

Bell burn ban in effect No permits in Salado

Due to dry conditions, Bell County Commissioners Court issued an order July 14 restricting outdoor burning in the unincorporated areas of the county.

The Village of Salado announced that it would not issue any burn permits within the Village while the burn ban is in effect.

The burn ban will remain in effect until 10 a.m. Aug. 7, unless restrictions are terminated earlier based on a determination made by the Commissioners Court that the circumstances creating a public safety hazard no longer exist.

The burn ban order also authorizes Bell County Judge David Blackburn to administratively rescind or extend the order permanently or temporarily. In the event the County Judge extends the

order, such extension shall be valid for up to no more than seven days.

This order does not prohibit outdoor burning activities related to public health and safety that are authorized by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for (1) firefighter training; (2) public utility, natural gas pipeline, or mining operations; (3) planting or harvesting of agriculture crops; or, (4) burns that are conducted by a prescribed burn manager certified under Section 153.048, Natural Resources Code, and meet the standards of Section 153.047, Natural Resources Code.

In accordance with Local Government Code § 352.081(h), a violation of this Order is a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.

Legislature passes property tax cut

By RICHARD LEE
SENATE NEWS SERVICE

The average Texas homeowner could see annual property tax savings close to \$1,300 if voters approve an increase in the homestead exemption in the upcoming November election. That's part of the sweeping tax cut package passed by both houses of the Legislature on July 13, ending a months-long impasse on how to distribute \$18 billion in state

revenue surplus set aside in this session's budget.

"We have a Texas-sized property tax relief package that is unparalleled in the world," said bill author and Houston Senator Paul Bettencourt. As in previous versions, the legislation continues the ongoing reduction of local school property tax rates begun in 2019 and doubles the franchise tax exemption, but the final version

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Salado Legends is always explosive! (PHOTO BY LOYD WEBB)

Salado Legends' is explosive!

By LOYD WEBB

Modern state-of-the-art motion picture theaters have surround sound and an array of subwoofers. Live indoor theaters may use actual sound effects cued by an off-stage technician or use pre-recorded audio tracks. Then there are the very few venues that undertake the nightly creation of fresh special effects using live explosives.

"Yes, that's black powder that we're using," Jackie Mills says matter-of-factly. She's describing some of the ground-shaking pyrotechnical effects in "Salado Legends," the historical musical drama that debuts its 30th season July 22 at Tablerock Festival's Goodnight Am-

phitheater. Jackie, a longtime Salado resident, wrote the play and song lyrics.

In addition to rifle-firing soldiers, volley tubes, pyrotechnical barrels that detonate with earsplitting explosions, are positioned close to the side of the audience seats.

The War Between the States, depicted onstage, is presented in stark realism.

Special effects like these coupled with horseback actors galloping through the aisles are sure-fire audience pleasers that can't be equaled in other theatrical experiences.

"We're careful to draw the line," Jackie says. "We have children and armed forces veterans in our audience. So

no theater blood."

The two-act play begins in the late 1850s with Scottish settlers arriving in Salado. Salado College students meet on the table rock, a huge monolith of limestone in Salado Creek - still visible from Pace Park, but uplifted by the 1921 flood. A flashback moves the plot back to the time of native Tonkawans and European explorers, including the myth of Sirena the mermaid.

Sam Houston makes a stentorian appearance, speechifying from the Shady Villa Inn balcony, and then we're off to the Civil War. Diversions in the village take place and the Culture Ladies force a would-be saloon owner to flee to nearby

Holland. A pair of colorful floosies kick up some dust and "Salado Legends" concludes as surviving Confederate soldiers return to Salado.

The epic tale is told with original songs and ensemble dance numbers weaving history, legend and memories into a family-friendly drama. "One of our songs, 'Be Careful What You Wish For', combines the legends of the Tonkawa Indians, the dreams of the Spanish explorers and the hopes of the Scottish settlers," Jackie adds.

"Salado Legends" performances are scheduled for July 22, 29 and August 5. Tickets are available at the gate or at centraltexasitickets.com.

Water restrictions due to low levels at Stillhouse

The Stage 3 Water Restrictions of the Salado Water Supply Corporation Drought Contingency Plan will remain in place through the remainder of July and much of August.

Stage 3 Water Restrictions requires customers to reduce the number of days and times they water outside to one day per week.

Odd addresses may water between the hours of midnight and 10 a.m. and 8 p.m.-midnight on Tuesdays only.

Even address may water between the hours of midnight and 10 a.m. and 8 p.m.-midnight on Wednesdays only.

"Due to high evaporation rates, use of irrigation systems between the hours of 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. is considered water waste and is enforceable as a violation at all times," SWSC General manager Ricky Preston stated in a notice sent to customers.

Stage 3 was triggered in early July due to the dropping water level of Stillhouse Hollow Lake.

Salado WSC buys surface water from Kempner WSC, which has a plant on Stillhouse Lake.

Kempner WSC informed its customers in early July that the water levels at Stillhouse had dropped to 607.6 feet elevation and was dropping 1 inch every two days.

Since then, the water level has dropped to 606.93 feet as of presstime July 18.

"When the water level reaches 605 feet elevation, water production at our plant will slow down and 604 feet, production will stop," according to the Kempner WSC announcement.

"We are installing an extension in August that will give us a lower intake level and potentially buy us some time," the Kempner WSC announcement stated.

Stillhouse Hollow Lake Levels

| DATE | MEAN | | | | | |
|----------|--------------|------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| | PERCENT FULL | WATER LEVEL (FT) | RESERVOIR STORAGE (ACRE-FT) | CONSERVATION STORAGE (ACRE-FT) | CONSERVATION CAPACITY (ACRE-FT) | SURFACE AREA (ACRES) |
| 07-18 | 64.5 | 606.93 | 148,199 | 148,113 | 229,796 | 4,501 |
| 07-11 | 65.3 | 607.35 | 150,099 | 150,013 | 229,796 | 4,548 |
| 06-18 | 67.8 | 608.61 | 155,924 | 155,838 | 229,796 | 4,695 |
| 04-18 | 68.2 | 608.78 | 156,724 | 156,638 | 229,796 | 4,715 |
| 01-18 | 71.5 | 610.35 | 164,277 | 164,191 | 229,796 | 4,904 |
| 07-18-22 | 82.5 | 615.26 | 189,750 | 189,664 | 229,796 | 5,481 |

(SOURCE: [HTTPS://WATERDATAFORTEXAS.ORG/RESERVOIRS/INDIVIDUAL/STILLHOUSE-HOLLOW](https://waterdatafortexas.org/reservoirs/individual/stillhouse-hollow))

"Please be aware that we are not seeing much conservation of water in our system. If the lake level drops to 606 feet elevation, we will be forced to implement stage IV Water Conservation restrictions which are stricter and will not allow you to use your irrigation systems or fill a pool, only hand watering with a bucket will be authorized."

Salado WSC General Manager Rick Preston told Salado Village Voice that at the time the Salado WSC announced the Stage 3 Water Restrictions, the system was seeing about 2 million gallons per day of groundwater use and 2 million gallons per day of surface water use. Groundwater serves customers on the east side of I-35 while surface water serves

customers on the west side.

Preston said that since the notice was published that he has seen a decrease in overall usage of about 30%. However, because the number of days allowed for outside watering has been reduced to one, there is a high demand on the system on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

One of the tanks for groundwater drops by as

much as 15 feet overnight during the watering days. "But it goes right back up as soon as people stop watering," he said.

Salado WSC will "vigorously enforce violations of the Drought Contingency Plan, according to the notice.

Enforcement includes a written notice of specific violations and a possible assessment of a penalty depending upon the severity of the violation on First Violations.

On Second Violations: SWSC may assess a penalty to the customer. SWSC may install a flow restricting device for seven days and may charge the customer for the cost of installing and removing the device.

On Third Violations, SWSC may discontinue service at the meter for a period of seven days and will enforce a normal reconnect fee for restoration of service.

Heart & Hands provides back-to-school clothes, shoes

With less than a week to go, Heart & Hands Ministries needs your help in sponsoring a local student by purchasing a new outfit and/or a new pair of shoes and socks.

"We have 60 kids signed up and less than half the names have been claimed," said Pat Scarborough, director of Heart & Hands Ministries. "With one week left to purchase clothes and shoes we could use some help."

Visit Heart & Hands Min-

istries website at <https://heartandhandsministries.com/> in order to select the child that is in need.

Donated clothes and shoes should be delivered to Heart and Hands Ministries, located at 213 Mill Creek Dr., Suite #135 in Salado. Please mark the child's three-digit number on the packaging when you drop it off.

If you cannot make it during the posted times, you can also drop off the

marked items at *Salado Village Voice*, which is located at 213 Mill Creek Dr., Suite #125 and is open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. weekdays.

Clothing: Heart & Hands is collecting one new outfit per child. Please provide one top, one bottom, and underwear for your selected child.

Shoes: They are collecting only one new pair of shoes and socks for your selected child.

"If you get caught up

in the fun and want to buy more, please sign up for more than one child," Scarborough said.

The following are the students who still need to be sponsored, as of presstime. The website has a live tracking mechanism, so visit heartandhandsministries.com to sign-up for a child.

Clothing: 017, Girl, Age 16, Grade 11, Size Adult Large or Ladies 12

Shoes: 017, Girl, Age 16,

Grade 11, Shoe & Sock Size: Ladies 9

Clothing: 018, Boy, Age 17, Grade 12, Size Adult XL, Pants 42x30

Shoes: 018, Boy, Age 17, Grade 12, Shoe & Sock Size: Men 10.5

Clothing: 020, Girl, Age 12, Grade 6, Size Youth XL or Junior 7

Clothing: 023, Boy, Age 16, Grade 11, Size Adult Medium, Pants 32x30

Shoes: 023, Boy, Age 16,

Grade 11, Shoe & Sock Size: Men 10

Clothing: 024, Boy, Age 12, Grade 7, Size Adult Large, Pants 34x30

Clothing: 025, Girl, Age 16, Grade, Size Adult Large or Ladies 8

Shoes: 025, Girl, Age 16, Grade, Shoe & Sock Size: Ladies 7.5

Clothing: 026, Boy, Age 9, Grade 4, Size Adult Small or Youth 14-16

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An Open Exchange of Ideas

CPI report: food prices are up 5.7%, while gas prices are down 27%

The Markets

The dear old S&P 500 Stock Index (SPX) turned in an exceptional week. The consistency of the daily rise in market value was simply amazing. On Friday morning, July 14, it peaked at 4528 before slipping slowly back to end the week at 4505.42, up 2.42% for the week. That closing number left it just over double its value back in March of 2020, the bottom point in the pandemic bear market when it stood at 2237.40. It is now also about 26% higher than it was last October, and up 17.34% so far this year. Of course, we would be remiss to not also note that it is exactly 6% lower than its all-time high in January 2022, about 18 months ago. Our other market barometer, the CRSP US Mid Cap Value Index put in a reasonable week too, rising just under 2% for the week to 2438.38. It too is about 6% lower than its January 2022 record high but up 4.22% this year.

