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Meeting set for Feb. 3 on Mustang Springs WWTP

A public meeting will be held 7 p.m. Feb. 3 in the conference room of the Salado ISD Administration Building, 601 N. Main St. concerning new Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0016524001, to authorize the discharge of treated domestic wastewater at a daily average flow not to exceed 990,000 gallons per day.

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality received this application on April 5, 2024 from Mustang Springs Utility, LLC and Jaffe Interests, LP, 4925 Greenville Avenue, Suite 1400, Dallas, Texas 75206,

The facility will be located approximately 900 feet west of the intersection of FM 2843 and Mustang Creek Road, in Bell County.

The treated effluent will be discharged via pipe to Mustang Creek, thence to Salado Creek in Segment No. 1243 of the Brazos River Basin.

The unclassified receiving water use is limited aquatic life use for Mustang Creek. The designated uses for Segment No. 1243 are primary contact recreation, public water supply, aquifer protection, and high aquatic life use.

In accordance with 30 TAC §307.5 and TCEQ's Procedures to Implement the Texas Surface Water Quality Standards (June 2010), an antidegradation review of the receiving waters was performed.

A Tier 1 antidegradation review has preliminarily determined that existing water quality uses will not be impaired by this permit action. Numerical and narrative criteria to protect existing uses will be maintained.

A Tier 2 review has preliminarily determined that no significant degradation of water quality is expected in Salado Creek, which has been identified as having high aquatic life use. Existing uses will be maintained and protected. The TCEQ Executive Director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The Executive Director has made a preliminary decision that this permit, if issued, meets all statutory and regulatory requirements.

The WWTP is proposed to be constructed in three phases served by a common fine screen headworks and flow equalization tankage to process up to 1,312,000 gpd. Each phase is proposed to be a membrane bioreactor (MBR) and each phase will include an anoxic zone ahead of the aerobic zone to provide nitrification. RAS will be recycled at rates up to 500%. Provisions for alkalinity, pH and supplemental carbon chemical feed systems will be included with each MBR. Sludge will be wasted to a separate aerated sludge holding tank to maintain optimal MLSS conditions in the bioreactor. Effluent will be stabilized by UV light per 30 TAC 217 Subchapter L prior to surface discharge.

The permit application, Executive Director's preliminary decision, and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at Salado Public Library, 1151 North Main Street, Salado, in Bell County, Texas.

The public may submit public comments about this application.

The purpose of the public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. A public meeting will be held and will consist of two parts, an Informal Discussion Period, and a Formal comment Period.

A public meeting is not a contested case hearing under the Administrative Procedure Act. The comments and questions submitted orally during the Informal Discussion Period will not

be considered before a decision is reached on the permit application and no formal response will be made. Responses will be provided orally during the Informal Discussion Period.

During the Formal Comment Period on the permit application, members of the public may state their formal comments orally into the official record. A written response to all timely, relevant, and material, or significant comments will be prepared by the Executive Director. All formal comments will be considered before a decision is reached on the permit application. A copy of the written response will be sent to each person who submits a formal comment or who requested to be on the mailing list for this permit application and provides a mailing address. Only relevant and material issues raised during the Formal Comment Period can be considered if a contested case hearing is granted on this permit application.

After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material or significant public comments.

Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting a contested case hearing or reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district

The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn.



Senior Center honors volunteers

Salado Senior Center is open every Monday and Thursday (except holidays) for local residents to gather for card and board games, pickle ball, educational and financial seminars, gentle yoga and other physical activities. On Jan. 27, the Senior Center board honored its many volunteers with a special breakfast where hugs and smiles were shared (above). Afterward, groups broke up for games and fun, like the Mahjong game seen below. (Photos By Royce Wiggin)



First responders respond to suicide on N. Stagecoach

On Jan. 22, at approximately 10:29 a.m., the Salado Police Department was dispatched to a report of an injured person in the 300 block of N. Stagecoach Rd.

Bell County Emergency Services District #1, Salado Fire Department and Temple Medic 25 also responded to the scene.

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Upon arrival, emergency

personnel located an unknown female lying on the ground in the parking lot of the Salado Municipal Building with an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Bell County Justice of the Peace Cliff Coleman was notified and, upon arrival, pronounced the victim deceased at 10:55 a.m. The identity of the deceased is being withheld out of respect to the family.

"The Village of Salado, the Salado Police Department, Village staff, the Mayor, and the Board of Aldermen extend our deepest condolences to the family and loved ones during this difficult time," Mayor Bert Henry said.

Lunch & Learn on Bell Co. 175th

Bell County Historical Commission and Bell County Museum hosted a special Lunch & Learn event at the Salado Museum on Jan. 22. The free event celebrated the 175th anniversary of Bell County.

This was the third Lunch & Learn event organized by the Historical Commission and Bell County Museum. It featured presentations from both Hampton and Historical Commission Chair, Daniel Elder.

"It's our third Lunch & Learn, and each one gets bigger." Elder said. "This is our best turnout."

The lectures looked back not just on the last 175 years but also at the thousands of years that preceded the county's creation.

"This place has a lot of history, dating all the way back 20,000 years," Coleman Hampton, Director of the Bell County Museum, said

Both organizations agree that there is plenty more history to explore.

"There are over 250 historic markers in the county, identifying subjects, activities, places and landmarks," Elder said. "Each one of them is a story of its own."

Other events celebrating the county's 175 anniversary are currently being planned.

"This is the kickoff, the first day," Hampton said. "It's really exciting to kick off the anniversary."



(PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)

Bell County Museum Director Coleman Hampton (left) and Bell County Historical Commission Chairman Daniel Elder gave presentations on Bell County History during aLunch & Learn at the Salado Museum.

Mayor Town Hall Jan. 30 focuses on finances

Village of Salado Mayor Bert Henry will hold the first of a series of Town Halls on the State of the Village at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 30 at the Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Rd.

The mayor will address the steps the board of aldermen has taken after a petition was filed and accepted for a May 3 election to roll back the Village adopted tax rate of \$0.486 per \$100 valuation to the Voter Approval Rate of \$0.36122 per \$100 valuation.

In December, aldermen froze wages, imposed a hiring freeze on full time personnel, terminated property

insurance for the Salado Historical Society cabins, terminated lease agreement and any financial obligations in connection to the sculpture garden, suspended general road maintenance repairs, suspended grass mowing for Main St., Pace Park and Sirena Park.

The board also paused the three capital improvement projects listed below on a motion by Bell, receiving a second from Hurst and passing 4-0.

- Mill Creek Rd. sidewalk.
- Royal Street overlay.
- Williams Rd. sidewalks.

US manufacturers increase prices to match tariffs imposed on imported items

As represented by the S&P 500 Stock Index (SPX), the U.S. stock market continued its new-year celebration this week as the Index rose 1.74% to 6101.24. It appears to have vanquished the fearsome 6000 barrier at the opening on Wednesday and is not looking back. The SPX is now up 3.73% this year and month, over 25% higher than a year ago, and up an astounding 38% over the last three years. Our other followed index, the CRSP US Mid Cap Value Index, rose 0.35% to 2882.49 for the week and is up 3% this year and 18% from a year ago.

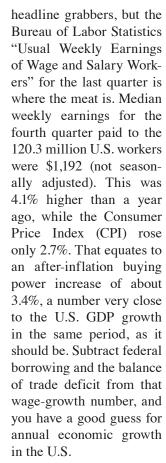
On the other, much larger, side of the U.S. securities markets, the benchmark 10-year U.S. Treasury note ended the week with a yield of 4.63%, about 11% higher than a year ago and over 1% higher this year. At the shortest end of the Treasury yield curve, the onemonth T-bill yield rose during the week to close with an annualized yield of 4.45%. The average 30year fixed U.S. mortgage rose to 7.11% from last week's 7.09%, according to Mortgage News Daily. The price per barrel of West Texas Intermediate crude oil (WTI) ended the week at \$74.64, about the same as a year ago.

The Economy

While there were no economic blockbuster reports this week, there were plenty of indications of where things are going if you know where to look. Sometimes, the most significant news in economics is found in the later appearing, mundane announcements. Weekly earnings, hires, fires, and jobless claims tend to be

Market & Economic **Update**

by Jeffrey W. McClure



Our economy is exceptional because it is the only major developed economy in the world to be almost self-sufficient. entirely Only about 11% of our GDP is the result of selling goods and services to others compared with a global average of 46%, according to Statista.com. Theoretically, we import far more than we export; however, if our trade imbalance was as significant as it is reported to have been over the last half-century, we should be bankrupt. Instead, we are inarguably the wealthiest major economy on the planet. Those facts are why the stock market is unfazed by tariff threats.

If, and this is a big "if," President Trump imposes

other countries retaliate with counter-tariffs, there is a very high probability that domestic prices for tariffed items will rise, but not just on imported goods and services. When, in his last administration, President Trump imposed tariffs on washing machines, domestic producers raised their prices to match those charged for imported machines and, as a result, did not significantly change the percentage of imports. Interestingly, the cost of clothes dryers rose by about the same rate. Still, because we only import about 14% of our GDP, the total U.S. economic change will likely be minor. We saw the effect of tariffs as they were raised on Canadian lumber products, and the cost of lumber jumped, immediately followed by new house cost increases. It contributed to the rather dramatic rise in real estate costs, but as that valuation also applied to already-built houses, our total wealth rose. Unfortunately, it also priced quite a few people out of buying a home. Notably, when the tariffs were removed, the price of houses did not fall. The more expensive wood was already in the houses, and the resulting housing shortage caused the increases to remain.

large-scale tariffs

Once more, we are forced to render the unpopular assessment that the U.S. economy is in excellent shape and rolling along with little or no signs of bad times ahead.

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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

- Area B steel erection
- Area E formed slab on grade
- Area K continued CMU walls
- Area J underground plumbing rough
- Area H stem wall waterproofing
- Areas G&F formed and reinforced grade beams and footings

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

- Area A second floor steel decking
 - Area B hang roof joists
- Area E place concrete

Corner

Superintendent's

by Dr. Michael Novotny

slab on grade

- Area J place concrete slab on grade
- Area H underground plumbing and electrical rough
- Area G place concrete grade beams and footings These are the activities our general contractor and subcontractors worked on at the new stadium site last week:
- Area R formed and reinforced slab on grade
 - Area T completed un-
- derground plumbing rough • Area V formed and re-
- Area P reinforced grade beams

inforced slab on grade

- Area S underground
- electrical rough • Sanitary sewer line in-

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

- Area R place concrete slab on grade
- Area T underground electrical rough
- Area U lay CMU walls • Area P place concrete
- footings and grade beams • Area S form and rein-
- force slab on grade • Continue storm drain-
- age and sanitary sewer If you have any questions regarding the construction of these new facilities you are welcome to contact me at michael.novotny@saladoisd.org or 254-947-6905.

