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While the *Salado Village Voice* is not the first newspaper in Salado, it has had the longest life-span since being founded in 1979. The Fleischer family bought the newspaper in 1988, marking 36 years in Salado in Spring 2024.

The first newspaper known to be published in the village was the *Salado Newsletter*. Published by E.W. Billings, the first edition came out on August 25, 1874. Only one copy of the newspaper exists at the newspaper collection of the University of Texas at Austin.

The Grange published another newspaper, *The Texas Farmer* in Salado, but it was later moved to Dallas.

Reference to a third Salado newspaper has been found on a letterhead in the Rose Papers at the University of Texas at Austin. The *Salado Sentinel* was published by A.S. Hornbeck. No copies of the *Salado Sentinel* are known to exist today.

Salado Village Voice founder Dayton Kelley was a native of Bell County, a journalist and a historian. He taught journalism at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor for 12 years before accepting a position as Director of the Texas Collection at Baylor University in Waco. After Dayton passed away, his sons Dennis and Bill ran the Salado Village Voice, selling it to the Fleischer family in 1988.

Since the Fleischer family purchased the newspaper, a week has not passed that the newspaper has not published. *Salado Village Voice* has published the quarterly magazine Salado: A Jewel in the Crown of Texas for more than 30 years.

Visit saladovillagevoice.com for breaking news, the latest Calendar of Events and information on many of the events in Salado.

Salado Village Voice was named the first Business of the Year by the Salado Chamber of Commerce in 2002. Marilyn Fleischer was named to the Hall of Fame by the Chamber for 2019.

Tim and Marilyn Fleischer and Royce Wiggin were named 2023 Persons of the Year by the Salado Historical Society for their support of historic preservation.

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Cover photo of 3C Cowboy Fellowship Rodeo by Royce Wiggin

Calendar of Events

April 2

All Things Breakfast Class, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Yellowhouse B&B, 2290 FM 2268, \$100 per person. 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! Call 254-444-0404 to reserve your space.

April 3

Korean Kravings & Happy Pizza open at 4 p.m. Barrow Brewing Co. The Long Road Home 20 year Reunion. Live music from the Squeezebox Bandits Duo at 6 p.m. April 4-7

45th annual Texas Packard Meet of Packard cars built from 1899 to 1958. Public viewing of cars morning of April 6 on the grounds of Holiday Inn Express. April 6

Barrow Brewing Co. Eighth Anniversary celebration. Live music, food trucks and more, 11:30 a.m.-10 p.m.

Saturdays Beginning April 6

Farmers Market begins weekly sessions at Barrow Brewing Co., 108 Royal St.

April 8

Total solar eclipse, the last one of this century in the United States, begins at about 12:19 p.m. Central Daylight Savings Time. At 1:36 p.m., night will fall as the moon blocks out the sun for three minutes, 46 seconds. April 8

Sounds Over Salado Solar Sessions, all day, Barrow Brewing Co.. There will be bands playing live music, special food options, and commemorative merch. There will also be aerialist dancers performing. Reserve your tables now to ensure you and your crew have the best seats in town. To reserve your tables, go to barrowbrewing.com.

Ăpril 11

Salado Community Foundation Board hosts the "Salado Gathering of the Givers" 8:30-10:30 a.m. at the Salado Civic Center in the Board Room at 601 N. Main St."Salado Gathering of the Givers" is a meeting of Salado Non-Profits and 501c3 groups for networking, April 11

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

April 11-13

Central Texas Youth Rodeo Association Rodeo Finals, 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. April 13-14

Salado Market Days, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Salado Antique Mall, 721 Stagecoach Road. Salado's original Market Days event. April 14

"Flights Around the World," Marketplace Café & Crêperie.Participants will have the opportunity to immerse themselves in the coffee traditions of each country, learning how to make signature coffee drinks and gaining insights into the history that surrounds coffee in each culture. Each event will feature a selection of 3 to 4 coffee drinks and food pairings. Taste of Vietnam, 3 p.m. For tickets visit www.marketplacecafesalado.com/events -

April 19-20 Blow-Your-Own Mother's Day Event at Salado Glassworks, #2 Peddler's Alley. Flower (\$75) - Ages 12+, (Friday 3 p.m. & 4:30 p.m.). Bowl (\$100) - Ages 12+, (Saturday 11AM - 4:30 p.m.). Basic Orna-ment or Mini Bowl (\$60) - Ages 3+ (Saturday 10 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.). Register online at saladoglassworks. com.

April 20

Tonkawa Chapter Native Plant Society of Texas Spring Plant Sale, 9 a.m. Barrow Brewing Co. Porch and Planet Festival stop with Hope Irish music at 11 a.m. and Not Past 11 Band at 7 p.m.

April 26-27

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April 27

Central Texas Poetry Festival, Tablerock Amphitheater. 2-9 p.m. The 16th annual gathering of po-ets for the 2024 Anthology, titled Animal Tales, will be hosted by the fun-loving and talented Thom the World Poet. Entrance is free. April 30

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

May 2

Faith leaders from the different churches in Salado will hold four community gatherings to pray for peace-peace in the world, peace in our country, and peace in our hearts, not just a cessation of hostilities, but true peace. The second Community Gathering will be held at Salado

United Methodist Church on May 2 at 6 p.m.

