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## Salado

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Volunteer Susie Cabaniss stacks damaged theater seats to be disposed. Salado Legends attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets for the performances.

### Tablerock restoring **Goodnight Amphitheater**

By Thom Wilson TABLEROCK FESTIVAL **PRESIDENT** 

Tablerock Festival of Salado and its Goodnight Amphitheater that was so generously donated by the Goodnight Family over 35 years ago has been a great gift to the Village of Salado over the years. Approximately 5,000 people a year have attended events at Tablerock. The economic impact of Salado Legends alone was over \$227,424 in 2017 when it was last figured by Institute of Outdoor Drama guidelines.

Tablerock's Board of Directors is a board of hardworking volunteers. The board is supported by many generous donors. With help from Rolly Correa, we obtained a matching grant from the Texas Parks and Wildlife to build a one-half-mile walking trail. Wayne Phillips, a local stone builder, bid the job and donated the stone tables and benches in the picnic area. Tablerock's original seven acres has increased to almost 18 acres with volunteer built barns, storage buildings and fencing. When our savings for

indoor bathrooms and a concession building proved insufficient, friends at CenturyLink, the Terry Crawford Family and Jerry Iley donated the remaining funds to build the hospitality room and the upstairs education room. The \$125,000 building was completed and paid for with ticket money from plays and donations just in time for Salado Legends' 20th birthday celebration.

Gracious friends and the past 35 years have been good to Tablerock, and Tablerock has been good for Salado. Sadly, we cannot say the same for the weather which has racked thousands of dollars in damage to the Tablerock Park and Goodnight Amphitheater by damaging trees, buildings, park signage, and the auditorium seating in the last two years.

As a result of this weather damage that has so affected all of Salado and our surrounding Bell county neighbors, Tablerock volunteers and Friends of Tablerock have again put on their work clothes, and have set about restoring Tablerock Park and the Goodnight Amphitheater. Over the past few weeks, 422 stadium chairs that were donated by Fort

Hood were assessed for hail damage and about 2/3 of the seats have been removed by our volunteers to assure a safe seating space for our guests and audiences.

Our volunteers opened more areas of the amphitheater to be available for guests to bring their own chairs, like we did in the early years of Tablerock, and sit as they watch our Tablerock plays and events in comfort. We will still have some stadium seating and temporary seating available in the rear for those who need chairs.

We hope you will enjoy bringing your own lawn chairs as you come to the performances of 2024 Salado Legends.

The 2024 Performances are July 20, July 27 and Aug. 3 at Tablerock's Goodnight Amphitheater, 409 Royal St., Salado. The gate opens at 7:15 p.m., and the performance begins at 8:15 p.m. Salado Legends tickets are \$2 for adults, \$10 for students (with ID) and \$5 for children 12 and under. Tickets can be purchased online at CentraTexasTickets. com or purchased the day of performance at our on-site Ticket office.







The community of Salado came together at Lucy's Icehouse on July 13 to raise money for Terri Raines, who is again battling cancer. With live music, food, drinks and sidecar rides, even the rains couldn't dampen the giving spirit of Salado.

Sales tax rebates for July 2024 to Bell County taxing entities							
Entity	Rate	July 2024	July 2023	Change	YTD 2024	YTD 2023	Change
Belton	1.500%	\$745,204.50	\$759,605.02	-1.89%	\$5,330,616.10	\$5,171,934.14	3.06%
Harker Heights	1.500%	\$866,293.13	\$957,271.78	-9.50%	\$6,363,101.26	\$6,523,143.29	-2.45%
Holland	1.000%	\$10,271.47	\$10,190.83	0.79%	\$94,007.88	\$82,585.24	13.83%
Killeen	1.500%	\$2,816,987.64	\$2,759,520.92	2.08%	\$20,270,836.66	\$20,166,635.35	0.51%
LR-Academy	1.000%	\$11,643.47	\$10,454.88	11.36%	\$92,057.90	\$81,163.46	13.42%
Morgans Point	1.500%	\$27,644.68	\$27,791.27	-0.52%	\$205,057.31	\$200,983.81	2.02%
Nolanville	1.500%	\$131,427.95	\$126,669.31	3.75%	\$1,068,179.93	\$947,082.80	12.78%
Rogers	1.250%	\$10,023.80	\$23,155.71	-56.71%	\$89,347.02	\$92,453.07	-3.35%
Salado	1.000%	\$67,450.07	\$67,256.66	0.28%	\$507,779.62	\$475,705.35	6.74%
Temple	1.500%	\$3,066,430.88	\$2,963,635.56	3.46%	\$21,400,901.90	\$21,004,785.63	1.88%
Troy	1.500%	\$94,433.20	\$82,585.47	14.34%	\$653,024.63	\$601,059.13	8.64%
Salado Library	0.500%	\$57,773.94	\$54,784.15	5.45%	\$417,052.80	\$383,090.17	8.86%
Bell	0.500%	\$2,835,797.23	\$2,724,832.83	4.07%	\$19,430,182.88	\$19,281,041.08	0.77%

### Slight uptick in July sales tax rebates

The Village of Salado saw a slight uptick in sales tax rebates for July 2024, when compared to 2023.

The Village will receive \$67,450.07 an increase of 0.28% compared to last July's payment of \$507,779.62. For the year, The Village is running 6.74% over yearto-date payments in 2023: \$373,317.12 compared to \$346, 876,77 through July 2023.

Bell County showed a 4.07% increase in sales tax revenues compared to the previous year. The County's July payment is \$2.84 million, compared to \$2.72

million last July. Four Bell County cities showed decreases in their July pay-Belton, Harker Heights, Morgans Point and Rogers. Seven Bell County cities showed increase: Holland, Killeen, Little River-Academy, Nolanville, Salado, Temple and Troy.

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

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

For that half-cent tax, Salado Public Library District received a \$57,773.94 July check, which was 5.45% more than last July's payment of \$54,784.15. For the year, the Library District has received \$417,052.80, which is 8.86% more than the \$383,090.17 paid through July 2023.

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced July 10 he would send \$1.1 billion in local sales tax allocations for July, 0.2 percent less than in July 2023.

These allocations are based on sales made in May

by businesses that report tax monthly.

The comptroller sent rebates totaling \$695.5 million to Texas Cities, an decrease of 0.3% over last July.

The comptroller \$234.3 million to transit systems for July, a decrease of 0.9% over July 2023.

Counties received \$67.8 million in sales tax rebate checks, a decrease of 1.0% over July 2023.

Special purpose districts received \$108.4 million in sales tax rebate checks for July, 2.9% less than 2023.

