 1-inch thick.

May 4
 Exchange Student Program info and presentation, 2 p.m., Salado Public Library, 1151 N. Main St.

May 5
 Prose and Spirit with Jane Austen, 4 p.m., The Chapel at Caliber Oak, 5235 Royal St. Performers include K.D. Hill as Jane Austen, Jim Buchanan as Mr. Bennett, Becky Michele Hupert as Mrs. Bennett, Josh Kuntz as Mr. Darcy and Rachel Poe as Elizabeth Bennett. The afternoon will include cocktails, tea and Regency-era fare. Those attending are encouraged to wear Regency-inspired apparel; costumes are encouraged but optional. VIP tickets are \$35.00 each. All ticket sales are final and non-refundable. Tickets may be purchased at the Salado Public Library or online at <https://www.saladolibrary.org/friends-of-the-library-jane-austen-literary-fundraiser>.

May 7-12
 Mother's Day Gift Card Sale at Village Spa, 216 Royal St., Call 254-293-6600.

May 8
 Teens/Young Adults: Financial Literacy with Horizon Bank, 5 p.m., Salado Public Library, 1151 N. Main St.

May 9
 Adult TRue Crime Book Club, 6 p.m. register at front desk, Salado Public Library, 1151 N. Main St.

May 9
 Want to participate in a Blow Your Own event with your gal pals? Salado Glassworks has 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 9
 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, Puerto Vallarta.

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
 Craftopia, 11 a.m., Salado Public Library, 1151 N. Main St.

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 johnnyssteaksandbbq.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 16
 Thursday Books Club, 2 p.m., register at front desk, Salado Public Library, 1151 N. Main St.

May 16
 Teens/Young Adult Crafter's Workshop, 4:30 p.m., register at front desk, Salado Public Library, 1151 N. Main St.

May 16
 Adult Lego Night at Barrow Brewing, 6 p.m., sponsored by Salado Public Library.

May 18
 Teens/Young Adults: Throwback 2000's Movies, 12 noon, Salado Public Library, 1151 N. Main St.

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!



Diane Ready and Frances McCauley talk about gardening during the Native Plant Sale at the Salado Civic Center on Saturday.

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Salado Community Foundation extends a sincere **Thank You** to all participants in the first ever **“ Gathering of the Givers” on April 11**

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| Legacy CTX | Salado Historical Society | Salado Village Artists |
| Public Arts League of Salado | Salado Independent School District/ Salado Mentors | Salado Volunteer Fire Dept |
| Salado Cemetery Association | Salado Ladies Community League | Tablerock of Salado |
| Salado Chamber of Commerce | Salado Lions Club | Tonkawa Chapter Native Plant Society of Texas |
| Salado Community Chorus | Salado Masonic Lodge | Texas Brazos Trail Region |
| Salado Cowboy Poetry and Music Gathering | Salado Museum & College Park ,Inc. | Vet-Com.Org |
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We encourage those organizations who were not able to attend or regretfully did not receive an invitation to contact the Salado Community Foundation to be included and participate in a non-profit networking system that benefits the community of Salado.

