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While the *Salado Village Voice* is not the first newspaper in Salado, it has had the longest life-span since being founded in 1979. The Fleischer family bought the newspaper in 1988, marking 37 years in Salado in April 2025.

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

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

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

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

Since the Fleischer family purchased the newspaper, a week has not passed that the newspaper has not published, even during COVID-19 and the historic ice storm of 2021. *Salado Village Voice* has published the quarterly magazine *Salado: A Jewel in the Crown of Texas* for more than 30 years.

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

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

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**Cover photo of Heritage Country Church Rodeo
by Royce Wiggin**

Calendar of Events

January 4

Blues Brunch at Barrow Brewing Co.

January 1-31

Annual Texas Stagecoach Wine Trail. You will have 12 days to visit eight participating wineries and enjoy your tastings. Participating wineries are 3 Texans Winery and Vineyard, Bee Ma Rosa Vineyard and Winery, Country Spring Vineyard and Wine Garden, Dancing Bee Winery, Moose & Goose Winery, Red Caboose Winery, Salado Winery Co., and Valley Mills Winery. Tickets are \$40 (\$135+ value) available eventbrite.com. Or visit stagecoachtexaswinetrail.com for more information.

January 9-11

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

January 11-12

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

January 16

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

January 17-February 8

Blow-Your-Own Valentines Event at Salado Glassworks. Blown Heart, \$60 (ages 3+). Blown Bowl \$90 (ages 12+). Fridays 3-4:30 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Registration now open. Register online at saladoglassworks.com.

January 22-26

Girl Scout cookie pairing at Barrow Brewing. Delicious Girl Scout Cookies paired with four classic Barrow craft beers. Get your tickets now and join us any time between January 22-26, 2025. The basic ticket includes your flight of four craft beers expertly paired with four Girl Scout Cookies. Tickets at <https://centraltexas tickets.com/events/cookies-brews-1-22-2025>

January 23-25

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

January 26

Heritage Country Church Annual Chili Cook-Off, 11:15 a.m. immediately following the church service. \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids to eat. For those entering the contest, use at least 10 lbs. of meat (no beans). Categories include Regular and Game and Beans. Trophies for first, second and third in each category. Trophy for one overall winner.

February 6-8

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

February 8

The Joy of Chocolate at Salado Public Library. Come and view and taste chocolate creations by amateur Salado chocolatiers. Public view and sample 2-4 p.m.

February 8-9

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

February 13

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

February 14

Valentine's in Salado. Don't forget this year. Book your reservations early in Salado's inns and restaurants.

February 15

My Furry Valentine at Barrow Brewing Co.

February 15

Pioneer Festival, Heritage Country Church, 9677 Lark Trail,

Salado. Come to Heritage Country Church where you will learn how the pioneers lived. You can learn the ways of pioneer days to include churning butter, making soap and milking cows to name a few.

February 20-22

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

February 21-March 15

Blow-Your-Own St. Patrick's Day Event at Salado Glassworks. Blown Mug, Sipper or Tumbler, \$90 (ages 12+). Fridays 3-5 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Registration opens January 23. Register online at saladoglassworks.com.

February 24

Public Arts League annual Taste of Salado, Tenroc Ranch, 5 p.m. Happy Hour, 6:30 p.m. dinner goodies provided by area restaurants. Tickets \$30 at centraltexas-tickets.com.

March 1

Texas Pizza Festival, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., Barrow Breing Co., 108 Royal St. Adult GA tickets are \$20 and include four slices. Child GA tickets are \$10 and get them two slices. Pizza trucks participating include Barrow Brewing Company's resident truck, Happy Pizza Company, Bahler Street Pizza, Pizza Pieros, Treno Pizzeria, Nocco Pizzeria, Waco Artisan Pizza, Carter Brothers Pizza, and Scott's Pizza.

March 7-8

Second Annual Heritage Country Church CPRA/UPRA Rodeo, produced by Diamond Cross Rodeo Co. Gates open at 6 p.m. Rodeo starts at 7:15 pm. Free admission. There will be bareback riding, saddle bronc riding, ranch bronc riding, calf roping, team roping, women's break-a-way roping, steer dogging, barrel race, bull riding, mutton busting.

March 8-9

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

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p.m. Reservations online through eventbrite.com for \$100 (includes tax and gratuity or \$1,000 for annual passport) for five course themed dinner. This month's Destination, Waterford, Ireland.

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March 29-30

25th Annual Wildflower Arts & Crafts Festival, Salado Civic Center, 601 N. Main. Free admission 10 a.m.-5 p.m. March 22, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. March 23.

March 28-April 19

Blow-Your-Own Easter Egg Event at Salado Glassworks. One weekend only! Egg, \$60 (ages 3+). Friday 3-5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Registration opens February 28. Register online at saladoglassworks.com.

April 3-5

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

April 3-6

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

April 5

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

April 5

Farmers Market begins its 2025 season at Barrow Brewing Co., 108 Royal St.

April 10

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

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Music & Gatherings

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 Salado 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 win.

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. 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.



Local singer and songwriter Richard Paul Thomas

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.

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/3M-LXXOA>. Call 254-947-8011 or check Facebook for information.

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

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

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

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

Fridays

Storytime with Ms. Mia, Sal-

ado Public Library, 11 a.m.

Fajita Friday at Provecho, 109 Royal St. All you can eat fajitas for \$20.25.

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.

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.

Sundays

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

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

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Public Arts League of Salado
Taste of Salado 2025



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February 24

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The need of a high class school in Bell County had been felt for some time. In the fall of 1859, a tent meeting attended by prominent men from all over the county was held at the Salado Springs to discuss the matter. They succeeded in organizing the Salado College Joint Stock Company. Colonel Robertson donated 100 acres of land, including the two fine springs, the hill on the south side of the creek suitable for the college building, part of the wooded valley and some land north of the creek.

