

Early voting starts Oct. 21

Early voting in the November General Election will be Oct. 21-Nov. 1.

Early voting hours are 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Oct. 21-25; 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Oct. 26, noon-6 p.m. Oct. 27 and 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Oct. 28-Nov. 1.

Bell County Early Voting will be conducted in person at the following locations:

- Bell County Belton Annex, 550 East 2nd Ave., Belton.

- Bell County Annex, 304 Priest Dr., Killeen.

Jackson Professional Learning Center, 902 Rev R A Abercrombie Dr., Killeen.

Senior Center at Lions Club Park, 1700 E. Stan Schlueter Loop, Killeen.

Temple ISD Administration Building, 401 Santa Fe Way, Temple.

Salado Church of Christ Activities Center, 217 North Church St., Salado.

Harker Heights Parks & Recreation Center, 307 Millers Crossing, Harker Heights.

Morgan's Point Event Center, 60 Morgan's Point Blvd., Morgan's Point Resort.

Polls will be open at 42 Bell County location on Election Day, 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Nov. 5.

If you are registered to vote in Bell County, you can cast a ballot at any one of those locations, a list of which can be found here: https://bellcountytexas.com/departments/elections/election_day_locations.php.

You will be asked to show photo ID to vote in Texas.

Acceptable forms include the following:

- Texas driver's license issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS)
- Texas election ID certificate
- Texas personal ID card
- Texas handgun license
- US military ID with photo
- US citizenship certificate with photograph (doesn't need to be current)
- US passport (book or card)

Forms must be current or expired less than four years. For voters aged 70 or older, the acceptable form of photo identification may be expired for any length of time if the identification is otherwise valid. For voters aged 18-69, the acceptable form of photo identification may be expired no more than four years.

Learn more at votetexas.gov.



Buckley to file bill to protect teachers

SALADO, TX – In a move to enhance educational outcomes and safety in Texas schools, Rep. Brad Buckley emphasizes the urgent need for reform in school discipline practices.

Every student deserves a fair chance to succeed, educators deserve a safe and professional work environment, and children with behavioral issues deserve a system that appropriately addresses those issues, Buckley said.

“Nearly every Texas educator I have spoken with raises student discipline as the most important thing we as lawmakers in Austin could reform to help our schools run better and safer as well as increase edu-

cational attainment in the classroom,” said Rep. Buckley.

“I am working with educators and advocates along with other stakeholders on legislation aimed at reforming school discipline practices across Texas. Our goal is to create a more effective system that promotes a positive learning environment for all students and teachers,” Rep. Buckley said.

Rep. Buckley is asking for educators, parents, and those in the community to share their insights and experiences regarding school discipline in Texas.

“These voices are essential as we work toward this important reform,” Rep. Buckley said.



Central Texas Youth Rodeo

Central Texas Youth Rodeo Association Rodeo is held monthly (twice in November) at the Heritage Country Church arena, 9677 Lark Trail, Salado. The next rodeo weekends will be Nov. 7-9 and Nov. 21-23. 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.

(PHOTOS BY ROYCE WIGGIN)

Village sees 5.6% increase in Oct. sales tax rebate

The Village of Salado is among the eight Bell County cities to see an increase in sales tax rebates for October 2024, when compared to 2023.

The Village will receive \$68,196.64 an increase of 5.6% compared to last October's payment of \$64,575.49. For the year, the Village is running 6.55% over year-to-date payments in 2023: \$733,696.69 compared to \$688,545.53 through October 2023.

Three Bell County cities are running in the double digits ahead of last year-to-date: Nolanville (20.04%), Little River Academy (14.07%) and Troy (11.24%).

Bell County showed a 4.54% increase in sales tax

revenues compared to the previous year. The County's October payment is \$2.81 million, compared to \$2.68 million last October.

The Village is one of three Bell County cities to levy a 1-cent sales tax, while seven other Bell County cities levy a 1.5 cent sales tax and Rogers levies a 1.25 cent sales tax.

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

For that half-cent tax, Salado Public Library District received a \$61,643.93 October check, which was 9.84% more than last October's payment of \$56,120.34. For the year, the Library District has received \$616,449.46, which is 10.02% more than the

Sales tax rebates for October 2024 to Bell County taxing entities							
Entity	Rate	October 2024	October 2023	Change	YTD 2024	YTD 2023	Change
Belton	1.500%	\$858,354.50	\$834,441.09	2.86%	\$8,030,765.63	\$7,641,619.44	5.09%
Harker Heights	1.500%	\$919,300.27	\$880,739.83	4.37%	\$9,245,201.33	\$9,266,175.30	-0.22%
Holland	1.000%	\$14,277.99	\$11,101.88	28.60%	\$131,104.38	\$114,248.72	14.75%
Killeen	1.500%	\$2,708,573.33	\$2,804,363.40	-3.41%	\$29,320,259.37	\$28,807,195.47	1.78%
LR-Academy	1.000%	\$12,024.15	\$11,157.32	7.76%	\$135,734.08	\$118,991.47	14.07%
Morgans Point	1.500%	\$26,912.62	\$32,751.12	-17.82%	\$311,238.61	\$290,496.99	7.14%
Nolanville	1.500%	\$202,031.87	\$137,068.33	47.39%	\$1,665,964.71	\$1,387,834.68	20.04%
Rogers	1.250%	\$17,136.40	\$9,571.95	79.02%	\$139,652.82	\$165,411.55	-15.57%
Salado	1.000%	\$68,196.64	\$64,575.49	5.60%	\$733,696.69	\$688,545.53	6.55%
Temple	1.500%	\$3,088,359.11	\$3,016,453.85	2.38%	\$31,633,105.09	\$30,375,831.30	4.13%
Troy	1.500%	\$84,618.58	\$88,410.13	-4.28%	\$958,675.18	\$861,804.38	11.24%
Salado Library	0.500%	\$61,643.93	\$56,120.34	9.84%	\$616,449.46	\$560,293.08	10.02%
Bell	0.500%	\$2,805,902.87	\$2,684,002.65	4.54%	\$28,665,037.46	\$27,573,012.95	3.96%

\$560,293.08 paid through October 2023.

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced Oct. 9 that he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts \$1.1 billion in local sales tax

allocations for October, 1.2 percent less than in October 2023.

These allocations are based on sales made in August by businesses that report tax monthly.

The comptroller sent rebates totaling \$692.2 mil-

lion to Texas Cities, an increase of 2.0% over last October.

Counties received \$67.2 million in sales tax rebate checks, an increase of 2.4% over October 2023.

The comptroller sent \$231.7 million to transit

systems for October, an increase of 0.4% over October 2023.

Special purpose districts received \$108.2 million in sales tax rebate checks for October, 1.0% more than October 2023.

FORUM

Inflation rate slows to 2.4% US GDP growing at 3%

The Markets

The venerable S&P 500 Stock Index, our preferred if flawed primary indicator of the general state of U.S. publicly traded stocks, closed up 1.11% for the week at 5815.03, a record high. It is now up nearly 22% this year and an astonishing 32.86% from this time last year. The three-year run is finally slightly higher than one year, at 33.34%. The ten-year return is what strikes us as impressive, though. The SPX price return has averaged almost 12% per year over the last decade. The last time we saw average gains of that level for a decade, or more was in the 1990s. There may be a lesson in that. The other index we follow, the CRSP US Mid Cap Value Index, rose 0.18% for the week to close at 2891.21 and is up 15.33% this year.

