

West Side Story

Aldermen, P&Z at odds over proposed overlay district

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Village of Salado aldermen preemptively rejected the proposed West Side Overlay District (WSO) at their Oct. 3 meeting because it “should not have included regulations for native planting, monument signage limitations or parking criteria,” Mayor Bert Henry said.

Henry addressed the decision by aldermen on Oct. 3 at the beginning of a two-and-a-half hour meeting Oct. 17.

“These items are more appropriately addressed by subdivision or signage ordinances, as they are not directly related to zoning matters,” he said.

“While the Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z) makes recommendations, the final decision making authority on zoning matters rests with the board of aldermen. This structure assures that decisions receive thorough consideration, with an ethical planning perspective and by elected representatives of the community,” Henry said. “That’s the reason it was taken off the table. It doesn’t fall within the criteria and it doesn’t fall within the purview of the Commission.”

Alderman Michael MacDonald said that he wanted to “make sure that we’re not segregating individuals on those property lines on that side.”

He added that the WSO “will come across to some as weaponizing the ordinance and we don’t want to do that.... I want to be sure that we do not inflict any undo pain to anyone that is already there.”

“You’re doing a good job of backfilling your own latrine but you haven’t mentioned these things before and you haven’t talked to the P&Z,” Charles Simmons said during public comment on the item. “Why did the board not consult with P&Z commission before taking it up on Oct. 3, or now?”

Simmons stated that Texas Local Government Code requires the board of aldermen to wait until a presentation by the P&Z before adopting or rejecting the proposed WSO.

“The P&Z made no such presentation,” he said. “The board acted and acted in violation of the law.”

“Reasonable restrictions are good and studies prove it,” Simmons said. “In restricted areas vs. non-restricted areas, there is a 48% increase in values, 20% in housing values, 25% in overnight tourism, 16% increase in daily expenditures of visitors, 12% in employment, 18% increase in tax revenue and 29% increase in net other value.”

“Denying the West Side Overlay is short-sighted because it increases sales tax and property values,” Simmons said. “The board should reconsider the West Side Overlay when it is presented by the P&Z.”

“There were discussions with P&Z,” Henry responded.



Salado aldermen rejected the proposed West Side Overlay District in part because it had regulations concerning the height of monument signs. “These items are more appropriately addressed by subdivision or signage ordinances, as they are not directly related to zoning matters,” Mayor Bert Henry said at the Oct. 17 board of aldermen meeting. Above, is the sign for the new McDonald’s on Williams Rd. (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)

ed. “I sat in on them. There were more discussions on maps. They were given to the previous administrator in December but were not given to us.”

“The P&Z commission planned to submit the proposed ordinance once the boundaries are clearly defined and after holding public hearings,” P&Z Commission member Beverly Turnbo said.

“The BOA has taken preemptive action to kill a proposed ordinance without having any public input or comment,” Turnbo said. “You chose instead to listen to a few property owners who want no regulations. All of Salado deserves to have a voice in the merits of any proposed ordinance.”

“The reason stated for not approving the overlay was because it was ‘too objective.’ The irony is that your vote was not based upon any measurable criteria, which is the definition of being too objective.”

“Your focus should be on responsible growth that does not sell the very heart and soul of Salado,” Turnbo said.

Turnbo said that the board of aldermen has eliminated every advisory committee, thereby eliminating citizen input. “You are making policy without following due process,” she said.

Village administrator Manny De La Rosa pointed out that the west side is zoned local retail.

He recommended that the P&Z reach out to the board of aldermen. “The P&Z has no authority to approve anything,” De La Rosa said. “It is not a governing body, period.”

“You (aldermen) stopped a concept that has been lingering for much longer than we all thought that it should be,” De La Rosa said.

De La Rosa said that the WSO was not meeting state statutes 211.03 and 211.04 concerning zoning regulations.

“You have the duty to make sure it meets these state statutes,” De La Rosa said.

“If the planning commission and the task force beforehand was heading down the wrong path, why would you not have the forthrightness to tell us?” P&Z member Jim Lassiter asked. “It’s disingenuous to lead us down the wrong trail. Why didn’t you come forth? Why haven’t you come forth?”

“You only want to listen to what you want to hear,” Lassiter said. “There is a difference between being a leader and being a dictator and you are heading down the path of the last.”

Darlene Walsh said that the P&Z wanted the west side to look like the east. “We have three drive-throughs and 12 metal buildings on the east side,” Walsh said. “Why would we want to encourage that same consistency?”

“We have invested heavily in town,” Walsh said, adding that she has turned down renters our buyers “because they weren’t right for Salado.” Among those, an all night palm reading business and a 60-apartment complex on a very small piece of land.

“Ultimately a land owner has a lot to say,” Walsh said. “As we get more and more people who don’t live here buying property you will have more of that. I want something that will have more sales taxes and jobs for town. We want what is best for town. There was never any map. How do you create something without a map.”

“The last time anyone on the P&Z was trained to be on the P&Z was when Skip was Mayor,” Linda Reynolds said. “Every time the legislature goes into session, the laws change.”

“It’s been a mess the last two years” she added, “with people who were not elected thinking they were in charge.”

“I’ve been a victim of P&Z for years,” Jim Boynton said. “We have a small group of people get on and off the committee. When they are told no, you see what you get.”