Stock in the company at \$100 per share to the amount of \$5,000 was soon subscribed.

Seven trustees, Col. Herman Aiken, John I. Blair, Dr. Carrol Kendrick, A.J. Dallas, Col. E.S.C. Robertson, W.D. Eastland, and G.W. Shanklin, were chosen by the stockholders. Colonel Robertson was made President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Board and gave the school a deed to the land dated October 16, 1859.

The land was soon surveyed and laid out in blocks, lots and streets. Revenue from the sale of lots was a great help to the college as families soon began moving to Salado.

At a November meeting, Dr. Kendrick offered several resolutions concerning the college which were adopted. The resolutions asked that the trustees apply to the legislature for an act incorporating Salado College; that a clause be inserted prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors, the keeping of billiard saloons or ten-pin alleys on the college land; and that the college be open to pupils of all religious denominations, but never become sectarian in its character.

On February 8, 1860, Salado College was incorporated by the Legislature for twenty years with full powers to maintain the institution, grant diplomas, confer degrees and perform other corporate functions.

A temporary wooden building was erected and school began February 20, 1860, with the Rev. Levi Tenney, a Presbyterian minister, as principal.

A severe winter had slowed down building both for the school and new residents, so many of the teachers lived in tents temporarily. Sixty students were enrolled the first term.



The bell tower and entrance to Salado College can be seen in this old photograph.

Plans had already been made for a two-story stone building on the brow of the hill. On July 4, 1860, the cornerstone, the first in that part of Texas, was laid with a Masonic ceremony. Visitors came from as far away as Waco and Austin and hospitable Salado citizens served a barbecue. A great sale of lots occurred and many more families moved to Salado to educate their children. Attendance at the school gradually increased until there were over 300, including primary grades.

There were two interesting societies in old Salado College. They were literary societies organized for older students.

The Euphradian Society was promoted by Prof. J.L. Smith and Capt. A.J. Harries in 1866. Boys studied parliamentary law and improved in debate and public speaking by practice. Meetings were held weekly and officers changed monthly. Two leaders were appointed by the president who chose sides and all members took part in the debate. Speeches were limited to a few minutes.

The society made an impression upon the general tone and morale of the school as well

as on the progress and development of the students. At each commencement, some able speaker was invited to address the assembled student body.

The other society, organized by the ladies, had Mrs. Kate Alma Orgain as historian and some accurate records were kept.

Mesdames Orgain and Lucius Davis, and Misses Letitia Barbee and Sallie Young, all college teachers, wished to form a reading club for the college's young ladies and those of the town interested in such a club.

Their first meeting was held in the palatial home of Mrs. E.S.C. Robertson, Mrs. Orgain was the first president. They met weekly in some home and listened as a member read aloud from the selected author. A circulating library was formed, perhaps the first in Texas under ladies' supervision. A room at the college was soon assigned them where they kept their accumulating library.

One of the first books read was David Copperfield and a play by Dickens was given in 1876.

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Taste of Salado Feb. 24 at Tenroc

The Public Arts League of Salado (PALS) will host the annual Taste of Salado on Monday, February 24, 2025 at Tenroc Ranch. This event raises funds for the purchase and maintenance of sculpture in the Salado Sculpture Garden and on Main Street. The funds also go toward student scholarships that encourage the arts in our community.

Happy hour beginning at 5 p.m. will include music, libations, and a silent auction. Dinner goodies provided by area restaurants will begin at 6:30 p.m. followed by a live auction. The tickets are a steal at \$30 per person.

PALS invites everyone to this annual event that supports public art in Salado.



The Taste of Salado will be held at Tenroc Ranch February 24.



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As a holder of a Texas Stagecoach Wine Trail ticket you will have the opportunity to taste complimentary wines at each winery. This package deal has a value of more than \$135. It also makes the great gift for the wine lover in your life.

Ticket holders will have the entire month of January to visit eight participating wineries and enjoy your tastings January 1-31, 2025.

Tickets are \$40 each and are available at eventbrite.com. Or visit stagecoachtexaswine-trail.com for more information.

Check in to the wineries on social media, using #TxStagecoachWineTrail and #Tx-Wine. Business hours vary among wineries so please verify their business hours as you



You can enjoy tastings from eight central Texas wineries, including Salado Winery Co. and Axis Winery in Salado, during the Texas Stagecoach Wine Trail January 1-31, 2025.

plan your route. Participating wineries are 3 Texans Winery, BeeMaRosa Vineyard and Winery, Country Spring Vineyard, Dancing Bee Winery, Moose & Goose Winery, Red Caboose Winery, Salado Winery and Valley Mills Vineyards.

At each winery, there will be plenty of opportunities to purchase additional wine tastings, and buy cool souvenirs, so bring

your wallet. You must present your tickets to receive your tastings at each winery. Your tickets can be shown from your smartphone via email or using the Eventbrite app. Also, you need valid photo ID if you plan to consume alcohol.

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46th Texas Packard Meet in Salado

The 46th annual Texas Packard Meet will again be held in historic Salado April 3-6, 2025.

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

This annual event is hosted by the four Texas regions of the Packard Club and is the oldest regional Packard meet in the country. The event features a welcome party, early bird tour through the hill country, a parade, people's choice competition and show, seminars, and awards banquet. Host hotel is the Salado Holiday Inn Express. Call 254-947-4004 for reservations before March 15, 2025 for the group rate. Go to texaspackardmeet.com for registration materials and details.

