



SISD Budget Public Hearing set June 24

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Salado ISD Trustees will hold a public hearing at 4 p.m. June 24 at the Salado Civic Center on the 2024-25 proposed budget and tax rate.

The proposed tax rate for 2024-25 is \$1.1669 with \$0.6669 for maintenance and operation (M&O) and \$0.50 for debt service. The proposed budget shows a dramatic difference in local and state revenues due to the property tax re-

lief the Legislature approved last year (an increase in the homestead exemption and a decrease in the M&O tax rate). Total local revenues drop from \$16.4 million to \$12.4, a loss of \$4 million. State revenues offset most

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Salado Senior Center celebrates anniversary

Salado Senior Center marked its first year of activities with a special luncheon celebration on June 17. The center was packed as (above) State Representative Brad Buckley presented Salado Senior Center founding director Larry Nathanson with a flag flown over the state's capitol. Below, super greeter JL Alley led the audience in singing Happy Birthday to both the Senior Center itself and to the June birthday celebrants. Among those was Maurine Nathanson, shown at bottom. The Salado Senior Center is open Mondays and Thursdays in the Salado United Methodist Church Youth Activity Center, 650 Royal St. (PHOTOS BY TIM FLEISCHER)



Salado ISD Budget Comparison		
BUDGET BY FUNCTION	Adopted 2023-2024	Proposed 2024-2025
Total Tax Rate	\$1.1692	\$1.1669
M&O Rate/I&S Rate	\$0.6692/\$0.50	\$0.6669/\$0.50
Total Enrollment	2454	2454
GENERAL OPERATING MAINTENANCE & OPERATION		
Revenue		
Local	16,359,562	12,407,000
State	5,652,974	9,420,000
Federal	166,931	52,704
Total Revenue	22,179,467	21,879,704
Expenditures		
Instruction	12,341,039	12,880,172
Instruction Resources	221,300	205,376
Curriculum & Staff Dev.	106,342	101,985
Instructional Leadership	409,442	317,947
School Leadership	1,056,132	1,149,724
Guidance/Counseling	751,060	758,970
Social Services	30,808	31,732
Health Services	180,929	231,930
Student Transportation	1,209,081	1,147,020
Co-Extra-Curricular	1,449,100	1,517,208
General Administration	686,652	706,681
Plant Maint/Operation	2,142,183	2,280,755
Security Monitoring	278,949	310,636
Data Processing	729,643	800,604
Debt Service	348,821	356,224
Facilities Acquisition/Const.	40,000	40,000
Payments to Fiscal Agents	45,000	45,000
Payments to other Gov'ts.	152,986	250,000
Expenditure Total	22,179,467	23,131,964
Change in M&O Fund Balance	0	(1,252,260)
Child Nutrition		
Revenue		
Local	410,000	420,000
State	228,783	33,972
Federal	447,760	415,000
Revenue Total	886,543	868,972
Food Service Expenditures	872,256	922,417
Change in Food Service Fund Balance	14,287	(53,445)
DEBT SERVICE		
Revenue		
Local	9,527,443	10,725,305
State	0	524,331
Revenue Total	9,527,443	11,249,636
Debt Service Expenditures	10,361,300	10,588,300
Change in I&S Fund Balance	(833,857)	661,336
Revenues		
Maintenance & Operation	22,179,467	21,879,704
Child Nutrition	886,543	868,972
Debt Service	9,527,443	11,249,636
Revenue Total	32,593,453	33,998,312
Expenditures		
Maintenance & Operation	22,179,467	23,131,964
Child Nutrition	872,256	922,417
Debt Service	10,361,300	10,588,300
Revenue Total	33,413,023	34,642,681

Village sees 8.83% increase in June sales tax rebate check

Nine of the 11 cities in Bell County showed an increase in their June salestax rebate checks. The comptroller sent checks to the entities that levy local sales taxes last week. The Village will receive \$67,012.43, an increase of 8.83% compared to last June's payment of \$61,571.92. For the year, The Village is running 7.8% over year-to-date payments in 2023: \$440,329.55, compared to \$408,448.69through June 2023.

Bell County showed a 7.95% increase in sales tax revenues compared to the previous year. The County's June payment is \$2.73 million, compared to \$2.53 million last June. Harker

Sales tax rebates for June 2024 to Bell County taxing entities								
Entity	Rate	June 2024	June 2023	Change	YTD 2024	YTD 2023	Change	
Belton	1.500%	\$727,136.28	\$676,979.05	7.40%	\$4,585,411.60	\$4,412,329.12	3.92%	
Harker Heights	1.500%	\$808,452.32	\$818,223.00	-1.19%	\$5,496,808.13	\$5,565,871.51	-1.24%	
Holland	1.000%	\$14,704.62	\$10,369.93	41.80%	\$83,736.41	\$72,394.41	15.66%	
Killeen	1.500%	\$2,697,125.83	\$2,634,292.21	2.38%	\$17,453,849.02	\$17,407,114.43	0.26%	
Little River Ac.	1.000%	\$11,636.03	\$8,049.18	44.56%	\$80,414.43	\$70,708.58	13.72%	
Morgans Point	1.500%	\$29,602.37	\$20,704.11	42.97%	\$177,412.63	\$173,192.54	2.43%	
Nolanville	1.500%	\$124,683.26	\$104,441.14	19.38%	\$936,751.98	\$820,413.49	14.18%	
Rogers	1.250%	\$12,770.81	\$12,782.17	-0.08%	\$79,323.22	\$69,297.36	14.46%	
Salado	1.000%	\$67,012.43	\$61,571.92	8.83%	\$440,329.55	\$408,448.69	7.80%	
Temple	1.500%	\$3,118,142.32	\$2,777,386.20	12.26%	\$18,334,471.02	\$18,041,150.07	1.62%	
Troy	1.500%	\$89,887.28	\$69,372.11	29.57%	\$558,591.43	\$518,473.66	7.73%	
Salado Library	0.500%	\$57,273.21	\$47,545.61	20.45%	\$359,278.86	\$328,306.02	9.43%	
Bell	0.500%	\$2,734,423.52	\$2,532,925.81	7.95%	\$16,594,385.65	\$16,556,208.25	0.23%	

Heights and Rogers showed modest decreases Five Bell County cities showed decreases in their June payments. The Village is one of three Bell County cities to levy a 1-cent sales tax,

while seven other Bell County cities levy a 1.5 cent sales tax and Rogers levies a 1.25 cent sales tax. The Salado Public Library District and Bell County each levy a half-cent sales

tax. For that half-cent tax, Salado Public Library District received a \$57,273.21 June check, which was 20.45% more than last June's payment of \$47,545.61. For the

year, the Library District has received \$359,278.86, which is 7.56% more than the \$328,306.02 paid through June 2023. Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced June 12

that he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts \$1.1 billion in local sales tax allocations for June, 6.8% more than in June 2023. These allocations are based on sales made in April by businesses that report tax monthly. The comptroller sent rebates totaling \$695 million to Texas Cities, an increase of 2.3% over last June. The comptroller sent \$231.3 million to transit systems for June, an increase of 4.5% over June 2023. Counties received \$68.8 million, an increase of 8.1% over June 2023. Special districts received \$108.5 million for June, 11.9% more than last year.