### **Humidity, heat brings** mosquitoes with West Nile Virus to Bell Co.

Bell County residents are urged to do their part to prevent mosquitos on their property and to protect themselves from mosquitoborne diseases, including the West Nile Virus. Over the past six weeks, six positive pools for West Nite virus were discovered through routine monitoring by the Bell County Public Health District (BCPH) in zip codes 76502 (3 pools), 76543 (2 pools) and 76554 (1 positive pool). This testing is part of the BCPH Mosquito Monitoring and Surveillance Program.

West Nile Virus is the most common mosquitoborne disease in the United States. It is typically spread to people by the bite of an infected mosquito. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, West Nile Virus does not spread through coughing, sneezing, or touching other people or live animals.

Symptoms of Infection may include fever, headache, body aches, a skin rash on the trunk of the body, and swollen lymph nodes. Those aged 50 and older and/or with compromised immune systems are at a higher risk for severe symptoms, which may include stiffness, disorientation, coma, tremors, vision loss, paralysis, and, in rare cases, death.

"It's the time of year when people are spending more time outdoors and knowing that we have the presence of the West Nile Virus in Bell County, it is important for our residents to take protective measures for ourselves and our families to minimize the potential for illness. Following the 4 D's is the best way to avoid

SEE WEST NILE VIRUS, PAGE 3A

### FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas

### Inflation dips in June due to decreasing consumer demand

Once more, our dear old S&P 500 Stock Index (SPX) continued to exhibit evidence that we are still in a healthy bull market as the Index climbed 0.87% for the week to close at 5615.35. That leaves it up a whopping 17.73% so far this year, 25.56% higher than a year ago, and just over 28% higher than where it stood three years ago. That three-year gain equates to an average annual growth rate of 8.6%, which sounds delightful but is very much in line with the SPX average for about the last century. Moreover, as inflation has averaged just under 5% for that same period, an average annual return 3.6% higher than the CPI is historically quite reasonable and normal. We, of course, also follow the CRSP US Mid-Cap Value Index, as we believe it better reflects what is going on in the 495 stocks that are not the Fabulous Five AI-related giants. That index reflected a new trend as smaller and non-growth stocks surged far faster than the SPX for the week, rising 3.71% to 2671.54 and putting it up about 9.11% from a year ago. For whatever it is worth, that resurgence of the rest of the market is a very good historical sign that this bull may have longer to run. Historically, it is when the big, growth-oriented tech stocks soar ahead and leave the rest of the market behind that the clock starts to run out on a bull market. There is still a huge difference between the Fabulous Five AI stocks and the mainstream market, but this is worth watching.

Over in the much larger, and many would say, far more important debt markets, the benchmark 10-year U.S. Treasury note ended the week yielding 4.18%, a wee bit lower than last week but still up quite a lot from the 3.88% at the beginning of the year. Bond prices fall as rates increase, so with a nire than 200% increase over the last three years, the S&P 500 Bond Index, even with all interest payments reinvested, has lost 2.36%. If one were taking the interest payments as cash, the Index has declined

### Market & Economic Update

by Jeffrey W. McClure



The Economy

There was no question this week on what the biggest story in economics was. The Consumer Price Index (CPI) news release by our beloved Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) at the Labor Department included a top-line inflation change for June of -0.1%. Yes, you read that right, minus zero-point one percent! June's negative number left the one-year top-line CPI inflation at a nice even 3.0%. The decline ironically came from the same categories that led to the surge in inflation a couple of years ago: Used Cars and Trucks (-10% for the month), new vehicles (-0.9%), and gasoline (-2.5%). Pulling out the often-volatile food and energy components, the so-called "core" CPI rose 0.1%. That report immediately generated a flurry of speculation on when and how often the Federal Reserve would start reducing short-term rates. The speculators seem to either be igthat the Fed has repeatedly announced that the CPI is not what they watch; rather, they pay close attention to the core PCE index from the Commerce Department. That report will not be issued until July 26, but traders were hopeful as the last release showed only a 0.1% increase for May with a 2.6% trailing 12-month rate. Like Chairman Powell says, waiting until the hard data comes in before celebrating is a good idea.

Some of that reduced

inflation is pretty clearly

coming from decreasing

consumer demand, which is where the majority of our economic action takes place. PepsiCo and Conagra, two of the biggest consumer snack food manufacturers, reported that snack food sales volume dropped over the last year. PepsiCo said that volumes in its Frito-Lay North American business declined 4% since this time last year. It reported that "the impacts of persistent inflationary pressures and higher borrowing cost over the last few years have resulted in tighter household financial conditions," and "Consumers have become more value-conscious with their spending patterns and preferences..." That is as it should be and indicates that the Fed's higher rates are doing exactly what they were supposed to do. Meanwhile, globally, trade rates are returning to "Normal," according to Bloomberg, with the notable exception of Germany, which is in a slump resulting from its heavy dependence on trade with China.

energy components, the so-called "core" CPI rose 0.1%. That report immediately generated a flurry of speculation on when and how often the Federal Reserve would start reducing short-term rates. The speculators seem to either be ignorant of or ignore the fact on more, we must disappoint the doomsayers and pessimistic pundits by reporting that the U.S. economy continues to charge ahead with near-maximum sustainable economic growth over the last year, with all the signs pointing to an even better year ahead.

### Climate change could return

By Howard Dean

The extreme heat that recently blanketed the United States is a clear sign of climate change. But rising temperatures are fueling more than just hotter summers. Climate change is contributing to the spread of drug-resistant infections. And alarmingly, the medicines we use to fight those pathogens are losing their effectiveness.

Antimicrobial resistance, or AMR, occurs when bacteria, viruses, and other pathogens evolve to resist the effects of medications, making common infections harder to treat and increasing the risk of disease spread, severe illness, and death. Recent figures link AMR to nearly 5 million deaths annually -far more than the combined death toll of AIDS and malaria. By 2050, more people will die of drug-resistant infections than currently die of cancer.

Climate change is accelerating the spread of these superbugs, providing favorable conditions for pathogens to grow and spread. Warmer temperatures can increase the reproduction rates of bacteria and viruses, extend the range of habitats suitable for pathogens, and even heighten the chances of gene transfer

among bacteria, leading to more robust strains of drug-resistant microbes.

The pressure cooker of climate change is moving us closer to the pre-antibiotic era. Patients I once treated as a family physician could have very different outcomes without the backstop of antibiotics. Ordinary infections could become life-threatening, and routine, minor surgeries could become high-risk procedures.

Investment in research and innovation is crucial to stay ahead of evolving pathogens. But our current efforts to develop new antibiotics are not keeping pace. There are fewer than 100 antibacterial therapies now in the pipeline, according to the World Health Organization.

By contrast, there are over 6,500 active clinical trials for cancer treatments.