Not only is the S&P 500 (SPX) on a bull market tear, regularly setting record highs, but the breadth of the bull has been growing, with 85% of the issues in the index now showing positive year-over-year growth. One of the sure signs that a bull market is living on borrowed time is a narrowing of the percentage of gainers, while a broadening set of gains suggests the bull has more room to run. Two other factors reinforce that favorable position. The SPX forward earnings estimates have been breaking records since September of 2023, and the quantity of money in money market mutual funds was at a record \$6.5 trillion as October began. Historically, bull markets feed on cash in money market funds as interest rates decline. Again, the last time we saw this pattern was in the mid-1990s. The price to earnings ratio for the Index is a bit high at 21.6 but not as high as the 25.5 it hit in

Market & Economic Update

by Jeffrey W. McClure



1999. That bears watching.

In general, the Treasury and bond market went the other way, with the yield on the ten-year U.S. Treasury note yield rising 2.51% to 4.08%, up over 5% since last year. Bond prices fall as yields increase. West Texas Intermediate crude oil (WTI) rose about 1% to \$75.54 per barrel and is about 10% less expensive than a year ago.

The Economy

This week's headline is that the U.S. economic news is getting boring. The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) at the Labor Department has reported precisely the same monthly inflation rate, 0.2%, for three months. Moreover, the annual rate over the last twelve months appears to have held steady at 2.4%, twelve times the steady monthly rate. That yearly rate is the lowest trailing twelve-month inflation since 2021. It seems that disinflation is continuing. The Producer Price Index for final demand, again from the BLS, was unchanged in September and has risen only 1.8% in the last year. The PPI for final demand is a measure of the wholesale prices charged to retailers and tends to lead inflation numbers. Interestingly, the PPI for goods decreased 0.2% in September.

The U.S. economy continues to surprise as U.S. GDP growth charges forward at about a 3% annual rate, easily 50% higher than the pre-pandemic average. Since our economy is primarily driven by consumer spending, in a "normal" situation, we would expect a significant growth in consumer credit.

Instead, so far this year, the average annualized increase in nominal credit has been 2.2%, less than average inflation. Why is this important? In a "normal" business cycle, consumers begin to borrow as we emerge from a recession, and particularly when there is high inflation, the accumulation of consumer credit grows at an unsustainable rate until credit cards and other loan sources become a severe burden. At that point, the consumer slows purchases, businesses begin to see declines in revenue, and the stage is set for the next recession. This time, consumers have held their borrowing to low levels and have not seen their debt grow as fast as inflation, effectively lowering their debt load rather than raising it. Today, the Chief Financial Officer of J.P. Morgan stated that the much sought and rarely accomplished economic soft landing has been achieved.

The rest of the world is not in as good a position. Germany, the leading economy in the European Union and a large exporter downgraded its growth forecast and now officially expects to be in recession as its Economy Minister warned that its economy would contract by about 0.2% this year. Consumer demand remains depressed and its primary export customer, China, is experiencing deflation and a probable economic contraction.

Once again, we must report that the U.S. economy is in excellent condition and seems to be rolling along with plenty of fuel and excellent momentum.

Readers share thoughts on November election

To the Editor:

Fall is upon us, which means it's time to vote. I'm not writing to fight for a presidential candidate, a congressional candidate, or even a local candidate. I am writing to remind the citizens of Salado what was voted on, and passed, last year.

The citizens of Salado approved two school bonds totaling more than \$270 million dollars. You read that right, more than \$270 million dollars! The reason I bring this topic up, is because the pro forma presented as to how taxpayers would pay for these bonds was through "assumed annual growth" of our collective property values. That's fair, reasonable financial assumptions are made every day across the globe based on valid data and forecasts. Digging into those assumptions I remind you of the following, "...assumes annual growth of the District's taxable assessed valuation at 16% in 2024 through 2029 and an average of 4.48% per year thereafter." You read that right, too! 16%! Looking back over the last 12 months, that should scare any taxpayer in the district. Why? Because not only will we end 2024 without the recklessly "assumed" 16% growth, we have actually declined collectively by >2% based on all measures I can find.

Ladies and gentlemen, this is just the beginning.

Your Voice

Letters to the Editor

Approving those school bonds was the most asinine financial irresponsibility I have ever witnessed at the local level.

In the end, the piper will be paid, Salado citizens approved it.

Scott Hamilton
Salado

Dear Editor:

Who won the Vice-Presidential debate? Was it the candidate who previously has said, "We are run in this country by a bunch of childless cat ladies who are miserable at their own lives and their choices."? Was it the candidate who publicly admitted that the lie about Haitian American immigrants eating people's pets was repeated by him because he wasn't getting media attention? Was it the candidate who wouldn't answer the debate question asking who lost the 2020 election?

If anyone thinks that what we're hearing or seeing is normal American politics...I disagree. The spewing of lies at lightning speed is coming from Republican candidates, and those in office who dutifully follow the Trump cult with the same strategy. The party of law and order, less gov-

ernment control, and preservation of individual rights IS BROKEN. I connect the brokenness of the political party, formally known as Republican, as being led by a person unhinged and suffering from beginning states of dementia. The increasing agitation and anger displayed in rambling and scattered speeches goes off on ridiculous ways to solve American issues like addressing crime by allowing a day of violence.

He announces that, "Migrants will come into your kitchen and cut your throat." Also, his anger with Fox News that parts of Harris speeches were aired on his favorite puppet media, and that should not be allowed.

I have read comments that there are no good presidential choices. I have heard some voters say that they will hold their noses as they vote. I urge those voters to hold their eyes open instead. Anyone who cannot distinguish the stark differences between a liar felon and an attorney general and senator, who exhibits sanity and integrity, is willfully voting for treason over reason.

Nancy Pfister
Harker Heights, TX

Dockworkers for economic stagnation

Rich Lowry



It's the processing gate that roared.

APM Terminals at the Port of Mobile in Alabama uses a semi-automated gate to process trucks without union labor, and this supposed outrage is one of the reasons the International Longshoremen's Association went on strike. Never mind that the gate has been in operation for years and is a more efficient and safer way to check and admit trucks.

The strike, affecting ports on the East Coast and in the Gulf, is off for now with a tentative deal on wages. But the larger issue of automation, wholly opposed by the union, is unresolved; it's been put off until an extension of the current contract expires on Jan. 15.

"Machines don't pay taxes," the president of the union local in Mobile complained. Yeah, well, neither do wheelbarrows or iPhones, yet we still use them as tools to make any number of tasks easier and less time-consuming.

Harold Daggett, the president of the union, has pledged an unceasing war on automation. He famously makes nearly a million dollars a year and lives in a New Jersey mansion. No word on whether he insists that he and his family handwash their clothes and dishes -- or employ a laundress and personal dishwasher -- in order to forswear reliance on labor-saving devices.

