

Village to pursue \$2+ mil for fed grant local matches

By **TIM FLEISCHER**
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Salado aldermen, at their Oct. 3 meeting, authorized Village Administrator Manny De La Rosa to pursue funding the Village 20% share of more than \$2 million for several major infrastructure projects that have been approved for 80% federal funding.

“We paused these programs,”

The Royal Street Project consists of mill and overlay of the existing roadway, install ribbon curb and sidewalk along Royal Street from Smith Branch Rd. to FM 2268 (Main Street).

Under the agreement, the Village will be responsible for any relocation of utilities, performing environmental assessment and mitigation, providing architectural and engineering services and acquiring any right-of-way and real property.

The total estimated construction cost for the project is \$2.1 million. Of that, the federal government will pay 80% (\$1.68 million) and the Village will pay 20% (\$420,000). Other costs to be borne by the Village include environmental costs of \$5,040, right-of-way costs of \$1,680, engineering costs of \$11,760, utility costs of \$1,680 and State direct construction costs of \$21,840 for a total cost to the Village of \$462,000.

The state will pay \$99,750 in indirect state costs.

Total cost for the project is \$2,241,750.

The Mill Creek Dr. project will place an ADA-compliant sidewalk in the Mill Creek Dr. right-of-way from Chisholm Trail to connect to the sidewalk on North Main St. at Mill Creek Dr.

The Mill Creek Dr. sidewalk project is funded through an 80% fed-

eral/20% local grant. The project totals \$1,119,016, with the Village share of 20% being \$216,034. State share is \$38,844 and federal share is \$1,080,172.

The Williams Rd. sidewalk project will place ADA-compliant sidewalks along Williams Rd. from FM 1670 to West Village Rd. to connect to the sidewalk system there.

It has a total estimated cost of \$662,838 with the federal share of \$492,534.40, the state participation of \$33,192.00 and the Village share of \$137,111.60.

The total Village costs associated with these projects is \$815,145.60.

Aldermen, on a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Rodney Bell and a second by alderman Jasen Graham, unanimously authorized De La Rosa to pursue options to fund the Village portions of the three projects, including certificate of obligation. Certificates of obligation are similar to tradition bond funding, but do not require voter approval. The amortization of \$815,145.60 in debt at 5.5% for 20 years would require \$5,607 monthly payments, or \$67,284 per year.

The board, on a motion by alderman Michael MacDonald and second by alderman Zach Hurst, unanimously approved authorizing De La Rosa to pursue funding for the Village portion of a \$1.5 million federal grant to expand the current wastewater treatment plant from its 200,000 gallon per day capacity to 300,000 gallons per day. The Village portion of the project is \$300,000. The 20-year amortization of \$300,000 debt at 5.5% will require monthly payments of \$2,063.66, or \$24,763.92 per year.

The board, on a motion by Bell and second

by Graham, unanimously approved pursuing the local match of a \$5.5 million Housing and Urban Development grant for the expansion of West Village Rd. to include sidewalks and drainage. The Village share is \$1.1 million. The 20-year amortization of \$1.1 million at 5.5% will require monthly payments of \$7,566.76 or \$90,801.12.

The total Village debt for these projects is \$2,215,145.60. The total annual debt payments for the projects could be \$182,849.04.

The Village budgeted \$70,000 in the 2024-25 budget for interest and sinking to retire future debt for infrastructure.

In other business, aldermen held over the public hearing on the creation of the Mustang Springs Public Improvement District until Nov. 7 in order to get more information on the development.

The development, Mustang Springs at Salado, sits on 1,105 off of FM 2843 on property that was voluntarily annexed into the Village through an agreement between the Village and developer, Kerby Enterprises.

Mustang Springs at Salado will have more than 500 estate lots of 1+ acres, 98 acres of mixed use and 22 acres for other amenities, including a lake and a clubhouse for property owners.

There is room for a future police and fire station and extensive parks and trails.

The development will have 165 garden home lots, 282 multi-family units, 190 townhouse units and 29 acres for commercial and office space. The commercial and office center will be 311,000 sq. ft. under roof.

Principal developer

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Sirena Fest

Sirena Fest was held in Pace Park on Oct. 5 with children's events, crafts and vendors. The event is sponsored by Legacy CTX. (PHOTOS BY ROYCE WIGGIN)

Murder & Intrigue will benefit Library friends

The Friends of the Salado Public Library (FOSPL) is proud to present ‘An Evening of Murder and Intrigue,’ celebrating Dame Agatha Christie.

Christie was well-known for her works revolving around fictional detectives Hercule Poirot and Miss Marple. After the demise of her first marriage and the death of her mother, Christie made international headlines by going missing for eleven days. Serving in both World Wars in hospital dispensaries, she acquired a unique knowledge of the poisons and tinctures that found their way into her literary works. Christie spent many months on digs in the Middle East with her husband, archaeologist Max Mallowan, and used this first-hand knowledge of the profession in her fiction.

Guests at the event will be all aboard with Hercule Poirot, played by FOSPL member Rick Thomssen, and the other passengers on

the Orient Express as they attempt to solve the mysterious murder of businessman Samuel Ratchett.

In addition to witnessing Poirot and company, attendees are also invited to take part in cocktails and hors d'oeuvres that might have been found on the Orient Express.

This limited gathering is a fundraiser for The Friends of the Salado Public Library, whose mission is to promote literacy, support the Salado Library, and build community. You can find the works of Christie and other thrilling authors at the Salado Library.

The event will be held 4-6 p.m. Sunday, October 13, at The Chapel at Caliber Oak, 5235 Royal St. FOSPL members Rick and Denise Thomssen have once again graciously donated the use of their magnificent chapel for what is now becoming a Salado Library tradition. Tickets are limited so get yours today.



Rick Thomssen will portray Hercule Poirot.

Chamber Golf Tourney set Oct. 15 at Mill Creek

Registration is open for the 20th Annual Salado Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament. The tournament will be held on Oct. 15 at Mill Creek Country Club in Salado, with an after party at Johnny's Steaks and BBQ.

A portion of the proceeds of the tournament will be donated to the Salado Education Foundation.

“We are pleased to announce The Platinum Title sponsor, R&R Roofing, Belton, Texas, and Silver Sponsor, Heights Lumber and Supply, Harker Heights, Texas,” said Chamber Executive Director Amanda Orgin.

The event will kick off with the popular Helicopter Ball Drop, sponsored by Horizon Bank, Salado. Kachemak Bay Flying Services will soar above the greens, releasing over 1,000 numbered golf balls. The ball landing nearest to hole will hold the winning number and a grand prize of \$1,000. The cost is \$10 per

ticket or \$20 for five tickets. Flyover and ball drop will be at 11:30 a.m. on the day of the tournament.

The tournament includes a \$20,000 Hole-In-One challenge, sponsored by Don Ringler Automotive in Temple.

The tournament will begin with a shotgun start at noon. Teams of four can register for \$440, and individual player registration is set at \$125.

Food and drink will be provided throughout the day by the Hospitality and Beverage sponsors, First Community Title, Jack Hillard Distributing and various tee-box hosts.

Lunch will be provided by Nancy Best Realty.