Boynton said he was

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(PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)
Young folklorico dancers performed at the St. Stephen Catholic Church Fall Festival on Oct. 20. The Festival is held the third Sunday of October.

First day of early voting sets record in Bell Co.

The first day of early voting in Bell County set a new record as more than 8,000 people checked in to vote at one of the county’s eight early voting location by 4:15 p.m. that day.

“That is more voters than have taken part in any single day of Early Voting in Bell County history,” stated James Stafford, Bell County Public Information Officer. “The highest single day of Early Voting in 2020 was Saturday, October 17, with 7,393 voters. In 2016, the highest count for any day of Early Voting was the last day of Early Voting, Friday, November 4, with 6,926 voters.”

When polls began to close on Oct. 21, there were still voters in line. “We still had voters in line at some of our voting centers, and, as always, anyone who was in line at closing time will be allowed to vote,” Stafford said.

For this reason, we will not have our Daily Early Voting Counts for some time.

Early voting will continue to operate 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Oct. 24-25, 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.

As voters make their way to the polls, the Bell County Elections Office offers the following dos and don’ts.

DO make a plan to vote. Bell County utilizes Vote Centers, which means that Bell County registered voters may cast their ballots at any of the eight Bell County Early Voting Centers, regardless of their home address.

DO utilize the county’s Wait Times portal to determine the most convenient Vote Center. Visiting this website will help voters both locate the nearest polling place and preview the estimated wait time at

each location. Especially on Election Day, when there are more locations, a longer drive might result in voters being able to cast their ballot sooner. Voters can visit <https://bit.ly/3Uju0c1> to access the portal.

DO check out your ballot in advance. The Bell County Elections Office has published samples of every ballot. By reviewing their ballots in advance, voters can research individual races or candidates to make educated decisions before they ever enter a polling site. In fact, voters are encouraged to print out their sample ballot and bring a completed copy with them to use as a guide. Bell County sample ballots can be found at <https://bit.ly/3YeZOA4>

DO NOT bring phones or electronic devices into the polling place. While

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(COURTESY PHOTO)
Firefighters responded to a structure fire at Salado Supply House, 10359 FM 1670, at 4:05 p.m. Oct. 15. The structure was engulfed when units arrived. Units responded from Salado, Belton, Jarrell and Central Bell fire departments. Units cleared the scene at 9:55 p.m. Salado fire chief Jim Franz stayed on scene until 7:30 a.m. Oct. 16 to monitor for any potential hot spots and flare-ups. The cause is under investigation by the Bell County Fire Marshal’s Office and the State Fire Marshal’s Office.

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U.S. is only G-20 nation to surpass pre-pandemic output, employment levels

The Markets

Our dear old S&P 500 Stock Index (SPX) had an interesting week as a chip machine maker reported declining sales midweek causing a plunge in the Index, but the world's largest chip maker then came in with a greater than 50% increase in business and traders determined the world was not coming to an end after all. At the end of the week, the SPX had gained 0.85% to close at 5864.67, leaving it up 22.95% so far this year, almost 36% from this time last year, and about 31% from three years ago. The other index we follow as we believe it gives us a better picture of what the mainstream market is doing, the CRSP U.S. Mid Cap Value Index rose 1.87% for the week, closing at 2945.29, and is up about 17.5% this year and 31.59% in the last twelve months.

Over in the debt side of the market, which incidentally is as large as the stock market in the U.S., the benchmark ten-year U.S. Treasury note ended the week with a 4.08% yield, the same as last week. The one-month T-bill has the highest yield on the Treasury yield curve, paying an annualized 4.92% with the thirty-year Treasury bond still yielding 4.38%. Yes, that is still upside down and backwards, but we've grown used to it. West Texas Intermediate crude oil, the benchmark for the smelly stuff here in the U.S., finished the week at \$69.34 per barrel, about 8.57% less expensive than last week.

The Economy

The economic surprise of the week came from the Census Bureau as it reported on monthly retail sales. The pundits were expecting to see a mild decline but instead were presented with a monthly increase of 0.4%. Considering that over the past year, sales have only risen 1.4%, the rise was impressive. That number bumped up the Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank's GDP Now estimate for the third quarter to an annualized

Market & Economic Update

by Jeffrey W. McClure



rate of 3.4%. Even the most pessimistic economists are now forecasting a 2.0% annualized GDP growth rate this quarter.

The current global economic situation reminds us of the 1990s when the Competitiveness Policy Council published a report forecasting that the United States would lag both Europe and Japan through the end of the 20th century. The opposite turned out to be true. Japan, which then was as much of a juggernaut as China was recently, seemed to be taking over everywhere and Europe was charging ahead with an export-based model that surely would eclipse the U.S. consumer-based economy. Indeed, the dotcom bust at the end of the 1990s was a shock, but America has outpaced the rest of the world in the three and a half decades since. In 1990, the U.S. produced about 40% of the total G7, advanced economies' GDP. Fast forward to the present, and we are producing nearly 60%. On a per-person basis, American economic production is now about 40% higher than in Western Europe and Canada, and 60% higher than in Japan. In our lowest wage state, Mississippi, average wages are higher than the averages in Britain, Canada, and Germany. The International Monetary Fund recently noted that our economy is the only one in the G-20 group of developed and large developing countries whose output and employment are higher than pre-pandemic expectations.

