



## Dancers and Cheerleaders perform in Macy's Thanksgiving Parade

Salado Starlets and Salado Cheerleaders performed in the iconic Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade Nov. 28 in New York City as part of the Spirit of America Productions. Shown above are Salado Starlets just before the parade are Shelby Maples, Presley Lochridge, Kristen Clifton, Hannah Gearhart, Aubrey Forrest, Grace Tipping and Director Traci Tipping. Shown below getting ready to march and perform in the Parade are Salado Cheerleaders (from left) Bella Elliott, Addison Messick, Kensley Free, Kate Doerr, Lauren Allison, Katie Beene, Jackie McNamara, and Daytona Sturges. (COURTESY PHOTOS)



## Salado Christmas Stroll kicks off with Parade

Experience the magic of Christmas in the idyllic Village of Salado during its 64th Annual Salado Christmas Stroll historically held the first two weekends of Dec. and presented by the Salado Chamber of Commerce.

A Christmas parade from Royal Street to Main Street will feature lighted vehicles, bands and floats beginning at 6 p.m. Dec. 5.

Dec. 6-8 and Dec. 13-15: dozens of beautifully decorated boutiques open their doors for you to enjoy Late Night Shopping Fridays and Saturdays until 9 p.m. (or later) and Sundays until 5 p.m. Salado's Boutiques will be well stocked with a variety of unique merchandise, so you are sure to find something for everyone on your Christmas list. Make your way from shop to shop with ease as you sip hot cocoa strolling down Main Street's beautifully lighted sidewalks. Horse Drawn Carriage Rides will guide you down Main Street most weekends as you take in all the lights, sounds and warmth of the season.

### Live Nativity

On Dec. 6-7 and Dec. 13-14: The "Greatest Story Ever Told" comes to life Friday and Saturday evenings during the 64th Annual Salado Christmas Stroll. From

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. First Baptist Church of Salado presents their Live Nativity at 210 South Main Street.

### Christmas Carol

A long-standing tradition during the Salado Christmas Stroll is Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol." Tablerock Amphitheatre of Salado will present their 31st Annual Performance of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol". The show begins at 7 p.m. on Dec. 6-7 and Dec. 13-14. Tickets for the show will be available for purchase online at CentralTexasTickets.com.

A Christmas Carol will have a cast and crew of more than 60 zealous actors and polished crew members to entertain the masses.

Ticket sales at the gate will be sold starting at 6 p.m. with the performance beginning at 7 p.m. Adults \$15, Students \$10, Child (12 & under) \$5.

For information about group tickets (20 or more) call (254)308-2200.

Popcorn, nachos, hot dogs, hot chocolate and funnel cakes will be ready for the concession stand to open at 6 p.m.

### Tour of Homes

The Salado Historical Society Christmas Tour of Homes will feature five houses and the Society's

Log Cabins on Van Bibber 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Dec. 7.

Tickets are on sale at Red Barn Consignment Shop, 642-B N. Main St., and online at centraltexas-tickets.com. No tickets will be sold at the homes.

Homes include the 1868 Armstrong-Adams House at 2 N. Main St., owned by Dr. Douglas B. and Carol Willingham; the home of Allen and Kelly Brooks, 708 Rose Way; the home of Bobby and Courtney Bruce, 2516 Winners Circle; the home of Joann Purse, 2518 Hester Way; and the home of Aaron and Jillian Ashcroft, 9006 Abby Lee Lane. The Boles-Aiken Cabin and Denman Cabin will also be on the tour.

### Christmas Market

Saturdays Dec. 7 and Dec. 14, head on over to Barrow Brewing Company and browse local handmade crafts at their Christmas Market, as you enjoy live music, tasty beverages, and food trucks. The Christmas Market will be held noon-6 p.m.

There will be free parking throughout the Village of Salado, including the Salado Civic Center, Brookshire Brothers, First Baptist Church of Salado, Church of Christ and more.

Salado Chamber of Commerce invites you to its

## 64th Annual Salado Christmas Stroll

- Late Night Shopping
- Pictures With Santa
- Entertainment Throughout Salado Shopping District
- Carriage Rides
- Live Entertainment

### Thursday December 5, 2024

6 p.m. Lighted Christmas Parade Bring lawn chairs Royal St. & Main St. Ending at Civic Center

### Friday December 6, 2024

All Day Gourmet Food Tasting Wild Texas Cowgirl 642 N. Main St.

All Day Children's Librarian Holly Hensley Freebies & Library Information Woof 209 S. Main St.

10 a.m.-10 p.m. Hot Chocolate Bar & Raffle Giveaways The Presley Boutique 7 N. Main St. Ste. R

11 a.m. Storytime For All Ages (Children) Salado Public Library 1151 N Main St.

1 p.m. Author Tom Goodman talks on his novel The Last Man (Adults) Salado Public Library 1151 N Main St.

1-5 p.m. & 6-9 p.m. Pictures with Santa The Pizza Place 230 N. Main St.

5-9 p.m. Carriage Rides \$20 Per Person 221 N. Main St.

6-9 p.m. Live Music- Rodney Howell Saxophonist The Shed 220 Royal St.

7 p.m. Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol CentralTicketsTexas.com Tablerock A.m.phitheatre 409 Royal St.

7 p.m. Live Music- Wes Perryman Barrow Brewery 108 Royal St.

### Saturday December 7, 2024

All Day Gourmet Food Tasting Wild Texas Cowgirl 642 N. Main St.

All Day Children's Librarian Holly Hensley Passing out Freebies & Library Info Woof 209 S. Main St.

12, 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 p.m. New Life Methodist Church- Children's Christmas Story Time Salado Museum 423 S. Main St.

12-2 p.m. Live Music-Centex Troubadors Salado Civic Center 601 N. Main St.

12-8 p.m. Handmade Christmas Ornaments & Hot Chocolate New Life Methodist Church 231 N. Main

10 a.m.-10 p.m. Hot Chocolate Bar & Raffle Giveaways The Presley Boutique 7 N. Main St. Ste. R

11 a.m.-1 p.m. Make Your Own Hot Chocolate Mix Salado Public Library 1151 N. Main St.

12 p.m. Live Music- Denny Cullinan Barrow Brewery 108 Royal St.

12-3 p.m. Live Music- Mark Triggs The Local Vine 19 N. Main St. Ste. 5E

1-5 p.m. & 6-9 p.m. Pictures with Santa The Pizza Place 230 N. Main St.

12-6 p.m. Barrow Christmas Market Barrow Brewery 108 Royal St.

4-7 p.m. Live Music- Maxx Carter The Local Vine 19 N. Main St. Ste. 5E

5-9 p.m. Carriage Rides \$20 per person 221 N. Main St.

6 p.m. Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol centraltexas-tickets.com Tablerock 409 Royal St.

6-8 p.m. Caroling- Just Us Cortet Up and Down Main

6-9 p.m. Live Music- Rodney Howell Saxophonist The Shed 220 Royal St.

7 p.m. Live Music- JR's Jukebox Barrow Brewery 108 Royal St.