We are in a race with ever-evolving bacteria -- and we are losing. The main hurdle is financial. It costs nearly \$1 billion to shepherd a new antibiotic through clinical trials.

But successfully developing an antibiotic is and secoften financially ruinous. Most new antibiotics target small patient populations with specific drug-resistant infections, and the new medicines to treat those can prove and second future f

infections are rightly used sparingly, only as a last resort -- since the more you use antibiotics, the more likely bacteria will eventually become resistant.

Combating climate change requires new technologies and new economic models. The same is true of AMR. We must rethink how we incentivize antibiotic research. Subsidies, tax credits, or direct funding for early-stage R&D can provide relief to companies developing new antibiotics. Other countries, like the United Kingdom, have experimented with subscription models, where drugmakers receive a flat fee for bringing a successful new antibiotic to market. Faster FDA approval pathways can help reduce the time and cost of clinical trials.

Ultimately, the fight against antimicrobial resistance requires a multifacted approach, integrating scientific innovation, policy reform, and global collaboration. By addressing both climate change and AMR with the urgency and resources they demand, we can protect public health and secure a safer, healthier future for all.

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## Libraries are cornerstones of our communities, and they need our help

PUBLIC LIBRARIES PROMOTE LITERACY, FIGHT POVERTY, AND ENRICH OUR LIVES. IT'S UP TO US TO PROTECT THEM FROM POLITICAL ATTACKS.

By Georgia Jensen

From attending summer science demonstrations as a kid to volunteering as a high school student, the library has always been an important presence for me.

When I was seven and my dad lost his job, my parents leaned on our community to help raise my sister and me. We got hand-medowns from friends and food vouchers from our church — and the library became an even more central part of my life.

At least once a week, my dad would take us to the library, where my sister could get help on her homework, I could explore the children's books, and my dad could look for jobs. As it's done for so many others, our local library stepped up to take care of us.

Unfortunately, libraries are under political attack across much of the country.

Obsessed with "culture wars," conservative politicians have been taking drastic measures to stop the distribution of what they call "age-inappropriate books" — which are often children's books by and about LGBTQ+ individuals or people of color.

Last year Missouri enacted a rule defunding libraries that carry such content. And in order to comply with a restrictive new library law in Idaho, some libraries have actually banned children and forced patrons under 30 to present an ID to enter.

All told, 17 GOP-led states are considering bills that would threaten librarians with prison time for lending books that law-makers deem "obscene" or "harmful" to minors. And even in New York City, it took a massive public outcry to reverse Democratic Mayor Eric Adams' devastating cuts to the library

When politicians target libraries, communities lose. Public libraries promote equality by championing free and open access to information. They not only allow individuals to access books but also movies, music, and the internet.

A 2019 Gallup poll found that adults in low-income households visit their local libraries more than any other income group, which can help boost reading and literacy. By age 17, low-income students tend to lag behind their peers in reading by as much as four years, a disparity fueled by having less access to reading material — especially during the summer, when schools close. That's why nearly all public libraries offer summer reading programs.

Libraries recognize and meet the needs of their patrons. In San Francisco, where homelessness is an ongoing crisis, the local library became one of the first in the country to hire an in-house social worker to provide expert help for its unhoused library users.

While legislation and programs aimed at fighting poverty remain stuck in Congress, libraries across

the country already offer a variety of services to help society's most vulnerable.

As of 2019, 75 percent of public libraries offered career services ranging from assistance with writing resumes and cover letters to technology training. Many also offer English as a Second Language (ESL), General Education Development (GED), and citizenship classes.

Hundreds of libraries partner with the USDA every summer to serve free meals to kids in low-income communities. And they serve as refuges during heatwaves, partnering with local governments to welcome those who need a reprieve from the scorching temperatures.

Libraries ensure that both children and adults get the help they need to succeed in life. To continue, they need our help. We need to support our local libraries by donating or volunteering where we can.

We can also pressure our lawmakers not to cut funding. Congress is currently working on the budget for the federal budget for 2025. The American Library Association has an advocacy email list that makes it easy to let your members of Congress know that funding libraries should be a national priority. You can do the same thing at the state and local levels.

Public libraries make up a foundational part of our communities. It's up to us to help keep them that way.

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#### **West Nile Virus**

mosquito bites and minimize sources for the mosquitoes to multiply," said Amy J. Yeager, Bell County Public Health District, Di-

Here are the best steps residents can take to help protect themselves and their families:

DEET: Whenever you're outside, use insect repellants that contain DEET or other EPA approved repellants and follow the instructions.

DRESS: Wear long. loose and light-colored clothing outside.

DRAIN: Remove all standing water in and around your home. Check places like gutters, birdbaths, tires, planters, etc.

DUSK & DAWN: Limit outdoor activities during dusk and dawn hours when mosquitoes are most active.

"The Culex mosquito which carries West Nile Virus thrives in warm and humid weather which makes summer in Texas an ideal living space for them," stated Amy J. Yeager, District

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Director.

Bell County Public Health District can help provide mosquito dunks to public areas and those that would like some help on their private property can request mosquito dunks/ granules. BCPH can provide help as long as supplies last. For public property, BCPH is happy to treat those areas that are brought to our attention with available resources. BCPH cannot treat private property. The owner would have to treat their own property. BCPH would be glad to supply them with dunks and educate them on how best to use them.

The BCPH Mosquito Monitoring and Surveil-

lance Program runs April through late November. This is the second year of the program and BCPH is currently monitoring 22 sites throughout Bell County in urban, suburban, and rural locations.

For more information, visit the Department of State Health Services West Nile website at txwestnile.org or the Centers for Disease Control and Pre-

and Surveillance Program, contact the BCPH at 254-532-9800.

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vention (CDC) at cdc.gov/ westnile or cdc.gov/vector-borne-diseases/fightthe-bite. For more information on the Mosquito Monitoring



Salado Masonic Lodge #296 presented Salado Family Relief Fund with a \$1,000 check for back-to-school supplies to be distributed to economically disadvantaged students at Thomas Arnold Elementary. Salado Family Relief Fund typically serves 150 students each year by providing backpacks and school supplies. If you would like to contribute to the Salado Family Relief Fund, visit https://saladofamilyrelief.com.

### **Brookshire Brothers sets** food drive for July 19-21

Brookshire Brothers is partnering with Heart & Hands Ministries and host a community food drive to support those in need.

The food drive will take place from 7 a.m.-10 p.m. July 19-21 at the Salado Brookshire Brothers store, located at 215 Mill Creek

Brookshire Brothers invites local residents to join in this effort to help those in need.

Oftentimes donations throughout the summer months tend to be lower, and many children who rely on school meal programs lose access to these resources, which increases the demand on food pantries to fill the gap, according to Pat Scarborough, director of Heart & Hands Ministries, which serves Salado, Bartlett and Holland.

