

## Meet the staff of your hometown newspaper

The *Salado Village Voice* newspaper was founded by the late Dayton Kelly with the first edition on February 17, 1979.

The newspaper has seen four decades of service to the Village of Salado.

For more than three of those decades, Tim and Marilyn Fleischer have been at the helm of the *Salado Village Voice*.

*Salado Village Voice* newspaper has always been a family affair, since its founding by Dayton Kelly in 1979. After Dayton's death, his sons Dennis and Bill operated the newspaper until the Fleischer family purchased the newspaper in 1988.

*Salado Village Voice* is locally owned and operated. "We are vested in Salado and invested in Salado," says publisher and editor-in-chief Tim Fleischer.

As we begin 2025, *Salado Village Voice* staffers would like to re-introduce themselves to the community we serve.

*Salado Village Voice* has a staff of three full time family members, including publishers Tim and Marilyn Fleischer and their son Royce Wiggin, staff photographer and office assistant.

In addition to individual awards by staff members, *Salado Village Voice* has been honored by the community and state. The newspaper was the first-ever Business of the Year, awarded in January 2003 by the Salado Chamber of Commerce.

For more than 30 years, *Salado Village Voice* has published *Salado: A Jewel in the Crown of Texas*, a quarterly magazine. The *Jewel* magazine has been accepted for distribution at the Texas travel centers at each of the entrances into the state after meeting the strict standards to do so.

The newspaper also maintains an active website at [www.saladovillagevoice.com](http://www.saladovillagevoice.com) and has electronic editions of the newspaper available for subscribers.

The newspaper joined the Texas Press Association in 2010.

### Tim Fleischer

Tim Fleischer has been a newspaperman since he was

16, working for both weeklies and daily newspapers. "I got the Devil's Ink at an early age and haven't been able to get rid of it," he said of his 42 years in the newspaper industry.

For 36 years, he has been the editor of the *Salado Village Voice*.

But his love for Salado has been for more than three decades. "I came to Salado with my parents for the Art Fair and Gathering of the Clans when I was growing up in Coryell County," he said. "I drove through it every day on my way to run a small newspaper in Florence."

Tim and Marilyn Fleischer have published the newspaper since 1988. During that time, the newspaper has grown from an eight-page tabloid to a full-size broadsheet newspaper with four sections.

"We have grown with the community and are a reflection of it," he said.

In those years, the newspaper has won several awards from the Texas Community Newspaper Association, where *Salado Village Voice* competed against newspapers from San Antonio, Dallas, Houston, Austin and around the state.

Tim has won several TCNA awards: advertising design (third in state for large ad format and third in state for advertising series); editorial work (first in state for editorial writing, third in state for editorial writing, third in state for column writing) and second in state for community service (for articles during the incorporation election).

In 2019, he and Royce Wiggin won a Texas Press Association award for Feature Photography.

Fleischer has been named to the Texas Association of School Boards Media Honor Roll several times during his tenure at the helm of the newspaper. Media are recommended and nominated for the Honor Roll by local school boards for their coverage of schools.

He has also served the community in a variety of capacities, including four different terms on the board of directors of the Salado



*Salado Village Voice* staff members are (from left) Photographer Royce Wiggin, Office Mascot Cicero Wiggin, Managing Editor Marilyn Fleischer and Editor-in-Chief Tim Fleischer. (PHOTO BY KAREN CREED)

Chamber of Commerce and six years on the board of directors of the Institute for Humanities at Salado.

He was president of the Salado Chamber of Commerce in 1998 and treasurer for two years of the Institute for Humanities at Salado.

Fleischer was Chairman of the Salado Chamber of Commerce in 2015.

He served a term on the inaugural board of the Salado Community Foundation.

He was also on the first board that established the Mentoring program in Salado.

Tim is a Mason and twice Past Master of the Salado Masonic Lodge #296 and is the current Secretary for the Salado Lodge. He was presented the Golden Trowel award in 2011. As one of the highest honors any Texas freemason can receive, the Golden Trowel Award was established by the Grand Lodge of Texas for the purpose of recognizing any mason who has consistently demonstrated outstanding and exemplary service to the community. He is the Lodge Flag Committee chairman.

He is known to great grandson Nate Timothy Potter as DoDo (like the bird).

He and wife Marilyn share responsibilities at the

newspaper. "She runs the office and makes the business decisions and I make editorial decisions," he said.

The Fleischers are covering their third generation of *Salado* kids. "We are recognizing the names of the kids of those kids we covered in the late 80s and early 90s," Tim said. "Not very many newspapermen can say that they are covering multiple generations of families in a community."

"A community newspaper should be both a cheerleader and a conscience for the town it serves," he adds. "We celebrate our successes whenever we can."

"Because we live here, pay taxes here and serve in our community, we feel a responsibility to holding local officials accountable for their actions," he adds. "This is not always an easy thing to do, but we owe it to the taxpayers, businesses and residents to do this."

"The one thing I try not to do is to tell my readers what to think," he adds. "This is why we have not officially endorsed or opposed a candidate for school board or board of aldermen. We try to present, in as fair a manner as I know how, as much information as possible for the residents and voters to make up their own minds."

### Marilyn Fleischer

Marilyn got the Devil's Ink in her blood after meeting Tim 38 years ago.

She is managing editor and advertising manager of *Salado Village Voice*.

She worked in the corporate world prior to the purchase of the *Salado Village Voice* in 1988.

She also owned and operated a plant business in the Killeen/Copperas Cove area for several years while raising her three children.

During their years in Salado, Marilyn has served the community in many ways.

She was honored by the Salado Chamber of Commerce in 2020 by being named to its Hall of Fame.

"I think I have been most satisfied with my work with the Salado Family Relief Fund," she said.

She is a director on the board of the Salado Community Foundation. The Fleischers opened their home in November for an evening to raise money for the Salado Community Foundation and Salado Family Relief Fund.

Marilyn has also been Art Fair chairperson for multiple years, and served three years as a Chamber of Commerce Director.

She served two three-year terms on the Salado

Civic Center board of directors.

She was on the founding board of the Salado Community Foundation and continues to serve on the foundation board.

She has also won awards from the TCNA. She has twice been honored. She won second place for Best Feature Photo and second place for Community Service for her work with the Salado Family Relief Fund.

The Fleischers helped to establish what became known as the Public Arts League of Salado and the Salado Ambassador Program.

The Fleischers' children -- Royce Wiggin and Jenny Potter, both graduates of Salado High School -- have grown up in the eye of the community. Royce graduated in 2007. Jenny began her school career as a kindergartner at Thomas Arnold Elementary School and graduated in 2009.

Marilyn welcomed her ninth grandchild to the world in 2015. Beren Crow Baggett was born on August 26, 2015.

Great-grandparents to Nate Potter, the Fleischers welcomed twins Kace and Brynn Potter in June 2020 and Ivy Ewell in September 2022.

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## Mayor awards Sgt. Dunshie for action in Killeen incident

During the Jan. 2 Village of Salado Board of Aldermen meeting, Mayor Bert Henry presented Salado Police Sgt. Christopher Dunshie with the Mayor's Award for Outstanding Performance for actions he took while off-duty on Dec. 21.

