



Christmas Stroll Parade

The Salado Christmas Stroll kicks off with the downtown lighted parade.

(PHOTOS BY ROYCE WIGGIN)



Christmas Stroll continues in Salado Dec. 13-15

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 December and presented by the Salado Chamber of Commerce.

Dozens of decorated boutiques open their doors for you to enjoy Late Night Shopping Friday and Saturday until 9 p.m. (or later) and Sunday until 5 p.m. Dec. 13-15.

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. 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. 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.

Christmas Market

Saturday 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.

Yuletide Market

at The Venue Santa Claus is coming to the Inn on the Creek Yuletide Market at The Venue by Inn on the Creek, located at College St.

The Yuletide Market will be open 12-10 p.m. Dec. 13 and 14 and 12-4 p.m. Dec. 15.

Explore over 15 unique vendors offering a variety of holiday treasures.

Live Entertainment at The Shed Restaurant Courtyard

Experience the smooth sounds of Rodney

Howell as he performs Christmas Jazz at The Shed courtyard on Dec. 13

Rodney Howell will also be performing at Alexander's Restaurant 5:30-8:30 p.m. Dec. 14.

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

Santa will be at The Venue 4-6 p.m. Dec. 14. Bring the kids to enjoy delicious hot cocoa and capture the moment with your camera alongside Santa himself.

Santa Sponsor, Here at Home, and Inn on the Creek are also accepting donations to support the Salado Community Foundation to raise money for the 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.

Enjoy Christmas Jazz with the talented Mike Hamilton at The Shed courtyard 6-8 p.m. Dec. 14. Christmas Classics with Michael Alexandersson will perform Christmas Classics 8-10 p.m. Dec. 14 at the Yuletide Market. In The Shed courtyard, Alexandersson will perform classic holiday tunes from Frank Sinatra to Bobby Darin to Elvis Presley and more.

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.

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

64th Annual Salado Stroll

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

Friday December 13, 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.
9 a.m.-5 p.m.	Salado Museum Christmas Market	Salado Museum 423 S. Main St.
10 a.m.-10 p.m.	Hot Apple Cider 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.
12 p.m.-10 p.m.	Yuletide Market	The Venue College St.
6:30-9:30 p.m.	Rodnell Howell, jazz musician	
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	Main St.
6 p.m.	Wayworn Traveler	Barrow Brewing Co. 108 Royal St.
7 p.m.	Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol CentralTicketsTexas.com	Tablerock Amphitheatre 409 Royal St.
7 p.m.	Mama Ghost Band Apple cider for kids & Gluhwein	The Local Vine 19 N. Main St. Suite 5E

Saturday December 14, 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.
10 a.m.-10 p.m.	Yuletide Market	The Venue
10 a.m.-10 p.m.	Hot Apple Cider 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.
12-2:30 p.m.	Live Music David Johnson Apple cider for kids & Gluhwein	The Local Vine 19 N. Main St. Ste. 5E
12 p.m.	Live Music by Wook Wizard	Barrow Brewing Co. 108 Royal St.
12-6 p.m.	Barrow Christmas Market	Barrow Brewing Co. 108 Royal St.
12-8 p.m.	Handmade Christmas Ornaments & Hot Chocolate	New Life Methodist Church 231 N. Main
1-5 p.m. & 6-9 p.m.	Pictures with Santa	The Pizza Place 230 N. Main St.
3 p.m.	Live Music by Delta Tease	Barrow Brewing Co. 108 Royal St.
4-7 p.m.	Live Music- Noah Derrick Apple cider for kids & Gluhwein	The Local Vine 19 N. Main St. Ste. 5E
4-6 p.m.	Hot Cocoa and Pictures with Santa	The Venue College St.
5 p.m.	Shoemaker HS Christmas Caroling	Main St.
5-9 p.m.	Carriage Rides \$20 per person	Main St.
5:30 p.m.	St. Joseph's Episcopal Church Posada	Main St.
5:30-8:30 p.m.	Live Music by Rodnell Howell jazz musician	Alexander's 602 Center Circle
6-8 p.m.	Live Music- Christmas Jazz with Mike Hamilton	The Shed 220 Royal St.
7 p.m.	Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol centraltexas tickets.com	Tablerock 409 Royal St.
8-10 p.m.	Live Music, Christmas Classics with Michael	The Shed Courtyard 220 Royal Street

Sunday December 15, 2024

All Day	Gourmet Food Tasting	Wild Texas Cowgirl 642 N. Main St.
12-4 p.m.	Yuletide Market	The Venue
12-5 p.m.	Hot Apple Cider Bar & Raffle Giveaways	The Presley Boutique 7 N. Main St. Ste. R
4 p.m.	Live Music by Twilight Texas	Barrow Brewing Co. 108 Royal Street



FORUM

U.S. economy adds 255,000 new jobs in November

The Markets

The S&P 500 Stock Index (SPX) continued to bull its way ahead as it rose 0.96% for the week to close at 6090.27, another record-high weekly close. The SPX is now up 27.68% this year and 33.87% higher than a year ago. Our other market indicator, the CRSP US Mid Cap Value Index, slipped 2.09% for the week to close at 2870.40. Despite the loss, it remains 18.49% higher than when the year began and up 24.63% from a year ago.

The benchmark ten-year Treasury note ended the week with a yield of 4.15%, little changed from last week's 4.18%. The one-month T-bill slipped a bit to yield an annualized rate of 4.57%, while the 2-year note slid to 4.1% and the 20-year Treasury bond was paying 4.42%. West Texas Intermediate crude oil ended the U.S. market week at \$71.14 per barrel, still about 0.7% lower than when the year began.

The Economy

The U.S. economy is on a roll. As they are reported, third-quarter corporate earnings and guidance continue to support the statistical reports from independent agencies and the government that our economy is continuing to plow forward with what Fed Chairman Powell has described as "remarkable resilience." While on the surface, this expansion resembles the dot-com boom of the late 1990s; there is a marked difference in that the AI revolution is creating increased corporate profits and profound increases in labor force productivity. The market and economic bubble of the late 1990s held great promise but failed to produce the profound changes investors hoped for.

Echoing that theme, the U.S. economy created 227,000 more jobs, net, in November, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics

Market & Economic Update

by Jeffrey W. McClure



(BLS). That number handily beat the consensus expectation of 200,000. Our economy has averaged a 180,000-job creation rate over the past year. Additionally, the BLS increased last month's new jobs number to 255,000. Though the unemployment rate rose from 4.1% to 4.2%, that rise was apparently the result of new workers entering the workforce rather than layoffs. November's new job creation was partially created by last month's end to the Boeing strike and the return to work of thousands of people who had been temporarily out of work because of the hurricanes. Still, the number of new jobs reported was significantly higher than could be accounted for by those events. Analysts commented that the acceleration in job creation was not so large that it would likely prevent the Federal Reserve from another 0.25% reduction, bringing it to the 4.25% to 4.5% range at its December meeting. It did add to the concern that the Fed might not decrease rates as much over the next six months as was previously assumed. We have commented for some time that the two percent inflation target set by the Federal Reserve is, in our opinion, unlikely to be achieved. Over the past several decades, Americans seem to have been most happy with inflation at about 3%. Ultimately, American consumers set the inflation rate by being willing to keep buying goods and services up to a certain level of price appreciation.

