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BoA meets Oct. 3

Village of Salado aldermen will conduct public hearings on the creation of the Mustang Springs Public Improvement District and the re-plat of Salado Sanctuary Phase 1A at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 3 in the municipal building, 301 N. Stagecoach

Other items on the business agenda include consideration of the following:

- Hawks Landing Final Plat.
- A grant from the Hotel Occupancy Tax fund to the

Salado Museum and College Park and/or the Scottish Gathering and Highland Games.

- Federally-funded programs grant awards for Royal Street, Mill Creek and Williams Rd.
- Grant Award for FY 2023 of \$1.5 million for wastewater treatment plant expansion.
- Federal appropriations award for Housing and Urban Development for West Village Rd. development.
 - Rescinding/repealing

the resolution prohibiting firearms in the room or rooms of any meeting subject to Chapter 551, Texas Government Code.

- Nominating Mayor Henry to Central Texas Council of Governments as a small city representative.
- A resolution supporting the creation of a water authority for the Central Texas Region to secure water futures and address the pressing needs of growth, development and public safety.

Sirena Fest slated for Oct. 5

The mermaids are coming. This year's Sirena Fest is preparing to make a big splash. Hosted by Legacy CTX Inc., Sirena Fest is a family event, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., October 5 at Pace Park in Salado.

This year, the festival will feel a little different, and that's a good thing, according to organizers. Sirena Fest will host the first-ever Young Entrepreneur's Market. All vendors at this year's festival will be creators and artists in grades 3-12, promoting their art, inventions, crafts, foods, and more. Youth vendors have to register ahead of

time, but there is no cost.

Sirena Fest will also have bounce houses, a petting zoo, karaoke, crafts and activities for kids, face painting, and more – all which are free. Parking for the event is free, and there is no cost for entry.

This year's festival is a way for Legacy CTX to give back to the community and have an event that is fun for families. Bring spending money to support the young entrepreneurs who have worked so hard to prepare for the event. Water will be available, for free, while supplies last, but families are encouraged to bring a

picnic lunch or plan to eat at one of the restaurants near-

Past projects donated by Legacy CTX Inc, a 501c3 located here in Salado, include sponsoring the nowopen All Abilities Playground in Pace Park and the Sirena's Little Food Pantry located at the Salado Civic Center. A second food pantry is complete and will be placed at another location in Salado soon.

The organization runs solely on donations from the community. Donations will be accepted at Sirena Fest, and on their website. www.sirenafest.org



Native Plant sale

The Tonkawa Chapter of the Native Plant Society of Texas held its Fall Plant Sale on Sept. 28 on the grounds of Barrow Brewing Co, along the banks of Salado Creek. The Tonkawa Chapter meets monthly at Barrow Brewing Co. at 6 p.m. on the first Monday of the month. The Society hosts an educational program or speaker at its meeting, which are open to the public. (Photo BY ROYCE WIGGIN)

Library District to spend \$786,964.88 in 24-25

By TIM FLEISCHER EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Salado Public Library District Directors at their Sept. 23 meeting approved the fiscal year 2024-25 budget with \$836,050.00 in revenue and \$786,964.88 in

expenses. Of the 2024-25 revenue, \$100,000 is being transferred from the District's savings to operations to cover \$100,000 expansion planning of the library into the duplexes adjacent to the library property that the district purchased in 2021. The district budgeted \$40,000 for expansion planning in the 2023-24 budget. The duplexes sit on .29 acre and total 1,944 square feet under air conditioning with another 569 sq. ft. feet of garage and 532 sq. ft. of open porch, according to Bell County Appraisal District.

The Library District has engaged 720 Design, a Texas firm experienced in library designs, to assist in creating a district master plan and an expansion concept.

"The board also has formed an advisory task force to help provide community input regarding expansion plans," stated Library Director Jeanie Lively. "Cost of the expansion has not been determined yet since plans have not been drafted and approved. However, the library district has been setting aside funds for the expansion for years and paid cash out of these funds in 2021 to purchase the two duplexes adjacent to the library that will provide expansion space. The district will fund initial planning costs from these reserves also."

"As expansion planning begins, it is imperative that the library maintains staff stability and minimizes turnover," Lively stated.

"This year, the district updated its salary schedule to ensure that the district continues to be able to retain and recruit experienced, professional staff. The district had not revised the schedule in seven years," Lively stated. "The library also restructured its staffing and added two positions to better serve increasing numbers of patrons and programs, especially in the children's and teen areas. Patron numbers have grown by 70% since 2019, and the library has expanded programming to meet the demand for more story times, summer reading, crafts, senior center programs, book clubs, popular take-home craft kits, and a growing teen program."

The Library currently employs six staff members, according to its website: Library Director Lively, Adult Librarian Julie Hoy, Teen/Young Adult Librarian April Gatliss, Customer Service Specialist Manuela Smith, Librarian Assistant Jane Hackley and Library Clerk Megan Wood.

Payroll expenses total \$454,714.21 for 2024-25. Last year, \$348,167.39 was budgeted for payroll expenses. Another \$12,642.67 is budgeted for retirement, compared to \$9,634.27 in 2023-24.

The Library's 2020-25 Strategic Plan calls for expansion of the library "to keep pace with Salado's growth.

The Library District boundaries are the same as Salado I.S.D., in which it is estimated that there are more than 10,000 residents. Within those boundaries, the District collects a halfcent sales tax.

Salado I.S.D. grew by 66% from 2012 to 2021. Salado I.S.D. projects that enrollment will increase to

4,150 by 2031, according to the Library's 2020-25 Strategic Plan.

"In the coming decade, libraries face many challenges -- changing trends in service and product delivery, rapidly changing technology, population growth, and an increasingly diverse customer base," the Strategic Plan states. "The Salado Public Library faces two particular challenges: growth and technology. Salado's population and commercial base is exploding. To serve growing numbers of patrons, the library will need more materials, programs, staff and eventually space."

The 2024-25 budget sets aside \$26,750.00 for the Adult Collection (\$27,260.00 in 2023-24) and \$19,764.00 for the Children's Budget (\$18,300.00). The budget also sets aside \$7,000.00 for the Summer Reading Program (\$5,000 in 2023-24) and \$3,500.00 for Special Events/Performers (\$5,000 in 2023-24).

Technology is another challenge," the Strategic Plan states. "In a semi-rural area where internet access is spotty, the library often bridges the technology gap, offering desktop computers, laptops and WIFI for patron use." The 2024-25 budget allots \$35,150.00 for Computer and Automation (\$43,100.00 in 2023-24).

Total expenses in the 2024-25 budget are \$786,964.88 an increase of \$160,671.22 over 2023-24 expenses of \$626,293.66.

With revenues of \$836,050.00, the 2024-25 budget will have a surplus of \$49,085.12. The 2023-24 budget had a surplus of \$14,256.34.

According to FY 2020-21 outside audit (the latest audit published online by the District), the Library had an unrestricted fund

Salado Public Library District Budget Comparison

2024-25 BUDGET 2023-24 BUDGET

INCOME \$625,000.00 Sales Tax Revenue \$705,000.00 Grants **ILL** Lending \$50.00 \$50.00 **Grants Total** \$50.00 \$50.00 Funds transferred from investments to \$100,000.00 cover expansion cost Donations/Contributions \$500.00 \$500.00 \$500.00 Memorials \$500.00 Interest Income \$25,000.00 \$10,000.00 Miscellaneous Income \$5,000.00 \$4,500.00 TOTAL INCOME \$836,050.00 **EXPENSES Adult Collection** \$6,250.00 \$6,750.00 Multi-Media

\$640,550.00 \$17,000.00 \$16,500.00 Books Subscriptions \$3,000.00 \$4,510.00 **Total Adult Collection** \$26,750.00 \$27,260.00 **Children's Collection** Multi-Media Children \$2,160.00 \$2,000.00 \$2,160.00 \$2,000.00 Multi-Media YA Books Children \$9,504.00 \$8,800.00 Books YA \$5,940.00 \$5,500.00 \$18,300.00 **Total Children's Collection** \$19,764.00 Summer Reading \$7,000.00 \$5,000.00 Special Events/Performers \$3,500.00 \$5,000.00 \$35,150.00 \$43,100.00 Computer & Automation **Election Expenses** \$3,500.00 \$3,500.00 Housekeeping \$8,700.00 \$8,280.00 Insurance \$12,828.00 \$9,211.00 \$3,750.00 \$4,250.00 Lawn Care Pest Control \$525.00 \$525.00 **Professional Fees** Accounting \$8,500.00 \$7,000.00 Annual Outside Audit \$7,500.00 \$6,800.00 \$250.00 \$250.00 Consulting Legal Fees \$2,000.00 \$1,000.00 **Expansion Planning** \$100,000.00 \$40,000.00 **Total Professional Fees** \$117,750.00 \$55,050.00 **Payroll Expenses** Salaries \$421,422.40 \$323,000.00 \$33,291.81 Payroll Taxes \$25,167.39 \$454,714.21 **Total Payroll Expenses** \$348,167.39 Retirement \$12,642.67 \$9,634.27 \$1,000.00 Memorial Expenditures \$1,000.00 Repairs & Maintenance \$13,000.00 \$12,000.00 Supplies - Office & Operating \$15,000.00 \$11,000.00

balance of \$689,992. According to the July 2023 financial statement (the latest posted online), the Library

Children's Supplies

YA Supplies

Utilities

Public Relations

Miscellaneous

Training & Travel

Capital Expenditures

Mill Creek Property Tax

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

had \$823,430.13 in current assets and \$1,143,239.09 in fixed assets. The Library, according to those

\$786,964.88

\$4,500.00

\$4,000.00

\$6,000.00

\$11,850.00

\$19,541.00

\$500.00

\$5,000.00

financial statements had \$11,227.86 in current liabilities and \$1,955,441.36 in total equity.