May 3-4

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May 3-5

Salado Cowboy Gathering for more information visit www.saladocowboypoetry.org May 9

Want to participate in a Blow Your Own event with your gal pals? Salado Glassworks has you covered with our Ladies' Night. Their artists will assist in various ways to help make your one-of-a-kind handblown stemless wine glass, 5:30 p.m. Perks with your reservation include your complimentary wine or beer in the shop (two per person), light snacks, and a laid back atmosphere. Book online at saladoglassworks. com.

May 9

Around the World Dinner Series at Alexander's Craft Cocktails + Kitchen, 6:30 p.m. Reservations online through eventbrite.com for \$100 (includes tax and gratuity or \$1,000 for annual passport) for five course themed dinner. This month's Destination, Puerto Vallarta. Mav 10-11

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May 24-25

Blow-Your-Own Drinkware Event at Salado Glassworks, #2 Peddler's Alley. Mug, Sipper, Tum-bler (\$95) - Ages 12+ (Friday 10 a.m.-2 p.m. & Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m.). Register online at saladoglassworks.com. May 31-June 1

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June 4

Salado Area Republican Women 17th annual Fine China Luncheon and Fundraiser, 11 a.m., Blue Heron Room of Tenroc Ranch, 5471 Thomas Arnold Rd. For information, contact Barclay McCort at barclaymccort@gmail.com or 254 760-4266.

June 7-8

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Shakespeare on the Rock presents Macbeth

Tablerock Festival of Salado announces that Professor Kelly Parker, Director of Theater at McLennan Community College, and his theater students are coming once again to perform a Shakespeare play for the annual production of Shakespeare on the Rock.

This year's production will be "Macbeth."

It will be performed June 7-8 at the Tablerock Goodnight Amphitheater located at 409 Royal St in Salado.

Tickets are \$10 for Adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. The gate and concession stand will open at 6 p.m. The show starts at 7:30 p.m.

Purchase your tickets online at CentralTexas-Tickets.com or you may always purchase tickets at the gate on show nights.



Macbeth and the witches (1785), from Act IV, Scene 1 of William Shakespeare's Macbeth. George Romney. Folger Shakespeare Library, Washington, D.C.(Public domain)



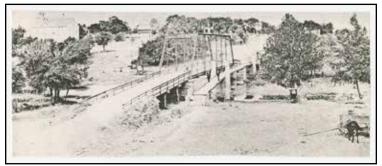
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This was the first bridge across Salado Creek, built in the late 1860s.



This photograph shows the first iron top wagon bridge (1892–1913) and the old foot bridge that was destroyed in 1900. (Photos courtesy Salado Historical Society)



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Bridges across Salado Creek

For several years after the town was laid out, the citizens of Salado crossed the shallow creek by stepping from rock to rock, or on logs laid across the wider places. These logs were chained to the rocks and would sink down stream during freshets and be replaced when the flood subsided. But when in 1866 a dam was thrown across the stream at the lower end of the village, the water was backed up over the rocks. Then for a time "footlogs" raised on legs standing in the water and chained to the rocks below were used; but they were narrow, rickety and unsafe, and pedestrians not infrequently tumbled off into the water. A general demand arose for a bridge. To meet this problem as well as others, it was decided to

incorporate the village. Application for incorporation was made under the general law and the county court in January 1867, authorized and election for town officers. On February 23, Judge O.T. Tyler was elected mayor and a board of aldermen was chosen. These officials appointed the other officers, among the Colonel Thos. H. Jones as treasurer. The town officials first tried to raise funds for a bridge by voluntary donations, but finding they could not raise enough by this means, on December 3, 1868, they ordered an issue of bonds...

The bonds were purchased by the citizens of the town. With the proceeds and subscriptions amounting in all to some \$2,500, the municipal authorities proceeded to build a wire cable suspension foot-bridge of substantial construction of unique design and graceful proportions. Two large galvanized rope-wire cables, anchored at each end in strongly built stone abutments, were carried over two double-turreted dressed-stone piers of towers. From these suspended cables wire cords extended down to catch and support the ends of sawed cedar cross bars or joists on which the plank floor was laid. It was one of the first of its kind in the Southwest and was designed, engineered and constructed entirely by home talent-Judge Tyler, Colonel Thos. H. Jones, Judge Wm. H. Garrett, Wm. A. Davis, John Hendrickson and others. It swung some twenty feet above the water and although it could be made

to sway enough from side to side to frighten timid souls--especially groups of squealing girls when mischievous boys chose this method of teasing them--it served the people well for more than thirty years. After the county built a combination wagon and foot bridge a few yards upstream the suspension bridge gradually fell into disuse. In 1913 it was finally swept away when a cloud burst in the upper water-shed of Salado Creek sent down a terrific flood that carried away the county bridge as well. The latter was promptly rebuilt, only to be carried away again in the still greater flood of September 9 and 10, 1921.