Hollywood has responsibility to address mental health crisis

A suicide devastates more than one life.

I learned that lesson shortly after my door-September 10, 2016. My 20-year-old son, Austin, had died by suicide. After decades reciprocating his infectious smile and admiring his achievements on the football field and in the classroom, I had to digest in an instant that I would never

see him again. Every single day, I wish I could go back and talk with him one more time. Would it have helped? I'll never know. But I do know, seven years into my journey as a suicide prevention advocate, that severe mental illness doesn't manifest in a vacuum, especially for young adults.

Whether we're aware of it or not, the media we consume strongly influences how we process mental health crises.

The folks who shape our culture have never been more aware of the mental health challenges Americans face. But they largely haven't responded to that awareness by depicting mental health more responsibly.

Over the last two decades, the suicide rate among those aged 10 to 24 has risen nearly 60%. The factors behind this crisis are complex and multifaceted. But researchers are coming to understand that Hollywood plays a role. Many shows have inadvertently contributed to the increase in the youth suicide rate by glorifying suicide and the mental health conditions that cause it.

Consider "13 Reasons

Why," a show developed lar disorder. Or consider for Netflix that depicts the story of a teenage girl who takes her own life and leaves behind a series of audiotapes that implicate the bell rang at 2:30 a.m. on people she holds responsible for her death.

Just one month after the show aired, the suicide rate among 10- to 17-yearolds increased nearly 30%. The series was intended to start a meaningful dialogue about bullying, sexual assault, and suicide. It instead portrayed the main character's choice as a means of exacting emotional revenge on those who wronged her.

Some teens with existing mental health issues are more susceptible to emulate suicides that are glamorized -- a well-documented phenomenon called "suicide contagion."

While Reasons "13 Why" has exacerbated some awful mental health trends in America, it's hardly the only one. Fortunately, other shows and movies do just the opposite.

The critically acclaimed film "Silver Linings Playbook" has been praised for its realistic depiction of people living with bipo-

"Adieu," a movie currently in production that centers on a prodigal violinist struggling with depression after her sister's suicide. Several leading mental health professionals have commended "Adieu" for depicting grief, depression, and the value of human connection in an authentic way -- allowing viewers to see the possibility for recovery and growth even after a tragic loss.

Stories like these are crucial because they tap into what some experts call the "neuroscience of hope." These scientists hypothesize that optimism stems from distinct neurological processes that are subject to outside influence. As a result, certain forms of art could literally rewire the brain to generate feelings of hope that combat mental ill-

By creating powerful art that more appropriately considers and depicts mental health challenges, Hollywood could use its great power more responsibly.

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From left, J.R. Lett of Salado Family Relief Fund receives a check Susan Starnes of St. Stephen Women's Society, Pat Scarborough of Heart and Hands Ministries receives a check from Susan Starnes of St. Stephen Women's Society, Lisa Hynes of St. Stephen's Women Society presents a check to Kim Bird of Salado Senior Center.

Charity Bingo gives back to Salado

The Saint Stephen Women Society (SSWS) announces the success of their Charity Bingo event held on Jan. 18.

"The afternoon was filled with fun and excitement as participants enjoyed ten engaging bingo games," said Susan Starnes of St. Stephen Women's Society. "Alongside the games, raffle tickets were sold for some fantastic gift baskets, and the return of the popular grab bag idea was a hit, with all bags being eagerly grabbed by attendees."

A special highlight of the event was Jim Buchanan, who called the numbers. "Jim looked dapper as he entertained the participants with his charm and wit," Starnes said.

"Thanks to the overwhelming support and participation, the event raised a significant amount of funds," she added.

As a result, three local charities – Salado Family Relief, Heart and Hands Ministries, and the Salado Senior Center – each received a generous donation of \$1,656.00.

"Giving back to the community has always been

Jim Buchanan called the numbers for the St. Stephen Women's Society Charity Bingo. (COURTESY PHOTO)

a cornerstone of our mission, alongside supporting our parish," she said. "The families who attended had a wonderful time, making it a memorable afternoon for

"Due to the success and positive feedback, we plan to make this Charity Bingo an annual event," she said. "Mark your calendars and look forward to joining us next January for another fun-filled afternoon of bingo and community spirit."



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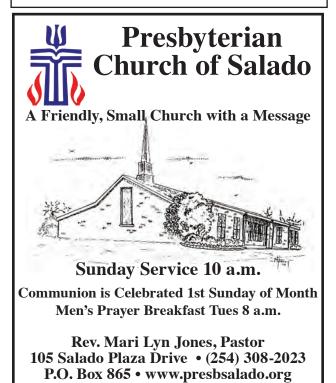
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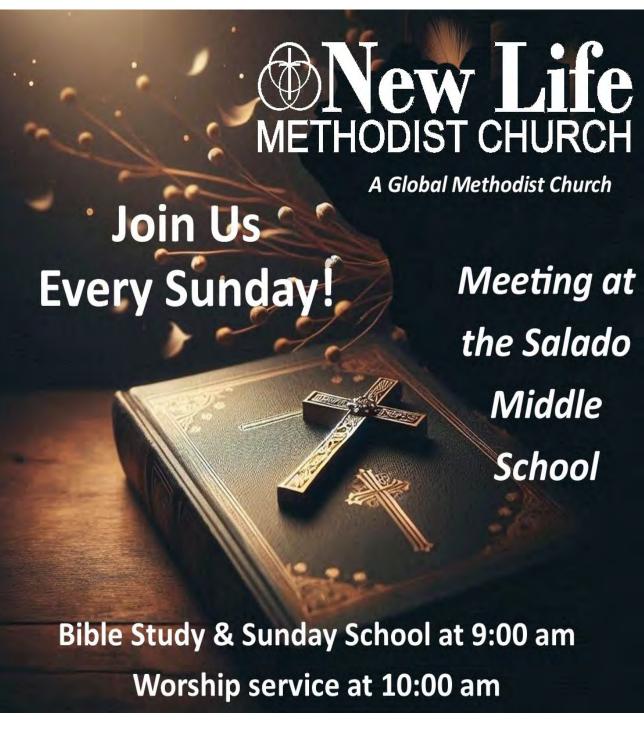