S&P 500 above 5,400 for first time in history

The Markets
The always steadfast (except when it is not) S&P 500 Stock Index (SPX) roared to new, dizzying heights this week as it closed above 5400 for the first time in its long history. For the week, the SPX rose 1.58% to 5431.60, putting it up 13.87% this year, 23.18% in the last year, and 27.65% higher than three years ago. The rather sudden rise all came in just a few minutes on Wednesday morning following the Labor Department's CPI report and appears to have been driven almost entirely by the large tech companies. Apparently, in the rest of the market, the rejoicing was missing as the CRSP US Mid Cap Value index fell 1.00% to 2578.20. Even the Dow Jones Industrial Average, which usually echoes the SPX fell 0.54% and is now down over 3.5% in the last month.

Over on the much larger but poorly understood debt side of the financial markets, the benchmark 10-year U.S. Treasury note closed out the week yielding 4.20% as longer-term interest rates fell by 5% but remained almost 10% higher than last year at this time when the yield was 3.83%. Through it all though, the 3-month Treasury Bill is still paying an annualized interest rate of a whopping 5.51%. In what no one can argue is and was anything but a thundering bull market, the U.S Treasury yield curve has broken all records both for the degree and the longevity of its inversion. Market and economic indicators long held to be immutable seem to have reversed. West Texas Intermediate crude oil (WTI) behaved much as would be expected in the face of more indicators of good economic growth in the U.S. as it rose 3.83% for the week to \$78.42 per barrel.

The Economy
Nothing happened over the last month, at least that was the report. As we opined above, the biggest news this week was from the Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) as they published a press release announcing that nothing happened in May. You read that right, the Consumer Price Index

Market & Economic Update

by Jeffrey W. McClure



(CPI) moved exactly 0% in the merry month of May. The resulting difference between the political parties as to whether it rose 0% according to the party out of power or fell 0% as proclaimed by the party in power promises a spirited debate in an election year. The market pundits seemed to remain neutral on the subject but that did not keep them from writing and saying volumes about what was quite literally nothing. The financial publications tended to ignore the nothing as it likely would not generate much interest and instead focused on the one-year cumulative number as though what happened months ago was the most important thing in determining the immediate future. For the trailing 12 months, the (unadjusted) CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) has risen 3.3%. Since only a month ago the trailing unadjusted CPI was up 3.4%, there was much rejoicing and apparently traders determined that was so important to the future of stock prices that they promptly pumped the Fantastic-Five tech stocks to record highs. Interestingly enough, the so-called "core CPI" which leaves out the often-volatile energy and food commodities, rose 3.4% from last year, about what was reported last month.

Our beloved Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) at the Commerce Department, determined not to be outdone by those ne'er-do-wells at the BLS, jumped into the fray on Friday with their Personal Income and Outlays report for April. The BEA reported that the Personal Consumer Expenditures Price Index (PCE), their version of inflation, rose 0.3% for the month but only 2.7% over the last year, exactly what they reported last month. All we can figure is that since the rise in inflation both for the month and year was exactly what was reported for March, the traders on Wall Street saw that too as no-change

and equated it to zero (or nothing). More interesting, at least to us, was the news buried in the fine print that real personal consumer expenditures fell 0.1% for the month as consumers spent less on goods and their increase in services spending was not enough to offset that reduction.

In short, the big economic news this week was that either prices did not change in the last month or that they rose the same amount they did last month. If you are confused, you are correct. Further up the chain, the BLS's Producer Price Index, which measures wholesale prices charged to retail businesses, fell 0.2% in May and is now 2.9% higher than a year ago (which again was what they reported last month). To top it all off, the Federal Reserve Open Market Committee (FOMC) met this week and announced that in the face of the prevailing nothingness, they were doing nothing and fully intended to continue that difficult path until they had a lot more data. When asked to speculate on how many rate cuts he thought we would see this year, Chairman Powell said "maybe one" or words to that effect, causing market commentators to proclaim that there would almost certainly be at least three cuts, or maybe just two. The Fed responded with a forecast of a 2.8% annualized inflation rate for the fourth quarter (remember that the Federal Government fiscal year ends at the end of August, so their 4th quarter is our 3d quarter, and is almost here).

The bottom line continues to be that the United States economy is running a bit hot with no signs of a recession anywhere other than in the imaginations of those who are praying for a recession to hit before the year ends. Meanwhile the economic tea leaves are telling us nothing is the prevailing trend.

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An Open Exchange of Ideas



Equity Grading: Grade inflation dressed up in woke clothing

By LANCE IZUMI

As standardized student test scores plunge, some school districts are responding by masking student knowledge deficiencies through equity grading, which is little more than grade inflation dressed up in woke clothing.

There is little doubt that student learning across the country is at a dire level. On the 2022 National Assessment of Educational Progress, 69% of students taking the eighth-grade reading test failed to achieve at the proficient level, while 73% of eighth graders failed to score at the proficient mark on the math exam.

As their students are failing, school districts in California, New York, and other states are implementing equity grading, which eliminates penalties for late assignments, allows students to retake exams, and removes misbehavior as a grading factor.

Further, "zeroes" for failing to turn in homework and not taking tests are banned and, instead, students are given 50% scores.

Proponents of these changes justify them in the name of equity, which emphasizes the same outcomes for all students, regardless of merit-based factors such as punctuality and effort.

Education consultant and former teacher Joe Feldman, a top equity-grading advocate, claims, "Many traditional grading policies that seem innocuous on the surface can reinforce exist-

ing disparities, rewarding students who already have more resources and punishing students who come to the classroom with fewer resources."

Feldman points to a California school district that implemented equity grading and saw the number of D and F grades fall by almost a third.

However, that result is not evidence of increased student achievement. The reason that fewer low grades are given under equity-grading practices is because of simple grade inflation, not because students are learning more and performing better.

Even more troubling than equity grading's mechanical inflation of grades is its misreading of student psychology.

When Janessa Tamayo, a New York City high school math teacher, switched to equity grading practices, fewer students did their homework. Also, fewer students participated in class, and many stopped taking tests seriously.

She said: "Grading for equity works fine for the small percentage of kids who are highly motivated. For the rest, it encouraged them to do the minimum."

Students themselves are often frustrated by equity-grading practices.

One California student said that teachers in his high school "offer retakes on tests, to the point where you could just flunk a first test and you don't have to study and then you could

keep retaking it, and it's all in the name of equity."

Ill-prepared students who are not pushed to pursue perfection and avoid mistakes are being set up for failure in the job market.

According to a college math instructor in California, "When you're a software engineer you really have to drive towards perfection because every mistake that you make will show at some point and cost the company, so you're under a lot of stress to be perfect."