A decade ago, it was the Chinese who were seen traveling the world and buying up properties in Europe and elsewhere, and much worry was expressed that they would soon dominate across the world and by now be the world's largest economy. Today it is the Americans that are buying

up properties in Europe as the economic GDP of the People's Republic of China (PRC) has fallen to about 65% the size of ours. What happened? First, the productivity of the average American worker has grown a whopping 73% since 1990 and he or she now produces about \$171,000 of output per worker each year, compared with \$120,000 in the Euro Zone, \$118,000 in the U.K. and \$96,000 in Japan. Again, how did that happen? Americans are investors. Our investment in our own non-residential economy has been running at about 17% of GDP per year. In nominal terms, we also dramatically outspend the rest of the world on research and development (R&D). Among large economies only China has a higher percentage of GDP dedicated to R&D, and because their economy is so much smaller than ours, in nominal terms we still are well ahead. Another factor is mobility. About 5% of workers in the United States change employers each quarter, far more than any other large economy. That employee churn tends to move workers to more productive positions and force companies to compete for workers, driving them to greater efficiencies.

As usual, we here at The Personal Wealth Coach® see our economy as exceptional and roaring ahead into the near future, but perhaps even more importantly, over the longer-term, our peculiar economic culture looks more and more like the 21st century will be possibly the best century in our history, at least so far. (Data credit to The Economist. Report: The envy of the world.)

Readers on bad signals, and stealing political signs

To the Editor:

I'm writing this as Salado experiences yet another widespread internet outage. These past few days - October 18-21- the Village experienced an outage lasting nearly 7 hours on Friday, intermittent service on Saturday and Sunday and again on Monday with another widespread outage. Calling Astound for an update only yields an automated service with no option to vent to a real human being. I wish this were a one-off situation of the network going down. We have experienced multiple outages this past year, one that lasted for more than 24 hours when a primary service line was cut during construction within the Village.

According to Down Detector, a site that reports these types of things, Astound has a spotty reputation for service, particularly in central Texas. These types of outages can range from annoying to infuriating, depending on the timing of these disruptions. With increasing reliance on internet for TV viewing, work-from-home and broadband telephone service, reliable service is not a luxury but a necessity. These outages also impact the many business in town that rely on internet for point-of-sales systems and enabling their customers to watch the Big Game.

Salado needs reliable broadband internet service. For many of us over-the-air services such as 5G, line-of-site or satellite don't provide the bandwidth needed for multiple in-home services. The Village needs a competitor that can provide better, more reliable, service that Astound shows they are incapable of providing.

Astound needs to compensate its customers when an outage occurs. I recommend they provide credit for a full day of service to each of its impacted customers when the internet is down for more than 15 minutes in that day. This may give Astound the push they need to improve their service and show better respect to their customers.

Ron Hinsley

Salado

To the Editor:

My name is Darrell Street. My wife Maudie and I own one of the undevel-

Your Voice

Letters to the Editor

oped lots on DeGrummond Way. I mow it, I have it weeded, we pay all taxes on it. We endeavor to be good neighbors by respecting the rights of others.

On Tuesday, October 1, I placed two small free-standing political signs on this property. I placed one at each end of the property. I placed both a distance from the road to insure we were in code. I had a super hard time driving those little metal frames down into the dry ground. These signs endorse our choice for the election of President and Senator. We proudly support Harris for President and Allred for Senator. About 6 p.m. on October 5, 2024, my wife and I drove by just to insure they were not taken down. Both signs had been removed from their metal frames and were lying together in the grass at the end of our lot. We put the damaged signs back up and hoped it was a one-time happening.

On October 14th, my wife and I were out early. About 9 a.m., we made our trip to ensure the two signs were up. They were up and we didn't think anything more about it. About 5 p.m. I was talking to a friend and the friend reported that she and her husband were out talking at about 11 a.m. and saw that my signs were down. They graciously put them back up as best they could. However, this time the perpetrator(s) damaged

both signs and both frames.

October 15th, a friend that lives in this neighborhood very recently put a Harris sign up in front of their house. I pulled over in my car today and wished her "Good Luck" on it staying up. She then told me that while walking one day last week she noticed mine were down and put them back up.

Those signs have been through the fray, they have been taken down, torn, mended and put back up, the racks have been bent out of shape but as of 6:15 p.m. on October 15, 2024 they are still there. They are not in real good shape, Maudie has taped them with the care that she would give an injured child. We know how Johnny Cash may have felt when he said: "I'm mighty proud of that raggedly old flag!!"

I would like to think it was kids just being mischievous, but I think not. All three times, it was in the daytime. I had written the first part of this letter back on October 5, but decided to "let it go." On October 14, 2024, things change. On October 15, 2024, the resolve strengthened.

I had called for civility, so I guess it's counterproductive to say:

"If you messed with my signs, I hope all of your chickens get the mangle!"

Regards

Darrell & Maudie Street

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JUDY ECHOLS LAZARUS

DECEMBER 30, 1944-OCTOBER 18, 2024

Judy Echols Lazarus passed away on Friday, October 18, 2024, at her residence in Belton, TX. She was born on December 30, 1944, in Big Spring, TX. She was raised with a great Christian family in Coahoma, TX. She had a brother, W. Ray Echols, and two sisters, Amy Lee Purcell and Janie Phinney. Judy graduated from Coahoma High School and attended Howard College in Big Spring, TX.