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4th annual Salado Cowboy Poetry & Music Gathering set May 3-5

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

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

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

Tickets are available at centraltexastickets.com.

Schedule

Friday, May 3

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

Throught the weekend, visit Salado Museum to view Vaquero: Genesis of the Texas Cowboy, an exhibition produced by the Wittliff Collections, Texas State University, presented in partnership with Humanities Texas, the state affiliate for the National Endowment for the Humanities. This exhibition is made possible in part by a We the People grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. The exhibition features 62 digital carbon prints with bilingual narrative text that reveal the muscle, sweat and drama that went into roping a calf in thick brush or breaking a wild horse in the saddle. The exhibition will be available to the public from April 10 to May 30. For more information about viewing hours or to arrange group visits, contact Lynette Jones at 254-947-3525 or 254-718-0820.



Belinda Gail



Russ Phillips

Saturday, May 4

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

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

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

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

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

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

• 11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m.: Stan Mahler

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



Jim Jones



Miss Devon and The Outlaw

permits. Salado Museum

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

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

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

Sunday, May 5

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



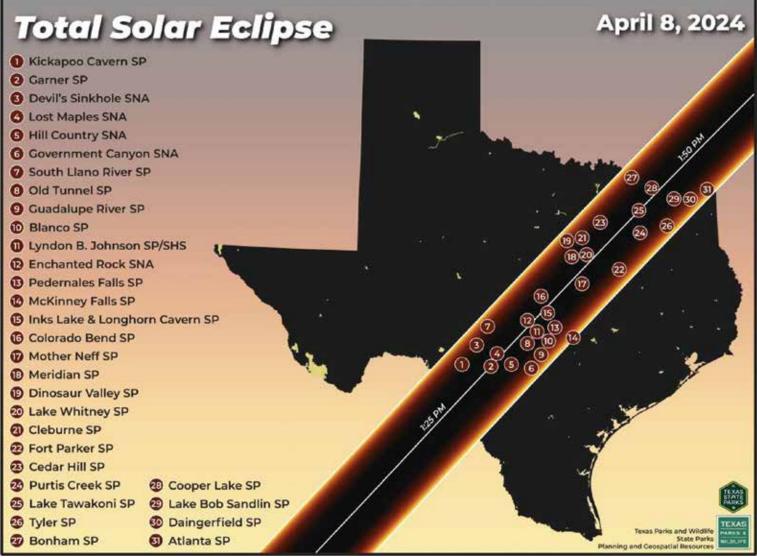






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Many State Parks are in the path of the April 8 solar eclipse. (Texas Parks and Wildlife)

Total solar eclipse is coming to Salado April 8

by Jeff McClure

In Salado on Monday, April 8, 2024, at about 12:19 p.m. (CDT), the sun will begin to disappear. At 1:36 p.m. night will fall over the village, the stars will come out, and a profound sense of awe will be felt by all those who are fortunate enough to experience this rare event. For three minutes and forty-six seconds the moon will almost exactly block the sun from the perspective of any observer in a 120-mile-wide path along a centerline that enters Texas at Piedras Negras at 1:27 p.m., and leaves Texas as it crosses the Red River northwest of Clarksville at 1:49 p.m. As the sun's final edge disappears and again as it begins to emerge from behind the moon there is a chance to see the "diamond ring" effect as the last or first sunlight is channeled between mountains on the moon.

If this is your first total solar eclipse, experienced eclipse chasers recommend that you not attempt to capture it with a picture or a video. Rather, look around you as well as at the eclipse. It is a moving experience easily missed if you are focused on your phone or camera.

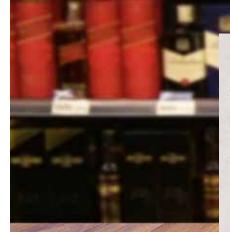
The April 8 eclipse will be the last in the U.S. for this century, so you don't want to miss it, but DO NOT look at the sun during the partial eclipse phase unless you are using certified solar glasses or certified solar filters on a camera or telescope. Old film, regular camera filters, or other non-certified filters will not block out the invisible ultraviolet light that can be the most damaging. If you don't have certified glasses, poke a small hole through a piece of cardboard or aluminum foil and project the sun through it onto a flat surface. Enjoy the experience, but don't permanently damage your eyes while doing so.

Pace Park in Salado will offer unobstructed views of the solar eclipse as well $P_{AGE 16}$



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as parking. There are many other places throughout the village that have parking and unobstructed view. Do not just pull over on the side of the road, especially I-35.





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45th Texas Packard Meet in Salado

The 45th annual Texas Packard Meet will again be held in historic Salado April 4-7, 2024.

Salado is in the heart of the Texas Hill Country among the Bluebonnets. The Texas Packard Meet is the oldest and possibly the largest regional Packard meet in the country.

This annual event is hosted by the four Texas regions of the Packard Club and is the oldest regional Packard meet in the country. The event features a welcome party, early bird tour through the hill country, a parade, people's choice competition and show, seminars, and awards banquet. Host hotel is the Salado Holiday Inn Express. Call 254-947-4004 for reservations before March 14, 2024 for the group rate. Go to texaspackardmeet.com for registration materials and details.