The Institute for Supply Management (ISM) non-manufacturing Purchasing Manager's Index (PMI) fell from an unusual high of

56.0 in October to 52.1 in November. New orders, production, and employment remained above the 50.0 neutral level. That slight reduction takes that section of the economy back to a sustainable level. For better or worse, both China and Germany's export-oriented economies continued to show general weakness.

Despite all the good news, there were some shadows. As the new administration takes office, a consensus seems to be developing that bailing out bank account holders who have deposits over the FDIC \$250,000 limit must stop. We suggest you pay attention to that warning and avoid exceeding the FDIC limits whenever possible. A change appears to be developing in the job market. Mid and low-level white-collar job applicants are seeing a significantly lengthier wait to find a job. One of the results of the AI revolution seems to be a reduction in low and mid-level management and administrative positions, even as hourly workers are being hired at an increasing rate. If the promised cuts in the Federal workforce come to pass, that oversupply of jobs in those stratus levels may be compounded. The good news in that area is that specialty job openings are rising again. As is common with rapid technological change, some areas are negatively impacted even as others are supercharged.

Overall, the U.S. economy is doing exceptionally well, and there is evidence that this condition persists. Still, paying attention to where things are accelerating and where a thinning out is occurring may be wise.

Texas Needs a Rural Maternal Health Rescue Plan Now

By JOHN HENDERSON AND TOM BANNING

Texas stands at a crossroads. Once a leader in rural health care innovation, the state now finds itself grappling with a burgeoning maternal health crisis. Alarming, nearly half of Texas counties are classified as "maternity care deserts." This lack of access to essential health care services puts the lives of many women and their children at risk, particularly in rural areas. The solution lies in swift legislative action to implement a rural maternal health rescue initiative. Without it, the health and economic vitality of Texas' rural communities may be irreparably compromised.

The statistics paint a bleak picture. Over 47% of Texas counties lack obstetrical care services entirely, far exceeding the national average of 33%. The consequences of this are stark: rural mothers face higher rates of inadequate prenatal care, long travel times to maternity facilities, and poorer health outcomes for both mothers and infants.

Additionally, the financial strain on existing hospitals is unsustainable. Most rural hospitals do not provide obstetrical services and of those that do, 59% lose money on labor and delivery services. These alarming trends demand immediate attention.

The history of rural health care in Texas underscores the urgency. In the 1990s, the state faced a similar crisis, marked by hospital closures and the exodus of OB care providers. Lawmakers responded with the Rural Health Rescue Act,

stabilizing and strengthening our rural health care system. Today, Texas needs a similarly bold approach to prevent history from repeating itself. The Rural Texas Maternal Health Assembly has proposed a comprehensive plan to address these challenges and secure the future of rural maternal health care. (<https://architectexas.org/programs/maternal-health/index.html>)

At the heart of the problem is access — or rather, the lack of it. Women in rural areas often live more than 30 minutes from the nearest maternity care facility, a barrier that disproportionately affects low-income and uninsured women. This distance exacerbates the risks of complications during pregnancy and childbirth, and it underscores the broader inequities in health care access between urban and rural populations.

This issue is not just about health; it's about economics. Rural communities generate more than \$20 billion annually for the state's economy, but their long-term viability hinges on their ability to attract and retain young families. Who would choose to start a family and raise children in a place without adequate maternal health care? Without investment in these areas, Texas risks not only the well-being of its citizens but also the economic stability of its rural heartland.

The proposed rescue initiative offers a roadmap for change. It calls for targeting investments in Texas' rural health care infrastructure, strengthening access to maternal health services in Medicaid, and expanding incentives to attract and re-

tain obstetric care providers in underserved areas. These measures are not only morally imperative but also fiscally prudent.

One of the most pressing needs is ensuring postpartum care, as 25% of maternal deaths occur within a year of delivery. By improving postpartum services in Medicaid, Texas can prevent avoidable deaths and improve the quality of life for mothers and their families. Furthermore, investments in preventive care — such as cancer screenings and contraceptive services — will lead to healthier communities overall.

Texas has always prided itself on resilience and innovation. Our state's leaders must now channel these qualities to resolve our maternal health crisis. The stakes are too high to delay. A modern rural maternal health rescue plan is not just a policy priority. It is critical to ensuring Texas' economic miracle continues. Healthy mothers and babies are the foundation of strong families and thriving communities. By investing in their future, Texas invests in its own.

It's time for lawmakers to act boldly and decisively. The lives of rural mothers and their children depend on it.

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It's not rare as you think for a parent to deny their child's abuse

By TERESA HUIZAR

The recently released Netflix series on the Menendez brothers reignited debate over whether a parent would overlook their child's abuse at the hands of their spouse.

The sad truth is that these sorts of cases are far from unique or even uncommon.

A parent faced with the abusive conduct of a partner, family member, or friend must confront the unthinkable -- harm to their child and the worst possible betrayal committed by someone they perhaps considered to be their life partner, better half, or best friend. Parents should know that initial feelings of confusion, or even shocked disbelief, are not unusual.

But parents should also know that the decisions made in the immediate aftermath of such a revelation will have a lifelong impact. Rates of depression, PTSD, substance abuse, and suicide are all significantly higher for victims of child sexual assault. A child's trauma is only compounded if a trusted adult denies or minimizes the abuse.

To protect their child, parents don't need to immediately believe every word they say. But they need to report the abuse, separate

their child from the offender, and suspend their own disbelief through the course of an investigation.

Often, those actions give parents the time they need to process the reality of what happened. But there are other pitfalls that may hinder a parent from supporting a child. It's important for every parent and child advocate to be aware of these barriers and work to overcome them.

If the offender is the primary breadwinner in the family, the non-offending parent may panic over housing and financial stability. This is especially true in circumstances where the parent lacks a solid support system. Can they rely on friends or family? Or are they dependent on their child's abuser?

Often, concerns about public image arise. A non-offending parent may worry at the prospect of losing their social and professional circles.

Experiencing child sexual abuse is a devastating trauma. And while a parent experiences their own form of psychological trauma upon learning their child was abused, the obligation to protect their child must always come first. The good news is that help is available for families navigating this excruciating time.