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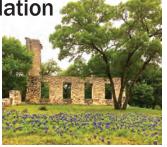


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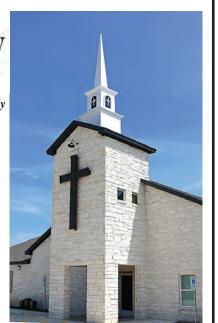
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(From left) Salado High seniors Elliot Self, Ian Miles, and Chloe Rose have been named Commended Students.



Veronica Joseph, Director of Outreach Services, presented an informative program about all the services Families in Crisis offers. A \$300 check was given to her along with many personal care items. Shown on the right is President Brenda Howard. (COURTESY PHOTO)

SHS seniors Commended Students

Salado High School Principal Brandon Boyd announced Jan. 28 that three SHS seniors have been named Commended in the 2025 National Merit Scholarship Program.

A Letter of Commendation from the school and National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC®), which conducts the program, will be presented by the principal to these scholastically talented seniors.

About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Although they will not continue in the 2025 competition for National Merit Scholarship awards, Commended Students placed among the top 50,000 students who entered the 2025 competition by taking the 2023 Preliminary SAT/ National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/ NMSQT®).

"Those being named Commended Students have demonstrated outstanding potential for academic success," commented a spokesperson for NMSC. "These students represent a valuable national resource; recognizing their accomplishments, as well as the key role their schools play in their academic development, is vital to the advancement of educational excellence in our nation. We hope that this recognition will help broaden their educational opportunities and encourage them as they continue their pursuit of academic success."

Elliot Self, Ian Miles and Chloe Rose have been named Commended Students.





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Get your tickets now for annual Taste of Salado

The Public Arts League of Salado (PALS) will host the annual Taste of Salado on Feb. 24 at Tenroc Ranch.

Tickets are \$30 per person and are now on sale at centraltexastickets.com.

This event raises funds for the purchase and maintenance of sculpture in the Salado Sculpture Garden



The Taste of Salado will be held at Tenroc Ranch.



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Happy hour beginning at 5 p.m. will include music, libations, and a silent auction. Dinner goodies provided by area restaurants will begin at 6:30 p.m. followed by a live auction.

Participating food and beverage vendors include Cowboy's Barbecue, The Gin, Lucy's Ice House, Mc-Cain's Cafe and Bakery, Napoli's Italian Restaurant, Provecho, Small Cakes, Stagecoach Inn Restaurant, That Green Trailer, Chupacabra Kitchen, Bar 1859, The Strawberry Patch, Empresario Wines, The Local Vine and Greenfield's Coffee, Cocktails, Barrels and Brew.

Live auction items include an art party with local artist Helen Alexander, Breakfast for eight served by Jill Shipman and Cathy Sands, Laughing Llama

Farms experience for four, Rolley Correa Dove Hunt for four, Terry Crain Handyman Service, Jet's Quilt, Michael Alexandersson two hour performance at your local location, seasons tickets to the Temple Symphony, a round of golf for four at Mill Creek Golf Course, and a tandem skydive with Skylark skydiving.

Contributing to the Silent Auction are Brookshire Brothers Floral Department, Yellow House B&B, 21 Main, Christy's of Salado, Salado Creek Jewelry, Serendipity Teas, Bling of Texas, Salado Cleaners, Salado Glassworks, Red Barn Hideaway, H & H Interiors, The Flower Shoppe, Iron Orchid Bodyworks, The Village Spa, Pet Portrait, Pet Sitting, The Pen Station, Village Mill Antiques, Bourbon Speaks, Scissors Hair Shop. MAKS and Salado Antique Mall.

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Village of Salado Calendar of Special Events

Mondays Salado Senior Center open 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Mondays at 650 Royal St. (Salado Únited 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

Artists- artists Village 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. Holly at Salado Public Library, 11

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

Music Muchkins, 10 a.m., Salado Public Library.

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

Axis Winery, 4-8 p.m., halfprice glasses of win.

Wine Down Wednesday

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

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

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

Word out Wednesday every week at Provecho, 109 Royal St., featuring a different local group and non-profit each week. 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.

Trivia at Bar 1859, 7-10 p.m. \$100 prizes for top three. "Party on the Patio" 7-10

p.m. with live performer Rockin' Rick (karaoke), Axis Teen Writing Group, Sala-

do Public Library, 6 p.m. Run Club, 6:30 p.m., Bar-

row 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. Holly, Salado Public Library, 11 a.m. Fajita Friday at Provecho,

109 Royal St. All you can eat fajitas for \$20.25. Special guest performers, 5-8 p.m. at Axis Winery.

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

Live Music at Chupacabra

Brewing Co. 7 p.m.

Saturdays

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

Farmers Market, 9 a.m.p.m., grounds of Barrow Brewing Čo.