Typically there are 40 to 70

cars and well over 100 master registrations. Being the 46th edition of this great meet will likely increase the numbers!. Last year, there were more than 50 Packards on display with collectors coming from around the state and surrounding states.

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

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

Viewing for the public is free on Saturday morning April 5 on the grounds of Barrow Brewing Co. and Salado Creek.

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



Packards gather in Salado April 3-6. (Photo by Tim Fleischer)

company, James Ward Packard, was an engineer by trade and began producing automobiles as early as 1899. The first Packards were designed as luxury automobiles and were priced much higher than the competition.

In 1902, the Ohio Automobile Company was renamed The Packard Motor Car Company and moved to Detroit. The last Packard came off of the assembly-line in 1958.

An advertisement for Village Spirits. The background shows a blurred display of various liquor bottles on shelves. In the foreground, there is a wooden bar top. A white rectangular box is centered over the bar top, containing the following text:


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- S** Shopping
- A** Art and Galleries
- L** Lodging
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- V** Venues & Sights
- \$** Services
- C** Churches and Education

#	Business Name	
2	St. Stephen Catholic Church	C
5	Salado College Park	V
8	Salado Museum	V
	Salado Chamber of Commerce	\$
	Salado Visitors Center	\$
	Village of Salado Tourism Office	\$
9	Sofi's	S
10	Chupacabra Craft Beer & Kitchen	D
11	Bentons	A
12	FSG Jewelry	A

14	Salado Glassworks	A
15	Provecho	D
16	HnH	S
16	Salado General Store	S/D
16	Sirril Art Gallery (upstairs)	A
17	Barrow Brewing Company	D
21	The Venue	V
22	The Shed	D
24	Tablerock Amphitheater	V
26	Salado United Methodist Church	C
29	Alexander's Craft Cocktails & Kitchen	D
29	Inn on the Creek	L
30	First Baptist Church	C
32	First Texas Brokerage	\$
34	First Community Title	\$
36	woof	S
40	W.A. Pace Memorial Park	V
44	Prellop Fine Art Gallery	A
48	Mustang Springs of Salado office	\$
48	Nancy Best Realty	\$
49	Salado Square	
49	21 Main	S
49	Christy's of Salado	S
49	The Local Vine	D
52	Solas Gallery & Village Framers	S

58	The Shoppes on Main	S
58	The Marketplace Cafe	D
60	Salado Creek Jewelers	S
62	The Pizza Place	D
69	McCain's Bakery & Cafe	D
70	Wells Gallery	A
76	Salado Civic Center	\$
	Salado ISD Administration Office	
	Salado Historical Society cabins	\$
81	Salado Wine Seller & Salado Winery Co.	D
82	St. Joseph's Episcopal Church	C
84	Old Town Salado Shopping Center	
84	Rose & Bee	S
84	Salado Olive Oil Company	S
84	Serendipity Salado	S
86	Village Mill Antiques	S
87	Bill Bartlett - Century 21	\$
90	Presbyterian Church of Salado	C
92	Salado Sculpture Garden	A
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96	Salado Village Voice	\$
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- 114 Village of Salado Municipal Building \$
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- 116 Salado Creek Antiques S
- 119 Salado Antique Mall S
- Salado Market Days S
- 127 Axis Winery D
- 130 Village Spirits S
- 136 Salado Schools & Stadium C
- 137 Iron Orchid Bodyworks \$
- 139 Cedar Valley Baptist Church C

- Not Shown on the Shopping Map**
- Don Ringer (Belton) \$
 - Garlyn Shelton Auto Group \$
 - Griffith Fine Art Gallery A
 - Strong Construction \$
 - Public Arts League of Salado A

Historical Markers in Salado

- 5. Salado Historic College Hill
- 6. Shady Villa Hotel
- 7. Main Street Bridge
- 16. Barber-Berry Mercantile
- 17. George Washington Baines House
- 23. Historic Dipping Vats
- 24. Archibald J. Rose Mansion
- 25. Old Methodist Chapel
- 26. Caskey-Hendricks House
- 27. Dr. B.D. McKie Place (Twelve Oaks)
- 28. Alexander's Distillery
- 29. First Baptist Church
- 30. Orville T. Tyler House
- 31. Salado Masonic Lodge #296
- 35. The Anderson House
- 45. Old Saloon
- 46. The Norton-Orgain House
- 48. Welborn Barton House
- 50. Levi Tenney House
- 51. Armstrong Adams House

- 61. Historic Dodd's Creek Lenticular Bridge
- 72. The Vickrey House
- 76. Boles-Aiken & Denman Cabins
- 77. Robert B. Halley House
- 79. William Reed Cabin
- 100. The Josiah Fowler House
- 113. Salado Church of Christ
- 125. White-Aiken House
- 138. Elijah Sterling Clack Robertson Plantation

Public Art in Salado

- 6. Col. Robertson Statue
- 7. Sirena
- 16. Turtle limestone carving at the Creek
- 50. Chisholm Trail limestone carving
- 61. The Troll at the Bridge
- 61. Tree Fairy at the Bridge (look up!)
- 66. Augustus McCrae by Ronnie Wells
- 70. Sculpture by Ronnie Wells
- 76. Late Again by Troy Kelley at Civic Center
- 80. Limestone Carving
- 92. Salado Sculpture Garden
- 100. Reading by Ronnie Wells at Salado Library



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



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



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Bridges across Salado Creek

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

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

The bonds were purchased by the citizens of the town. With the proceeds and subscriptions amounting in all to some \$2,500, the municipal authorities proceeded to build a wire cable