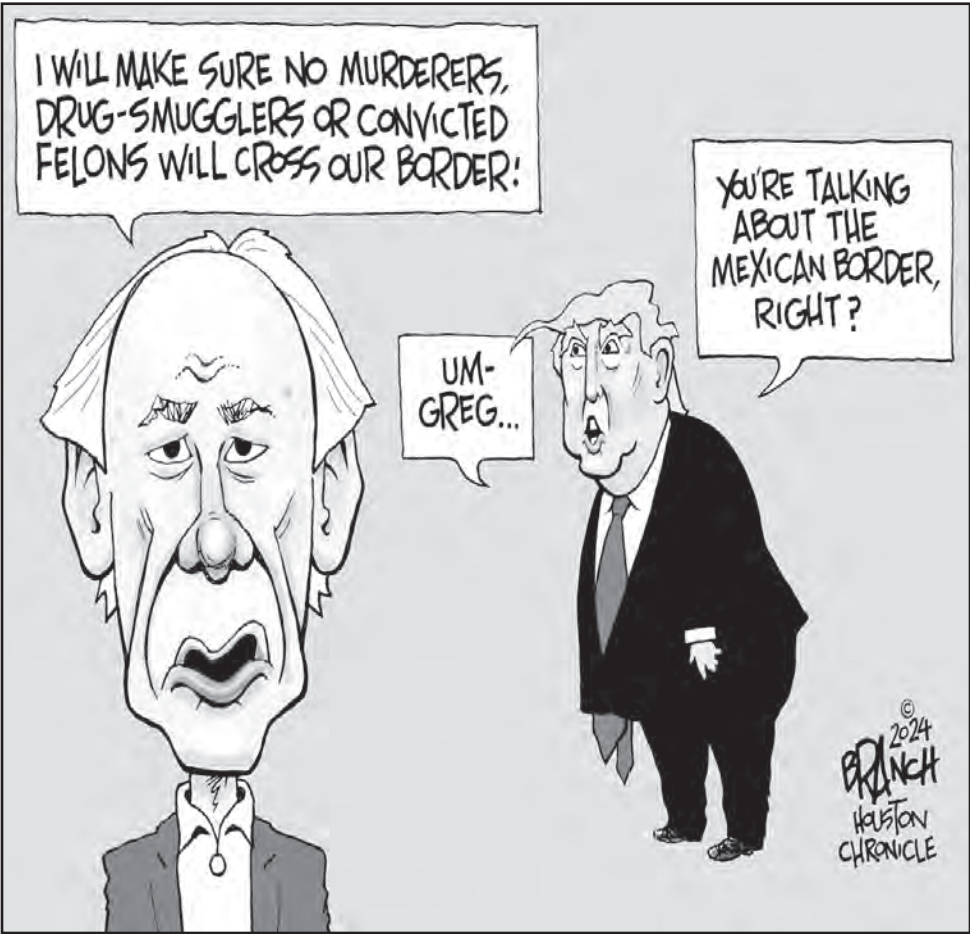
Unfortunately, "if you have an education system that is not encouraging that," and instead the system easily forgives mistakes, students will collide with reality in high tech because "that is not the way Silicon Valley works."

Rather than lowering grading standards, schools should implement higher grading practices that push students to try harder, which will lead to more learning. Despite its social-justice pretensions, equity grading is just another example of the soft bigotry of low expectations.

Lance Izumi is senior director of the Center for Education at the Pacific Research Institute and the author of the forthcoming book *The Great Classroom Collapse: Teachers, Students, and Parents Expose the Collapse of Learning in America's Schools*. This piece first appeared in the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*.

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of that loss, however, increasing from \$5.7 million to \$9.4 million. Total operating revenues decrease by about \$300,000, compared to last year.

The proposed budget is based upon no growth in enrollment, remaining at 2,454. The district budgeted for 2,454 enrollment for 2023-24. Actual enrollment for May 2024 was 2,324. This will likely have a deficit effect on state funding in the final, amended budget for the 2023-24 fiscal year. The latest (May) three-year enrollment comparison show an increase in enrollment from 2,242 in 2022 to 2,324 in May 2024.

The maintenance and operations expense budget increases by 4.79% from \$22.2 million to \$23.1 million. Coupled with the overall loss of \$300,000 in total M&O revenues, the M&O budget will have a deficit of about \$1.3 million.

Total M&O revenues de-

creases from \$22.18 million in 2023-24 to \$21.88 million in 2024-25.

The M&O budget includes a pay increase to teachers. Starting teacher pay increases from \$47,500 to \$50,000.

“The pay increase varied based on the position and years of experience for each employee,” Superintendent Michael Novotny said. “We matched the average/median salaries for mid-sized school districts (between 1,600 and 4,999 students) in Texas for all positions and all levels of experience.

He added that the budget adds only one new teaching position: a math teacher at the high school.

Overall instruction costs increase from \$12.3 million to \$12.9 million. School leadership increases from \$1.06 million to \$1.15 million.

Plant maintenance costs increase from \$2.15 million to \$2.28 million.

Space Camp Robotics for 5th-8th grade June 24-27 at TAE #3

Space Camp is now enrolling for June 24-27 at the Thomas Arnold Elementary 3 building.

The Robotics STEM Camp is open to area fifth through eighth graders 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at the Robotics shop at Thomas Arnold Elementary building 3.

The cost is \$275 per camper, including supplies. Payments can be made at the Salado ISD Business Office or paid the first day of the camp.

Register by emailing james.watkins@saladoisd.org.

Campers will explore programming and building of robots. There will be a special Robotics presentation at 1 p.m. June 24. Campers will build their rockets on June 27.

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Claire Hartman, CTIP, Elected President of Texas Land Title Association

The Texas Land Title Association (TLTA), one of the state's oldest trade associations, proudly announces the election of Claire Hartman, CTIP, as its 110th President. Claire, who is an owner of First Community Title, LLC, brings a wealth of experience, an unwavering commitment to TLTA's mission, and a passion for our industry's good work on behalf of Texas consumers.

Leslie Midgley, Executive Vice President and CEO of TLTA, expressed excitement about Claire's new role, "We are delighted and privileged to welcome Claire into this important leadership position. With over three decades in the title industry, including as the owner of a title agency, combined with extensive experience as an engaged TLTA volunteer, Claire brings invaluable expertise, passion, and inspirational vision to the position of president. I look forward to working closely with her as we navigate the challenges and seize the opportunities that lie ahead this year."

Claire has made significant contributions to TLTA through her dedicated volunteer service, having served on numerous committees and task forces over the years, including TLTA's Regulatory, Legislative, Institute, and School Committees, as well as TLTA's Seller Fraud and Federal Issues Task Forces. She currently serves on the TLTA Board of Trustees and is a Local Legislative Liaison, a special group of industry volunteers who help maintain effective lines of communication with elected officials.

During the TLTA Annual Conference and Business Meeting June 3-5 at which Claire was sworn in as president last week, she was also recognized for earning a special title industry designation this year, Certified Title Industry Professional (CTIP). This is one of three TLTA certified professional designations, and the CTIP was designed to demonstrate a title professional's experience and knowledge in both escrow/settlement and examination/abstract.

Claire, a 5th generation Texan, graduated from Schreiner College in 1985 with a degree concentration in Real Estate and began her title career in Kerrville in 1987 as a receptionist and escrow assistant. In 2002, she moved to Bell County to run First Community Title. At that time, First Community had 9 employees and 2 locations. In 2017, Claire and a group of partners purchased First Community Title Company and have grown it to 37 employees in 5 locations covering Bell, Coryell and Williamson counties.



Claire Hartman of First Community Title

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Heart & Hands serves 100 families



The Chapel at Caliber Oak recently hosted a concert and dinner to benefit Heart and Hands Ministries, raising \$3,000. Shown above, from left, are pianist Bev Scheider, Heart and Hands Director Pat Scarborough and flautist Denise Thomssen. (COURTESY PHOTO)

Heart and Hands Ministries serves 100 families in need by providing food and gently used clothing. The ministry office is located at 213 Mill Creek Dr., Suite #135, where they accept donations of can goods and clothing every 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. Wednesdays and 9 a.m.-noon Thursdays.

“Please don’t leave donations outside the door,” Director Pat Scarborough said recently.

In order to meet the demand of these families in the Salado, Holland and Bartlett areas, the ministry is adding a third distribution time. Every third Thursday (beginning June 20), food and clothing will be distributed 4-6 p.m.