She married Steve Lazarus on October 24, 1965. They had two sons: Stephen Paul and Michael Lee.

The family lived in Harrisburg, PA, and Columbia, MD, for ten years. In 1976, they moved to Belton, TX.

Judy had a passion for singing in several church choirs, Sweet Adelines, and the Salado Community Chorus.

She was a very devoted mother to two sons and a devoted wife of 59 years. The family was blessed to travel to all 50 states in a family camper.

Judy, also, enjoyed cooking and good food was served in our home under her loving care. As Me-me, she was very proud of her loving grandchildren including: LeeAnn Judy Trinidad of Hutto, TX, Michael Wayne of Belton, TX, Harrison Quinn, Gia Lauren of Houston, TX, and Jed Lazarus of North Carolina.

She was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Belton, TX for 20 years and a member of New Life Methodist Church for 2 years.

Judy is preceded in death by her parents, Amy and Leroy Echols of Coahoma, TX in 1979, and her son, Stephen Paul of Houston, TX, in 2005. She was very proud to be a part of three generations that were married for more than fifty years.

In lieu of flowers, the family request memorials be made to: New Life Methodist Church, PO Box 1322, Salado, TX 76531, or a favorite charity.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Broecker Funeral Home of Salado, on Saturday, October 26, 10:00 am; service at 11:00 am, with Pastor Tom Lathen officiating.

A family meal will be served at the Salado Civic Center following the service. Paid obituary



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Voting

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sample paper ballots are allowed, voters cannot depend on digital examples. Voters are prohibited from using wireless communication devices like cell phones, tablets, computers, and cameras within 100 feet of a voting station under Texas Elections Code §§ 61.014, 81.002.

DO NOT engage in electioneering. Electioneering, or campaigning for or against a candidate, measure, or party, is prohibited within 100 feet of a polling location under Texas Elections Code §§ 61.003. Electioneering can include anything from displaying signs and distributing brochures to requesting signatures or even wearing political apparel. If a voter enters a polling location wearing clothing or accessories that promote a candidate, party, or measure, they may be asked to leave. Additionally, if voters have followed the earlier suggestion to print a sample ballot, they need to be sure to bring it with them when they exit. Otherwise, leaving it out could be considered electioneering.

DO NOT carry a firearm. Only law enforcement officers are permitted to be in possession of firearms at Vote Centers. This may surprise some voters who are familiar with Open Carry Laws. However, the legislation allowing the open carry of handguns does not change the law as it pertains to guns in polling places, which is outlined in Section 46.03(a) of the Texas Penal Code.

These prohibitions are set by the state and federal regulations, rather than local policies. By following these guidelines, Bell County voters can ensure a stress-free voting experience.

Early Voting Locations

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, 225 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.

Election Day

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.

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DEBRA (DEBBIE) ANN CHARBONNEAU
MARCH 11, 1955
OCTOBER 13, 2024



Debra (Debbie) Ann Charbonneau nee Wadsworth joined the dance with the angels early Sunday morning, October 13th, 2024 after a brief battle with pancreatic cancer. She was 69 years old.

Debbie was born in Fort Hood, Texas on March 11th of 1955 and moved around with her Army family but always missed her home state of Texas.

After graduating high school, she joined the United States Navy and moved to Kingsville, where she met her future Navy husband and "forever boyfriend" Lauren. They married after her service time ended and she followed Lauren around the globe, had three daughters, joined every group she could, made friends everywhere she went, and loved every minute of it.

She is survived by husband Lauren Charbonneau; daughters Jennifer Rodriguez, Nicole Deviney, and Lindsey Nennig; sons-in-law Sebastian Rodriguez and Charles Deviney; grandchildren Abby Sheeler, Madison Brummett, Tyler Stairs, Mason Stairs, and Liana Rodriguez; and one great-granddaughter An-Berlyn Olivencia.

She is also survived by countless friends that loved her and supported her and her family during these last few months.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Edward and Bertie Wadsworth and many other beloved family members.

Debbie leaves behind a legacy of laughter and friendship that few will ever see in their lifetime. She was an avid spades player, a voracious book reader, an organizational guru, our Little General, and the boss to many, whether they knew it or not.

Although Debbie loved them, in lieu of flowers, please consider a sweet donation in her name to a charity or scholarship of your choice, or cancer research organization.

Don't think of her and cry, Debbie wouldn't want that. Think of her with a smile, or a chuckle, and know she's already organizing events in Heaven and getting the table ready for her family and friends... and will welcome everyone with open arms again one day.

Visitation will be Wednesday, October 23rd, 4 - 6 pm at Ramsey Funeral Home, 5600 Williams Drive, Georgetown

Rosary and Funeral Mass will be 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Thursday, October 24th, at St. Patrick Catholic Church, 2500 Limmer Loop in Hutto.

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told that he could not build two houses on a property because there was not a fireplug within 500 feet. "There was one within 200 feet," he said. "This is the kind of selective enforcement we have here."

After 47 minutes of comments by the board and public, the board took no further action.

Aldermen accepted the minutes of prior meetings and reports of development services, tourism and the police department as part of the consent agenda.

During discussion and approval of financial reports, alderman Jasen Graham asked about the \$130,000 wastewater operating fund deficit. De La Rosa told the board that the wastewater system has had major repairs that were not part of the maintenance budget, particularly with pumps on Main Street.