Technological advance is necessary to economic advance. It would be disastrous if the longshoremen's union successfully blocked it at our ports, or, even worse, an alarmist view of

automation were to prevail in our society at large.

We may think that we live in a time of revolutionary technological change, but we aren't seeing big productivity gains. This is important because higher wages (and lower prices) ultimately depend on increased productivity -- or being able to do more with equal or fewer inputs. Robert Atkinson of the Information Technology & Innovation Foundation points out that much of our new technology has been poured into the consumer market -- smart phones, social media, online retail and the like. The key is applying technology to other sectors of the economy.

Which brings us back to the ports. The productivity benefits of technology -- automated gates, cranes and cargo-handling, among other things -- are obvious.

Yet, China, the Netherlands and Singapore are outpacing us. Rotterdam began automating in the early 1990s. In contrast, we have fully automated only three terminals at our ports, with another three considered semi-automated. We don't have a port that cracks the World Bank's list of the top 50 around the globe.

Depending on the circumstances, automation does eliminate some jobs, but it creates others. If the catastrophic warnings about the job-destroying effects of technology were accurate, we'd all be unem-

ployed farmers. Recently, we've seen how the disruptive innovation of the likes of Amazon and FedEx has led to huge increases in warehouse and storage jobs, and in trucking as well.

In the maritime sector, union officials hated the shipping container revolution of the 1960s, too. The containers did reduce port jobs, but brought a nearly miraculous boost to efficiency. Would anyone really want to go back to taking days to load and unload ships or workers trying to figure out how to fit random stuff on a vessel?

The longshoremen's union on the West Coast accepted fully automated machinery in a 2008 contract and hasn't been devastated. It has added jobs since 2020 and got a generous wage increase in its latest contract.

Thriving ports capable of handling larger ships and more cargo are a national economic asset. An analysis for the Pacific Maritime Association, representing shipping companies and port and terminal operators, noted of the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, "These economic engines anchor a network of 29 West Coast ports that supports 12.5 million jobs and generates nearly 9% of U.S. Gross Domestic Product."

Our ports should be run for the benefit of all of us, and the wider economy, not for a union advancing a worldview that can only bring stagnation and mediocrity.

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April Cousins (left) portrayed businessman Mr. Rachett and Rick Thomsen portrayed Inspector Hercule Poirot for the Friends of the Salado Public Library An Evening of "Murder and Intrigue" adaptation of Agatha Christie's Murder on the Orient Express. Guests were treated to themed signature drinks and appetizers. The event was held at The Chapel at Caliber Oak. Other cast members were Narrator Jim Buchanan, Bryan Hugh as Conductor Perre Michel, Tim Flanagan as Monsieur Bouc, Matthew May as Dr. Constantine and Denise Thomssen as Mrs. Hubbard. Sarah Engleking directed.

Empty Bowl Project Nov. 16

Save the date of Nov. 16 for the Salado Family Relief Fund Empty Bowl Project 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Salado Middle School Cafeteria.

The funds raised go to providing services throughout the year to families in need, including help with rent/mortgage, help with utilities and help with minor medical expenses. The

SFRF also contributes to Salado ISD lunch fund for students who are in need and do not qualify for the free lunch program under federal guidelines. It also provides gas cards of up to \$25 for travelers.

All the soup is donated by local restaurants. Bowls are donated by students from UMHB and Salado

High School along with professional throwers from Mud Pies, Titia Arledge. Prices for children 10 and under is \$5, a bowl of soup is \$12 for either eating in or to-go, \$22 for a Pottery Bowl and Soup.

Pearls Place will be on site providing microchipping for \$15.

Salado Democrats to meet 7 p.m. Oct. 21 at Salado Library

Salado Democrats will meet 7 p.m. Oct. 21 in the Salado Public Library.

Oct. 21 is the first day of early voting in the General Election.

Salado Democrats have invited Democrat candidates for county, state and Congressional races to attend the meeting.

Light refreshments will be served and a local student will read their scholarship essay to end the meeting.

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Salado Community Foundation contributes \$1,500 to the Salado Elves project of decorating Main Street, Salado, lighting up for the holidays. L-R SCF Board member Jami Fischer, Brandy Sandor, SCF board member Jennifer Westbrook. (COURTESY PHOTO)

OCT. 24 MEETING

SARW begin collecting hygiene products for Families in Crisis

Salado Area Republican Women is holding their general meeting on Thursday, October 24 at the Salado Civic Center. This will be a chance to visit with the local candidates before the November 5 General Election, but also a chance to find out some interesting facts about the candidates. President Brenda Howard will lead a Candidate Trivia Contest in which attendees get to guess who she is talking about.

Attendees will have an opportunity to pay their dues during the Early Bird Special. During October dues are \$25. This day is the deadline for ordering poinsettias for scholar-

ships. Members will elect SARW Officers for 2025. The following individuals have been nominated: Brenda Howard, President; Sherril Perhach, First Vice President; Katherine Krska, Second Vice President; Barclay McCort, Third Vice President; Evelyn Matthews, Secretary; and Nancy Norris, Treasurer. The meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. and reservations are not needed.

Collecting Supplies

During the months of October through January of 2025 Salado Area Republican Women will be collecting hygiene products for Families in Crisis, as part of their Caring for America

Project. The items may be brought to the meetings October 24, November 21 or January 23 meetings.

Currently, there are 75 individuals from all over Bell County residing at the crisis center and the need is expected to rise with the upcoming holidays. The requested hygiene items include shampoo, conditioner, body wash, deodorant, toothbrushes and toothpaste. A box will be available at the meetings as well as having a receptacle for cash donations. In addition, the local Republican Women are making a \$300 donation to the crisis center.

Obituaries

E.R. "RAY" ARLEDGE
10/11/26-07/18/20

E.R. "Ray" Arledge, 93 of Little Rock, entered Heaven on July 18, 2020 surrounded by family at his home at 3:25 p.m.

Born October 11, 1926 to Arlene Graham Arledge and Edmund Ray Arledge in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, he was the younger brother to

Evon.

Ray played high school football for the Pine Bluff Zebra's and graduated from Pine Bluff High School in 1944. The same year he enlisted in the United States Navy. He graduated from Camp Peary in Virginia; Company 937 A-4 in October 1944. Ray went on to serve as an Aviation Elec-

tricians Mate Second Class until 1948 during World War II.

After the Navy, he attended The University of Arkansas at Fayetteville and worked at Jim Benton's Bowling Alley! Ray met Glenda, his wife of over sixty years at Bauman's Men's Store in Little Rock. They married in 1956 and created a beautiful life with their daughter Petitia in Little Rock. Ray began his engineering career in 1963 and became a professional engineer in 1968. He worked at Bruce R. Anderson, Pettit & Pettit Consulting Engineers, Inc., and eventually retiring from Tinsley-Mullen Engineers, Inc in 2015.

Ray was a former president of the Arkansas chapter of ASHRAE (American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air Conditioning Engineers.) A scholarship has been formed in his honor. Donations should be mailed to, ATTN: Jake Skinner PO BOX 180 Little Rock, Arkansas 72203.