Experts working at Children's Advocacy Centers nationwide play a pivotal role in ensuring that abused children and their caregivers receive the support they need. Professionals at these centers provide therapy, medical care, and liaising with police -- but also advice, like how to get the offender removed from the home and how to tell family, friends, or teachers about what happened.

According to the CDC, an estimated one in four girls and one in 20 boys experience child sexual abuse. Its prevalence is believed to be higher because children often wait years to report abuse. About 30% of victims have been sexually abused by a family member, while roughly 90% know their abuser in some way. Parents everywhere should take note, listen, and learn.

A child's disclosure of abuse is shocking, disturbing, and life-changing. But supporting your child from the start is always the right thing to do.

Teresa Huizar is CEO of Washington, D.C.-based National Children's Alliance (NCA), the nation's network of nearly 1,000 Children's Advocacy Centers, providing justice and healing through services to child victims of abuse and their families.

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Christmas Cantata slated Dec. 15 at Salado UMC

Salado United Methodist Church invites you to its Christmas Cantata at 10 a.m. Dec. 15 in the Salado UMC Worship Center, 650 Royal St.

"This is Christmas" will feature Christmas hymns performed by the Salado UMC Chancel Choir accompanied by a Central Texas Chamber orchestra composed of local area mu-

sicians as they celebrate the Child, the King, the heart of Christmas, sent to earth to redeem the world.

The Methodist Church will also hold a special service for those with heaviness in their hearts this holiday season. The Longest Night Service will be 6 p.m. Dec. 21 in the historic Chapel. Everyone is invited.



Lions flip flap jacks

Salado Lions Club served up pancakes on Dec. 7 to raise money for scholarships to graduating Salado High School Seniors. The pancake breakfast was held at the Salado Church of Christ Activity Center.

(PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)

St. Joseph's Episcopal Church

Sunday Service
10 a.m.

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6	7	peace	9	10
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21	love	23	24	25

Sunday, December 15
Christmas Cantata
10 A.M. (One Service)

Saturday, December 21
Longest Night Service
6 P.M. in Historic Chapel

Sunday, December 22
Advent Worship Services
9 & 11 A.M.

Tuesday, December 24
Christmas Eve Candlelight Services
5 & 7 P.M.

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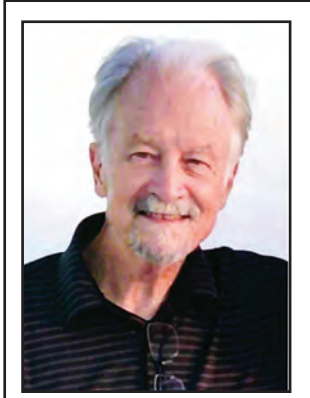

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JAMES MICHAEL HALBROOKS
SEPTEMBER 7, 1951
NOVEMBER 2, 2024

A LIFE WELL LIVED
James Michael Halbrooks went to be with his Lord and Savior on November 2, 2024.

A Fort Worth native, Michael earned a Bachelor's degree in Radio, TV and Film from North Texas State University in 1972. He joined ABC Sports, doing graphics work for sporting events across the country. He served as General Manager for two minor league baseball teams before returning to Dallas to work as Director of Marketing for a soccer team. His love of sports would eventually lead him to form Events, Inc., with his business partner.

Michael met his soulmate, Pamela Pastie, and they were married in magical Salado on October 19, 2022. They made their home in McKinney, Texas where they traveled the world and lived life to the fullest before retiring in Salado.

Michael was preceded in death by his parents, Patsy and Coy Halbrooks, niece Amy Mitchell, and many other beloved family members.

He is survived by his loving wife Pamela Halbrooks; sisters Betty Michael, Sara (Jim) Robert, and Kathryn (Ted) Hopper; sisters-in-law Melody (Bob) Colasuonno, and Cherie (Jeff) Locke; numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews, and extended family members.

Michael leaves behind a Legacy of Love for Family, Laughter and Friendship.

Memorial contributions in Michael's name may be made to a charity of your choice.

A celebration of life will be held at 12 p.m. Thursday, December 12, 2024 at Broecker Funeral Home in Salado.

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St. Joseph's Episcopal Church Annual Christmas Posada Procession and Service Dec. 14 begins at 5:30 p.m. at College Hill ruins and proceeds up Main St. to conclude with a service and celebration at St. Joseph's Chapel 881 N Main St. The public is invited to join the procession.

Annual Christmas Posada Dec. 14

St. Joseph's Episcopal Church, located at 881 North Main Street in Salado, is set to hold its beloved annual Christmas Posada on Saturday, December 14, beginning their procession in downtown Salado at 5:30 p.m.

A Posada is a Mexican tradition that commemorates the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem before the birth of Jesus. The youth group of St. Joseph's church recreates this walk every year as they process down Main Street, Salado, stopping often to sing and "look for a room at an inn". The procession is a display of faith and

perseverance by the youth and families of the church. Along the procession, people of Salado often join the group as they continue towards the charming chapel of St. Joseph's church. The walk ends with mass at 6:30 p.m. celebrating la Virgen de Guadalupe, with a full Eucharist celebration.

After mass, all are invited to the St. Joseph's Parish Hall for tamales, hot chocolate, and goodies.

All are welcome to join both the Posada procession, mass, and celebration. This walk takes place on the second weekend of The Annual Salado Christmas Stroll.



Salado United Methodist Church presents

This is Christmas

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Christmas Cantata
at Salado United Methodist Church

Sunday, December 15
One Service at 10:00 A.M.
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Find the perfect Christmas decorations at the Christmas Market at Salado Museum.

Salado Museum hosts Christmas Market Dec. 14

Salado Museum's Christmas Market will be held 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Dec. 14 at the museum located at 423 S. Main St.

You will find vintage decorations and ornaments, handmade wooden toys, Bearington Bears, holiday tableware, cut crystal dishes and cake stands, wine glasses, jewelry, chocolate candy molds, one-of-a-kind gifts, and lot's more. Join us in this beautifully decorated room where you will find music and Christmas cookies of course.

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December 6-14
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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 vendors 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 Salado, Holland, Bartlett area, 9-11 a.m., 213 Mill Creek Drive, Suite 135.

December 14
Salado Museum Christmas Market, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. 423 S. Main St. You will find vintage decorations and ornaments, handmade wooden toys, Bearington Bears, holiday tableware, cut crystal dishes and cake stands, wine glasses, jewelry, chocolate candy molds, one-of-a-kind gifts, and lot's more. You will also find music and Christmas cookies.

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
Tonkawa Chapter of the Native Plant Society of Texas Christmas Party, 2 p.m., at the home of Dawn Woodcock, 9840 Live Oak Rd., Plant people are cool to celebrate with. Fun Christmas wear encouraged. Food, water and tea provided. If you want your favorite drink or an adult beverage, bring it. Desserts will not be turned away.