Typically there are 40 to 70

cars and well over 100 master registrations. Being the 44th edition of this great meet will likely increase the numbers! Last year, there were more than 50 Packards on display with collectors coming from around the state and surrounding states.

Participants enjoy a tour, all Packard swap meet, people's choice competition, seminars, and awards dinner. Packard lovers from all over the country compete for the long distance award.

Fees for registration vary according to activities selected but fees are among the most reasonable for like events.

Viewing for the public is free on Saturday morning April 6 on the grounds of the Holiday Inn Express.

Packards were once seen as some of the most prestigious on the market. The founder of the



Packards gather in Salado April 4-7. (Photo by Tim Fleischer)

company, James Ward Packard, was an engineer by trade and began producing automobiles as early as 1899. The first Packards were designed as luxury automobiles and were priced much higher than the competition. In 1902, the Ohio Automobile Company was renamed The Packard Motor Car Company and moved to Detroit. The last Packard came off of the assembly-line in 1958.



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- 100. Reading by Ronnie Wells at Salado Library

Sounds over Salado Solar Sessions at Barrow Brewing

All day music fest will celebrate once-in-a-liftime total solar eclipse through Central Texas on April 8

Barrow Brewing Company (108 Royal St., Salado) will experience the total solar eclipse on April 8, 2024. Totality will happen here at 1:36 p.m. and will last for 3 minutes and 46.1 seconds.

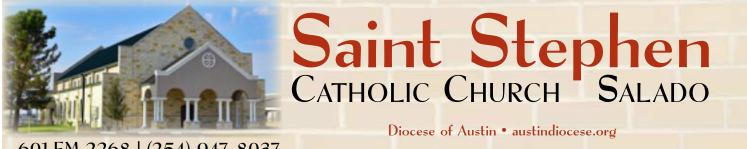
The brewery is planning to party all day with the folks from Dark Green Light Productions, presenting Sounds Over Salado Solar Sessions. Sounds Over Salado is a music series produced by Dark Green Light Productions that began in 2021.

Founder Stephen Clarke brings incredible bands to the brewery grounds for intimate, fun, concerts. There will be bands playing live music, special food options, and commemorative merchandise. Bands playing the event are Salado's own Brooks Emerson Band, Sundae Drivers, and Joshua Kane. Through a grant from the Salado Cultural



The Sundae Drivers will take the John Deere Stage at Barrow Brewing Co. April 8

Arts District and sponsorship by Havard Roofing and Construction, the brewery was able to hire aerialist dancers who will perform during the eclipse and concerts. Barrow Brewing is taking reservations for tables and individuals through www.centraltexastickets.com. Each attendee will receive solar viewing glasses.



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Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	
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The Cook Off For Cancer – Salado BBQ Cookoff will take place on April 20.

Wristbands will be available to purchase for \$10 at the civic center the day of and also at a few select retailers (to be named soon).

You can also go to https:// cook-off-for-cancer-salado. square.site/ and enter, get wristbands or just donate to a good cause. On April 19, there will be a cornhole tournament at Barrow Brewing Co. as well.

The public can vote for their favorite team. Each BBQ team will have a tip jar. The team who collects the most money in tips, wins the People's Choice. Teams will be set up up and down Main street.

This is an event to benefit research for Head and Neck Cancer.



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Salado Senior Center open 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Mondays at 650 Royal St.

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 Win-ery, 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

Guest food truck day at Bar-

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

Wine Down Wednesday at Alexander's Craft Cocktails & Kitchen, 5-7 p.m., Half price on select bottles of wine, featured wine by the glass and feature cocktail specials change weekly. Karaoke, 7-10 p.m. at Ch-

upacabra.

Thursdays

Salado Senior Center open 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Thursdays at 650 Royal St.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Fridavs

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

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

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

Live Music at Barrow Brewing, 7 p.m.

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

Sundays

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



Prose and Spirits features works of Jane Austen to benefit Friends of Library

You are invited to an afternoon of Prose and Spirits, celebrating English author Jane Austen.

Austen was a beloved author noted for her quiet subtlety. The four novels published during her lifetime --- Sense and Sensibility (1811), Pride and Prejudice (1813), Mansfield Park (1814), and Emma (1816) --- were published anonymously. During the Regency period, gentried women were to marry well, not work professionally.

After her death in 1817, her brother Henry Austen published Northanger Abbey and Persuasion together and noted that Jane was the author of the four previous novels about the gentried society.

Attendees to the Prose and Spirits event will hear Austen's quiet prose that held within the words undercurrents of much deeper meanings and longings.

Guests at the event will step back in time to experience the charm of a Jane Austen-era soiree filled with Austen's prose, tea and spirits, Regency-era food, live music performances, and (optional) Regency-inspired costumes.

The limited gathering is a fundraiser for The Friends of the Salado Public Library, where you can find Austen's writings.