On Dec. 20, 2024, at approximately midnight, Officers of the Salado Police Department were dispatched to assist Texas Department of Public Safety Troopers with a fatality traffic accident just north of the incorporated limits of the Village of Salado. During that incident, David Holz, wrecker driver with Unlimited Towing, was struck and killed while picking up a vehicle.

A candlelight vigil was organized for Dec. 21 to pay respects to David Holz at the Killeen Mall.

On Dec. 21, 2024, At approximately 4:20 p.m. Dec. 21, Sergeant Dunshie was traveling to the Killeen Mall to attend the candlelight vigil honoring David Holz.

While enroute, Sergeant Dunshie overheard police radio traffic of a motor vehicle pursuit on IH-35 that originated in Temple. The pursuit transitioned to IH-14 westbound. As Sergeant Dunshie entered the parking lot of the Killeen Mall, he overheard the suspect had crashing into the doors of JC Penney's and was driving inside the mall. He was then advised "Shots fired."

At that point, Sergeant Dunshie activated his overhead emergency lighting and proceeded to the scene to offer mutual aid. Sergeant Dunshie pulled his duty-issued weapon and entered JC Penney's, tactically moving along the path of destruction caused by the fleeing subject. Sergeant Dunshie encountered several injured people along the way.

After the incident was contained, Sergeant Dunshie returned to provide medical assistance to some of the injured persons.

Upon being relieved by E.M.S. personnel, Sergeant Dunshie then began assisting Killeen Police Department with identification and staging of witnesses and crime scene security.



(PHOTO COURTESY OF GINA PENCE)

*Salado* police Sgt. Christopher Dunshie (left) is shown above accepting the Mayor's Award for Outstanding Performance from Village of Salado Mayor Bert Henry for actions Sgt. Dunshie took during a motor vehicle pursuit in Killeen.



# FORUM

## U.S. dollar jumps to two-year high

As represented by the Standard and Poor's 500 Stock Index (SPX), the U.S. stock market ended 2024 like a lamb but almost made up for it in the first trading days of the new year. The SPX was down 0.48% for the week after falling nearly 1.5% in the last two and rising almost 1% in the first two trading days of the new year. The venerable SPX is now over 26% higher than a year ago and up nearly 24% in the last three years. The other stock market indicator we follow, the CRSP US Mid Cap Value Index, declined a mild 0.32% for the week to 2806.41 but is 13% higher than a year ago.

The U.S. interest rate benchmark, the 10-year U.S. Treasury note yield, fell nearly half a percent for the week to close at 4.60%, but that yield was almost 18% higher than a year ago when the rate was 3.91% and is a whopping 182% higher than three years ago when it was only 1.63%. As the market value of notes and bonds fall as interest rates rise, the total return of bonds has been less than ideal recently with the total return of the Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index declining by over 7% in the last three years. Ultra short-term yields in Treasury bills continue to reward Treasury money market fund investors, with the one-month T-bill still yielding 4.44%. West Texas Intermediate crude oil (WTI) finished the U.S. trading week at \$74.04 per barrel, up 5.43% from last Friday but only 1.84% higher than a year ago and 2.68% lower than three years ago.

### The Economy

The American economy has been experiencing a burst of productivity growth over the past few years; however, the last two weeks seem to us to be likely to put a dent in that growth, albeit one that may not show up in the official statistics

### Market & Economic Update

by Jeffrey W. McClure



as the effect is spread over two years. Christmas and New Year's Day fell on Wednesdays and effectively gutted the week. Productivity has long been observed to be relatively poor on the first and last days of the workweek, which is to say, on the day before a day off and the day when people return to work. Every day of the past two weeks falls into that low-productivity zone.

With little in the way of economic reports again this week, we at least can look back on 2024 and attempt to gain some perspective on what has happened. The U.S. economy had a good year with average real economic growth above 2.4%, and the annualized growth rate looks like it will be around 3% for the last two quarters. The broad stock market responded by producing an astonishing nearly 26% appreciation. The previous two years have seen the greatest total returns in the last 25 years. That trend was accompanied by the strongest labor market since the late 1960s, as the unemployment rate has held at or below 4.3% for just over three years.

At the same time, there are notable clouds on the horizon as consumer confidence took an unusually large decline in December, falling from 112.8 to 104.7, according to the Conference Board. Notably, both business and consumer confidence, after soaring immediately after the election, appear to be sobering up as the probable effects of the new administration's economic policies sink in. The consensus was that economic growth would slow in 2025 despite a generally positive view of the cur-

rent labor market. Another dark area is the gradual decline in durable goods orders reported by the Census Bureau. We have often opined that durable goods orders are among the more reliable indicators of where the economy will go over the next six months to a year. When businesses and families feel confident and believe revenue will grow, they are more willing to make longer-term purchases and, conversely, less likely to do so when they suspect things may not be so rosy in the coming months. A silver lining buried in that report was that orders for core capital goods, a good indicator of business investment, rose 0.7% as shipments rose 0.5% for the month. However, for the year, core capital goods purchases were down by half a percent. Those changes also appeared in the considerable increase in the trade deficit figures as businesses accelerated import orders to get ahead of the promised tariffs.

In the general "good news is sometimes bad news" category, the value of the U.S. dollar jumped to a two-year high as it now takes only \$1.03 to purchase one euro. The good news is that if you are visiting Europe, your dollar buys more, but the bad news is that a rising dollar makes goods manufactured in the U.S. more expensive, which tends to reduce export sales and increase imports.

Once more, as we transition from 2024 to 2025, we are forced to report that the U.S. economy is in great shape as it bumps up against infrastructure restrictions with the highest nominal large, industrialized country's growth on earth.

## "Thank You" Mr. President

To: President Joe Biden

Mr. President:

I wish to thank you for your service to our country. You are 3 days older than me, I was born November 23, 1942, so we grew up in the same time sphere. In my opinion you have fought the good fight, run the long race and you have won! You and

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Letters to the Editor

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than was this same earth of 83 years ago.

As we say in Texas: "Vaya Con Dios".  
Darrell Street  
Citizen

## Power to the patients

By SALLY C. PIPES

America's health bill will surpass \$7.7 trillion by 2032. That's equivalent to one in every five dollars flowing through the economy.

To address this crisis, we must make health care work like other sectors of our economy, rather than the bloated, over-regulated mess it is today. And that will require giving patients more control over their healthcare dollars.

Because massive government programs like Medicare reimburse providers so little, hospitals and doctors charge private insurers higher rates to make up the difference. Private health plans pay hospitals 254% of what Medicare would have paid, on average.

Private insurers pass their higher costs onto patients in the form of soaring premiums, deductibles, and restrictions on what's covered.

Obamacare's many mandates have encouraged consolidation throughout the healthcare marketplace.

Hospitals are getting bigger, too, in order to gain negotiating leverage with insurers. The 10 biggest U.S. healthcare systems now manage more than 1,200 hospitals, or about 20% of our country's total.

All that consolidation reduces competition and nudges costs higher.

To top it all off, nobody knows exactly how much anything costs until they get hit with the bill. As of Feb-

ruary 2023, three-quarters of hospitals still failed to publish their prices, despite federal rules requiring them to do so.

It's time to end this madness.