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

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

From "The History of Bell County" George W. Tyler, Third Edition



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Self Made Man by Joe Burroughs greets visitors at the corner of Main Street and Thomas Arnold. Meanwhile, The Troll and Billy Goat Gruff by Troy Kelley guard the green walking bridge. (Photos by Tim Fleischer)



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Gus McCrae by Ronnie Wells sits across from Wells Gallery on Main. All the sculptures in Salado are Nate Potter and Cicero approved. (Photo by Tim Fleischer)



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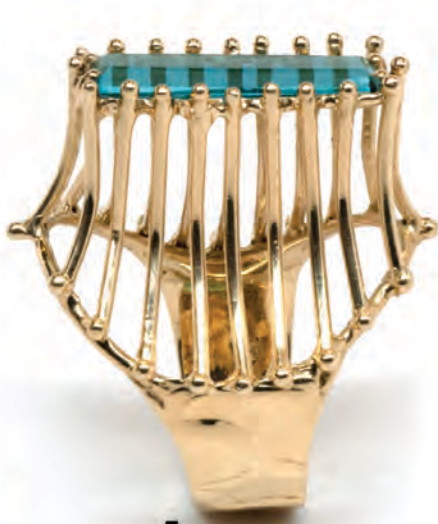
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Guests can purchase tickets in advance at www.centraltexastickets.com. Adult GA tickets are \$20 and include four slices. Child GA tickets are \$10 and get them two slices. VIP tickets include two additional slices and a t-shirt. Additional tickets and slices can be purchased at a higher rate at the festival.

The weekend will be full with a pizza cooking class on Friday, February 28 at the Stagecoach Inn. World Pizza Champion, Rocky Shanower, will teach this exclusive class with everything they need to know to make their own backyard pizza masterpieces. The class will feature Ooni pizza ovens and be limited to 30 people.

The Texas Pizza Festival brings together



Third Annual Texas Pizza Fest is March 1, 2025 at Barrow Brewing Co.

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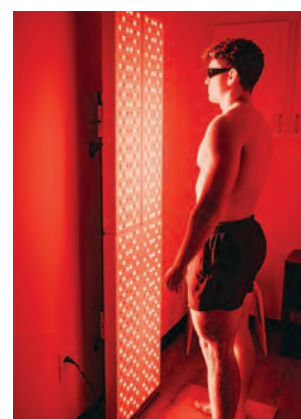
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Wildflower Fest includes arts, crafts, food trucks & live music

Salado Chamber of Commerce will be celebrating its 25th Annual Wildflower Arts & Crafts Festival March 29-30. The festival will be held on the grounds of the Salado Civic Center at 601 N. Main Street from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 29 and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. March 30 with free admission.

More than 80 vendors will showcase handmade goods, including woodwork, jewelry, pottery, pet items, and paintings. Food trucks will offer a variety of local eats throughout the weekend.

“We’ve doubled the size of this event in recent years,” said Amanda Organ, Executive Director of the Salado Chamber. “It’s exciting to see vendors return each year to our outdoor festival setting.”

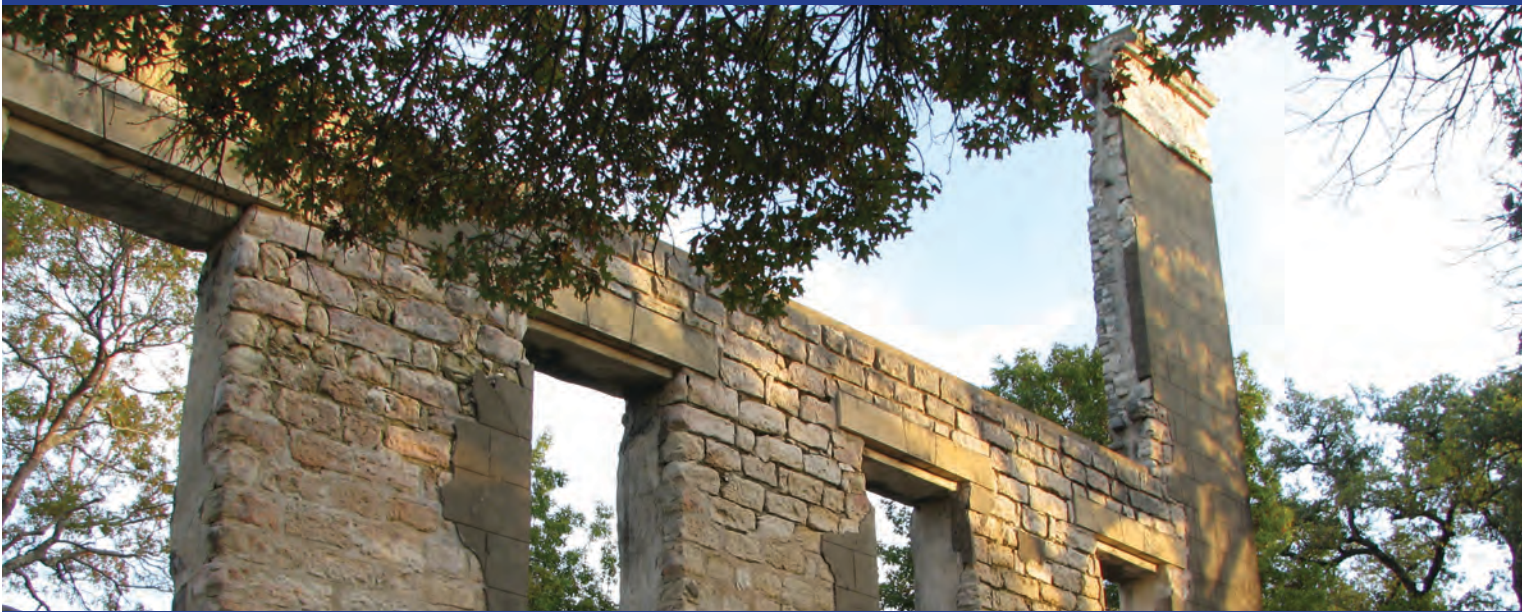
Live music will be featured at the festival gazebo, adding to the vibrant atmosphere. Free parking is available throughout the village.