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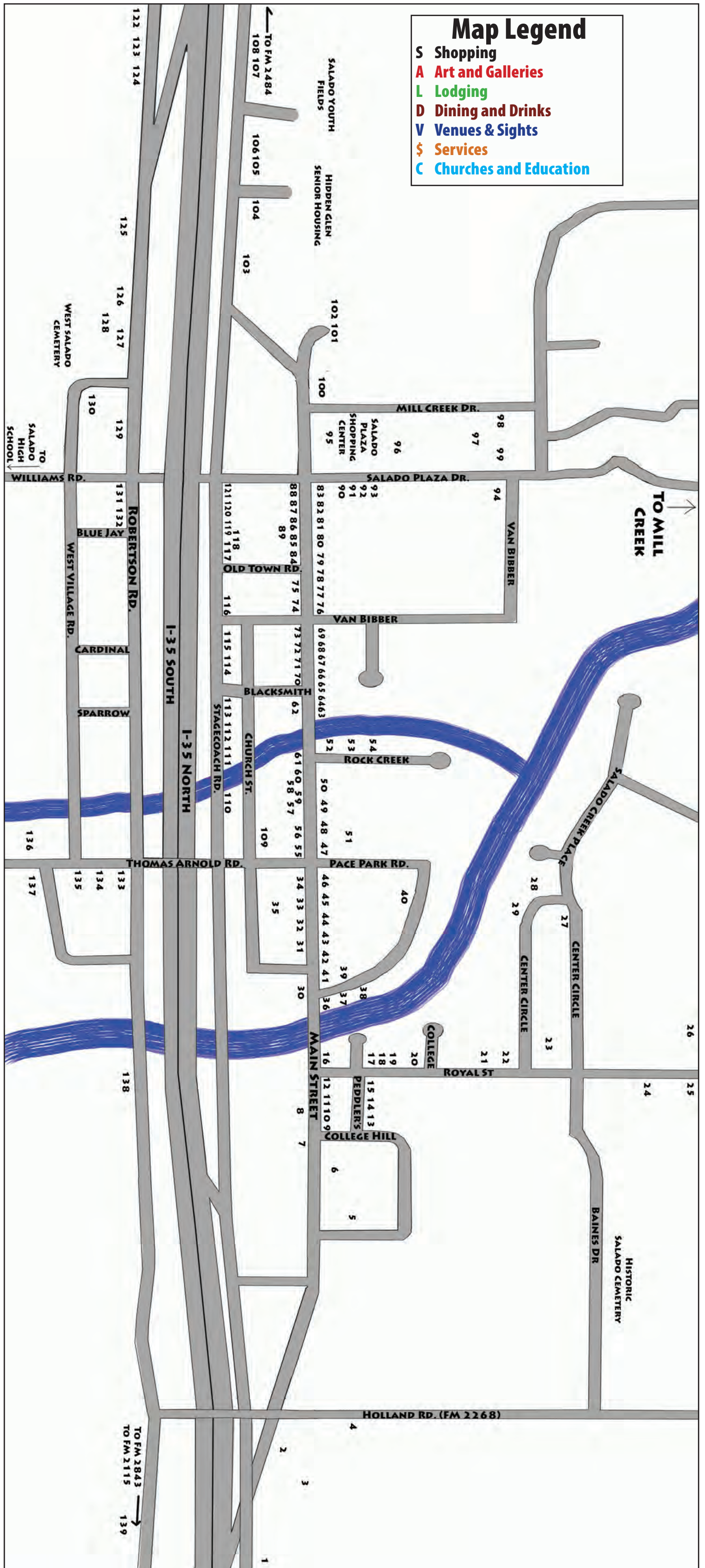




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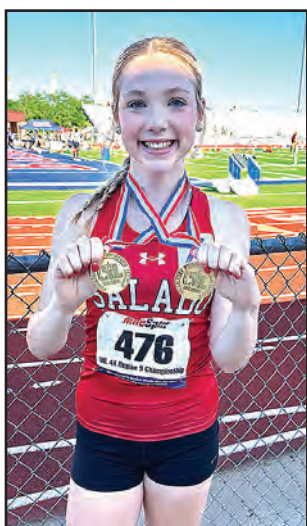
Shopping Map of Salado

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4	St. Stephen Catholic Church 254-947-8037	C
6	Salado College Park	V
7	Raney & Assoc. Real Estate 254-913-1215	\$
8	StageCoach Inn Shady Villa 254-947-5111	D L
9	Salado Museum 254-947-5232 Salado Visitors Center & Tourism 254-947-8634 Salado Chamber of Commerce 254-947-5040 New Life Methodist Church	V \$ \$ C
10	Sofi's 254-947-4336	S
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14	Salado Glassworks 254-947-0339	A
15	Provecho 254-308-2098	D
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
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26	Salado United Methodist Church 254-947-5482	C
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30	First Baptist Church 254-947-546	C
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 254-947-5060	V
48	Nancy Best Real Estate 512-571-1259	\$
48	Salado Luxury Properties 254-526-6611	\$
56	Salado Creek Jewelry 254-855-5538	S
62	The Pizza Place 254-947-0222	D
75	Stage Stop Center Salado Creek Dental 254-308-2027	\$ \$
76	Salado Civic Center 254-947-5479	\$
78	Star Nails and Spa 254-308-2084	\$
81	Salado Wine Seller and Salado Winery Co. 254-947-8011	D
82	St. Joseph's Episcopal Church 254-947-3160	C
84	Old Town Salado	
85	Salado Post Office 254-947-5322	\$
86	Bill Bartlett - Century 21 254-947-5050	\$
87	The Personal Wealth Coach 254-947-1111	\$
90	Presbyterian Church of Salado 254-308-2023	C
91	Troy Smith Financial Services 254-947-0376	\$
92	Salado Sculpture Garden	A
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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	\$
133	Johnny's Steaks & BBQ 254-947-4663	D
134	The Dog Spot 254-947-3647	\$
135	Carus Dental 254-947-8067	\$
136	Salado Schools & Stadium Village Church of Salado 972-978-2239	C C
137	Iron Orchid Bodywork (inside Salado Fitness) 254-541-5659	\$
139	Cedar Valley Baptist Church 254-947-0148	C
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	3C Cowboy Fellowship 254-947-7211	C
	Grace Church 254-947-5917	C
	Heritage Country Church 254-239-7106	C
	Mill Creek Country Club 254-947-5698	V
	JD's Truck Stop and Grill 254-947-5228	S/D
	Anytime Fitness Salado 254-947-1063	S