The first move should be to create a regulatory environment that incentivizes providers to disclose cash prices in a clear and usable fashion. Enforcing price transparency rules would help.

But so would empowering consumers to make real choices. If patients are responsible for spending their own healthcare dollars, they will naturally become more price-conscious.

That's where health savings accounts and health reimbursement arrangements come into play. HSAs allow consumers to set aside money tax-free, which they can use to pay for health care as they see fit. When people have control over their healthcare dollars, providers have to compete for their business. Over time, that leads to better quality and lower costs.

Congress should consider allowing Medicare beneficiaries to contribute to HSAs. Lawmakers should also raise the limits on what people can contribute to an HSA each year.

Health reimbursement arrangements allow employers to give their employees tax-free money for medical costs or insurance premiums.

Employers may prefer them to traditional health

insurance plans because they're a defined cash benefit. Employees may like HRAs because they can pick the health insurance plan that meets their needs -- or use the money to pay for care from a provider of their choosing, not their insurer's.

Finally, policymakers should relax rules that reduce the supply of health care. Scope-of-practice regulations limit what services nurse practitioners and physician assistants can provide -- even when those providers are fully qualified.

A 2018 study found that patients treated by nurse practitioners had lower rates of hospital admission, readmission, and inappropriate emergency department use than those treated by physicians. Allowing NPs and PAs to practice more independently would effectively expand the supply of providers -- and thereby cause prices to fall.

We don't have to let health spending spiral out of control. Common-sense, market-based reforms could unleash the power of competition to lower costs -- and deliver savings for taxpayers and patients alike.

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## The fiscal hawks never win

By RICH LOWRY

It feels like 2013 again. Back then, a beleaguered Republican Speaker of the House was forced into a government shutdown by firebrands in his caucus who considered him insufficiently pure.

A revolution in GOP politics has happened since, and yet a beleaguered Republican Speaker of the House has been forced to the verge of a government shutdown by firebrands in his caucus who consider him insufficiently pure.

The difference is that Mike Johnson -- unlike his predecessor, John Boehner -- isn't just dealing with an internal revolt; he also had the most powerful Republican politician on the planet and his extremely influential sidekick blast his handiwork, namely, Donald Trump and Elon Musk, respectively.

Johnson did make a mistake with the so-called continuing resolution to keep the government funded past a looming deadline. In negotiations, he let it balloon into a true monstrosity. What was supposed to be a stop-gap measure to avoid a government shutdown became a vehicle to pass new legislation in a last-minute, 1,500-page bill that no one was going to read.

The yet-to-be-resolved episode shows that Republican hostility to spending still exists a decade after Tea Party Republicans roiled the establishment -- and made John Boehner's life miserable -- demanding massive deficit reduction.

Now, though, this reflex

has taken a new form. It is expressed in fierce opposition to "the swamp" -- in this case, business-as-usual logrolling in Congress -- and excitement about the prospects for Musk's DOGE, the new Department of Government Efficiency.

The bipartisan agreement in Washington, D.C., to perpetually spend more money is indeed disgraceful, and DOGE could be a welcome force for new thinking. Yet, both of these are really beside the point when considering the red ink that one day -- probably not tomorrow and maybe not even several years from now -- could cause a horrendous fiscal crisis.

There are idiotic programs and senseless regulations aplenty, but the money that can be found in the federal couch cushions is relatively minimal. Most federal spending has strong public backing, and so a \$6.8 trillion budget that looks like a juicy target is very hard to bring under control.

The math is as brutal as ever. Social Security and Medicare, together with veterans benefits and other health programs, account for more than half of the budget. One of Trump's signature promises, of course, is not to touch Medicare and Social Security. Then, interest on the debt and defense spending take up about another \$2 trillion.

What's left is, in the scheme of things, a pittance, and even programs in this category have constituencies.

If the budget is ever to be put on a more rational

basis, there is no substitute for making a public case for a serious reform agenda that includes entitlements like Social Security and Medicare. This is a politically perilous project, which is why the Republican Party abandoned it. How much easier and satisfying it is to tank flagrantly absurd end-of-year spending bills and to put extravagant hopes in DOGE.

It is telling what else was happening in Washington while Mike Johnson's continuing resolution went down in flames. Congress was busy working to pass, on a bipartisan basis, the Social Security Fairness Act at a cost of roughly \$200 billion over 10 years. It doesn't matter that the legislation is a poorly designed giveaway to public employees that experts across the spectrum think is a bad idea.

DOGE will be hard-pressed just to claw that money back. Musk and Vivek Ramaswamy have talked about cutting a swath of federal workers. According to the Congressional Budget Office, in 2022, the federal government employed 2.3 million civilians at a cost of \$271 billion. So if you can cut 10% of those employees, which would be a stunning accomplishment, you might cover the 10-year cost of the Social Security Fairness Act, while still treading fiscal water.

This points to another similarity with 2013. All the drama and chaos is unlikely to fundamentally alter our dreadful fiscal trajectory.

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# Saint Stephen Women's Society hosts Charity Bingo Event Jan. 18

The Saint Stephen Women's Society (SSWS) of Saint Stephen Parish announce an afternoon of Bingo to support three local charities: the Salado Senior Center, Heart and Hands Ministry, and Salado Family Relief. The event will take place on Jan. 18 at Thomas Arnold Elementary School Cafeteria.

The fun begins when doors open at 1 p.m., and Bingo starts at 2 p.m. Participants can purchase paper Bingo cards for \$10, which includes three chances to win across ten exciting games. Daubers will be available to borrow, but players are also welcome to bring their own.

In addition to Bingo, SSWS will be selling \$5 raffle tickets for gift baskets generously supplied by local businesses and parishioners. All net proceeds from this event will be donated equally among the three local charities.

SSWS has a longstanding tradition of supporting the community. This Char-



Bingo to support three local charities: the Salado Senior Center, Heart and Hands Ministry, and Salado Family Relief.

ity Bingo event comes as a fresh twist on their usual "Turkey Bingo" held in November, a beloved event for over 20 years. This year, SSWS President Susan Starnes decided to shift the timing to January to avoid

the busy November period. If successful, this new Bingo event will become an annual fundraiser.

For more information, contact Saint Stephen's office at 254-947-8037.

# Staff

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Royce Wiggin

Royce Wiggin is one of those rare species: a native of Salado, born here on July 5, 1989.

His first home was the historic Levi Tenney House in Salado's Pace Park.

He has attended school in Salado since second grade graduating in 2007.

While in high school, he was a trumpet player in the Salado Eagle Marching Band.

He began work at the newspaper over the summer of his junior year in high school.

His responsibilities include photography and reporting, distribution, classified advertising, placing and rotating ads on pages, directing phone calls in the office, proof reading, typesetting and a myriad of other duties.

Royce is the staff sports photographer, traveling to games on Tuesdays and Fridays to shoot football, volleyball, basketball, cross country, soccer and in the spring, track, baseball and softball.