Ray is survived by his daughter Petitia (Titia) Arledge of Salado, Texas and his sister Evon Arledge Collins of Clear Lake City, Texas. Grandchildren Joshua Allen Dunn, Emily Rene Dunn Anna Marie Griffin Reynolds, Great-Grandchild Alixandria Rene Dunn. He is preceded in death by his wife Glenda Smith Arledge, his parents Edmund Ray Arledge and Arlene Graham Arledge, children Glenn Allen and Michelle Rene Arledge. He is also survived by many other family members and friends.

A Celebration of Life was held October 12, 2024 at Pinecrest Funeral Home (7401 Hwy 5N, Alexander, AR). Graveside services were held 11 a.m. at Forrest Hills Memorial Cemetery.

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Step into a world of fun and thrills at Tablerock's Fright Trail

This October, get ready for a spooky, yet family-friendly adventure with Fright Trail: The Experience at Tablerock Festival of Salado. Perfect for all ages, this half-mile walking trail is packed with gentle thrills and plenty of fun as you come face-to-face with some of literature's most iconic characters.

Bring the whole family as you stroll through the trail and meet beloved favorites like Frankenstein, the Mad Hatter, Hogwarts friends, and characters from the Wizard of Oz. Along the way, you'll not only enjoy exciting skits, but you'll also learn more about the authors who created these timeless stories.

The Fright Trail will be 6:30-9:30 p.m. Oct. 18 and 19. The Fright Trail promises just the right mix of chills and thrills for everyone. Tickets are \$10 for adults and students, and \$5 for children 12 and under—making it an affordable and memorable night out for families.

Concessions will be available on-site.

Don't miss your chance to experience Fright Trail—a walk through the pages of your favorite books with just the right amount of Halloween magic.

For tickets and information visit centraltexasstickets.org or tablerock.org.



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Tablerock's Annual Fright Trail will bring to life stories of monsters and madness, including Frankenstein, Alice in Wonderland and The Wizard of Oz. The half-mile walking trail at Tablerock will be dotted with skits taken from classic literature. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. Purchase your tickets at centraltexasstickets.org.

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Salado Museum, Salado Library bring Genealogy Day to Salado

Salado Museum and College Park will host Genealogy Day in Salado, a video conference sponsored by the Salado Public Library, 10 a.m. Oct. 18 in the Lucile A. Robertson Center at 423 South Main. Admission for the day-long event is free with no pre-registration required.

"Each year the Waco Public Library organizes this Genealogy Day Conference in conjunction with the Central Texas Genealogical Society and the Texas State Genealogical Society (TSGS)," says Salado Library Assistant Director Julie Hoy. "The streamed program includes a series of pre-recorded videos presented by genealogy professionals and provides access to these videos to libraries across Texas at no charge on one day only."

This year's program consists of two morning sessions and three afternoon sessions. Morning topics are: Getting Started with Your Genealogy with Laura Douglas, Head of Special Collections, Denton Public Library; and Introducing the Retro Tech Lab: Digitally Preserving Family History with Mark Dellenbaugh,

Genealogy and Local History Librarian, Arlington Public Library.

The program's afternoon sessions are: So You Discovered You Have a Colonial Ancestor. Now What? with Craig R. Scott, President and CEO, Heritage Books, Inc.; I've Found My Irish Immigrant Ancestor. Now What? with Claire Bradley, Director of Irish Studies of the International Institute of Genealogical Studies; and Writing Your Family Story: and Learning to Assess and Compile Your Research with Emily Coffman Richardson, Genealogist, KinSearchers, Director-at-Large, TSGS.

"Attendees are welcome to stay for the entire day's program or to select individual presentations of their choice," says Hoy. "Everyone is welcome to join us at the Museum for this once-a-year opportunity to learn about the pursuit of genealogy."

For full schedule and further details, contact the Salado Public Library at (254) 947-9191. The Salado Museum is located at 423 South Main Street across from the Stagecoach Inn. www.saladomuseum.org.

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Salado Calendar of Events

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
Salado Museum and College Park will host Genealogy Day in Salado, a video conference sponsored by the Salado Public Library, starting at 10 a.m. in the Lucile A. Robertson Center at 423 South Main. Admission for the day-long event is free with no pre-registration required. For full schedule and further details, contact the Salado Public Library at (254) 947-9191. The Salado Museum is located at 423 South Main Street across from the Stagecoach Inn. www.saladomuseum.org.

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 18 & 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 21
"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

October 19
Volksride at Barrow Brewing Co. supports the Salado Volunteer Fire Department (SVFD). Register at https://bit.ly/3ZfqBhL. 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/3ZgRIsN

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

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 21
Salado Democrats, 7 p.m. Oct. 21 in the Salado Public Library. Democrat candidates for county, state and Congressional races have been invited to attend the meeting. Light refreshments will be served and a local student will read their scholarship essay to end the meeting.

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 saladocom.

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.

October 25
Live music at Chupacabra, 7 p.m., to be announced.

October 25-26
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 26
Heart and Hands Ministries food distribution to those in need in the Salado, Holland, Bartlett area, 9-11 a.m., 213 Mill Creek Drive, Suite 135.

October 26
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 26
Barktoberfest at Barrow Brewing Co. Oktoberfest is going to the dogs for the final

weekend! German food truck on the grounds, Stein holding, hammerschlagen competitions, a Vendor market and Live Music.

October 26
Cattlemen's Ball, 6 p.m., Tenroc Ranch, Chisholm Trail center.

October 26
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 26
Live music at Chupacabra, 8 p.m., Kelany Brent.

October 27
Fall Festival, Heritage Country Church, 2-5 p.m., rain or shine. Cornhole tournament, free hot dogs, activities for all ages.

October 27
Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 4 p.m., Emily Shirley.

October 28
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 28
Salado American Legion Post 585, 7 p.m., Barrow Brewing Co.

October 30
Barrow Brewing Co., guest food truck, 4-8 p.m., Lyla Mae's Cajun Cuisine.

October 30
Trunk or Treat at Salado United Methodist Church, 5:30-7 p.m.

October 31
Pint Night at Chupacabra Craft Beer, 4 p.m.-midnight. Get a free pint glass with every purchase of the featured brewery, St. Arnold's.

October 31
Trick or Treat on Monster-Street, 6-9 p.m. on Pace Park Rd. Best-selling children's book author J.H. Reynolds and his family invite you to their annual Halloween event, which includes the traditional community jack o' lantern blaze, giant animatronics, fog machines, spooky lightning, creepy music, and big candy bars for trick or treaters.

October 31
Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 7 p.m., TBD

November 1
Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 7 p.m., Wes Perryman.

November 1-2
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.

November 2
Music and Arts Festival featuring Lance Wade Thomas and Taylor Branch and The Lone Star Rangers, Barrow Brewing Co., sponsored by Music Association of Central Texas.

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The Grand Ol' Halloween Show, a blend of live music, comedy and vintage radio charm, will take the stage at Tablerock Amphitheatre on Oct. 26. (COURTESY PHOTO)

Grand Ol' Halloween Show set for Tablerock Oct. 26

This Halloween season, the Tablerock Festival of Salado invites you to experience a nostalgic and musical evening of incredible professional entertainment with The Grand Ol' Halloween Show, a blend of live music, comedy, and vintage radio charm on Oct. 26. Gates open at 6 p.m. with concessions, beer, and wine available before the show begins at 7 p.m..