Post-tournament, players, sponsors and ticket holders are invited to unwind at Johnny's Steaks & BBQ for an after-party sponsored by R-Bank and Templin Taxes, featuring dinner and prizes. Tickets can be purchased online at salado.com.

FORUM

US economy adds 254,000 non-farm jobs in Sept.

The Markets

The S&P 500 Stock Index (SPX), our primary, if flawed, measure of traded equity shares in the United States, turned in another mild gain for the week, rising 0.22% to 5751.07. That minuscule increase leaves it 20.57% higher than when the year began, up almost 35% from a year ago, and with a total 33.37% rise in the last three years. Translated into a compound return, the SPX has risen at a nominal rate of return of just over 10% for three years. Since inflation has averaged about 4.7% for that period, the Index has generated a net average rate of return of about 5.3%. Adding the SPX dividend rate of about 1.5% gives a net total return (before taxes) of about 6.8%, or about its very long-term average. The other stock index we follow, the CRSP US Mid Cap Value Index, slipped about 0.16% for the week to close at 2885.96, up about 30% from last October.

The benchmark 10-year U.S. Treasury note ended the week with a yield of 3.98% as the Treasury yield curve from the 2-year note out to the 20-year bond creeps closer to becoming positive. The 1-month T-bill yield rose to 5.01%, annualized, while the 30-year bond climbed to 4.26%. Since market prices for bonds fall as the yield increases, that was not good news for bondholders. The front-month price for West Texas Intermediate crude oil (WTI) rose to \$74.63 per barrel, up from last week's \$68.17 on fears of damage to Iranian oil supplies and anticipated increased demand in the U.S.

The Economy

There was no doubt about the economics headline this week. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), another of our favorite governmental agencies, announced in its monthly Employment Situation report on Friday that total

Market & Economic Update

by Jeffrey W. McClure



non-farm payroll employment increased by 254,000 in September. Before the announcement, economists generally agreed that the number would be 140,000 as they once more underestimated the strength of the U.S. economic engine. Then, as if an extra 114,000 jobs weren't a big enough surprise, July's additional jobs report was revised upward by 55,000 from 89,000 to 144,000, and the August report was increased by 17,000 to 159,000. The household survey validated those numbers, indicating the unemployment rate had dropped to 4.1%. Those increases raised the average monthly net U.S. job creation over the last twelve months to 203,000. They also suggested that the economy was not slipping into recession and appeared to be accelerating! If total employment is the prime indicator of where the economy is, then it would seem that the bottom of our economic cycle was in April or June, when new job creation dropped to just over 100,000 per month. The so-called "soft landing" that is the ideal of every Federal Reserve when fighting inflation appears to have come and gone as employment and GDP rise into another economic expansion phase.

The employment report and the recent inflation data are about as close to the ideal as one could imagine, but it is not all good news. Longer-term interest rates responded to the robust jobs report by rising, and mortgages were included in those rates. In the past few months, as the belief spread that the economy might be slowing, mortgage interest rates fell from over seven percent to just above six percent, triggering a

spate of mortgage refinancings. With the employment report suggesting that the economy was speeding up, mortgage rates have begun to creep upward again.

The Institute for Supply Management (ISM) announced its ISM Non-manufacturing Index for September rose to 54.9 from last month's 51.5 on a scale where numbers above 50 indicate expanding business. The Index had fallen below 50 in April and again in June, sparking fears of an impending recession, but it has now been rising for three months as businesses report growing demand. The Manufacturing Index remained static at 47.2, but manufacturers are not laying off workers, so things may not be as bad as they look. The ISM noted that historically, manufacturing only contracts at levels below 42.5. During the first eight months of 2024, construction spending rose 7.6% compared to the same period in 2023, according to the Census Bureau.

Still, all is not roses and cream. The conflict between Iran and Israel has the potential to drive oil prices up and disrupt commerce. Europe is still teetering on the edge of recession, and China may be replaying the drama of 2014-2015, when the central government of the PRC attempted to get its economy out of a slump by stimulating its stock market. The market advanced until it didn't and then fell dramatically. Unless the underlying issues with real estate and debt are addressed, the potential for an economic shock from that region remains.

Once more, we must conclude that the U.S. economy is healthy, robust, and driving forward at near its maximum sustainable rate.

Uncontrolled West Side barf approved by BoA

To the Editor:

What makes Salado different from other cities up and down I-35?

It is the culture, ambiance and identity of Salado involved in look, feel and kinds of businesses in Salado (all hereinafter "Culture"). We all came to Salado for that Culture. We elected aldermen to preserve that Culture. They are not.

Salado is growing and if the Culture does not grow with it, Salado will be subsumed by the urban sprawl we all came to Salado to escape.

The West Side is highly visible to I-35 and is part of setting the Culture of Salado for residents, non-residents and visitors in future growth.

Yet now the West Side looks the same as you see up and down I-35.

It is uncontrolled barf. I do not want more barf, I do not believe the citizens of Salado want more barf. And the Planning & Zoning Commission ("P&Z") board voted - after 2 years of hearings where stakeholders agreed to reasonable restrictions and goals - to limit barf on the West Side.

Yet last Thursday, on its own initiative, and without P&Z proposal, the Board of Aldermen (BOA) proposed and denied reasonable restrictions to encourage the culture and esthetics of Salado on the West Side. The BOA denied any West Side Overlay (more recently called the I-35 Corridor Overlay). Aldermen ignored the due process of the P&Z it established.

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And this denial was not even based on a proposal by the P&Z for the BOA to act on. At the last P&Z meeting the West Side Overlay draft was tabled to consider its boundaries. The tabled WSO draft can be found at [https://www.saladotx.gov/meetings?field_microsite_tid_1=27, 10/03/24 Agenda Packet, Item 6D, pg 48](https://www.saladotx.gov/meetings?field_microsite_tid_1=27,10/03/24%20Agenda%20Packet,Item%206D,pg%2048).

This denial was in blatant disregard for 2 years of hearings, meetings, citizen comment and workshops by the P&Z to develop reasonable restrictions and goals for the West Side such as building size, signage and parking, as well as a vision statement encouraging harmony and consistency with the Culture of Salado.

Outright denial without even a motion by P&Z was a great disservice to Salado citizens.

Why would citizens of Salado participate in a zoning or land use discussion when public hearings, meetings, input and workshops by the P&Z are completely disregarded?

But the Aldermen were persuaded to kill any West Side Overlay by West Side property owners who they cited but didn't identify, who did not appear at the Aldermen meeting, and who have not appeared at prior P&Z public hearings or made comment. Some claim prior bad P&Z meet-

ing notice, but I find that untenable because I was at the meetings.

Regardless, the Mayor made up his own motion, a motion without a final product from the P&Z, and Aldermen denied a West Side Overlay that was not even complete.

Aldermen were elected specifically to regulate and be discerning about the kind of and the presentation of businesses allowed in Salado. They have failed and have bent over to unknown property interests on the West Side to the detriment of residents and other businesses in Salado.

Reasonable and simple restrictions do not mean no growth or decreased property values. They mean more growth and greater property values for the West Side and all of Salado.