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# Study: More than 6 million Texans face food insecurity

By KIM MOSCARITOLO  
HUNGER FREE AMERICA

Nearly 3 million Texas residents didn't have enough to eat over two one-week periods in August/September of 2024, 52% more than in August/September of 2021, according to an annual Hunger Atlas Report by the nonprofit group Hunger Free America, based on an analysis of federal data. Hunger Free America attributes this surge in hunger to the expiration of several federal programs, including the expanded Child Tax Credit, increased SNAP (formerly called food stamps) allotments, and universal school meals, coupled with the impact of inflation.

According to the USDA food insecurity data - a different way of measuring food hardship analyzed by Hunger Free America - 6,205,358 Texas residents (20.9%) were found to live in food insecure households between 2021 and 2023. This includes 23.8% of children in the state (1,769,812), 15.3% of employed adults (2,177,491), and 11.9% of older Texas residents (679,824).

This year, in addition to their annual hunger survey, Hunger Free America also conducted a nationwide poll of low-income American households with children to assess the impacts of the USDA's new Summer EBT program. Summer EBT (also known as SUN Bucks) is a new grocery benefit that launched in the summer of 2024 in 37 states and Washington, D.C. The new ben-

efit allows families with eligible school-aged children in states that opt-into the program to receive \$120 per child for groceries over the summer. Thirteen states, including Texas, opted out of participating in the program in its inaugural year, 2024.

The findings of the Summer EBT survey, which can be viewed at <https://hungerfreeamerica.org/en-us/research/summer-ebt-impact-report>, showed that 75% of respondents who received the benefits said the benefits helped them buy more fruits and vegetables and/or shop more frequently at farmers' markets. 73% of respondents who did not receive Summer EBT benefits said the extra benefits would have been very helpful for their family to afford enough food and/or healthy food.

“How can anyone seriously think the economy is healthy when so Americans - spread out among suburban, rural and urban communities in red and blue states alike -- have a tough time affording something as basic as food?” said Hunger Free America CEO Joel Berg. “Our leaders must fight fiercely to protect key food, housing, and health care safety net programs, as well as vocally push to restore the expanded CTC (which previously halved U.S. child poverty), they must also embrace far broader programmatic and

systemic reforms that are aspirational and opportunity-boosting.”

## OTHER FINDINGS FROM THE HUNGER ATLAS REPORT:

16.8% of children in the U.S. lived in food insecure households in the 2021-2023 time period. The states with the highest rates of food insecure children were Texas (23.8%), Oklahoma (23.2%), Nebraska (22.6%), Georgia (22.4%), and Arkansas (22.4%).

Nationally, 10.2% of employed adults in the U.S. lived in food insecure households during the three-year time period. The states with the highest rates of food insecurity among employed adults were Arkansas (15.3%), Texas (15.3%), Louisiana (14.2%), Oklahoma (14.1%), and Nebraska (13.0%).

In the U.S., 8.4% of older Americans, defined as people 60 years and older, lived in food insecure households. Louisiana had the highest rate of food insecurity among older Americans at 13.0%, followed by Mississippi (12.5%), Arkansas (12.2%), Texas (11.9%), and DC (11.3%).


The full Hunger Atlas report, “Aid Denied, Hunger Increased”, is available on Hunger Free America's website: <https://www.hungerfreeamerica.org/en-us/research/hunger-report-ny-2024>



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The Ben Rochester Family will play their Bluegrass Gospel music at 6 p.m. Jan. 17 at First Cedar Valley Baptist Church.

## Ben Rochester Family to play at Cedar Valley

First Cedar Valley Baptist Church, located at 12395 FM 2843, invites everyone to a concert with the Ben Rochester Family at 6 p.m. Jan. 17.

"You sure don't want miss this precious Bluegrass group," said pastor Donnie Jackson. "What a blessing to have them in Salado."

Ben Rochester started learning to play harmonica and banjo at the age of seven. Through the years he added bass, guitar, mandolin and dobro. At age 12, his parents Harold and Joyce Rochester went into full time music ministry. He spent 33 years singing,

playing music and traveling full time ministry with The Rochesters.

At the beginning of 2022, Ben started working in his home recording studio more, but God began opening doors for him and his family to take their music on the road.

Ben and his wife Linda, were married in 1997 and have three children: daughter Lindzi who is married to Levi Elliot; daughter Lizzie, and son J.B.

The Ben Rochester Family now consists of Ben and Linda, Lizzie, J.B. and Josh Gordon.

"Their greatest desire is to glorify The Lord, Jesus

Christ with the talents that God has blessed them with, and follow His will, for their lives," Jackson said.

"I hope and pray that every song we sing and every note we play will be used by God, to bless some soul, heal some wounded spirit, encourage some discouraged saint, and proclaim that God's love is unconditional and His Grace is sufficient, His mercy is new every morning and that he will save anyone who will comes to him by Jesus Christ," Ben said.

The concert is free but a love offering will be taken.

## Heritage Country Church first Men's Conference asks "Adam, where are you?"

Pastor Ricky Lindsey will host the Heritage Country Church first annual Men's Conference 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Jan. 18. The church is located at 9677 Lark Trail.

The men's conference will feature Cody Cochran and Todd King as special guests.

Admission is \$10 with pre-registration at [heritagecountrychurch.org](http://heritagecountrychurch.org) or \$15 at the door. Admission includes lunch

"Adam, Where Are You?" is the theme of the men's conference.

"Iron sharpens iron, so a man sharpens his friend," Pastor Lindsey says.

Cody Cochran is senior pastor at Bethel Assembly in Anson.

"Rural America has a huge need for hope. Our goal here at Bethel Assembly is to be a light of hope for the surrounding towns of Abilene," he says.

Bethel Assembly has four campuses around Abilene. Cochran is pastor at the main campus in Anson. There are other campuses in Albany, Stamford and Sweetwater.

"We are called by God to be disciples and deliverers of good news," Cochran says. "The sheer passion we have for Christ is unrivaled."

Todd King is pastor at High Mesa Cowboy Church



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in Brownwood.

There is a certain breed of folk that comes from a special stock whose roots run deep into the Texas clay, but I'm finding out it ain't just Texans," King says. "These folks come from a heritage of hard work and calloused hands, respect, and love for the land, honoring their families, with morals and values that were set by their grandparent's grandparents. There is this kindred spirit that brings us together, men, women, and children alike. He is bold and proud and sits tall in the saddle. It is the soul of the American Cowboy. It's just a part of our being."

"Once teamed with the Holy Spirit, through the acceptance of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, this folk will become a powerful force, like a great and

mighty wind that will blow across ravaged lands," he adds.

"It's time to cinch your saddle tight, take up your cross... and take the narrow trail," he says. "Sometimes it's a little steep, and few want to go up it, but you don't want to miss this."

### Women's Conference in May

Heritage Country Church invites women of the community to the Renewal and Radiance Women's Conference 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. May 3 featuring guest speaker Tammy Whitehurst and singer/songwriter Sandie Dickey.

Pre-registration is now open at [heritagecountrychurch.org](http://heritagecountrychurch.org). Admission is \$35 per person.

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

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

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

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

Open Mic with Ryan White, at Chupacabra, 7 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Wednesdays**  
 Guest food truck day at Barrow Brewing Co., 4-9 p.m. Wine Down Wednesday at Axis Winery, 4-8 p.m., half-price glasses of wine.