The event will be held 4-6 p.m. Sunday, May 5 at The Chapel at Caliber Oak, 5235 Royal St. Rick and Dennis Thomsen hosted a similar evening last year to benefit The Friends of the Salado Public Library based upon the writings of Edgar Allan Poe

Tickets are \$35 per person and are on sale now at the library and at https://bit.ly/3VhOqDJ



(Public domain, found at wikicommons.org) Painting of English author Jane Austen based upon an earlier drawing of Jane by her sister Cassandra Austen.









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Barrow Brewing Co. celebrates eighth anniversary April 6

By Tim Fleischer Editor-in-Chief

It seems the glass overhead door at Barrow Brewing Co. has been open forever, but April will mark just the eighth anniversary since Graydon and KD Hill opened the brewery.

Perhaps it is because Barrow Brewing began laying the foundation for its introduction into the community long before they opened in 2016. That was by intent.

The Hills laid the groundwork for the first craft brewery in Bell County by circulating a petition to call for a local option election to allow for the legal sale of beer and wine in 2014. On Nov. 4, 2014, the local option election passed 784 in favor and 229 against.

That's where 784, one of the brews available year-round, took its name. 784 is one of the original flagship brews for Barrow Brewing. A Belgian witte (white) beer, 784 has orange rind and coriander with a traditional Belgian yeast note.

Evil Catfish IPA pays homage to Troy Kelley's catfish that is part of the Legend of Sirena. It has hoppy citrus notes with an intense but round bitterness.

For those who want something light, there is the Creek Don't Rise Lager, described as "Crisp, bright, and refreshing."

Or you might try Big Bubbly Blonde. The springs on the grounds of Barrow Brewing are known as Big Bubbly which is where the newest Blonde in the Barrow lineup took its name.

My personal favorite is the Tipsy Vicar Stout. The malt balances the sweetness of the yeast.

Mystery of the Deep Double IPA packs a punch of hop. Packing 9.2%, it's not for the timid beer drinker.

Barrow adds three main seasonal brews, the Swimming Hole Honey Pilsner in spring, the Hat Tip Hefeweisen in summer and the Farm to Market Persimmon Saison in the fall.

They add 14 others that rotate throughout the year in the taproom. You can't get these in stores, only by the pour at Barrow and various taprooms and restaurants around Central Texas.

But it's not just the beer that brings you to Barrow. It is something that can't be concocted in giant tanks.

It's community.

The Hills will mark their eighth anniversary with a celebration on April 6, 2024.

Live music will entertain guests throughout the day. The lineup includes Wayworn Traveler, Sam Goldwinners, Brooks Emerson, and Wes Perryman.

The party will last 11 a.m. -10:30 p.m. at Barrow Brewing, 108 Royal Street Salado, Texas. See you there.



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Graydon Hill



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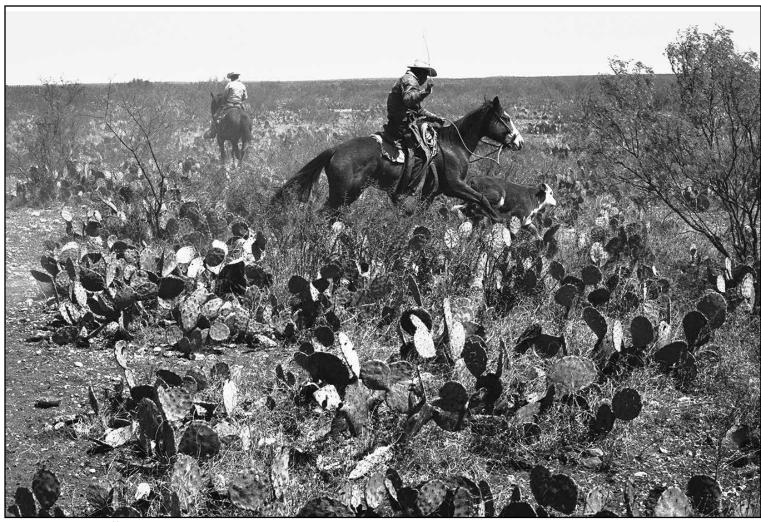


Photo by Bill Whitliff, 1971

Vaquero: Genesis of the Texas Cowboy

"He piled his chaps on his saddle and we sat down. For how long, I wanted to know, had he been a vaquero. For a time of twenty years, he told me, from the age of six years.

Your father also? I asked.

Si. Un vaquero.

And your grandfather?

Un vaquero.

There was a silence. Vaqueros siempre. Vaqueros always, he said finally. Desde el comienzo. Since the beginning."

— Bill Wittliff, Mexico, 1972.

In the early 1970s, noted Texas historian Joe Frantz offered Bill Wittliff a once-ina-lifetime opportunity—to visit a ranch in northern Mexico where the vaqueros still worked cattle in traditional ways. Wittliff photographed the vaqueros as they went about daily chores that had changed little since the first Mexican cowherders learned to work cattle from a horse's back. Wittliff captured a way of life that now exists only in memory and in the photographs included in this exhibition. Vaquero: Genesis of the Texas Cowboy features photographs with bilingual narrative text that reveal the muscle, sweat, and drama that went into roping a calf in thick brush or breaking a wild horse in the saddle. This exhibition is available in wall-hanging and abridged freestanding versions.