During public comment, Simmons asked, "What happened to \$2.2 million

dollars that went missing? Do you know? Do the accountants know? Is there a plan?"

Salado police are still investigating the case. In addition, the Attorney General's office has offered a forensic accountant, but that accountant has not yet been assigned to the case.

"You were running deficits," De La Rosa said. "Generally cities don't run deficits. You make amendments to the budget during the year. It is best practice to have 120 days of reserve. It doesn't look like there's embezzlement. You spent the funds. We also have the matter of the escrow account deposit in January 2022. It was deposited into the general fund. Those funds were not earmarked."

According to the Balance Sheet of Sept. 30, 2024, there are liabilities for Development Escrows (\$945,625.08), Sanctuary PID Escrow (\$44,935.50), Salado Center Phase II Es-

crow (\$12,375.14), Dorothy Escrow (\$1,817.50) and Sanctuary Performance Bond Phase 1, B (\$130,952.35).

There are no earmarked current asset funds for those liabilities, which total more than \$1.2 million.

Aldermen unanimously accepted the financial reports on a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Rodney Bell, receiving a second from alderman Graham.

The board approved the sale of surplus items on a motion by Bell and second by alderman Zach Hurst.

The board approved the medical plan for employees for fiscal year 2025.

The board convened for 45 minutes in executive session to discuss a proposal from Legacy CTX regarding Pace Park facilities.

Mayor Henry announced that the village administrator and village attorney would go forward in negotiations as discussed in executive session.



A TIME OF

Prayer



During the week of our national election, the community is invited to join us at Salado UMC for a special focus on prayer and reflection.

Community Prayer Service
at SUMC Historic Chapel
November 6 at 6 P.M.

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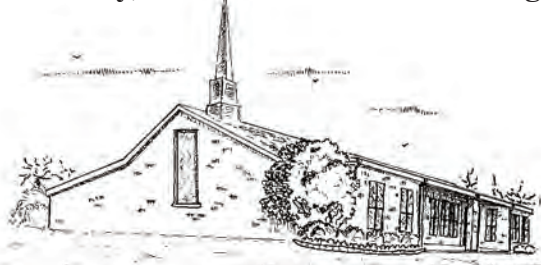
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The home of Aaron and Jillian Ashcroft, located at 9006 Abbey Lee Lane, will be part of the Tour of Homes.

Ashcrofts' dream home is part of 2024 Christmas Tour of Homes

Tickets are now available at centraltexas tickets.com for the Salado Historical Society 2024 Tour of Homes.

The Tour of Homes will be 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Dec. 7.

Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 when purchased on day of tour.

Tickets will be available for purchase on the day of event 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Dec. 7 at Red Barn Consignment, 642 B North Main Street.

Five houses will join the Salado Historical Society Log Cabins on the grounds of the Salado Civic Center, including the home of Aaron and Jillian Ashcroft, located at 9006 Abbey Lee Lane.

In 2020, the Ashcrofts bought their dream lot in Salado and began building their dream home with the help of their friend Bryan Summers, owner of O'Neal Custom Homes.

"We wanted our home to feel industrial with patina brick and large beams," Aaron said.

"The outside we like

to refer to as traditional/French country," Jillian added.

"When we finally moved in June of 2022," Jillian said, "it was all that we dreamt of."

"Our favorite place to gather with friends is definitely the bourbon room," Aaron said. "It's like our own little speakeasy taking us back in time."

Motorcycle lovers will like the couple's four-year-old son Maverick's room. "He loves all things motorcycle!" Jillian said.

"We are looking forward to sharing our home with you all," she said.

Other homes on the tour include these:

Allen and Kelly Brooks, 708 Rose Way

Dr. Doug and Carol Willingham, 2 North Main Street.

Jacob and Courtney Bruce, 2516 Winners Circle.

Joann Purser, 2518 Hester Way.

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Volksworld

If you made it up the hill on Campbell Hill Rd., during the Barrow Volksworld Oct. 19, you could carb up on fruits, cookies, peanut butter sandwiches and boiled potatoes. Salado Masonic Lodge #296 hosted the way station on Campbell Hill Rd. for riders who took the 32, 64 or 100 mile routes. More than 400 riders signed up for the annual race held the third Saturday in October. At the end of the race, they received a pretzel and a beer from sponsor Barrow Brewing Co. Volksworld raises money for the Salado Volunteer Fire Department.

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Calendar of Events

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Mondays

Salado Senior Center open 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Mondays at 650 Royal St. (Salado United Methodist Church Youth Activity Center). Coffee Corner, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Game Time, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.; Pickle ball Courts open, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.; Chair Yoga with Joette Grieco, 9-10 a.m.; Dominoes 42, 10 a.m.-noon; Stretching (Beginner Yoga) with Gary, 10:15 a.m.; Bridge, 12-3 p.m. Quilting with Lyna, 1-2 p.m. Crochet with Joette, 1-2:30 p.m.

Village Artists- knitters, crocheters and stitchers meet, 1-4 p.m. Salado Village Artists' red building behind the Civic Center.

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

Floor practice at Salado Masonic Lodge #296, 95 S. Church St., 6:30 p.m. except on Stated Meeting nights.