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Wildflower art show in Salado will be March 29-30.

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Salado College survives fires over the years

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This society was called "The Amasovaurian." It was really a coined word, made by joining amo (Latin - I love) and savour (French - to know) together, meaning "Love of Knowing."

This society is said by Mrs. Tyler to have accomplished much in elevating the standard of womanly refinement and literary culture both in the college and in the community.

The Salado College Band was a famous musical organization of the 70s. It played at the State Fair in Austin several times, for inaugural balls, at the Bell and Lampasas County fairs and on other occasions.

The first college bell was the regular old-fashioned hand affair, but in 1866 the citizens bought a real college bell for \$200. It was hung in a scaffolding on the roof of the college building and had a rope hanging over the side roof and down the south wall to the ground.

For years, this bell also summoned town people to Sunday School, prayer meeting and all public gatherings held in the college chapel.

That first small college bell was later given to the new public school building. When the annex to the college was completed in 1871, a large imposing belfry was erected over the main south entrance and Dr. W.R. Alexander gave the college a new and larger bell.

In the first fire in 1901, the new bell was partially melted and fell and broke into fragments, many of which were collected for souvenirs, as were the metal keys of the piano.

For the new building, Maj. A.J. Rose donated a bell which with-

stood the fire of 1902, but not the one in 1924. There was no fire department in Salado and the citizens were helpless. They could not rebuild the college the last time it burned.

The expense of building the annex put the college in debt to the contractor who threatened foreclosure. Again Colonel Robertson saved the situation by buying the property in 1877 and Salado College continued as usual until his death in 1879. However, in 1880, the 20-year charter expired. In 1882, a new organization which bought from the Robertson heirs the seven acres of land on which the college building stood, was formed and the institution continued as Salado College until 1885.

From 1885 to 1890, the property was controlled by the board of trustees of the local public school and operated as a public free school.

Salado College had been like a magnet, drawing many of the best people of the state who desired to educate their children in a cultural and religious atmosphere.

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The old Salado Church of Christ building in its new home. (Photo by Tim Fleischer)

Remembering Old Salado Church of Christ

By Tim Fleischer

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

"This group included a number of people who lived here and when Dr. Carroll Kendrick came to the area," according to local historian Tim Brown, "He began working with that group and they formed the nucleus of the first congregations established here in 1859."

Dr. Kendrick was a medical doctor, educator and missionary minister of the Gospel. "He served as a doctor in the Civil War," Brown said. "And he was widely known as an itinerant evangelist who held large camp meetings to make converts and establish

congregation. Another facet of his work was involved in recruiting, mentoring and training young men for the ministry." Dr. Kendrick worked in Tennessee, Alabama and other places before arriving in central Texas.

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

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

Salado Creek.

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

When the Salado College took off, the congregants at Darr's Creek decided to move to Salado.. "They initially met in a brush arbor on the north side of the creek about where the Baptist Church now stands," Brown said, adding that later they met in the Salado College building. In fact, the space was shared by multiple congregations on a rotating basis for several years.

See Saving old Church of Christ, page 42

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Sam Bass and Salado

By Carol Wilson
Local Historian

Almost certainly outlaw Sam Bass passed through Salado on his journey from Denton to Round Rock in July 1878. Is there any credible evidence that he did more than ride through? Did he spend a night at the Salado hotel or in the cave beneath? Speculation to that effect continues to surface from time to time. Perhaps it is time to address it.

Because the information is specific to Salado, the best sources on the subject are old newspapers and the writing of early local historians/writers. There is no shortage of information about Sam Bass. Newspapers had a field day with the story in 1878, including lengthy articles that outlined Jim Murphy's account of the Bass gang's movements on their journey from Denton to Round Rock. There is no mention of Salado.

Perhaps a more persuasive piece of evidence on this subject is found in the writing (and exclusions therein) of Bell County's early historian, George W. Tyler. Tyler was an attorney, born in 1851 and spent his youth in Salado. He was also a history enthusiast and spent much of his life collecting information for a book he hoped to complete on Bell County's history. George Tyler was an eyewitness to this period of history. He was a young adult and a resident of Belton when Sam Bass made his way from Denton to Round Rock. Tyler certainly had an appreciation for the historic significance of the Bass shootout and included a paragraph about the incident in his book, *History of Bell County*. Tyler's reference to Bass characterized him as an outlaw "with a slight connection to Bell County."¹ Tyler outlined the gang's movements in Bell