### Sunday December 9

All Day Gourmet Food Tasting Wild Texas Cowgirl 642 N. Main St.

1, 2, 3 & 4 p.m. New Life Methodist Church Children's Christmas Story Time Salado Museum 423 S. Main St.

12-5 p.m. Hot Chocolate Bar & Raffle Giveaways The Presley Boutique 7 N. Main St. Ste. R



# FORUM

## Consumer Confidence index up 2.1 points since Oct. to 111.7, highest level in 2 years

### The Markets

Our old S&P 500 Stock Index closed out the week and November at a record 6032.38, having risen 1.06% for the week and 26.47% this year. It is now 32.56% higher than it was this time last year and about 30% higher than three years ago. The other stock index we follow, the CRSP US Mid Cap Value Index, also rose 1.06% for the week, is up just over 21% this year, and almost 30% from one year ago.

The U.S. Treasury 10-year note ended the week and month yielding 4.18%, 7.73% higher than when the year began but about two percent lower than a year ago. The big change in interest rates is from three years ago, when the ten-year note carried a yield of 1.52%. The ultra-short-term T-bill rates continued to provide good income levels, with an annualized yield of 4.76% for the one-month T-bill, while the 20-year T-bond closed at 4.45%. West Texas Intermediate crude oil slipped a mere ten cents to \$71.14 per barrel this week, less than one percent lower than it was as the year began and about 8.6% lower than a year ago.

### The Economy

As usual, little economic data was released in the shortened Thanksgiving week, but what was announced was significant. The Commerce Department's Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA), one of our favorite government agencies, released its Personal Income and Outlays report for October. Over the last five months, personal income in the United States has risen by an average of 0.32% per month, while personal expenditure prices have averaged an increase of 0.16%. Personal income was up 0.6% last month as prices rose only 0.2%. Any way you look at that, it is good

### Market & Economic Update

by Jeffrey W. McClure



news. Better yet, disposable personal income was up 0.7%, suggesting that the American consumer has an abundant and growing free cash flow to spend, pay down debts, save, or invest. At the most fundamental level, that is what drives our economy.

Just as importantly, the BEA also announced this week that the U.S. economy grew at an annualized rate of 2.8% in the third quarter of 2024, in their second estimate confirming the advance estimate released earlier, while inflation, as measured by the gross domestic purchases price index only rose at an annualized rate of 1.9%. The release also left the second quarter's estimated annualized GDP growth rate at 3%.

Consumer confidence is the only other element needed to keep our economy charging ahead if there is plenty of free cash flow. The November Conference Board Consumer Confidence Index rose 2.1 points to 111.7 from October's 109.6, its highest level in the last two years. The respondents indicated that they believed jobs would be plentiful and increasingly so in the near future, driving their optimism up. Consumer confidence is an often contrarian indicator as it tends to peak just before recessions. Still, current levels are relatively moderate, suggesting this expansion has plenty of room to grow. On the business side, 21.3% said business conditions were "good," while 15.3% thought they were "bad."

New home sales continued to spur economic

growth. New home sales are one of the largest economic growth multipliers in our economy, meaning that each dollar spent on a new home tends to create more dollars of secondary and tertiary spending than any other purchase. New home sales averaged about 600,000 annualized units in the five years leading up to the Covid recession but have averaged 690,000 over the past six months. As the Fed cuts short-term interest, it has little effect on mortgage rates. Still, it is decreasing the cost of short-term loans obtained by builders for capital and land development, lowering the cost of construction, enabling them to give more significant discounts on new home prices, and increasing the sales rate. According to the National Association of Home Builders Housing Market Index, about 60% of builders used sales incentives to make sales in November. The combination of increased consumer confidence about the security of future employment and the builders' discounts can keep the new home sales rate rising and constitutes a prime driver of the U.S. economy.

Once more, the bottom line is that the U.S. economy is on a tear with all cylinders firing well. Worry persists in some quarters about the many "what ifs" that could happen in the future, but that is a good sign. It is when all the worriers have gone silent, and all that can be heard is that "this could go on forever" that we need to be alarmed.

## Controversy over appointees

### To the Editor:

Well, the election is over, and now begins the "weeping, wailing, and gnashing of teeth". I readily admit that I did not vote for Trump - I just could not go along with all of the hate, lies, and threats. My decision was not a party thing - I have not been in any such cult since a pre-teen relationship with a church.

Although not a party member, I believe political involvement is important. I have helped local, state, and national candidates in both Democratic and Republican parties. This election verified that the national leaders of both parties are distracted. Democratic leaders forgot the number one political truth: "People vote their pocketbook", and Republican leaders revealed they will overlook any malfeasance, sin, crime or ineptitude in a candidate if he or she might be a winner. Certain other realities needed no further affirmation: Almost all politicians lie, and a preponderance are cowards when their status is threatened by party leaders.

As Trump assembles his entourage, there is a constant stream of criticisms by the "losers" and even by some in his own party. As a political observer of many decades, I can safely say that the next few years will be eventful and maybe even fatal to democracy; however, time should reveal which can be more destructive to the U.S.: A consor-

## Your Voice

Letters to the Editor

tium of allegedly competent bureaucrats appointed by an affable dunce or a consortium that allegedly incorporates misogynists, miscreants and oddballs appointed by a "vindictive, narcissistic bully."

For basis of comparison I look at the George W. Bush administration. Bush's Securities Exchange Commission under "qualified" Christopher Cox allowed big bankers special rule exceptions that enabled them to destroy the U.S. housing market and create a multinational financial crisis. Bush then appointed Henry Paulson, one of the guilty bankers, as his Treasury Secretary, assuring that U.S. taxpayers, not the banks, would pay the huge bailout cost.

Surely anyone of age cannot forget watching Bush's experienced and "qualified" bureaucrats Condoleezza Rice, Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs; Colin Powell, Bush's Secretary of State; and Bush's hand picked V.P., Dick Cheney, knowingly lie to millions on television about "mushroom clouds and weapons of mass destruction" to legitimize invasion of Iraq. This precipitated a war of more than 20 years and caused the deaths of thousands of U.S. soldiers and hundreds of

thousands of people in the Middle East, which is now more dangerous than ever. Contributions of Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld and his assistant, Paul Wolfowitz, can be added to the mix. That unfunded war added greatly to the U.S. deficit.

I am a devotee of creative destruction, but from all of Trump's allegedly unqualified appointees I have only heard threats of destruction and nothing of better replacements. Yet, as my old uncle would say, "Even a blind hog will find an acorn sometime," and this "acorn" may come from the self-described worm-eaten brain of Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. He has focused on upending the FDA, which is rotten to the core in its relations with the multinational drug manufacturing cartel and the big purveyors of unhealthy foodstuffs. We'll see how that works out.

Even though critics of Trump's appointees fear that this may be the end of western civilization as we know it, the show will be something worth watching. Obviously the clown car has entered the circus arena, and it remains to be seen if its entourage will bring the big tent down.