\$3,500.00

\$3,500.00

\$11,000.00

\$10,600.00

\$21,390.00

\$1,000.00

\$4,026.00

\$10,000.00

\$626,293.66

China announces stimulus measures

The Markets

Our preferred, if decidedly flawed, U.S. stock market indicator, the S&P 500 Stock Index (SPX), had a very reasonable week. It rose 0.62% to close at 5738.17, leaving it over 20% higher than when the year began. From last year at this time, the Index is up an astounding 34.24% and over 29% higher than three years ago. The SPX broke through its previous record high at Thursday's close before slipping 0.13% on Friday. The other stock index we follow, as we believe it presents a better indication of where the majority of stocks are, the CRSP U.S. Mid Cap Value Index, rose a very healthy 1.03% for the week to 2890.63 and is 15.31% higher than a year

In the debt markets, the benchmark 10-year U.S. Treasury note yielded 3.75% as the week ended, about 0.54% higher than last week. At the short-term end of the market, the onemonth T-bill held at 4.90% while the 30-year bond yield rose 0.3% to 4.10%. The Treasury yield curve from the 2-year note to the 20-year bond, the range customarily considered critical, was very nearly positive for the first time in the last two years. Despite rumblings in the Middle East, West Texas Intermediate crude oil (WTI) prices dropped 4.43% to \$68.49.

The Economy

It was hard to say which economic news was more important this week, but almost all the news was good. On Thursday, according to its third estimate, our favorite bureaucracy, The Bureau of Economic Analysis at the Commerce Department, announced that the real (net of inflation) U.S. Gross Domestic Product (GDP) increased at an annual rate of 3.0% in the second quarter. It credited an upturn in private inventory investment and an acceleration in

Market & Economic **Update**

by Jeffrey W. McClure

consumer spending. In that

report, the BEA also noted

that personal savings rose

to 5.2% as disposable in-

come rose 5% in the quar-

ter. The surprise was that

nondurable goods manu-

facturing led the increase,



with durable goods not far That kind of growth in the GDP could be scary as it might lead to more inflation, but then the second report came out on Friday. August's Personal Income and Outlays report, from that same BEA team of industrious bureaucrats, showed that the Expenditures price index (PCE), the Fed's preferred inflation gauge, only rose 0.1% for the month and only 2.2% in the last 12 months, suggesting that inflation has likely slowed to or below the Fed's

target rate of 2% per year.

Those were the hard numbers, but as soon as we get to the soft numbers, surveys in which people are asked their opinion about the economy, things get more interesting. On Tuesday, the Conference Board reported a significant drop in consumer confidence as their Expectation Index declined 4.6 points to 81.7 on a scale where readings below 80 commonly precede a recession. Then, on Thursday, the University of Michigan published its consumer sentiment survey results and reported a 3.2% increase in consumer sentiment, a 3.2% increase in consumer expectations since last month, and a 6% surge in one-year business expectations. We rarely comment on consumer confidence or sentiment reports because what we have seen over the years is what people say on telephone surveys, and be, remains thoroughly out what they do economically is often quite different.

That is particularly true in presidential election years. The University of Michigan report suggested that the economic expectations for the economy were closely related to the respondent's political affiliation and age.

The Labor Department added to the celebration as it reported that unemployment claims fell 4,000 to 218,000, seasonally adjusted, in the week ended September 21. It piled on with another detailed and final report that, even after subtracting inflation, consumers spent 5.9% more in 2023 than in 2022, while average income rose 8.3% in the face of a 4.1% annual inflation rate. If that wasn't enough good news, FRED, the St. Louis Fed's data reporting center, reported that U.S. Industrial Production rose 0.8% in the last month.

The world's second-largest economy, the People's Republic of China (PRC) announced a list of economic stimulus measures in an attempt to combat falling prices and a deflationary slide that has been accelerating in the past several months. Economists seemed to generally agree that supplying more money to buy stocks on margin might not be the most effective way to boost consumer spending or to address the country's real estate collapse. The slowing PRC economy was given credit for the decline in global oil

Once more the bottom line appears to be that the U.S. economy is robust and healthy despite, or perhaps because of the negativity in the media. The much-forecast recession in which we are supposed to presently of sight.

Texans' right to free speech is under attack...again

By Donniss Baggett TEXAS PRESS ASOCIATION

Americans' right to speak their minds is considered sacred, which is why we must fight to protect the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution and the Texas Citizens Participation Act. Both measures were carefully written with protection of the individual the "little guy" — in mind. They're designed to give a David a fighting chance if he finds himself in a legal duel with a Goliath.

Unfortunately, the Texas Citizens Participation Act is under attack once again. The Legislature is being lobbied fiercely by wellheeled business interests and law firms who want the law either repealed or gutted. On Wednesday the Texas House Committee on Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence will conduct a hearing to consider whether to gut the TCPA or stand up for a good law that's been giving David a fair shot since legislators passed it 13 years ago.

It appears that Committee Chairman Jeff Leach, R-Plano, who has taken aim at the TCPA over the last several legislative sessions, wants to make sure Goliath's side gets multiple shots at David. The panel of witnesses Leach invited to testify at his Wednesday hearing includes three witnesses from business and legal interests who have been opposed to the TCPA and one lonely First

Amendment attorney.

Ironically, that same First Amendment attorney is also representing Leach in a lawsuit in which Leach is accused of defamation, and Leach has used the TCPA as part of his defense. It seems that even the chair of one of the most powerful committees in the Texas House finds himself feeling like David at times.

When they were omitted

from Leach's invitation list, at least eight organizations who support the TCPA requested the opportunity to testify. They were all turned down. Among those denied the opportunity to testify are Texas Right to Life, the Young Republicans of Texas, the General Counsel for the Tarrant County Republican Party and the Protect Free Speech Coalition.

Regardless of his political persuasion, few things are more dangerous to a David than a defamation lawsuit filed against him by an angry Goliath with deep pockets. David may have the truth, the law and the man upstairs on his side, but Goliath can afford an army of lawyers to fight all the way to the Supreme Court. In the process, he can be bled to death financially from the thousand cuts of discovery and depositions that come with a lawsuit.

If he can get the court to grant a motion to dismiss the suit, David is off the hook. The odds of David winning a motion to dismiss a nuisance suit are higher in an appeals court than they

are at the local trial court level, however. Without the current stay in the TCPA, David would have to pay lawyers to appeal his denied motion while simultaneously paying lawyers to handle the discovery and deposition tasks that are necessary before trial. With the TCPA in place, the discovery and depositions come to a halt until the appeals related to the motion are exhausted. This makes it faster and less expensive for David to win, which is why the angry plaintiffs who sue their Davids don't like the law.

Here's a fringe benefit that often goes unmentioned but should not be: The dismissal of a groundless suit not only helps the defendant, but removes a case from the perennially overcrowded court docket. That makes it a win not just for David, but for judges and taxpayers.

The bottom line: The TCPA protects Texans from lawsuits designed to chill their First Amendment rights. It makes our court system more efficient. And most importantly, it assures that while free speech may not always be free, it should never be something that the Davids among us – which is most of us – cannot afford.

The Texas House Committee on the Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence would do well to remember that. So would the entire Texas House, the entire Texas Senate and the Governor of



Over-stressed VA doctors, nurses need support from Congress, WH

To the Editor:

This is an important is-

I'm sharing this here because many veterans including me live in Salado and it's an important issue.

Truth straight up. I've quietly done a lot of research at Temple VA over the last year and talked to a lot of staff. Nurses, Physician Assistants and some Doctors.

Doctors are quitting and going to better jobs because of pay and administrative overload. They are underpaid and have to be their own secretary spending hours typing their patient treatment reports.

Some special clinics are in danger of being closed down due to no Physician available to supervise that clinic.

Appointment waiting time has skyrocketed due to limited staff.

The VA in Temple built a new parking garage out at the end of the parking lot. The whole 1st floor is for handicapped people and is barely used.