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

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

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

Word out Wednesday every week at Provecho, 109 Royal



Learn to play Mah Jongg 10 a.m.-noon Thursdays at the Salado Senior Center, 615 Royal St. Mah Jongg for experienced players noon-3 p.m.

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

**Thursdays**

Salado Senior Center open 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Thursdays at 650 Royal St. (Salado United Methodist Church Youth Activity Center). Coffee Corner, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Game Time, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Exercise class with Alice Cooper, 9 a.m. Chair Tai Chi with Rich Trautman, 10-11 a.m. Learn to Play Mah Jongg, 10 a.m.-noon; Dominoes 42, 10 a.m.-noon. Mah Jongg, 12-3 p.m. Beginner or Refresher Bridge, noon-2 p.m. Bridge, 12-3 p.m. Bingo 1-2:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Fridays**

Storytime with Ms. Mia, Salado Public Library, 11 a.m. Fajita Friday at Provecho, 109 Royal St. All you can eat fajitas for \$20.24.

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

Live Music at Chupacabra Craft Beers, 7-11 p.m.

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

**Saturdays**

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

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

Live Music at Barrow Brewing, 7 p.m.

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

**Sundays**

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

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

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

**January 1-31**

Annual Texas Stagecoach Wine Trail. You will have 31 days to visit eight participating wineries and enjoy your tastings. Participating wineries are 3 Texans Winery and Vineyard, Bee Ma Rosa Vineyard and Winery, Country Spring Vineyard and Wine Garden, Dancing Bee Winery, Moose & Goose Winery, Red Caboose Winery, Salado Winery Co., and Valley Mills Winery. Tickets are \$40 (\$135+ value) available eventbrite.com. Or visit stagecoachtxwinetrail.com for more information.

**January 9-11**

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

**January 10**

Live Music at Axis Winery, 1420 N. Robertson Rd., 5 p.m. Colin Boutwell.

**January 10**

Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 7 p.m., Wayworn Traveler.

**January 10**

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

**January 11**

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.

**January 11**

Live Music at Axis Winery, 1420 N. Robertson Rd., 1:30 p.m. Kristen Taylor; 5 p.m. Richard Watson.

**January 11**

Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 7 p.m., Songbird Jones.

**January 11**

Live music at Bar 1859, 7 p.m., Ray Palousek, pianist/singer.

**January 11**

Live music at Chupacabra, 8 p.m., Dean Paul Willeford.

**January 11-12**

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

**January 12**

Live Music at Axis Winery, 1420 N. Robertson Rd., 2 p.m., Aiden Quick.

**January 12**

Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 4 p.m., Earle Nelson.

**January 12**

Ecumenical Taizé, St. Joseph's Episcopal Church, 881 N. Main St., 6 p.m.

**January 14**

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

**January 15**

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

**January 16**

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.

**January 16**

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

**January 16**

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.

**January 16**

Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 7 p.m., Russell Weller.

**January 17**

Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 7 p.m., Al Shire.

**January 17**

Live music at Chupacabra, 7 p.m., Daniel Johnson.

**January 17-February 8**

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

**January 18**

Centering Prayer Workshop. 8:30 a.m.-noon, St. Joseph's Episcopal Church parish hall, 881 North Main St. Learn about this contemplative style of prayer in the first of six sessions. For information or to RSVP, email Vicki Joy at Clanmcclore@yahoo.com.

**January 18**

Saint Stephen Women's Society (SSWS) afternoon of Bingo to support three local charities: the Salado Senior Center, Heart and Hands Ministry, and Salado Family Relief. Doors open 1 p.m. at Thomas Arnold Elementary School Cafeteria. Paper Bingo cards for \$10, which includes three chances to win. SSWS will be selling \$5 raffle tickets

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**January 18**  
Live Music at Axis Winery, 1420 N. Robertson Rd., 1:30 p.m., Eley Buck Davis; 5 p.m., Wayworn Traveler.

**January 18**  
Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 7 p.m., Gabriel River Band.

**January 18**  
Live music at Chupacabra, 8 p.m., Andrew Jones.

**January 19**  
Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 4 p.m., Brian Mullin.

**January 22**  
Salado Lions Club luncheon meeting, 11:30 a.m., Salado Civic Center.

**January 22**  
Barrow Brewing Co., guest food truck, 4-8 p.m., Simply Porkfection.

**January 22-26**  
Cookies & Brews, ticketed event at Barrow Brewing Co. Enjoy a flight of four craft beers paired with a delicious Girl Scout cookie. Tickets at <https://centraltextastickets.com/events/cookies-brews-1-22-2025>

**January 23**  
Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 6 p.m. Zachary Burnett.

**January 23-25**  
Central Texas Youth Rodeo Association Rodeo, Heritage Country Church, 9677 Lark Trail, Salado. Thursday starts at 7 p.m. Friday starts at 7 p.m. Saturday starts at 6 p.m. Order of Events: Poles, Straights, Goats, Barrels, Chute Dogging, Dbl Mugging, Tie Down, Ribbons, Breakaway and Team Roping.

**January 24**  
Gua Sha and Glow event, 4-6 p.m., Village Spa, 216 Royal St. Hands-on tutorial on the correct techniques to of using the Gua Sha tool to tone and sculpt. Gua Sha tool included in class fee of \$25. Also learn the benefits of red light therapy. Save \$60 on all Omnilux products. RSVP by calling 254-293-6600. Sponsored by Village Spa and Rachel Draper Wellness Omnilux.

**January 24**  
Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 7 p.m., Everett Wren.

**January 24**  
Live music at Chupacabra, 7 p.m., Kyle Mathis.

**January 25**  
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.

**January 25**  
Seventh Annual Australia Day at Barrow Brewing Co. Australians and Texans have a lot in common and Barrow Brewing Co. is joining in the celebration of this awesome country/continent.

**January 25**  
Live Music at Axis Winery, 1420 N. Robertson Rd., 1:30 p.m., Noah Derrick; 5 p.m., Isabel Suarez.

**January 25**  
Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 6 p.m., James Stone

**January 25**  
Live music at Chupacabra, 8 p.m., Steve Hamende.

**January 26**  
Heritage Country Church Annual Chili Cook-Off, 11:15 a.m. immediately following the church service. \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids to eat. For those entering the contest, use at least 10 lbs. of meat (no beans). Categories include Regular and Game and Beans. Trophies for first, second and third in each category. Trophy for one overall winner.