Tom Curb  
Salado



## Trump rewarding gas & oil

By SONALI KOLHATKAR

During his campaign, Donald Trump publicly promised to reward oil and gas executives handsomely in exchange for funding his campaign.

Within weeks of winning the election, he's making good on his promise by tapping oil and gas executive Chris Wright to lead the Department of Energy. Wright has zero experience in running a federal agency. And as the Associated Press reports, he's "been one of the industry's loudest voices against efforts to fight climate change."

To lead the Environmental Protection Agency, Trump has picked another crusader against the climate: former New York Rep. Lee Zeldin, who voted in lockstep with fossil fuel interests during his time in Congress.

Poll after poll shows a majority of Americans believe climate change is real, human-caused, and needs to be urgently addressed. Trump's billionaire oil buddies — who will shape national energy policy for the next four years — offer precisely the opposite.

Trump has promised to make fuel and energy more affordable for consumers by steering massive profits to energy producers — but those profits will come at our expense. He's pledged to end federal subsidies for electric vehicles, even

though many Americans want zero-emission vehicles but can't afford them yet. And he's vowed to bring gas prices under \$2 a gallon — a wild claim that economists don't buy.

Oil profits and production are already sky-high under President Biden and haven't led to lower gas prices.

Indeed, Biden has been more of a friend to oil and gas than to climate justice groups. In spite of the White House's boasts about historic climate policies, Biden's actions have been relatively toothless. Among them are setting goals posts to reduce emissions years from now — anywhere between 2030 and 2050 — well after he leaves office.

He's touted his signature legislation, the Inflation Reduction Act, as a historic victory for the climate. The law did make significant climate investments, but the majority of it tinkered around the edges of what's truly needed. And it ended up giving away billions to the fossil fuel industry for unproven technologies such as "carbon capture."

Indeed, if Trump wants to "drill baby, drill," he could thank Biden for paving the way.

Biden has overseen the transformation of the U.S. into one of the world's largest fossil fuel producers, both during his presidency and during the Obama years, when he was vice

president. According to the Energy Department, the U.S. has "produced more crude oil than any nation at any time... for the past six years in a row."

So the last thing the fossil fuel industry needs is more favors.

Consumers will pay the price if Trump makes EVs and renewable energy more expensive, lets oil companies dismantle regulations, and accelerates the climate crisis. But he's relying on ordinary Americans not noticing he's throwing them and their planet under the bus because of the chaos he'll bring with mass deportations, anti-LGBT bigotry, and other madness.

With the time he has left, Biden could still declare climate change a national emergency — a step many environmental groups are begging him to take, but which he's resisted throughout his presidency. They're also calling on him to stop the expansion of export infrastructure for liquefied natural gas.

If Biden wants to make any sort of claim to be a climate champion, he'll take those steps. But ultimately, it will be up to the rest of us to watch what Trump is doing and fight for better climate policies in our own states and communities.

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# SLCL Christmas Brunch set Dec. 12

The Dec. 12 Salado Ladies Community League meeting will feature a festive event for the League members.

Top billing will go to the League's Executive Board for hosting the Christmas Brunch that they will be preparing and serving to the League members.

The Holiday festivities will continue with a Christmas Cookie Swap at the party. Each member is asked to bring two dozen cookies to swap with other members, preferably homemade cookies, but store bought will also be ac-

cepted, for those too busy to bake. Holiday boxes will be provided by the League to take the cookies home.

In the spirit of community service, the League will be asking its members to support the Canned Goods Drive. Please bring canned and dry goods to the meeting which will be offered to Heart and Hands Ministries of Salado, which supports local families through their food pantry. Monetary gifts to Heart and Hands will also be accepted and appreciated.

The Salado Ladies Community League sponsors

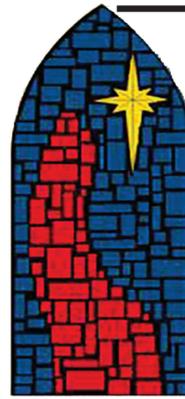
events and activities which enhance, improve and promote the community of Salado.

The Christmas in October Jingle Walk, the League's premier fundraising event, allows the organization to give grants to deserving non-profits in the Salado community.

This year the organization has generously donated to these groups: Public Arts League of Salado, Salado Cowboy Poetry, Salado Museum and College Park, Salado Community Chorus, Salado Elite Riders, Heart and Hands, SISD Lunch

Program, Salado Senior Center, The Brotherhood Academy, Salado Education Foundation, Tablerock, Salado Chamber of Commerce, Salado Elves, and Heart and Hands Food Pantry. Additionally, The League annually gives a \$5000 Scholarship to a deserving Salado HS Senior.

The Ladies League welcomes its members to join Dec. 12 meeting at the Salado church of Christ Activity Bldg at 217 N. Stagecoach Rd with a social time from 9:30-10 a.m. and the General Meeting 10-11 a.m.



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**ZELMA (ZELLIE) ALINE BARNES ADAMS**

**DECEMBER 15, 1922**  
**NOVEMBER 30, 2024**

Zelma (Zellie) Aline Barnes Adams passed away peacefully Saturday morning November 30, 2024 in her home, which she shared with daughter Peggi and husband John Wilson, in Salado, Texas at age 101.

She was born on December 15, 1922 in Ballinger, Texas to William Emmett Barnes, Sr. and Mary Lee McCalley Barnes. She had seven Siblings: Anna Mae Barnes Bruce, J. B. Barnes, Fannie Elsie Barnes Holmes, James William Barnes, Leslie Ray Barnes, William Emmett "Bill" Barnes Jr, Earlene Barnes, and Freddie Lee Barnes.

Zelma lived in Bell County since 1943. She married A.M. (Johnny) Adams on December 16, 1939 in Junction, Texas. She worked for HEB for 15 years. She was a member of the Victory Baptist Church in Salado. She and Johnny had two children, Jerry and Peggi. Together, they also helped raise many others including: Lyn Vaden, James Smith, Benny Smith, and Stanley Oldham.

Zellie survived the Great Depression, a husband in the war, cancer, a fire and a tornado. Through it all she remained a loving, loyal and light-hearted Godly woman. She was a prankster at heart who loved a good card game. She was a fierce competitor and instilled the same mindset into her children and grandchildren. She took great joy in keeping up with their games as both players and coaches.

Zelma was preceded in death by all of her siblings, husband A.M. "Johnny" Adams of Salado and sons, Jerry Adams of Salado and James and wife Dorothy Smith of Salado.

She is survived by her daughter Peggi Wilson and husband John of Salado and daughter-in-law Debbie Adams of Elgin. Also, grandchildren Trampas Wilson and wife Jamie of Mansfield, Clayton Adams of Manor and Sommer Wilson of Cedar Creek; seven great grandchildren, Zachary Adams of Corsicana, Tanner, Chase and Dax Wilson, Cayden and Macy Cutler of Mansfield, Jennah Parsons and husband Justin of Rowlett and one great-great grandchild Declan Parsons.