The benchmark 10-year U.S. Treasury note yield slid downward from last week's 4.06% to close at 3.83% as the bond market seemed to reach a consensus that the Federal Reserve would likely only add one more 0.25% rate increase rather than the two assumed last week. That did nothing to soften the inverted Treasury yield curve with the less-than-1-year annualized rates all clustering around 5.5%. Meanwhile the longer-term Treasuries continued their slow rise, suggesting that longer term rates will be higher than we have seen in more than a decade even after the Federal Reserve moves shorter term rates to a less restrictive level. That has the potential to cause more pain for those who hold longer term bonds as the market price of bonds and other loans falls as interest rates rise. West Texas Intermediate crude oil (WTI) climbed most of the week too before settling back a bit on Friday. A barrel of WTI is now priced at \$75.26, pretty

Market & Economic Update

by Jeffrey W. McClure



much in the middle of the trading range we have seen all this year, but well below the \$120 prices we saw two years ago.

The Economy

The equivalent of an 800-pound gorilla made its presence known in the economy and the market this week as the Labor Department released its June Consumer Price Index (CPI) Indicators. The headline "All Items" figure for the last 12 months surprised more than a few people as it came in at 3.0%, one third the increase we saw at this time last year. Inside the report was less pleasant news showing that food has gone up 5.7% in the last year while gasoline has fallen about 27%. Significantly, if we include everything except the imputed price of shelter, the hypothetical rental value of people's homes that they own, the one-year inflation rate drops to only 0.7%.

The significance of that set of numbers is hard to overstate. If next month's official rate of inflation remains that low, it will suggest that the Federal Reserve has largely won its war against inflation. Perhaps more significantly, it has done so without creating anything that even looks vaguely like a recession. Even the more hawkish members of the Federal Reserve Board acknowledged that if the declining inflation rates we have seen so far this year persist, then only one more rate increase is likely. Currently, the Fed has set the overnight annualized bank to bank loan rate at between 5% and 5.25%. One more rise will take it to the 5.25% to 5.5% range: good news for savers, but less so for those seeking or paying back floating interest rate loans.

In another interesting

interest rate bit of news, JP Morgan reported that its consumer credit card interest income was up 16% from a year ago. As we have noticed repeatedly over the years, even as consumers tell poll surveys that they are pessimistic about the future, they are returning to spending via high-interest credit cards. That is another typical behavior as we emerge from a recession, and not an indicator that a recession is at hand.

The U.S. economy continues to send conflicting signals. Manufacturing leading indicators have fallen to levels that have indicated recession at hand or soon to come with only three exceptions since World War II. At the same time factory construction is hitting records and manufacturers are still hiring like there is a boom ahead. The divide may be between "hard" and "soft" data. Most of the leading indicators are expressed as opinions and are negative. The hard data, such as factory construction and hiring rates are "hard" data, based on what manufacturing companies are doing rather than what their purchasing managers believe may be happening. Another, and even more extreme difference is to be found in the services side of our economy. All you need do to see what is happening there is attempt to go out to eat on a Saturday night. Americans are spending on services and that spending appears to be accelerating. As a side note, the reverse may be happening in China where signs of deflation are beginning to emerge as we are importing less from there and their consumers seem to be hunkering down and socking away more savings rather than increasing spending as we are doing.

China gets by with a little help from its friends -- on the Supreme Court

By PAUL MICHEL

China is overtaking America in a variety of high-tech industries -- thanks to some inadvertent help from the U.S. Supreme Court.

According to a brand-new report from the Australian Strategic Policy Institute, the communist nation has outstripped America in 37 out of 44 key technologies, including advanced aircraft engines and hypersonics, 5G and 6G, and quantum communications.

This Chinese high-tech renaissance springs from the regime's deliberate policy of incentivizing research and development, both through subsidies as well as extremely strong patent protections.

With this robust patent system, China has seen an explosion of innovation. In 2021, Chinese researchers filed 1.59 million patent requests -- more than twice the number of American filings, and nearly half the global total.

By contrast, America is weakening patent protections. The Supreme Court has steadily expanded the number of inventions that count as unpatentable "laws of nature, natural phenomena, and abstract ideas."

In *Mayo v. Prometheus*, for instance, the Court classified certain diagnostic tests as unpatentable "laws of nature." A similar ruling in *Association for Molecular Pathology v. Myriad*

Genetics denied patents to genetically modified gene sequences.

Both decisions rocked the biotech industry. Mayo reduced venture capital investment for in vitro diagnostics technologies by about \$9 billion over four years, according to one study.

Another study found that, in the wake of Mayo and Myriad, half of U.S. university technology-transfer offices surveyed had decided against developing molecular tests.

Artificial intelligence has taken a hit, too. In *Alice Corp.*, the Supreme Court ruled that certain computer-implemented inventions, machines, and processes are "abstract ideas" -- and, thus, ineligible for patenting.

The justices of the Supreme Court have good intentions. But they lack the training and expertise to craft U.S. innovation policy. That job belongs to elected officials in Congress and the White House.

Congress can start by passing Senator Thom Tillis's (R-NC) Patent Eligibility Restoration Act, introduced in 2022. The bill would address problems with Mayo, Myriad, and Alice Corp. by ensuring it is possible to obtain patents for gene therapies and, potentially, AI.

Other measures fall to the executive branch. The Biden administration must uphold the original intent of

the Bayh-Dole Act -- which grants universities and small businesses IP rights to their inventions, even when they have accepted federal funding.

Since 1980, Bayh-Dole has facilitated more than 480,000 inventions, more than 117,000 patents, and more than 200 drugs and vaccines.

But lawmakers and activists are urging Biden to weaken IP protections under Bayh-Dole. They want the administration to use the law's "march-in provision" -- which outlines cases when the government can relicense patents for federally-funded products -- to forcibly crank down drug prices.

Biden has refused their request. It is crucial that he continue doing so. Stripping biotech firms of their patent rights would only drive the United States further from parity with China.

China -- along with the European Union, the United Kingdom, and Japan -- have recently strengthened their patent laws. If we want to reclaim the mantle of the world's tech leader, we will need to follow suit.

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Rethinking community colleges' approach to preparing the workforce of the future

By RENZO SOTO

Legislators this year took a historic step toward fundamentally realigning the way Texas funds its community colleges. The goal? Ensuring Texans are earning postsecondary credentials that will give them greater access to higher-paying careers.

The product of years of work by a commission established to rethink community colleges' financing systems, this reform effort emphasized funding formula changes, college capacity improvements and student affordability investments.

Aligning funding to student outcomes

Reform efforts this year focused largely on establishing a new funding system for community colleges in Texas. The old, enrollment-driven funding formulas presented many challenges for the state's community colleges, especially with the enrollment declines of recent years. That has led to funding instability felt particularly acutely in small and rural colleges.

The state responded by overhauling this enrollment-based system to more directly align community college funding to student completion of a postsecondary credential that has proven workforce value.

This new system based on documented improvements of students' outcomes has great potential to vastly improve the skilled Texas labor force. Despite steep enrollment decreases during the pandemic, community colleges still serve nearly 700,000 students

across the state. That means community colleges remain well-positioned to equip large numbers of Texans with the specialized skills required by emerging and high-demand jobs.

Providing more support for community colleges

To accelerate the alignment of community colleges' course offerings with workforce demands, lawmakers also took steps this year to build up the capacity of community colleges, including the continuation of the Texas Reskilling and Upskilling through Education program.

TRUE grants help community colleges start or expand short-term credential programs aligned with regional and statewide workforce needs. They serve students ranging from young, first-time-in-college students to those already in the workforce.

Since the inception of the TRUE program in 2021, colleges have used the funds to establish programs such as advanced manufacturing mechatronics, automation and construction management certificates, and patient care technician certifications.

Expanding opportunities to more Texans

For these reforms to achieve the desired effects, the state must also address the accessibility of a postsecondary education.

Only 43% of economically disadvantaged Texas students currently go on to enroll in postsecondary education after graduating from high school. That's compared to 64% of non-economically disadvantaged students. Closing

this gap will require removing as many barriers to enrollment as possible, particularly cost barriers.

Lawmakers this year invested \$125 million in Texas Education Opportunity Grants, the state's need-based financial aid program for community college students, and \$78.6 million in financial aid for low-income high school students to take a dual credit course through the newly established Financial Aid for Swift Transfer program.

The FAST scholarship ensures that low-income students whose college participates in the program can take dual credit courses at no cost to them or their families. The FAST program also helps community colleges by providing a supply of students whom they can help achieve outcomes rewarded by the new funding formulas -- specifically, completing dual credit hours required by degree and other credential programs and, ideally, also earning a postsecondary credential of value alongside their high school diploma.

Through a cohesive and intertwined package of reforms that systematically prioritizes outcomes and workforce value in the state's long-term funding formulas, Texas can lead the nation in changing the way we approach and view higher education.

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Cultural Arts grant app period ends Aug. 31

Salado Cultural Arts District announces its 2023-24 fiscal year grants program with an application deadline of Aug. 31.

A limited number of grants of \$1,000 will be awarded by the Salado Cultural Arts District.

“Our mission is to support and promote the arts and culture of Salado through these grants,” stated Cathy Sands.

Funding is available through the Village of Salado. The Salado Cultural Arts District will review all applications and send them to the Village of Salado for approval and funding. Grants are limited. Each grant is available for up to \$1000.

Only one grant is allowed per person or organization for the 2023 - 2024 Village of Salado fiscal year for events that will occur for events that will happen after September 30, 2023). We hope to make this an annual event, so if your event does not fit into these timelines, please check in later to see if other grants become available. An organization or individual will not qualify for these grants if they have applied for Hotel Occupancy Tax funds through the Village of Salado.

Program Guidelines are the following

1. Eligibility: The applicant must demonstrate that the associated event will be open to the public and directly enhance and promote the arts and culture of the Village of Salado.

2. Application Requirements: Applicants must provide the following documents for their application to be considered.

SCAD Grant Application available on the website.

Proposed Budget of the Event

3. Use of Funds: Funds are a one-time fee of up to 1000.00 per event / person.

Funding cannot be used for alcohol, prizes, or items not following Village of Salado guidelines.

4. Award of Funding: Upon evaluation of all applications, the Salado Cultural Arts District Board will make funding recommendations to the Salado Board of Aldermen, who will, in turn, make the final decision on the award of funding. The Village of Salado will distribute funding for the event once approved.

5. Post-Event Reporting Process: All applicants that are awarded funding must submit a Post Event Report within 60 days of the conclusion of their event or activity.

Failure to submit a Post Event Report will result in the ineligibility for funding from the Grant Program in the future. The Post Event Report shall include information regarding event attendance and a detailed line-item financial report.