The Grand Ol' Halloween Show is the brainchild of Salado's very own Will Hearn, and it promises to deliver top-notch entertainment. The show features a talented ensemble of Texas musicians, including a 10-piece Radio Orchestra with members from the San Antonio-based Dirty River Jazz Band and headliners Blue Water Highway. Get ready for a few spooky surprises as beloved characters like Frankenstein and Punky the Pumpkin make surprise appearances, ensuring fun and laughter for all ages.

Will Hearn's journey to Salado has been filled with musical milestones. After moving from the Houston area with his wife Jenna and their two children, Hearn sought out the close-knit, small-town community vibe that he grew up in. His deep-rooted love for music and his entrepreneurial spirit led him to create The Grand Ol' Production Company. Will's musical journey began in high school with his friends Greg Essing-

ton and Zach Kibodeaux, where they wrote their first Christmas show for charity. "Tickets were \$2, and it was a huge success," Hearn recalls.

Having grown up in Lake Jackson, home to the longest-operating community theater on the Gulf Coast, Hearn's passion for the arts was ignited when he began volunteering at the age of 13. His love for community-led productions made the discovery of Tablerock serendipitous, as he connected with volunteers eager for more community involvement. "I knew this would be an opportunity to use my unique blend of skills and deep commitment to arts education and community service to creatively contribute to Tablerock's mission," Hearn shares.

The success of Hearn's early productions eventually led to the creation of a series of shows, including The Grand Ol' Halloween Show, The Grand Ol' Christmas Show, and The Grand Ol' Americana Show. "We started with the Christmas show, and as our audiences grew, we developed the Halloween show," says Hearn. "It's all about fun, nostalgia, and adding a few surprises along the way."

In 2020, Hearn's production company earned a prestigious spot on the Texas Commission on the Arts' Texas Touring Roster, and by the end of 2024, the once Texas-exclusive company will expand to North Car-

olina and six other states. "I'm thrilled to present this show to our community. It's a big production, with live music, set pieces, and plenty of Halloween fun," Hearn enthuses.

Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$12.50 for children ages 12 and up. You can purchase tickets at central-texasstickets.org.

Bring your favorite lawn chairs. Tablerock has folding chairs available but recommends bringing your own most comfortable folding chair for the best viewing experience.

Bring the entire family and enjoy a fun-filled Halloween night with The Grand Ol' Halloween Show, a delightful mix of retro radio, live music, and family-friendly entertainment!

Attendees are encouraged to dress for the occasion and participate in our costume contest! Winners will receive free tickets to any Grand Ol' Christmas Show performance in the state and free tickets to A Christmas Carol this December at Tablerock. Prizes for first and second place individual costumes, plus a couples/group category.

For tickets and more information, visit central-texasstickets.com or contact Tablerock Festival of Salado at tablerock.org.

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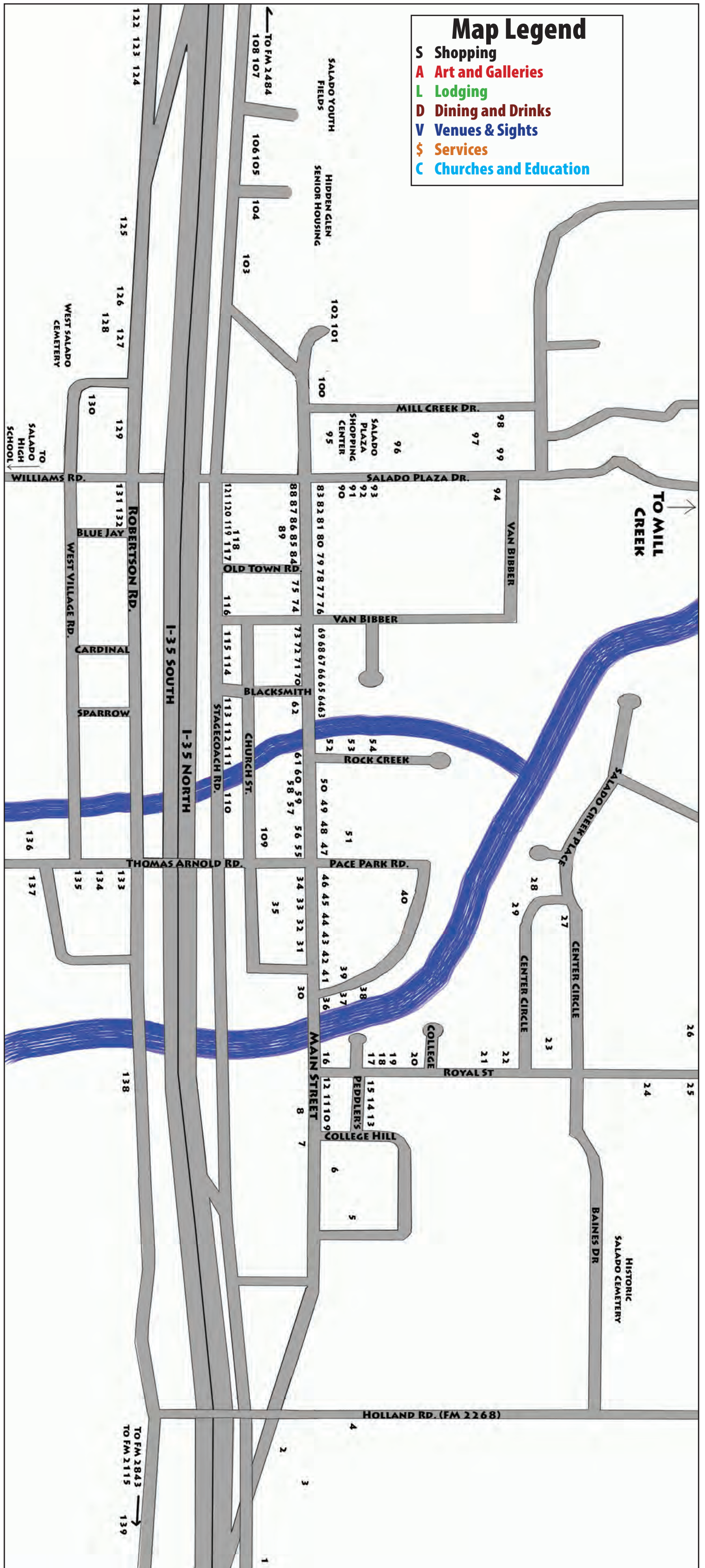


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9	Salado Museum 254-947-5232	V
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10	Sofi's 254-947-4336	S
11	Chupacabra Craft Beer and Winery (254) 308-2019	D
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| | 31. The Tyler House | 55. The Armstrong Adams House | |

Varsity, JV, Jr. High teams take all but one District Championship XC teams compete at District 24-4A

Salado varsity cross country teams won the District 24-4A Meet Oct. 8, while the Junior Varsity girls won their division and the Junior Varsity boys placed second.

Varsity boys

The varsity boys won their division with 28 points, followed by Marble Falls, 66 points, and Burnet, 68 points.