“We are currently serving 100 families a month,” she said. “That equals out to 4,000 lbs. of food a month!”

“Right now our shelves

are dangerously low,” she said. “Brookshire Brothers still has the \$10 bags of food that come directly to us.”

Durable food items that are accepted include breakfast items (bars, Pop Tarts, cereals); Snacks (pretzels, chips, etc.); peanut butter and jelly; cookies and crackers; meaty soups (Progresso, Campbell); canned beans, canned fruit ramen noodles, pasta, spaghetti sauce, individual serving meals and personal hygiene items.

The Chapel at Caliber Oaks hosted a concert and dinner, raising \$3,000 for Heart and Hands Ministries. “It was a beautiful concert with the flautist Denise Thomssen and her wonderful friend Bev Scheider on piano,” Scarborough said.

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Cabaniss graduates Homeschool One Day Academy

Matthew Henry Cabaniss is a 2024 graduate of homeschool and One Day Academy. Matthew was a member of Salado High School Calculator Applications team that was State Champion in 2023 and finished 2nd in 2024 at the State Meet. Matthew placed 6th in the individual competition in 2024. He was also a member of Salado High School Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society and One Day Academy Eta Sigma Alpha National Homeschool Honor Society. Matthew has been a member of the technical crew for Tablerock productions and is very active in his church where he serves as a scripture reader, song leader and usher.

Matthew will be attending Texas A&M University in the fall to pursue a bio-medical engineering degree; and then plans to continue to medical school with an ultimate goal of becoming a pediatric orthopedic surgeon.

Matthew is the son of Brent and Jacqueline Cabaniss of Salado, and grandson of Daniel and Dora Alcozer and Dennis and Lyndal Cabaniss, also of Salado.

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Firefly Yoga & Movement Studio, located at 313 N. Stagecoach Rd., will hold its Ribbon Cutting Ceremony with the Salado Chamber of Commerce at 5:30 p.m. June 27.

“Our mission is to provide an encouraging space for individuals that are seeking wellness in mind, body and spirit while creating a positive impact in every community we are connected to,” said co-founder Kelli Partyke.

Light refreshments will be served. To celebrate the opening, Firefly Yoga & movement Studio will offer special discounts on the day of the Ribbon Cutting.

Instructors offer a variety of classes such as Breathe & Flow, Slow Flow, and Vinyasa yoga to suit all levels. “We aim to promote physical and mental well-being in the community by providing a space for relaxation, exercise, and mindfulness,” she added.

“We are thrilled to bring a dedicated yoga space to Salado,” she said. “We look forward to supporting the community’s health and wellness journey.”



Firefly Yoga & Movement, founded in 2019, has opened a Salado studio at 313 N. Stagecoach Rd.

Founded in 2019, with a studio in Morgan’s Point Resort, Firefly Yoga is offers a range of yoga classes that cater to all experience levels, with a focus on fos-

tering a sense of community and well-being.

For more information, call 254-218-4072 or e-mail fireflyyogasalado@gmail.com.



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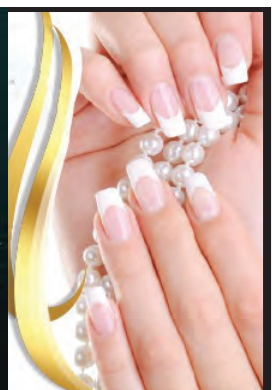
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Village Artists- knitters, crocheters and stitchers meet, 1-4 p.m. Salado Village Artists' red building behind the Civic Center.
Bikes & Brews, 6:30 p.m. for a no-drop ride, Barrow Brewing Co.
Floor practice at Salado Masonic Lodge #296, 95 S. Church St., 6:30 p.m. except on Stated Meeting nights.
Open Mic with Ryan White, at Chupacabra, 7 p.m.
Tonkawa Chapter Native Plant Society of Texas meeting, 6 p.m., first Monday of month, Barrow Brewing Co.
Second Monday Book Club meets at 7 p.m. at Salado Winery, 841 N. Main St.
Salado Democrats meet the third Monday of each month, 7 p.m., in the conference room of Salado Public Library.
Tuesdays
Village Artists- artists and crafters meet 9:30-11:30 a.m. Salado Village Artists' red building behind the Civic Center.
Knitting Group at Salado Public Library, 10 a.m.
Storytime with Ms. Mia at Salado Public Library, 11 a.m. 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 support group, 6:30 p.m., through July 17. Non-denominational with biblical concepts for healing with grief. Led by Mary Hendrix, 20 years as hospice Chaplain. Sponsored by Grace Church Salado, sessions will be held at the Village Art Center on the grounds of the Salado Civic Center (due to construction at the church). For more information, contact Hendrix at 858-232-4692.
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.
Heart and Hands Ministries food distribution day, 4:30-6 p.m. third Thursday of each month, 213 Mill Creek Drive, Suite 135. Heart and Hands Ministries serve the Salado, Bartlett, and Holland areas. You can register by bringing a valid ID or current bill with an address in our service area. If you are in need of food, they are here to help.
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 July 26
Eagle Performance Camp: Mon-Thurs June 10-July 26, no camp week of July 4; SHS Stadium.\$75 per camper for seventh-12th graders. 7:30-10:15 a.m. for ninth-12th graders; 10-11:30 a.m. for seventh-eighth graders. For info, email ricky.beaty@saladoisd.org.
Through July 26
Lady Eagle Performance Camp: Mon-Thurs., 8:30-10 a.m.no camp week of July 4; SHS weight room; \$75 per camper for incoming seventh-12th graders. For info, email diane.konarik@saladoisd.org.
June 17-21
3C Cowboy Fellowship Vacation Bible School, 5:30-8 p.m. Meal provided each night before activities start. Theme is Hometown Nazareth where Jesus was a kid.
June 20
Teens: Clay Dragon Eyes, 1 p.m. Salado Public Library.
June 20
Adult Thursday Book Club, register at front desk, 2 p.m. Salado Public Library.
June 20
Pint Night at Chupacabra Craft Beer, 4 p.m.-midnight. Get a free pint glass with every purchase of the featured brewery, Locust.
June 20
Teens: Crafter's Workshop, register at front desk, 4:30 p.m. Salado Public Library.
June 20
Salado Museum and College Park 65th Anniversary Open House 423 South Main in Salado, 4:30 p.m. The community is invited to stop by to enjoy refreshments, music and fellowship and to share their memories of the museum over the past 65 years. Special program with music, videos and storytelling at 6 p.m.



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June 20
Bell County Master Gardener Association free seminar, "Water Conservation," 6-7:30 p.m. at the Texas Agrilife Extension Office, 605 N. Main St., Belton. Certified Master Gardener Teri Marceau will discuss how rain impacts our streams and reservoirs as well as our gardens, trees, and lawns. Register at bcmgaspeakers@gmail.com.
June 20
Village of Salado Aldermen meeting, 6:30 p.m. 301 N. Stagecoach Rd. Meeting will be cast via Zoom. Link will be posted at saladotx.gov 72 hours before meeting.
June 20
Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 7 p.m., TBD.
June 21
Teens: Dungeons & Dragons 101, register at front desk, 12 noon p.m. Salado Public Library.
June 21
Live music at Chupacabra, 7 p.m., Chad Anderson.
June 21
Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 7 p.m., Jake Waylon.
June 21-22
We Are Music - Salado two-day celebration at the Salado Museum & College Park. 423 South Main Street, Salado. Doors open at 7:00, and the concert begins at 7:30 PM. Free and open to the public, offering an exciting lineup of musical performances and dance showcases.
June 22
Heart and Hands Ministries food distribution to those in need in the Salado, Holland, Bartlett area, 9-11 a.m, 213 Mill Creek Drive, Suite 135. You can register by bringing a valid ID or current bill with an address in our service area. If you are in need of food, they are here to help.
CALENDAR CONTINUES ON PAGE 3B

Email details of your Salado area events
to Tim at news@saladovillagevoice.com
to be posted in our print and online Calendar of Events.