Handicapped people don't want to go the long **Your Voice**

Letters to the Editor

distance to the front door or call the number and wait for a shuttle. That money would have been better spent hiring Doctors and staff.

This info comes straight from employees who of course shall remain nameless.

The Director is going to tell you what Washington tells him to say. He is doing all he is able to do. He's not the bad guy here. The bad guys are in Washington and in the White House. Congress (both sides) voted DOWN anything to help Veterans.

In Temple there are barely enough Doctors to keep the place running. Some doctors have as many as 100 to 200 thousand yes thousand patients to treat. Emergency rooms are pushed to the limit.

Let me stress the staff does an EXCELLENT job. Under these conditions and what they have to deal with.

They saved my life once with a septic gall bladder condition. I've only good things to say about them.

The nurses are top notch, first class and overworked. At least they get better pay on scale. But conditions are

es and other staff were lost when they refused the vac-

Covid caused some loss-

This is across the board at VA not just Temple.

The fault lies with both administrations and congress. Oh they smile pretty for the camera and spew fancy bs talk, but no action.

Veterans deserve a damn site better. When will they get it?

Maybe if they go to Mexico and cross the border and act like an illegal they'll get everything.

It's ridiculous!! Jack M Comeaux U.S Air Force Veteran Salado

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Urgent need for volunteers

can Red Cross of Central & South Texas is issuing an urgent appeal for volunteers who are willing to travel this fall to support emergency shelters for major national disaster relief efforts.

volunteers Interested are urged to sign up today redcross.org/volunteer. All candidates must complete necessary training and be able to commit to a two-week deployment. Applicants who don't have disaster experience, but have supervision, management or organization skills; a strong desire to help others; and the ability to thrive in a fast-paced, dynamic environment, are encouraged to apply.

"When disasters upend lives, Red Cross volunteers are on the frontlines providing refuge and comfort to people in their darkest hours," Marty McKellips, Chief Executive Officer. American Red Cross of Central & South Texas said. "They truly are the heart and soul of the Red Cross - comprising 90% of our workforce — to help ensure families never face a crisis alone."

In emergency shelters, Red Cross disaster volunteers provide people with a safe place to stay, necessities like food and water, and critical services like mental health support and basic health services such as replacing lost medications or medical equipment.

Over the weekend in Perry, Florida, Amber Barteau and her family sought refuge at a Red Cross shelter after discovering that Hurricane Helene devastated their home - which marked the third time they've survived a hurricane in just over a year. "As soon as I pulled up to the shelter, it made me feel good," Amber said. "I thought to myself, this is safe, and I'm normal wildfire risk this going to be OK."

As of Sept. 30, more than 900 Red Cross disasters responders are on the ground across 10 states devastated by Hurricane Helene in the Southeast, including hardhit North Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia and Florida.

On Sept. 29, more than 2,600 people stayed in 69 emergency shelters supported by the Red Cross and other community organizations. That overnight total jumped by some 600 people in just one day — and as storm-ravaged communities like those in North Carolina become more accessible, the Red Cross expects the need will continue to grow. While disaster assessments are still underway in hardto-reach areas, emergency officials are planning for shelter operations to last at least several weeks, based on the storm's initial widespread destruction.

Hurricane season is far from over — and the threat of more storms looms now in the Gulf and Atlantic oceans. What's more, the Southwest and California are forecast to have above-

St. Joseph's **Episcopal Church**

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fall. As extreme weather worsens, disasters are becoming more intense and frequent — leading the Red Cross to respond on a nearly continuous basis. How to Help

Beyond becoming a Red Cross volunteer, people can help in other ways too following Helene:

Financial donations are the quickest and fastest way to get help to people who need it. Visit redcross.org or text the word HELENE to 90999 to make a donation to help people affected by Hurricane Helene. Donations enable the Red Cross to prepare for, respond to and help people recover from this disaster.

Hurricane Helene has caused more than 1,500 blood donations to go uncollected in the Southeast - yet the need for blood remains constant for patients in need. Those outside the affected areas are encouraged to schedule a blood donation appointment now at RedCrossBlood.org or using the Blood Donor App to help restock the shelves.

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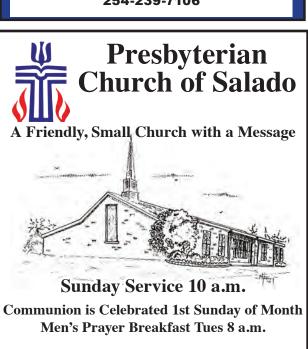
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6:00 PM - Midweek classes for all ages

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Salado VFD Report for week of Sept. 22-28

Date Location 09/22 S IH-35 SERVICE RD, Bell 09/23 HILL RD, Bell 09/23 DECKER RD, Bell 09/24 W AMITY RD, Bell 09/24 YELLOW ROSE DR, Bell 09/24 N ROBERTSON RD, Salado 09/25 MILL CREEK DR, Salado SPRING CREEK LOOP, Bell 09/25 FM 2484 & FM 1670, Bell 09/25 09/25 NB IH-35, BELL 09/25 TAHUAYA RD, Bell 09/25 FM2843 & Chippen Ranch, Bell 09/25 W AMITY RD, Bell 09/26 N MAIN ST, Salado 09/26 CROWS RANCH RD, Bell 09/26 FM 2484 & FM 3481, Bell 09/27 SEVEN RANCH RD, Bell 09/27 WHISPERING OAKS DR, Salado 09/28 CHISHOLM TRL, Salado 09/28 ROYAL ST, Bell 09/28 SMITH DAIRY RD, Bell

Call
Medical assist, assist EMS crew
Medical assist, assist EMS crew
Medical assist, assist EMS crew
Dispatched & cancelled en route
EMS call, excl. MVA with injury
EMS call, excl. MVA with injury
Assist invalid
CO detector activation malfunction
Motor vehicle accident w/ no injuries.
Grass fire
Dispatched & cancelled en route

Dispatched & cancelled en route Dispatched & cancelled en route Medical assist, assist EMS crew Medical assist, assist EMS crew Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire Motor vehicle accident w/ no injuries. Grass fire

Medical assist, assist EMS crew Assist invalid

Forest, woods or wildland fire

Grass fire



Sandra "Joyce" Vannatta October 6, 1940

OCTOBER 6, 1940
SEPTEMBER 16, 2024

Sandra "Joyce" Vannatta died on September 16, 2024, surrounded by her loving family. Joyce was born in San Antonio on October 6, 1940, to Joseph Charles Love and Lesley Francis Grover Love.

Joyce married Ellis P. Vannatta on December 23, 1961. She attended the Scott and White School of Nursing, graduating in 1961. She worked as a nurse clinician at Scott and White until retirement in 2001. Joyce was one of the first in nursing to achieve certification in Ambulatory Care Obstetrics and Gynecology in 1993.

Joyce and Ellis lived in the Temple area for many years and later moved to Salado in 1999. She was member of the First Baptist Church of Salado. An avid reader, Joyce also enjoyed golfing, fishing, playing cards, dominoes, skiing and traveling. Joyce was a devout Christian and a dedicated prayer warrior to friends and family.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sisters: Evelyn Eaton, and Judith Taylor; and brother, JC Love Jr.

Joyce is survived by her loving husband Ellis P. Vannatta; daughters: Sandra Sue Vannatta and Sherri D'Ann Vannatta; brother, James Love; seven grandchildren: (children of Sandra Vannatta) Jeremy Castle, Elisha Castle; (children of Sherri Vannatta) Elizabeth Oviedo, Matthew Jenkins, Emilie Jenkins and Justin Jenkins; seven great grandchildren: Annalyna Castle, Jashiah Reyes, Azurina Oviedo, Aurora Oviedo, Revan Hinnawi, Raeleigh Jenkins and Rhett Walker. A memorial service

A memorial service will be held at Broecker Funeral Home on Saturday, October 5, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First Baptist Church of Salado. PAID OBITUARY

Tickets sold out for Jingle Walk

Tickets for the Salado Jingle Walk have sold out, as part of the "Christmas in October" celebration. The Salado Ladies Community League is in high gear planning their fourth Annual event that has been expanded to three days,Oct. 11-13. Oct. 11-12, shopping hours will be 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Hours will be noon-4 p.m on Oct. 13. There will only be 250 tickets (passports) sold. The Salado Trolley will be running and you will receive a shopping bag for all your goodies.

Each participant will need all three days to see everything the shops have to offer. Each \$30 Passport entitles participants to collect a special gift from each of the participating businesses that are visited during the shopping day(s). Shoppers who visit the designated shops and make purchases will be eligible for the three drawings of special door prizes.