Brookshire **Brothers** makes it easy for local residents to donate. Through the company's Brown Bag of Hope program, customers can purchase a premade bag with enough food to feed a family of four for just \$10. Other donations can be purchased at the store or dropped off during the upcoming three-day food drive.

"Heart & Hands Ministries has been a pillar of support by providing essential food, supplies and positive change for thousands of families in Bell County since the early 1990s," Brookshire Brothers Public Relations Manager Melissa Crager. "Through the generosity of donors and volunteers, the program strives to improve the quality of life for those experiencing hardship. Right now, they need our help."

Heart & Hands Ministries expressed a critical need for the following

- Breakfast items, such as cereal, toaster pastries or cereal/granola bars
- Snacks, like pretzels, chips, etc.

- Grape or strawberry
- Cookies
- Crackers
- Meaty soups
- Canned beans, such as pork & beans, Ranch Style and refried beans
- Canned fruit, specifically, pineapple, mandarin oranges and peaches
  - Ramen noodles
- Spaghetti sauce
- Individual serving
  - Personal hygiene items

"At Brookshire Brothers, we believe in the power of community. By partnering with Heart & Hands Ministries, we hope to make a significant impact and ensure that no family in Salado goes hungry," Crager said. "We are grateful for the support and generosity of our customers. This simple act of kindness not only helps alleviate hunger in our area but also strengthens the fabric of our community as we help those in need."

### **SUNDAYS** at **Salado Public Library SALADO CREEK MINISTRIES**

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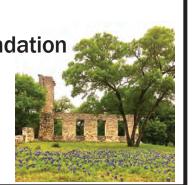


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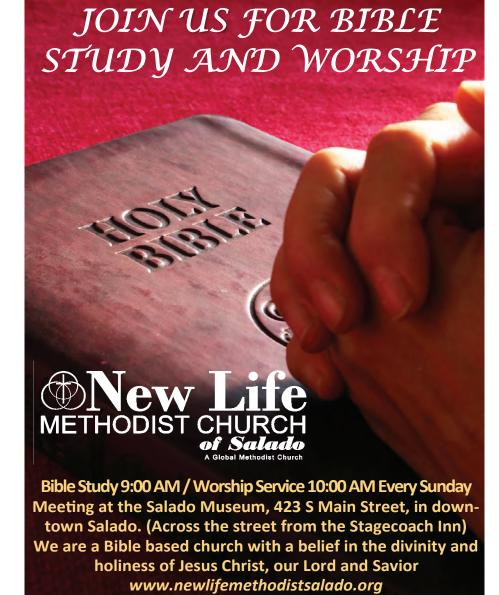


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## **Sweet Adelines International Chisholm Trail Chorus offers free vocal workshop July 20**

Women of all ages are invited to a free "Jingle Summer Workshop" on July 20 hosted by the award-winning Chisholm Trail Chorus of Sweet Adelines International. The vocal event will be at Belton First United Methodist Church, 205 E. 3rd Ave in Belton.

Guests will join the chorus in learning two winter holiday songs in four-part harmony and receive vocal training during the day. Everyone will be offered the option to perform the songs with the chorus at their annual show on Sept. 28.

No audition or experience is necessary -- just a love of singing a cappella

harmony. A limited number of spots will be available at the door, but preregistration is highly encouraged to secure your spot at www. chisholmtrailchorus.org.

Check-in is at 9 a.m. A salad lunch will be provided by the chorus members, and the workshop ends at 3 p.m., followed by an ice cream social.

Guests who would like to sing on the September show will receive the music, learning tracks, and 9 weeks of vocal guidance at no extra cost.

Chisholm Trail Chorus is a women's a cappella chorus that presents jazz vocals, choreographed pop

tunes and award-winning harmony to the community through weekly education classes and frequent performances throughout Central Texas

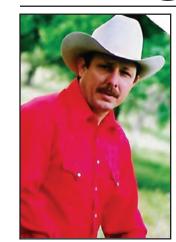
The group is directed by Carol Scherer and members live across Central Texas -- from Temple and Belton to Troy, Copperas Cove, Killeen, Harker Heights, Rogers, Little River and Pflugerville. Rehearsals are every Thursday night at the Cultural Activities Center, 3011 North 3rd St., Temple beginning at 7 p.m.

For more information, visit www.chisholm-trailchorus.org or www.facebook.com/Chisholm-TrailChorus/



Salado Masonic Lodge #296 installed officers for the 2024-25 year on July 13 at the Lodge Hall, 95 S. Church St. Shown above are (front row, from left) Past Master Pat Purvis, Treasurer; Past Master Johnny Wheeler, Senior Warden; Worshipful Master Ray Lawrason, Worshipful Master; Jason McIntyre, Junior Warden; Past Master Tim Fleischer, Secretary; Glenn Tramel, Senior Deacon; John Wade, Senior Steward; (Back row, from left) Past Master Brian Arnett, Tyler; Jeff Johnson, Junior Deacon. Not shown are William Arnett, Master of Ceremonies; Past Master Doug McNeese, Marshal; Past Master Eric Cameron, Junior Steward. Past Master Art Wadford served as the Installing Officer while Fleischer served as Installing Marshal. Salado Masonic Lodge #296 was chartered in 1867 by the Grand Lodge of Texas. It first met upstairs at the Salado College. In 1878, the Lodge and the First Baptist Church of Salado built a two-story frame building with the church meeting on the ground floor and the lodge meeting upstairs. In the 1950s, the Lodge moved the top story of the building to its location on Church St. on a piece of land donated by the late Charlton Johnson. The lodge meets on the Monday on or before the full moon. (Photo BY PAULA LAWRASON)

### Obtuaries



MARVIN A. HILL

Marvin A. Hill June 28, 1952 July 12, 2024

Funeral services for Marvin A. Hill, will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 20, 2024, at Heritage Country Church in Salado with Tim Brown and Ricky Lindsey officiating. Burial will follow at Rest Haven Cemetery in Belton.

The family will receive friends for visitation 5-7 p.m. July 19 at Dossman Funeral Home in Belton.

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Hill passed away on Friday, July 12, 2024, at the age of 72.

He was born on June 28, 1952 in Belton, Texas to Louis A. and Fannie (Vann) Hill. He graduated from Salado High School in 1970 where he was a member of the Salado 4-H and FFA. He also lettered in football throughout high school.

He continued his education by graduating from Southwest Texas University in 1974 with a Bachelor of Science and a Certified Specialty in Ag Mechanics. Then in 1982 he received his master's degree from Prairie View A&M in Guidance and Counseling in Education.

He married Glenda Moon in 1974. They were blessed with a son and daughter.