June 22
Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 10:30 a.m., Waylon Floyd & Co. 8 p.m., Voodoo Villains.

June 22
Teens: Switch Games, 11 a.m. Salado Public Library.

June 22
Summer Reading Performer for Teens: Excused Absence Improv Workshop, register at front desk., 2 p.m. Salado Public Library.

June 22
Gary Allan at Johnny's Outback. Gates open at 6 p.m. \$45 General Admission, (\$50 Day of Show); \$100 Pit (Standing Room Only); \$750 Reserved Table of 6 (Tables are Stage Side not in front of stage). Advance tickets at johnnysteaksandbbq.com.

June 22
Live music at Chupacabra, 8 p.m., David Matthew Harness.

June 23
Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 4 p.m., Denny Cullinan.

June 24
Adults Cactus Paint Along, register at front desk, 5 p.m. Salado Public Library.

June 25
Dinosaurs and Unicorns Tea Party, 12 noon, Salado Public Library.

June 26
Music Munchkins, 10 a.m. Salado Public Library.

June 26
Adults Teacup Succulents, register at front desk, 3 p.m. Salado Public Library.

June 26
Barrow Brewing Co., guest food truck, 4-8 p.m., Bahler Street Pizza.

June 26
Raised Bed Gardening workshop at Harker Heights Activities Center, 400 Indian Trail, 6-7:30 p.m. Class Limit: 50. Register at <https://bit.ly/4cVYicK>. Registration opens on June 10 at 8 a.m.

June 27
Teens Karaoke, 1 p.m. Salado Public Library.

June 27
Pint Night at Chupacabra Craft Beer, 4 p.m.-midnight. Get a free pint glass with every purchase of the featured brewery, Locust.

June 27
Teens: Crafter's Workshop, register at front desk, 4:30 p.m. Salado Public Library.

June 27
Salado Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting for Firefly Yoga, 5:30 p.m., 113 Stagecoach Rd.

June 27
Flatland Cavalry in concert at Johnny's Outback. Gates open at 6 p.m. Advance tickets, \$30; \$35 day of show. Pit tickets, \$75. Reserved table of six, \$600. Visit johnnystx.com for more information and tickets.

June 27
Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 7 p.m., Charles Knickerbocker.

June 28
Teens: Dungeons & Dragons 101, 12 noon, Salado Public Library.

June 28
Royal Street Art Walk.

June 28
Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 7 p.m.

June 28
Live music at Chupacabra, 7 p.m. Wade Ralston.

June 29
Opening ceremony of Salado VFW, Barrow Brewing Co., 10 a.m.

June 29
End of Summer Reading Celebration, 11 a.m., Salado Public Library.

June 29
Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., Emily Shirley, 11:30 a.m.; 8 p.m., Gabor Nicholson.

June 29
Live music at Chupacabra, 8 p.m., Trey Yenger.

June 30
Beer tasting class at Barrow Brewing Co., 1 p.m. Register online at <https://centraltexas-tickets.com/>

June 30
Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 4 p.m., Wook Wizard.

July 3
Barrow Brewing Co., guest food truck, 4-8 p.m., Korean Kravings.

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

July 4
Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 7 p.m., Ryan Lawless.

July 5
Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 7 p.m., Wes Perryman.

July 6
Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 8 p.m., JR's Jukebox.

July 7
Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 4 p.m., Jim & Hilary.

July 8-12
Heritage Country Church Vacation Bible School, 8 a.m.-noon. Open to children ages four to 11. Registration opens in June to the first 100 that sign up. Church is located at 9677 Lark Trail.

July 8-11
Volleyball Camp 1, 9-10:30 a.m., SHS Gym, \$50 per camper for incoming third-fourth graders. Volley Camp for incoming fifth-sixth graders, \$50 per camper, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. For info, email clint.brown@saladoisd.org.

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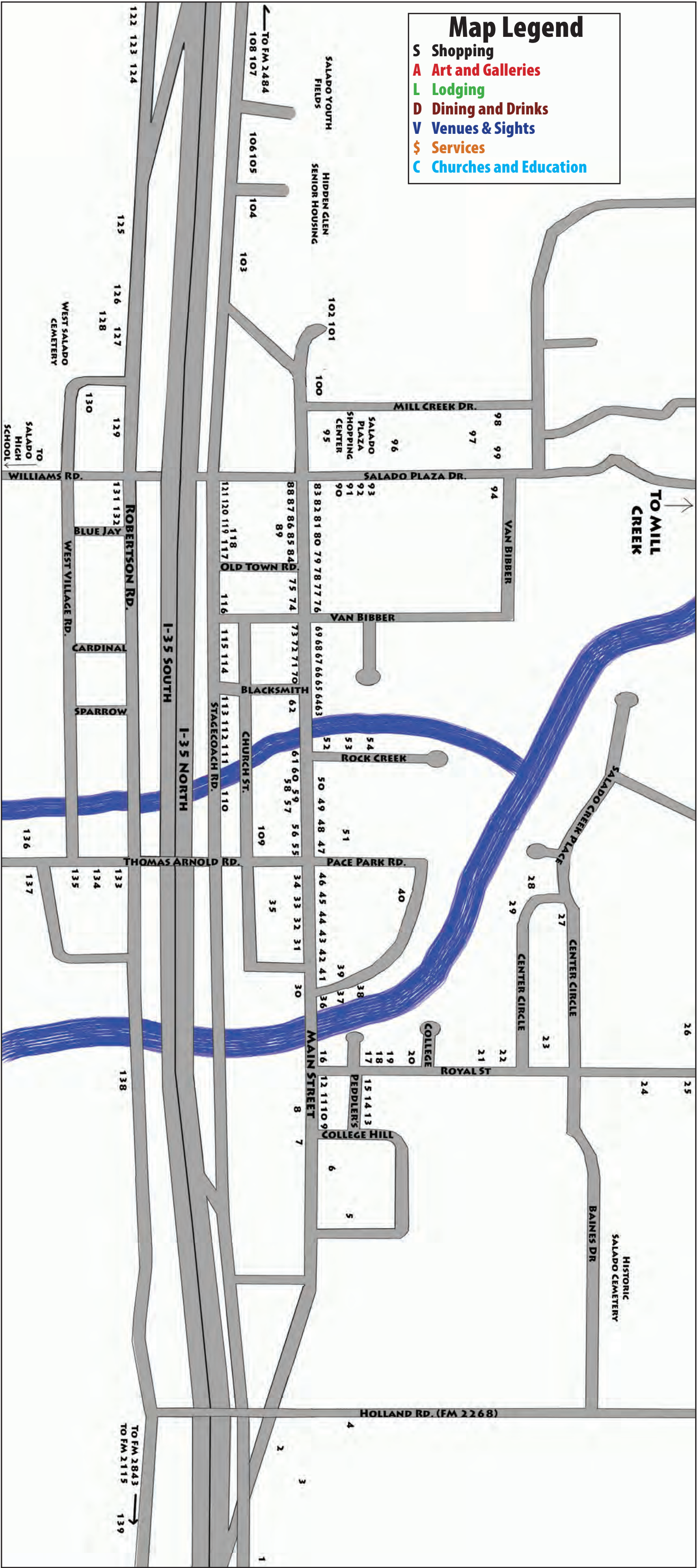
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8	StageCoach Inn Shady Villa 254-947-5111	D L
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10	Sofi's 254-947-4336	S
11	Chupacabra Craft Beer and Winery (254) 308-2019 Chupacabra Kitchen (254) 308-2220	D D
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130	Village Spirits 254-947-7117	S
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133	Johnny's Steaks & BBQ 254-947-4663	D
134	The Dog Spot 254-947-3647	\$
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| 6. Salado Historic College Hill | 25. The A.J. Rose Mansion | 35. Salado Masonic Lodge #296 | 61. Historic Lenticular Bridge |
| 8. Shady Villa Hotel (Stagecoach Inn) | 26. Old Methodist Chapel | 45. The Anderson House | 49. The Vickrey House |
| 8. Main Street Bridge | 27. Caskey-Hendricks House | 46. Old Saloon | 76. Boles-Aiken & Denman Cabins |
| 16. Barber-Berry Mercantile | 28. Dr. McKie Place (Twelve Oaks) | 48. The Norton-Orgain House | 77. The Robert B. Halley House |
| 23. The Baines House | 29. Alexander's Distillery | 50. The Barton House | 79. The Reed Cabin |
| 24. Historic Dipping Vats | 30. First Baptist Church | 51. The Levi Tenney House | 100. The Josiah Fowler House |
| | 31. The Tyler House | 55. The Armstrong Adams House | |