The application can be done online at <https://www.saladoculturalartsdistrict.org/applicationinfo>



(above) Campers collaborate on projects after painting their bugs at Village Artists Summer Fun Art Class. (Below) A camper inspects her freshly painted beautiful bug July 18. (PHOTOS BY ROYCE WIGGIN)



July 25 - Summer Fun Art Class with Salado Village Artists for kids ages 8-12, 1-3 p.m. at the Salado Village Artists building on grounds of Salado Civic Center. \$10 session includes all materials for class. Red - Yellow - Blue: Making the Rainbow, Having Fun with Color. To register email halexand@embarqmail.com or call Helen Alexander at 254-947-1089. Include child's name, age and emergency number for registration. Space is saved with payment by check mailed to Salado Village Artists, PO Box 363, Salado, TX 76571. (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)

Grace Church “Grief Share” sessions begin Aug. 2

Grace Church Salado will launch the first of 14-weekly sessions of an international program called “Grief Share” beginning Aug. 2.

Sessions will be 6:30-8 p.m. weekly at the church.

This program is open to the greater Salado community, as well as those at Grace Church.

Grief Share consists of a network of 15,000+ churches worldwide equipped to offer grief support groups. The program is nondenominational and features biblical concepts for healing from a person's grief. Each support group meets weekly; where the typical program consists

of an instructional video, small group discussion and a workbook. As each session is a “self-contained” module, individuals can join in at any of the 14 sessions. The only cost would be for the workbook (\$20).

Leading the Salado group is Mary Hendrix, MTh., who has served for over 20 years as a hospice Chaplain in a large hospital system. In her role as Hospice Program Manager, she coordinated the chaplain department, which included bereavement services, music therapy and the volunteer program. As a chaplain, she ministered to dying patients and spiritually sup-

ported their loved ones and caregivers. Over the years of her professional career, she performed numerous funerals and memorial services.

Her other interests include serving six years as a volunteer police chaplain, as well as starting and directing a non-profit ministry in California to street prostitutes. She recently retired as the Executive Assistant to the President of the International Fellowship of Chaplains, headquartered in Temple.

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

Update on the National Mounted Warrior Museum at Historical Commission July 24

Members of the National Mounted Warfare Foundation will present a program to the Bell County Historical Commission and visitors on the National Mounted Warrior Museum located next to Fort Cavazos.

The museum will feature and preserve historic conflicts from World War II, Korean and Vietnam Wars

to Operation Desert Storm and the Global War on Terror. Unit history will be on display as well as personal testimonials from service men and woman about their experiences. You will get to hear about the various immersive exhibits, multimedia experiences and educational programs for visitors of all ages that bring the

history of the United States military to life. The museum is scheduled to open in the Fall of 2023.

The Bell County Historical Commission invites you to come and hear this presentation on Monday, July 24 at 7 p.m. on the first floor of the historic Bell County Courthouse, 101 E. Central Ave, in Belton.

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Tax cut **FROM PAGE 1A**

sent to the governor includes two new significant provisions.

The first provision would answer the House's demand for a limit to property appraisal growth. Current law caps yearly home value growth to no more than 10 percent of the previous year, but the House passed legislation during the regular session to lower that number to five percent and extend it to all real property. This was one of the major sticking points between the chambers, as Lt. Governor Dan Patrick held that such caps may allow taxing entities to raise rates in a way that they cannot under revenue growth limits passed in Austin in 2019. Ultimately, the chambers agreed on a 20 percent appraisal growth cap for all real properties with a valuation of no more than \$5 million. Homeowners would still be under the 10 percent cap set for home-

steads. This provision is set to expire in 2026, allowing legislators to gauge the impact of the new caps over the next three years.

The second provision seeks to add more public input into the appraisal process by adding three elected members to the boards of each appraisal district in counties exceeding a population of 75,000.

The third measure in the tax cut package would cut the number of small and medium businesses on the state's franchise rolls by 40 percent. SB 3, also by Bettencourt, would exempt businesses that bring in less than \$2.47 million in annual revenue from the franchise tax, double the current exemption. Bettencourt says that will apply to 67,000 additional businesses in Texas. It also removes a requirement that businesses that owe nothing submit a "no taxes due" form to the state

or face a \$50 penalty.

Lt. Governor Patrick said last week that face-to-face negotiations between himself and House Speaker Dade Phelan, as well as tireless work by Bettencourt and his House counterpart Representative Will Metcalf resulted in the compromise on this historic tax cut. "When you have \$18 billion you don't decide it in six days, or six weeks, or six months," Patrick said before adjourning the second called session Thursday. "Of all the different variations of bills that [the House] sent us and we sent [them], this was the best bill of them all."

"I thank my partners in the Texas Legislature for coming together to honor the best interests of hard-working Texans who want to own their property—not rent it from the government," Gov. Greg Abbot said.

Project Appletree **FROM PAGE 1A**

Shoes: 026, Boy, Age 9, Grade 4, Shoe & Sock Size: Youth 6.5

Clothing: 027, Boy, Age 12, Grade 7, Size Adult Medium or Youth 18

Shoes: 027, Boy, Age 12, Grade 7, Shoe & Sock Size: Mens 10

Clothing: 028, Boy, Age 12, Grade 8, Size Adult Large, Pants 32x34

Shoes: 028, Boy, Age 12, Grade 8, Shoe & Sock Size: Men 13

Clothing: 029, Boy, Age 14, Grade 9, Size Adult XL, Pants 32x34

Shoes: 029, Boy, Age 14, Grade 9, Shoe & Sock Size: Mens 13

Clothing: 030, Girl, Age 17, Grade 12, Size Adult XL or Ladies 10

Shoes: 030, Girl, Age 17, Grade 12, Shoe & Sock Size: Ladies 12

Clothing: 032, Boy, Age 8, Grade 3, Size Youth Large or Youth 10-12, prefer jeans

Shoes: 032, Boy, Age 8, Grade 3, Shoe & Sock Size: Youth 4

Clothing: 033, Boy, Age 10, Grade 5, Size Youth Medium or Youth 14-16

Shoes: 033, Boy, Age 10, Grade 5, Shoe & Sock Size: Youth 5

Clothing: 036, Girl, Age 11, Grade 6, Size Adult Medium or Junior XL or Ladies 12

Shoes: 036, Girl, Age 11,

Grade 6, Shoe & Sock Size: Ladies 8

Clothing: 039, Boy, Age 9, Grade 4, Size Adult Small or Youth 16-18

Shoes: 039, Boy, Age 9, Grade 4, Shoe & Sock Size: Adult 8

Clothing: 040, Boy, Age 7, Grade 2, Size Adult Medium or Youth 16-18

Shoes: 040, Boy, Age 7, Grade 2, Shoe & Sock Size: Adult 7

Clothing: 045, Boy, Age 12, Grade 8, Size prefers Adult XL dark blue dri-fit shirt and XL black Nike dri-fit athletic shorts

Shoes: 045, Boy, Age 12, Grade 8, Shoe & Sock Size: prefers Mens black Nike 11.5 running shoe

Clothing: 046, Boy, Age 11, Grade 6, Size prefers Adult Large dark blue dri-fit shirt and Large black Nike dri-fit athletic shorts

Shoes: 046, Boy, Age 11, Grade 6, Shoe & Sock Size: prefers Mens black Nike 11 running shoes

Clothing: 047, Girl, Age 9, Grade 4, Size prefers Adult Large Under Armour dri-fit shirt and Large Under Armour dri-fit ankle leggings

Shoes: 047, Girl, Age 9, Grade 4, Shoe & Sock Size: prefers Ladies Under Armour 8.5 black running shoes

Clothing: 050, Boy,

Age 9, Grade 5, Size Youth Large or Youth 10-12

Shoes: 050, Boy, Age 9, Grade 5, Shoe & Sock Size: Youth 3

Clothing: 051, Boy, Age 11, Grade 6, Size Youth XL or Youth 18-20

Shoes: 051, Boy, Age 11, Grade 6, Shoe & Sock Size: Ladies 5

Clothing: 052, Girl, Age 12, Grade 7, Size prefers Ladies Large or 12-14 dress – no pants

Shoes: 052, Girl, Age 12, Grade 7, Shoe & Sock Size: Ladies 8

Clothing: 053, Girl, Age 13, Grade 9, Size prefers Ladies Medium or 10 dress or skirt – no pants

Shoes: 053, Girl, Age 13, Grade 9, Shoe & Sock Size: Ladies 8

Clothing: 054, Girl, Age 17, Grade 11, Size Adult Medium or Juniors 7

Shoes: 054, Girl, Age 17, Grade 11, Shoe & Sock Size: Ladies 6

Clothing: 055, Boy, Age 11, Grade 16, Size Adult Small or Youth 14-16

Shoes: 055, Boy, Age 11, Grade 6, Shoe & Sock Size: Mens 7

Clothing: 056, Girl, Age 9, Grade 3, Size Youth Large or Youth 10-12

Shoes: 056, Girl, Age 9, Grade 3, Shoe & Sock Size: Youth 3

Clothing: 057, Boy, Age 12, Grade 7, Size Adult Large Shirt, Adult Large-XL athletic shorts

Shoes: 057, Boy, Age 12, Grade 7, Shoe & Sock Size: Mens 7.5

Clothing: 058, Boy, Age 10, Grade 6, Size Adult Small or Youth 10-12

Shoes: 058, Boy, Age 10, Grade 6, Shoe & Sock Size: Youth 6

Clothing: 059, Girl, Age 11, Grade 6, Size Adult Small or Ladies 2, nothing girly, athletic or retro