If you value the Culture of Salado, support the P&Z. Tell Aldermen you want restrictions on West Side growth to preserve the Culture of Salado. Email contacts for Aldermen are at Saladotx.gov/board-aldermen.

More importantly, this is the time to sign up and make public comment at the next Aldermen meeting on October 17th at 6:30 pm.

Sincerely,
Charles Simmons
Salado

Best way to counter "bad AI" isn't "no AI" -- it's "good AI"

By Andrew Makridis

Could terrorists or other bad actors use artificial intelligence to create a deadly pandemic?

Scientists at Harvard and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology conducted an experiment to find out last year. Researchers asked a group of students, none of whom had specialized training in the life sciences, to use AI tools, such as OpenAI's ChatGPT-4, to develop a plan for how to start a pandemic. In just an hour, participants learned how to procure and synthesize deadly pathogens like smallpox in ways that evade existing biosecurity systems.

AI cannot yet manufacture a national security crisis. But as biotechnology becomes more advanced, policymakers are understandably worried that it'll be increasingly easy to create a bioweapon. So they're starting to take action to regulate the emerging AI industry.

Their efforts are well-intentioned. But it's critical that policymakers avoid focusing too narrowly on catastrophic risk and inadvertently hamstringing the creation of positive AI tools that we need to tackle future crises. We should aim to strike a balance.

AI tools have enormous positive potential. For instance, AI technologies like AlphaFold and RFdiffusion have already made large

strides in designing novel proteins that could be used for medical purposes.

The same sort of technologies can also be used for evil, of course.

Once a potential bioweapon is identified -- maybe with the help of AI -- a malicious actor could order a custom strand of DNA from a commercial provider, who would manufacture synthetic DNA in a lab and return it via mail. As experts at the Center for Security and Emerging Technology at Georgetown University has posited, perhaps that strand of genetic material "codes for a toxin or a gene that makes a pathogen more dangerous."

Scientists frequently order synthesized DNA for projects like cancer and infectious disease research. But not all synthetic DNA providers screen orders or verify their customers.

Closing such loopholes will help, but we can't regulate away all of the risk. It'd be wiser to beef up our defenses by investing in AI-enabled early-detection systems.

Today, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Traveler-based Genomic Surveillance program partners with airports nationwide to gather and analyze wastewater and nasal swab samples to catch pathogens as they enter our borders. Other systems are in place for tracking particular pathogens within cities and communities. But

existing detection systems are likely not equipped for novel agents designed with AI's help.

The U.S. intelligence community is already investing in AI-powered capabilities to defend against next-generation threats. IARPA's FELIX program, in partnership with private biotech firms, yielded first-in-class AI that can distinguish genetically engineered threats from naturally-occurring ones, and identify what has been changed and how.

We have barely begun to tap the potential of AI to detect and protect against biological threats. In the case of a novel infectious disease, these systems have the power to determine how and when a pathogen has mutated. That can enable the speedy development of vaccines and treatments specifically tailored to new variants. AI can also help predict how a pathogen is likely to spread.

For these technologies to play their vital role, leaders in Washington and around the world must take steps to build up our AI defenses. The best way to counter "bad AI" isn't "no AI" -- it's "good AI."

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Master Gardener upcoming workshops

Bell County Master Gardener Association (BCMGA) announces upcoming workshops and gatherings.

HERB STUDY GROUP

BCMGA will be holding its monthly Herb Study Group on 10-11:30 a.m. Oct. 16 at the Texas Agrilife Extension Office, 1605 N. Main St., Belton. This month's topic is "Herbal Bath Salts-Hands On." No registration required. The public is welcome to join the study group.

INSECTS: FRIEND OR FOE

BCMGA and the Harker Heights Activities Center presents "Insects: Friend or Foe" 6-7:30 p.m. Oct. 16 at the Harker Heights Activities Center, 400 Indian Trail, Harker Heights. Certified Master Gardener, Dave Slaughter will discuss how insects can be both good and bad or either good or bad. Come and learn about the most common insects in Central Texas. Class size is limited to 50. Register at <https://bit.ly/3YatOi3>. E-mail Kailie Gomez at kgomez@harkerheights.gov or call 254-953-5465 if you have any questions.

FIRE ANTS: YUCK!

The Bell County Master Gardener Association is hosting a free monthly seminar "Fire Ants: Yuck!" 6-7:30 p.m. Oct. 17 at the Texas Agrilife Extension Office, BCMGA Learning Center, 1605 N. Main St., Belton. Certified Master Gardener Kathy Love will go over the history of fire ant arrival in the United States and the spread of biological and chemical/organic controls. Class size is limited to 50. Reserve your



spot by e-mailing bcmgaspeakers@gmail.com

SQUARE FOOT

GARDENING

BCGMA and Troy Chamber of Commerce Lunch and Learn presents "Square Foot Gardening" noon Oct. 18 at the Troy Community Center, 201 E. Main St., Troy. Certified Master Gardener and Certified Square Foot Gardening Instructor, Wayne Schirner, will present the Square Foot Gardening Method developed by Mel Bartholomew in 1979 and revised in 2005. Come learn how easy it is to get started and become successful in this popular method of gardening.

Class size is limited to 5-. Register via e-mail at info@greatertroychamber.com or contact Gaby Warlick at 254-400-7345

HOLIDAY

WORKSHOP

BCMGA presents a Hands-On Workshop "Holiday Herb Compound Butter & Cream Cheese Spreads" on Saturday, 9 a.m.-noon Oct. 26 at the Texas Agrilife Extension Office, 1605 N. Main St., Belton. Certified Master Gardener's, Jeanne Richard and Charlotte Nunery will teach you how to elevate your holiday table or consumable gift-giving using fresh herbs like sage, rosemary and thyme. In

and cream cheese spread to take home. You may even win a delectable door prize. Class size is limited to 24. Class fee is \$30. Reserve your spot by e-mailing bcmgaspeakers@gmail.com. Registration closes Oct. 18 or when full.

GOURMET

MUSHROOMS

BCGMA and the Central Texas Mycological Society presents a Hands-on "Gourmet Mushroom Gardening Workshop" on 9 a.m.-noon Nov. 9 at the Texas Agrilife Extension Office, BCMGA

Learning Center, 1605 N. Main St., Belton. You will learn how to recycle mushroom grow blocks to build healthy soil, increase water retention, feed the soil web, your plants and eventually you. This workshop will cover basic mycology and show you low-cost and low-tech ways to recycle mushroom grow blocks to take home. Class size is limited to 30. Class fee is \$254. E-mail bcmgaspeakers@gmail.com to reserve your spot. Registration closes Nov. 1 or when full.