Their son is Michael Anthony Hill and his spouse Jenn Hill. Antony gave Marvin three step grandchildren Christopher, Zoe and Sean Crum.

Their daughter Renea Nichole Dockray, married Calvin Dockray and gave him three grandchildren Colton, Caleb and Cade Dockray.

He taught at Salado High School 1974 to 1982 as an Ag Teacher. He also worked in the oil field for Gulf Oil as a Rig Superintendent from 1982 through 1984 in Odessa. He then moved back to Salado and owned his own construction company until 2007.He then went to work for KBR through December 2010. When he returned from working for KBR he went to work for Bartlett ISD as an Ag Teacher once again.

In 2018, he and his wife joined Heritage Country Church.

He is survived by his wife, his children and grandchildren, his brother Henry Hill and sister Lynda Harris.









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Salado artist Ronnie Wells. (Courtesy Photo)

### **Ronnie Wells is featured** artist at Waterfowl Festival

announces Salado-based artist Ronnie Wells as the Featured Artist for this year's 53rd festival and exhibition held in Easton, MD. Wells will exhibit both sculpture and paintings that he has created specifically for this event.

As a waterfowl and wildlife-centric artist, Wells has won numerous awards and exhibited his work in museums and fine art shows across the nation. He was awarded Ducks Unlimited's Texas Artist of the Year for three years, won Sculptor of the Year at the DU World Wildlife Exposition, and has several permanent installations at

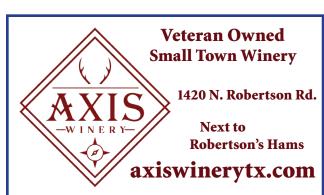
The Waterfowl Festival the National and Regional DU Headquarters. Permanent works are also exhibited in the Ducks Unlimited Waterfowling Heritage Center located at Bass Pro in Memphis. Wells monumental bronze sculpture "Gale Winds and Mallards" stands at the entrance of National Ducks Unlimited Headquarters in Memphis, TN.

Wells graduated from Louisiana Tech University in 1968 with a Fine Arts Degree. Upon graduation, he and his wife, Patricia, moved to Houston where he was employed for four yeas at MD Anderson Hospital as a medical illustrator. Wells resigned in 1972 and began a lifelong pursuit of his life passion in wildlife art, as a painter and sculptor. He and his wife have two children and four grandchildren. Wells Gallery has been in existence at different locations for 50 years. They have maintained the Gallery in Salado, Texas for the past 35 years.

Wells' exhibition will be located in the Artist Pavilion presented by PNC Bank on Harrison Street, across from the Waterfowl Building. His new waterfowl-themed oil painting, 'Cans In the Decoys' will be featured on this year's Waterfowl Festival poster, signed and limited to only 300 copies.

The Waterfowl Festival features over 75 total artists, including Carvers, Painters, Photographers and Sculptors. Participating artists demonstrate a variety of styles and mediums, showcasing works of art depicting waterfowl and wildlife, as well as landscapes, sporting art and maritime subjects—the rich diversity of nature. Exhibitions will be located in the Waterfowl Building, Artist Pavilion presented by PNC Bank (on Harrison Street), Academy Art Museum, Avalon Theatre, and Eastern Shore Land Conservancy. Please stay tuned for further announcements regarding this year's selected artists.

The Waterfowl Festival is produced in part with support from the Maryland State Arts Council, generous community sponsors and corporate partners. Advance tickets to the event, including VIP and Premiere Night (Nov. 7) passes, can be purchased online: www.waterfowl.org/festival-tickets. Weekend general admission tickets are discounted now thru Oct. 1 for only \$20. Volunteers receive free admission. For more information, or to sign up as a volunteer, contact us at facts@waterfowlfestival. org or call 410.822.4567.







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### Salado Calendar of Events

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

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

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 en-

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

#### Wednesdays

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

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 from 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 Jongng, 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, Sala-

do 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.

Storytime with Ms. Mia, ilado Public Library, 11 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,

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.

#### **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@salado-

#### July 18

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

July 18

Village of Salado Board of Aldermen meeting, 6:30 p.m., Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Rd.

#### July 18

Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 7 p.m., Dalton Gazette.

#### July 19

William Beckman in concert at Johnny's Outback. Gates open at 6 p.m. Hayden Baker at 8 p.m. Advance tickets, \$20; day of show, \$25. Visit johnnystx.com for more information and tickets.

#### July 19

Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 7 p.m., Steph Cash Band.

Live music at Chupacabra, 7 p.m. Michael Warren.

#### **July 19-21**

Food drive for Heart & Hands Ministries, 7 a.m.-10 p.m. at Brookshire Brothers Salado, 215 Mill Creek Dr. Brown Bags of Hope can be purchased for \$10 each.

#### July 20

Hecho En Queso guest food truck at Barrow Brewing Co., 4-8 p.m.

#### July 20

Salado Legends at Tablerock's Goodnight Amphitheater, 409 Royal St., Salado, TX, 76571. The gate opens at 7:15 p.m., and the performance begins at 8:15 p.m. Salado Legends tickets are \$25.00 for adults, \$10.00 for students dren 12 and under. Tickets can be purchased online at Centra-TexasTickets.com.

#### July 20

Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 7 p.m., Al Shire Band.

July 20

Live music at Chupacabra, 8 p.m. Kyle Mathis. July 21

Beer tasting class at Barrow Brewing Co., 1 p.m. Register

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#### July 21

Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 4 p.m., Maxx Carter.

**July 22-26** Boys Soccer Camp 1, 8:30-9:30 a.m., Grass fields behind TAE, \$50 per camper, incoming Kindergarten-second graders. For info, email jared. cruddas@saladoisd.org.

#### **July 22-26**

Boys Soccer Camp 2, 9:45-10:45 a.m., Grass fields behind TAE, \$50 per camper, incoming third-sixth graders. For info, email jared.cruddas@ saladoisd.org.

#### **July 22-26**

Boys Soccer Camp 3, 11 a.m.-noon, Grass fields behind TAE, \$50 per camper, incoming seventh-ninth graders. For info, email jared.cruddas@saladoisd.org.

Barrow Brewing Co., guest food truck, 4-8 p.m., Cousins Maine Lobster.

#### July 25

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

#### July 26

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

#### July 25 Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 8 p.m. Lauren

Woodall July 26 Royal Street Art Walk.

July 26 Fourth Friday Gospel Singing 7 p.m. at First Cedar Valley Baptist Church, FM 2843. Pot luck to follow. Bring a favorite dish or dessert.

#### July 26

Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 8 p.m., The Blue Tongues.

#### July 27

Live music at Chupacabra, 8 p.m., Dario Bellettini.

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#### July 27

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.