Shoes: 059, Girl, Age 11, Grade 6, Shoe & Sock Size: Ladies 6



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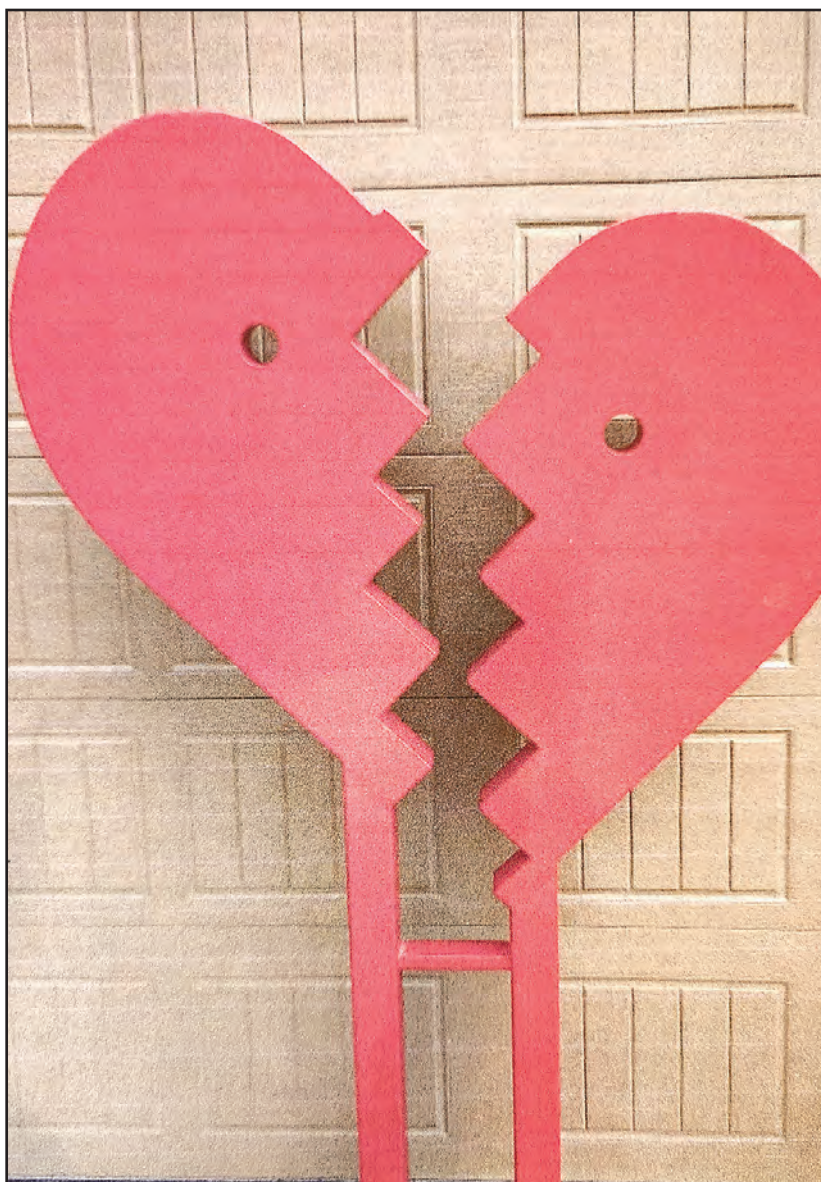
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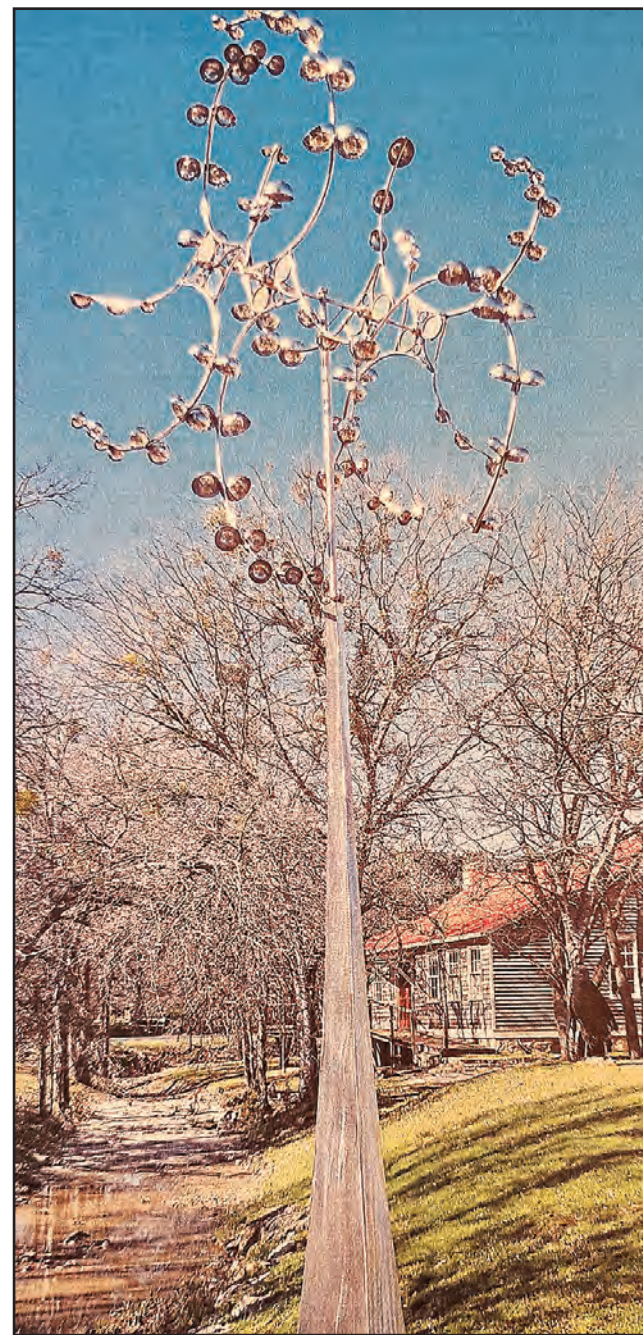

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Broken Heart & Cat in Tree sculpted by Jay Schraan.



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Visit the Salado Sculpture Garden

The Public Art League of Salado, P.A.L.S., proudly announces the acquisition of two permanent sculptures for The Salado Sculpture Garden. These two pieces are Red Moose by Johnny Shipman and Starburst by Jim LaPaso. These artists, along with other sculptors, had previously loaned their work to P.A.L.S. (Public Art League of Salado) for The Sculpture Garden. Since their purchase, they will be in The Garden permanently. P.A.L.S. places new perpetual art work in The Sculpture Garden each year. Last year's purchases were Cat in Tree and Broken Heart, both sculpted by Jay Schraan. Also purchased and donated to The Salado Museum by P.A.L.S. this year was a 40"x47" model of Grace Jones Corner on Royal and Main Streets made entirely of cork. Please go and enjoy this piece of Salado's history which is on continuous display at the museum.

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Village of Salado Calendar of Events

Mondays

Salado Senior Center open 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Mondays at 650 Royal St. (Salado United Methodist Church Youth Activity Center). Coffee Corner and Game Time, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Chair Yoga with Joette Grieco, 9-10 a.m. Bridge, 9:30-noon. Movie and Popcorn, 1-3 p.m.

Family Interactive Movie at Salado Public Library, 1 p.m. Village Artists- knitters, crocheters and stitchers meet, 1-4 p.m. Salado Village Artists' red building behind the Civic Center.

Barrow Cycling Club, 6 p.m. for a no-drop ride. Floor practice at Salado Masonic Lodge #296, 95 S. Church St., 6:30 p.m. except on Stated Meeting nights.

Open Mic with Ryan White, at Chupacabra, 7 p.m. Tonkawa Chapter Native Plant Society of Texas meeting, 6 p.m., first Monday of

month, Barrow Brewing Co.

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

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

Tuesdays

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

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

Storytime with Ms. Mia at Salado Public Library, 11 a.m. Tuesday Night Prix Fixe at Alexander's Craft Cocktails + Kitchen. \$16.95 for entree, dessert and glass of wine. Prix Fixe menu changes weekly. Visit Alexander's Facebook page for weekly updates on Prix Fixe. Reservations encouraged.

Trivia with Rockin Rick, at

Chupacabra, 7-9 p.m.

Wednesdays

Teens Cosplay July Workshop at Salado Public Library, 1 p.m. Register at front desk.

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

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

Grief Share support group program, 6:30-8 p.m. 14-week fall session at Grace Church of Salado. The program is non-denominational and feature biblical concepts for healing from a person's grief. Cost is \$20 for workbook. For further information on the Grief Share program in Salado,

please contact Mary Hendrix at 858-232- 4692. Last session is Nov. 1.

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

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 and Game Time, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Chair Tai Chi with Rich Trautman, 10-11 a.m. Bingo, noon-1 p.m. Bridge, 12:30-3 p.m. Movie and Popcorn, 1-3 p.m.

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

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

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

Barrow Cycling Club, 6 p.m. for a no-drop ride.

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.

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

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

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

Fridays

Storytime with Ms. Mia, Salado Public Library, 11 a.m.

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

Farmers' Market, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. every Saturday, Barrow Brewing Co.

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

Live Music at Axis Winery, 2-5 p.m.

Live Music at Barrow Brewing, 7 p.m.

Live Music at Chupacabra Craft Beer, 8 p.m.

Sundays

Live Music at Axis Winery, 2-5 p.m.

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

Now through Labor Day

Student art exhibit and folk art exhibit at Salado Museum, 423 South Main St. Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

July 20

Adult Craft DIY Bird Bath, 11 a.m., registration required at front desk, Salado Public Library.

July 20

Thursday Book Club, 3 p.m. Salado Public Library.

July 20

Pint Night at Chupacabra Craft Beer, 4 p.m.-midnight. Get a free pint glass with every purchase of the featured brewery, (512).

July 20

Wines and Small Bites 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.

July 20

Village of Salado Aldermen meeting, 6:30 p.m. 301 N. Stagecoach Rd. Meeting will be cast via Zoom. Link will be posted at saladotx.gov 72 hours before meeting.

July 20

Texas Red's Name That Tune Bingo with Sweet Caroline and DJ Dale Host, 7 p.m. at Barrow Brewing Co. Featuring 75 Hit Songs. Mark your free Bingo cards to win brewery prizes.

July 21

Live Music at Chupacabra, 7 p.m., Jon Austin.

July 21

Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 7 p.m., Wayworn Traveler.

July 22

Teens: Dinosaur Taxidermy, ages 12+, 1 p.m., Salado Public Library.

July 22

Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 7 p.m., Don Owens Back Roads Band.

July 22

Salado Legends Tablerock's Goodnight Amphitheater, 409 Royal St., Salado, TX, 76571. Dinner is at 7:15 p.m., Performance begins at 8:15 p.m. Dinner tickets, which must be purchased 24 hours in advance, are \$13. Salado Legends tickets are \$25 for adults, \$10 for students (with ID) and \$5 for children 12 and under. Tickets can be purchased online at CentralTexasTickets.com.

July 22

Live Music at Chupacabra, 8 p.m., Britton Pyeatt.

July 23

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

July 24

Salado Public Library District Board of Directors meeting, 4:30 p.m. Salado Library.

July 24-28

Boys Soccer Camp 1 for incoming kindergarten-second graders will be 8:30-9:30 a.m. July 24-28 at the grass fields behind Thomas Arnold Elementary. Cost is \$50. For information, call coach Jared Cruddas at 254.947.6970 or email jared.cruddas@saladoisd.org.

July 24-28

Boys Soccer Camp 2 for incoming third-sixth graders will be 9:45-10:45 a.m. July 24-28 at the grass fields behind Thomas Arnold Elementary. Cost is \$50. For information, call coach Jared Cruddas at 254.947.6970 or email jared.cruddas@saladoisd.org.

July 24-28

Boys Soccer Camp 3 for incoming seventh-ninth graders will be 11 a.m.-noon July 24-28 at the grass fields behind Thomas Arnold Elementary. Cost is \$50. For information, call coach Jared Cruddas at 254.947.6970 or email jared.cruddas@saladoisd.org.