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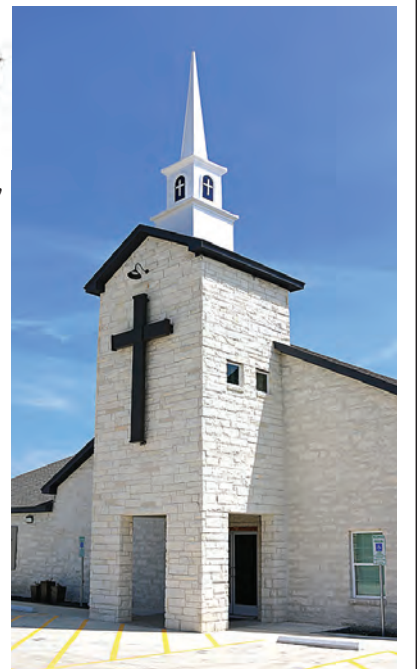
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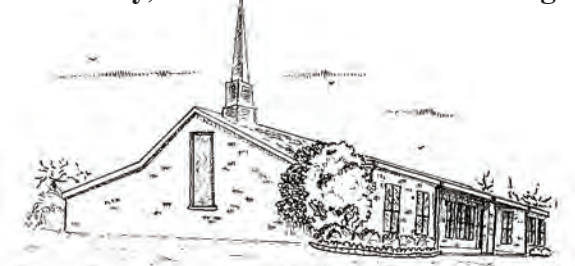
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Democratic Women meet Oct. 19 in Belton Ag Center

Bell County Texas Democratic Women will hold their monthly meetings on the third Saturday of every month at the Belton AgriLife Center, 1605 N Main St. at 10 a.m. Oct. 19. Join them to hear from local and state candidates and discuss important events and issues. The meeting is open to the public.

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James Kerby told aldermen that his working with a group to build a continuous care facility and an urgent care facility, as well, "This is a long-term project," Kerby said. "Not something that is going to be done overnight." When completed, the estimated property value for the development is \$921.6 million, which would provide \$3.6 million in property taxes at the current rate. The board approved \$10,000 Hotel Occupancy Tax fund grant to Salado

Museum for the upcoming Highland Games and Scottish Gathering. The Museum is required to make a full report of expenditures and other details by May. Approval came on a motion by MacDonald and second by Hurst, passing 3-0 with Graham abstaining. On a motion by Mayor Bert Henry, aldermen rejected the West Side Overlay. The board approved the final plat of Hawks Landing, a 17-acre, four-lot development that will be served by private roads.

Ladies League Jingle Walk Fundraiser Oct. 11-13

Tickets for the Salado Jingle Walk have sold out, as part of the "Christmas in October" celebration. The Salado Ladies Community League is in high gear planning their fourth Annual event that has been expanded to three days, Friday, October 11 through Sunday, October 13. Friday and Saturday shopping hours will be from 10-6 p.m. Sunday hours will be from 12-4

p.m. There will only be 250 tickets (passports) sold. The Salado Trolley will be running and you will receive a shopping bag for all your goodies. Each participant will need all three days to see everything the shops have to offer. Each \$30 Passport entitles participants to collect a special gift from each of the participating businesses that are vis-

ited during the shopping day(s). Shoppers who visit the designated shops and make purchases will be eligible for the three drawings of special door prizes. Stores participating this year include 21 Main, Bar 1859, Bling it Texas, Connie's Gifts & Art, Fletcher Books & Antiques, H and H Home Décor and Gifts, MAKS Mercantile, Presley Boutique, Red Barn Consignment Store, Salado Olive Oil, Serendipity, Sophie's, Solas Gallery, Sophistikatz Beads, The Flower Shop of Salado, The General Store, The Nature Company of Salado, The Rose and the Bee, The Shoppes on Main, Uniquely Salado, Village Mill Antiques, Wild Texas Cowgirls, and Woof. Many of the eating and drinking establishments are participating too. Silver Bell Sponsors include Ashai Wellness, Bar 1859, Inn on the Creek Properties and Nancy Best Reality. Brass Bell Sponsors are the Salado Chamber of Commerce, Salado Creek Dental and Stagecoach Inn and Restaurant.

Passports are available for this event and may be purchased online at Central Texas Tickets Website, centraltexas tickets.com; click on the Salado Christmas in October Jingle Walk event. On the event weekend the purchaser will first need to visit the Salado Civic Center, 601 N Main, where a passport map will be issued to help the shopper locate the participating businesses. As a 501(c)3, all proceeds are returned to the community through grants and scholarships. Donations for the event may be made at www.saladoLCL.org or mailed to Salado Ladies Community League; P.O. Box 161; Salado, TX 76571. For more information and deals on local lodging visit us on Facebook or the web site mentioned above.

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Barbecue benefits Bogey Free Club

In a show of community spirit and appreciation to our country's heroes, Legacy Protection & Preservation, a local family business and financial firm, is hosting their annual BBQ lunch Saturday, October 12 to raise funds for the non-profit organization, Bogey Free Club. The event, held at Barrow Brewing Company, will bring together local business leaders, veterans, and community members in a shared mission to support those who have served and sacrificed for the nation.

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

Units (SRU) from across the country to bring ill, injured and disabled active-duty soldiers to Central Texas for an introduction and competition in multiple adaptive sports and activities.

Ft. Campbell, KY SRU Coordinator, Robyn Fortin, will be bringing soldiers for her third year in a row to Bogey Free Club's events in November on what they call a "Texas Tour". Robyn has remarked, "Thanks to their efforts, hundreds of Soldiers are introduced to the sport of disc golf each year. Many of the Soldiers who go through our supported Bogey Free Club disc golf program tend to find not just a physical outlet in their recovery but also a mental and emotional one. Before their injuries, most of the Soldiers had never played disc golf but now consider it an activity that will serve them in their recovery for the rest of their lives, thanks to Bogey Free Club!"

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

well as at the BBQ.

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

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

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



Hickory Golf returns to Salado Nov. 2-3.

Hickory Golf tourney at Mill Creek

The ancient game of golf, played as it was during its earliest beginnings in Scotland, makes its return appearance here in Salado, when Salado Senior Center hosts the fifth annual Pioneer Classic Hickory Golf Tournament at Mill Creek Golf Course, November 2-3. The two-man team event is sponsored by area businesses and benefits the Salado Senior Center.

The golf weekend features special guest William W. Reed, past president of The Golf Heritage Society (a global non-profit organization headquartered in Lebanon, Ohio) who will

display an extensive collection of historic golf equipment and artifacts at Mill Creek throughout the weekend.

"The public is welcome to come out for the opening tee-off ceremonies at noon on Saturday, which will include Pipe Major Doug Slauson performing on the course, and to view the historic golf items on display in the clubhouse," says Swarthout. "Of course, there is no charge but donations to the Senior Center are always welcome!"

What makes Hickory Golf unique is that the players use clubs that have

a solid hickory wood shaft as did clubs used in the late 19th and early 20th Century. The players also dress the part, with men wearing vintage-style golfing knickers, jackets and caps.

To register, contact David Swarthout at 414.378.2341 or email dswarthout50@outlook.com.

Entry is \$150 per player and includes two rounds of golf with meals afterward (dinner on Saturday and lunch on Sunday). A commemorative ball is \$5 or a sleeve of five golf balls for \$15. Players can also rent hickory shaft clubs for \$35.

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

October 10-12
 Central Texas Youth Rodeo Association Rodeo, Heritage Country Church, 9677 Lark Trail, Salado. Thursday starts at 7 p.m. Friday starts at 7 p.m. Saturday starts at 6 p.m. Order of Events: Poles, Straights, Goats, Barrels, Chute Dogging, Dbl Mugging, Tie Down, Ribbons, Breakaway and Team Roping.