Stores participating this year include 21 Main, Bar 1859, Bling it Texas, Connie's Gifts & Art, Fletcher Books & Antiques, H and H Home Décor and Gifts, MAKS Mercantile, Presley Boutique, Red Barn Consignment Store, Salado Olive Oil, Serendipity, Sophie's, Solas Gallery, Sophistikatz Beads, The Flower Shop of Salado, The General Store, The Nature Company of Salado, The Rose and the Bee, The Shoppes on Main, Uniquely Salado, Village Mill Antiques, Wild Texas Cowgirls, and Woof. Many of the eating and drinking establishments are participating too.

Silver Bell Sponsors include Ashai Wellness, Bar 1859, Inn on the Creek Properties and Nancy Best Reality. Brass Bell Sponsors are the Salado Chamber of Commerce, Salado Creek Dental and Stagecoach Inn and Restaurant.





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Golf Tourney benefits local Lodges

The Masonic Lodges (A.F. & A.M.) of Bell County are working together for their second annual benefit Golf Tournament October 5 at Mill Creek Country Club. Registration, 8 a.m. Shotgun start 9 a.m.

Players can now register for \$100 per player. A team of four can register for \$350. Entry includes green fees, shared cart and 18 holes of challenging gold

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To register as a single player, visit https://bit. ly/45Wbt9B. To register a team of four, visit https:// bit.ly/3rcYyB8. Mulligans are \$5 for one or five for

The Hole-in-One-Prize is \$15,000 with bonus holein-one prizes.

Bell County has six

on the Robert Trent Jones Lodges operating under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Texas: Belton Lodge #166, chartered in 1857; Salado Lodge #296, chartered in 1867. Knob Creek Lodge #401, chartered in 1875; Zerne Lodge #615 was chartered in 1885. Killeen Lodge #1125, chartered in 1917 and King Solomon Lodge, chartered in



Couples took to the floor at the first edition of the Friday night Stagecoach Shindig held in the Grace Jones ballroom on Sept. 27. photo by Ben West



(PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)

Salado Chamber of Commerce and Temple Chamber of Commerce held a joint ribbon cutting for Professional Pool Solutions, located at 1422 Berger Rd. in Temple. Professional Pool Solutions offers pool cleaning and maintenance, inspections, repairs, pool school, winterizing and more. They install pools and hot tubs and resurface in-ground pools among the myriad of service. To learn more, visit pro-poolsolutions.com.

SALADO SENIOR CENTER **OCTOBER ACTIVITIES**

EVERY MONDAY

9:00-10:00 — Exercise (Chair Yoga

w/ Joette) 9:00-11:00 - Pinochle 9:00-11:30 — Rummikub

9:00-3:00 — Open Pickleball Courts 9:00-3:00 — Cornhole

10:00-12:00 — Dominoes 42 Game 10:15-11:15 — Stretching (Beginner Yoga w/ Gary)

11:00-12:30 — Hooks & Needles w/ Joette

12:00-3:00 — Bridge

9:00-10:00 — Exercise Class w/ Alice Cooper

9:00-11:00 — Cantasa

EVERY THURSDAY

9:00-3:00 — Cornhole

10:00-12:00 — Dominoes 42 Game 10:00-12:00 — Learn to Play Mahjong

10:15-11:15 — Chair Tai Chi w/ **Richard Trautman**

12:00-3:00 — Mahjong

12:00-3:00 - Bridge 1:00-2:30 — BINGO

* To ensure sufficient supplies, this event requires participants to RSVP at the Senior Center registration desk or contact the Senior Center the week prior on Monday or Thursday during the hours of 9:00–3:00.

POP-UP EVENTS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7th

9:00-10:00 — Beginner's Pickleball

Lesson w/ Cindy * 11:30-12:30 — Trivia w/ Dave

1:00-2:30 — Halloween Card w/ Janice 1:00-2:00 — Golden Age Health Plans: Medicare

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14th

12:00-3:00 — Siamese Mahjong * 12:00-3:00 — Digital Literacy

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21st

11:30-12:30 — Lunch/Birthday Celebration * 1:00-2:30 — Crafting w/ Joan

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28th

* 10:00-11:00 — Fraud Prevention Class w/ Cadence Bank * 12:00-3:00 — Digital Literacy

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3rd

* 11:30-12:30 — Simple Scrapbook Page Kit or Trio Card Kit

* 1:00-2:00 — Introductory Writing Group

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10th

* 10:00-12:00 — "Witch's Hat" w/ Salado **Public Library**

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17th

* 10:00-12:00 — Pumpkin Decoration w/

Amanda * 12:30-1:30 — Book Club w/ Salado **Public Library**

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24th

* 10:00-11:00 — Technology Time w/

Salado Public Library * 11:30-12:30 — Mindfulness, Session 1: "Begin with the Breath"

w/ Bev Hodges THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31st (Halloween)

Trick or Treat for PDO Kids [•] 11:30-12:30 — Basic Watercolor w/

Elizabeth 12:00-12:30 — Costume Contest

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Barbecue benefits Bogey Free Club

In a show of community spirit and appreciation to our country's heroes, Legacy Protection & Preservation, a local family business and financial firm, is hosting their annual BBQ lunch Saturday, October 12 to raise funds for the non-profit organization, Bogey Free Club. The event, held at Barrow Brewing Company,

will bring together local business leaders, veterans, and community members in a shared mission to support those who have served and sacrificed for the nation.

Bogey Free Club is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that introduces adaptive sports to veterans and wounded warriors to help improve their overall health and wellness. Adaptive sports play a crucial role in the lives of veterans and wounded warriors, offering numerous physical, emotional, and social benefits. They have a holistic approach to recovery and integration helping more veterans and wounded warriors lead active, engaged and fulfilling lives. One of their annual events, Save Our Soldiers, is coming up in November and is hosted to help bring awareness to adaptive sports for PTSD relief and suicide prevention. They also coordinate with Soldier Recovery Units (SRU) from across the country to bring ill, injured and disabled active-duty soldiers to Central Texas for an introduction and competition in multiple adaptive sports and activities.

Ft. Campbell, KY SRU Coordinator, Robyn Fortin, will be bringing soldiers for her third year in a row to Bogey Free Club's events in November on what they call a "Texas Tour."

The BBQ will feature a raffle with donated items from local businesses ranging from custom woodwork and plants to spa gift baskets. If you have a local business that would like to donate items to the raffle please email kristen@legacyprotectpreserve.com . Your business will be promoted on social media as well as at the BBQ.

"Supporting our veterans and wounded warriors is not just a duty, but a privilege," said Legacy Protection & Preservation CEO, Wayne Womac, during his remarks on this event. "We come together as a community to honor their bravery and ensure they receive the support they deserve."

At the BBQ, a \$20 donation provides a two-meat plate with three sides, drink, and a dessert along with a free raffle ticket. A highlight of the event will be a free introduction to disc golf, which is one of the adaptive sports that has made the biggest impact at their nonprofit. A Bogey Free Club instructor will direct participants on a disc golf putting game called Ring of Fire, and they will be handing out disc golf related prizes for the winners to explore their enjoyment of that adaptive sport.

Bogey Free Club's Co-Founder and Marine Corps veteran, Thomas Stricklin, expressed gratitude, saying, "This kind of community support is invaluable. The funds raised at this BBQ will help us expand our programs and reach more veterans and wounded warriors in need."

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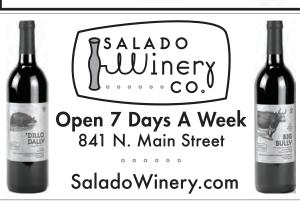




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Salado Calendar of Events

Mondays

Salado Senior Center open 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Mondays at 650 Royal St. (Salado United Methodist Church Youth Activity Center). Coffee Corner, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Game Time, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.; Pickle ball 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.

Salado American Legion, fourth Monday of the month, 7 p.m., Barrow Brewing Co. 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

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.

Salado VFW Meeting, 7 p.m., First Tuesday of each month, Barrow Brewing Co. Wednesdays

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

Wine Down Wednesday at Axis Winery, 4-8 p.m.,

half-price glasses of win. 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.

Not Rocket Science Trivia, 6:30 p.m., every Wednesday, Barrow Brewing Co.

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

Word out Wednesday every week at Provecho, 109 Royal St., featuring a different local group and non-profit each week. Most of these WOW groups need volunteers, awareness, and a little cash doesn't hurt. 10% of the daily sales will go to the group of the week. Check out social media for this week's WOW.

Thursdays Salado Senior Center open 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Thursdays at

Bingo 1-2:30 p.m.

Kids eat free, 2-5 p.m. at

p.m.-midnight.

Rockin' Rick (karaoke), Axis Winery.

row Brewing Co.

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.

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.

food, they are here to help.

Storytime with Ms. Mia, Salado Public Library, 11 a.m. Fajita Friday at Provecho, 109 Royal St. All you can eat fajitas for \$20.24.

Special guest performers, -8 p.m. at Axis Winery.

Live Music at Barrow

Friday Night Football at Johnny's Outback. Full bar,

more.