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

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

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

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

Tuesdays

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

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

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

Tuesday Night Prix Fixe at

Alexander's Craft Cocktails + Kitchen. \$16.95 for entree, dessert and glass of wine. Prix Fixe menu changes weekly. Visit Alexander's Facebook page for weekly updates on Prix Fixe. Reservations encouraged.

Trivia with Rockin Rick, at Chupacabra, 7-9 p.m.

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

Wednesdays

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

Wine Down Wednesday at Axis Winery, 4-8 p.m., half-price glasses of wine.

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

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

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

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

Thursdays

Salado Senior Center open 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Thursdays at 650 Royal St. (Salado United Methodist Church Youth Activity Center). Coffee Corner, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Game Time, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Exercise class with Alice Cooper, 9 a.m. Chair Tai Chi with Rich Trautman, 10-11 a.m. Learn to Play Mah Jongg, 10 a.m.-

noon; Dominoes 42, 10 a.m.-noon. Mah Jongg, 12-3 p.m. Beginner or Refresher Bridge, noon-2 p.m. Bridge, 12-3 p.m. Bingo 1-2:30 p.m.

Kids eat free, 2-5 p.m. at Provecho with purchase of adult entree.

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

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

"Party on the Patio" 7-10 p.m. with live performer Rockin' Rick (karaoke), Axis Winery.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Fridays

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

Fajita Friday at Provecho, 109 Royal St. All you can eat fajitas for \$20.24.

Special guest performers, 5-8 p.m. at Axis Winery.

Live Music at Chupacabra

Craft Beers, 7-11 p.m.

Live Music at Barrow Brewing Co. 7 p.m.

Friday Night Football at Johnny's Outback. Full bar, snow cones, BBQ, burgers and more.

Saturdays

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

Farmers Market, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., grounds of Barrow Brewing Co.

Live Music at Axis Winery, 5-8 p.m.

Live Music at Barrow Brewing, 7 p.m.

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

College Football at Johnny's Outback. Full bar, snow cones, BBQ, burgers and more.

Sundays

Family Fun Day at Axis Winery. Cornhole and other family activities. Live music 3-5 p.m.

NFL Football at Johnny's Outback. Full bar, snow cones, BBQ, burgers and more.

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

Through November 30

Art exhibit by Russell Cushman entitled "50 Years an Artist in Texas," at FSG Fine Jewelry, 401 S. Main St., Suite 102.

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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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 25 & 26
Free Concerts: RpT and Friends, 7 p.m. at the Salado Museum & College Park, 423 S. Main St. Joining Richard Paul Thomas will be Lezlie Mann, Nacio Malo, Ian Bailey.

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
The Shed Oktoberfest, 11 a.m.-9 p.m. with festive music by Rebecca Huck, 5-8 p.m.

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 centraltextastickets.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, activi-

ties 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.

November 4
Salado Historical Society Chili Supper, 5 p.m., Salado Church of Christ Activity Center. Everyone is invited to bring a pot of chili or a salad/dessert to share. Drinks and condiments will be provided. The public is invited.

November 4
Tonkawa Chapter Native Plant Society of Texas meeting, 6 p.m., first Monday of month, Barrow Brewing Co.

November 5
Salado VFW Post 12335 Meeting, 7 p.m., Barrow Brewing Co.

November 8-9
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 8-10
Highland Games and Scottish Gathering, Thomas Arnold Elementary School