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

October 11
 Live music at Chupacabra, 7 p.m. Brad Good.

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

October 11-13
 Salado Ladies Community League 45th Christmas in October Jingle Walk. October 11-12, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. October 13, noon-4 p.m. Each \$30 Passport entitles participants to collect a special gift from each of the participating businesses that are visited during the shopping days. Log onto centraltastickets.com and click on the Salado Christmas in October Jingle Walk event.

October 12
 Heart and Hands Minis-

tries food distribution to those in need in the Salado, Holland, Bartlett area, 9-11 a.m., 213 Mill Creek Drive, Suite 135.

October 12
 Oktoberfest at Barrow Brewing Co. German food truck on the grounds, Stein holding, hammerschlagen competitions, a Vendor market and Live Music.

October 12
 Annual Barbecue Lunch, Barrow Brewing Co. benefiting Bogey Free Club, sponsored by Legacy Protection % Preservation. A \$20 donation provides a two-meat plate with three sides, drink, and a dessert along with a free raffle ticket.

October 12
 Live music at Chupacabra, 8 p.m., Josh Jaccard

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

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

October 13
 Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 4 p.m., Fred Fuller.

October 14
 Digital literacy class, 9 a.m.-noon, Salado Senior Center in the Salado United Methodist Church Youth Activity Center, 650 Royal St. Pre-registration required.

October 15
 Salado Chamber of Commerce 20th annual Golf Tournament, Mill Creek Country with after party at Johnny's Steals and BBQ. Shotgun start at noon. Teams of four, \$40. Individuals, \$125. Register at salado.com.

October 16
 Barrow Brewing Co., guest food truck, 4-8 p.m., Check Point Germany.

October 16
 Charcuterie Cooking Class at Yellow House Bed & Breakfast, 6:30-8:30 p.m. In addition to learning how to prepare and present cured meats, cheeses, and accompaniments, participants in a charcuterie class also get to take home their own charcuterie board. \$75. Call 254-444-0404 to reserve your spot.

October 16
 Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 7 p.m., Charles Knickerbocker.

October 17
 Halloween Goodies cooking class at Yellow House Bed & Breakfast, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Join us for a Halloween Goodies Cooking Demo. Learn to make festive, creepy snacks with decorating tips and tasty samples. Perfect for all ages. \$50. Call 254-444-0404 to reserve your spot.

October 17
 Heart and Hands Ministries food distribution day, 4:30-6 p.m., 213 Mill Creek Drive, Suite 135. Heart and Hands Ministries serve the Salado, Bartlett, and Holland areas. You can register by bringing a valid ID or current bill with an address in our service area. If you are in need of food, they are here to help.

October 17
 Pint Night at Chupacabra Craft Beer, 4 p.m.-midnight. Get a free pint glass with every purchase of the featured brewery, Hop Fusion.

October 17
 Village of Salado Aldermen meeting, 6:30 p.m. 301 N. Stagecoach Rd. Meeting will be cast via Zoom. Link will be posted at saladotx.gov 72 hours before meeting.

October 18
 Live music at Chupacabra, 7 p.m., DeAnna Wendolyn.

October 18
 Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 7 p.m., Mars the Band.

October 18-19
 Blow Your Own Pumpkins, \$70, Ages 3+, 3-5 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Salado Glassworks, register at saladoglassworks.com.

October 19
 Volksside at Barrow Brewing Co. supports the Salado Volunteer Fire Department (SVFD). Register at https://bit.ly/3ZfqBhI. Cyclists choose from 16 mile, 32 mile, 66 mile, or 100 mile routes in the scenic Central Texas hill country.

October 19
 Volksmarch at Barrow Brewing Co., 8:30 a.m. The 5K route takes you by Salado Creek, Salado's historic sites, and some great public art. Registration includes a t-shirt, cold pint, and a fresh, hot pretzel. Register at https://bit.ly/3ZgRiN

October 19
 Charcuterie Cooking Class at Yellow House Bed & Breakfast, 1-3 p.m. In addition to learning how to prepare and present cured meats, cheeses, and accompaniments, participants in a charcuterie class also get to take home their own charcuterie board. \$75. Call 254-444-0404 to reserve your spot.

October 19
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October 19
Tablerock's Fright Trail, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Thrills and Chills from Classic Tales. Adults, \$10, 12 and under \$5. Tickets at centraltextickets.com or at the gate.

October 19
Live music at Chupacabra, 8 p.m., Kyle Mathis.

October 20
Fall Fest at St. Stephen Catholic Church grounds located at 601 FM 2268. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. BBQ Dinner, raffle, silent and live auction, children's games, kid's train, cake walk, Mexican food court, Loteria.

October 20
Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 4 p.m., Eley Buck Davis.

October 22
"Yappy Hour" Lots of dog fun and treats 5-6:30 p.m. at Century 21 Bill Bartlett at 860 N. Main. All dogs will enjoy a complimentary pup cup and a grooming service of your choice. For our human guests, we'll be serving free hot dogs and refreshments. As you mingle with neighbors, take advantage of the opportunity to chat with a professional dog trainer and browse a curated selection of products from a local boutique pet store. Don't miss the chance to enter our grand prize giveaway—dress your pup in a Halloween costume to double your chances! Plus, everyone will leave with a special goody bag. We look forward to seeing you there!

October 23
Salado Lions Club luncheon meeting, 11:30 a.m., Salado Civic Center.

October 23
Barrow Brewing Co., guest food truck, 4-8 p.m., Crave Hot Dogs.

October 23
Knife Skills class at Yellow House Bed & Breakfast, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Learn slicing, dicing, and chopping techniques from expert instructors. Perfect for all skill levels, gain confidence and efficiency in the kitchen. \$60. Call 254-444-0404 to reserve your spot.

October 24
Salado Chamber of Commerce Lunch N Learn with Specialty Restoration, noon, 423 S. Main St. Amanda Bearden will discuss navigating insurance claims for residential and commercial properties. Register on-line at salado.com.

October 24
Pint Night at Chupacabra Craft Beer, 4 p.m.-midnight. Get a free pint glass with every purchase of the featured brewery, True Vine.

October 24
Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 7 p.m., Forrest McCurren.

October 25
Royal Street Art Walk (RAW), galleries open late. Live music and demonstrations.