Farmers Market, 9 a.m.p.m., grounds of Barrow

Brewing, 7 p.m. Live Music at Chupacabra

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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.

Provecho with purchase of adult entree.

Pint night at Chupacabra, 4 Vinyl Nite with Shannon at

Barrow Brewing Co., 5 p.m. "Party on the Patio" 7-10 p.m. with live performer

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

Run Club, 6:30 p.m., Bar-

Weekly curated wine tasting hosted by Hannah Hendrick 6-8 p.m. at Salado Winery, 841 Ñ. Main St. Tickets available on-line through Salado Winery Eventbrite https:// bit.ly/3MLXXOA. Call 254-947-8011 or check Facebook

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

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

Fridays

Live Music at Chupacabra

Craft Beers, 7-11 p.m.

Brewing Co. 7 p.m. snow cones, BBQ, burgers and

Saturdays

Asanas and Ales, 9 a.m. every Saturday in the taproom at Barrow Brewing Co.

Brewing Co.
Live Music at Axis Winery,

5-8 p.m. Live Music at Barrow

Craft Beer, 8 p.m. College Football at John-

Sundays

Family Fun Day at Axis Winery. Cornhole and other family activities. Live music

NFL Football at Johnny's Outback. Full bar, snow cones,

BBQ, burgers and more. Live Music at Barrow Brewing Co., 4 p.m.

October 3

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.

October 3

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

October 4 Live music at Chupacabra,

Bar. October 4 Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 7 p.m., Wes Per-

p.m. Ray Palousek Piano

October 4

Fifth Quarter at Heritage Country Church, 9 p.m-midnight, free food, games, music and more for sixth-12th grad-

October 4

Kitchen Basics Class at Yellow House Bed & Breakfast, 11 a.m.-2: p.m. Learn fundamental culinary skills and knowledge for beginners, such as knife skills, food safety, basic cooking methods like sauteing, boiling and baking and ingredient identification. Class offers foundational recipes and empowers students to gain confidence in the kitchen. \$100. Call 254-444-0404 to reserve your spot.

October 4-5

Blow Your Own Pumpkins, \$70, Ages 3+, 3-5 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Salado Glassworks, register at saladoglassworks.com.

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October 5

Sirenafest Kids' Extravaganza, 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.

October 5

All Things Breakfast class at Yellow House Bed & Breakfast, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Learn to master fluffy omelets, crispy bacon, decadent bread pudding, and much more with our experienced chef. Elevate your breakfast game and start your day off right! \$100. Call 254-444-0404 to reserve your spot. October 5

Oktoberfest at Barrow Brewing Co. German food truck on the grounds, Stein hammerschlagen holding, competitions, a Vendor market and Live Music.

October 5

Salado Youth Fair Boosters Annual Reverse Raffle, Tenroc Ranch Chisholm Trail center. October 5

Live music at Chupacabra,

8 p.m., Lucas Jon Turner.

October 6 Live music at Barrow

Brewing Co., 4 p.m., Eric Turner. October 6

Barbecue lunch and corn-

hole tournament to benefit Pearl's Place, 2 p.m., The Chapel at Caliber Oak. Tickets are \$35 per person, which in-

cludes a barbecue dinner plate provided by Black Widow BBQ, dessert and entry into the cornhole tournament. Call Denise Thomssen at 254-760-1590 to pre-register.

October 7

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

October 8 All Things Breakfast class at Yellow House Bed & Breakfast, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Learn to master fluffy omelets, crispy bacon, decadent bread pudding, and much more with our experienced chef. Elevate your breakfast game and start your day off right! \$100. Call 254-444-0404 to reserve your spot.

October 8 Second Monday Book Club

meets at 7 p.m. at Salado Winery, 841 N. Main St. Salado Lions Club luncheon meeting, 11:30 a.m.,

Salado Civic Center.

October 9 Barrow Brewing Co., guest food truck, 4-8 p.m., Flexin'

October 9

Charcuterie Cooking Class at Yellow House Bed & Breakfast, 6:30-8:30 p.m. In addition to learning how to prepare and present cured meats, cheeses, and accompaniments, participants in a charcuterie class also get to take home their own charcuterie board. \$75. Call 254-444-0404 to reserve your spot.

October 10

Pint Night at Chupacabra Craft Beer, 4 p.m.-midnight. Get a free pint glass with every purchase of the featured brewery, Symbol. October 10

Around the World Dinner Series at Alexander's Craft Cocktails + Kitchen, 6:30 p.m. Reservations on-line through eventbrite.com for \$100 (includes tax and gratuity or \$1,000 for annual passport) for five course themed dinner. This month's Destination, Hamburg, Germany. **October 10-12**

Central Texas Youth Rodeo Association Rodeo, Heritage Country Church, 9677 Lark Trail, Salado. Thursday starts at 7 p.m. Friday starts at 7 p.m. Saturday starts at 6 p.m. Order of Events: Poles, Straights, Goats, Barrels, Chute Dogging, Dbl Mugging, Tie Down, Ribbons, Breakaway and Team Roping.

October 10-13 Texas Angus Autumn Classic Sale, Tenroc Ranch.

October 11 Live music at Chupacabra,

7 p.m. Brad Good.

October 11-12 Blow Your Own Pumpkins, \$70, Ages 3+, 3-5 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Šalado Glassworks, register at saladoglassworks.com.

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. Each \$30 Passport entitles participants to collect a special gift from each of the participating businesses that are visited during the shopping days. Log onto centraltexastickets.com and click on the Salado Christmas in October Jingle Walk event.

October 12 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

October 12

Oktoberfest at Barrow Brewing Co. German food truck on the grounds, Stein holding, hammerschlagen competitions, a Vendor market and Live Music.

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October 12

Live music at Chupacabra, 8 p.m., Josh Jaccard

October 12-13

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

October 13

The Friends of the Salado Public Library (FOSPL) is proud to present 'An Evening of Murder and Intrigue', celebrating Dame Agatha Christie, 4-6 p.m. Sunday, October 13, at The Chapel at Caliber Oak, 5235 Royal St. Tickets are \$35 per person and are on sale now at the library and via the website at https:// bit.ly/4dU9yGC. Each ticket purchase will also enter guests into a raffle for a gift basket.

October 13

Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 4 p.m., Fred Fuller.

October 14

Digital literacy class, 9 a.m.-noon, Salado Senior Center in the Salado United Methodist Church Youth Activity Center, 650 Royal St. Pre-registration required.

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. Individuals, \$125. Register at salado.com.

October 16

Barrow Brewing Co., guest food truck, 4-8 p.m., Check Point Germany.

October 16

Charcuterie Cooking Class at Yellow House Bed & Breakfast, 6:30-8:30 p.m. In addition to learning how to prepare and present cured meats, cheeses, and accompaniments, participants in a charcuterie class also get to take home their own charcuterie board. \$75. Call 254-444-0404 to reserve your spot.

October 16

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

Halloween Goodies cooking class at Yellow House Bed & Breakfast, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Join us for a Halloween Goodies Cooking Demo. Learn to make festive, creepy snacks with decorating tips and tasty samples. Perfect for all ages. \$50. Call 254-444-0404 to reserve your spot.

October 17

Heart and Hands Ministries food distribution day, 4:30-6 p.m., 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.

October 17

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October 17

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.

October 18

Live music at Chupacabra, 7 p.m., DeAnna Wendolyn.

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Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 7 p.m., Mars the

October 18-19

Blow Your Own Pumpkins, \$70, Ages 3+, 3-5 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Šalado Glassworks, register at saladoglassworks.com.

October 19

Volksride at Barrow Brewing Co. supports the Salado Volunteer Fire Department (SVFD). Register at https:// bit.ly/3ZfqBhI. Cyclists choose from 16 mile, 32 mile, 66 mile, or 100 mile routes in the scenic Central Texas hill country.

October 19

Volksmarch at Barrow Brewing Co., 8:30 a.m. The 5K route takes you by Salado Creek, Salado's historic sites, and some great public art. Registration includes a t-shirt, cold pint, and a fresh, hot pretzel. Register at https://bit. ly/3ZgRĬsN

October 19

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October 19

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October 19

Tablerock's Fright Trail, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Thrills and Chills from Classic Tales. Adults, \$10, 12 and under \$5. Tickets at centraltexastickets. com or at the gate.

October 19

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

October 20

Fall Fest at St. Stephen Catholic Church grounds located at 601 FM 2268

October 20

Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 4 p.m., Eley Buck Davis.

October 22

"Yappy Hour" Lots of dog fun and treats 5-6:30 p.m. at Century 21 Bill Bartlett at 860 N. Main. All dogs will enjoy a complimentary pup cup and a grooming service of your choice. For our human guests, we'll be serving free hot dogs and refreshments. As you mingle with neighbors, take advantage of the opportunity to chat with a professional dog trainer and browse a curated selection of products from a local boutique pet store. Don't miss the chance to enter our grand prize giveaway—dress your pup in a Halloween costume to double your chances! Plus, everyone will leave with a special goody bag. We look forward to seeing you there!