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 | |



Cade Harris



Jackson Bragg



Salado FCCLA members attended the FCCLA State Leadership Conference in Dallas on April 11-14. Members presented their projects to a panel of judges, attended leadership workshops and participated in the general sessions. STAR event results are: Hospitality & Tourism, Level 2, Ayla Harrell, Bianca Lopez and Sadie Jones, 2nd place. All three girls received a \$1,500.00 scholarship for four years to Johnson and Wales University totaling \$6,000.00. National Programs in Action, Level 2, Maily Suarez, Kayden Chellette and Khiah Wickline, 2nd place. Both teams beat out approx. 17 other teams to place 2nd in the State. Both teams will advance and compete at the National Leadership Conference in Seattle, Washington this summer. (COURTESY PHOTOS)

SHS track sends 3 to State meet

Salado track is sending three competitors to the UIL 4A State Track Meet May 2 at Mike A. Myers Track & Soccer Stadium in Austin. They qualified at the Region III Meet April 19-20.

Cade Harris took the gold medal in two distance events. She won the 3200M Run with a new personal record of 11:22.0. She also won the 1600M Run with a time of 5:16.2.

Jackson Bragg placed second in the Pole Vault with a vault of 15'6".

Luke Anderson placed second in the 3200M Run, setting a new school record with a time of 9:24.42. He qualified as a Wild Card in the 1600M Run with his third place time of 4:23.13.

Also competing in the Region 3 Meet were these girls:

Zoie Adcox placed third in the 800M Run and set a new school record of 2:18.91 that had stood since 2007. She also placed eighth in the 3200M Run with a time of 12:09.

Sydney Engleking placed eighth in the 800M Run with a time of 2:28.5 and ninth in the 1600 Meter run with a time of 5:36.07.

Ally Ihler placed eighth in the 1600 Meter Run with a time of 5:34.7.



Luke Anderson

Kaylee Bragg was sixth in the High Jump with a mark of 5'1".

Payton Ortega was seventh in the Long Jump with a leap of 16'10-1/2".

Meri Fischer was 12th in the Pole Vault with a vault of 9'0".

Macy Morris was 14th in the High Jump with a mark of 4'10".

Boys competing in the Region track meet included Coulson Boyd, who placed fourth in the 3200M Run with a new personal record time of 9:30.21 and Daniel Anderson, who placed fourth in the 800M Run with a new personal record of 1:57.06.

Region golf results

Salado Lady Eagles golf team placed fifth in the UIL 4A Region III golf tournament held April 17-18 at Bearkat Golf Course in Huntsville with a team score of 767.

Reese Rich and Elliot Self both had a two-day score of 183 to lead the girls. The two girls tied for 39th place overall. Reese shot a first round of 93 and second round of 90. Elliot shot rounds of 90 and 93.

Claire Kunders had a two-day score of 192 with rounds of 96 and 96 to place 48th.

Madeline Rakowitz had rounds of 103 and 106 for a

65th place of 209.

Haylee Dyess shot 236 with rounds of 122 and 114 for 92nd place.

Lampasas won the tournament with a two-day total of 711. HardinJefferson was second with a total of 734. Bullard was third with a score of 757. Those three will represent Region III in the State Tournament May 6-7 at the Legends Golf Course in Austin.

Cade Fenoglio placed 47th in the boys Regional Tournament held April 15-16 at Bearkat Golf Course. He had rounds of 89 and 90 for a 179 total.

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SISD candidates on challenges, strengths, vouchers

Salado Village Voice presented the candidates for Salado Independent School District Board of Trustees with the following questions:

Question 1: What, in your opinion, is the greatest challenge that Salado ISD will face in the next three to five years and what do you support to

address that challenge? 300 words

Question 2: What is the greatest strength of Salado ISD? What is the greatest weakness of Salado ISD? What do you support to address those two? 300 words

Question 3: Do you support or oppose school vouchers? Why or why not? 300 words

Below are their responses:



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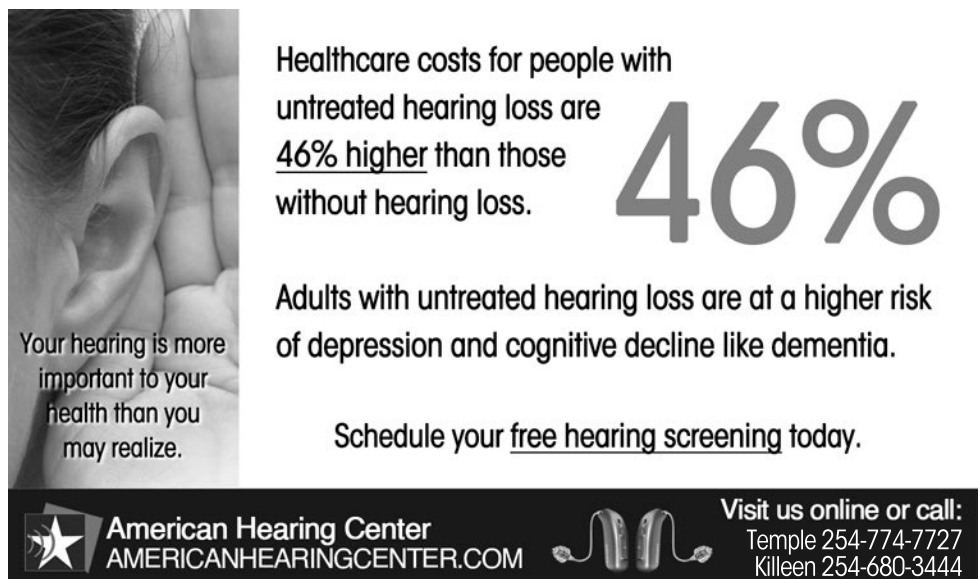
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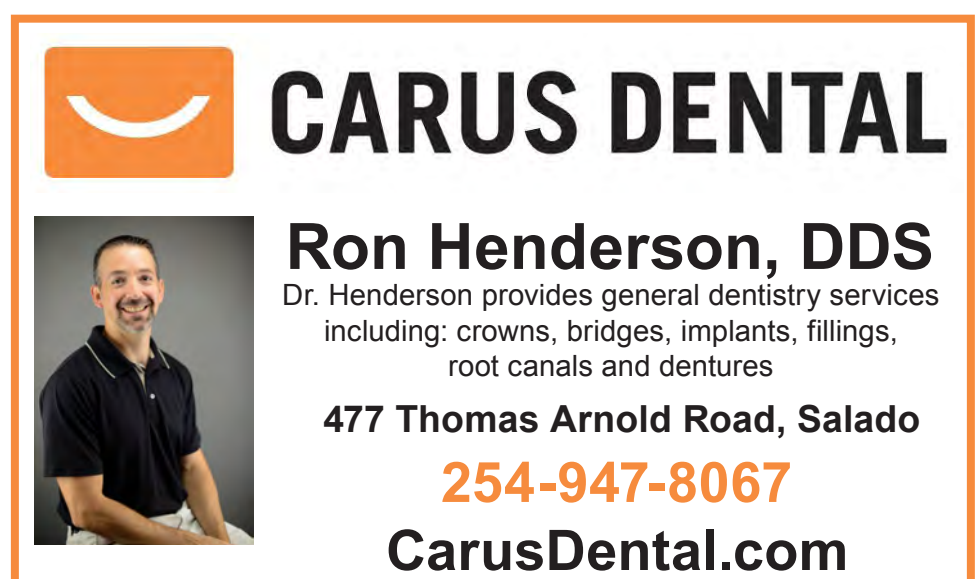
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MICHAEL APODACCA

Question 1: The greatest challenge that Salado ISD will face is to pay teachers what they deserve, provide students the very highest quality education possible, and maintain the positive character, climate, and reputation in both the school district and our community. In order to make that possible the school board needs to critically review all the operating systems of the district ensuring they are streamlined and as efficient as possible. If we make unnecessary cost avoidance a priority, and every dollar is spent purposefully and wisely, we will improve the district's financial posture and be able to invest the money saved back into our teachers and students. That kind of people first attitude in our school district and municipal government will help families to see Salado as a go to destination and maintain the culture and heart of our community as Salado continues to grow.

Other challenges include recruiting and retaining the best teachers and school staff, our future growth, and providing career and tech opportunities for more students. I give the school board and district leadership kudos for their focus on trying to increase teacher salaries, but I also support looking at relocation pay to improve

the quality of applicants we are able to recruit, and retention pay to keep the best teachers we have. The growth challenge was addressed with the middle school bond and the current bond. It was essential the voters passed these because we are currently in the calm before the storm, with new developments such as Solana Ranch and Mustang Springs coming in future. Career and tech opportunities are expensive and like other small districts are beyond the current fiscal ability of Salado without actively seeking business and community partnerships to support student learning in trades and technical careers.

Question 2: Without a doubt, clearly the greatest strength of Salado ISD is our people, from students, to parents, to our teachers, professionals, and the leadership of our district. Strong teachers and principals are the backbone of any successful educational institution, providing numerous benefits such as high-quality education, improved student achievement, positive school culture, effective classroom management, personalized learning, effective leadership, parent and community engagement, retention and recruitment, and student preparation for the future. Ultimately, the collective efforts of strong teachers and principals prepare students not only for academic success but also for future challenges in college, career, and citizenship. They instill essential skills, values, and attitudes that equip students to thrive in the adult world after high school graduation.

If elected I will work to ensure the district attracts and retains the best people and supports their continued professional development. I pledge to be transparent and open about this, promoting parent and community engagement by involving parents in their child's education and to actively seek community partnerships to support student learning.