Flores 23-4A defensive MVP

Four Eagles named All-District first team

Salado Eagles pitcher Logan Flores is the 23-4A Defensive Player of the Year.

He started 14 games with an 11-3 record. He allowed 44 hits, 21 runs, eight of them earned and 19 walks. He struck out 144 batters and had an ERA of 0.659. He had 32 1-2-3 innings. He made 123 plate appearances with a .406 batting average to lead the team. He had an on-base percentage of .488 and a .614 slugging percentage. He had 41 hits, including 14 doubles, two triples and a homerun. He had 31 RBIs and 14 runs.

BJ Amann was named First Team Catcher. He put out 337 runners on 342 total chances, He had four assists for a fielding percentage of .997. Amann made 123

plate appearances with a .323 batting average, a .472 on base percentage and a .505 slugging percentage. He had 30 hits including nine doubles, a triple and two homeruns. He had 20 RBIs and nine runs.

Pitcher and outfielder Kannon Baird was also named to the first team. Baird started nine games with a 5-2 record, as well as a save. He allowed 31 hits, 22 runs, 14 of them earned and 17 walks. He struck out 79 for an ERA of 1.861. He made 106 plate appearances with a .297 batting average, an on base percentage of .356 and a slugging percentage of .374. He had 27 hits, including three doubles and two triples. He had 14 RBIs and 10 runs. He had a perfect fielding percentage

with 37 put outs and an assist.

Right fielder Brody Cole also made First Team. Cole had a fielding percentage of .851 on 74 chances with 54 put outs and nine assist. He was part of three double plays. He made 128 plate appearances with a .337 batting average, .444 on base percentage, .500 slugging percentage. He had 35 hits, including five doubles, three triples and two homeruns. He had 16 RBIs and 23 runs.

Shortstop Jace Light was named to the First Team. He had a .921 fielding percentage on 63 attempts with 51 put outs and three assists. He made 108 plate appearances, with a .259 batting average, .377 on base per-

centage, and .341 slugging percentage. He had 22 hits, including three doubles and two triples. He had 12 RBIs and 13 runs.

Outfielder Kase Maedgen was named to the second team. He had a .208 batting average with 17 RBIs and 15 runs. He had a perfect fielding percentage on 21 chances.

Pitcher Dylan Wigley was also named second team. He started nine games with a 5-3 record and two saves with a 0.835 ERA.

Receiving Honorable Mention were Owen Curtis, Payne Lochridge, Brayden Naegele and Jacob Preston.

Salado Eagles were third in district and finished with a 23-12-1 record.



Logan Flores. (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)



Keagan Sieracki and London Woods (COURTESY PHOTO)

Woods, Sieracki make National Wrestling Team

Salado High School students London Woods and Keagan Sieracki have made the National Wrestling Team and will represent Texas this summer in the largest wrestling tournaments in the country for high school students.

Keagan Sieracki took first place in the State tournament for Greco and Free-style and has competed both of his high school years on the National Team.

London Woods took second place in the State tournament for Greco and Free-

style and has completed all three of her high school years on the National Team.

Both London and Keagan travel the country wrestling. In addition to their training at Salado High School with Coach Kris Perkins, they practice four days a week (all year long) at 3F wrestling club in Austin.

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Salado High School is ranked #2 out of the 20 high schools in the Killeen Metro Area by the U.S. News & World Report this year. The only high school ranked higher than Salado is the Killeen ISD Early College High School, which is a magnet high school that does not provide full extra-curricular programs including academics, athletics, FFA, and fine arts. Thus, Salado High School is the top ranked comprehensive high school. Salado High School also has the highest

Superintendent's Corner

by Dr. Michael Novotny



college readiness score of all 20 high schools. These rankings are based on the following six criteria:

College Readiness (30%): This is the percentage of 12th graders from the class of 2021-2022 who took at least one AP or IB exam by the end of their senior year and the percentage of 12th graders who earned a qualifying score on at least one AP or IB exam in high school. Earning a qualifying score is weighted three times more than simply taking the exam.

College curriculum breadth (10%): This is the percentage of 12th graders from the class of 2021-2022 who took a wide variety of AP and IB courses across multiple disciplines and the percentage of 12th graders who earned a qualifying score on them. Earning a qualifying score is weighted three times more than taking the exam.

State assessment profi-

ciency (20%): This measures how well students scored on state assessments that measure proficiency in reading, science and mathematics. Passing these assessments can be required for graduation. Examples of assessments include the Smarter Balanced Assessment System in California and the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness. This state assessment proficiency indicator is in almost all cases based on 2021-2022 data. For a few states, earlier years' data is used.

State assessment performance (20%): This is the difference between how students performed on state assessments and what U.S. News predicted based on a school's student body. U.S. News' modeling across all 50 states and the District of Columbia indicates that the performance percentage of students from historically under-served subgroups – defined as Black students,

Hispanic students, and students who are eligible for free and reduced price lunch – are highly predictive of a school's reading, science and math scores. This state assessment performance indicator is based on 2021-2022 data in almost all cases. For a few states, earlier years' data is used.

Under-served student performance (10%): This is how well the student population receiving subsidized school lunch and Black and Hispanic populations perform on state assessments relative to statewide performance among students not in those subgroups. This state assessment under-served student performance indicator is based on 2021-2022 data in almost all cases. For a few states, earlier years' data is used.

Graduation rate (10%): For the 2024 rankings, the graduation rate corresponds to the 2021 high school class graduation cohort who would have entered ninth grade in the 2017-2018 school year. High school graduation rates were collected directly from each state along with the math, reading and science assessment data.