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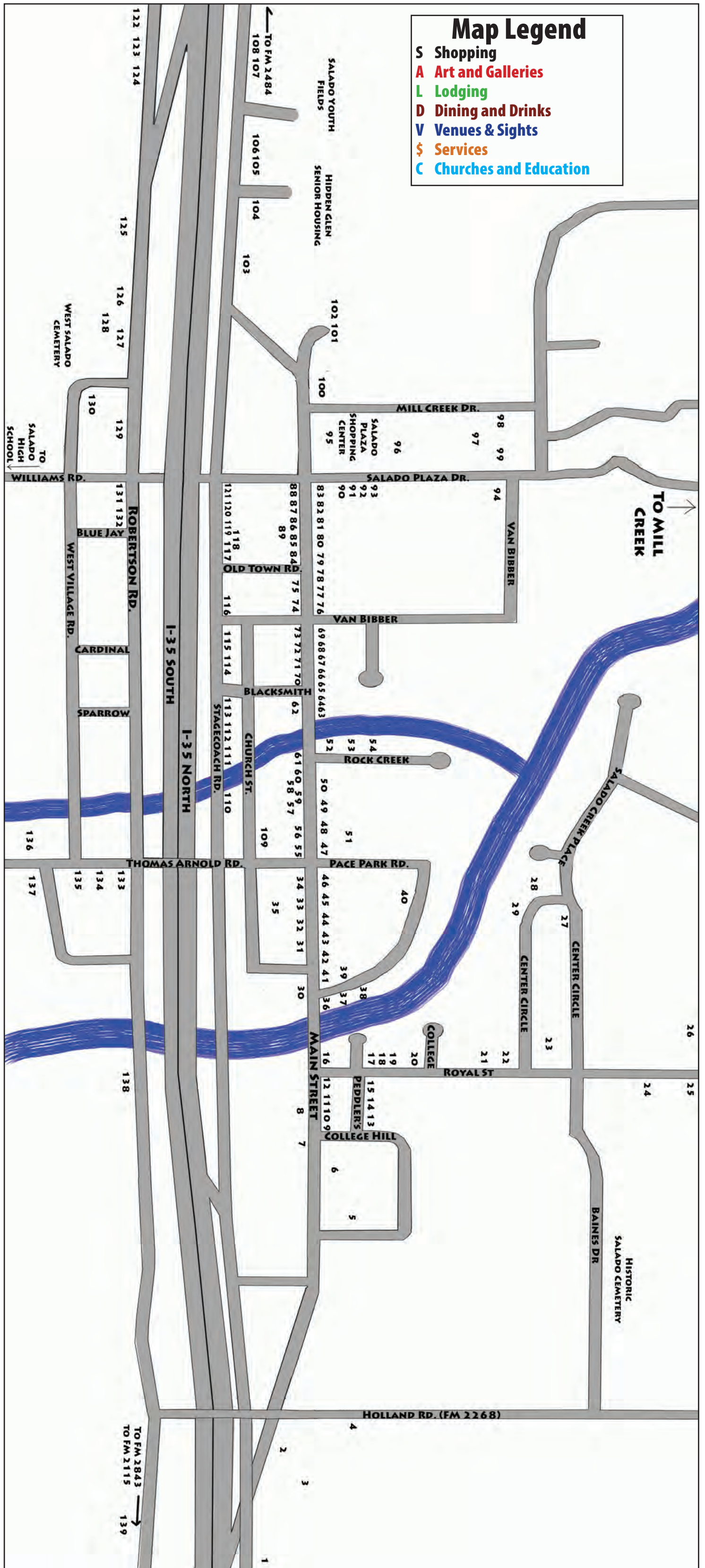
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1	JD's Travel Center 254-947-5228	S
1	Salado Collision Center 254-947-0380	\$
4	St. Stephen Catholic Church 254-947-8037	C
6	Salado College Park	V
7	Raney & Assoc. Real Estate 254-913-1215	\$
8	StageCoach Inn 254-947-5111	D/L
9	Salado Museum 254-947-5232	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
26	Salado United Methodist Church	C
29	Inn on the Creek 254-947-5554	L
	Alexanders Craft Cocktails & Kitchen 254-947-3828	D
30	First Baptist Church 254-947-546	C
32	First Texas Brokerage 254-947-5577	\$
34	Farmers Insurance 254-947-0995	\$
34	First Community Title 254-947-8480	\$
40	W.A. Pace Memorial Park 254-947-5060	V
48	Nancy Best Real Estate 512-571-1259	\$
48	Salado Luxury Properties 254-526-6611	\$
56	Salado Creek Jewelry 254-855-5538	S
62	The Pizza Place 254-947-0222	D
75	Stage Stop Center 254-308-2027	\$
76	Salado Civic Center 254-947-5479	\$
78	Star Nails and Spa 254-308-2084	\$
81	Salado Wine Seller and Salado Winery Co. 254-947-8011	D
82	St. Joseph's Episcopal Church 254-947-3160	C
84	Old Town Salado	
85	Salado Post Office 254-947-5322	\$
86	Bill Bartlett - Century 21 254-947-5050	\$
87	The Personal Wealth Coach 254-947-1111	\$
90	Presbyterian Church of Salado 254-308-2023	C
91	Troy Smith Financial Services 254-947-0376	\$
92	Salado Sculpture Garden	A
96	Salado Plaza Ace Pest Control 254-947-4222 Integrity Rehab 254-699-3933 Salado's Hair Shop 254-421-5173 Salado Village Voice 254-947-5321	\$
100	Salado Public Library 254-947-9191	C
100	Salado Creek Ministries meets at the Salado Public Library	C
113	Salado Church of Christ 254-947-5241	C
122	Bell County Annex	\$
124	Axis Winery 254-308-2016	D
126	Cowboy's Barbecue 254-947-5700	D
130	Village Spirits 254-947-7117	S
132	Broecker Funeral Home 254-947-0066	\$
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
137	Iron Orchid Bodywork (inside Salado Fitness) 254-541-5659	\$
139	Cedar Valley Baptist Church 254-947-0148	C
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	New Life Methodist Church meets at Salado Middle School 3C Cowboy Fellowship 254-947-7211	C
	Grace Church 254-947-5917	C
	Heritage Country Church 254-239-7106	C
	Mill Creek Country Club 254-947-5698	V
	Anytime Fitness Salado 254-947-1063	S



Historical Markers in Salado

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



2024 Salado High School Homecoming King nominees are (back row, from left) Lincoln Hossfeld, Micah Redelsheimer, Camden Aycok, Tyler Blackwell, Valente Hernandez. Homecoming Queen nominees are (front row, from left) Harper Brown, Rachel Bender, Jordyn Ingram, Jillian Taylor, Sydney Lange. (PHOTO COURTESY SALADO HIGH SCHOOL YEARBOOK)

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Salado Eagles Cross Country team (L-r): Cash Drigalla, Jonathan Brauchle, Daniel Anderson, Seth Anderson, Coulson Boyd, Luke Anderson, Camden Aycock, Brody DeLukie, Coach Michael Goos. (COURTESY PHOTO)



Salado Lady Eagles Cross Country team (L-R): Coach Corey Baird, Annalee Bryant, McCall Boyd, Sydney Engleking, Anna Redelsheimer, Penelope Anderson, Zoie Adcox & Addison King. (COURTESY PHOTO)

Salado Eagles XC Region 3 4A Champions

Salado Eagles Cross Country team won the Regional Championship at the Region 3 4A Meet Oct. 21. Salado won the meet with a team total of 49 team points.