Scoring points for the boys were Luke Anderson, second, 16:14; Coulson Boyd, third, 16:29; Seth Anderson, fifth, 16:39; Daniel Anderson, eighth, 17:18 and Brody DeLukie, 10th, 17:22.

Also running were Camden Aycock, 17th, 18:00 and Jonathan Brauchle, 18th, 18:14.

Varsity girls

The varsity girls won their division with a near-perfect score of 19 points, followed by Burnet, 77 points, and Lampasas, 110 points.

All runners placed in the top 10, led by McCall Boys, first, 12:03; Annalee Bryant, third, 12:23; Penelope Anderson, fourth, 12:41; Zoie Adcox, fifth, 12:42; Anna Redelsheimer, sixth,



(COURTESY PHOTO)

Salado varsity boys cross country team: (from left) Daniel Anderson, Brody DeLukie, Camden Aycock, Luke Anderson, Jonathan Brauchle, Coulson Boyd, Seth Anderson.

12:45; Sydney Engleking, seventh, 12:54 and Hayden Griesemer, eighth, 12:57.

JV Girls

The JV girls won their division with a score of 17 points, ahead of Marble Falls, 77 points, and Burnet, 88 points.

Running were Addison King, first, 13:24; Emma

Harrell, second, 13:53; Isabela Brauchle, third, 13:58; Blake Matthews, fifth, 14:19; and Ally Ihler, sixth, 14:27.

JV Boys

The JV Boys placed second with 72 points, behind Burnet, 21 points.

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Oct. 23-31: Red Ribbon Week

The Salado ISD School Board met on Oct. 7. The following is a summary of that meeting:

- Thomas Arnold Elementary School students Kirk Mullins, Reese Parker, Bo Robinson, and Jace Springer led the pledge to the United States flag and the pledge to the state flag.
- Salado ISD principals Brandon Boyd, Rolando DeLuna, Katie Mullins, and Tish Ptomey were recognized in honor of National Principals Month.
- Salado ISD employees Brittani Broussard, Sandra Jackson, Susan Jackson, Christie Laughland, and Jennifer Umpleby were recognized in honor of Texas Education Human Resources Day on October 9.

Superintendent's Corner

by Dr. Michael Novotny



- The Board reviewed the monthly financial reports.
- The Board reviewed the monthly enrollment report. Our current enrollment is 2,405 students as compared to 2,310 students in October 2022 and 2,323 students in October 2023.
- The Board approved the minutes from the August 23 and September 23 school board meetings.
- The Board approved a proclamation designating October 23 – October 31 as Red Ribbon week in Salado ISD.

- The Board completed the annual Team Building training and the biennial Evaluating Improving Student Outcomes training.

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

The Salado ISD School Board's next regular meeting will be Monday, November 18, at 6:00 p.m. at the Salado ISD Administration Building, located at 601 North Main Street.



Brayden Dildine tries to clear a path for Gabriel Merriman. (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)

Eagles fall to Wimberley

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

First, the good news. The Salado Eagles outscored the #8 Wimberley Texans 28-17 in the second half of their Oct. 11 road game.

Now, the bad: the Texans shut out Salado 42-0 in the first 24 minutes of play.

Salado's Kenneth Angel intercepted a third-and-10 pass, returning it to the Salado 42 with 9:59 left in the first.

But the Eagles could not convert and punted.

Nolan Waida dropped the punt at the Texan 25, stumbled to pick it up and then dashed down the home sideline to score with 8:50 in the first. Bo Holeman made it 7-0.

The Eagles went three-and-out with the Texans taking over at midfield. Ten plays later, Ivan Becken scored on a 9-yard run with 4:25 left in the first. Holeman made it 14-0.

On the ensuing series -- thanks mostly to a 52-yard pass from Lincoln Hossfeld to Landon Noske -- Salado drove from their 26 to the Texan 17, where the Eagles ended up trying a fake field goal that failed, giving the Texans the ball at their 30 yard line.

Six plays later, Cody Stoever followed his big line into the end zone for a 1-yard touchdown with 11:20 left in the half. Holeman's kick gave the Texans a 21-0 lead.

The Texans, forcing Salado to a three-and-out, took advantage of a good return and short field. On the first play of the drive, Stoever hit Jace Morales for a 33-yard touchdown and Holeman toed it to 28-0 with 10:05 left in the half.

On the next series, the

Eagles fumbled, giving Wimberley the ball at the Salado 40. Seven plays later, Stoever scored on a 2-yard run and Holeman made it 35-0 with 1:16 left in the half.

The Texans, utilizing a time out with 38 seconds left, forced a Salado punt to take over at their own 44 with :30 left on the clock. Two plays later, with nine seconds left in the half, Stoever hit Bryson Anderson for a 49-yard touchdown and Holeman gave the Texans a 42-0 halftime lead.

The Eagles took the second-half kick at their own 25 and drove the field in 10 plays, highlighted by a 43-yard strike from Hossfeld to Gabriel Merriman. Luke Bingham would score on a 9-yard run with 7:26 in the third. The point-after failed and Salado trailed 42-6.

Wimberley answered with a 76-yard drive, scoring on a 53-yard run by Josh Belanger with 5:36 left in the third. Holeman made it 49-6.

Salado then drove 83 yards on five plays, including a pass of 33 yards to Brendan Wilson and a scoring pass of 53 yards from Hossfeld to Korbin Konarik. Hossfeld found Merriman in the end zone for a two-point conversion to make the score 49-14 with 3:14 left in the third.

Wimberley drove 73 yards on seven plays with Jackson Parker diving in from the Salado 1. Holeman made it 56-14 with 11:55 left to play.

Salado drove 65 yards in six plays to score from the Wimberley 4-yard line on a fourth-and-goal pass from Hossfeld to Wilson. Hossfeld hit Bingham on a 64-yard pass to set the Eagles up with first-and-goal at

the Texan 5. Townes Sather toed the point after to bring the score to 56-21 with 8:47.

Salado held Wimberley to one set of downs and took over at the Texan 49 with 7:00 left in the game. With a run of 20 yards, a pass of 20 yards to Noske and a 7-yard pass to Wilson, Hossfeld would then score on a 3-yard run with 4:23 left in the game. Sather made it 56-28.

But the Texans would take the next four minutes before Holeman kicked a 37-yard field goal with 31 seconds left to play and the final score of 59-28.