**January 26**  
Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 4 p.m., Mam Ghost.

**January 27**  
Salado American Legion Post 585, 7 p.m., Barrow Brewing Co.

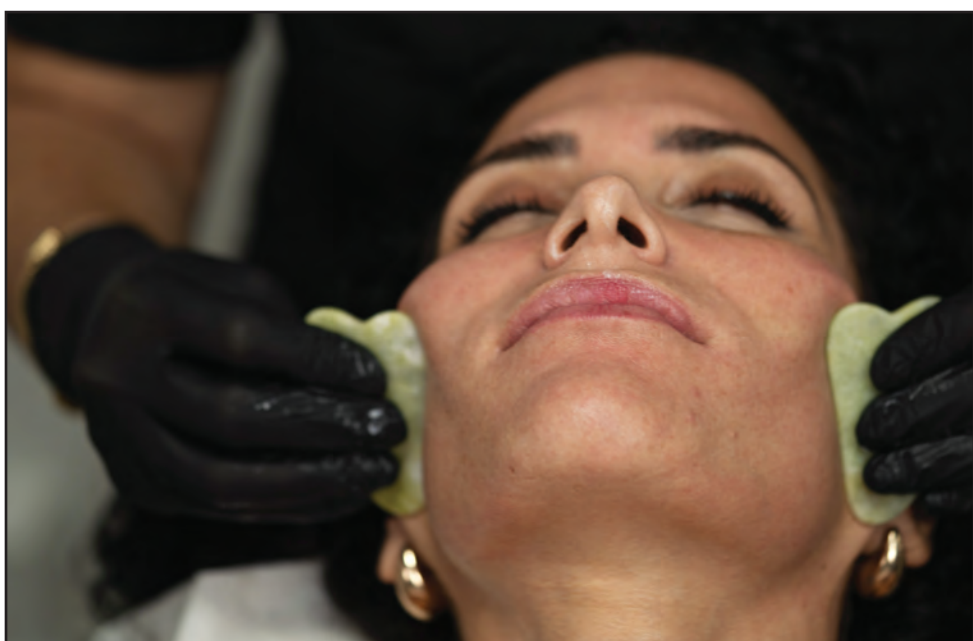
**January 29**  
Barrow Brewing Co., guest food truck, 4-8 p.m., Bahler Street Pizza.

**January 28**  
Village of Salado Planning and Zoning Commission public hearing on the possible adoption of Local Retail zoning ordinance, 6:30 p.m., Village of Salado Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Road. Meeting to discuss zoning of 7.109 acres at 1991 N. Stagecoach Rd. owned by Salado Hospitality Investments as Local Retail.

**January 28**  
Village of Salado Planning and Zoning Commission public hearing on the possible adoption of Local Retail zoning ordinance, 6:30 p.m., Village of Salado Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Road. Meeting to discuss zoning of 2.085 acres owned by Celts International, LLC, property known as Salado Center Development as Local Retail.

**January 30**  
Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 6 p.m., Andrew Blanton.

**January 31**  
Live music at Chupacabra, 7 p.m., Erick Chase Moya.



**January 24**  
Gua Sha and Glow event, 4-6 p.m., Village Spa, 216 Royal St. Hands-on tutorial on the correct techniques to of using the Gua Sha tool to tone and sculpt. Gua Sha tool included in class fee of \$25. Also learn the benefits of red light therapy. Save \$60 on all Omnilux products. RSVP by calling 254-293-6600. Sponsored by Village Spa and Rachel Draper Wellness Omnilux.

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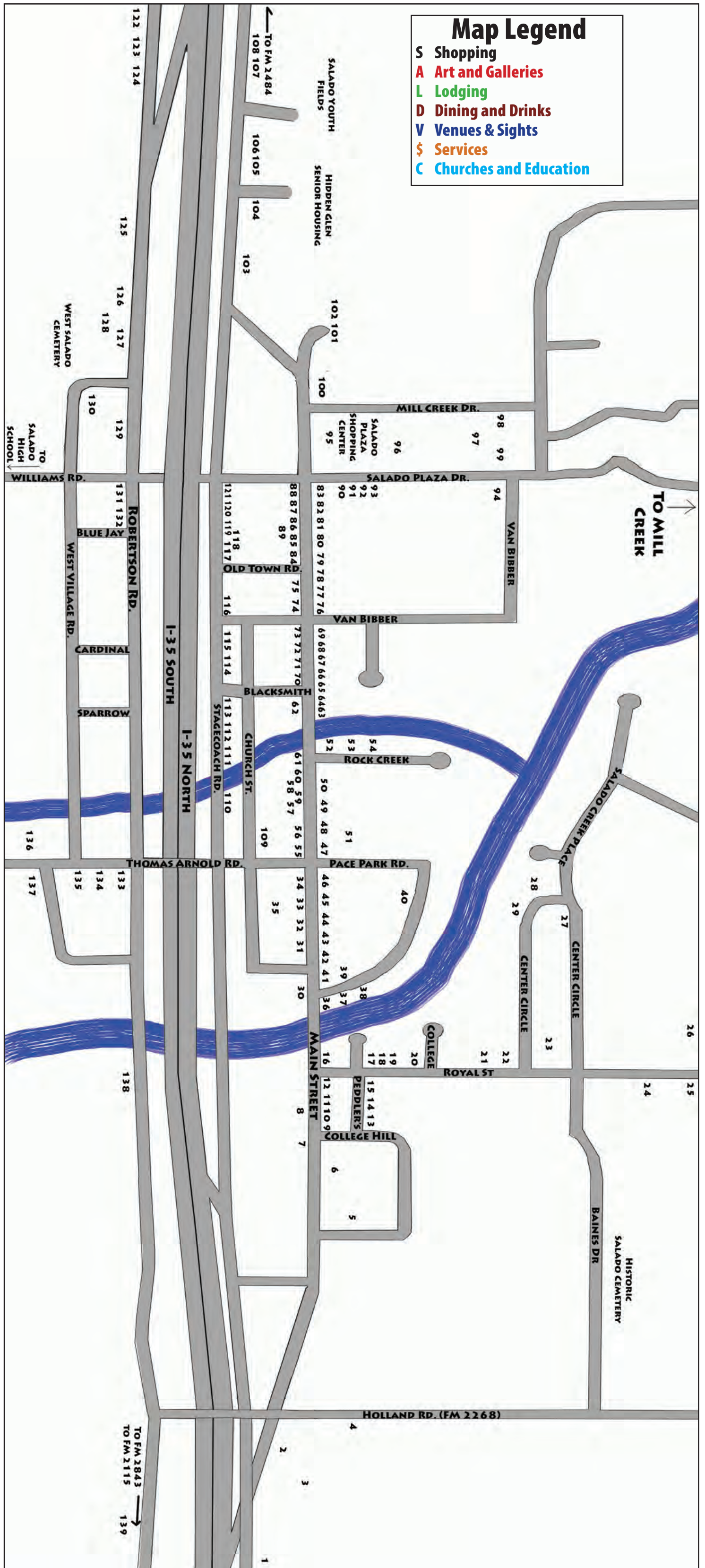
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9	Salado Museum 254-947-5232	V
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	Salado Chamber of Commerce 254-947-5040	\$
10	Sofi's 254-947-4336	S
11	Chupacabra Craft Beer and Winery (254) 308-2019	D
	Chupacabra Kitchen (254) 308-2220	D
13	Bourbon Speaks 254-308-2045	D
14	Salado Glassworks 254-947-0339	A
15	Provecho 254-308-2098	D
17	Barrow Brewing Co. 254-947-3544	D
	Happy Pizza 254-226-1684	S
19	TEX28 Outfitters 254-545-9978	S
21	The Venue 254-947-5554	V
	Village Spa 254-293-6600	S
22	The Shed 254-947-1960	D
24	Tablerock 254-947-5482	V
26	Salado United Methodist Church	C
29	Inn on the Creek 254-947-5554	L
	Alexanders Craft Cocktails & Kitchen 254-947-3828	D
30	First Baptist Church 254-947-546	C
32	First Texas Brokerage 254-947-5577	\$
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34	First Community Title 254-947-8480	\$
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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
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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	



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Sydney Lange scores against Celina on a penalty kick in a Dec. 28 scrimmage.