October 23

Salado Lions Club luncheon meeting, 11:30 a.m., Salado Civic Center.

October 23

Barrow Brewing Co., guest food truck, 4-8 p.m., Crave Hot Dogs.

October 23

Knife Skills class at Yellow House Bed & Breakfast, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Learn slicing, dicing, and chopping techniques from expert instructors. Perfect for all skill levels, gain confidence and efficiency in the kitchen. \$60. Call 254-444-0404 to reserve your spot. October 24

Salado Chamber of Commerce Lunch N Learn with Specialty Restoration, noon, 423 S. Main St. Amanda Bearden will discuss navigating insurance claims for residential and commercial properties. Register on-line at salado.com.

October 24

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

October 24

Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 7 p.m., Forrest McCurren.

October 25

Royal Street Art Walk (RAW), galleries open late. Live music and demonstra-

October 25

Live music at Chupacabra, 7 p.m., to be announced.

October 25-26

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October 26

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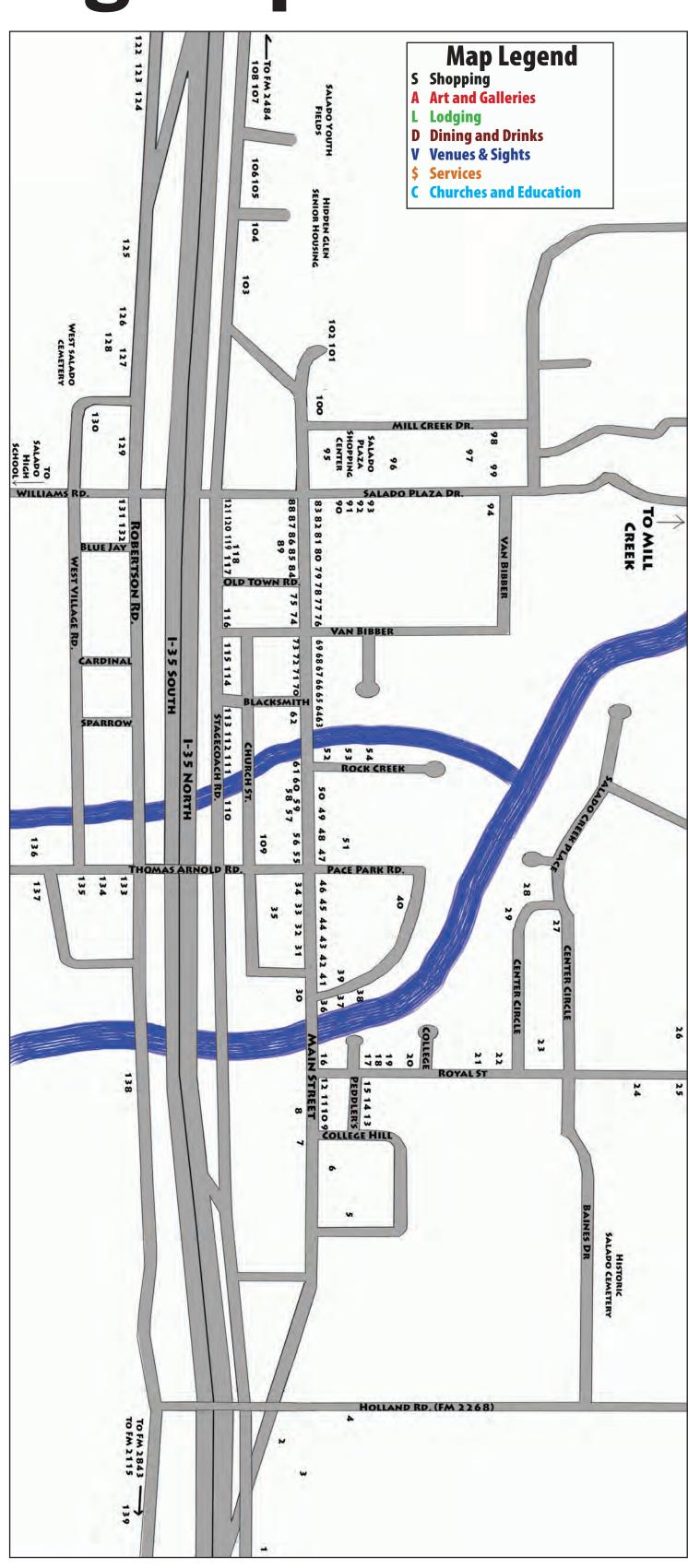


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Girls win both divisions in Marble Falls

Salado Varsity Lady Eagles and Junior Varsity Lady Eagles both won their divisions at the Leo Manzano Invitational that was held at Marble Falls Sept.

The Varsity Lady Eagles won in a field of 11 teams by scoring 16 points.

McCall Boyd ran a personal best 11:34 to win the race overall.

Freshman Annalee Brvant placed third with a time of 12:06.2.

Seniors Penelope Anderson and Anna Redelsheimer were fifth and sixth with times of 12:06.9 and 12:09.0 respectively.

Also running were Sydney Engleking, seventh, 12:15; Zoie Adcox, eighth, 12:18; Addison King, 15th, 12:49; Emma Harrell, 17th, 12:56 and Ally Ihler, 23rd,



Boyd, Anna Redelsheimer, Ally Ihler, Sydney Engleking, Penelope Anderson, Emma Harrell, Zoie Adcox. (Courtesy Photo)

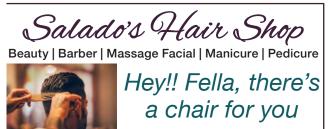
The JV girls won their division scoring 27 points.

Isabela Brauchle led the girls with her second place time of 13:20, followed by

top 10 finishers Blake Matthews, fourth, 13:51; Sofia Cadenas, fifth, 13:59; Sydney Lange, eighth, 14:27. Also running were Lo-

relai Reckefus, 13th, 15:01; Kaelynn Flores, 16th, 15:07; Emma Terwilliger, 18th, 15:26 and Avery Smith, 37th, 17:19.

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Varsity boys win Marble Falls XC

Salado Varsity Eagles Cross Country team won the 5A/6A Division at the Leo Manzano/Rick Edwards Memorial Cross Country Invitational on Sept. 28. The boys won first place in a field of 12 schools with 100 total runners, scoring 45 points.

Luke Anderson placed fourth overall with a time of 16:21.5.

He was immediately followed by Coulson Boyd in fifth with a time of 16:22.4.

Daniel Anderson was eighth place with a time of 16:40.6

Seth Anderson was ninth with a time of 16:41.4.

Also running for the boys were Brody DeLukie, 19th, 17:30.0; Also running for the Ea-

gles were Jonathan Brauchle, 31st, 17:46.2; Camden Aycock, 33rd, 17:50.3 and Cash Drigalla, 48th, 18:19.5. The JV boys only had

four runners and were un-



Salado Eagles varsity runners scoring in the Marble Falls meet were (from left) Seth

able to compete as a team. Individual times and places were the following:

Justin Mejia Gaona, 17th, 22:11.1; John Goode, 20th, 22:28.4: John Jimenez, 21st.

Anderson, Daniel Anderson, Coulson Boyd, Luke Anderson and Brody DeLukie.

22:30.6 and William Etheridge, 46th, 25:55.3.

Eagles back at home after loss to Lago Vista

After three weeks on the road, the Salado Eagles will play at home against Geronimo Navarro with kickoff at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 4.

Navarro is 1-4 and 0-1 in District 13-4A-II, with Lago Vista on a pass from an opening 35-14 win over Floresville, followed by losses to Antonian Prep (35-14), Canyon Lake (21-7), La Vernia (38-21) and district foe Wimberley (47-21).

The Eagles are 2-3 and 0-1 after falling to Lago Vista 34-24 in the fourth quarter. The Eagles have

decisive wins and losses against Troy (52-28 loss), Lampasas (49-30 loss), Giddings (55-14 win) and Academy (67-39 win).

Salado scored against Lincoln Hossfeld to Brendan Wilson, a rushing touchdown by Hossfeld and a fumble recovery by Brodie Landon and a field goal and three point-after kicks by Townes Sather.

Hossfeld threw 17 times, for nine completions, 169 yards and two interceptions.

four for 114 yards, one TD; Korbin Konarik, two for 20 yards and Gabriel Merriman, three for 15 yards.

Top rushers were Hossfeld, 18 carries for 72 yards and TD; Jackson Turk, 5 carries for 35 yards and Luke Bingham, 8 carries for 35 yards.