The greatest weakness of Salado ISD are the budgetary challenges we face in the coming years. The projected enrollment for 2024-2025 will result in a deficit of \$1,026,571. We are not alone; funding is a struggle for every Texas school district. Texas is #44 out of 51 states (including the District of Columbia) in per student funding. The average funding per student in Texas is \$9,871, compared to the national average of \$12,612. Unfortunately, the rate of state provided funding for SISD is \$8,534, which is \$1,337 lower than the state average. The school board, and the entire community, needs to engage with our state representative and legislature to pass adequate funding which was available in the 2023 legislative session when the state had a \$30 billion surplus.

Question 3: School vouchers will likely become a reality whether we are in favor of them or not. I don't have a problem with vouchers provided they provide equitable circumstances for all. If a school accepts vouchers: 1) the school should agree to accept all students in the same manner public schools do; 2) the voucher should be sufficient for the entirety of tuition and fees; 3) the school must provide special services similar to public schools (special education, ESL, 504 services, GT); 4) the school must meet all education standards required by the state of Texas ensuring transparency and accountability for results. Without measures like these in place there will be access and equity imbalances between public and private schools.

My desire for Salado is that our district achieve and sustain the highest quality of schools making them the "schools of choice" when families have the option of staying in the district or accepting a voucher to attend a private school. I believe currently that is true of our schools and if elected I will work hard to ensure the board supports that goal by investing in students, staff, and leadership.



CHRIS DIEM

Question 1: On the state side, we have seen changes to benchmark exams (STAAR and EOC exams) and to the accountability system that rates schools. Last year, both were changed in the same year, which was unprecedented. While the accountability system was ultimately delayed, our teachers and administrators constantly have to pay attention to those changes and work to ensure the curriculum taught in our classrooms meets those new standards. When change is needed, the challenge becomes ensuring our teachers are provided with professional development and guidance on implementing that curriculum. The ever-changing nature of this requires our district to find a curriculum that aligns with the state standards, allowing teachers to still teach and use their skills and strengths while being flexible enough to meet students where they are and allow them to advance academically. This is as complicated as it sounds and requires each area of the equation to be highly prioritized.

I believe two-way communication is required to help navigate this challenge; teachers being able to speak to administrators about challenges they are seeing in the classroom and administrators being able to articulate goals to their staff are both essential. Ultimately, both voices must be heard; teachers are tasked with implementing the adopted curriculum, so their voice is essential in the conversation, while administrators often have insight into areas that need to be targeted for improvement on a school-wide level. As a school board, we must take both perspectives into full account and, when presented with data and curriculum proposals, utilize those perspectives to make informed decisions.

Question 2: The people are the strength. When you walk into a classroom, it's immediately obvious we have teachers who care for our students and want the best for them. My boys have been blessed to have outstanding teachers in every grade since entering TAE in Kindergarten, and the quality doesn't stop there. The administrators and staff who surround those teachers- the counselors, principals, support staff- seek to provide an environment where my kids, and all kids, can be taught and nurtured in a safe and caring environment. I have seen this and heard similar stories from all of our campuses, and I am grateful that my boys will be educated in those schools and in this district. Having that in place can't be taken for granted, and as such, I will continue to support efforts that allow teachers to be given opportunities during the school day to collaborate with each other, attend trainings to allow them to grow as professionals, and do all we can to increase compensation so our staff feels valued.

We are, however, faced with some restrictions as a result of our size and funding levels that come from the state. While this is not a new challenge, it is something that has been of a particular challenge recently. There are many specialized programs that other districts are able to offer that we are unable to here, specifically related to various career tracks. I would love to see us offer more of these career preparation courses, and the new high school will provide intentional spaces for growth in those areas. Where we can't create those opportunities with limited funds, continuing to pursue partnerships with local colleges and industries can allow students to be as prepared as possible to enter college or

the workforce upon graduation.

Question 3: I understand why the voucher conversation is taking place and understand the appeal to many parents. Parents play the primary role in making decisions about their child's education, and the ability to seek what is best for them is one that, as a parent, my wife and I did when we moved to Salado. We have been able to come alongside our boys' teachers and see them succeed. So, the thought process is similar and one I must acknowledge.

The reality is that education savings accounts have gained support at the state level and that support is likely to increase in the next session. As a result, we are facing a reality where ESA's will exist; that does not mean funding for them should come from the same pot of money. We saw bills introduced by our state representative that would have provided a significant increase in funding to public education and, as a result, to Salado ISD. We are fortunate to have Rep. Buckley locally leading that charge, and I hope that the support he saw in the last session will grow this spring.

I also do not believe we should be afraid of vouchers; instead, I want to see Salado ISD accept the challenge and remain a district of choice. Many of us are in this community because of the school district, and my goal is to keep it that way. We have a strong school district that offers a quality education to its students, and we should continue to push to make it even stronger. Whether that is working to increase the number of students performing at a mastery level on state exams or offering more programs for a wider variety of career fields, I want to see Salado ISD accept the challenge.