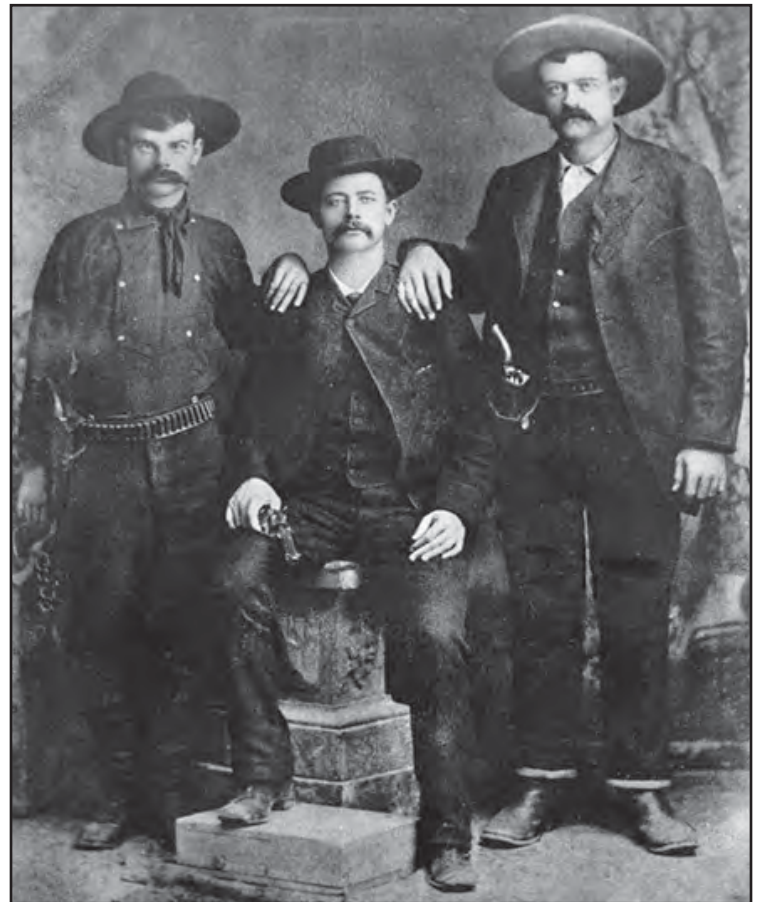
County but the information is specific only to Belton, with no mention of Salado. Certainly George Tyler was motivated to record the story correctly while giving Bell County its fair share of publicity. Talk of a sighting of Bass in Salado would not have escaped him.

Felda Davis Shanklin, another writer of Salado's history and one familiar with Salado's historic hotel and cave, has several references to the property in her book, *Salado, Texas, It's History and People*. These include information about Ed Buckles, the man who owned the hotel in 1878.² Shanklin is silent on the subject of Sam Bass.

E. S. C. Robertson, the man who founded Salado, kept a journal during his life where he recorded the goings-on in Salado both large and small. It is inconceivable that he would not have mentioned a visit from the Bass gang. He too is silent on the subject.

When did rumors of a connection between Sam Bass and Salado first surface? We can only substantiate written accounts. The earliest published reference I found was 1955, in a book titled *Ghost Towns of Texas*. The author exercised some caution when mentioning Bass, saying, "Legend has it that Sam Bass, notorious outlaw and southwestern Robin Hood, used this cave as a hideout just before he went to Round Rock for a fatal rendezvous with rangers."

The following year, 1956, a book titled *Early Homes of Texas* was less cautious, writing: "Close to the Inn is the entrance to a cave containing a flowing spring, the water from which is now piped into the building. In the wilder days of Texas the cave, with its supply of good water, is reputed to have been used as a refuge by Sam Bass and others who did not want their pres-



The photo above shows (left to right) Jim Murphy, Sam Bass and Seaborn Barnes. This widely circulated photo is from the collection titled, Abilene Photograph Collection and was provided to the Portal to Texas History by Hardin-Simmons University Library.

ence widely known. The cave is said to have been furnished at one time with sleeping facilities for these exceptional guests."

The two books listed above provided no footnote or other specific source but both acknowledge contributions by the Van Bibbers who owned the Salado hotel property at that time. In a 1950 interview with a Waco newspaper, Dion Van Bibber admitted that he enjoyed telling tales about the Inn, adding that the information had come to him "from local residents, and records and letters from pioneer Texas families."³ But on the subject of Sam Bass and stories linking the outlaw to the cave, even Dion Van Bibber later reversed his stance.

On July 27, 1968, the Dallas

Morning News contained this as part of an article about the many unsubstantiated claims about Bass treasure: "Sam Bass has such a reputation as a caveman that my friend, Dion Van Bibber of the Stagecoach Inn in Salado claims he owns the only cave in Bell County in which, according to the yarn spinners, old Sam never visited."⁴

Perhaps this came in response to a rash of treasure hunting that occurred in Central Texas in the 1960s that became a real nuisance. Or had Mr. Van Bibber just been "pulling our leg" all along?

Even putting aside the points in evidence laid out above, the Bass story has a hard time passing a simply test of reasonable-