Coulson Boyd led the Eagles with a third place finishing time of 15:43.34.

He was followed closely by Luke Anderson in fourth place with a time of 15:46.15. Seth Anderson placed 10th with a time of 16:15.74.

Also running for the Eagles were Daniel Anderson, 20th place, 16:51.97; Brody DeLukie, 21st place,

16:56.45; Camden Aycock, 37th place, 17:24.70; Jonathan Brauchle, 57th place, 17:49.57.

The team will compete in the UIL State Championship on Friday, November 1 at Old Settlers Park in Round Rock.

Salado Lady Eagles XC Region 3 4A Champions

Salado Lady Eagles Cross Country team won their third consecutive Regional Championship at the Region 3 4A Meet Oct. 21.

Salado placed first with 41 team points. Followed in second place by Huffman-Gravgrave with 117 points.

McCall Boyd led the

Lady Eagles as the individual regional champion with a time of 11:45. Boyd was followed by Annalee Bryant, who had a time of 12:29 for an eighth place finish.

Also running for the Lady Eagles were Penelope Anderson, 10th place, 12:30; Zoie Adcox, 12th

place, 12:35; Anna Redelsheimer, 15th place, 12:41; Addison King, 19th place, 12:46; Sydney Engleking, 25th place, 12:48.

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1968	Richard Nixon/Spiro Agnew	1-1/2	6	Republican
1974	Gerald Ford/Nelson Rockefeller	1/2	2	Republican
1976	Jimmy Carter/Walter Mondale	1	4	Democratic
1980	Ronald Reagan/George H.W. Bush	2	8	Republican
1988	George H.W. Bush/Dan Quayle	1	4	Republican
1992	Bill Clinton/Al Gore	2	8	Democratic
2000	George W. Bush/Dick Cheney	2	8	Republican
2008	Barack Obama/Joe Biden	2	8	Democratic
2016	Donald Trump/Mike Pence	1	4	Republican
2020	Joe Biden/Kamala Harris	1	4	

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- Placed interior grade beams at Area C
- Area A underground plumbing complete
- Area A electrical feeder complete
- Began fire loop at high school site
- High school sanitary sewer complete
- Completed bore under

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- middle school driveway
- These are the activities our general contractor and subcontractors are working on this week:
- Place Area C exterior grade beams
 - Underground electrical Area B
 - Underground plumbing Area B
 - Continue buyout and submittal review

- Lay hydromulch on running hill
 - Place Area A elevator pit walls
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Elsie Law blocks Marble Falls in district win Oct. 18. (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)

Lady Eagles still perfect in District

Salado Lady Eagles continued their run through District 24-4A, beating Gateway College Prep in five and Marble Falls.

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SHS	25	25	25	-	-	3
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SHS	19	25	25	15	15	3
GCPHS	25	20	19	25	10	2

Salado swept Marble Falls 25-13, 24-10 and 25-8 in a home match Oct. 18.

The Lady Eagles bounced back from a 25-19 loss to Gateway College Prep in the first set, winning 25-20 and 25-19 in sets two and three, before the Lady Gators forced a tie-breaker by winning the fourth set 25-15. Salado held on to win the tie-breaker 15-10 Oct. 15.

Macy Morris and Haley Brown both had two aces, while Charli Niu and Mazzy Johnson had one each.

Brown had 10 kills to lead the girls, followed by Kael Wilcox and Elsie Law, nine each, Payton Ortega, six, Morris, four, and Niu, two.

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

Niu led the girls with 29 assists, followed by Ortega, Wilcox, Kate Maedgen and Shelby Hollywood, one each.

Johnson made 21 digs to lead the girls. Also making digs were Niu, nine, Brown and Hollywood, eight each, Maedgen seven, Wilcox and Ortega, six each, Morris,

four, Karlee Konarik, two, and Ortega and Law, one each.

Brown led the girls with four aces, followed by Mazzy Johnson, three, Payton Ortega, two, and Shelby Hollywood and Charli Niu, one each.

Brown led the girls with 12 kills, followed by Kael Wilcox, 11, Elsie Law, six, Macy Morris, five, Ortega, four, Niu, two, and Johnson, one.

Law had two blocks, while Morris and Wilcox each had one.

Niu had 33 assists, followed by Brown, three, Wilcox, two, Morris and Hollywood, one each.

Brown and Kate Maedgen led the girls with six digs each, followed by Johnson, five, Niu, Hollywood, Wilcox and Karlee Konarik, two each and Ortega and Kaylee Bragg, one each.

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District 24-4A Standings

Salado	10-0
Gateway	7-2
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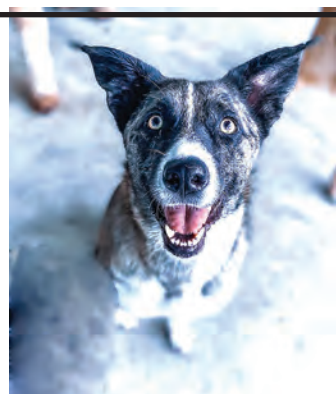
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