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

Live Music at Barrow Brewing, 7 p.m. Live Music at Chupacabra

Craft Beer, 8 p.m. College Football at Johnny's Outback. Full bar, snow

cones, BBQ, burgers and

more. **Sundays**

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

Outback. Full bar, snow cones, BBQ, burgers and more.

NFL Football at Johnny's

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

January 30

Pint Night at Chupacabra Craft Beer, 4 p.m.-midnight. Get a free pint glass with every purchase of the featured brewery, Wild Acre and Meridian Hive.

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.

Live music at Bar 1859, 7-10 p.m., Clayton Lawson.

January 31-February 1

Blow Your Own Heart Event, Blown Heart OR Mini Bowl (\$65) Ages 3+. Bowl (\$100) ages 12+. Friday 3-4:20 p.m. Saturday 10 a.m-12:30 p.m. and 2-4:30 p.m. Salado Glassworks, register online at saladoglassworks.com.

February 1

Kids Craft: Punch Needling, 11 a.m., Salado Public Library.

February 1

Live music at Bar 1859, 7-10 p.m., Eley Buck Davis.

February 1

Live music at Chupacabra, 8 p.m. Ryan Kennedy.

February 2 Adults Craft: Valentine

Candle Ring, 10:30 a.m. Register at front desk, Salado Public Library. February 3

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

February 3

Public meeting on Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) permit # WQ0016524001, Mustang Springs Utility, LLC and Jaffe Interests, LP, 7 p.m., Salado ISD Conference Room, 601 N. Main St.

February 4

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

February 5

Barrow Brewing Co., guest food truck, 4-8 p.m., Lula Mae's Korean Kravings. February 6

Pint Night at Chupacabra Craft Beer, 4 p.m.-midnight. Get a free pint glass with every purchase of the featured brewery, Sirens Rock. February 6

Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 6 p.m., Mitchell Crain.

February 6

Village of Salado Board of Aldermen 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

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discuss zoning of 7.109 acres at 1991 N. Stagecoach Rd. owned by Salado Hospitality Investments as Local Retail.

February 6

Village of Salado Board of Aldermen 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.

February 6-8

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

February 7

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

February 7

Dueling Pianos at Bar 1859, 7-10 p.m.

February 7

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

February 7-8

Blow Your Own Heart Event, Blown Heart OR Mini Bowl (\$65) Ages 3+. Bowl (\$100) ages 12+. Friday 3-4:20 p.m. Saturday 10 a.m-12:30 p.m. and 2-4:30 p.m. Salado Glassworks, register online at saladoglassworks.com. February 8

Heart and Hands Minis-

tries food distribution to those in need in the Salado, Holland, Bartlett area, 9-11 a.m, 213 Mill Creek Drive, Suite 135. February 8

The Joy of Chocolate at

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Village of Salado Calendar of Special Events

Kids Chess Club, 2 p.m., Salado Public Library.

February 8

Live music at Bar 1859, 7-10 p.m., Ray Palousek on piano and Dane Engle on saxophone.

February 8

Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 7 p.m., Dueling Hearts.

February 8

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

February 8-9

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

February 9

Live music at Barrow Brewing Co., 4 p.m., KCD Duo.

February 10

Monday Book Club, 2 p.m., Salado Public Library. February 11

Discovery Club: Valentine

Friendship Bracelets, 4:30 p.m., Salado Public Library. February 11

Adults: Cow Cuddles, 6 p.m., Salado Public Library. February 11

Second Tuesday Book Club meets at 7 p.m. at Śalado Winery, 841 N. Main St.

February 11

Mixology Class at Bar 1859, 6-8:30 p.m., Love on the Rocks.

February 12

Mini Makers, 11 a.m., Salado Public Library.

February 12

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

February 12

Adults: Bring Your Own Book society, 2 p.m., Salado Public Library.

February 12

Barrow Brewing Co., guest food truck, 4-8 p.m., Check Griego Bobalicious.

February 13

Teens: Crafters' Workshop, pre-register at front desk, 4:30 p..m., Salado Public Library. February 13

Pint Night at Chupacabra Craft Beer, 4 p.m.-midnight. Get a free pint glass with every purchase of the featured brewery, Tupps.

February 13

Adults: True Crime Book Club, 6 p.m., Salado Public Library.

Heart for the Arts Celebration, 6-8:30 p.m., Salado Museum and College Park. There will be music, Ĭtalian dinner/ dessert and presentations to create a romantic and memorable evening. The special exhibition "Expressions of Love" will feature many 12" x 12" creation in a wide variety of media by many of the Salado area's best artists. Tickets are \$45 per person and are for sale at https://centraltexastickets. com/events/have-a-heart-forthe-arts-2-13-2025 and at the Salado Museum.

February 13

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

February 13

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

February 14

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

February 14

Galentine's at Village Spa, 216 Royal Street. Grab your gal pals and celebrate the love with skincare, spa treatments,

massage and more! Call 254-293-6600 to reserve your spots

February 14

Teens: silent Book Club, 4:30 p.m., Salado Public Library.

February 14

Live music at Chupacabra, 7 p.m., Josh Herrin.

February 14

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

February 14 Live music at Bar 1859, 7-10 p.m., Dominic Blayke,

singer/pianist. February 14

Seven course dinner, Alexander's Craft Cocktails and Kitchen. Reservations required. 254-947-3828.

February 14

Date night Bourbon Pairing, Bourbon Speaks, Peddler's Alley.

February 14

Family Valentine's Day with bounce house, free S'mores, hot cocoa, Provecho, 109 Royal St.