Sections include:

- El Campo
- La Remuda
- La Junta de las Vacas
- La Caballada
- Los Brutos

The traveling exhibit will be at the Salado Museum, 423 S. Main St. April 12 through May 25, with viewing open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There is no charge to view the exhibit but donations are welcomed at the door.

Vaquero is an exhibition produced by the Wittliff Collections, Texas State University, presented in partnership with Humanities Texas, the state affiliate for the National Endowment for the Humanities.

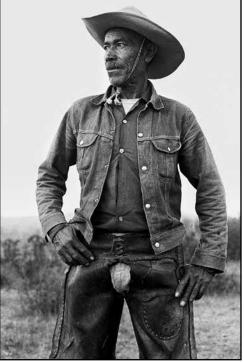


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Salado Porch & Planet Festival April 20

The 2nd Annual Salado Porch and Planet Festival will be held on April 20 at a variety of Salado locations. The event, organized by Salado's Music Friendly Community Advisory Board, will provide an afternoon of music, food, Kid Friendly, and Earth Day activities where residents and visitors can stroll the streets the sidewalks, visit various sites and businesses while enjoying the streets of Salado.

The Salado Porch and Planet Festival will take place on the front porches, stoops, yards, or driveways of businesses along Main Street from Salado Plaza Drive to College Hill Drive and on Royal Street and Rock Creek Dr.

Events will include Kid Friendly activities as well as The Native Plant Society's Spring Plant Sale held from 8 a.m-3 p.m. on the Creekside Grounds near the Barrow Brewing Company. The Cancer Fundraising BBQ Cook-Off will feature as many as 20 entries spread out all along Main Street starting at 11 a.m. and ending at 3 p.m.with the Awards Celebration held at Lucy's Icehouse located at 805 North Main Street. Throughout the day, we have added an Environmental Faire at the grounds surrounding the Salado Civic Center featuring several of the areas environmental organizations including Clearwater Water Conservation District, Master Naturalist, Wildlife Certification Program, Homegrown National Parks, Native Plant Society of Texas, and many others.

Salado is a Music Friendly Community, recognized as such by the Office of the Governor.



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The old Salado Church of Christ building.

Remembering Old Salado Church of Christ

By Tim Fleischer

The Salado Historical Society will be moving and restoring the old 1908 Salado Church of Christ this spring. The Historical Society has raised \$175,423 to move the church to the grounds of the Salado Civic Center.

The Salado Church of Christ congregation began in 1859. An earlier gathering of Church Christ were already meeting at an undisclosed location in Darr's Creek, a few mile southeast of Salado.

"This group included a number of people who lived here and when Dr. Carroll Kendrick came to the area," according to local historian Tim Brown, "he began working with that group and they formed the nucleus of the first congregations established here in 1859." Dr. Kendrick was a medical doctor, educator and missionary minister of the Gospel. "He served as a doctor in the Civil War," Brown said. "And he was widely known as an itinerant evangelist who held large camp meetings to make converts and establish congregation. Another facet of his work was involved in recruiting, mentoring and training young men for the ministry." Dr. Kendrick worked in Tennessee, Alabama and other places before arriving in central Texas.

The year that the Salado Church of Christ congregation was established, 1859, was an important one in that it was also the year in which Salado College had its foundation with a meeting under a grove of trees. Salado College Stock Company was formed and lots were sold from the 100 acres donated by Col. Elijah S. C. Robertson.

While there was a post office serving

the Salado Creek area in 1852 and some small businesses, the establishment of Salado College was a catalyst "for a surge in growth that resulted in Salado becoming a real town. The village incorporated in 1867 in order to issue debt to build a bridge across Salado Creek.

"The establishment of the college itself was loosely tied to the efforts of the early group of churchmen," Brown said. "One of Dr. Kendrick's long-held ambitions was to establish a Christian school... We know there were various proposals put forward, including one promoting a location around Sulphur Wells."

When the Salado College took off, the congregants at Darr's Creek decided to move to Salado.. "They initially met in a brush

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Historical Society will save Old Church Place

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arbor on the north side of the creek about where the Baptist Church now stands," Brown said, adding that later they met in the Salado College building. In fact, the space was shared by multiple congregations on a rotating basis for several years.

The Presbyterians had a presence in Salado as early as 1860. Rev. Levi Tenney, an ordained Presbyterian minister, was a principal of Salado College. The Baptist Church was established in 1864. The Methodist Episcopal Church was established as early as 1854. "They had a small meeting place and a small school in the vicinity of Chalk's Mill, the first mill established on Salado," Brown said. "They were formally established here in the Village when their beautiful Gothic Revival building was constructed and consecrated."

"The very grand and auspicious beginnings of the college and the village itself were derailed to a large extent by the Civil War," Brown said. "The college fell on hard times and was reorganized and eventually closed. The building served as a free school, for some time as Thomas Arnold High School and then afterward as part of the state public school system."