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
Central Texas Travel Club, 11 a.m., Johnny's Steaks and Barbecue.

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.

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., Masrhall 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 Akandersson.

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.

December 26
Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 7 p.m., Austin Mayse.

December 26
Trivia Thursday, 7 p.m. Bar 1859, Salado Square, 21 N. Main St.

December 27
Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 7 p.m., TBD.

December 27
Live music at Chupacabra, 7 p.m., Dustin Endsley.

December 28
Heart and Hands Ministries food distribution to those in need in the Salado, Holland, Bartlett area, 9-11 a.m., 213 Mill Creek Drive, Suite 135.

December 28
Live Music at Axis Winery, 1420 N. Robertson Rd., 5-8 p.m., Travis Roland.

December 28
Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 7 p.m., Amanda Brown.



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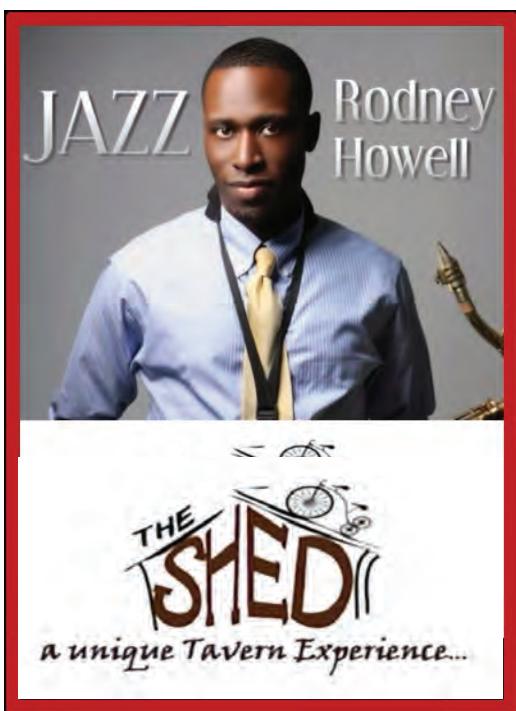
12pm – 4pm

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 13th

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 14th

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!

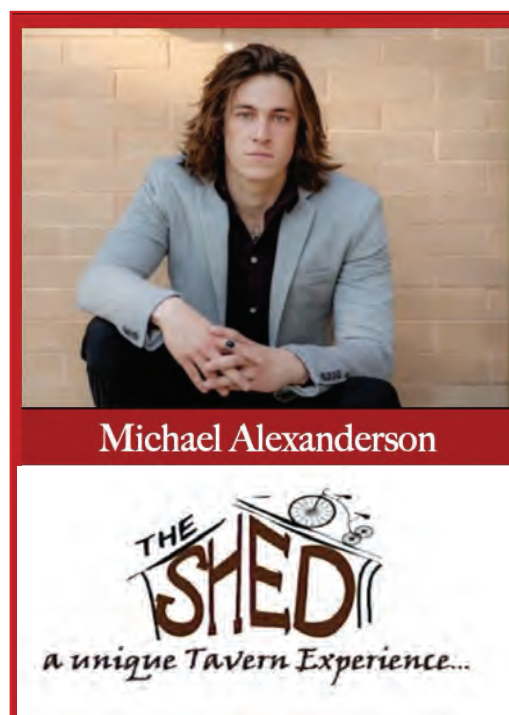
Don't miss out on this festive event!



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.



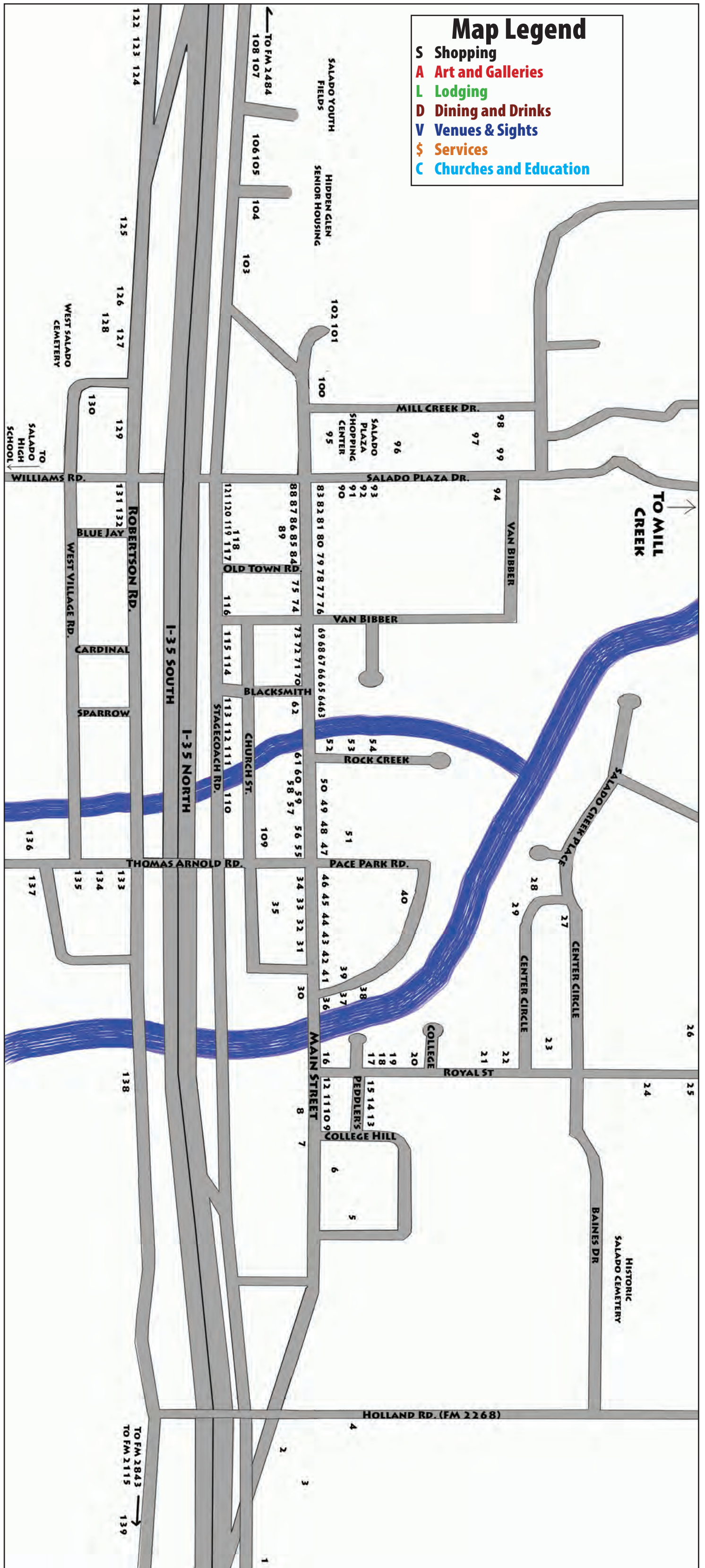
Christmas Classics with Michael Alexanderson at Yuletide Market!