Damonte Foster led the Eagles defense with 17 tackles, two for losses and caused fumble; followed by Devonte Foster, 16 tackles, two for losses, caused fum-

Receivers were Wilson, ble and fumble recovery;

Cade Fenoglio and Brody Schiller, seven tackles each; Landon, five tackles, one for loss and fumble recovery for TD; Brayden Dildine, five teackles and caused fumble; Luke Bauser, four tackles, one for loss; Michael Edmondson, five tackles; Christian Norcross, three tackles; Kenneth Angel and Brooks McLane, two tackles and Dylan Jiminez and Isaac Capetillo, Dylan Jiminez and Turk, one tackle each.



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SHS Speech, Debate team competes at Bowie TFA Meet

The Salado High School Speech and Debate Team competed at the Bowie TFA/TOC Meet on September 20-21. 30 schools participated in the meet.

Results are the following: Wesley Engleking Domestic Extemp, third, three TFA points (total of 10 for the year).

Engleking Wesley LD Debate, Quarters, one TFA point (total of eight for the year).

Krystle Vazquez, LD Debate, Semis, two TFA points (total of three for the year) .

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Earning points at the Bowie TFA/TOC meet are (from left) Krystle Vazquez, Wesley Engleking, Sydney Engleking, Callum Cambell. Not pictured: Addy McCoin. (COURTESY PHOTO)

SHS JV, 9th, Jr. High football results

SHS JV LVHS JV

Salado Junior Varsity Eagles improved to 3-2 with a convincing 22-6 win over Lago Vista Sept. 26.

Max Gist hit King Tobe on the first drive of the game. Owen Piatt scored the conversion on the ground.

Lago Vista scored a touchdown in the second quarter, but the point after failed. The Eagles led 8-6 at the half.

Piatt scored on a 70yard touchdown run in the third quarter. Tobe ran in the ball for the conversion and a 16-6 lead.

Late in the fourth, Piatt sealed the win with a 3-yard touchdown run for the final score of 22-6.

In the first quarter, Hudson Oglesby made two tackles for loss and Connor Cooper added a

Oglesby, John Swanner recorded sacks in the second, while Hudson Hawk had a sack and recovered a fumble.

In the third quarter Angel Soto had a big TFL, Swanner had a punt block, Hawkins had a fumble recovery and Tobe had an interception to stop a Vikings drive.

In the 4th quarter Angel Castenada had a sack and Calyn Brazzill recovered a fumble.

Outstanding Offensive point-after failed for a Players: Owen Piatt, King Tobe, The Offensive Line (Braedon Lopez, Grant Van Wunnik, Jaxson Bolz, Braden Wright, Connor Cooper).

Outstanding Special Teams Players: Oscar Chavez, stepped up to handle all of the kicking duties.

Outstanding Defensive Players: Hudson Oglesby, Connor Cooper, John Swaner, Phillip Swanner, Angel Soto, Hudson Hawkins, Calyn Brazzill, Luke Leiskau, Owen Pi-

"We had some injuries early in the game and had to lean on some guys to play out of position at times, but this group never wavered," said Coach Justin Edmondson. "I thought our offensive and defensive line play was critical in this one. I am proud of how we battled for 4 quarters, and played with fanatical effort regardless of the adversity. Our guys stayed focused and trusted their train-

ing" SHS 9th **LVHS**

Salado freshmen Eagles are undefeated 5-0 after beating Lago Vista 22-14 on Sept. 26.

The Eagles scored in the first on a 10-yard pass from Ryder Balmos to Fabian Burleson. The Vista as the Vikings

6-0 first quarter lead.

In the third, Balmos scored on a 59-yard carry. He converted the twopoint conversion.

Lago Vista scored a touchdown in the third quarter, converting the two-point try to trail 14-8 going into the fourth.

Balmos found Jackson Tracy for a 19-yard scoring pass in the fourth. He hit Jackson Tracy for the two-point conversion and final lead of 22-14.

With a rushing TD and two passing TDs, Balmos led the Eagles offense.

Fabian Burleson made several tackles, while Balmos had several tackles and an interception to lead the Eagles.

SMS 8th A **16** LVMS 8th A 40

Salado Eagles Eighth Grade A team lost to their counterparts from Lago Vista, 40-16 on Sept. 26.

Lago Vista held a 12-0 lead in the first half, before Staton Norman hit Dean Easley for a 54vard scoring pass. Norman carried in the conversion to bring the score to 12-8.

The Eagles took the lead on a scoring run by Tristan Oliver. Oliver converted the two-point try to give Salado a 16-12.

The rest was all Lago

scored 28 unanswered points in the second half. 24 SMS 8th B

LVMS 8th B 0

Salado Eighth Grade B Eagles shut out the Lago Vista squad 24-0 Sept.

Holt Peterson drew first blood on a 9-yard run. Noah Sifuentez dove in for the two-point conversion.

Hunter Harrison hit Trystan Hernandez for a 20-yard touchdown. Sifuentez converted the two-point try for 16-0

Hernandez scored on a 36-yard run, but the conversion attempt failed for a 22-0 lead.

A flock of Eagles tackled a Viking in the end zone for a safety and the final score of 24-0.

SMS 7th LVMS 7th

Salado Seventh Grade Eagles shut out the Lago Vista squad 22-0 Sept.

Luke Adcox scored on a 12-yard run, the pointafter failed for a 6-0 lead.

Wyatter Keller his Jaxson Schuler for a 20-yard TD pass. Ethan Barnes dove in for the conversion and a 14-0 lead.

Kelton Matocha scored on a 25-yard run. He added the two-point try for a 22-0 lead.

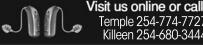


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Lady Eagles remain on top in District 24-4A

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Salado Lady Eagles swept Marble Falls 25-11, 25-18, 25-21 on the road to remain undefeated in District 24-4A play Sept. 24. The Lady Eagles are 27-6 and 4-0 so far and ranked #8 in state by Texas Girls Coaches Association.

Mazzy Johnson and Macy Morris had two aces each to lead Salado, followed by Charli Niu and Payton Ortega with one each.

Kael Wilcox led the girls in kills with 16, followed by Haley Brown, 10, Niu, Ortega, and Elsie Law, five each, Morris, four and Johnson and Kate Maedgen, one each.

Morris and Wilcox each

Niu had 26 assists to lead Salado, followed by Wilcox and Shelby Hollywood, three each, Johnson, Wilcox, Maedgen and Law, one

Niu led the girls with eight digs, followed by Johnson, seven, Hollywood, six, Maedgen, Brown, five each, Ortega, four, Morris, three and Wilcox and Law, one each



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Lady Eagles undefeated in district. (FILE PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)

School district may work with Village on sidewalk grant project

The Salado ISD School Board met on Monday, September 23. The following is a summary of that meeting:

• Salado Middle School students Emilie Brizendine, Sophie Brizendine, Cameron Finch, and Channing Finch led the pledge to the United States flag and the pledge to the state

• Thomas Arnold Elementary School student Tristan Kubiak was recognized for winning the Betty Martin Daughters of the American Revolution Chapter Essay Contest.

• Salado High School Student Segiv Eldridge was recognized for organizing the "It Takes a Village" childhood cancer awareness 5K run/walk in honor of two of our elementary school students that are battling cancer.

• Colonel Lakicia Stokes was recognized for her service as the Fort Cavazos Garrison

Superintendent's Corner

by Dr. Michael Novotny

Commander.

• The Board reviewed the monthly financial reports.

• The Board reviewed the monthly enrollment report. Our current enrollment is 2,405 students as compared to 2,304 students in September 2022 and 2,318 students in September 2023.

• The Board approved the minutes from the July 29 and August 19 school board meet-

• The Board approved the renewal of membership in Jared Bryan, Joe Burnett, Walsh Gallegos' retainer pro-

• The Board approved an elementary school class size

• The Board approved legal representation of multiple parties by Walsh Gallegos Kyle Roalson P.C. for drafting, revising, and advising on matters related to the Bell County Al-

• The Board approved a resolution/settlement agreement in Administrative Hearing Cause No. 24-0114-K; Salado Independent School District vs. Texas Department of Health & Human Services.

ternative School.

• The Board nominated Sam Fulcher, Marvin Rainwater, and Todd Scott to the Bell County Appraisal District Board of Directors.

· The Board discussed the

construction projects.

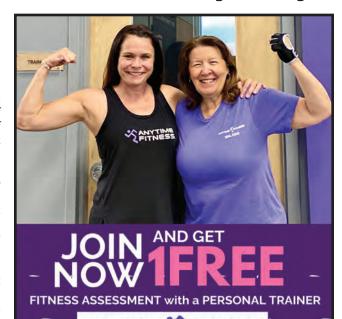
• The Board approved investigating the possibility of working with the Village of Salado regarding the sidewalk grant project.

• The Board approved repurposing the current Salado High School facility into a second pre-kindergarten through 5th grade elementary school after the completion of the new high school in 2026.

• The Board discussed upcoming school board training opportunities.

If you have any questions regarding this information or our school district, you are welcome to contact me at michael.novotny@saladoisd.org or 254-947-6905.