Izzy Blancaflor puts the ball in play.



Cambry Edmondson blocks a shot on goal by Celina.



Emily Lemus fights Celina's Sammy Quiroz for the ball.



Avery Hibner contests Celina.

## Lady Eagles soccer compete in Waller Tournament

Salado Lady Eagles soccer competed against 6A schools in the Waller Tournament Jan. 2-4.

Salado opened the tournament with a 0-0 (5-4) win in penalty kicks over George Ranch Jan. 2.

The Lady Eagles lost to

Oak Ridge 1-3 in game 2 on Jan. 3, and lost 0-2 to Bridgeland Jan. 4.

Salado Lady Eagles shut out Georgetown East View 4-0 Dec. 30. Goals were scored by Emily Lemus, Lucy Johnson, Jill Taylor and Avery Hibner. Emily

Lemus had two assists, and Cade Harris had an assist.

Salado Lady Eagles Soccer lost a physical game to the visiting Celina Bobcats 1-3 in a scrimmage Dec. 28. Sydney Lange scored the Lady Eagles' goal on a penalty kick.

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# Eagles compete in Fredericksburg

Salado Eagles are 10-13 and 1-2 in District 24-4A basketball after the winter break.

**SHS 49**  
**JHS 34**

Salado beat Jarrell 49-34 Jan. 3.

Bryson Byers led the Eagles with 19 points, six rebounds, three assists, a deflection, two steals.

Griffin Self followed with 16 points, four rebounds, two deflections.

Also contributing were Mason Brown, nine points, five rebounds, two assists, two deflections, three steals, two blocks; Liam Wilcox, five points, four rebounds, three assists, one deflection, two steals; Bradon Gonzalez, three rebounds, one assist, one deflection, two steals; Korbin Konarik, three rebounds, three deflections; Kenneth Angel, two rebounds, an assist.

**SHS 50**  
**MFHS 63**

Salado lost 63-50 to Marble Falls in a home game Dec. 31.

Scoring for the Eagles were Bryson Byers, 17 points, 11 rebounds, two assists, two deflections, a steal; Griffin Self, 14 points, seven rebounds, two assists; Mason Brown, eight points, four rebounds, four assists, a deflection, two steals; Colby Ramm, six points, six rebounds, two assists, two deflections; Bradon Gonzalez, two points, three rebounds, an assist, two steals; Liam Wilcox, two points, three rebounds, an assist; Korbin Konarik, one point, a rebound, an assist, a steal.

## Fredericksburg

### Tournament

**SHS 47**  
**HHHS 100**

Salado lost to Huffman-Hargrave 100-47 Dec. 27.

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

**SHS 47**  
**HECHS 39**

Salado beat Hidalgo Early College 47-39 on Dec. 27.

Scoring for Salado were Bryson Byers, 15 points, five rebounds, two assists, two deflections, three steals; Mason Brown, 15 points, four rebounds, an assist, four steals, two blocks; Bradon Gonzalez, four points, six rebounds, three deflections, three steals; Korbin Konarik, four points, four rebounds, an assist, a deflection, two steals; Colby Ramm, three points, a rebound, three assists, four deflections, two steals; Griffin Self, two points, two rebounds, an assist, a deflection, a steal; Derrick Smith, two points, a rebound; Liam Wilcox, a point, five rebounds, two deflections, a steal; Kenneth Angel, a point, three rebounds, a deflection, a steal; Brennon Heber, a rebound.

**SHS 37**  
**FHS 47**

Salado lost to Fredericksburg 47-37 Dec. 28.

Scoring for Salado were Colby Ramm, 14 points, three rebounds, two assists, a steal, a block; Mason Brown, 10 blocks, seven rebounds, four assists, one



Bradon Gonzalez goes up against Marble Falls. (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)



Bryson Byers grabs a rebound against Marble Falls. (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)

deflection, one steal, one block; Korbin Konarik, five points, a rebound, two deflections, two steals, a block; Bryson Byers, four points, a rebound, an assist, two deflections; Brennon Heber, two points,

three rebounds; Griffin Self, two points, an assist, a steal; Bradon Gonzalez, four rebounds, a deflection, a steal; Liam Wilcox, a rebound, three deflections, Derrick Smith and Kenneth Angel, a deflection each.



Aerial view of high school and stadium construction.

# Construction update

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 at the new high school site last week:

- Continued Area A steel erection
- Placed Area K slab on grade
- Reinforced Area H footings and grade beams
- Placed Area J grade beams and footings
- Poured East parking lot
- Passed fire loop hydro test

These are the activities our general contractor and subcontractors are working on at the new high school site this week:

- Complete Area A steel erection
- Begin Area K CMU

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by Dr. Michael Novotny



- Place Area H grade beams and footings
- Place final section of East parking lot
- Excavate Area G footings and grade beams
- Underground plumbing and electrical in Area J
- Completed Area R underground plumbing
- Prepped Area T foundation
- Began Area S underground plumbing
- Set forms for Area U slab on grade
- Completed North park-

ing lot storm drainage

These are the activities our general contractor and subcontractors are working on at the new stadium site this week:

- Place Area U concrete slab on grade
- Begin Area S underground plumbing
- Excavate Area P footings and grade beams
- Place Area T footings
- Begin Area V underground electrical
- Continue storm line in West parking lot

If you have any questions regarding the construction of these new facilities you are welcome to contact me at michael.novotny@sala-

doisd.org or 254-947-6905.





Ally Ihler puts up a shot against Lago Vista.



Morgan Riggs grabs a rebound.



Addy McCoin scores two points against Lago Vista.

## Lady Eagles compete in Weatherford Tournament

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Salado Lady Eagles are 13-11 and 0-1 in District 24-4A basketball after games played over the winter break.

SHS 37  
JHS 51

Salado Lady Eagles lost to Jarrell 51-27 Jan. 3.

Riley Guthrie led the girls with 12 points, six rebounds, three deflections.

Also scoring were Karlee Konarik, seven points, two rebounds, three assists, four deflections, a steal; Ally Ihler, six points, 12 rebounds, an assist, a deflection, two steals; Bri Tutor, four points, four rebounds, an assist, three deflections; Kate Maedgen, four points, four rebounds, three deflections, two steals; Brylee Craddick, two points, two rebounds, three deflections; Jenna Goodman, two points; Mack Lewis, four rebounds, an assist, a steal.

SHS 58  
LVHS 34

Salado Lady Eagles beat Lago Vista 58-34 Dec. 31.

Scoring for the Lady Eagles were the following: Ally Ihler, 18 points, seven rebounds, three assists, four deflections; Karlee Konarik, 10 points, 12 rebounds, three assists, five deflections, two steals, a block; Riley Guthrie, 10 points, seven rebounds, five deflections, three steals; Addy McCoin, six points, three rebounds, a deflection; Kate Maedgen, four points, three rebounds, three assists, four deflections, two steals; Morgan Riggs, four points, three rebounds; Mack Lewis, three points, three rebounds, three assists, five deflections, five steals; Jenna Goodman, three points, two deflections; Bri Tutor, four rebounds, two deflections, on steal; Brylee Craddick, three rebounds, two assists, four deflections, a steal, a block.