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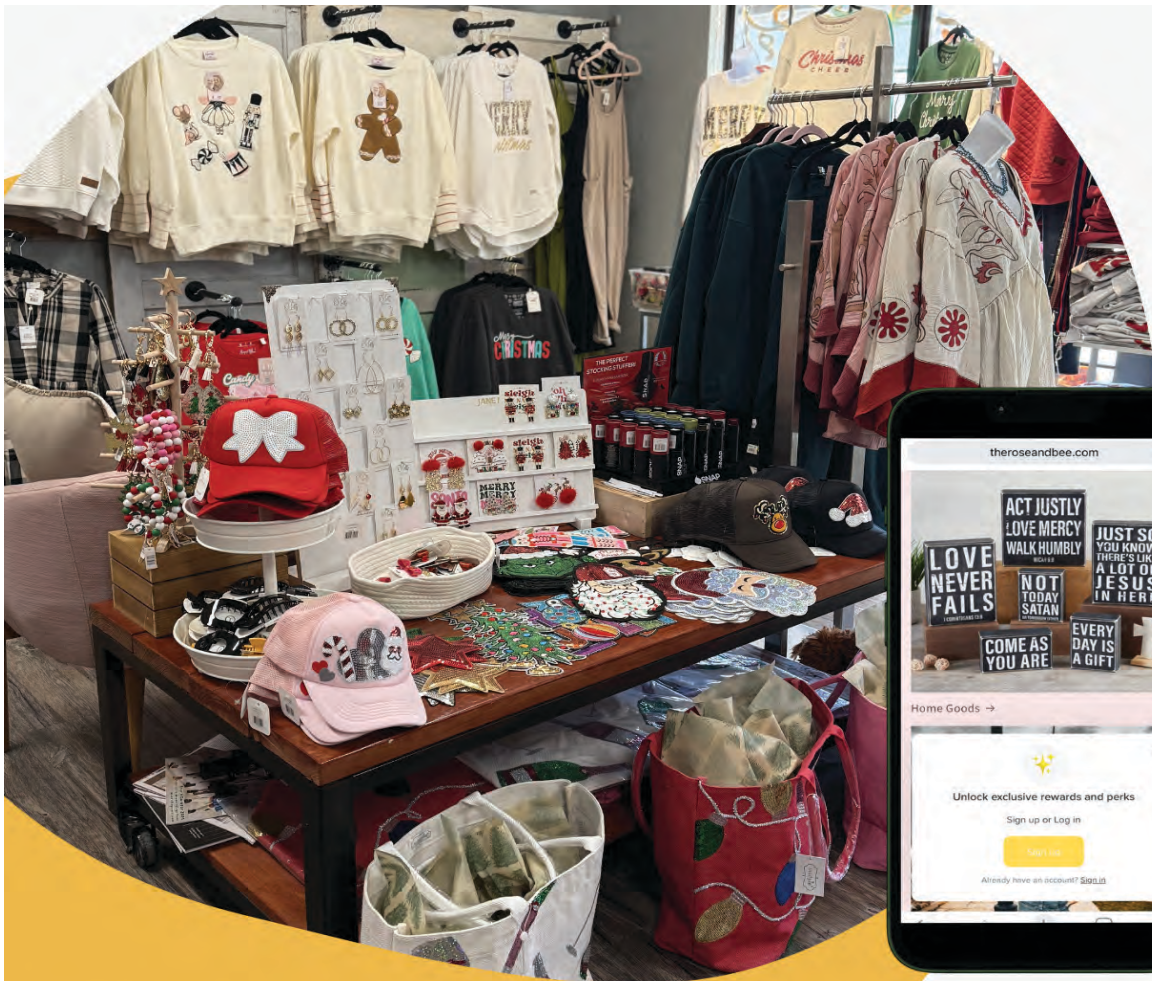
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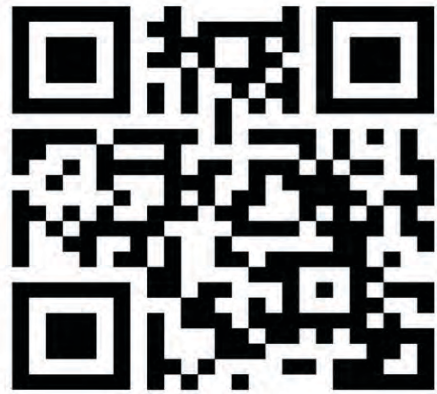
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Historical Society saves old Church of Christ

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

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

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

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

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

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

That building burned in 1908 and an exact duplicate of its simple architecture was built. That building stood for more than a century on North Main Street just north of the Campbell's Branch. It is the



The 1908 Old Church Place was moved from its home on North Main St. April 2, 2024 to its new home on the grounds of the Salado Civic Center. The move required the closing of Main Street while the one-story frame sanctuary was towed across the road. The Salado Historical Society will restore the building at its new home on the grounds of the Salado Civic Center. The 1908 building is a duplicate of an earlier Salado Church of Christ sanctuary that burned. (Photos by Marilyn Fleischer)



building that Salado Historical Society raised funds to move and restore on the grounds of the Salado Civic Center where it will sit with the historic log cabins the Society has restored.

The building was moved from the east side of Main Street to the

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

1988.

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

Did Bass stay in Salado cave?

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ness. Consider these points:

* The Bass gang's spree of criminal behavior, at least in Texas, lasted only a few months and was confined to the north-eastern portion of the state. There was little opportunity or need for Bass to bury treasure in Central Texas.

* Having spent at least one night in Belton before continuing their journey southward, the Bass gang would not have been looking for a place to sleep after traveling only 11 miles. A bank or saloon might have tempted them. Salado had neither.

* By 1878 the college at Salado had been in operation for almost two decades, sitting on a hill that overlooked the hotel and the entrance to the cave. The hotel and cave were popular spots with locals and located near several other business establishments—a most impractical hiding place.