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 254-947-5060	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 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	
85	Salado Post Office 254-947-5322	\$
86	Bill Bartlett - Century 21 254-947-5050	\$
87	The Personal Wealth Coach 254-947-1111	\$
90	Presbyterian Church of Salado 254-308-2023	C
91	Troy Smith Financial Services 254-947-0376	\$
92	Salado Sculpture Garden	A
96	Salado Plaza Ace Pest Control 254-947-4222	\$
	Integrity Rehab 254-699-3933	\$
	Salado's Hair Shop 254-421-5173	\$
	Salado Village Voice 254-947-5321	\$
100	Salado Public Library 254-947-9191	C
100	Salado Creek Ministries meets at the Salado Public Library	C
113	Salado Church of Christ 254-947-5241	C
122	Bell County Annex	\$
124	Axis Winery 254-308-2016	D
126	Cowboy's Barbecue 254-947-5700	D
130	Village Spirits 254-947-7117	S
132	Broecker Funeral Home 254-947-0066	\$
133	Johnny's Steaks & BBQ 254-947-4663	D
134	The Dog Spot 254-947-3647	\$
135	Carus Dental 254-947-8067	\$
136	Salado Schools & Stadium	C
137	Iron Orchid Bodywork (inside Salado Fitness)	\$
139	Cedar Valley Baptist Church 254-947-0148	C
Not Shown on the Map		
	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 254-947-5698	V
	Anytime Fitness Salado 254-947-1063	S



Historical Markers in Salado

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

Cub Scout Pack 115 supports vets, collects food

By JAY BRADLEY
SCOUT MASTER

This November, the Salado Cub Scouts of Pack 1115 have been busy making a difference in their community through various service projects and events.

The Scouts kicked off the month by leading three color guards at Veterans Day events held at Thomas Arnold Elementary and the Salado Seniors Center, showing their respect and appreciation for local veterans.

The Scouts continued their support for veterans by hosting a dignified flag retirement ceremony, which was attended by numerous veterans from the community. Over 100 flags donated by local citizens were retired during the ceremony.

In addition to their veterans' events, the Scouts also participated in the Central Texas Food Drive, collecting food to help those in



Cub Scouts collected Food for Families (above) and laid wreaths at veterans' graves at Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery (below). COURTESY PHOTOS



Cub Scouts retired colors with the VFW (above, left) and presented colors at school (above, right)

Ladies host Coach Smith Tournney

Salado Lady Eagles hosted the Coach Smith Tournament Dec. 5-7.

1	2	3	4	F
SHS 17	13	10	8	48
FHS 15	6	12	13	46

The Lady Eagles beat Friendswood 48-46 on Dec. 7.

Contributing were Karlee Konarik, 14 points, six rebounds, an assist, seven deflections, six steals; Kate Maedgen, 10 points, three rebounds, two assists, four deflections, three steals; Ally Ihler, nine points, three rebounds, three assists, three steals, a block; Riley Guthrie, eight points, two rebounds, an assist, three deflections, a steal; Bri Tutor, five points, five rebounds, an assist; Morgan Riggs, two points; Addy McCain, a rebound; Ainsleigh Liebig, a deflection.

1	2	3	4	F
SHS 9	19	10	13	51
SHS 24	19	7	18	68

The Lady Eagles lost 68-51 to San Saba Dec. 6.

Karlee Konarik, 20 points, 12 rebounds, an assist, four deflections, a steal, a block; Riley Guthrie, 12 points, five rebounds, an assist; Ally Ihler, 11 points, 13 rebounds, a deflection; Bri Tutor, six points, four rebounds, an assist; Kate Maedgen, two points, seven rebounds, four assists, three deflections, two steals; Mack Lewis, five rebounds, a deflection; Morgan Riggs, two rebounds.

1	2	3	4	F
SHS 8	10	17	16	51
THS 9	4	4	9	26

Salado beat Temple 51-26 on Dec. 6

Scoring were Karlee Konarik, 18 points, five rebounds, four deflections, three steals, a block; Riley Guthrie, 11 points, two rebounds, three assists, four deflections, a block; Ally Ihler, 10 points, three rebounds, three assists, a deflection, two steals, a block; Kate Maedgen, six points, a rebound, two assists, a deflection, two steals; Mack Lewis, four points, four rebounds, two steals; Morgan Riggs, two points, three rebounds, a deflection; Jenna Goodman, two rebounds, an assist, three deflections,



Mack Lewis goes up against Temple in Coach Smith Tournament. (PHOTOS BY ROYCE WIGGIN)

two steals; Bri Tutor, two rebounds, a deflection; Ainsleigh Liebig, two rebounds, a deflection; Addy McCain, two rebounds, a steal.

1	2	3	4	F
SHS 14	12	12	15	53
LHS 2	10	7	3	22

Salado beat Lehman 53-22 on Dec. 5.

Scoring were Riley Guthrie, 18 points, eight rebounds, two deflections, two steals; Ally Ihler, 14 points, 12 rebounds, two deflections, a block; Karlee Konarik, 12 points, eight rebounds, four assists, eight deflections, three steals, a block; Ainsleigh Liebig, five points, four rebounds, an assist, a deflection; Bri Tutor, two points, five rebounds, a deflection, a steal, a block; Jenna Goodman, two points, a rebound, two deflections, a steal; Kate Maedgen, five rebounds, two assists, three deflections, four steals; Mack Lewis, a rebound, two deflections, two steals; Addy McCain and Morgan Riggs, a rebound each.

1	2	3	4	F
SHS 17	14	11	8	48
GHS 19	13	10	12	54

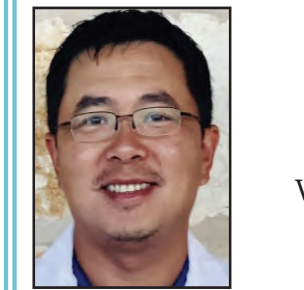
Salado lost to Gunter 54-48 on Dec. 5.

Contributing were Riley Guthrie, 18 points, nine rebounds, three deflections, two steals; Karlee Konarik, 15 points, nine rebounds, three assist, four deflections, two steals; Ally Ihler, eight points, four rebounds,

three assists, a deflection, two steals; Morgan Riggs, three points, two rebounds, an assist; Kate Maedgen, two points, three rebounds, two deflections, a block; Bri Tutor, two points; Mack Lewis, two rebounds, two assists, a deflection; Jenna Goodman, two rebounds, two assists.



Bri Tutor shoots.