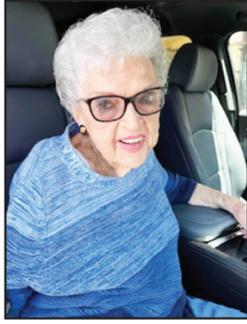
The family would like to personally thank Beline, Enrique, and Jose Perez for their love and support for the past 24 years. Zellie felt like Beline was a daughter to her. Also, we'd like to thank Beatriz Perez for her attentiveness and care for the past 6 years. We would also like to acknowledge Accent Home Health Care, especially her nurse Rosemary and her physical therapist Kimberly Burns, Hospice Accent Care, Monica for admissions and nurses Sarah, Mercedes, and Holly. They were angels with care while easing her final days at home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Victory Baptist Church at 13295 FM 2843, Salado, Texas 76571.

Pallbearers will be Lyn Vaden, Verlon Tweedle, Willie Vickers, David Elms, Jimmy Barnes, and Jackie Barnes. Honorary Pallbearers: Marty Vaden, Billy Tweedle, Benny Smith, Hal Otis Calery and Mel Kelder.

Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday December 4 at Dossman Funeral Home in Belton. Funeral Services for Zelma will be held Thursday December 5 at 2 p.m. at Dossman Funeral Home with Rev. Billy Borho officiating. Burial will follow at Rest Haven Cemetery in Belton.

(Paid obituary)



# Salado Community Chorus Christmas Concert Dec. 10

It's time for the show! The Salado Community Chorus invites you to attend their annual Christmas Concert 7 p.m. Dec. 10 at the Salado First Baptist Church, 210 S. Main St.

No ticket is required but arriving early to get seats is always advised.

Song selections range from fun and whimsical to moving and inspirational. Some numbers include soloists, guest musicians or

surprise appearances.

"We love the camaraderie with each other and really enjoy providing musical entertainment for our village and surrounding areas, family and friends," said Vice-President Kathy McLeod.

This semester the Salado Community Chorus has 61 singers under the direction of Dottie Shirley. Dr. David Albee will return as the accompanist.

The Chorus is a 501 (c)(3) organization dedicated to the promotion of music enjoyment in the Village of Salado and is funded by donations, grants and membership dues. Donations are accepted at their concerts and through the website [www.SaladoChorus.com](http://www.SaladoChorus.com).

You can follow the chorus on the website and the Salado Community Chorus Facebook page.

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## Award-winning author to speak at Salado Library on Dec. 6

Thomas Goodman will speak at 1 p.m. Dec. 6 at the Salado Public Library about the 1927 Santa Claus Bank Robbery of Cisco, Texas and his novel *The Last Man* based on it.

When Santa Claus enters a Texas bank just before Christmas in 1927, no one expects him to pull a gun.

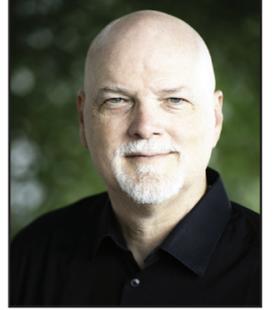
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Thomas Goodman

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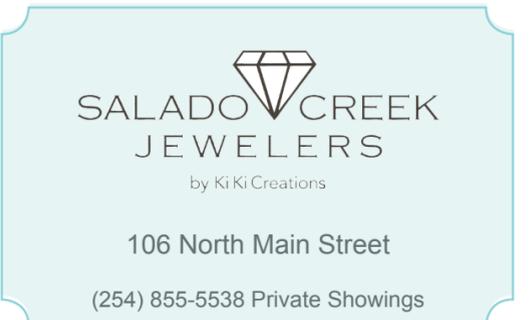
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# Village of Salado Calender of Special Events

**December 5**

Salado Lighted Christmas Stroll parade, 6 p.m., Parade route is from Royal Street up Main Street to the Salado Civic Center. Bring lawn chairs!

**December 5**

Trivia Thursday, 7 p.m. Bar 1859, Salado Square, 21 N. Main St.

**December 6**

Opening reception of Salado High School art show at Salado Museum, 5-6 p.m.

**December 6**

Christmas Jazz with Rodney Howell, 6-9 p.m., The Shed Courtyard, 220 Royal St.

**December 6**

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

**December 6**

Dueling Pianos, 7 p.m. Bar 1859, Salado Square, 21 N. Main St.

**December 6**

Live music at Chupacabra, 7 p.m. Ray Palousek Piano Bar.

**December 6-7**

A Christmas Carol at Tablerock Amphitheatre. Ticket sales at the gate at 6 p.m. Performance at 7 p.m. Adults \$15, Students \$10, Child (12 &

under) \$5. Group tickets, call 254-421-3403.

**December 6-8**

Christmas Stroll. Late night shopping on Friday and Saturday nights. Live nativity, strolling carolers, carriage rides, entertainment and food throughout the Village.

**December 6-14**

Salado High School Art Show sponsored by the Public Arts League of Salado (PALS) will be held in the Salado Museum December 6-14. Winning artists will be named at a reception to be held 5-6 p.m. on December 6.

**December 7**

Salado Lions Club Pancake Breakfast, 7:30-10 a.m. at the Salado Church of Christ Activity Center, 217 Church St. Tickets are \$6 per person, children under 6 free. Proceeds benefit scholarships to graduating Salado seniors as well as other community projects.

**December 7**

Celebrate the Magic of Christmas in Salado during the annual Salado Historical Society Tour of Homes, featuring five homes and the historic log cabins. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Tickets on sale at centraltextstickets.com and Red Barn Consignment.

**December 7**

Christmas Market at Barrow Brewing Co. noon-6 p.m. Unique, handmade gifts and items, food trucks, live music and beer. Live music with Denny Cullinan, 12 p.m.

**December 7**

Live Music at Axis Winery, 1420 N. Robertson Rd., 1:30-4:30 p.m., Colin Boutwell.

**December 7**

Christmas Jazz with Rodney Howell, 6-9 p.m., The Shed Courtyard, 220 Royal St.

**December 7**

Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 7 p.m., JR's Jukebox.

**December 7**

Live Music with Piano and Sax, 7 p.m. Bar 1859, Salado Square, 21 N. Main St.

**December 7**

Live music at Chupacabra, 8 p.m. Drady Hulsey.

**December 8**

Live Music at Axis Winery, 1420 N. Robertson Rd., 2-5 p.m., Elizabeth Suarez

**December 8**

Grace Church Carols, 5 p.m. at Barrow Brewing Co.

**December 10**

Salado Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting for McDonald's, 305 Williams Rd., at 5:30 p.m.

**December 10**

Salado Community Chorus Christmas Concert, 7 p.m. First Baptist Church of Salado.

**December 10**

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

**December 11**

Barrow Brewing Co., guest food truck, 4-8 p.m., Cousins Maine Lobster.

**December 11**

SHS Band at Barrow Brewing Co., 7 p.m.

**December 12**

Salado Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting for Water's Edge Apartment Homes, 210 Nottingham LN., 5:30 p.m.

**December 12**

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

**December 12**

Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 7 p.m., Emily Shirley.

**December 12**

Trivia Thursday, 7 p.m. Bar 1859, Salado Square, 21 N. Main St.