July 25

Summer Fun Art Class with Salado Village Artists for kids ages 8-12, 1-3 p.m. at the Salado Village Artists building on grounds of Salado Civic Center. \$10 session includes all materials for class. Red - Yel-

low - Blue: Making the Rainbow, Having Fun with Color. To register email halexand@embarqmail.com or call Helen Alexander at 254-947-1089. Include child's name, age and emergency number for registration. Space is saved with payment by check mailed to Salado Village Artists, PO Box 363, Salado, TX 76571.

July 26

Adult Puzzle Swap, 10 a.m., Salado Public Library.

July 26

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

July 27

Pint Night at Chupacabra Craft Beer, 4 p.m.-midnight. Get a free pint glass with every purchase of the featured brewery, 3 Nations.

July 28

Teens Super Smash Bros, ages 12+, noon, Salado Public Library.

July 28

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 28

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

July 28

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

July 29

Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 7 p.m., Fred Fuller.

July 29

Merlot harvest at Salado Winery's vineyard, 21724 Hill Road, 6:30-10:30 a.m. Come pick grapes with June Ritterbusch and Sheldon Vickers at the vineyard or just pose like you are picking grapes! Harvest as much or as little as you enjoy. You can even eat some straight from the vine! Harvest is family friendly.

July 29

Salado Legends Tablerock's Goodnight Amphitheater, 409 Royal St., Salado, TX, 76571. Dinner is at 7:15 p.m., Performance begins at 8:15 p.m. Dinner tickets, which must be purchased 24 hours in advance, are \$13. Salado Legends tickets are \$25 for adults, \$10 for students (with ID) and \$5 for children 12 and under. Tickets can be purchased online at CentralTexasTickets.com.

July 29

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

July 30

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

August 2

Launch of the Grief Share support group program 14-week fall session at Grace Church of Salado, 6-8:30 p.m. The program is non-denominational and feature biblical concepts for healing from a person's grief. Cost is \$20 for workbook. For further information on the Grief Share program in Salado, contact Mary Hendrix at 858-232- 4692. Last session is Nov. 1.

August 3

Texas Red's Name That Tune Bingo with Sweet Caroline and DJ Dale Host, 7 p.m. at Barrow Brewing Co. Featuring 75 Hit Songs. Mark

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Volunteers came out bright and early in the morning to help harvest Chardonnay grapes with Salado Winery.

Salado Winery harvests continue

This may be a record-breaking hot summer so far, but that isn't slowing down harvest for winemaker June Ritterbusch.

"Harvest is a season," Ritterbusch said. "The various varieties ripen at different intervals so there are many batches at different stages of fermentation. This year we are expecting to process grapes from four vineyards in Bell County over the next month so there's no time to waste worrying about the heat".

The first haul was chardonnay from her own vineyard in Salado on July 17.

June Ritterbusch and her husband, Sheldon Vickers also grow merlot, sangiovese and cabernet sauvignon. The vineyard was planted in 2005 and in 2006 they harvested the first 500 lbs. Since then, their harvests have ranged from 1-4 tons each summer. 2021 and 2022 were disappointing yields due to late freezes but in 2023 the vines truly recovered due to the higher than average May rains.

"We need all the grapes we can get from local vineyards" says Ritterbusch, "the Texas Wine Industry is exploding". According to the Texas Wine and Grape Grower Association, "The production, distribution, sales, and consumption of wine in Texas benefits many sectors of the state's economy and generates more than \$20 billion in to-

tal economic activity. This ultimate value-added product preserves agricultural land, provides American jobs, attracts tourists, generates taxes, and enhances the quality of life."

Most local vineyards rely on friends and family to help pick all the grapes. Salado Winery is inviting the public on Saturday, July 22 and Saturday, August 5 "I hope the heat does not interfere with folks enjoying the harvest," says Ritterbusch, "We start harvest early in the morning before temperatures soar. Folks are encouraged to join in as much or as little as they enjoy. We tell people they can just come and pose for a picture or taste grapes straight from the vine." Interested folks can check with their favorite vineyard or winery for dates, times and locations.

"We feel quite positive about the future," Ritterbusch says. "We have been keeping busy and we have made large investments in equipment and inventory, but most importantly we have a great crew. Both paid and unpaid we have fabulous folks who work with us and tremendous friends who help us get through it all."

Salado Winery will harvest merlot grapes on July 29 and cabernet sauvignon grapes on Aug. 5 at their vineyard, 21724 Hill Road, 6:30-10:30 a.m. each day.



Sandy Carlson owner of Presley Boutique cut the official Chamber of Commerce ribbon July 11 and hosted the Business After Hours. The shop is located at 7 N. Main St. Ste. R. Access to the shop is available with parking behind Salado Inn. The name of the shop was inspired by her granddaughter Presley. In addition to visiting the shop in person, online shopping is available at Presleyboutique.com. (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)

Calendar of Events

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your free Bingo cards to win brewery prizes.

August 5
Merlot harvest at Salado Winery's vineyard, 21724 Hill Road, 6:30-10:30 a.m. Come pick grapes with June Ritterbusch and Sheldon Vickers at the vineyard or just pose like you are picking grapes! Harvest as much or as little as you enjoy. You can even eat some straight from the vine! Harvest is family friendly. **August 5**

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August 10
Around the World Dinner Series, Alexander's Craft Cocktails + Kitchen, 6:30 p.m. Five course themed dinner, \$100 per person. Tickets on eventbrite.com. This month's focus is Venezuela.

August 12-13
Salado Market Days 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at Salado Antique Mall 721 Stagecoach Road. Salado's original Market Days event.

August 14
The 2nd Monday book club meets at 7 pm at Salado Winery. **August 17**

Texas Red's Name That Tune Bingo with Sweet Caroline and DJ Dale Host, 7 p.m. at Barrow Brewing Co. Featuring 75 Hit Songs. Mark your free Bingo cards to win brewery prizes.

August 24-26
Central Texas Youth Rodeo Association rodeo at Heritage Country Church arena, 9929 Lark Trail. Thursday and Friday 7 p.m. start time. Saturday 6 p.m. start time. Order of Events: Calf Riding, Steer Riding, Poles, Straights, Goats, Barrels, Chute Dogging, Dbl Mugging, Tie Down, Ribbons, Breakaway, Team Roping. Age Groups:

6 & Under, 7-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16-19.

August 25
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.

September 7
Texas Red's Name That Tune Bingo with Sweet Caroline and DJ Dale Host, 7 p.m. at Barrow Brewing Co. Featuring 75 Hit Songs. Mark your free Bingo cards to win brewery prizes.

September 8-30
Blow-Your-Own Drink-

ware Events at Salado Glassworks. Make your own Mug, Sipper, Tumbler for \$90. Ages 12+. Fridays 3-5 p.m. Saturdays 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Registration opens August 9 online at saladoglassworks.com

September 9-10
Salado Market Days 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at Salado Antique Mall 721 Stagecoach Road. Salado's original Market Days event.

September 11
The 2nd Monday book club meets at 7 pm at Salado Winery.

September 14
Salado Music Friendly Community Let's Talk Music! Networking Mixer, 6 p.m. at Solas Gallery (2 Rock Creek Dr.). For more information about Salado Music Friendly Community initiative, upcoming music events, visit <https://www.saladotx.gov/music-friendly-community>.

September 14
Around the World Dinner Series, Alexander's Craft Cocktails + Kitchen, 6:30 p.m. Five course themed dinner, \$100 per person. Tickets on eventbrite.com. This month's focus is Cuba.

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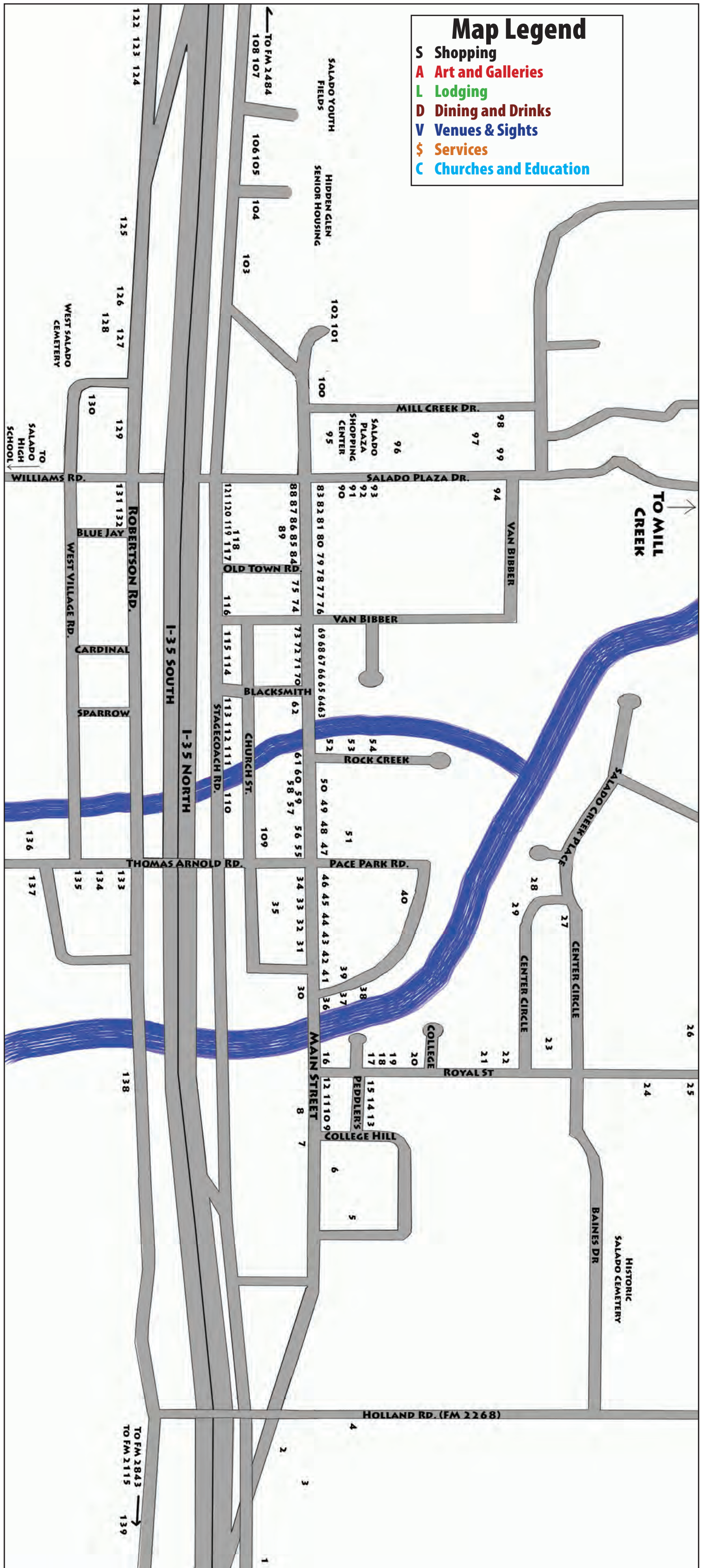
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Shopping Map of Salado