February 14-16

Grand opening of Preston Lane Boutique at Barrow Brewing Co. Feb. 14, 2-7 p.m., Feb. 15, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Feb. 16, noon-5 p.m. Boutique is in the pink trailer creekside on Barrow grounds.









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9:00-10:00 — Exercise Class w/ Alice Cooper

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10:00-12:00 — Dominoes 42 Game

10:00-12:00 — Learn to Play Mahjong

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12:00-3:00 — Bridge

POP-UP EVENTS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3rd

11:00-12:00 — Beginner's Pickleball Lesson w/ Cindy * 12:00-2:00 — Digital Literacy: E-Mail Basics (1-hour sessions)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6th

* 11:30-1:30 — Watercolor Techniques w/ Elizabeth

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10th

11:30-12:30 - Lunch/Birthday

Celebration 12:00-3:00 — Siamese Mahjong

1:30-2:30 — Learn How to Play Handbells w/ Wes Roach

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13th

* 10:00-11:15 — Valentine Clothesline Frame w/ Salado Public Library

* 11:30-12:30 — Writing Class w/ Salado

Public Library MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17th

CLOSED: President's Day

9:00-3:00 - Cornhole

10:15-11:15 — Chair Tai Chi w/ Richard

12:00-3:00 — Mahjong 1:00-2:30 — BINGO

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*12:00-2:00 — Digital Literacy: E-Mail

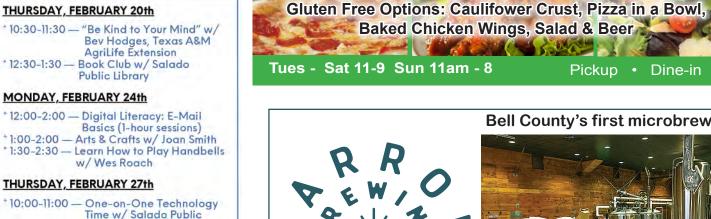
1:00-2:00 - Arts & Crafts w/ Joan Smith 1:30-2:30 — Learn How to Play Handbells

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27th

10:00-11:00 — One-on-One Technology Time w/ Salado Public Library 11:30-12:30 -Simple Scrapbook Page Kit

or Trio Card Kit 1:00-2:30 — Watercolor Techniques w/ Elizabeth

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Lady skunked the Smithville Lady Tigers 11-0 in District 24-4A soccer Jan. 24.

The first goal of the night came from Lucy Johnson with an assist from Cade

Sydney Lange would follow with a goal from outside the box and then Lucy Johnson would take over the show. Johnson had four goals in a row, with three assists from Sydney Lange and one from Izzy Blanca-

Blancaflor had a goal of her own with an assist from Kinleigh Fulton.

Avery Hibner found the net with an assist from Reese Lange.

Rylee Young then scored twice with assists from Hibner and Kinleigh Fulton.

The last goal of the night came from Fulton.

Goalkeeper Cambry Edmondson and the Salado defense recorded the shutout.

The Lady Eagles shut out the Rockdale Lady Tigers 6-0 Jan. 21.

Reese Lange scored the first goal on an assist from Izzy Blancaflor.

two goals for Salado. The first came on an assist from Sydney Lange. The second came on an assist from Cora Thomas.

goal to make it 5-0.

final goal on Cassie Vargas's corner kick.



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We are especially grateful for the generous support of the Foster Family Foundation, Salado Church of Christ, Salado Ladies Community League, Salado ISD School Board of Trustees and Dr. Michael Novotny and our contractor extraordinaire, Eric Rendon. SHS also appreciates the in-kind donations of services, goods, or publicity for this project from: Tim Brown, Leatrice Caffey, Cook Residential Design, Eagle Disposal, Lonnie Edwards, Bill Kinnison, Joyce Pennington, KCEN-TV and Baylee Bates, Stroll Salado Creek Magazine and Robbie Pettit and the Salado Village Voice and Tim and Marilyn Fleischer.

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_adies tied for third

Salado Lady Eagles are tied for third place with Taylor in District 24-4A basketball after losing both district contests last week. Both teams have 3-4 district records, behind Jarrell and Burnet at 6-1.

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The Lady Eagles lost in the final half-minute to Jarrell Lady Cougars 66-63 Jan. 21.

Riley Guthrie had a double double with 27 points, 11 rebounds, an assist, two deflections and a steal.

Karlee Konarik also recorded a double double with 18 points, 12 rebounds, an assist, six deflections and four blocks.

Ally Ihler also had double figures with 11 points, six rebounds, an assist and four blocks.

Also contributing were Kate Maedgen, four points, five rebounds, three assists, two deflections and a steal; Bri Tutor, three points and two rebounds; Mack Lewis, five assists and two deflection; Jenna Goodman, two rebounds, two deflections and a steal; and Addy Mc-Coin, a rebound.

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Salado Lady Eagles lost to Burnet Lady Bulldogs at home 42-29 on Jan. 24.

Brylee Craddick led the



(PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN) Karlee Konarik shoots.

girls with eight points, two rebounds, two assists, a deflection and four steals.

Also scoring in the game were Karlee Konarik, seven points, three rebounds, three deflections and six steals; Ally Ihler, six points, six rebounds, a deflection, three steals and a block; Ri-

ley Guthrie, six points, five rebounds and two steals; Bri Tutor, two points, two rebounds, and three deflections; Mack Lewis, two rebounds, three assists and two deflections; Kate Maedgen, a rebound and three deflections; and Jenna Goodman, a deflection.





(PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN) Ryder Balmos looks for an outlet in traffic.