**December 13**

Live Music at Axis Winery, 1420 N. Robertson Rd., 5-8 p.m., Dillon Lankford.

**December 13**

Christmas Jazz with Rodney Howell, 6-9 p.m., The Shed Courtyard, 220 Royal St.

**December 13**

Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 6 p.m., Wayworn Traveler.

**December 13**

Live music at Chupacabra, 7 p.m., Kelany Brent.

**December 13**

Dueling Pianos, 7 p.m. Bar 1859, Salado Square, 21 N. Main St.

**December 13-14**

A Christmas Carol at Tablerock Amphitheatre. Ticket sales at the gate at 6 p.m. Performance at 7 p.m. Adults \$15, Students \$10, Child (12 & under) \$5. Group tickets, call 254-421-3403.

**December 13-15**

Blow Your Own Ornaments, \$60-70, Ages 3+, 3-5 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sundays, Salado Glassworks, register at saladoglassworks.com.

**December 13-15**

Christmas Stroll. Late night shopping on Friday and Saturday nights. Live nativity, strolling carolers, carriage rides, entertainment and food throughout the Village.

**December 13-15**

Yuletide Market at The Venue, College Street, Dec. 13-14, Noon-10 p.m.; Dec. 15, Noon-4 p.m. Explore 15 ven-

dors at The Venue offering a variety of holiday treasures and musical entertainment in The Shed Courtyard.

**December 14**

Heart and Hands Ministries food distribution to those in need in the Bell County, 9-11 a.m., 213 Mill Creek Drive, Suite 135. Heart and Hands Ministries serve the Salado, Bartlett, and Holland areas. You can register by bringing a valid ID or current bill with an address in our service area. If you are in need of food, they are here to help.

**December 14**

Christmas Market at Barrow Brewing Co. noon-6 p.m. Unique, handmade gifts and items, food trucks, live music and beer. Live music, Wook Wizard, 12 noon, Marshall G and the Delta Tease, 3 p.m.

**December 14**

Live Music at Axis Winery, 1420 N. Robertson Rd., 1:30-4:30 p.m., Eley Buck Davis.

**December 14**

Christmas Jazz with Rodney Howell at Alexander's Craft Cocktails + Kitchen, 602 Center Circle.

**December 14**

Santa Claus will be at The Venue by Inn on the Creek Yuletide Market, 4-6 p.m.

**December 14**

Christmas Posada, processional from Salado College Park to St. Joseph's Episcopal Church, 5:30 p.m.

**December 14**

Christmas Jazz with Mike Hamilton at Yuletide Market 6-8 p.m. at The Shed Courtyard, 220 Royal St.

**December 14**

Christmas Sing Along, 7 p.m. Bar 1859, Salado Square, 21 N. Main St.

**December 14**

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

**December 14**

Christmas Classic with Michael Akandersson 8-10 p.m. at Yuletide Market at The Shed Courtyard, 220 Royal St.

**December 14-15**

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

**December 15**

Salado United Methodist Church Christmas Cantata, 10 a.m., Worship Center, 650 Royal St. Join the Salado UMC Chancel Choir accompanied by a Central Texas Chamber orchestra composed of local area musicians as they celebrate the Child, the King, the heart of Christmas, sent to earth to redeem the world.

**December 15**

Live Music at Axis Winery, 1420 N. Robertson Rd., 2-5 p.m., Crane Mitchell.

**December 15**

Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 4 p.m., Twilight in Texas.

**December 15**

Old World Wine Tasting, 7 p.m. Bar 1859, Salado Square, 21 N. Main St.

**December 18**

Barrow Brewing Co., guest food truck, 4-8 p.m., Checkpoint Germany.

**December 19**

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

**December 19**

Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 6 p.m. James Stone.

**December 19**

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

**December 19**

Trivia Thursday, 7 p.m. Bar 1859, Salado Square, 21 N. Main St.

**December 20**

Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 7 p.m., Marshall G.

**December 20**

Live music at Chupacabra, 7 p.m., David Matthew Harness

**December 20-22**

Blow Your Own Ornaments, \$60-70, Ages 3+, 3-5 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sundays, Salado Glassworks, register at saladoglassworks.com.

**December 21**

Live Music at Axis Winery, 1420 N. Robertson Rd., 1:30-4:30 p.m., Wayworn Traveler.

**December 21**

Live Music at Axis Winery, 1420 N. Robertson Rd., 5-8 p.m., Michael Alexandersson.

**December 21**

Longest Night Worship Service, Salado United Methodist Church Historic Chapel, 650 Royal St., 6 p.m. This is a special service for those with heaviness in their hearts this holiday season Everyone is invited.

**December 21**

Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 6 p.m., Eric Turner.

**December 21**

Live music at Chupacabra, 8 p.m., Erick Chase Moya.

**December 22**

Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 4 p.m., Jonna Mae.

**December 23**

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

**December 24**

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, Salado United Methodist Church, 650 Royal St., 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.



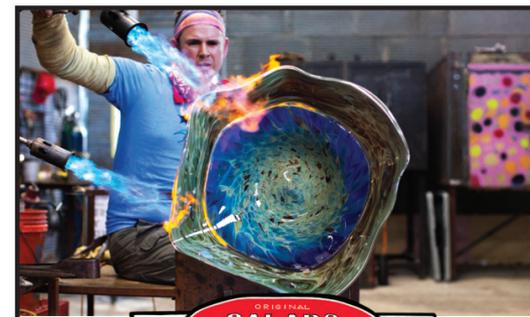
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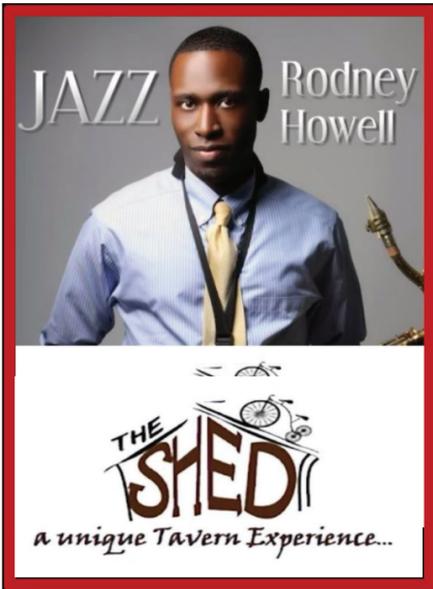


**Join us for a magical weekend at The Venue by Inn on the Creek during the second weekend of the Salado Christmas Stroll! From Friday, December 13 to Sunday, December 15, explore over 15 unique vendors offering a variety of holiday treasures.**

**Live Entertainment at The Shed Restaurant Courtyard:**

***Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>***

***Yuletide Market Live Entertainment***



**Christmas Jazz with Rodney Howell at Yuletide Market!**

Experience the smooth sounds of **Rodney Howell** as he performs Christmas Jazz at **The Shed courtyard** on **Friday, December 13**. Rodney will also be at **The Shed** on **Friday, December 6** and **Saturday, December 7** from **6 p.m.- 9 p.m.**. Let the festive tunes set the perfect holiday mood while you shop and enjoy the market.

