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Christmas Stroll kicks off with annual Parade

Get in the holiday spirit in picturesque historic Salado with a holiday parade, home tours, a live nativity scene and theatrical performances.

The two weekends of Dec. 4-6 and Dec. 11-13 are filled with entertainment, activities and Christmas shopping experiences for the whole family.

Festivities start with the annual Christmas Parade at 5 p.m. Dec. 3. The Parade will begin on Royal St. and make its way up Main Street to the Salado Civic Center. Arrive early (4:30 p.m.) to get the best spots along the parade route. The parade will have more than 40 entries and will include the SHS marching band, floats, walking groups, bicycle riders and vintage cars.

At the end of the parade, there will be hot chocolate and cookies and a visit from jolly old St. Nick at the Civic Center.

Strolling holiday carolers will serenade the late evening shoppers along Main Street each Friday and Saturday of the Stroll weekends. Be sure to look for the roaming live versions of Elf on Shelf for photo opportunities with your kids.

Many of the shops will host a variety of live entertainment at their shops all day and evening during the Stroll.

Christmas Carol takes the stage

Kelly Parker, Tablerock Board of Directors member, will direct Tablerock's 23rd annual performances of Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol at the Goodnight Amphitheater on Royal Street in Salado. Dates for the production are Dec. 4, 5, 11, and 12. Show begins at 7 p.m.

Parker and his wife, Anna, live in Salado. He served as Director for Tablerock's production of Shakespeare's Twelfth Night this past spring. He was appointed to the Tablerock Advisory Board in 2013 and elected to the Board of Directors in 2014.

A Belton High School graduate, Parker was a Performance Major at Baylor University where he earned his MFA in 2006. He is the Theater Director at McLennan County College in Waco. Professor Parker has performed professionally in numerous productions throughout Texas and in New York. Parker has studied the Meisner acting technique with Larry Silverberg and is a certified teacher through the True Acting Institute. He has trained in voice and speech work in New York City and Los Angeles with Catherine Fitzmaurice, Patsy Rodenberg, and Phil Thompson. Currently, He holds the distinction of a candidate for certification as a Fitzmaurice Voice-work® Teacher. He is a certified UIL OAP critic

Children and adults alike will be enchanted with the live nativity scene, sponsored by the First Baptist Church, in the evenings on both weekends of the Stroll.

Beautifully decorated historic and contemporary homes open their doors to visitors during Christmas Stroll. The Salado Historical Society Homes Tour will be throughout the Village on Dec. 4 from 5 to 8 p.m., Saturday Dec. 5 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday Dec. 6 from 1 to 4 p.m. See related story on page 1C this edition for more information.

You may enjoy taking a carriage ride through the village to see the Salado shops, restaurants, inns and galleries twinkling with white lights for the season.

To get in the holiday spirit, take in Tablerock Amphitheater's production of Dickens's "A Christmas Carol" at Goodnight Amphitheater on Royal Street Dec. 4-5 and Dec. 11-12 with the curtain opening at 7 p.m. See related story this edition.

The Salado Community Chorus will have its annual Christmas Concert at the First Baptist Church Worship Center on Main Street. The concert will feature traditional and contemporary Christmas carols at 7 p.m. on Dec. 10.

judge. This year, Parker has been appointed as the adjudicator for the UIL OAP 1A State contest.

A Christmas Carol has a cast and crew of 60, some new-comers to the play and a handful who have been associated with the play since its inception, 23 years ago.

A Christmas Carol was adapted to the stage by Harry Sweet. Sweet, director of Carol for 15 years and a retired Ethics Professor at Mary Hardin Baylor said, "No one can improve on Dickens's works," so the show remains pure Dickens, to the delight of all who come back year after year to enjoy the production. Kelly Parker agrees with Sweet's theory about Dickens and plans to "Keep the play true to Dickens."

Performances will begin at 7 p.m. Dec. 4-5 and Dec. 11-12 at Tablerock's Goodnight Amphitheater located on Royal Street in Salado.

Tickets are available at the gate: \$10.00 for Adults, \$5.00 for students and \$3.00 for children 12 and under.

Tickets may be purchased on line at www.tablerock.org or at the gate the night of each performance.

The concession stand opens at 6:30 p.m. for sandwiches, cold and hot drinks, chips and candy.

For group information call Tablerock at 1-254-947-9205.



Billie Hanks, Jr and Mayor Skip Blancett sign agreements between the Village of Salado and The Sanctuary development. (PHOTO COURTESY MARY ANN RAY)

Mayor, Hanks sign Sanctuary agreements

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Salado mayor Skip Blancett and landowner Billie Hanks, Jr. signed into effect on Nov. 25 more than 200 pages of agreements and a 12 page Warranty Deed. The board of aldermen approved the agreements following a two-hour executive session on Nov. 19.

The agreements form the basis for a partnership of sorts between the Village and the Sanctuary in which the developers and property owners of the proposed 297 acre mixed use development agree to have all of their properties brought into the Village limits in return for concessions on property and hotel motel taxes as well as guarantees for sewer service.

As part of the agreements, property owner Billy Hanks will donate six acres, or more, of property on the northeastern portion of the 297 acres to the village where it will construct a 300,000 gallon per day wastewater treatment plant for the cost of about \$3 million.

The Village will also construct at its cost the collection system for the plant, except for the collection system on the property that will become the Sanctuary Development. As part of 24-page Wastewater Service agreement, Sanctuary developers will design and build the collection system for the development, tying in at Royal Street or another location if easements are not attained by the developer with the assistance of the Village.