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Ranking of 20 high schools in Killeen Metro Area			
Rank	School	College Readiness	Graduation Rate
1st	Early College High School (KISD)	23.6	99%
2nd	Salado High School	25.3	99%
3rd	Lampasas High School	16.8	97%
4th	Holland High School	N/A	100%
5th	Harker Heights High School (KISD)	16.6	92%
6th	Killeen High School	16.0	83%
7th	Academy High School	11.4	93%
8th	Gatesville High School	6.1	88%
9th	Temple High School	16.7	89%
10th	Copperas Cove High School	10.8	94%
11th	Troy High School	N/A	97%
12th	Lometa High School	N/A	100%
13th	Ellison High School (KISD)	10.7	92%
14th	Rogers High School	N/A	97%
15th	Belton High School	14.8	95%
16th	Shoemaker High School (KISD)	8.3	85%
17th	Bartlett High School	N/A	92%
18th	Crossroads High School (CCISD)	N/A	59%
19th	Evant High School	N/A	81%

Local students named to UA Dean's, President's Lists

TUSCALOOSA, AL: A total of 13,103 students enrolled during Spring Semester 2024 at The University of Alabama were named

to the dean's list with an academic record of 3.5 (or above) or the president's list with an academic record of 4.0 (all A's). These driven

students are making waves across UA's more than 70 undergraduate programs.

The UA dean's and president's lists recognize full-time undergraduate students.

Local students include:

Caden Graham of Salado was named to the Deans List.

Samuel Redelsheimer of Salado was named to the Deans List.

Jebediah Rine of Salado was named to the Deans List.

James Tipton of Salado was named to the Deans List.

Aaron Trela of Salado was named to the Deans List.

SHSU names Anderson to President's Honor Roll

HUNTSVILLE: The students listed on the President's Honor Roll at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas, are undergraduates who have achieved a perfect 4.0 grade point average in all work attempted while enrolled in not less than 12 semester hours. The university would like to recognize the following students for earning the honor for Spring 2024 semester.

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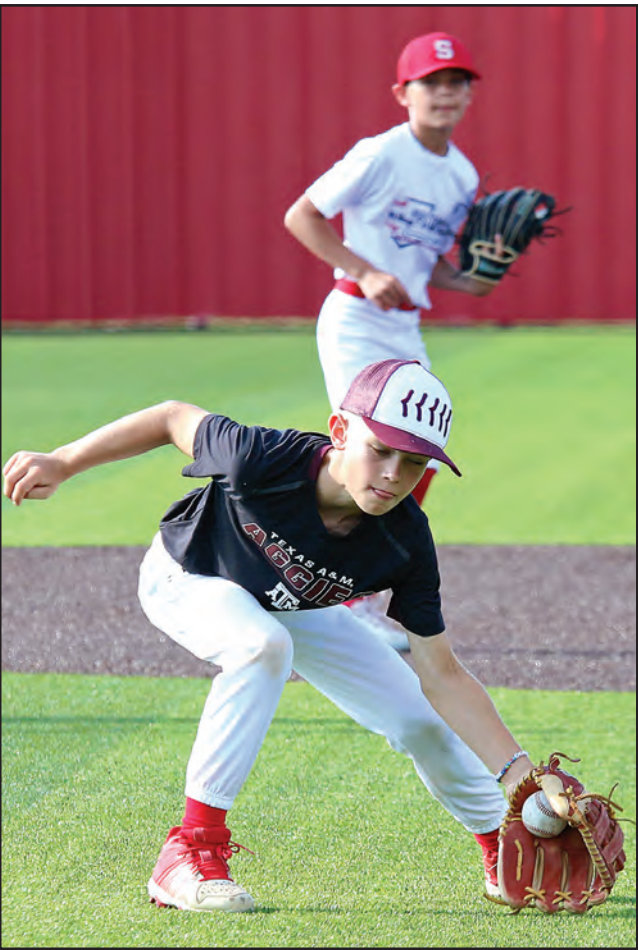
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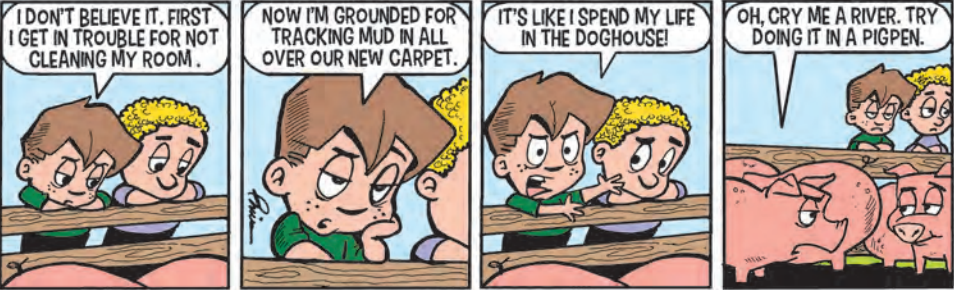
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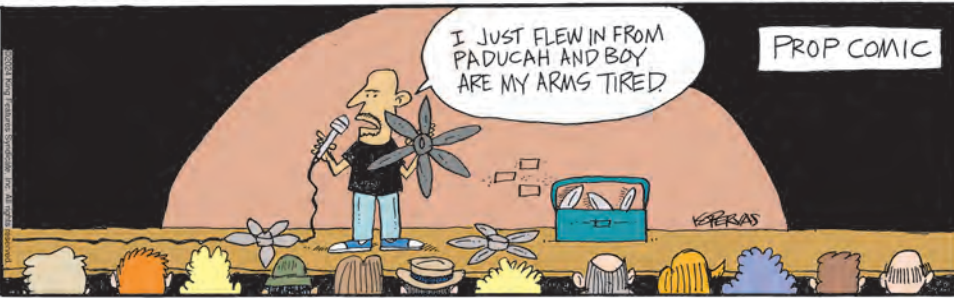
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♠ —
♥ A Q J 9 2
♦ 9 8 4 2
♣ Q 10 8 5

EAST

♠ A J 9 8 5 4 2
♥ 7 4
♦ A J 3
♣ 7

SOUTH

♠ 7 3
♥ K 5
♦ K 7 5
♣ A J 9 6 4 3

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	1 ♠	2 ♠
3 ♠	4 ♠	5 ♠	Pass
Pass	6 ♣	Pass	Pass
Dble			

Opening lead — king of spades.

choice, as he should have realized that North's four-spade cuebid indicated a void in the suit and that a spade lead would therefore accomplish nothing. Whether West should have led a diamond or a heart is debatable — but his actual lead proved fatal.

Declarer ruffed the spade in dummy and led the queen of clubs, on which East followed low. South made a good guess by going up with the ace and leading five rounds of hearts, discarding all three of his diamonds in the process.

West ruffed the fifth heart, but by then the setting trick — East's ace of diamonds — had already flown the coop. As a result, declarer made the slam and scored 1,660 points instead of going down one, which would have been his lot had West led a diamond originally.

Had it occurred to West that a spade lead was wrong, he might of course have misguessed and led a heart, in which case declarer would still have made the contract. But then again, West might have led a diamond and beaten the slam.

The bottom line is that since a spade lead did not figure to gain anything for his side, West should have dismissed it as a possibility and considered an alternative.