But that's not all! Rodney Howell will also be performing at Alexander's Restaurant on **Saturday, December 14** from **5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.** Don't miss these opportunities to enjoy his incredible talent and get into the holiday spirit!

***Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>***

***Yuletide Market Live Entertainment***

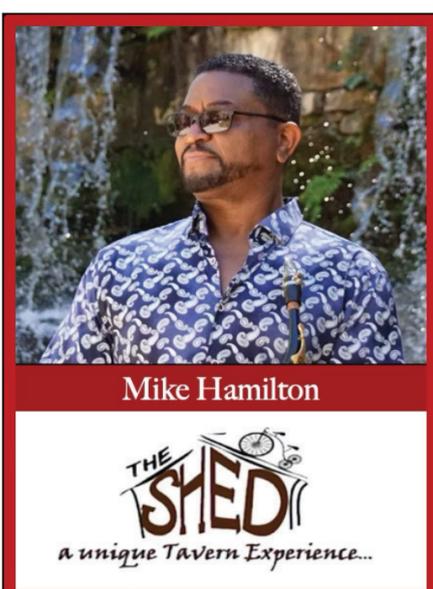


**Santa Claus is Coming to The Venue by Inn on the Creek Yuletide Market!**

Join us on **Saturday, December 14** from **4 p.m.- 6 p.m.** for a magical evening with Santa! Bring the kids to enjoy delicious hot cocoa and capture the moment with your camera alongside Santa himself.

Our Santa Sponsor, **HERE AT HOME**, and Inn on the Creek are also accepting donations to support the Salado Community Foundation to raise money for our new Salado Senior Center. Inn on the Creek will match up to the first \$2,000 collected. Your contributions will help make a difference in our community!

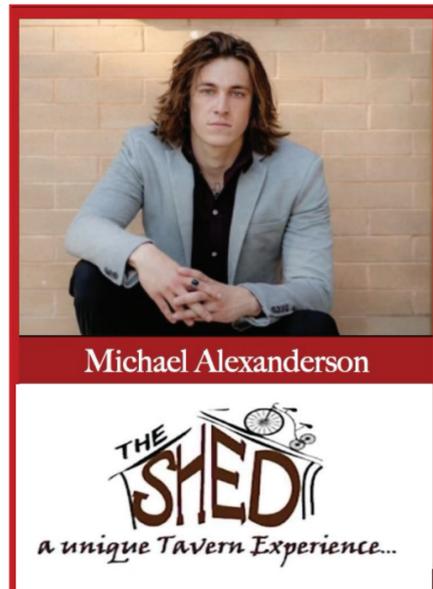
Don't miss out on this festive event!



**Christmas Jazz with Mike Hamilton at Yuletide Market!**

Get ready for an enchanting evening of Christmas Jazz with the talented **Mike Hamilton!** Join us at **The Shed courtyard** on **Saturday, December 14** from **6 p.m.- 8 p.m.**

Enjoy the festive atmosphere and let the smooth sounds of jazz fill the air as you shop and celebrate the holiday season.

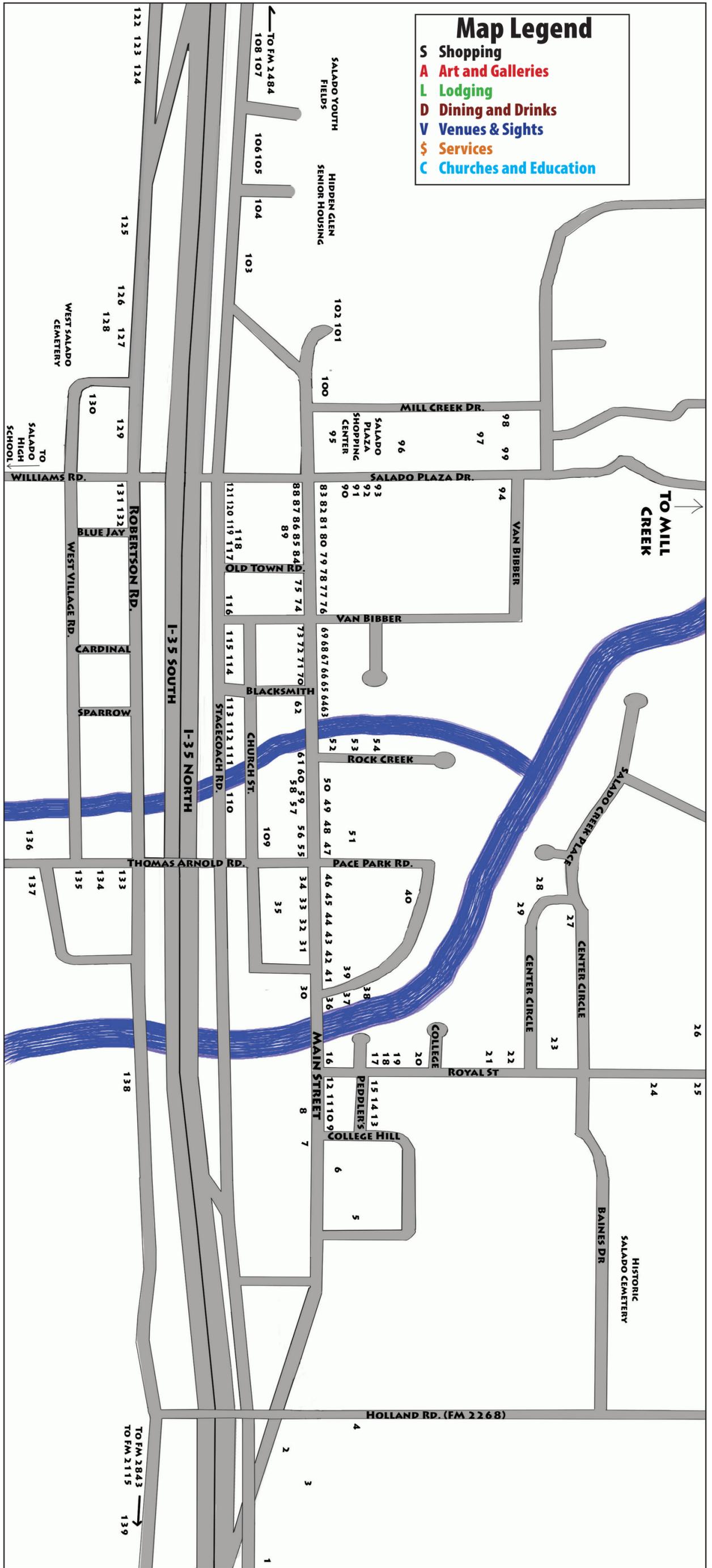


**Christmas Classics with Michael Alexanderson at Yuletide Market!**

Performing at **The Shed courtyard Saturday, December 14** from **8 pm-10 p.m.** From **Frank Sinatra** to **Bobby Darin** to **Elvis Presley** and more, Michael Alexanderson covers all the classic Christmas tunes you know and love. Michael was a recent contestant on **NBC's The Voice, Season 26**, where he was a part of **Snoop Dogg's** team. Don't miss this chance to see him live!!