GAME STATISTICS

SHS	Statistic	WHS
15	1st downs	17
29-86	Rushes-yds	42-162
2	Rushing TDs	5
1-1	Fumbles-Lost	1-0
16-25	Pass-Comp	12-19
292	Passing yards	290
2-0	Pass: TDs-Ints	1-1
4-25	Penalties-yds	5-40
4-139	Punts-yds.	1-32
1-12	Punt returns-yds	3-92
9-128	Kick returns-yds	4-57
Individual Statistic		
Passing: SHS: Hossfeld, 16-25, 292 yds, 2 TDs; WHS: (9-14, 247 yds., 2 TDs, 1 Int; Parker, 3-5, 44 yds.		
Rushing: SHS: Hossfeld, 20-70 yds., 2 TDs; Bingham, 8-12 yds; Jackson Turk, 1-4 yds. WHS: Stoever, 12-81 yds, 2 TDs; Maverick Jacobs, 4-49 yds, 1 TD, Belanger, 2-54 yds., 1 TD; Parker, 2-3 yds, 1 TD.		
Receiving: SHS: Noske, 2-72 yds., Bingham, 3-67 yds., 1 TD; Konarik, 2-51 yds., 1 TD; Merriman, 3-51 yds., Robert Campbell, 2-11 yds. WHS: Morales, 5-164 tds, 1 TD; Anderson, 4-93 yds, 1 TD; Waida, 1-16 yds		
Defensive Statistics		
Damonte Foster, 7 Solo Tackles, 3 Assisted Tackles, 1 sack; Devonte Foster, 5 STs, 2 ATs; Ethan Robledo, 3 STs, 3 ATs, 1 Pass Defense; ; Michael Edmondson, 3 STs, 3 ATs; Christian Norcross, 2 STs, 4 ATs, Cade Fenoglio, 2 STs, 3 ATs; Mason Olson, 3 STs, 1 AT, Brody Schiller, 2 STs, 2 ATs; Brayden Dildine, 3 STs; Luke Bauser, 3 ATs, 2 PDs; Landon Noske, 2 STs, 1 AT; Kenneth Angel, 1 ST, 1 AT, 1 Int., Brodie Landon, 1 ST, 1 AT; Jackson Turk, 2 ATs.		

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Devonte Foster hits Wimberley's quarterback Cody Stoever high while Damonte Foster grabs hold of Stoever low. (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)

Lady Eagles continue undefeated run through District 24-4A foes

The #7 Salado Lady Eagles have not lost a set in District play, sweeping Burnet and last week. The girls are 31-31-6 and 8-0 in district play and return home after a long time on the road Oct. 18.

	1	2	3	4	5	F
SHS	25	25	25	-	-	3
BHS	18	20	19	-	-	0

Salado swept Burnet 25-18, 25-20, 25-19 on the road Oct. 11.

Kael Wilcox had three aces to lead the girls. Also scoring aces were Kaylee Bragg and Mazzy Johnson with two each.

Wilcox led the girls in kills, too, with 16 on the night. Macy Morris followed with 12. Also recording kills were Elsie Law and Haley Brown, eight each, Johnson, two, and Charlie Niu and Bragg, one each.

Wilcox had three blocks to lead the girls. Morris and Law had two each, and Niu and Johnson had one each.

Niu led Salado with 37 assists, followed by Shelby Hollywood, three, Karlee Konarik, two, and Wilcox, one.

Johnson led the girls with nine digs, followed by Niue, eight, Wilcox, seven, Hollywood, six, Brown, five, Kate Maedgen, four, Law, three and Morris, one.

	1	2	3	4	5	F
SHS	25	25	25	-	-	3
JHS	16	18	14	-	-	0

Salado swept Jarrell on the road 25-16, 25-18 and 25-14 on Oct. 8.

Three girls recorded two aces: Kaylee Bragg, Mazzy Johnson and Haley Brown. Charli Niu added an ace.

Kael Wilcox led the girls with 12 kills. Also scoring kills were Payton Ortega and Brown, seven each, Elsi



Charli Niu sets for the Lady Eagles against Jarrell.

(PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)

Law, six, and Niu, Bragg and Mazzy Johnson, two each.

Bragg and Wilcox each had a block.

Niu had 30 assists, followed by Shelby Hollywood, three and Johnson, Wilcox, Law and Kate Maedgen, one each.

Ortega led the girls with seven digs, followed by Hollywood, six, Johnson, four, Brown, three, Wilcox and Maedgen, two each and Niu, Bragg and Law, one each.

DISTRICT 24-4A	
Salado	8-0
Gateway	6-1
Burnet	5-3
Marble Falls	3-5
Jarrell	3-5
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JV Boys

The JV Boys placed second with 72 points, behind Burnet, 21 points. Running were Cash Drigalla, second, 18:32; Justin Mejia Gaona, 15th, 21:43; John Jimenez, 17th, 22:05; Wesley Engleking, 18th, 22:08; John Goode, 20th, 22:28; Sam Ortiz, 27th, 22:38 and Calvin Adinaro, 39th, 28:40.

8th Grade Girls

Salado eighth grade girls won their division with a score of 18 points, ahead of Lago Vista and Burnet.

Running were Kenley Vasek, first, 13:56; Emilie Brizendine, second, 14:21; Racy Hilton, fourth, 15:04; Sophie Brizendine, fifth, 15:10; Kayla Cooley, sixth, 15:11; Reese Smith, 10th, 15:30 and Angelina Giganti, 12th, 15:46.

8th Grade Boys

Salado eighth grade boys won their division with a score of 43 points, ahead of Burnet and Georgetown Gateway.

Running were Lane Johnson, first, 12:02; Jack-

son Camp, fourth, 12:41; Matthew Johnson, sixth, 12:52; Anthony Madrazo, 15th, 13:28; Jackson Kilpatrick, 17th, 13:37; Robert Alcozer, 19th, 13:39 and John Mark Gearhart, 38th, 15:47.

7th Grade Girls

Seventh grade girls had a perfect score of 15 to win

their district crown. Running were Abby Anderson, first, 14:26; Isabel Motley, second, 14:27; Emily Desjardin, third, 16:11; Jessi Boys, fourth, 16:17; Mackenzie Adams, fifth, 16:29; Claire Yawn, sixth, 16:35 and Ryleigh Zapotek, seventh, 16:59.

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7th Grade Boys

Seventh grade boys won district with 49 points. Running were Camden Yawn, third, 12:49; Malichi Gunn, seventh, 13:24; Wylie Cornett, eighth, 13:56; Landon Crum, 13th, 14:45; Corbin Ferrell, 18th, 15:35; Jeb Bower, 20th, 15:40 and Harrison Threatt, 21st, 15:51.



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Braeden Lopez protects quarterback Max Gist on the offensive line for the JV Eagles. (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)

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Salado JV Eagles lost 39-6 at home to Wimberley on Oct. 10. The teams have a bye week this week.

Salado scored in the fourth quarter on an 11-yard run by King Tobe.

Tackles for loss by Phillip Swanner stopped a few Texan drives. Hudson Hawkins intercepted a pass late in the third quarter to set up the scoring drive.

King Tobe led the offense.

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"We had a slow start this week and fell behind a good Wimberley team early. The kid's fought hard until the end and I believe there were a lot of valuable lessons learned," Coach Justin Edmondson said. "We will head into the bye week with some focus areas mentally, physically and in our technique that will make us a better team."

9TH GRADE

The Ninth Grade Eagles suffered their first loss of the season Oct. 10, falling to Wimberley 28-19.

EIGHTH GRADE A

Salado eighth grade A team lost 22-20 to Wimberley Oct. 10.

Roman Howard scored on a 50-yard run but the point-after failed.

Howard scored on a 26-yard run, but the point-after failed.

Howard also returned a two-point conversion to make the score 16-14 Wimberley in the fourth.