Boys split district basketball

Salado Eagles split their District 24-4A basketball games last week, beating Jarrell and losing to Burnet. **SHS**

Salado beat Jarrell 48-32

Liam Wilcox, 15 points, two rebounds, four assists and two deflections to lead

Mason Brown had double figures with 12 points, five rebounds, an assist, two deflections, three steals and a block.

Also contributing were Griffin Self, nine points, three points, four assists, a deflection and two steals; Ryder Balmos, five points, five rebounds, two assists and two deflections; Bryson Byers, four points, eight rebounds, two assists, a steal and a block; and Korbin Konarik, three points and four rebounds.

Salado Eagles fell to the Burnet Bulldogs 47-41 Jan. 24. The Eagles gave up 20 points in the third and scored just one to lose their 23-18 halftime lead.

Griffin Self led the Eagles with 17 points and eight rebounds.

Bryson Byers had a double double with 11 points, 14 rebounds and two deflec-

Also scoring were Mason Brown, six points, three rebounds, two assists, two steals and a block; Liam Wilcox, five points, two rebounds and four assists; and Ryder Balmos, two points, eight rebounds, an assist and a deflection.

Starlets, Sparklers tryouts set

Salado Starlets and Salado Sparklers will be holding tryouts for the 2025-26 school year in March and have set prep classes and organizational meetings.

There will be prep classes at Thomas Arnold Elementary Gym 3 5-6:30 p.m. Feb 22 and 4-5:30 p.m. March 9.

During tryout week, there will be sessions at 4:15-6:30 p.m. March 24, 26 and 27 and 4:15-6 p.m. March 25.

A Parent Meeting is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. March 9 to go over expectations and commitments.

Tryouts will begin at 5 p.m. March 28.

Traci Tipping is sponsor and coach of the Salado Starlets and Sparklers.

The Starlets participated in the Macy's Thanksiving Parade this year.



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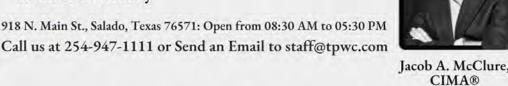
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Devonte Foster heads the ball for the Eagles. (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)

Eagles skunk Smithville 11-0, outlast Rockdale Tigers 3-1

Salado Eagles recorded two decisive wins over District 24-4A soccer opponents and are tied with Manor Tech for first place with 3-0 district records.

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The Eagles beat Rockdale 3-1 on Jan. 22. Salado held a 2-1 lead after the first period.

Oscar Arango scored two goals to lead the Eagles. Devonte Foster scored the other goal for Salado.

Brody Delukie had two assists and Luke Munson had the other assist.

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The Eagles skunked the Smithville Tigers 11-0 on Jan. 24.

Salado scored seven goals in the first and four in the second.



Owen Stone scores against Smithville. For more photos, visit saladovillagevoice.com (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)

Hughston Taggart and Gabriel Johnson combined for the shut out defense.

Owen Stone led the Eagles with five goals. Taggart added two goals. Gabriel Merriman, Oscar Arango, Luke Munson and Richard McCoin added goals.

Merriman led the Eagles

gart and with six assists. Also concombined tributing assists were Munense. son, Brody Delukie, Craine
I the EaTaggart and Johnny Anderson.



Salado Regional Qualifying swimmers (from left): Hoak Rine, Paisley Rine, Ally Ihler and Max Panneton. (PHOTO BY HEATHER BISSON)

Swimmers make Regionals

Salado swimmers competed at the district swim meet Jan. 25 and qualified for the regional meet in San Antonio.

Paisley Rine qualified in two events. Pairley won the 100 yard butterfly with a time of 1:04.17. She placed the 200 yard freestyle with a second place time of 2:08.61 Hoak Rine qualified in two events. He placed second in the 100 yard breast-stroke and set a school record with a time of 1:12.20. He placed fourth in the 200 yard intermediate medley with a time of 2:27.39.

Ally Ihler qualified with a third place finish in the 100 yard backstroke and time of 1:12.89. Ihler placed sixth in the 200 yard intermediate medley with a time of 2:42.40.

Max Panneton qualified in two events. He was fourth in the 100 yard butterfly with a time of 1:04.17. He also placed fourth in the 100 yard freestyle with a time of 55.86.



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Middle schoolers sweep district UIL

Salado Middle School UIL Academics teams swept all three grade divisions at the recent UIL Academic Meet.

Sixth Grade

The sixth grade won their division with 301 points out of a total of 666 total points scored. Jarrell was second with 195 points.

Calculator: Ashlyn Griesemer, first; May Allison, second; Skyler Torres, third; Hanna Call, fourth.

Chess: Jesse Weige, first; Everett Gill, second; Colton Adams, third.

Impromptu: Crosby Landreth, first.

Mathematics: Elijah Garland, first; Crosby Landreth, second; Samantha Hawkins, third.

Music Memory: Nathan Diem, second; Owen Korce, third; Dawson Nash, fourth; Abigail Baird, fifth; Madison Morgan.

Modern Oratory: Kendall Stephens, second.

Number Sense: Grayson Hoelscher, first; Brady Wentz, second; Crosby Landreth, fourth; Kayson Hoelscher, fifth.

Ready Writing: Averie Williams, third; Vivian Bower, fifth; Gaby Logan, sixth.

Science: Mace Royston, first; Tucker Read, second; Everett Gill, third; Skyler Torres, fourth.

Social Studies: Samantha Hawkins.