# Shopping Map of Salado

#	Business Name	Type
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	V
26	Salado United Methodist Church 254-947-5482	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	V
48	Nancy Best Real Estate 512-571-1259	\$
48	Salado Luxury Properties 254-526-6611	\$
50	Bar 1859	D
56	Salado Creek Jewelry 254-855-5538	S
62	The Pizza Place 254-947-0222	D
75	Stage Stop Center	S
	Salado Creek Dental 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	S
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	\$
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	Salado's Hair Shop 254-421-5173	\$
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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
<b>Not Shown on the Map</b>		
	New Life Methodist Church meets at Salado Middle School	C
	3C Cowboy Fellowship 254-947-7211	C
	Grace Church 254-947-5917	C
	Heritage Country Church 254-239-7106	C
	Mill Creek Country Club	V
	Anytime Fitness Salado 254-947-1063	S



## Historical Markers in Salado

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|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
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Bryson Byers goes for a layup.



Derrick Smith grabs a rebound.

## Eagles Basketball start season

Salado Eagles are 2-2 after splitting games over Thanksgiving break.

	1	2	3	4	F
SHS	13	12	11	11	47
NEC	7	18	7	9	41

Salado Eagles beat Navarro Early College High School 47-41 Nov. 25.

Contributing were Liam Wilcox, 11 points, three rebounds, an assist, a deflection; a steal; Colby Ramm, 10 points, two rebounds, two assists, two deflections; Bryson Byers, eight points, seven rebounds, two assists, two deflections, two steals;

Mason Brown, six points, 10 rebounds, five assists, two deflections, a steal; two blocks; Derrick Smith, six points, four rebounds, four assists, three deflections, three steals; Griffin Self, four points, four rebounds, two assists, four deflections, two steals; Luke Johnson, two points; Bradon Gonzalez, an assist, four deflections.

	1	2	3	4	F
SHS	6	9	19	15	49
GHS	13	20	17	7	57

Salado Eagles lost to Gatesville 57-49 Nov. 26.

Contributing for Salado were Liam Wilcox, 10 points, three rebounds, an assist, a deflection, a steal; Bryson Byers, nine points, five rebounds, an assist, a deflection, a steal, a block; Mason Brown, nine points, three rebounds, an assist, two deflections, a steal, three blocks; Griffin Self, four rebounds, an assist, a deflection; Derrick Smith, four points, four rebounds, two deflections, a steal; Bradon Gonzalez, three rebounds, Colby Ramm, a rebound, an assist.

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Salado Lady Eagles are 5-4 after playing in the Marble Falls tournament to kick off the Thanksgiving break.

	1	2	3	4	F
SHS	15	9	12	14	50
VHS	6	13	14	11	44

Salado Lady Eagles beat Vandegrift 40-44 Nov. 21.

Contributing were Ally Ihler, 19 points, eight rebounds, two assists, two deflections, three steals, a block; Riley Guthrie, 14 points, five rebounds, two assists, two deflections, a steal; Karlee Konarik, 14 points, two rebounds, four assists, a steal; Bri Tutor, two points, two rebounds, a deflection; Brylee Craddick, one point, three rebounds, three assists, a deflection and a steal; Mack Lewis, seven rebounds, an assist; Kate Maedgen, six rebounds; Morgan Riggs, three rebounds, two assists; Jenna Goodman, a deflection, three steals.

	1	2	3	4	F
SHS	8	14	13	16	51
CHS	7	12	9	16	44

Salado Lady Eagles beat Copperas Cove 51-33 Nov. 21.

Contributing were Ally Ihler, 17 points, nine rebounds, an assist, a deflection, four steals, a block; Riley Guthrie, 16 points, six rebounds, an assist, two deflections, two steals, a block; Karlee Konarik, 12 points, 10 rebounds, five assists, three deflections, two steals; Brylee Craddick, four points, a rebound, two assists, four deflections, four steals; Kate Maedgen, three rebounds, two assists, a deflection, a steal; Mack Lewis, a rebound, an assist; Ainsleigh Liebig and Addy McCain, a rebound each, Morgan Riggs, a deflection.

	1	2	3	4	F
SHS	14	6	9	12	41
GHS	17	13	16	7	53

The Lady Eagles lost to Grapevine 53-41 Nov. 22.

Contributing were Ally



Ally Ihler goes up against Waco Connally in 49-38 win. (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)



Karlee Konarik rebounds for the Lady Eagles. (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)

Ihler, 18 points, 11 rebounds, four deflections, a steal, two blocks; Riley Guthrie, 12 points, four rebounds, an assist, three deflections; Karlee Konarik, five points, three rebounds, five assists, two deflections, three steals; Morgan Riggs, four points, a rebound, two deflections; Jenna Goodman, two points, a rebound, a deflection; Kate Maedgen, two rebounds, an assist, two deflections, three steals; Bri Tutor, two rebounds; Mack Lewis, a rebound, an assist, a deflection, a steal; Ainsleigh Liebig, a deflection, a steal; Addy McCain, a deflection.

	1	2	3	4	F
SHS	26	20	16	22	84
GHS	5	7	11	5	28

The Lady Eagles blew past Gainesville 84-28 Nov. 23.

Contributing to the win were Karlee Konarik, 19

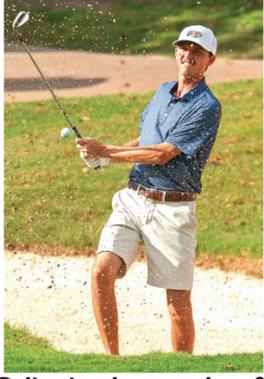
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	1	2	3	4	F
SHS	13	16	5	12	49
CHS	16	5	10	7	38

The Lady Eagles beat the Connally Lady Cadets 49-38 Nov. 26.

Contributing to the win were Ally Ihler, 17 points, eight rebounds, two assists, five deflection, five steals, a block; Karlee Konarik, 14 points, seven rebounds, two assists, two deflections, four steals; Riley Guthrie, seven points, eight rebounds, two deflections; Kate Maedgen, four points, five rebounds, three assists, two deflections; Bri Tutor, two points, three rebounds, a deflection; Ainsleigh Liebig, two points, a rebound, an assist, a steal; Morgan Riggs, two points, two assists; Jenna Goodman, two rebounds, a deflection, a steal; Mack Lewis, a rebound, three assists, two deflections; Addy McCain, a steal.

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# SISD earns superior FIRST rating

The Salado ISD School Board met on Nov. 18. The following is a summary of that meeting:

- Salado High School student Penelope Anderson led the pledge to the United States flag and the pledge to the state flag.
- Salado High School Cyber Eagles team members Netanel Eldridge, Segiv Eldridge, Elijah Parish, and Calvin Adinero and team mentors Brandon Chinn and Daniel Rose were rec-

## Superintendent's Corner

by Dr. Michael Novotny



ognized for their success in cybersecurity competitions.