WRITE-IN CANDIDATE
COOPER GILL

Question 1: While I believe the significant growth of Salado ISD enrollment numbers is a hurdle that cannot be ignored, I believe that building and maintaining trust between administration, board of trustees, parents and educators is the greatest challenge we face. Among the multiple challenges that have presented in our district in the last few years, we have seen a decline in our academic rating, increases in disciplinary issues, and strains on classroom resources. We are working as a district to address these challenges but my concern as a parent is that a lack of trust and open communication will have a negative impact on the retention of Salado's current incredible educators as well as the ability to attract new and highly qualified teachers. The key factor in bridging all of these challenges is establishing and maintaining trust between the community and the school board that our district is addressing these challenges and keeping our priorities on academics first and not placing other interests in the district ahead of our students and teachers. As a board member, I will encourage an increase in community feedback on current challenges by adding more opportunities for the community to speak onto the board agenda so that issues may be openly discussed as a group.

Question 2: The community support of Salado ISD is our greatest strength and is what will allow our district to continue to thrive despite the many challenges we face. We enjoy the support of parents, teachers, administrators, local businesses, churches, agricultural and artists of his stor-

Eagles split with Gatesville

Salado Eagles split their district baseball games with Gatesville last week.

	R	H	E
GHS	2	5	0
SHS	1	6	1

Salado Eagles lost at home to Gatesville 2-1 on April 16.

The Eagles had 6 hits: Brody Naegele, 2 hits; BJ Amann, 1 hit, 1 RBI; Logan Flores, Brody Cole and Jace Light, 1 hit each.

Dylan Wigely got the loss on the mound, pitching 7-2/3 innings, allowing 2 runs (1 earned) on 4 hits, 5 walks and 7 strike outs. Payne Lochridge closed with a walk and a strikeout.

	R	H	E
SHS	3	5	0
GHS	1	3	1

Salado Eagles beat Gatesville 3-1 on April 19.

Brody Cole led the Eagles with 3 hits, 1 RBI and 2 runs. Also getting hits were BJ Amann and Jacob Preston, 1 hit each.

Logan Flores pitched the entire game for the win. He allowed 3 hits and earned run, walking 3. He struck out 12.

	R	H	E
GHS	1	5	1
JVR	5	6	0

Salado JV Red beat Gatesville 5-1 on April 16.

Getting hits for Salado were Landon Noske, 1 hit,



Dylan Wigely pitches against Gatesville April 16. (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)

1 RBI and 1 run; Howard Rosenbaum and Cash Robinson, 1 hit and 1 RBI each; Trey Waters, 1 hit and 2 runs; Collin Strickland, 1 hit and 1 run; Jamison Stephens, 1 run.

Strickland got the win on the mound, pitching 6 innings. He allowed 4 hits and 2 walks, striking out 4. Stephens closed with 1 hit, 1 earned run, 2 walks and 2 strikeouts.

	R	H	E
JV W	3	3	4
GHS	3	5	2

Salado JV Red tied Gatesville on the road, 3-3,

on April 15.

Getting on the board were Joaquin Vegahouser, 2 hit, 1 RBI, Hays Ramsey, 1 hit, 1 run, Jayden Sifuentes, 1 hit, Hunter Fulfer, Chance Carlson, 1 run each.

	R	H	E
JV W	19	12	1
GHS	0	0	7

Salado JV White beat Gatesville 19-0 April 15.

Jr Amani, 3 hits, 5 RBIs, 3 runs; Hunter Fulfer, 2 hits, 1 RBI, 2 runs; Chance Carlson, 1 hit, 2 RBIs; Hays Ramsey, 1 hit, 1 RBI, 2 runs;

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ical village. Continued alignment of these groups for the success of our students and educators will allow us to return to our traditional district motto of Excellence in Education.

Our greatest weakness is that Salado ISD's funding deficits (relative to other local districts) puts us at a disadvantage for implementing our academic programs appropriately while also being competitive in teacher pay. Without drastic changes in school funding formulas, these challenges will remain and will require the ingenuity of the school board and administration to address as a district.

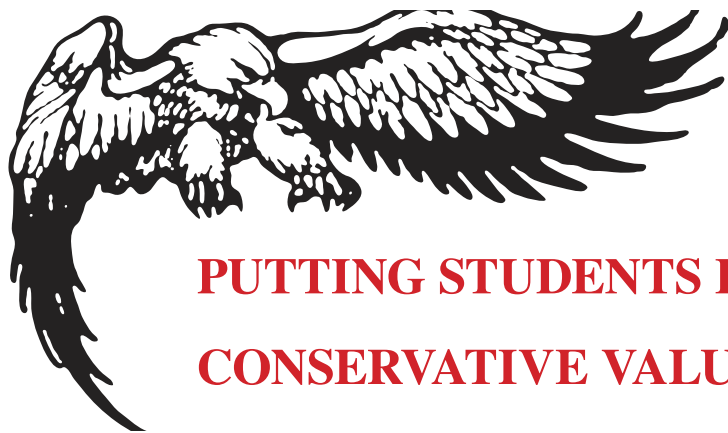
We are fortunate that our community can help address these funding gaps in various ways. Community support can allow our teachers and administrators to better collaborate and address needs with financial contributions, additional volunteers, and hands-on