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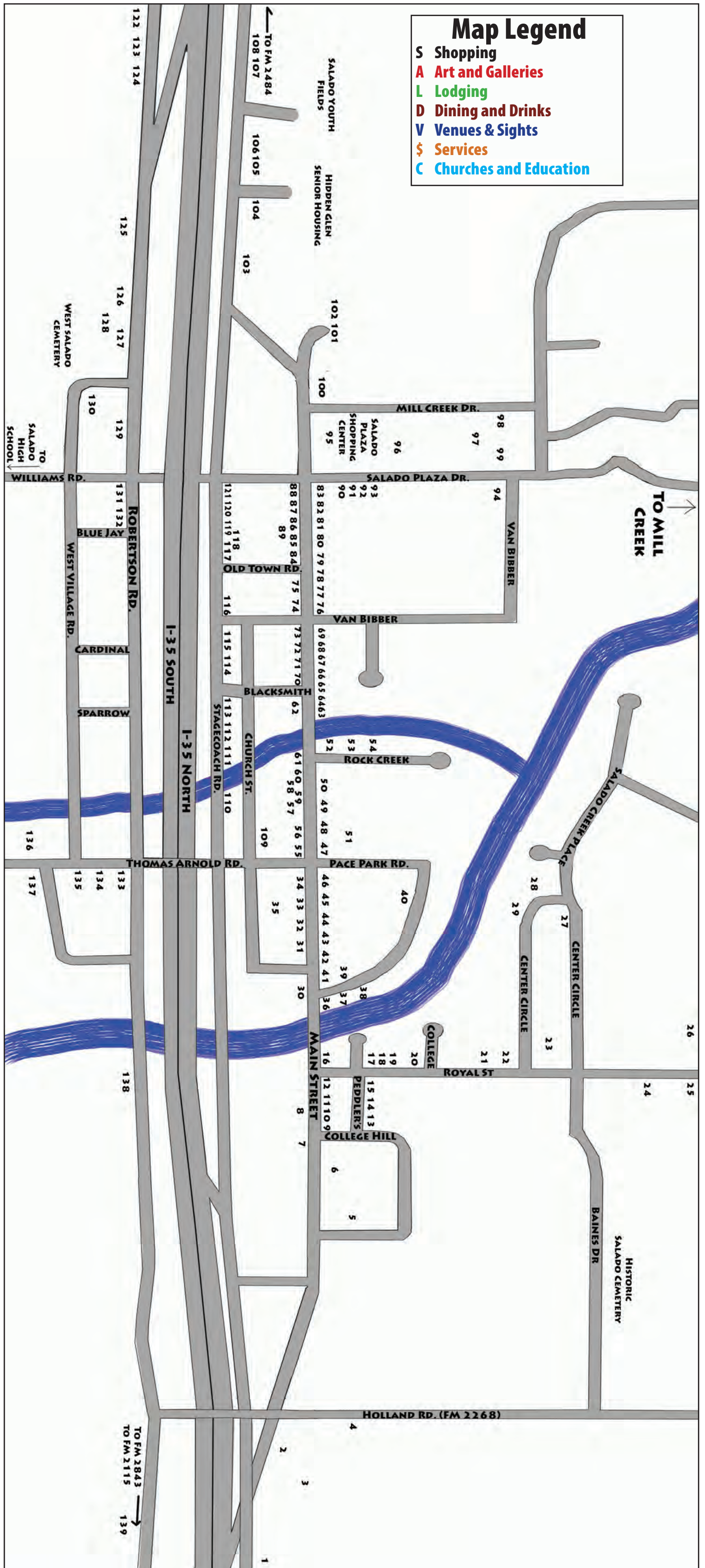
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6	Salado College Park	V
7	Raney & Assoc. Real Estate 254-913-1215	\$
8	StageCoach Inn 254-947-5111	D/L
9	Salado Museum 254-947-5232	V
	Salado Visitors Center & Tourism 254-947-8634	\$
	Salado Chamber of Commerce 254-947-5040	\$
10	Sofi's 254-947-4336	S
11	Chupacabra Craft Beer and Winery (254) 308-2019	D
	Chupacabra Kitchen (254) 308-2220	D
14	Salado Glassworks 254-947-0339	A
15	Provecho 254-308-2098	D
17	Barrow Brewing Co. 254-947-3544	D
	Happy Pizza 254-226-1684	S
19	TEX28 Outfitters 254-545-9978	S
21	The Venue 254-947-5554	V
	Village Spa 254-293-6600	S
22	The Shed 254-947-1960	D
24	Tablerock 254-947-5482	V
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29	Inn on the Creek 254-947-5554	L
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30	First Baptist Church 254-947-546	C
32	First Texas Brokerage 254-947-5577	\$
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100	Salado Creek Ministries meets at the Salado Public Library	C
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133	Johnny's Steaks & BBQ 254-947-4663	D
134	The Dog Spot 254-947-3647	\$
135	Carus Dental 254-947-8067	\$
136	Salado Schools & Stadium	C
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| 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 |
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| 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 | |

Eagles pull off last-minute win over Navarro, 28-21

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Salado Eagles pulled off a last-minute win over the visiting Navarro Panthers 28-21, forcing three straight incomplete passes by Payton Helford in the final 47 seconds to notch their first District 13-4A Div. 2 victory under coach Ricky Beaty.

With a narrow 22-21 lead, the Eagles drove the ball 77 yard in 12 plays, scoring on a 1-yard dive by Lincoln Hossfeld to go up 28-21. The Eagles went for two, but Hossfeld was stopped short with 1:54 left in the game.

The Eagles kicked deep against the slot-T Panthers hoping to hang on for the win. The Panthers took over at their own 27 yard line. Workhorse running back Kohen Blount ran up the middle for 3 yards and a time out was called, evidently by Salado though the call on the field was Navarro for their second time out.

Blount pushed it to the 35-yard line and Helford got a first down with just over a minute left in the game.

Brody Schiller broke up a pass along the sideline and Cade Fenoglio almost picked off a pass with Luke Bauser pressuring Helford to force a third and 10. Brodie Landon sacked Helford to force a fourth and 16 at the Navarro 32 when Navarro called time out with 47 seconds left.

The Panthers came out of the time out and Helford



Luke Bingham runs for the Salado Eagles.



Devonte Foster and Ethan Robledo take down Navarros' Dylan Trotti in the Eagles 28-21 district win. (PHOTOS BY ROYCE WIGGIN)

connected with Brown for 31 yards to get into Salado territory.

Helford carried for 3 yards, the last the Panthers would get as Salado force him to throw three desperation incomplete passes to secure the win.

The game was competitive from the first whistle.

The Eagles elected to receive the opening kick and drove to the Panther 31, but Navarro recovered a Jackson Turk at their 36.

The Panthers then took 29 plays and 10 minutes to drive the 64 yards to score on a 1-yard dive by Blount with 1:07 left in the first. Brown kicked the PAT for a 7-0 Panther lead.

The Eagles answered on the next series, driving 74 yards in 16 plays, scoring on an 18-yard pass from Hossfeld to Turk with 5:52 left in the half, eating up seven minutes of clock. Townes

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The construction continues on our new high school and new stadium that are scheduled to be completed in August 2026.

These are the activities our general contractor and subcontractors worked on last week:

- Placed grade beams at Area A
- Began excavating Area B foundation
- Blue topped parking lots at stadium
- Began installing sanitary sewer line at high school
- Began boring at Wil-

liams Road

These are the activities our general contractor and subcontractors are working on this week:

- Continue boring at Williams Road
- Place Area A footings
- Place Area B grade beams
- Excavate Area C grade beams and footings
- Continue sanitary sewer line at high school

If you have any questions regarding the construction of these new facilities you are welcome to contact me at michael.novotny@sala- doisd.org or 254-947-6905.



Aerial of work at the new Salado High School campus. (COURTESY PHOTO)



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Brody Schiller intercepts the ball. (PHOTOS BY ROYCE WIGGIN)



Korbin Konarik catches a touchdown pass.