Salado began a long decline when it was bypassed by the railroads. "Railroads were driving a new and unprecedented era of economic development across the country, but Salado was bypassed," he said. "A private venture to bring a spur line to the village from Belton failed, so the community was largely cut off from commercial transport until the construction of the federal highway system many decades later.

Salado declined from more than 900 residents to 250 by 1950.

"It was hovering around that number when the family of Tom and MaryBelle Brown moved to a small ranch a few miles west of Salado in 1956," Brown said of his late parents.

"But the Church of Christ had hung on," he said. "The congregation built its first permanent home in 1875 on the east side of North Main Street. Although records are confusing it appears this original building also served as a school for children in the lower grades."

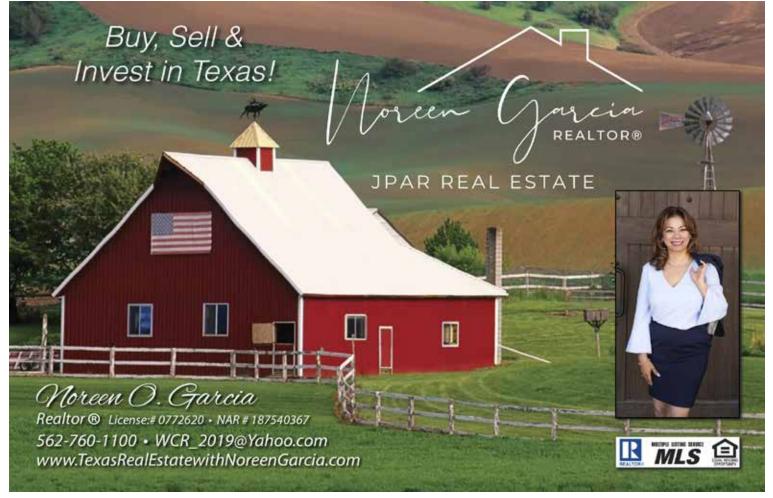
That building burned in 1908 and an exact duplicate of its simple architecture was built. This is the building that stands on North Main Street just north of the Campbell's Branch. It is the building that Salado Historical Society is raising funds to move and restore on the grounds of the Salado Civic Center where it will sit with the historic log cabins the Society has restored.

The building was moved from the east side of Main Street to the west side of Main Street and remodeled in 1943. The Church of Christ congregation built a brick church in 1961 (now the Village municipal building, at which point the old Church Place became residential. The Church of Christ congregation built its current chapel in 1988.

Brown described what it was like as a young boy to attend church in the old frame building. "This was before air conditioning and we had those big water cooler fans to keep the church cool in summer," Brown said.

He added that two small rooms were set up for Sunday school. "Just large enough for us. There was one for the little kids on one side and another for older kids," he said.

Salado Historical Society is still raising funds to add three rooms onto the structure to make it usable by groups and gatherings.



Fine China Luncheon set June 4

Salado Area Republican Women have great plans to celebrate the 17th anniversary Fine China Luncheon and Fundraiser on Tuesday, June 4, 2024, at the Blue Heron at Tenroc Ranch.

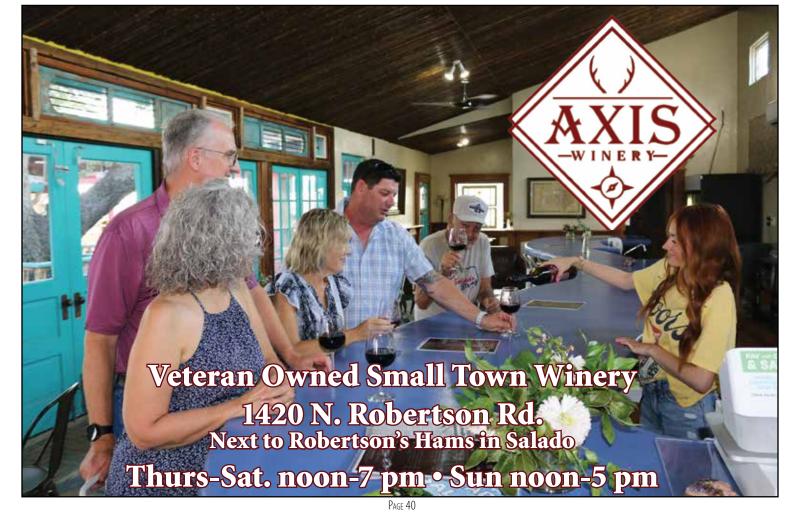
This event has grown since the initial luncheon in 2006, and boasts record ticket sales, attendance, and fund-raising yearly. The tables are elegantly decorated by local individuals and a few businesses. There are still openings for individuals wanting to host a table. The sponsors can be expected to decorate a table but are not obligated to sell tickets for the entire table, however, they have the option of selling as many tickets for their table as they wish. Classic Events of Texas will cater the meal for the event. There will be a silent auction as well.

Information about sponsoring a table or for ticket information contact Barclay McCort, Third Vice President of Fundraising, at barclaymccort@gmail.com or at 254 760-4266.

Proceeds from all SARW sponsored projects fund civic, educational, military, and political campaigns. In addition, the club awards two scholarships annually.