| # | Business Name | Type |
|--------------------------------------|---|--|
| 4 | St. Stephen Catholic Church 254-947-8037 | C |
| 6 | Salado College Park | V |
| 7 | Raney & Assoc. Real Estate 254-913-1215 | \$ |
| 8 | StageCoach Inn Shady Villa 254-947-5111 | D L |
| 9 | Salado Museum 254-947-5232 Salado Visitors Center 254-947-8634 Salado Chamber of Commerce 254-947-5040 Village of Salado Tourism Office 254-947-8634 New Life Methodist Church | V \$ \$ \$ \$ C |
| 10 | Sofi's 254-947-4336 | S |
| 11 | Chupacabra Craft Beer and Winery (254) 308-2019 Chupacabra Kitchen (254) 308-2220 | D D |
| 14 | Salado Glassworks 254-947-0339 | A |
| 15 | Rio Salado Cocina y Cantina 254-308-2044 | D |
| 17 | Barrow Brewing Co. 254-947-3544 Happy Pizza 254-226-1684 | D D |
| 21 | The Venue 254-947-5554 Village Spa 254-293-6600 | V S |
| 22 | The Shed 254-947-1960 | D |
| 24 | Tablerock 254-947-9205 | V |
| 26 | Salado United Methodist Church 254-947-5482 | C |
| 29 | Inn on the Creek 254-947-5554 Alexanders Craft Cocktails & Kitchen 254-947-3828 | L D |
| 30 | First Baptist Church 254-947-546 | C |
| 32 | First Texas Brokerage 254-947-5577 | \$ |
| 34 | First Community Title 254-947-8480 | \$ |
| 36 | Woof.salado 254-500-6865 | S |
| 40 | W.A. Pace Memorial Park 254-947-5060 | V |
| 41 | Susan Marie's 254-947-5239 | S |
| 48 | Nancy Best Real Estate 512-571-1259 | \$ |
| 49 | Lively Coffeehouse & Bistro 254-947-3688 | D |
| 52 | Wristy Business 254-899-9218 | S |
| 56 | Salado Creek Jewelry 254-855-5538 | S |
| 62 | The Pizza Place 254-947-0222 | D |
| 66 | BNT Real Estate 254-230-4949 | S |
| 75 | Stage Stop Center Salado Creek Dental 254-308-2027 | \$ \$ |
| 76 | Salado Civic Center 254-947-5479 | \$ |
| 80 | Axis Winery 254-308-2016 | D |
| 81 | Salado Wine Seller and Salado Winery Co. 254-947-8011 | D |
| 82 | St. Joseph's Episcopal Church 254-947-3160 | C |
| 84 | Old Town Salado | |
| 85 | Salado Post Office 254-947-5322 | \$ |
| 86 | Bill Bartlett – Century 21 254-947-5050 | \$ |
| 87 | The Personal Wealth Coach 254-947-1111 | \$ |
| 90 | Presbyterian Church of Salado 254-308-2023 | C |
| 91 | Troy Smith Financial Services 254-947-0376 | \$ |
| 92 | Salado Sculpture Garden | A |
| 96 | Salado Plaza Ace Pest Control 254-947-4222 Anytime Fitness Salado 254-947-1063 Integrity Rehab 254-699-3933 Salado's Hair Shop 254-421-5173 Salado Village Voice 254-947-5321 | \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ |
| 100 | Salado Public Library 254-947-9191 | C |
| 107 | Salado Creek Ministries meets at the Holiday Inn Express | C |
| 113 | Salado Church of Christ 254-947-5241 | C |
| 126 | Cowboy's Barbecue 254-947-5700 | D |
| 130 | Village Spirits 254-947-7117 | S |
| 132 | Broecker Funeral Home 254-947-0066 | \$ |
| 134 | The Dog Spot 254-947-3647 | \$ |
| 135 | Carus Dental 254-947-8067 | \$ |
| 136 | Salado Schools & Stadium Village Church of Salado 972-978-2239 | C C |
| 137 | Iron Orchid Bodywork (inside Salado Fitness) 254-541-5659 | \$ |
| 139 | Cedar Valley Baptist Church 254-947-0148 | C |
| Not Shown on the Shopping Map | | |
| | 3C Cowboy Fellowship 254-947-7211 | C |
| | Grace Church 254-947-5917 | C |
| | Mill Creek Country Club 254-947-5698 | V |
| | JD's Truck Stop and Grill 254-947-5228 | S/D |



Historical Markers in Salado

| | | | | | | | |
|-----|------------------------------------|-----|-------------------------------|-----|---------------------------|------|-----------------------------|
| 6. | Salado Historic College Hill | 25. | The A.J. Rose Mansion | 35. | Salado Masonic Lodge #296 | 61. | Historic Lenticular Bridge |
| 8. | Shady Villa Hotel (Stagecoach Inn) | 26. | Old Methodist Chapel | 45. | The Anderson House | 49. | The Vickrey House |
| 8. | Main Street Bridge | 27. | Caskey-Hendricks House | 46. | Old Saloon | 76. | Boles-Aiken & Denman Cabins |
| 16. | Barber-Berry Mercantile | 28. | Dr. McKie Place (Twelve Oaks) | 48. | The Norton-Orgain House | 77. | The Robert B. Halley House |
| 23. | The Baines House | 29. | Alexander's Distillery | 50. | The Barton House | 79. | The Reed Cabin |
| 24. | Historic Dipping Vats | 30. | First Baptist Church | 51. | The Levi Tenney House | 100. | The Josiah Fowler House |
| | | 31. | The Tyler House | 55. | The Armstrong Adams House | | |

Salado Bats are 12U State baseball runners-up

Salado Bats are the 12U State Runners-Up, falling to the Groesbeck Swamp Donkeys 4-2 July 14 at Crossroads Park in Temple in the Texas Teenage Baseball-Softball Association state tournament finals.

| | R | H | E |
|-----------|----|----|---|
| Groesbeck | 13 | 8 | 4 |
| Salado | 7 | 10 | 6 |

The Bats led the Swamp Donkeys through five innings game, but allowed Groesbeck to score three runs in the top of the sixth to take their first, and final, lead of the game.

The Swamp Donkeys scored three runs in the top of the sixth while only hitting one single, capitalizing on three batters being hit by the pitcher, a walk, and a passed ball.

The Salado Bats scored in the second and third innings.

In the second, Cruz Cox earned a walk. He stole second and went to third on a passed ball, scoring on a wild pitch.

Brady Bratton led off the bottom of the third with a single to deep right. He advanced on a balk and went to third on a ground-out by Staton Norman. He scored on an error.

| | ABR | H | R | BB | SO | |
|---------------|------------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|----|
| G. Winders | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | |
| B. Bratton | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | |
| S. Norman | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | |
| S. Rockwell | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | |
| C. Cox | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | |
| N. Sifuentez | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | |
| K. Matocha | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | |
| L. Crum | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | |
| T. Oliver | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Totals | 21 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 10 | |
| | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO |
| S. Rockwell | 5.0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 8 | |
| S. Norman | 0.1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | |
| B. Bratton | 0.2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | |
| Total | 6.0 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 10 | |

To get to the finals, the Bats beat Temple, Teague and Clifton, following their first loss to Groesbeck in the second round of games on July 12.



(PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)

Salado Bats are State Runners-Up in the 12U Texas Teenage Baseball-Softball Association state tournament. Shown above are (players row, from left) Tristen Oliver, Cruz Cox, Gavin Winders, Noah Sifuentez, Kelton Matocha, Camden Herrmann, Slayde Rockwell, Brady Bratton, Landon Crum, Hayden Greenfield, Staton Norman. Coaches are (from left) Stephen Cox, Josh Bratton, Heath Crum, Ryan Norman.

| | R | H | E |
|-----------|----|----|---|
| Groesbeck | 13 | 8 | 4 |
| Salado | 7 | 10 | 6 |

| | ABR | H | R | BB | SO | |
|---------------|------------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|
| K. Matocha | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 2 | |
| B. Bratton | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | |
| S. Norman | 3 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 0 | |
| N. Sifuentez | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | |
| S. Rockwell | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | |
| C. Cox | 3 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 0 | |
| G. Winders | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | |
| T. Oliver | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | |
| L. Crum | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | |
| Totals | 26 | 7 | 10 | 4 | 6 | |
| | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO |
| B. Bratton | 3.0 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| N. Sifuentez | 0.1 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| S. Norman | 1.1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 2 |
| G. Winder | 1.1 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 6.0 | 8 | 13 | 4 | 6 | 6 |



(PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)

Tristan Oliver slides into second base during the Salado Bats 4-2 loss in the finals of the Texas Teenage Baseball-Softball association state tournament on July 14.



Noah Sifuentez stretches out to get the runner out at first. For more photos and story on the tournament, visit saladovillagevoice.com. (PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)

| | R | H | E |
|--------|----|----|---|
| Salado | 12 | 13 | 0 |
| Temple | 1 | 4 | 2 |

| | ABR | H | R | BB | SO | |
|---------------|------------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|
| G. Winders | 3 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | |
| C. Cox | 3 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 0 | |
| S. Norman | 3 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 0 | |
| S. Rockwell | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | |
| N. Sifuentez | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 0 | |
| L. Crum | 3 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | |
| B. Bratton | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | |
| C. Herrmann | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | |
| K. Matocha | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | |
| H. Greenfield | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | |
| T. Oliver | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Totals | 22 | 12 | 13 | 4 | 3 | |
| | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO |
| G. Winders | 3.0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| K. Matocha | 1.0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Total | 4.0 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |

| | R | H | E |
|--------|----|----|---|
| Salado | 10 | 12 | 3 |
| Teague | 2 | 2 | 2 |

| | ABR | H | R | BB | SO | |
|---------------|------------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|----|
| G. Winders | 4 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 0 | |
| B. Bratton | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | |
| S. Norman | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | |
| S. Rockwell | 3 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | |
| C. Cox | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | |
| N. Sifuentez | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | |
| K. Matocha | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | |
| L. Crum | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | |
| C. Herrmann | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| T. Oliver | 2 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | |
| H. Greenfield | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | |
| Totals | 26 | 10 | 12 | 3 | 5 | |
| | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO |
| S. Rockwell | 2.2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | |
| N. Sifuentez | 1.1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 3 | |
| S. Norman | 1.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | |
| Total | 5.0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 6 | |

| | R | H | E |
|---------|---|---|---|
| Salado | 7 | 9 | 0 |
| Clifton | 1 | 3 | 2 |

| | ABR | H | R | BB | SO | |
|---------------|------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| G. Winders | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | |
| B. Bratton | 3 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | |
| S. Norman | 4 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | |
| S. Rockwell | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | |
| C. Cox | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | |
| N. Sifuentez | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | |
| K. Matocha | 3 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | |
| L. Crum | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | |
| C. Herrmann | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| T. Oliver | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | |
| Greenfield | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | |
| Totals | 29 | 9 | 4 | 3 | 9 | |
| | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO |
| N. Sifuentez | 4.1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 7 |
| S. Norman | 1.2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Total | 6.0 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 8 |

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Christian Maffey tags out a runner trying to get to third base during the Salado Eagles White 6U state tournament game held in Belton last week. Above, right Rhett Parkers throws the ball to get a runner out. They had a bye in the first round and beat the Canton Captains 18-17 in the second round. They lost to the Bosqueville Rangers in t31-25 he third round. They beat the Bloomingfield Lions 32-22 in the Losers' bracket and lost to the Mineola Legends 24-9 to place sixth out of 27 teams in the tournament. (PHOTOS BY ROYCE WIGGIN)

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ise Foundation® matching scholarship opportunities.