Tom H Trinh, DDS
General Dentist

need during the holiday season. The Scouts worked to collect donations and engage with shoppers, and their efforts were featured on KWTX News 10.

Following Thanksgiving,

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Salado Eagles hosted the Coach Smith Tournament, playing in five games over the weekend.

	1	2	3	4	F
SHS	10	8	11	29	49
AR	10	14	13	23	60

The Eagles lost to the Austin Royals 60-49 on Dec. 7.

Contributing were Bryson Byers, 15 points, 6 rebounds, an assist, a deflection, a steal; Colby Ramm, 13 points, four rebounds, four assists, a steal; Mason Brown, eight points, five rebounds, six assists, two deflections, a steal, two blocks; Derrick Smith, six points, three rebounds, an assist, two deflections; Liam Wilcox, five points, five rebounds, an assist, two deflections; Korbin Konarik, two points, two assists, two deflections, a steal; Bradon Gonzalez, a rebound, an assist.

	1	2	3	4	F
SHS	10	11	8	12	41
SAP	29	22	17	18	84

Salado lost 84-41 to the San Antonio Patriots on Dec. 6.

Scoring were Korbin Konarik, 12 points, seven rebounds, two deflections, a steal; Colby Ramm, 12 points, a rebound, an assist; Liam Wilcox, seven points, four rebounds, three assists, a steal; Mason Brown, six points, four rebounds, four assists, a block; Griffin Self, four points, two rebounds, an assist; Bradon Gonzalez, four rebounds, three assists, a steal; Bryson Byers, three rebounds, an assist, two deflections; Luke Johnson, an assist, a deflection; Derrick Smith, a deflection, a steal.



Griffin Self goes up against China Spring in Coach Smith Tournament (PHOTOS BY ROYCE WIGGIN)

	1	2	3	4	F
SHS	12	16	6	17	51
CHS	12	16	13	15	56

Salado lost to China Spring 56-51 on Dec. 6.

Scoring were Mason Brown, 15 points, nine rebounds, two assists, a deflection, a block; Colby Ramm, nine points, a rebound, an assist, two deflections, two steals; Bryson Byers, eight points, 10 rebounds, a block; Griffin Self, eight points, two points; Liam Wilcox, six points, two rebounds, a deflection, a steal; Korbin Konarik, five points, three rebounds, four assists, two deflections, a steal; Bradon Gonzalez, four rebounds, an assist, a deflection. Derrick

Smith, three rebounds, three assists, a deflection, a steal.

	1	2	3	4	F
SHS	12	17	2	11	42
KHS	15	16	15	22	69

Salado lost 69-42 to Krum on Dec. 5.

Scoring were Bryson Byers, 10 points, eight rebounds, an assist, a block; Griffin Self, 10 points, five rebounds, two assists, a block; Colby Ramm, 10 points, a rebound, two assists, a deflection; Mason Brown, six points, nine rebounds, three assists, four blocks; Bradon Gonzalez, four points, two rebounds, an assist, three deflections, a steal; Liam Wilcox, two points, a steal; Derrick Smith, six rebounds, two as-

sists, three deflections, two steals.

	1	2	3	4	F
SHS	9	15	8	19	51
EHS	10	8	12	10	40

Salado beat Emery 51-40 on Dec. 5.

Scoring were Bryson Byers, 21 points, 11 rebounds, an assist, two deflections, two steals, a block; Griffin Self, 10 points, six rebounds, an assist, two deflections, a block; Derrick Smith, seven points, three rebounds, an assist, four deflections, three steals, a block; Colby Ramm, five points, an assist; Liam Wilcox, five points, six rebounds, a steal; Korbin Konarik, three points, a defensive rebound; Mason Brown, five rebounds, four assists, three blocks; Bradon Gonzalez, three rebounds, a deflec-

	1	2	3	4	F
SHS	6	13	9	20	48
THS	10	11	14	16	51

Salado lost to Troy 51-48 in a non-district game Dec. 3.

Scoring were Colby Ramm, 28 points, two rebounds, a steal; Bryson Byers, 11 points, nine rebounds, two assists, two deflections, a steal; Mason Brown, six points, four rebounds, two assists, a deflection, three steals; Derrick Smith, three points, two rebounds, five deflections; Liam Wilcox, five rebounds, an assist; Bradon Gonzalez, two rebounds, three assists, a deflection, a steal; Korbin Konarik, a rebound, a deflection; Griffin Self, an assist.



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(at left) Ben Wickert is pictured with Kay Griffith



Lilly Gallegos, pictured next to her first place Oil and Acrylic piece at right.

PALS hosts student art show

The annual Salado High School art show sponsored by the Public Arts League of Salado is on exhibit at the Salado Museum from Dec. 6-15.

42 pieces of art by Salado High School students are in the exhibit.

Kay Griffith, a well known local Salado artist, judged the artwork in five

categories.

A reception was held Dec. 6 to announce the winners.

PALS presented each winner a \$50 gift certificate to Jerry's Artarama in Austin.

The winners were:

Oil and Acrylic- Lilly Gallegos, 12th grade.

Watercolor- Emerson

Black, 12th grade.

Pastels and Charcoal- Emily Smith, 12th grade.

Inks and Pencil- Emerson Black, 12th grade.

Mixed Media- Ben Wickert, 12th grade.

Honorable Mention: Adam Gilliam-Mixed Media, Kyndyl Fleming-Pencil/Ink, Ben Wickert-Oil and Acrylic.

Work crews tie-in fire line, domestic water line for new HS

Superintendent's Corner



by Dr. Michael Novotny

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

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

- Domestic water and fire line tie in.
- Placed grade beams and footings Areas E and K (640 yards).
- Placed rebar at stadium Areas U and R.
- Continued storm sewer at high school.
- Excavated grade beams at Area V.
- Began elevator shaft

Concrete Masonry Unit (CMU) Area A.

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

- Place Areas U and R grade beams and footings.
- Place remaining Area E grade beams and footings.
- Waterproofing stem wall for Area E.
- Place Area J grade beams and footings.
- Continue underground utilities at Area D.
- Form and reinforce east parking lot at high school.



Engleking qualifies for TFA

The Salado High School Speech and Debate Team competed at the Grandview TFA Meet on Nov. 23, where 28 schools participated in the meet.

Individual results are:
Wesley Engleking, International Extemp, third.

Sydney Engleking, Domestic Extemp, Semifinals.

Krystle Vazquez, Domestic Extemp, Semifinals.

Callum Campbell, Domestic Extemp, Semifinals.

Wesley Engleking LD Debate, Quarterfinals.

Wesley Engleking is now qualified for the Texas Forensic Association (TFA) State Meet in International Extemporaneous Speaking. Students need 12 points to qualify; Wesley now has 16 points. The TFA State Tour-



Wesley Engleking (COURTESY PHOTO)

ament will be held March 6-8 at Prairie View A&M University.