Seventh Grade

The Seventh Grade Team won the meet, scoring 301 out of 718 total points scored. Jarrell was second with 236 points.

Following are individual results for the Salado seventh graders:

Art: Tiernan Ryce, fifth.

Calculator: Lucienne Von Gonten, first; Karina Ortiz, second; Alexa Reyes, sixth grader, third.

Chess: Mason Mendiaz, first; Jeb Bower, second; Max Tonkinson

Dictionary: Alyssa Solis, third; Alexia Raymond, fourth; Tiernan Ryce, fifth; Ximena Villafranco, sixth.

Listening Skills: Claire Naegele, fourth.

Maps, Graphs & Charts: Jeb Bower, first.

Mathematics: Dino Vickers, first; Max Tonkinson, second; Isabel Motley, third; Mason Mendiaz, fourth.

Music Memory: Jovie Snodgrass, first; Sophia King, second; Sophia Tejeda, third; Kyra Thompson, fourth; Josh Alvarez, sixth.

Number Sense: Harrison Threatt, first; Ren Angell, second.

Oral Readaing: Haddie Kirkpatrick, first; Claire Naegele, second; Myca Hibner, third.

Social Studies: Bryson Bowers, second.

Eighth Grade

The Eighth Grade Team won their meet, scoring scoring 429 out of 778 total

points. Jarrell was second with 192 points.

Calculator: Julia Hehli, first; Riley Engdale, second; Alek Martinez, third.

Chess: Taylin Oswald, first; Michael Watson, second; Alek Martinez, third; Joseph Mendiaz, fourth.

Dictionary: Claire Yawn, third; Claire Naegele, seventh grader, fourth; Isabella Salinas, sixth.

Editorial Writing: Kendall Searfoss, first; Ella Kemp, second; Julia Hehli, third.

Listening Skills: Kendall Searfoss, first; Jackson Kilpatrick, second.

Maps, Graphs & Charts: Gracie Glossup, first; Kairah Torres, fourth.

Mathematics: Parker Ihler, first; Julia Hehli, second; Jackson Kilpatrick, third. Music Memory: Liam

third; Jaylin Wolfe, fourth; Abigail Hamilton, fifth; Kyler Black, sixth. Modern OratoryClayton

O'Neal, second; Ella Kemp,

Olson, first; Elena Logan, third. Number Sense: Julia Heh-

li, first; Parker Ihler, second; Clayton Olson, third. Oral Reading: Abram

Hardwick, second; Emily Desjardin, third; Thomas Smith, fifth. Ready Writing: Julia He-

hli, first; Ella Kemp, fourth; Kendall Searfoss, fifth. Science: Julia Hehli, first;

Robert Alcozer, second; Jackson Kilpatrick, third; Avery Dunlap, sixth.

SHS UIL in Round Rock

Salado High School UIL Coaches Ellie Bragg and Kyra Mann took a small number of students to compete at the Round Rock UIL Meet Jan. 25. They had students competing in Ready Writing, Literary Criticism, Spelling, and Oral Interpretation. It was a big meet

with 32 very competitive schools in attendance.

Results for those who placed are below:

Ready Writing: Third Place Team (Reese Lange, Jenna Goodman, Ally Ihler, and Reese Guthrie).

Reese Lange: Second Place.

Spelling and Vocabulary: Third Place Team (Kiera Flynn, Will Tarver, Lily Gillette, and Selestte Hubbard)

Poetry Interpretation: Grace Tipping: Second Place.

Prose Interpretation: Khiah Wickline, Fourth

SVFD Report Jan. 19-25

Date	Location	Call
01/19	BLUFF CIR, Salado	EMS call, excluding MVA with injury
01/19	I-35, Salado	Dispatched & canceled en route
01/19	BRENDA LN, Belton	Building fire
01/19	I-35, Belton	No incident found on arrival
01/19	TRAILS END, Bell	EMS call, excluding MVA with injury
01/20	FM 2410 RD, Bell	Grass fire
01/20	GREENMARK TRL, Bell	Detector activation, no fire
01/20	N ROSE ST, Salado	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
01/21	OLD MILL RD, Salado	Authorized controlled burning
01/21	FM 2484 and Eagles nest Rd, Bell	Dispatched & canceled en route
01/21	Eagles Nest Rd, Bell	Dispatched & canceled en route
01/21	S 6TH ST, Jarrell,	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
01/22	N STAGECOACH RD, Salado	No incident found on arrival
01/22	Salado Park Rd, Bell	Detector activation, no fire
01/22	SOUTHBEND RD, Bell	Dispatched & canceled en route
01/23	W A AVE, Belton	Dispatched & canceled en route
01/23	KATIE ELDER DR, jarrell	EMS call, party transported by non-
01/24	SMITH BLUFF RD, Salado	fire agency
01/24	FM 2484, Salado	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
01/25	FM 2843, Bell	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
01/25	BLACKBERRY RD, Bell	Assist invalid
01/25	FIREWOOD LN, BELL	Building fire
01/25	CARSTEN LOOP, Bell	Special type of incident, other
01/25	Thomas Arnold RD, Bell	Motor vehicle accident, no injuries.
01/25	FIREWOOD LN. Bell	Smoke detector malfunction

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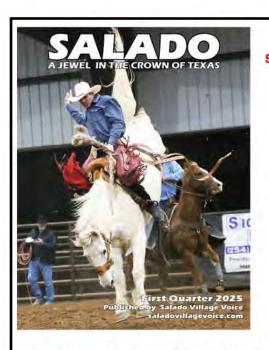
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