learning opportunities. The importance of our campus support groups, such as Salado Education Foundation and PTOs, will continue to grow and Salado ISD will need our board of trustees and district administrators to put in work to maintain strong relationships and open communication so the community support flows directly to supporting students and teachers. I will work closely with all support groups and be an advocate as we identify new issues that our community can help address.

Question 3: I believe in the power of public schools to help students learn and thrive no matter their economic circumstances. By the Texas constitution, "it shall be the duty of the Legislature of the State to establish and make suitable provision for the support and maintenance of an efficient system of public free schools". In the 2021-22 school year,

our district received \$3,108 per student in state funding. In the 2023-24 school year, our district will receive \$1,943 per student in funding. Far from a suitable provision and support, our schools remain underfunded and support from the state has drastically declined year over year. SBI proposed \$8,000 of taxpayer funding per student for private school tuition without any of the accountability requirements that all other public education funding requires. It is imperative that we fund Texas public schools fully and I believe voucher advocates fail to consider the immense underfunding of public schools and Salado ISD funding challenges in particular. I strongly believe it is in the best interest of the students and teachers that our tax dollars remain within our school district to support our local community.

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Lady Eagles win District 23-4A crown, face Jarrell in bi-district softball

Salado Lady Eagles play Jarrell Lady Cougars in a best-of-three series in the bi-district round of the 4A playoffs.

The girls traveled to Jarrell for game 1 on April 24. Games 2 and 3 will be in Salado. Game 2 is set for 6 p.m. April 25. Game 3, if necessary, is set for 6 p.m. April 26 in Salado.

The Lady Eagles are the District 23-4A Champions with an overall record of 19-1 and 10-0 in district play.

Jarrell is the fourth place team from District 24-4A with an overall record of 15-13-1 and 2-6 in district play.

The teams faced each other on March 13, with Salado winning 14-6.

	R	H	E
GHS	0	3	2
SHS	4	6	2

Salado Lady Eagles beat Gatesville 4-0 in an April 16 home game.

Lexi Dudeczka led the girls with 2 hits and a run. Also getting hits were Bri Tutor and Ryley Litchfield, 1 hit, 1 RBI each; Brooklyn Williamson and Bri Waters, 1 hit each; Abby Klein and Paisley Friemal, 1 run each.

Bri Waters got the win on the mound, allowing 3 hits, walking 2 and striking out 10.

	R	H	E
SHS	11	11	5
GHS	8	7	6

The Lady Eagles beat Gatesville on the road, 11-8, April 19.

Ryley Litchfield led the girls with 3 hits, 2 run. Also getting on the board were Giselle Salazar, 2 hits, 4 RBIs, 1 run; Abby Schauer, 2 hits, 1 RBI, 1 run; Toni Pugh, 1 hit, 1 RBI, 2 runs; Bri Waters, 1 hit, 1 RBI; Brooklyn Williamson, 1 hit, 2 runs; Aubree Zammatt, 1 hit; Bri Tutor, 1 RBI, 1 run; Lexi Dudeczka, 1 RBI.

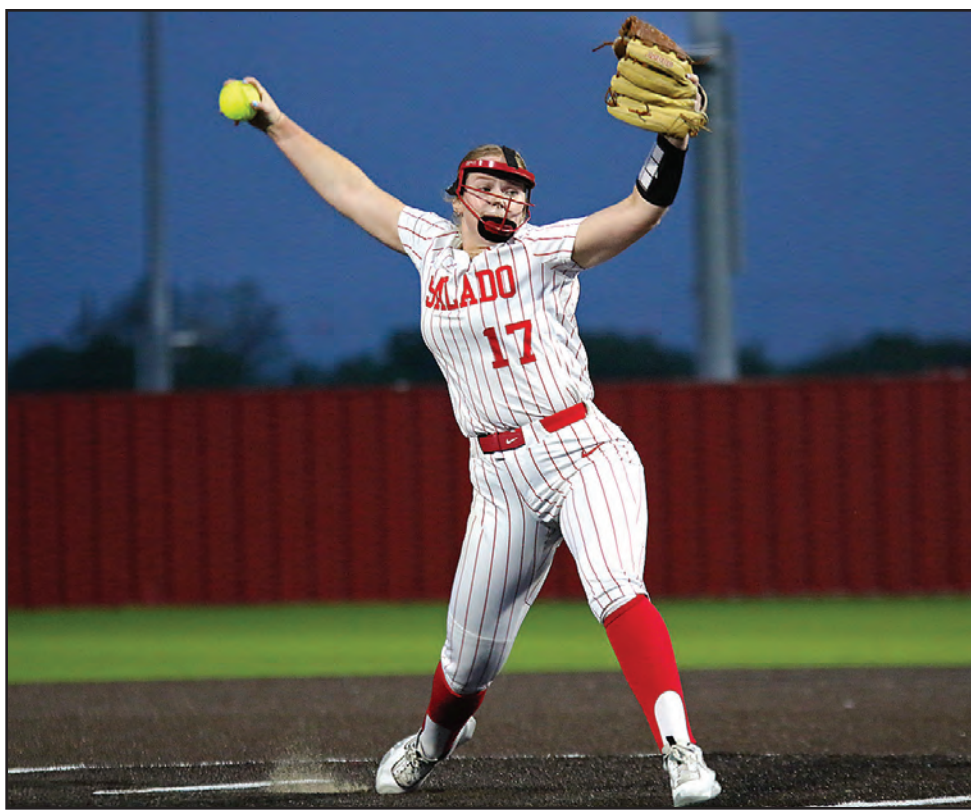
Bri Waters got the win, pitching the final two innings. She walked 1 and struck out 4.