Tristan Oliver scored on a 2-yard run, but the point-after failed, to take a 20-14 lead.

Wimberley scored for the final 22-20.

EIGHTH GRADE B

Salado eighth grade B won their game against Wimberley, 20-16.

Noah Sifuentez scored on a 20-yard run. Holt Peterson scored the two-point try for an 8-0 lead.

Sifuentez scored on a 22-yard run, but the point-after failed for a 14-0 lead.

Peterson scored on an 80-yard run, but the point-after failed for a 20-0 lead in the third.

Wimberley closed the gap to 20-16.

SEVENTH GRADE

Wimberley shut out the seventh grade Eagles 12-0 on Oct. 10.

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10/07	ELM GROVE RD, Bell	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
10/07	W AMITY RD, Bell	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
10/08	AMBROSE DR, Salado	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
10/08	CLUB CIR, Salado	Assist invalid
10/08	MARY LN, Salado	Assist invalid
10/08	IH-35 NB, Belton	Dispatched & canceled en route
10/09	FM 2484 @ Windy Hill RD, Bell	No incident found on arrival
10/09	Union Grove Park Rd. RD, Bell	No incident found on arrival
10/10	Elm Grove Rd, Bell	No incident found on arrival
10/10	IH-35 SB, Belton	Dispatched & canceled en route
10/10	SMITH BLUFF RD, Salado	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
10/10	ELM GROVE RD, Bell	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
10/10	MOUNTAIN CREST CV, Bell	Smoke detector activation, no fire
10/11	HERRINGTON ST, Belton	Building fire
10/11	FM 2484, Bell	Road freight or transport vehicle fire
10/11	FM 2484, Bell	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
10/12	IH35, Salado	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
10/12	VISTA VIEW CT, Bell	Smoke detector activation, no fire
10/12	RIDGECREST DR, Salado	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
10/12	TAHUAYA RD, Bell	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
10/12	MILL CREEK DR, Salado	Unintentional transmission of alarm
10/12	IH-35, Salado	Assist police or other agency
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Armstrong Community Center 105th annual Halloween Carnival, Auction set for Oct. 19

This year's 105th annual Armstrong Community Center Halloween Carnival will be 6 p.m. Oct. 19 at the Armstrong Community Center, 7800 Armstrong Rd., Belton.

The historic Armstrong Community Center is vital to our community. It is used for community meetings, family reunions, organizational events, and as a voting place. This annual fundraiser has been used to support the Center for over

105 years, and enables the Historic Armstrong building to continue on since 1915.

The Annual Halloween Carnival and Bingo is open to all community members. Parking and entrance is free with activities and games for all ages.

Activities will include

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strong Community Center and hosts everything from family reunions, to meetings, to weddings. It's not a school anymore, but it is still serves as a focal point of the community.

Some of those who attended the school, over 80 years ago, still serve on the committee today. The Armstrong Improvement Association meets monthly to plan the activities, up keep and financing to maintain this historic structure.

VILLAGE OF SALADO, TEXAS NOTICE OF A RECONVENED PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE CREATION OF A PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Pursuant to Chapter 372 of the Texas Local Government Code, as amended (the "Act"), Village Board of the Village of Salado (the "Village") caused the publication of notice of a public hearing to have been held at the Village Board Chambers at 6:30 p.m. on October 3, 2024, regarding the creation of a public improvement district. The hearing was opened at that time and continued for reconvening at 6:30 p.m. on November 7, 2024, at the Village Hall Board Chambers located at 301 N. Stagecoach Road, Salado, TX 76571. At the reconvened hearing, the Village Board will accept public comments and consider the establishment by the Village of a public improvement district pursuant to a petition (the "Petition"), filed by certain property owners within the city limits of the Village (the "Petitioners"), requesting that the Village create Mustang Springs Public Improvement District (the "District") to include property owned by the Petitioners.

Time and Place of the Reconvened Hearing. The reconvened public hearing will be held at 6:30 p.m. on November 7, 2024, at the Village Hall Board Chambers located at 301 N. Stagecoach Road, Salado, TX 76571.

General Nature of the Proposed Authorized Improvements. The general nature of the proposed public improvements (collectively, the "Authorized Improvements") may include: (i) street and roadway improvements, including related sidewalks, drainage, utility relocation, signalization, landscaping, lighting, signage, off-street parking, right-of-way, and land acquisition; (ii) establishment or improvement of parks and open space, together with the design, construction and maintenance of any ancillary structures, features or amenities such as trails, playgrounds, walkways, lighting and any similar items located therein; (iii) sidewalks and landscaping, including entry monuments and features, fountains, lighting and signage; (iv) acquisition, construction, and improvement of water, wastewater and drainage improvements and facilities; (v) projects similar to those listed in subsections (i) - (iv) above authorized by the Act, including similar off-site projects that provide a benefit to the property within the District; (vi) special supplemental services for improvement and promotion of the district; (vii) payment of costs associated with operating and maintaining the public improvements listed in subparagraphs (i) - (vii) above; and (viii) payment of costs associated with developing and financing the public improvements listed in subparagraphs (i) - (vii) above, and costs of establishing, administering and operating the District. These Authorized Improvements shall promote the interests of the Village and confer a special benefit upon the Property.

Estimated Cost of the Authorized Improvements. The estimated cost to design, acquire, and construct the Authorized Improvements, together with bond issuance costs (including but not limited to the funding of any capitalized interest and reserve funds), eligible legal and financial fees, eligible credit enhancement costs and eligible costs incurred in the establishment administration and operation of the District, is Sixty-Five Million Dollars (\$65,000,000.00) plus the annual cost of supplemental services and operation and maintenance costs, if any. The

Village will pay none of the costs of the Authorized Improvements, supplemental services or operation and maintenance costs from funds other than assessments levied on property within the District. The remaining costs of the proposed improvements will be paid from sources other than the Village or assessments on property within the District, including funds from a Tax Increment Financing Zone, if any.

Proposed District Boundaries. The District is proposed to include approximately 1,105.07 acres of land generally located north of FM 2843 and northwest of the current intersection of Mustang Creek Rd. and FM 2843 and is approximately 5.40 miles west of I-35 on FM 2843, on the north side of the road. The District's location is more particularly described by a metes and bounds description available at Salado Village Offices and available for public inspection at the location described above.

Proposed Method of Assessment. The Village shall levy assessments on each parcel within the District in a manner that results in imposing equal shares of the costs on property similarly benefited. The proposed method of assessment shall be based upon (i) an equal apportionment per lot, per front foot, or per square foot of property benefiting from the Authorized Improvements, as determined by the Village, (ii) the ad valorem taxable value of the property benefiting from the Authorized Improvements, with or without regard to improvements on the property, or (iii) in any manner that results in imposing equal shares of the cost on property similarly benefited.

Proposed Apportionment of Cost between the District and the Village. The Village will not be obligated to provide any funds to finance the Authorized Improvements, except for public improvement district assessments levied on real property within the District, if any. All of the costs of the Authorized Improvements will be paid from assessments and from other sources of funds, if any, available to the Petitioners.

All interested persons are invited to attend such public hearing to express their views with respect to the creation of the PID and the Authorized Improvements to be made therein.

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