The team is coached by Tim Cook.

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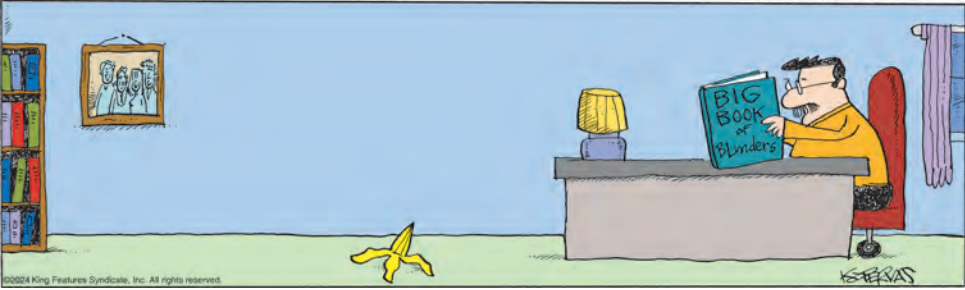
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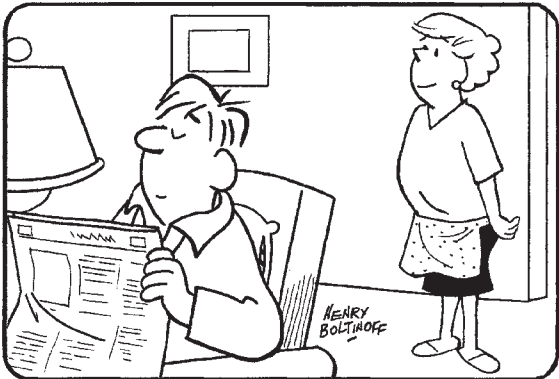
South dealer. North-South vulnerable. NORTH ♠ J 9 8 7 5 3 ♥ 10 4 ♦ Q J ♣ A 6 2 WEST ♠ 6 ♥ J 7 2 ♦ A K 7 3 ♣ K Q 10 9 8 EAST ♠ 4 ♥ Q 9 5 3 ♦ 10 9 8 6 5 4 2 ♣ 3 SOUTH ♠ A K Q 10 2 ♥ A K 8 6 ♦ — ♣ J 7 5 4 The bidding: South West North East 1 ♠ 2 ♣ 4 ♠ Pass 6 ♠ Opening lead — king of diamonds.

Consider this deal where it seems that South must lose two club tricks at six spades and go down one. However, South has an excellent chance for the slam if he plays his cards correctly. West's two-club overcall should guide him to the winning method of play. Declarer ruffs the diamond lead and cashes the ace of trump. When both opponents follow suit, South knows that East started with a singleton spade and, in view of West's two-club bid, with either one club or none. It follows that East must have lots of hearts and diamonds — and, more especially, that East almost certainly has more hearts than West. If this probability pans out, the slam is ice-cold. So, South cashes the A-K of hearts and ruffs a heart, then cashes dummy's ace of clubs and ruffs the queen of diamonds. The stage is now set for the key play. South leads the eight of hearts and, when West shows out, discards a club from dummy! East wins with the queen and is forced to return a diamond. This allows declarer to ruff in his hand as he discards dummy's last club, and the slam comes rolling home.

by Steve Becker

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Pillow is larger. 2. Picture on wall is moved. 3. Mouth is different. 4. Necktie is added. 5. Apron is different. 6. Whistle is added.

9x9 Sudoku grid with numbers 1-9.

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. LITERATURE: Which Victor Hugo novel was made into an animated Disney movie? 2. MUSIC: In the song "The Twelve Days of Christmas," what was the gift on the eighth day? 3. GEOGRAPHY: Where is the Kalahari Desert located? 4. HISTORY: Who was the first African-American justice on the U.S. Supreme Court? 5. BIOLOGY: What is the process called in which a nonreproductive cell divides in two? 6. MOVIES: In the movie "Elf," what is the name of Santa's sleigh? 7. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is the largest mammal on Earth? 8. U.S. STATES: Where did the first organized celebration of Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday) take place in the U.S.? 9. ASTRONOMY: Which planet is the smallest in our solar system? 10. TELEVISION: Which 1980s-1990s TV family sitcom had a holiday episode titled "A Very Tanner Christmas"?

- Answers 1. "The Hunchback of Notre Dame." 2. Eight maids a-milking. 3. Southern Africa. 4. Thurgood Marshall. 5. Mitosis. 6. The Kringle 3000. 7. The blue whale. 8. Mobile, Alabama. 9. Mercury. 10. "Full House."

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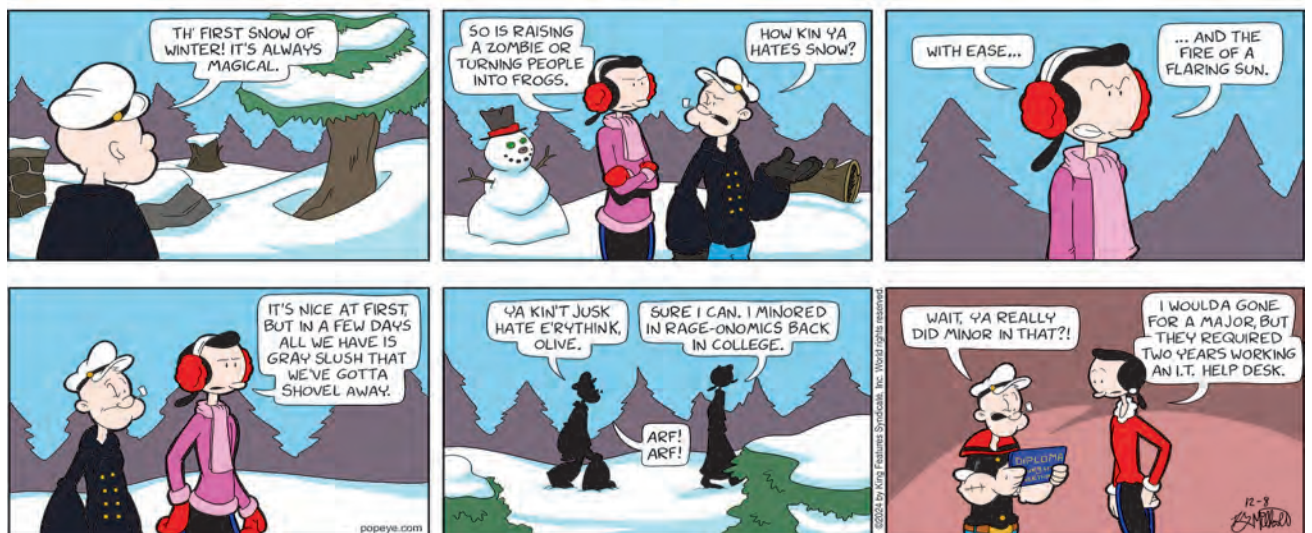
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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Buckley brews with Barrow

Texas House Representative (District 54) Brad Buckley collaborated with Barrow Brewing Company of Salado on a new craft beer that will compete in the Texas Craft Brewers Guild Pro Am competition in early 2025. During the 2025 Legislative session Buckley will be presenting a bill to alleviate some of the tax burden on Texas' craft breweries. The bill has been nicknamed Beers For Steers.