Abbey Schauer pitched 5 innings for the start. She allowed 7 hits, 8 runs (2 earned), 2 walks and 4 strike outs.

	R	H	E
GHS	2	3	1
SJV	12	10	0

Salado JV Lady Eagles beat Gatesville JV 12-2 on April 16.

Paisley Friemal led the girls with 2 hits, 2 RBIs, 1 run. Also, Avery Norman, 1 hit, 2 RBIs, 1 run; Sofia Vegahouser, 1 hit, 1 RBI, 2



Bri Waters pitches in district win over Gatesville April 16. (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)



Lexi Dudeczka gets on base in the first inning against Gatesville April 16. (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)



Ryley Litchfield catches an out against Gatesville (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)

runs; Maliyah Gooden, Lorelai Reckefus, Ava Uranga, 1 hit, 1 RBI, 1 run each; Presli Thompson, 1 hit, 1 RBI; Layla Parker, 1 hit, 1

run; Paige Heiner and Nicole Moreno, 1 run each. Sofia Vegahouser got the win, pitching 3 innings, allowing 3 hits and 2 earned

runs, walking 3 and striking out 5. Johnson closed with an inning pitched, allowing no hits, walks or runs.

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Salado Ladies Community League presented Pat Scarborough with a \$400 check to help with the clothing drive for school children. Shown with her to the right is Vice President Pam Hollingsworth. Heart and Hands is a food and clothing pantry that serves Salado and surrounding area. It distributes food and clothing 9-11 a.m. on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month at the headquarters, 213 Mill Creek Dr. Suite #125. Donations of clothes or non-perishable food are accepted 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. on Wednesdays.



The Salado Senior Center received \$1,100 for a new bingo program from the Salado Ladies Community League. Shown (l-r) is Pam Hollingsworth with the League, Kim Bird and Dave Swarhout, both with the Senior Citizens Center. The Salado Senior Center is open 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays in the Youth Activity Center of the Salado United Methodist Church, 650 Royal St.



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04/16	FM 2484, Bell	No incident found on arrival
04/16	SMITH BLUFF RD, Salado	Smoke detector activation, no fire
04/16	ELM GROVE RD, Bell	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
04/17	YELLOW ROSE DR, Bell	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
04/18	BRODY WAY, Salado	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
04/18	N MAIN ST, Salado	Electrical wiring/equipment problem
04/18	SMITH BLUFF RD, Salado	Dispatched & cancelled en route
04/19	OAK TREE DR, Bell	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
04/19	CHISHOLM TRL, Salado	EMS call, excluding MVA with injury
04/19	W VILLAGE RD, Salado	EMS call, excluding MVA with injury
04/19	SALADO OAKS DR, Salado	Smoke scare, odor of smoke
04/19	FM 2484, Bell	No incident found on arrival
04/19	SPRING CREEK LOOP, Bell	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
04/20	CHISHOLM TRL, Salado	Electrical wiring/equipment problem
04/20	I-35, Salado	Motor vehicle accident with injuries
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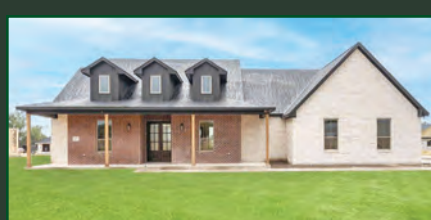
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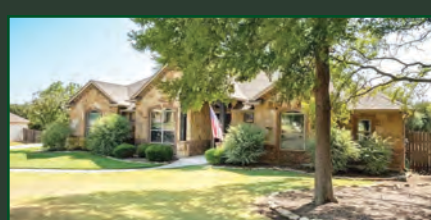
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