- Salado High School varsity girls' cross country runners McCall Boyd, Annalee Bryant, Zoie Adcox, Cade Harris, Anna Rendsheimer, Penelope Anderson, and Sydney Englek-

ing, and head coach Corey Baird were recognized for winning the district championship, winning the regional championship, and finishing third place at the state meet.

• Salado High School varsity boys' cross country runners Luke Anderson, Coulson Boyd, Seth Anderson, Daniel Anderson, Brody Delukie, Jonathan Brauchle, and Camden Aycock, and head coach Michael Goos were recognized for winning the district championship, winning the regional championship, and finishing second place at the state meet.

• Thomas Arnold Elementary School teachers Niki Howton and Jennifer Scott were recognized for completing their master's degrees in Education for Teacher Leadership.

• The Board approved the 2023-2024 financial audit.

• The Board reviewed the annual English as a Second Language (ESL) report.

• The Board reviewed the monthly financial reports.

• The Board reviewed the monthly enrollment report. Our current enrollment is 2,407 students, as compared to 2,309 students in November 2022 and 2,319 students in November 2023.

• The Board approved the minutes from the Nov.

7 school board meeting.

- The Board approved the district, elementary school, middle school, and high school improvement plans.

• The Board approved membership and participation in the Region 10 Education Service Center (ESC) Multi-Region Purchasing Cooperative, School Year 2025-2026.

• The Board discussed the design and construction of the bond projects.

• The Board approved an irrigation well for the new high school.

• The Board approved moving forward with the sidewalk grant.

• Assistant superintendent Dr. Beth Aycock presented an academic update.

• The Board approved the 2025-2026 school calendar.

• The Board discussed the Intruder Detection Audit (IDA).

• The Board approved casting 81 votes for Jared Bryan and 82 votes for Joe Burnett for the Bell County Appraisal Board of Directors.

• The Board approved a depository contract with Horizon Bank.

• The Board reviewed the Financial Rating System of Texas (FIRST) report. Our school district earned the highest (superior) rating with a score of 98 out of 100 possible points.

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Thursday, December 5			
TIME	GYM 1	GYM 2	Middle School Gym
8:00	Temple vs Friendswood	Lake Belton vs Eastview	
9:30	Austin Roylas vs Lake Belton	Gatesville vs LASA	
11:00	Salado vs Gunter	Krum vs Cleburne	
12:30	Salado vs Emery	LASA vs Austin Roylas	China Spring vs SA Patriots
2:00	Temple vs San Saba	Tatum vs Lake Belton	Friendswood vs Lehman
3:30	Rockdale vs Gatesville	Krum vs SA Patriots	Concordia Lutheran vs Cleburne
5:00	Salado vs Lehman	Eastview vs Krum	Emery vs China Spring
6:30	Salado vs Krum	Lake Belton vs. Rockdale	
8:00	Gunter vs San Saba	Tatum vs Concordia Lutheran	
Friday Dec 6			
TIME	GYM 1	GYM 2	Middle School Gym
8:00	Salado vs Temple	Concordia Lutheran vs Krum	
9:30	Salado vs China Spring	Lake Belton vs Gatesville	
11:00	San Saba vs Friendswood	Temple vs Lehman	Emery vs Krum
12:30	Gatesville vs Austin Roylas	LASA vs Lake Belton	Lake Belton vs Krum
2:00	Tatum vs Cleburne	Concordia Lutheran vs Eastview	Gunter vs Lehman
3:30	Krum vs China Spring	Rockdale vs Austin Roylas	Emery vs SA Patriots
5:00	Salado vs San Saba	Gunter vs Friendswood	
6:30	Salado vs SA Patriots	LASA vs Rockdale	
8:00	Lake Belton vs Cleburne	Eastview vs Tatum	
Saturday Dec 7			
TIME	GYM 1	GYM 2	Middle School Gym
8:00	Temple vs Gunter	Concordia Lutheran vs Lake Belton	
9:30	Pool A4 vs Pool B4	Pool A5 vs Pool B5	
11:00	San Saba vs Lehman	Tatum vs Krum	
12:30	Pool A2 vs Pool A2	Pool A3 vs Pool B3	
2:00	Salado vs Friendswood	Eastview vs Cleburne	
3:30	Pool A1 vs Pool B1		
5:00	Pool A1 vs Pool B 1	Pool A 2 vs Pool B 2	
BOYS		GIRLS	
Pool A	Pool B	Pool A	Pool B
Salado	Lake Belton- pd	Gunter- pd	Tatum
Krum	Rockdale	Friendswood	Krum
Emery/Weiner	LASA	San Saba	Lake Belton
China Spring- pd	Austin Roylas- pd	Lehman -pd	Concordia Lutheran- pd
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11/25	S IH-35 SERVICE RD, Bell	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
11/25	IRENE LN, Bell	Dispatched & canceled en route
11/26	Main St, Salado	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
11/26	SPRING CREEK LOOP, Bell	Dispatched & canceled en route
11/26	Hanks Blvd., Salado	Authorized controlled burning
11/26	MOUNTAIN CREST CV, Bell	Dispatched & canceled en route
11/27	FM 2115, Bell	Dispatched & canceled en route
11/27	YELLOW ROSE DR, Bell	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
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11/30	HESTER WAY, Bell	Passenger vehicle fire
11/30	SALADO OAKS DR, Salado	Medical assist, assist EMS crew

## Texas A&M AgriLife Extension names Meagan Cline as Bell extension agent

by Kay Ledbetter

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service has announced the hiring of new county agents in its districts across the state. Among those is Meagan Cline as the new Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service agent for agriculture and natural resources for Bell County.

AgriLife Extension employs county agents to serve every Texas county. These agents connect with the people in communities, providing hands-on education and programming based on scientific research.

Meagan Cline, agriculture and natural resources, Bell County. Cline, of Lometa, earned her bachelor's in animal science at Texas A&M. She has an extensive background in ranching and livestock production.

During college, she worked at Texas Equine Hospital and, after graduating, as head veterinarian technician at the 6666 Ranch in Guthrie.

Cline grew up on large beef cattle and quarter horse ranches around Lampasas County.

She was an active FFA member, competing in livestock shows with beef heifers and market lambs and goats, and was involved in



Meagan Cline is the new Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service agriculture and natural resources agent for Bell County. (MICHAEL MILLER/TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE)

public speaking, livestock judging and horse judging.

She said she is excited to bring her experience and ever-growing passion for

the agricultural industry on board and make a positive impact in Bell County.

"Youth are the future of agriculture," Cline said. "If

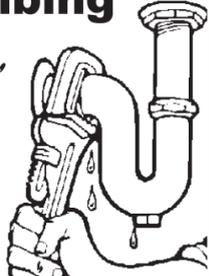
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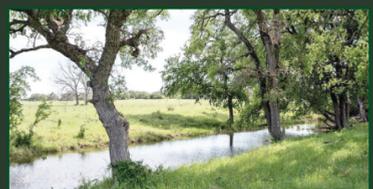
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