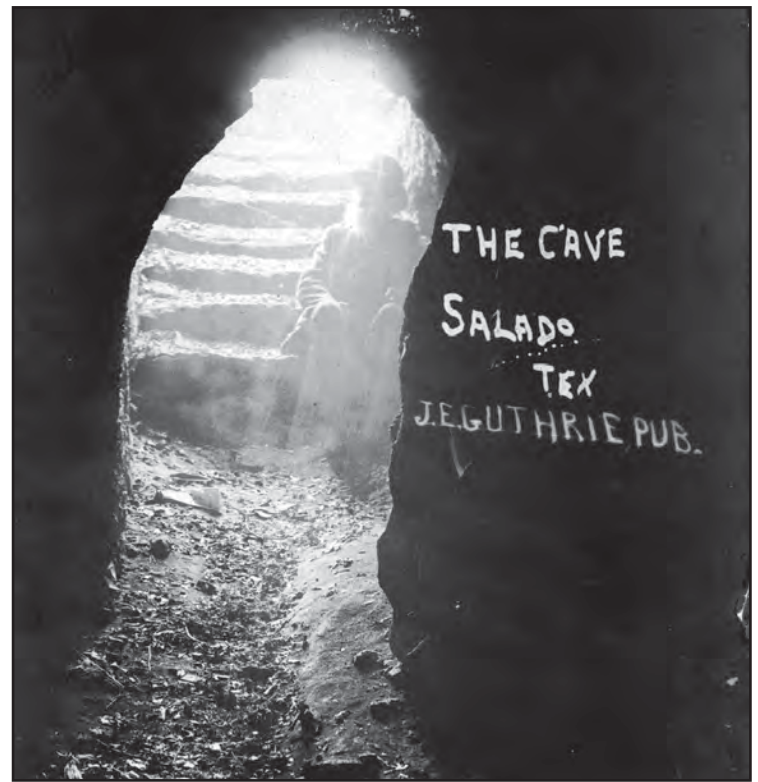
* The entrance to the cave

is steep and slippery, there being no stairs in 1878. The Bass gang was known for camping in wooded areas where they could not be waylaid as they slept and could maintain easy access to their horses.

* Jim Murphy told authorities that Sam had used his last gold coin at a saloon in Waco. He was desperate to rob a bank because he was out of funds. This strongly suggests that there was no hidden treasure.

Did Sam Bass spend a night in Salado? We should rarely, if ever, speak about this kind of thing in absolutes, but the evidence strongly suggests that he did not. Does it matter? Guarding the historical truth is tantamount to guarding our reputations as serious students of history and trustworthy conveyers. For that reason, it matters.

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The Dodd's Creek Bridge was moved to Salado in 1997 where it spans Campbell Branch and is now a beautiful walking bridge.

Dodd's Creek bridge was moved to Salado in 1997

*By Charlene Carson
Local Historian*

Did you know that one of the most historic bridges in Texas is located right here in Salado and that it is over 130 years old?

This historic bridge, commonly referred to as the green bridge on Main Street, was built by the Berlin Iron Bridge Company of East Berlin, Connecticut. It was placed over Cowhouse Creek in Coryell County, Texas in 1889, and then later moved to Dodd's Creek on CR-133 west of Gatesville. In 1955, the bridge was declared functionally obsolete for vehicular traffic. The bridge was replaced but the historic lenticular pony truss bridge was not demolished. Instead, the Texas Department of Transportation decided to renovate and utilize the structure as a pedestrian bridge to be placed over Campbell's Branch in Salado. It was moved

to this location on July 29, 1997, as a part of the Salado Walking Path project.

In 1990 the Texas Historical Commission and the Texas Department of Transportation identified eight lenticular truss bridges surviving in Texas. Four of those bridges were located in San Antonio; the other four were on out-of-service roads. These bridges are recognized as historically significant engineering structures, and are the only remaining examples of this rare bridge type west of the Mississippi.

This 87-foot truss bridge represents an unusual truss type in the United States. The lenticular design features a curved top and bottom chord which forms a lens shape. This type of bridge combines an arch type bridge and suspension type bridge into a single design requiring less steel than more conventional bridges.

The patent, issued to William O. Doug-

las of Connecticut in 1878, was the only one given for a lenticular truss bridge in the United States. Most were constructed in the New England area and in New York state. Through the efforts of William Payson, a salesman for the Berlin Iron Bridge Company, Texas acquired at least a dozen truss bridges in the late 19th century.

It was an exciting day in Salado when this big green structure was brought down Main Street on an "oversize load" truck. A huge heavy-duty crane followed the truck. Those who had an interest in historic bridges and those who were just curious stood along the street to watch the unfolding of this historic event.

Cameras clicked as the crane lifted the bridge gently off the truck and carefully swung the structure toward its destination. Onlookers stood quietly as workers pushed
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Green Walking Bridge has been in Salado 25+ years

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and pulled and carefully guided the bridge to its final resting place over Campbell's Branch, giving walkers a functional and beautiful place to walk.

The Salado Walking Path project was a joint effort between the Salado Chamber of Commerce and the Texas Department of Transportation. In 1998 the Waco District of TXDOT received the Environmental Achievement Award for the Dodd's Creek Bridge Preservation Project.

When approaching the bridge from the south, be aware of the troll who has made the green bridge his home. The "Troll and Billy Goat Gruff" sculpture, by local artist Troy Kelley, sits at the southernmost end of the bridge, placed there by the Public Arts League of Salado in October 2005.



Troy Kelley's Troll and Billy Goat Gruff guard the south entrance to the walking bridge over Campbell's Branch. (Photo by Charlene Carson)

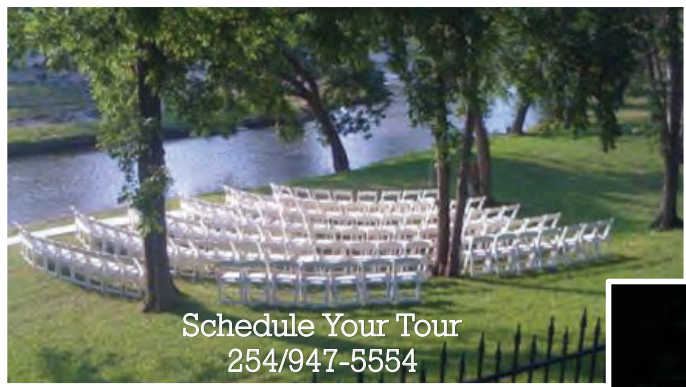
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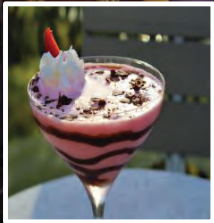


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