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Roach is Basic Skills winner

Sawyer Roach, Salado High School feature twirler, competed in the Texas National Baton Twirling Competition (NBTA) held in Georgetown June 16-17. She competed in the Senior division of the Basic Skills Pageant which includes three events: modeling, baton twirling solo, and basic strut (marching). She also competed in two-baton solo, Texas Model, and Best Appearing. She received first place for her two-baton solo, and she became the senior division winner for the Basic Skills Pageant. Because Sawyer was a novice competitor at this competition, she will not go forward to represent Texas in the National Competition at the end of July at Notre Dame, but she plans to continue competing in NBTA circuit next year as a beginner competitor and hopes to win again in order to represent Texas at the National Championship in 2024. Sawyer trains at Central Texas Twirling Company by Coach Debra Faulkner and Macy Wolf. (COURTESY PHOTO)

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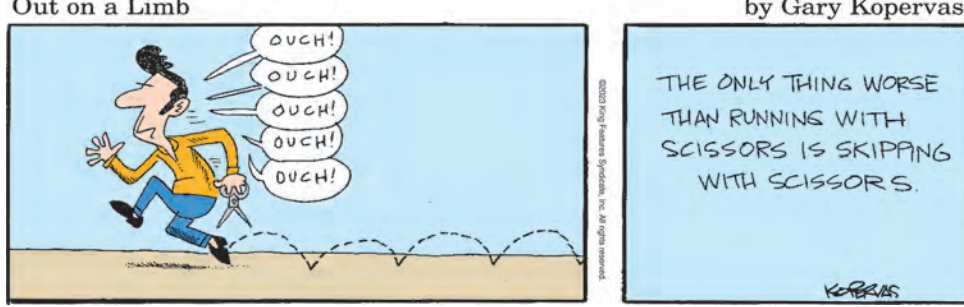
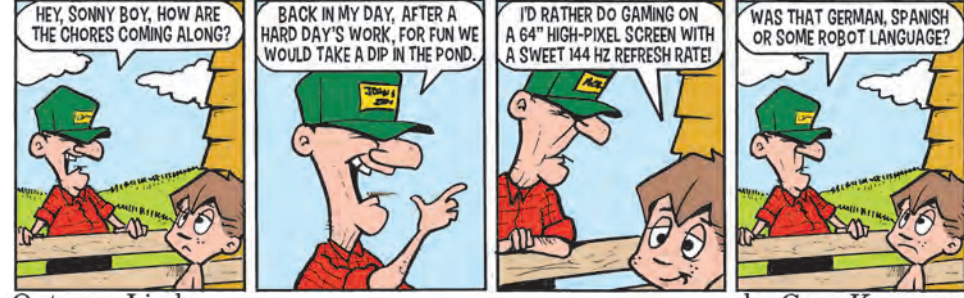
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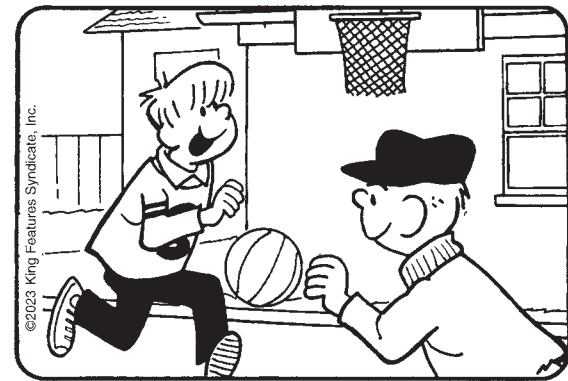
North dealer. North-South vulnerable. NORTH: ♠ 9 8 6, ♥ A K Q 7, ♦ A 4, ♣ 10 9 5 2. WEST: ♠ K 10 4 3, ♥ 10 3, ♦ 9 5, ♣ A K Q 8 3. EAST: ♠ A Q J 7 5 2, ♥ J 6, ♦ Q 7 2, ♣ 7 6. SOUTH: ♠ —, ♥ 9 8 5 4 2, ♦ K J 10 8 6 3, ♣ J 4. The bidding: North 1♣, East 2♠, South 3♥, West 4♠. Opening lead — king of clubs.

indicating a strong six-card suit in a hand of less than opening strength. Sharif now boldly bid three hearts despite his five high-card points and dreadful heart suit. Obviously, he could not bring himself to pass, but this action ultimately came back to haunt him. West jumped to four spades, and North, not knowing whether his side could make five hearts or whether the opponents could make four spades, decided to cater to both possibilities by bidding five hearts. That closed the bidding, and Cohen led the K-A of clubs. Then, knowing a spade shift could serve no purpose since South had to be void in the suit, Cohen continued with a low club. This was the straw that broke the camel's back. Tintner ruffed dummy's nine of clubs with the jack of hearts, and Sharif was down one before he could even get started. Declarer had no trouble taking the rest of the tricks. He ruffed the spade return, cashed the A-K of trump and the A-K of diamonds, then ruffed a diamond in dummy, establishing the rest of the suit. However, this was little consolation for someone who had lost a trump trick with a combined total of nine trumps headed by the A-K-Q and the trumps divided 2-2 in the opponents' hands.

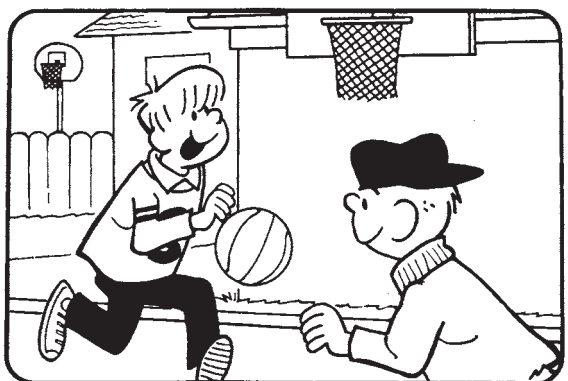
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Basket is added. 2. Fence is reversed. 3. Ball is higher. 4. Arm is lower. 5. Cap is reversed. 6. Window is missing.

Sudoku grid with numbers 1-9.

ANSWER for the sudoku puzzle.

Weekly SUDOKU

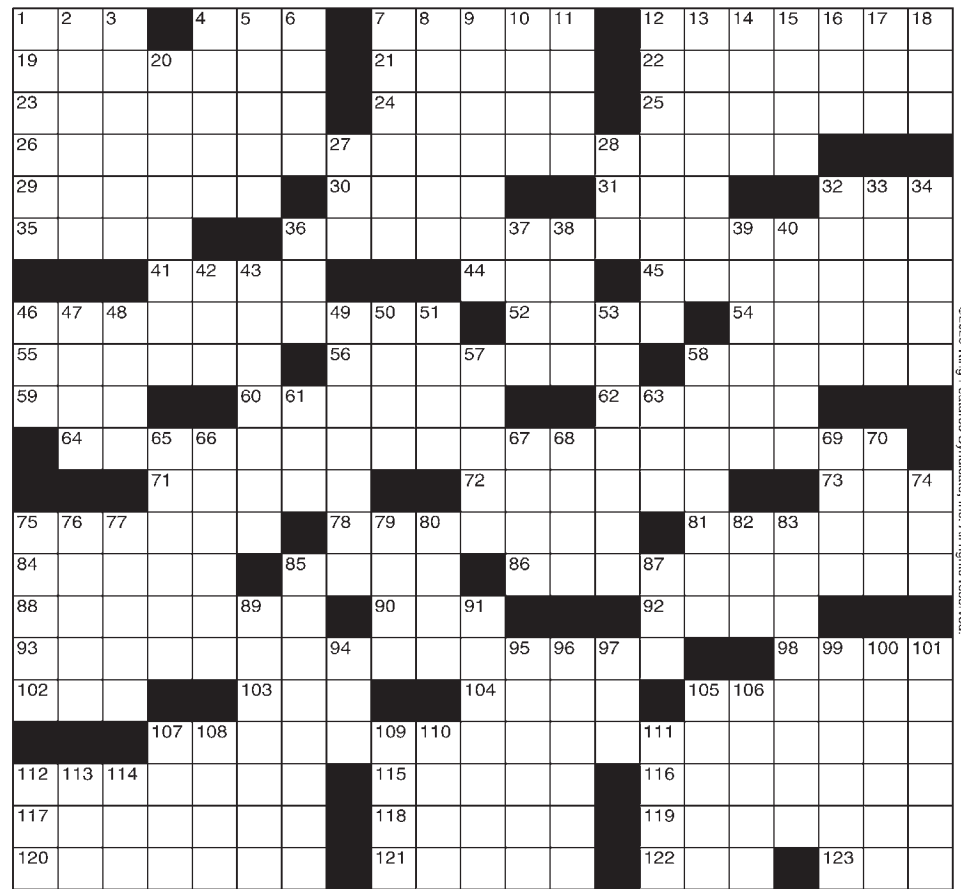
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Answers for the crossword puzzle.