Eagles

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Sather tied the score at 7-7 with his kick.

Schiller intercepted a Helford pass with 40 seconds left in the half to give the Eagles the ball at the Panther 26.

On the next play, Hossfeld hit Korbin Konarik in the very back of the end zone for a TD. Hossfeld connected with Landen No-

ske for the two-point conversion and a 15-7 halftime lead.

Navarro forced the Eagles to turnover the ball on downs at the Panther 41, then drove for a touchdown 10 plays later, scoring on a fourth-and-15 on a rare pass from Helford to Brown for 27 yards. Dylan Trotti pushed in the two-point try

to tie the game at 15-15 at 6:17 in the third.

Bauser fell on an onside kick to five the Eagles the ball at the Panther 48. Nine plays later, Hossfeld ran through the middle of the Navarro defense for the touchdown. Sather made the score 22-15 with 2:03 left in the third.

The Eagle defense forced

Navarro to a three-and-out series, but the Braddick Gallini fell on a muffed punt at the Salado 25. Six plays later, Helford dove in from the 1. The PAT failed and Salado held a narrow 22-21 lead with 8:45 left in the game.

The Eagles went up on the 1-yard dive by Hossfeld and held on for the win.



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GAME STATISTICS

SHS	Statistic	NHS
17	1st downs	12
31-176	Rushes-yds	42-162
2	Rushing TDs	1
2-2	Fumbles-Lost	0-0
18-11	Pass-Comp	11-3
132	Passing yards	64
2-0	Pass: TDs-Ints	1-1
5-35	Penalties-yds	4-21
1-40	Punts-yds.	2-74
1-0	Punt returns-yds	0-0
4-49	Kick returns-yds	4-40


Individual Statistics

Rushing leaders: SHS: Luke Bingham, 16-96 yds; Lincoln Hossfeld, 8-39 yds, 2 TDs; Jackson Turk, 8-35 yds. NHS: Kohen Blount, 22-80 yds, 2 TDs. Dylan Trotti, 57-38 yds. Colorado Kenway, 4-24 yds.


Passing Leaders: SHS: L. Hossfeld, 11-18-122 yds, 1 TD; NHS: Payton Helford, 3-11-64 yds, 1 TD, 1 INT.

Receiving Leaders: SHS: Landen Noske, 2-36 yds; Korbin Konarik, 2-31 yds., 1 TD; J. Turk, 3-31, 1 TD; Brendan Wilson, 2-21 yds. NHS: Brown, 2-59 yds, 1 TD.

Defensive Stats: Cade Fenoglio, 7 Solo Tackles (ST), 6 Assisted Tackles (AT), 1 Pass Defense (PD); Damonte Foster, 7 ST, 6 AT; Michael Edmondson, 7 ST, 1 AT; Christian Norcross, 6 ST, 2 AT; Devonte Foster, 5 ST, 2 AT; Ethan Robledo, 4 ST, 3 ST; Brody Schiller, 3 ST, 2 AT, 1 INT, 1 PD; Luke Bauser, 3 ST, 1 AT, Sack, 2 Tackles for Loss (TFL); Brayden Dildine, 2 ST, 1 AT, blocked field goal; Kenneth Angel, 2 ST, 2 PD; Isaac Capetillo, 1 ST, 1 AT; Brodie Landon, 2 AT; Tyler Blackwell, 1 ST; Jackson Turk, a fumble recovery.



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TMEA Region Choir Members front row (l-r): Piper Gillette, Emily Gamble, Isabella McHaney, back row (l-r): Sean Hogue, Sean Murray, Eleftherios Nikolaidis, Will Tracy. Not pictured: Selestte Hubbard, Gracin Platt (Honor Choir)

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Choir students selected to TMEA Region Choir

Salado High School Choir students auditioned Sept. 28 at Gatesville High School for the Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA) Region Choir.

Region is the first step towards membership in the elite Texas All-State Choir.

The All-State Choir will perform at the Texas Music Educator's Association Convention in San Antonio on Feb. 15, 2025.

Students must pass three rounds of auditions to be selected as members of this prestigious Choir. The students will have 3 days of rehearsal at TMEA under the tutelage of this year's All-State clinician and conductor, Dr. Sharon Paul. Sharon J. Paul is a profes-

sor of music, chair of vocal and choral studies, and director of choral activities at the University of Oregon. She earned her D.M.A. in choral conducting from Stanford University, an M.F.A. in conducting and performance practice from UCLA, and a B.A. in music from Pomona College.

The Region Choir will perform on Nov. 9 at Marble Falls High School.

Students in this ensemble are high school students, in grades 9-12.

The Region Choir clinician and conductor will be Dr. Will McLean, a professor at Baylor University School of Music.

Also performing on Nov. 9 will be students singing

in the Honor Choir. This group is selected for participation by their school choir director. Students in this ensemble are in grades 7, 8, or 9. The Honor Choir clinician and conductor is Dr. Holly Dalrymple, formerly at Southwestern University, and now a freelance choral conductor.

Salado HS students selected for the Region Choir:

- Emily Gamble
- Piper Gillette
- Selestte Hubbard
- Sean Hogue
- Isabella McHaney
- Sean Murray
- Eleftherios Nikolaidis
- Will Tracy

Gracin Platt was selected as a member of the High School Honor Choir.

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SHS Speech & Debate

Shown above are (front row, from left) Natasha Crocker, Stephanie Zhang Lee and Danna Reyes; (back row, from left) Callum Campbell, Jordan Escobedo Calvin Adinaro and Kate Tautenhahn. (Courtesy Photo)

Speech & Debate team competes in Buffalo

The Salado High School Speech and Debate Team competed at the Buffalo Tournament That Teaches on Sept 28. Twenty schools participated in the meet.

Thirty-six students competed in congressional debate. Results are:

Stephanie Zhang Lee,

Congress, third; Kate Tautenhahn, Congress, third;

Calvin Adinaro, Congress, seventh;

Jordan Escobedo, Congress, eighth;

Natasha Crocker, Congress, ninth;

Callum Campbell, Con-

gress, ninth;

Danna Reyes, Congress, 13th.

The Salado High School Speech and Debate Team will compete next at the Lampasas High School UIL Meet on Oct. 26. The team is coached by Tim Cook.

JV, 9th, Jr. High take 4 of 5 games from Navarro counterparts Oct. 3

Salado under-varsity teams won four of five games against their Navarro counterparts Oct. 3.

SHS JV 16
NHS JV 42

Salado JV Eagles lost to Navarro JV 42-16 on Oct. 3.

Owen Piatt ran for a touchdown in the first half.

Max Gist completed a touchdown pass to King Tobe in the second half.

"The defense played with great effort throughout the night," coach Justin Edmondson said.

Outstanding offensive players were Gist, Piatt and Tobe.

Oscar Chavez was the outstanding special teams player.

Defensive standouts were Luke Leiskau, Connor Cooper and Piatt.

"This was a tough loss for us, however it gives us a lot of teachable moments," Coach Edmondson said. "We will get back to work and prepare for Wimberley."

The JV Eagles are 3-3 on the year.