#### July 27

Salado Legends at Tablerock's Goodnight Amphitheater, 409 Royal St., Salado, TX, 76571. The gate opens at 7:15 p.m., and the performance begins at 8:15 p.m. Salado Legends tickets are \$25.00 for adults, \$10.00 for students (with ID) and \$5.00 for children 12 and under. Tickets can be purchased online at Centra-TexasTickets.com.

#### July 27

Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 8 p.m., Everett Wren

#### July 28

Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 4 p.m., TBD. July 29

Groundbreaking ceremony for new Salado High School, 9 a.m. Williams Rd.

#### July 29-30

Volleyball Camp 2, 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.; SHS Gym; \$50 per camper for incoming seventh-eighth graders. For info, email clint.brown@saladoisd.org. August 1

Live music at Barrow

Brewing Co., 7 p.m., Brothers

#### Wayfare. August 2

Live music at Chupacabra, 7 p.m. Ray Palousek Piano Bar. August 2

Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 8 p.m.,. Wes Perryman.

#### August 3

Annual Lamar Medal awards luncheon for the Salado ISD campus Teachers of the Year, sponsored by Salado Masonic Lodge #296, 12 noon, Salado Middle School cafeteria. The Lodge will present each of the campus Teachers of the Year with a \$500 honorarium as well as the Mirabeau B. Lamar medal from the Grand Lodge of Texas for Excellence

in Education. CALENDAR CONTINUES ON PAGE 3B

Live Music at Barrow Brewing Co., 7 p.m., Doak Hensley Duo.

#### August 3

Live music at Chupacabra, 8 p.m. Joey Salinas.

#### August 3

Salado Legends at Tablerock's Goodnight Amphitheater, 409 Royal St., Salado, TX, 76571. The gate opens at 7:15 p.m., and the performance begins at 8:15 p.m. Salado Legends tickets are \$25.00 for adults, \$10.00 for students (with ID) and \$5.00 for children 12 and under. Tickets can be purchased online at Centra-TexasTickets.com.

#### August 4

Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 4 p.m., Scott Taylor.

#### August 7

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

#### Kravings. **August 8**

Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 7 p.m., Nicole Quinn.

#### August 8

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, Athens, Greece.

#### August 9

Live music at Chupacabra, 7 p.m. Josh Jaccard.

#### August 9

Tracy Lawrence in concert at Johnny's Outback. Gates open at 6 p.m. David Adam Byrnes at 8 p.m. Advance tickets, \$46 general admission. Reserved seat and admission, \$76-101. Visit johnnystx.com for more information and tick-

#### August 9

Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 8 p.m., Brooks Emerson Band.

#### August 10

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

#### August 10

Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 8 p.m., Not Past 11 Band.

#### August 11

Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 4 p.m., Amanda Brown and Denny Cullinan.

#### August 14

First Day of Salado for Salado ISD Students.

#### August 14

Barrow Brewing Co., guest food truck, 4-8 p.m., Flexin' Texan.

### August 15

Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 7 p.m., Welsh Avenue.

#### August 16 Live music at Chupacabra,

7 p.m. Alex Pack. August 16

Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 7 p.m., Buttongly Duo. August 17

Live music at Chupacabra, 8 p.m. Wade Ralston. August 17

#### Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 8 p.m., Will

Travis Blues Band. August 18 Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 4 p.m., Eley

#### Buck Davis. August 21

Barrow Brewing Co., guest ticipating businesses that are food truck, 4-8 p.m., Check visited during the shopping

Point Germany.

#### August 22

Pray for Peace community gathering, 6 p.m., Presbyterian Church of Salado, 101 Salado Plaza Dr. Open to all.

#### August 22 Live music at Barrow

Brewing Co., 7 p.m., Ryan Lawless.

#### August 23

Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 7 p.m., Skyler Lutes Reggae. August 23

#### Live music at Chupacabra, 7 p.m., Mitchell Crane.

August 24 Live music at Chupacabra,

#### 8 p.m., Kelany Brent. August 24

Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 8 p.m., Dream-

#### sterro. August 25

Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 4 p.m., Matt LeSeur.

#### August 26

Salado American Legion Meeting, Barrow Brewing Co., 7 p.m. August 28

#### Barrow Brewing Co., guest

food truck, 4-8 p.m., Simply Porkfection. August 29

#### Live music at Barrow

Brewing Co., 7 p.m., Derek Flores.

#### August 30

Live music at Chupacabra, 7 p.m. Josh Jaccard. August 31 Live music at Chupacabra,

#### 8 p.m., Brad Good. September 12

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, Morocco.

#### October 5

Sirenafest Kids' Extravaganze, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Pace Park. This is a free event with free booth spaces for vendors/ businesses/individuals will provide kid-friendly activities in their spaces. Alcohol free, family-friendly event. Learn more at https://www.sirenafest.org/sirena-fest-2024. html#/

#### October 5

Salado Youth Fair Boosters Annual Reverse Raffle, Tenroc Ranch Chisholm Trail center.

#### October 10

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

#### **October 10-13**

Texas Angus Autumn Classic Sale, Tenroc Ranch.

**October 11-13** Salado Ladies Community League 45th Christmas in October Jingle Walk. October 11-12, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. October 13, noon-4 p.m. The Jingle Walk allows participants to walk along the Salado "Magic Mile" and shop locally for lovely clothing and unique, one-of-a-kind gifts for everyone on their Christmas list. Each \$30 Passport entitles participants to collect a special gift from each of the par-

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days. Shoppers who visit all of the participating shops will be eligible for a gift basket with items from business in Salado. There will only be 250 Passports available for this event and may be purchased online starting September 1 st . Log onto Central Texas Tickets Website, centraltexastickets. com and click on the Salado Christmas in October Jingle Walk event. As a 501(c)3, all proceeds are returned to the community through grants and scholarships. For more information visit our Facebook

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#### October 15

Salado Chamber of Commerce 20th annual Golf Tournament, Mill Creek Country with after party at Johnny's Steals and BBQ. Shotgun start at noon. Teams of four, \$40. Individiduals, \$125. Register at salado.com.

#### November 8-10

Highland Games and Scottish Gathering, Thomas Arnold Elementary School grounds, benefiting Salado Museum.

#### **November 14**

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, Netherlands.

#### December 12

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, Hawaii.