Tables will be colorfully decorated for the annual Salado Area Republican Women's Association Fine China Luncheon on June 4 in the Blue Heron Room of Tenroc Ranch. (Courtesy photo)





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16th annual Poetry Festival slated April 27 at <u>Tablerock</u>

Tablerock Festival of Salado presents the 2024 Animal Tales Anthology and Tablerock Poetry Festival 2-9 p.m. Saturday, April 27. This year's Poetry Festival is Dedicated to Jackie and the late Denver Mills.

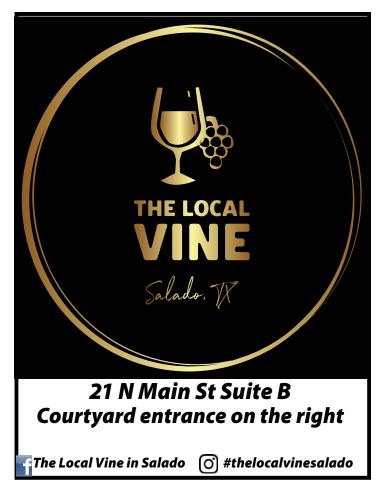
The Poetry Festival will feature the launch of the 2024 Animal Tales Anthology, with Texas National and International Poets represented. Join with host, Thom Woodruff, Beat Poet Laureate of Texas. Thom has positive ties to the Salado community which include convening poetry workshops, school performances at Salado High School, and playing Edgar Allen Poe for Fright Trail.



Thom Woodruff will emcee the Central Texas Poetry Festival April 27.

This is a unique live outdoor presentation, but will move indoors if weather does not cooperate.

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3C Revival Rodeo set May 17-18

The Cowboys and Cowgirls are coming to Salado for the Fourth Annual 3C Revival Rodeo May 17-18 at the 3C Cowboy Fellowship arena, 16258 Gooseneck Rd.

Events for the two-day rodeo revival will begin at 7:30 p.m. Gates open at 5:30 p.m.

Cadillac Rodeo Company is providing the stock for the rodeo, which is a CPRA/UPRA event. Famous rodeo clown Leon Coffee returns.

Events will include Team Roping, Tie-Down Roping, Bull Riding, Steer Wrestling, Saddle Bronc Riding, Bareback Riding, Barrel Racing, Ranch Bronc Riding and Mutton Busting (for the kids).

Admission is free and there will be revival speakers both nights.



The cowboys and cowgirls are coming to Salado May 17-18. Photo by Royce Wiggin.



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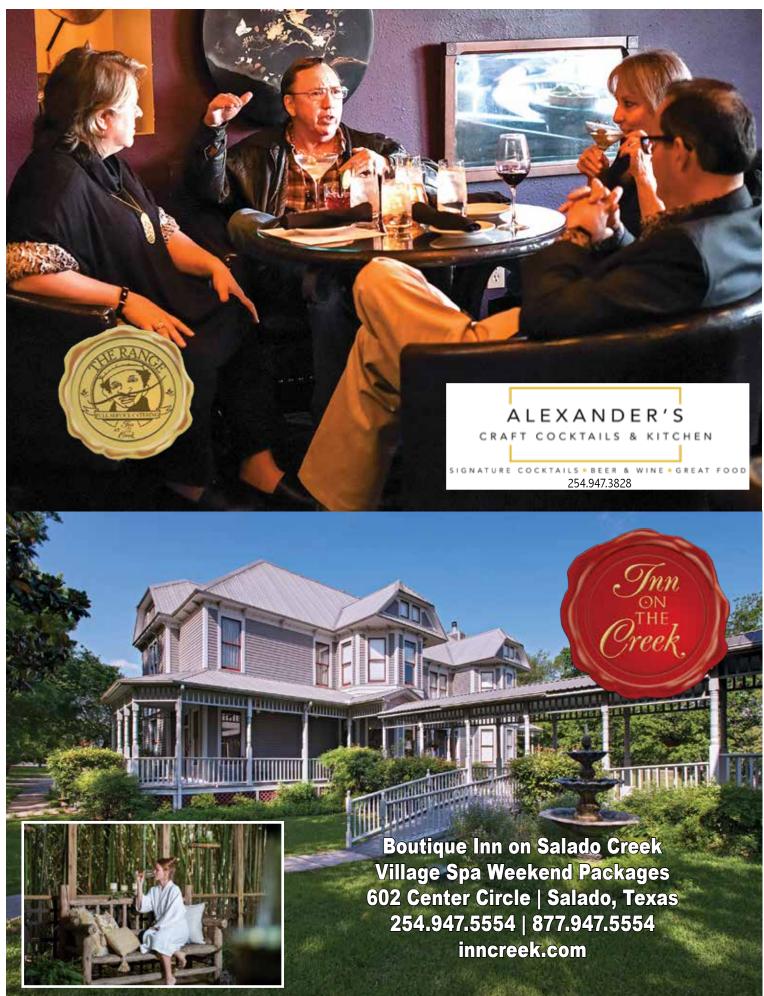




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