### Weatherford Tournament

SHS 58  
PHS 47

Salado Lady Eagles beat

## Eagles compete in Governor's Cup

Salado Eagle soccer competed in the Governors Cup Jan. 2-4 in Georgetown.

Salado's final game of the tournament was a 3-3 draw against Austin Achieve Jan. 4. Goals were made by Gabe Merriman, Caine Cruddas and Luke Munson. Assists were made by Brody Delukie and Devonte Foster.

The Eagles tied Cedar Creek 1-1 in the second game of the tournament Jan. 3. Devonte Foster scored the

Paschal 58-47 on Dec. 27.

Scoring for Salado were Riley Guthrie, 20 points, three rebounds, eight deflections, five steals; Karlee Konarik, 15 points, four rebounds, three assists, six deflections, three steals; Ally Ihler, six points, three rebounds, two assists, one block; Jenna Goodman, five points, three rebounds, an assist, a deflection, a steal; Brylee Craddick, three points, a rebound, four assists, two deflections, a steal; Kate Maedgen, two points, six rebounds, three assists, five deflections, two steals; Morgan Riggs, two points, a rebound, an assist, a steal; Bri Tutor, two points, a rebound; Mack Lewis, one point, four rebounds, an assist, a steal; Addy McCoin, two rebounds, a deflection.

SHS 50  
MHS 52

Salado Lady Eagles lost to Martin 52-50 Dec. 27.

Scoring for Salado: Ally Ihler, 16 points, nine rebounds, two assists, two steals, one block; Riley Guthrie, 16 points, five rebounds, an assist, four deflections, four steals; Bri Tutor, eight points, three rebounds; Mack Lewis, four points, a rebound; Brylee Craddick, three points, six rebounds, three assists, a deflection; Addy McCoin, two points, four rebounds; Kate Maedgen, one point, three rebounds, four assists, three deflections; Karlee Konarik, two rebounds; Jenna Goodman, an assist.

SHS 50  
KHS 35

Salado Lady Eagles beat Krum 50-35 Dec. 28.

Scoring for Salado: Ally Ihler, 15 points, seven rebounds, four deflections, two steals; Karlee Konarik, 12 points, six rebounds, two steals; Riley Guthrie, 11 points, eight rebounds, two assists, two deflections, two steals; Mack Lewis, five points, three rebounds, an assist, two deflections, a steal; Bri Tutor, three points, six rebounds, an assist, a deflection, two steals; Kate Maedgen, two points,

two rebounds, a steal; Addy McCoin, two points; Brylee Craddick, two assists, a deflection, a steal; Jenna Goodman, a rebound.

SHS 47  
DVHS 51

Salado Lady Eagles lost to Diamond Valley High School from Australia 51-47 on Dec. 28.

Scoring for Salado: Ally Ihler, 18 points, 8 rebounds, 2 assists; Riley Guthrie, 18 points, seven rebounds, three assists, a deflection, a steal, a block; Kate Maedgen, three points, four rebounds, an assist, a deflection; Mack Lewis, three points, three rebounds, two assists, a deflection; Morgan Riggs, three points, two rebounds; Addy McCoin, two points, four rebounds, an assist, a deflection, a steal, a block; Brylee Craddick, two rebounds, four assists, a block; Bri Tutor, two rebounds; Jenna Goodman, one rebound, one steal.

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- ♠ 10 3
- ♥ Q J 8 5
- ♦ K 6 4 2
- ♣ Q 10 7

**EAST**

- ♠ K 4 2
- ♥ A 7
- ♦ Q 10 9 8 5
- ♣ A 6 4

**SOUTH**

- ♠ A J 7
- ♥ K 10 3
- ♦ A J 7
- ♣ K J 9 2

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
1♦	1NT	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT		

Opening lead — six of spades.

with the ace, assuring a second spade trick for his side. When South next led a club, East took his ace and returned a spade. West very properly allowed dummy's ten of spades to win, after which declarer had to go down one. West scored three spade tricks, and East scored his two aces.

Declarer would have made the contract had he ducked East's king of spades at trick one and then played his jack, losing to the queen, on the spade continuation at trick two. This would have cost him a spade trick, but the trick he lost would have come back with interest since he would have lost only two spades and two aces, but no more.

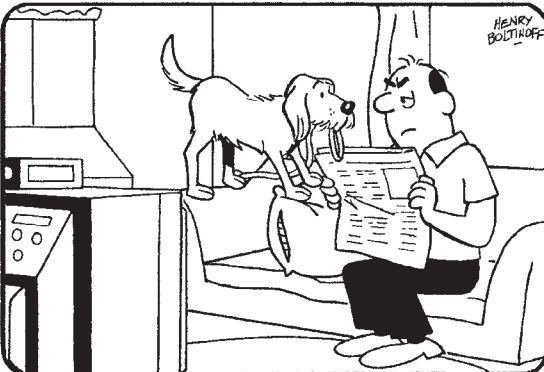
Given the bidding and opening lead, declarer should conclude that East, for his opening bid, has the two missing aces, and also that West's spade lead is likely to have come from a five-card suit.

Once declarer reaches this conclusion, it follows that the opportunity to make two spade tricks ranks second in importance to the opportunity to make the contract. Refusing to take East's king of spades with the ace might seem self-injurious, but it is clearly the right play to make under the circumstances.

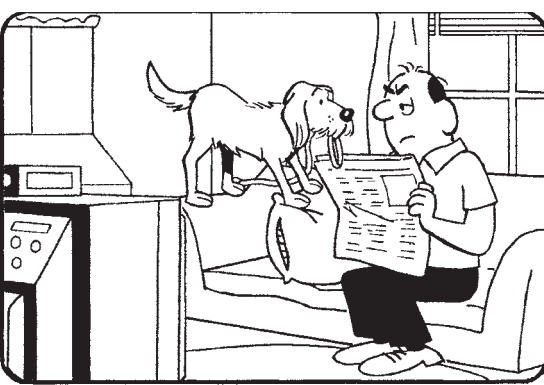
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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- TELEVISION: Which popular spinoff series originated with the drama "Breaking Bad"?
- HOLIDAYS: What is another name for Three Kings Day, celebrated on Jan. 6?
- LANGUAGE: What does the Latin phrase "bona fide" mean?
- MOVIES: In the movie "Babe," what kind of animal is the title character?
- MEASUREMENTS: How many grams are in a kilogram?
- GEOGRAPHY: Which strait separates Saudi Arabia from Africa?
- SCIENCE: What are the three layers that make up the Earth?
- FOOD & DRINK: Which breakfast food is associated with the retro series "Stranger Things"?
- MEDICAL: What is the common name for muscae volitantes?
- LITERATURE: Which poet wrote a six-volume biography of President Abraham Lincoln?

Answers

- "Better Call Saul."
- Epiphany.
- "Good faith."
- Pig.
- 1,000.
- Bab-el-Mandeb.
- Crust, mantle and core.
- Eggo waffles.
- Eye floaters.
- Carl Sandburg.

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Answers

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