### **Breaking Ground on McDonald's**

McDonald's broke ground on its Salado location on Williams Rd. on July 11. Shown above are Village of Salado Mayor Berty Henry, Salado McDonald's franchisee Maria Lim and Salado Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Amanda Organ. (PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)



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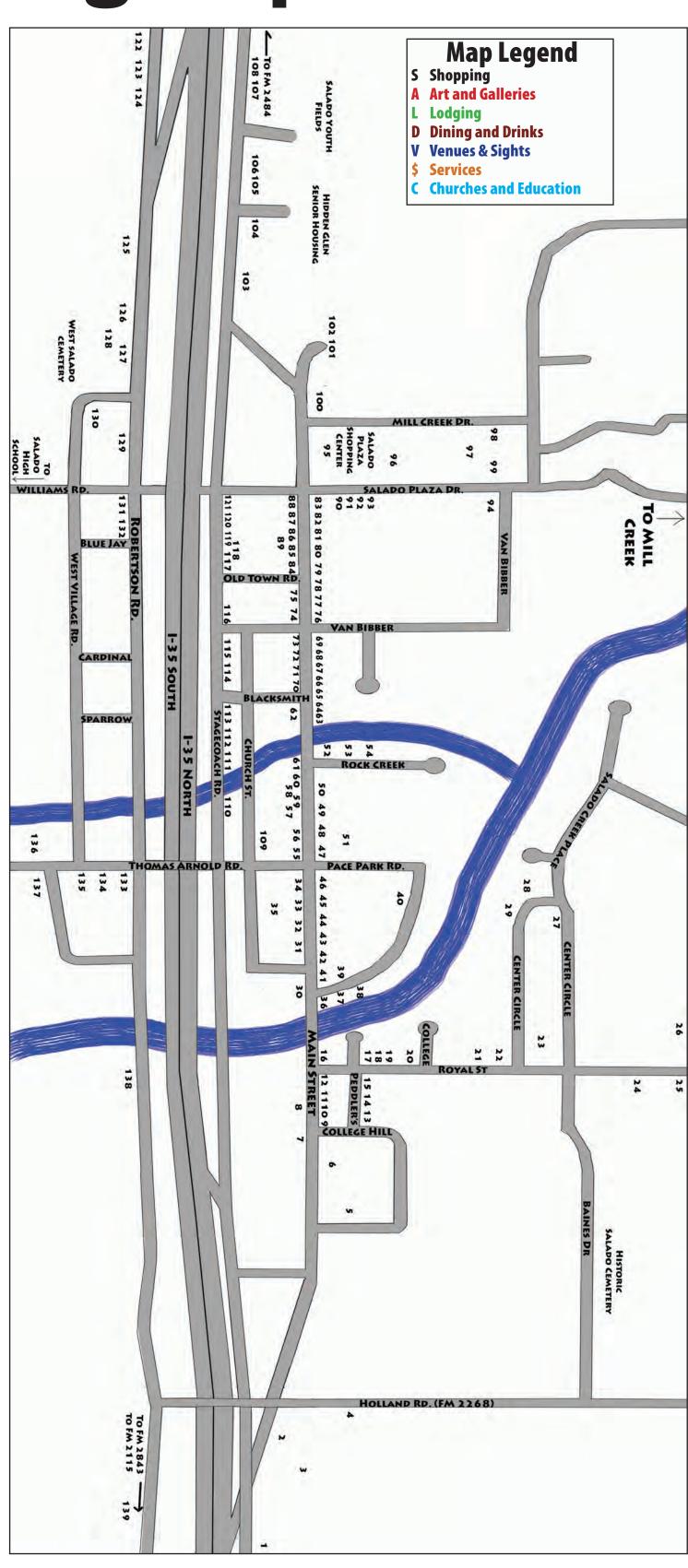
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#### **Historical Markers in Salado**

- 6. Salado Historic College Hill

- Main Street Bridge
- The Baines House 24. Historic Dipping Vats
- Shady Villa Hotel (Stagecoach Inn)
- Barber-Berry Mercantile
- 25. The A.J. Rose Mansion 26. Old Methodist Chapel

  - 27. Caskey-Hendricks House
  - 28. Dr. McKie Place (Twelve Oaks)

  - 29. Alexander's Distillery
  - 30. First Baptist Church 31. The Tyler House
- 35. Salado Masonic Lodge #296

48. The Norton-Orgain House

51. The Levi Tenney House

55. The Armstrong Adams House

- 45. The Anderson House
- 46 Old Saloon

50. The Barton House

- 61. Historic Lenticular Bridge 49. The Vickrey House
  - 76. Boles-Aiken & Denman Cabins
  - 77. The Robert B. Halley House
  - 79. The Reed Cabin
  - 100. The Josiah Fowler House

### **Night of Ghost Hunting** at Bell County Courthouse

The Bell County Historical Commission is hosting a Ghost Hunting program on July 22 in the Judge's Conference Room, on the first floor of the Bell County Courthouse, 101 E. Central Ave., in Belton.

There will be a reception at 5:30 p.m. and the program/meeting will begin at 6 p.m.

The presentation is being given by Chester (Chet) Warren Southworth author of three books about ghost hunting and ghosts throughout Bell County. His books include: Ghost Hunting Basics, Ghosts of Killeen Texas, and Ghosts of Bell County Texas that is part of 371 Books of Haunted America.

Southworth has been a paranormal researcher, in-

vestigator and primarily a debunker for over thirty years. He currently resides in Killeen with his wife Barbara and Pooka, the spirit of Barbara's deceased pet. The most active hot spot for paranormal is the City of Killeen. Death was not uncommon in Bell County and the old towns of Temple, Belton, and Salado also had their fair share of reported paranormal activity.

Southworth spent five years laboring in a steel foundry, 20 years in nuclear engineering, and five years in city management. He holds a bachelor of science degree from the University of New York, a master's in human resources development and organizational development from Friends University, a master's in



Chet Southworth

business administration from Texas A&M-Central Texas and a doctor of jurisprudence from Texas Tech University. He currently operates Southworth Legal in Killeen.

Southworth will showcase some of his paranormal research equipment during the presentation for the audience to handle and experiment with.

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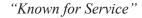
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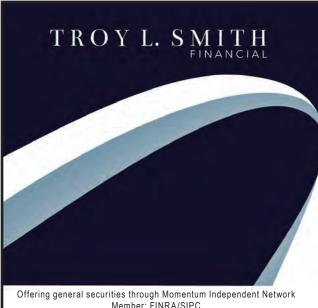
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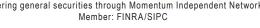


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### **FCCLA** students find success at nationals

### **Superintendent's** Corner

by Dr. Michael Novotny

Congratulations to our high school students and sponsor Carissa Adkins for their success at the Family Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) National Leadership Conference in Seattle, Washington. They earned a spot on the Texas Delegation by placing second at the State Leadership Conference in their respective events. They attended leadership workshops, state business meetings and presented their projects to a panel of judges. There were a total of 670 Texas Delegates present and 396 competitors from our great state. These students competed against other FCCLA members from across the nation.

Sadie Jones, Bianca Lopez and Ayla Harrell competed in Hospitality, Tourism and Recreation event creating their own cupcakery called Sweet Delights. They put together a professional portfolio which included a customer service

strategy, background research and created a website for their business. They earned a silver medal.