The Salado ISD School Board's next regular meeting will be Monday, October 7, at 5:30 p.m. at the Salado ISD Civic Center, located at 601 North Main Street.



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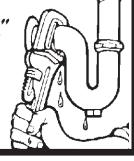
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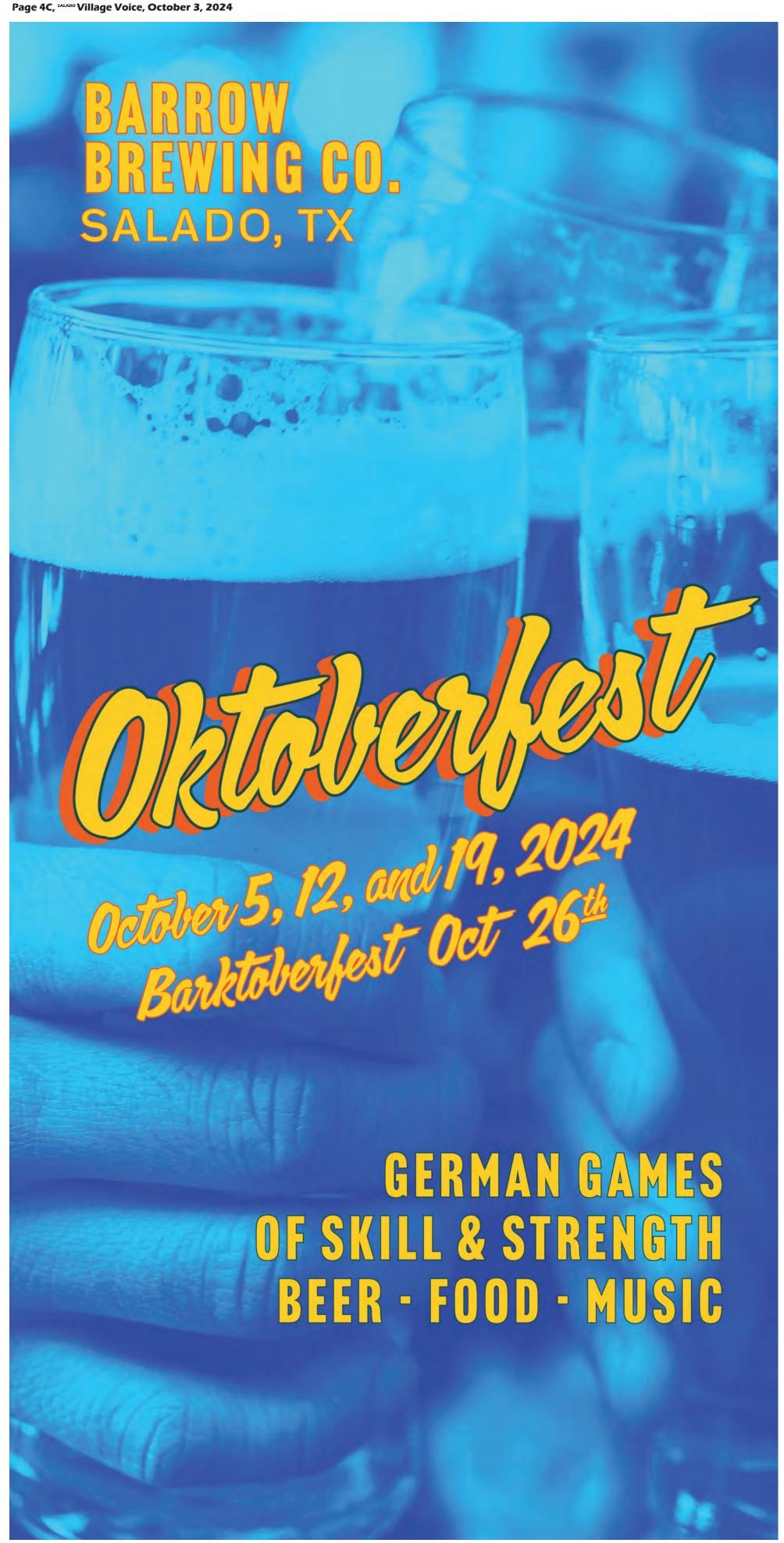
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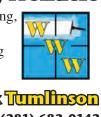
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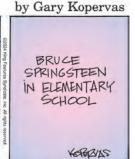
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Out on a Limb VERY GOOD! BUT 8765 ONE, TWO MUST YOU SEREAM SO LOUDLY? BRUUU



by Jeff Pickering





Contract Bridge

RATIONALE OF GOOD DEFENSE South dealer.

Both sides vulnerable. NORTH **♠** Q 10 8 **♥** 7 3 ♦ KJ1062 **WEST EAST ♠** A 7 3 **♦** 6 4 ♥QJ952 **♥**A 8 6 4 **♦** 7 4 ♦ A 5 3 **♣**10 4 3 **♣**9862 **SOUTH ★** K J 9 5 2 **♥** K 10 ♦ Q 9 8 **♣**A J 7 The bidding:

South West North East 1 🏚 Pass Pass 3 ♦ Pass 3 🏚 Pass 4 🖈

Opening lead queen of hearts.

To defend well is difficult, but certainly not impossible. It's mostly a matter of gathering clues available from the bidding and/or play, and taking advantage of them.

Assume you're East and win partner's queen-of-hearts lead with the ace. What should you return? Considering all the factors, your best return is a low diamond! If you make this play, the contract goes down one.

Declarer wins in his hand and leads a trump. Following your line of

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defense, partner rises with the ace and returns a diamond. You win with the ace and play a diamond, and partner ruffs to score the setting trick.

this extraordinary defense without seeing all four hands? Actually, it makes a lot of sense — if you stop to reason things out.

return is futile.

Next, you know from South's raised with four diamonds, the best er diamond. But if South raised with lead a low diamond at trick two.

To solve this problem, you make the lies in a low diamond return at trick

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Weekly Sudoku

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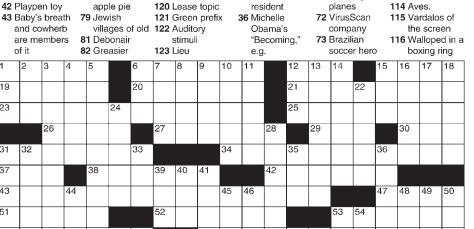
To begin with, you should conclude that you have virtually no hope of defeating the contract unless partner has the ace or king of trump. You therefore assume that he has a trump trick coming. You also know from the queen-of-hearts lead that partner does not have the king, so that a heart

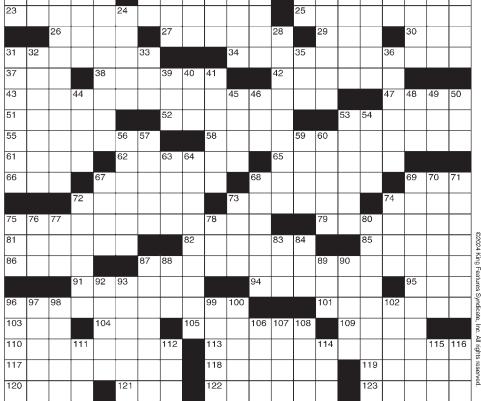
three-diamond bid that he has either three or four diamonds. If South defense is to play the ace and anoththree diamonds, the best defense is to

reasonable assumption that if South has four diamonds, your partner, who is presumed to hold the trump ace or king, would have led his singleton diamond. Therefore, you say to yourself, partner must have two diamonds, so the best chance to beat the contract

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test by Fifi

1. MOVIES: Which animated film was the first to be nominated for an Academy Award for Best Picture? 2. SCIENCE: What is a common

3. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the third U.S. president?
4. GEOGRAPHY: Where are the

Maldives (islands) located? 5. MUSIC: Who was the first woman inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall

of Fame?
6. TELEVISION: What is Dorothy's job on "The Golden Girls"?

7. MATH: Which number doesn't have a Roman numeral equivalent?

8. LITERATURE: In the Harry Potter series of novels, what was Lord Voldemort's name before he changed

9. ANIMAL KINGDOM: Which dog breed doesn't "bark"?
10. FAMOUS QUOTES: Who wrote the poetic line about fall, "Nature's first green is gold"?

"Beauty and the Beast."
 Northern Lights.

3. Thomas Jefferson

4. Indian Ocean.

5. Aretha Franklin.6. Substitute teacher

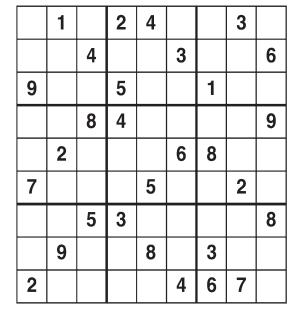
7. Zero. 8. Tom Marvolo Riddle.

9. Basenji 10. Robert Frost, "Nothing Gold Can Stay.

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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.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging

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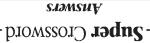












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