SHS 9th Grade 30
NHS 9th Grade 24

Salado Eagles ninth graders pulled off a last minute win over Navarro ninth graders, 30-24, on Oct. 3.

Quarterback Ryder Balmos scored on a 3 yard run and running back Zack Adcox ran in the 2 point conversion to go up 8-0.

Navarro answered with a touchdown and two-point conversion to tie the score at 8-8 in the first.

Adcox scored on a 5 yard run to put the Eagles up 14-8.

Adcox scored on a 30 yard run to put the eagles up 22-8 at the half.

Navarro scored two touchdowns and converted two two-pointers to take a 24-22 lead.

Balmos scored on a 4-yard run on fourth down with 30 seconds left in the game to secure the win.

Zack Adcox ran in the two-point conversion for the 30-24 victory.

Outstanding offensive players this week were Balmos and Adcox

Outstanding defensive players this week were Sam Nail and Jaiton Byers, who each forced a fumble and Tyson White, Hudson Slimp and Jaiton Byers who each recovered a fumble.

The ninth graders are 6-0 and will face Wimberley this week.

SMS 8A 30
NMS 8A 8

Salado Eighth Grade A team beat Navarro eighth graders 30-8 on Oct. 3.

Roman Howard drew first blood with a 40-yard touchdown run. He added the two-point conversion for an 8-0 lead.

Staton Norman connected with Howard for a 75-yard touchdown. Easton

Jones added the two-point conversion for a 16-8 lead in the first.

Norman connected with Jones for a 32-yard pass. Howard added the two-point try for a 24-8 lead.

Lane Johnson intercepted a Navarro pass and returned it 25 yards. The PAT failed, leaving Salado with the 30-8 win.

SMS 8B 14
NMS 8B 0

Salado Eighth Grade B team shut out Navarro 14-0 Oct. 3.

Hunter Harrison scored on a 15-yard run, but the point after try failed.

Huly Peterson scored on a 6-yard run. Harrison scored the two-point conversion for the 14-0 win.

SMS 7th 20
NMS 7th 14

Salado seventh graders beat their Navarro counterparts 20-14 Oct. 3.

Trailing by six, Ethan Barnes scored on a 5-yard run. The point-after failed.

Salado went up on a 2-yard pass from Wyatt Keller to Wesley Law. The two-point try failed and Salado took a 12-6 lead to the half.

Navarro scored in the third and converted the point-after for a 14-12 lead.

Keller connected with Jaxson Schuler for a 12-yard touchdown. Keller connected with Schuler for the two-point try and a 20-14 lead.



The Salado High School Class of 2025 Christmas Market Jingle Jam will be 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Oct. 19 at the high school, 1880 Williams Rd. The Jingle Jam will give you a chance to do early Christmas shopping while supporting the Class of 2025. There will be a wide variety of vendors from around central Texas. There will be a raffle for prizes donated by the vendors. The Class will have food and drinks and offer complimentary gift wrapping.

Lady Eagles undefeated after first round in District 24-4A

After the first round of District 24-4A, Salado is undefeated and alone at the top of the standings with a record of 6-0 in district play and 29-6 overall.

	1	2	3	4	5	F
SHS	25	25	25			2
THS	5	15	13			0

Salado easily handled Taylor, sweeping the Lady Ducks in three, 25-5, 25-15, 25-13, on the road Oct. 4.

Payton Ortega had five aces to lead the girls, followed by Haley Brown, four, Kaylee Bragg, three, Shelby Hollywood, two and Charli Niu, one.

Macy Morris led the girls with 10 kills, followed by Brown, seven, Ortega and Kael Wilcox, five each, Niu, four, Elsie Law, three, and Bragg and Shelby Hollywood, one each.

Morris had five blocks, followed by Niu, three, Wilcox, two and Bragg, Ortega and Law, one each.

Niu led the girls with 30 assists, followed by Bragg, two, and Hollywood and Kate Maedgen, one each.

Hollywood led the girls in digs with 15, followed by Brown and Niu, five each,

Ortega, four, Bragg, three and Morris, Maedgen and Lola Haas, two each.

	1	2	3	4	5	F
SHS	25	25	25			3
LHS	4	6	15			0

Salado Lady Eagles swept Lampasas on the road Oct. 1, 25-4, 25-6, 25-15.

Haley Brown had six aces to lead the Lady Eagles, followed by Kaylee Bragg, three, Charli Niu, two, and Mazzy Johnson, one.

Brown also led the girls in kills, with 13, followed by Macy Morris and Kael Wilcox, nine each, Elsie Law, six, Niu, four, Bragg, and Payton Ortega, two each, and Johnson, one.

Bragg and Wilcox each had a block.

Niu made 39 assists to lead Salado, followed by Morris and Wilcox, three each and Brown, one.

Brown led the girls with 14 digs, followed by Morris, four, Bragg, Johnson, Law, Wilcox and Shelby Hollywood, three each, Kate Maedgen, two and Lola Haas, one.

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Date	Location	Call
09/29	GOOSENECK RD, Bell	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
09/29	TALON LOOP, Salado	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
09/29	Tahuaya Rd/Amity School Rd, Bell	No incident found on arrival
09/29	FM 2484, Bell	Motor vehicle accident, no injuries.
09/30	ELMER KING RD, Bell	Dispatched & cancelled en route
09/30	FM 2484, Bell	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
09/30	TH JONES MILL WAY, Salado	EMS call, exclud. MVA with injury
09/30	FM 2843, Bell	EMS call, exclud. MVA with injury
09/30	WORTH LN, Bell	Outside rubbish fire, other
09/30	I-35, Bell	Grass fire
09/30	WORTH LN, Bell	Authorized controlled burning
09/30	MEADOW CREST DR, Bell	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
09/30	SAINT MATTHEW ST, Bell	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
10/01	RIDGECREST DR, Salado	Unauthorized burning
10/01	FM 2484, Bell	Assist police or other gov. agency
10/01	N STAGECOACH RD, Salado	EMS call, exclud. MVA with injury
10/01	WILD SEED DR, Bell	Unintentional transmission of alarm
10/01	BLAYLOCK DR, Salado	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
10/02	PRAIRIE LN, Bell	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
10/02	FLINT RIDGE LOOP, Bell	EMS call, exclud. MVA with injury
10/02	N STAGECOACH RD, Salado	Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire
10/02	CROWS RANCH RD, Bell	Unauthorized burning
10/02	FM 2484, Bell	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
10/03	CENTER CIR, Salado	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
10/04	SMITH BLUFF RD, Salado	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
10/04	Royal Ridge LOOP, Bell	Motor vehicle accident, no injuries.
10/04	N STAGECOACH RD, Salado	EMS call, exclud. MVA with injury
10/05	DEGRUMMOND WAY, Salado	Assist invalid
10/05	TOMMY LOOP, Bell	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
10/05	FM 2484, Bell	No incident found on arrival
10/05	PACE PARK RD, Salado	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
10/05	MILL CREEK DR, Salado	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
10/05	ROYAL ST, Salado	Lock-out
10/05	ROYAL ST, Salado	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
10/05	S IH-35 SERVICE RD, Bell	Medical assist, assist EMS crew



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