Khiah Wickline, Mialy Suarez and Kayden Chellette competed in National Programs in Action focusing on Community Service. Their project consisted of creating community connections and volunteering for various events that gave back to our community. They earned a silver medal as well.

These students have worked hard since last October perfecting their presentations which included a ten minute speech about their projects. This is the second year that Salado High School has had an FCCLA chapter and these students have set the bar high. They represented our school district and community well and with the highest level of professionalism. Congratulations again to these students and sponsor Carissa Adkins!



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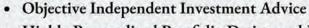
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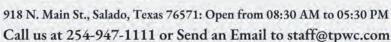


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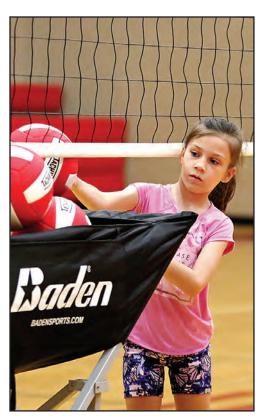
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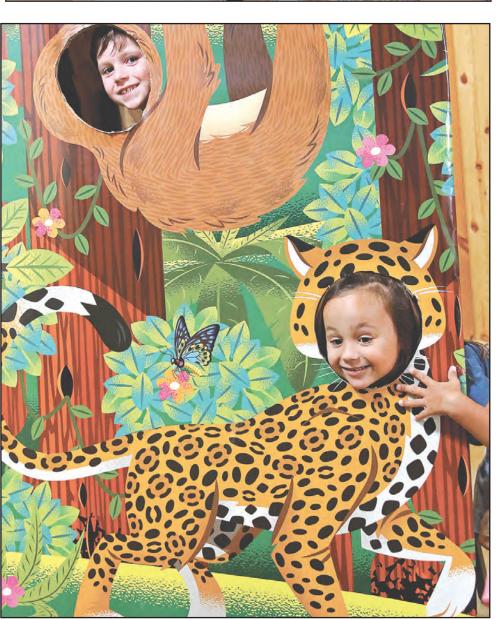














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### **Contract Bridge**

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

#### **FAMOUS HAND**

North dealer. East-West vulnerable.

**NORTH ♠** K 7 6 4 **♥**64 ♦KJ3 ♣K 8 4 2 WEST **EAST ♠** J 9 5 **♠** Q 2 **♥** 10 7 2 ♥AK983 ◆ Q 9 4 2 **♦** 10 8 6 5 ♣QJ106 SOUTH **↑** A 10 8 3

♥QJ5 **♦** A 7 **♣**A 7 5 3

The bidding: North East South West Pass Pass 1 NT Pass

By Steve Becker

Some contracts seem impossible to make, regardless of how the opposing cards might be divided. Nevertheless, declarer is obliged to give every contract his best effort, and sometimes the "impossible" turns out to be not so impossible

Take this deal from the final of the 1992 World Team Olympiad. When Bob Hamman and Bobby Wolff of the United States held the North-South cards, they reached a normal four-spade contract that appeared to have virtually no chance. Declarer seemed certain to lose at least a spade, two hearts and a club for down one.

But Wolff saw a slim chance to bring in 10 tricks, and he went for it. The French West started by cashing the K-A of hearts and shifted to a spade.

Wolff put up dummy's king, led a second trump to the ace and cashed the heart queen, discarding a club from dummy. Now came the key play: He cashed the diamond ace and then led a diamond to the jack, taking an apparently unnecessary finesse that set the stage for the desired end position.

After the diamond jack held, Wolff cashed the king, discarding a club from his hand. Next came the A-K of clubs followed by a spade, taken by West with the jack.

This was the position Wolff had visualized at the outset -- that the defender with the third trump would have started with no more than two clubs. West had no choice but to return a diamond or a heart, allowing Wolff to discard a club from one hand while he ruffed in the other, and the "impossible" contract was

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1. Pawnee, Indiana. 3. Laurence Fishburne 4. Achilles. James Cook.

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. Middle ear — the stapedius. 10. Botox.

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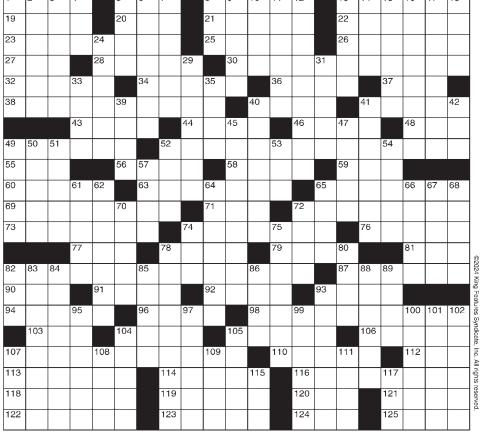
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tor runs through how many countries? 3. MOVIES: Who plays the charac-4. MYTHOLOGY: Which Greek

hero was dipped in the River Styx as a baby and made almost invulnerable? 5. EXPLORERS: Which English explorer claimed Australia for Great 6. HISTORY: Which two Native

American leaders fought Gen. George Custer's troops at the Battle of Little Bighorn? GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:

What are the two traditional flowers associated with the July birth month?
8. LITERATURE: Which poem begins with the line, "Once upon a midnight dreary, while I pondered, weak and weary 9. ANATOMY: Where is the small-

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10. INVENTIONS: What medication, originally used to treat eye mus-cle spasms, later became a success in reducing facial wrinkles?

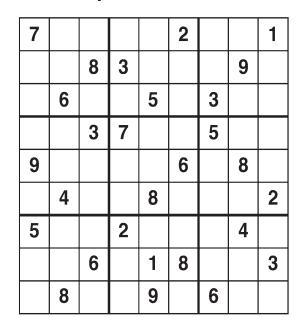
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6. Crazy Horse and Sitting Bull.

8. "The Raven" by Edgar Allen Poe.

### Weekly **SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle



Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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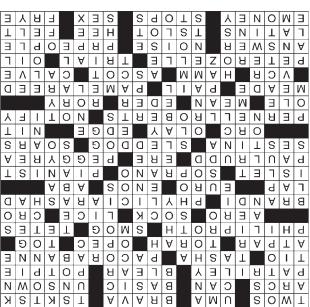


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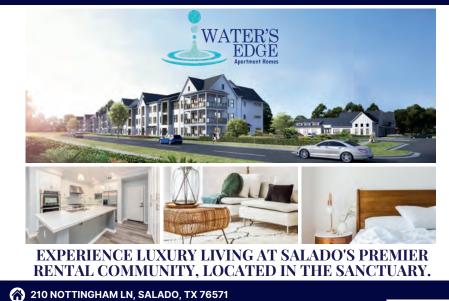
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