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- ACROSS: 1 "Still open," on a sched. 4 Poppa 7 Some swords 12 Nero's great-grandfather 19 Wasn't too rushed to do something with people in a line 21 Dance with people in a line 22 One-dollar Canadian coins 23 Of morals 24 In the vicinity 25 One of Capt. Kirk's officers 26 Start of a riddle 29 Like much folk medicine 30 Lubricates 31 Italian "a" 32 Winter hours in Minn. 35 Ancient recital halls 36 Riddle, part 2 41 Boxer Oscar — Hoya 44 — -mo replay 45 Kiev's country 46 Riddle, part 3 52 X Games 54 Playwright Chekhov 55 Cartoon canary 56 Burn with no flame 58 — Little (mouse of kiddie lit) 59 Biden's party: Abbr. 60 Los Angeles district 62 Part of OTOH 64 Riddle, part 4 71 Dress in fine duds 72 Pedro's shawl 73 Caged bird, often 75 "Blue Ribbon" beers 78 Barely makes, as a living 81 Andes beasts 84 Nudge rudely 85 "Meh" grades 86 Riddle, part 5 88 1960s art movement 90 — chi 92 Peak in the "Odyssey" 93 End of the riddle 98 Letters after upsilons 102 Sci-fi visitors 103 Prefix with plunk 104 Presque Isle's lake 105 Celebrity chef Mario 107 Riddle's answer 112 Not forsaking 115 Elliptical 116 Fragrant Chinese flower 117 Word-of-mouth precepts 118 Dig deep 119 Grappler, rural-style 120 Gloucester's peninsula 121 Birch-family tree 122 Ordinal number suffix 123 — Plaines 1 Form a bladderlike sac around 10 "My stars!" 11 Bargain event 12 Just for laughs 13 Gradually lost light 14 Libertine guy 15 Very pixel-dense, as a TV picture 16 More, to musicians 17 — capita 18 Simple center 20 Old-style sheriff's emblem 27 Lav in a pub 28 Pool hall stick 32 Tony winner Rivera 33 Sir of Seville 34 Former senator Lott 36 Roadwork goop 37 "— 3 Lives" (1952 memoir) 38 Ascended 39 Declaimed 40 Organic fertilizer 42 Prefix for "outer" 43 Fill a nest, in a way 46 Inc., to a Brit 47 Was behind financially 48 Pixar's lost clown fish 49 Con at large 50 Kuwaiti VIP 51 Actor 52 Moss who co-starred on "The Bold and the Beautiful" for 25 years 53 In proportion 57 Wind-deposited loam 58 Armor pieces 61 Sch. in Manhattan 63 With 101-Down, rubber-soled canvas shoes 65 "How curious" 66 Words after "Make love" 67 Cat call 68 Dude, slangily 69 Engine speed stats 70 "You betcha!" 74 Mao — -tung 75 British coins 76 Forewarman 77 Hip-hop devotees, in old slang 79 Etta of old comics 80 Morales of "La Linea" 82 Fleur-de- — 83 Power cord attachments 85 Declined in status 87 Lap dog 89 Bismarck or Pierre native 91 Freezing Beautiful" manipulator 94 Wall St. Show up 95 Show up 96 German art songs 97 Actor Ayres 99 "Over the Rainbow" composer Arlen 100 "Maybe ... ask me later!" 101 See 63-Down 105 Sheep call 106 Flooded (in) 107 Windy blast 108 Cantina pot slangily 109 Jedi guru 110 Daredevil Knievel 111 French "to be" 112 Tone — ("Wild Thing" rapper) 113 Man-mouse linkup 114 Bark sharply



Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. WEATHER: What is the name of the hot wind that blows from the Sahara Desert to the southern coast of Europe? 2. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the name of the condition of seeing human faces in random or ambiguous objects or patterns? 3. GEOGRAPHY: What is the only country that borders the United Kingdom? 4. THEATER: Which Broadway play features a helicopter on stage? 5. LITERATURE: Who wrote the novel "One Hundred Years of Solitude"? 6. MEDICAL: What is the common name for the ailment called epistaxis? 7. TELEVISION: Which TV comedy popularized the phrase "Yabba Dabba Do"? 8. MOVIES: What is the nickname that Steven Spielberg gave the mechanical shark in the movie "Jaws"? 9. HISTORY: When did the Boxer Rebellion take place in China? 10. MATH: Which number doesn't have a corresponding Roman numeral?

- Answers: 1. Sirocco. 2. Pareidolia. 3. Republic of Ireland. 4. "Miss Saigon." 5. Gabriel Garcia Marquez. 6. Nosebleed. 7. "The Flintstones." 8. Bruce. 9. 1900. 10. Zero.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

Sudoku grid for Weekly SUDOKU.

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 ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Beef cattle production event expected to draw 1,900 to Bryan-College Station

BY KAY LEDBETTER
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The 69th annual Texas A&M Beef Cattle Short Course in Bryan-College Station will offer some cutting-edge information and ranch technology, along with basic beef cattle production information.

The annual event is set for Aug. 7-9, with more than 1,900 cattle producers expected to come to the Texas A&M University campus, making it the largest event of its kind in the nation. The event is hosted by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and the Texas A&M College of Agriculture and Life Sciences' Department of Animal Science.

Both in-person and online attendance is offered. The cost is \$260 for in-person attendance and \$160 for online if registered by Aug. 2. The price will increase to \$300 after that date. To register, go to <https://tx.ag/BCSC23Reg> or call 979-845-6931 for more information.

Jason Cleere, Ph.D., conference coordinator and AgriLife Extension beef cattle specialist in the Department of Animal Science, Bryan-College Station, said they have made a special effort to highlight advancing ranch technology this year.

"We added a session specifically dedicated to beef cattle technologies," Cleere said. "Some topics include precision livestock data management, cattle electronic monitoring and artificial intelligence on the ranch. As more data is collected on ranches, ranchers need ways to manage it to improve profitability."

There are also several new companies that will showcase their technologies during the trade show, Cleere said. More than 140 companies are expected at this year's trade show, he noted.

"We believe this year's Beef Cattle Short Course offering is shaping up to be one of the best ever, and the interest from ranchers thus far has been great," Cleere said.

EMBRACING RANCH TECHNOLOGY TO IMPROVE PROFITABILITY

The special session on technology will be from 8 a.m. to noon on Aug. 8 as a part of the Cattleman's College sessions. The following are the topics and speakers:

Optimizing Ranch Profitability by Managing Your Livestock, Grazing and Team All in One Place — Coby Buck, AgriWebb director of strategic accounts, Wray Ranch, Wray, Colora-



The 69th annual Beef Cattle Short Course will introduce cattle producers to new technology (Texas A&M AgriLife photo by Sam Craft)

do.

The Intersection of Technology and Genetic Acceleration: Shaping a Sustainable Beef Industry — Kerryann Kocher, CEO and co-founder of Vytelle, Kansas City.

Leveraging Drones for Cattle Management: How, What and Why? — Meir Ginsburg, CattleQuants co-founder and director of business development, Cleveland, Ohio.

Computer Vision for Animal Care — Geoffrey Shmigelsky, co-founder of OneCup AI, Vancouver.

The Possibilities of Ranch Tech and the Role of Remote Monitoring — Andrew Coppin, Ranchbot Monitoring Solutions, co-founder and CEO, Sydney, Australia.

FROM HORSES TO GRAZING MANAGEMENT TO CATTLE NUTRITION

Before the three days of

activities surrounding beef cattle, the annual Ranch Horse Program will be Aug. 6 in the Hildebrand Equine Complex. Registration is included within the full Beef Cattle Short Course registration, or individuals can attend just this event for \$60.

More than 50 hours of training will be offered in the Cattleman's College, featuring 20 concurrent sessions, with topics including animal health, nutrition, reproduction, breeding, genetics, selection, research, marketing and handling. The management sessions will cover business, forage, range and purebred cattle, landowner issues and fence building.

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to win scholarships. "This event is really a chance for community members who have been considering starting or returning to school to learn how they can make that dream possible

at CTC," said Jim Yeonopolus, CTC chancellor. "It's a fun day for our staff as we get to share the amazing and achievable opportunities available right here in Killeen."

The open house will start in the Anderson Campus Center with an overview of CTC before "pick and choose" sessions begin. Attendees can choose from

brief presentations that interest them including information about admissions, career pathways, academic advising, financial aid, veterans' benefits and more.

During the event, guests can tour several campus facilities including the industrial technology area, student residence hall and culinary arts lab. "We hope people will come out, meet our dedicated faculty and staff and learn how attainable an education is," said Yeonopolus.

The first 100 people who register online and check in by 8:45 a.m. will receive a free t-shirt. Two registered attendees will win a \$250 scholarship from the CTC Foundation. Register to attend and learn more at <http://www.ctcd.edu/ctc-open-house/>.



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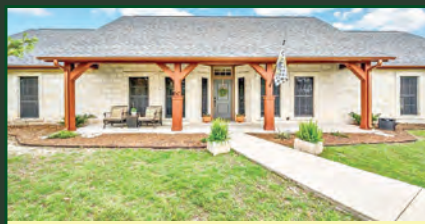
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13552 Blackberry Rd
Are you looking for a luxurious Salado Estate that's close to town but still provides plenty of privacy? This property boasts a +/- 4302 sqft main home, a +/- 1298 sqft guest house, swimming pool, & a +/- 3000 sqft workshop
\$1,695,000.



11760 Armstrong Road
Beautiful large home with guest house, single level large master, separate living areas with dream kitchen and negative edge pool, shop on 146 acres with large thank hill top views.
\$5,995,000



2014 Chalk Mill
Stunning 3 bedroom 2 bath home nestled in Salado. This home has been completely renovated and you can tell!
\$649,900



2016 The Creeks Dr
This 1.38-acre lot should be sufficient. The large mature trees are amazing! The home has an impressive entry with a formal dining room
\$950,000



871 N Stagecoach Rd
Rare chance to own commercial property right off I35 service road in growing Salado! Great location
\$400,000



8391 Spring Creek Loop
Nestled in the oak trees this new build has the aesthetics and privacy that is the perfect place to call home. Keep cool in the summer months.
\$819,500



2135 Thomas Arnold Rd
Come enjoy your own personal Texas Hill Country oasis. This private waterfront estate with rolling topography, large rock bluff, crystal clear creek, and century old live oak trees is simply a must see.
\$1,995,000



2000 The Creeks Drive
Beautiful home in the highly coveted The Creeks of Salado neighborhood. Come see this new build on corner lot on over 1.7 acres with mature trees.
\$1,125,000



2011 Misty Meadow Cir
Looking for an absolutely stunning home in Salado that's close to I35 and downtown? Look no further than this amazing property!
\$775,000



5319 Taylors Bend
Welcome to this beautiful new construction home nestled in the quiet neighborhood of Hollow Ranch minutes from downtown Salado.
\$599,900



5530 Hollow Loop
Check out this beautiful Randy Taylor Custom Builder's 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath home with a large lot!
\$579,900



5301 Taylors Bend
Another must see from S&G Ventures! Step inside and immediately see the attention to detail. This beautiful study would make working from home a dream!
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- 137 Acres - TBD S Fm 2843 Highway
- 79 Acres - TBD Fm 2268 Dr
- 73 Acres - 19374 Pennington Branch Road
- 67 Acres - 1934 Live Oak Cemetery Road
- 20 Acres - 15919 Crows Ranch Rd
- 10.98 Acres - TBD S Main St
- 9.2 Acres - 3484 W Amity Rd
- 4.49 Acres - 11 Rose Ln
- 15 Acres - Rogers Sandy Ridge Ln.



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