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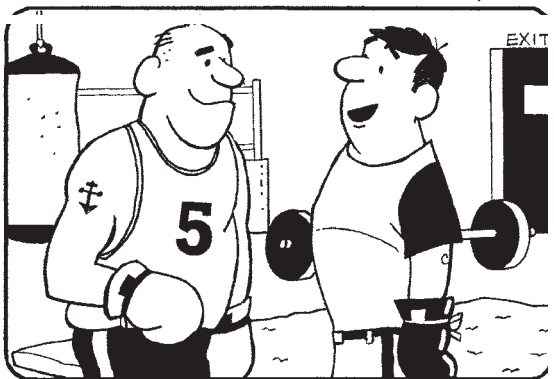
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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

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ACROSS

- Biblical figure slain for being a
- G.P.'s gp.
- Dangerous snake
- Defest
- Actress Bertinelli
- Throw slowly in a high arc
- Cola-cooling cubes
- Novelist Zora — Hurston
- Start of a riddle
- Blemish
- Gave hints to
- With 15-Down, no higher than
- Skating feats
- "Jolly old" saint
- Riddle, part 2
- "Hello, sailor!"
- 58, to Nero
- Viral gene material
- Silvery metallic element
- Moseying
- TV "dog whisperer" Milan
- Riddle, part 3
- Sneaky
- Knitters' supplies
- Greek herald of the gods
- Perilous thing to live on
- Big antelope
- Position while battling
- Bristly swine
- Always, to bards
- Riddle, part 4
- Academic URL ender
- Person not telling the truth
- Liam of "Schindler's List"
- Above, to bards
- Dangerous snakes
- Met, as the challenge
- Jargon
- Pro vote
- Riddle, part 5
- Up one's auction offer
- Starting charge, as on a utility bill
- Enters warily
- Master pilot
- Former
- Dark blue dye
- End of the riddle
- Completely destroy
- "Reckless" actor Quinn
- Above
- Flaring dress
- Noise from a beehive
- Riddle's answer
- Country east of Fiji
- Geisha's sash
- Old sitcom cousin
- Opening in some helmets
- Unsettled feeling
- Hush-hush intel org.
- Baggage inspection org.
- 32 Beethoven piano pieces

DOWN

- Brand of sneakers
- U.S.-Can.-Mex. treaty
- Choir parts
- First prime minister of India
- Fury
- Breathed-in stuff
- Catch a glimpse of
- Soccer Hall of Famer Lalas
- Prized mushroom
- Clear as —
- Intention
- Reading digitally
- 18th-century powdered hairpiece
- chili (pepper variety)
- See
- 27-Across
- Transporting trucks
- David Mamet play or film
- Antares or Arcturus
- Like some permed hair
- Mae (loan provider)
- The Windy City, for short
- Tylenol targets
- Barak of Israel
- CD- — (PC inserts)
- Political columnist Molly
- "Vahoo!"
- Awful event
- Detached roughly
- Accumulate, as debts
- "Well, — you special!"
- Take part in a parade
- Via
- Deaf school co-founder Laurent
- Body blinker
- "Why Can't I?" singer Liz
- "Hey Deanie" singer Cassidy
- Hurry-scurry
- Protects
- 18th-century English king
- Have it wrong
- French river
- not to be"
- Particle in quantum mechanics
- Lively spirit
- Sir Andrew — Webber
- Irish
- Knot anew
- Linen fabric
- "Bali —" (show tune)
- Put new turf on
- Mafia's code of silence
- Glove thread
- Have
- Major train terminals
- Rowlands of "Hope Floats"
- Hurt badly
- Initial input to be processed
- Level of command
- Having a big smile
- Apply with a bristly tool
- Luau paste
- Singer Murray
- Salad bar utensil
- Gripper on a shoe bottom
- "Start playing the song!"
- Revises
- Crimean resort port
- Kind of yoga
- "Some Like —"
- Crash, informally
- Corp. honcho
- Soccer Hall of Famer Hamm
- Marks, as a ballot box
- Philosopher — Izu
- Big vase

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- GEOGRAPHY: Which country's native name is Cymru?
- HISTORY: Which country is the first to recognize same-sex marriage?
- MOVIES: Who voices the character of Frozone in the animated movie "The Incredibles"?
- FOOD & DRINK: What is the primary ingredient in baba ganoush?
- LITERATURE: The movie "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button" is based on a short story written by which American author?
- MEASUREMENTS: How many grams are in a pound?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What cultural phenomenon is celebrated on May 4?
- TELEVISION: Rhoda Morgenstern is a sidekick in which 1970s TV sitcom?
- SCIENCE: What is the process called when iron is coated with zinc?
- U.S. STATES: What is the only vowel that is NOT the first letter of a state?

Answers

- Wales.
- The Netherlands.
- Samuel L. Jackson.
- Eggplant.
- F. Scott Fitzgerald.
- 454 grams.
- "Star Wars" movies.
- "The Mary Tyler Moore Show."
- Galvanization.
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

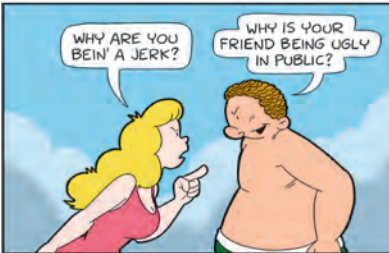
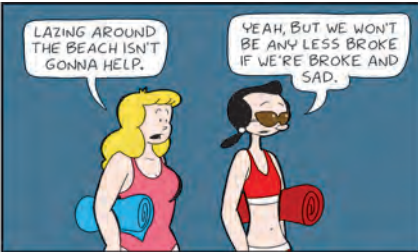
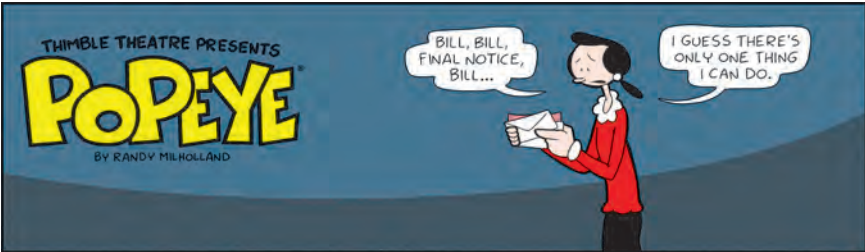
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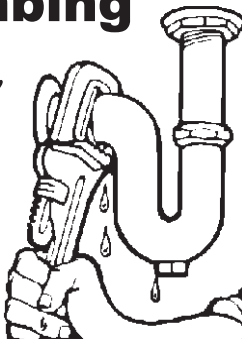
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06/10	THOMAS ARNOLD RD,	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident w/injury
06/11	ARROWHEAD DR,	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
06/11	N STAGECOACH RD,	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
06/11	CACTI LN,	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
06/11	S INTERSTATE 35,	Dispatched & cancelled en route
06/11	ROSE WAY,	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident w/ injury
06/11	BREWER RD,	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
06/12	Interstate 35 SB @ MM 290,	No incident found on arrival at dispatch address
06/12	Interstate 35 SB @ MM 285,	Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.
06/12	N MAIN ST,	Dispatched & cancelled en route
06/12	MEADOW CREST DR,	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
06/12	HOMESTEAD RD,	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
06/13	Thomas Arnold,	Dispatched & cancelled en route
06/13	RIDGECREST DR,	Assist invalid
06/13	FLINT RIDGE LOOP,	Motor vehicle accident with injuries
06/14	W TRAVIS ST,	Dispatched & cancelled en route
06/14	FM 487,	Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.
06/14	N STAGECOACH RD,	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident w/injury
06/14	MILL CREEK DR,	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
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