"The Beers for Steers legislation seeks to ensure

mutual benefit for brewers and agricultural producers statewide, incentivizing the practice of providing spent grain by-products to livestock operations free of charge. This legislation would lower feed costs for livestock producers, while also lowering the excise tax burden on small businesses in the brewing and distilling industries. By supporting Texas small businesses in the agriculture and alcohol industries, we provide opportunity for localized economic growth particularly

in more rural communities and communities with a focus on the Agriculture and Tourism industry." -Travis Bailey, Texas Craft Brewers Guild Government Affairs Associate.

According to Salado Rancher Matthew May, "It is a win win for everyone, taking a by-product that would otherwise be thrown away, and upcycling it into cattle feed." May has supplemented his Beefmaster Cattle's ration with spent grain from Barrow Brewing since 2016. Most recently

he weaned Big Red, a heifer born in early 2024, using spent grain. The calves transition seamlessly to the ration used by the development program for his bulls.

The Buckley team and members of the Texas Craft Brewers Guild met at Barrow for the brew day along with rancher Matthew May and the Arnold Family from Holland who brought a Beefmaster heifer, Big Red. Nine-year-old Cade Arnold will be showing Big Red in Livestock Shows statewide.



State Rep. Brad Buckley and Barrow Brewing Co. lead brewer Ben Duewall work on an IPA that will compete among other legislators' brews in downtown Austin in February 2025. (COURTESY PHOTO)

Brad milled grain, mashed in, and wholly took part in the brewing of an India Pale Ale (IPA) that will

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III Armored Corps Commanding General Kevin D. Admiral (far left) and Command Sergeant Major John P. McDwyer (far right) presented Legacy CTX, Inc. with the Outstanding Volunteer in the Communities Team Award. Legacy Board members are shown above receiving the award: (from left) Linda Lopez, Theresa Howard, Michelle Lenis, Dr. Amber Dankert. (COURTESY PHOTO)

III Armored Corps presents Legacy CTX Inc. with Volunteer Team Award

III Armored Corps Commanding General Kevin D. Admiral and Command Sergeant Major John P. McDwyer awarded Legacy CTX Inc. with the Outstanding Volunteer in the Communities Team Award at the Phantom Warrior Award Ceremony at Fort Cavazos on Nov. 25.

The award stated, "Legacy CTX's positive impact in their community and throughout Central Texas is reflected in the volunteer efforts of the small group of 4 women, Dr. Amber Dankert and Michelle Lenis from Fort Cavazos Directorate of Public Works, along with Theresa Howard and Linda Lopez, who have dedicated their time, energy, and resources to addressing local needs and improving the

well-being of others. Over years, they have fostered a culture of service, compassion, and responsibility, directly benefiting Central Texans. By organizing events, fundraising for local causes, and offering educational programs, the dedication of the volunteers of Legacy CTX enhances the quality of life in their community and leaves a lasting legacy of positive change."

Dankert, Howard, Lenis, and Lopez amassed over 700 volunteer hours planning Sirena Fest alone, a massive feat as each are outstanding in their professions and have families at home.

In addition to the Team Award, Dankert also received the Volunteer in the Communities - Individual

Award. Amassing over 300 volunteer hours, the award noted, "Dr. Amber Dankert is making a ripple effect through her volunteer efforts, providing perspectives and ideas, enriching the community, and inspiring others to get involved. (Dankert) inspires her work peers and community to make a difference and encourages a culture of giving back that creates lasting change."

Legacy CTX has two Sirena's Little Food Pantry locations: one at the Salado Civic Center and one at the Field of Dreams. Sirena Fest is hosted the first weekend in October annually. For more information on these, and how to become involved, visit www.legacysalado.org.

Salado VFD Report Dec. 1-7

Date	Location	Call
12/01	YELLOW ROSE DR, Bell	Assist invalid
12/01	AVONLEA CT, Salado	Dispatched & cancelled en route
12/01	IH-35, Salado	Motor vehicle accident, no injuries.
12/01	RANGER BLVD, Bell	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
12/01	SB IH-35 @ MM 282, Salado	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
12/01	WYE OAK DR, Bell	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
12/02	FM 2484, Salado	No incident found on arrival
12/02	HORNED FROG RD, Bell	Dispatched & cancelled en route
12/02	FM 2843, Bell	Assist invalid
12/02	SALADO OAKS DR, Salado	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
12/02	FM 2843, Salado	Lock-out
12/03	ROSE LN, Bell	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
12/03	YELLOW ROSE DR, Bell	Assist invalid
12/03	Brewer Lane, Bell	No incident found on arrival
12/03	NORWOOD DR, Bell	Authorized controlled burning
12/03	LA HERMOSA LN, Bell	Authorized controlled burning
12/03	M WAY, Salado	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
12/04	BIG TREE DR, Bell	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
12/04	CEDAR KNOB CHURCH RD, Bell	Arcing, shorted electrical equipment
12/04	SAINT LUKE ST, Bell	Assist invalid
12/05	ROMBERG RD, Bell	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
12/05	RAMBLING TRL, Bell	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
12/05	YELLOW ROSE DR, BELL	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
12/05	N MAIN ST, Salado	Dispatched & cancelled en route
12/05	MARY LN, Salado	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
12/05	FM 2484, Bell	Dispatched & cancelled en route
12/06	S IH-35 SERVICE RD, Salado	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
12/07	IH-35, Salado	Motor vehicle accident, no injuries.
12/07	FERGUSON MILL RD, Bell	Dispatched & cancelled en route
12/07	KYLEIGH DR, Salado	Detector activation, unintentional
12/07	ROYAL ST, Salado	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
12/07	FM 3481, Bell	Dispatched & cancelled en route
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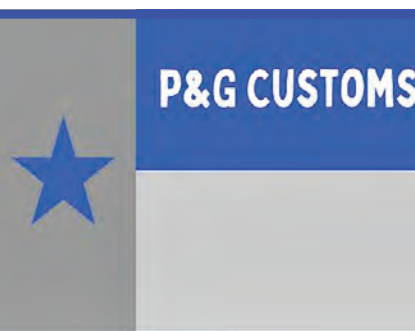
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