While "eminent domain" verbiage concerning the Royal Street tie-in was struck from the final documents, Sanctuary Chief Executive Officer Robert Sulaski warned aldermen earlier this fall that the cost of connecting at a different location would be much more expensive for both the Sanctuary and the Village of Salado as the Village would be responsible for constructing collection lines from the southern end of the Village to the lift station on the south

side of Salado Creek.

The current design approach will have a main collection line tie in to a gravity sewer line on Royal Street that will connect to a lift station on the south side of Salado Creek, most likely where the current Stagecoach sewer plant lies, and a force main line will connect to the top of the hill on Royal Street before a gravity sewer line will connect to the future Royal Street wastewater plant.

In addition to the collection system lines on the development property, Sanctuary developers will also be responsible for the design and construction of the "Re-use Facility," according to the Wastewater and Chapter 380 Agreements. Under these agreements, the Village will provide up to 200,000 gallons of treated effluent to the Sanctuary at no charge.

The Village will provide the treated effluent to the Sanctuary at most through a Chapter 380 Economic Development grant. Determining wholesale water prices is not an easy matter and depends on several variables, according to Salado Water Supply Corporation manager Ricky Preston.

Preston told Salado Village Voice that SWSC has a take-or-pay arrangement to with Jarrell-Schwertner Water Supply to sell JSWSC up to 3 million gallons of treated water per month for approximately \$1.50 per 1,000 gallons.

Many municipalities have begun to sell their effluent on the open market, typically for agricultural uses and for some fracking uses. While it is difficult to find what those costs are for the end user, we did find that municipalities in California are selling effluent for as much as \$1.80 per 1,000 gallons.

The 380 Economic Development grant could be worth more than \$100,000 per year based upon full 200,000 gallons per day at a cost of \$1.50 per 1,000 gallons.

The Developer will have to apply for beneficial reuse of the effluent

and will do so at its sole cost, according to the Wastewater agreement.

The Re-use Facilities referred to in the Wastewater agreement are defined as "any treated wastewater effluent lines and related appurtenances constructed by Developer to transport treated wastewater effluent from the Wastewater Treatment Plant for beneficial reuse within the Property."

The Discharge Permit that Billy Hanks and Salado Utilities, Inc. will donate to the Village states that the Discharge Point is Smith Branch Creek "near Shepard Drive" and FM 2268 on the western portion of the property.

The Wastewater Services agreement defines the Village Wastewater Improvements as "the Wastewater Treatment Plant, the Village Outfall Line, the Royal Street Wastewater Line Improvements, Lift Station No.2, and all other facilities, equipment and appurtenances required for Village to meet its service obligations."

The Outfall Line would carry the treated wastewater from the WWTP on the north east portion of the property to the Discharge Point defined in the permit. The cost of the outfall line has been estimated as being as much as \$500,000.

If the Village should amend the Discharge Permit that is being donated by Billy Hanks and Salado Utilities, Inc., to allow the discharge into the Smith Branch Creek closer to the WWTP, it will have to prepare that amendment and documentation at its own cost.

The period for the reuse of the effluent is 15 years from the "from the date of recordation of the last Subdivision Plat for the Property," according to the Wastewater Agreement.

The Wastewater Agreement requires the Village to provide retail sewer service to the Sanctuary within two years of the execution of the documents. However, the Village is under no obligation to provide wastewater service to any portion of the

property until the lands to be furnished service have been annexed, the lands to be furnished service have been final platted by the Village, the internal facilities for that Phase of the project have been completed and accepted by the Village and all necessary easements and other real property interests have been dedicated to the Village. Further, all required fees and charged have been paid to the Village and the Developer remains in material compliance.

Sanctuary properties will pay the same rates as other Village customers for in-city usage.

If the Village should expand the wastewater plant beyond the capacity of 600,000 gallons per day, then the Village shall undertake and complete these additional improvements simultaneously with such expansion: landscaping, walls and/or screening of the property, all blowers at the plant shall be located within effective sound boggling structures, the plant shall be retrofitted with a charcoal filter vented headworks or comparable odor mitigations technology.

Annexation is referenced in the Master Development and Wastewater Agreements. While the properties will request annexations all at one time, it is done with the understanding that the property owners will continue to claim the agricultural use exemptions for property tax until "such time as they are developed," with the exception of the 53-acre tract of land that includes the Wildfire Ranch Arena, which will be zoned and taxed as commercial property.

By approving the Master Development agreement, the Village "confirms its approval of the Conceptual Master Plan and specifically approves the land uses, densities, exceptions, utility and roadway alignments and width of rights-of-way shown in the Conceptual Master Plan, Land Use Chart and the Exceptions and Minimum Specifications.

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FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas



Obama's sanctimony on Syrian refugees

President Barack Obama has seen the enemy, and it is the refusal to accept more Syrian refugees.

From the tone of his post-Paris remarks, you'd think that a sophisticated terrorist assault on a major Western city is a setback; sentiment in the U.S. against taking more Syrian refugees is an atrocity.

Obama warned against "that dark impulse inside of us," as if we were debating whether Syrian refugees should be drawn and quartered. He said that "slamming the door in their faces would be a betrayal of our values." He was joined by liberal commentators who scoffed and guffawed at worries over Syrian refugees after -- ho-hum, nothing to see here -- one of the Paris terrorists apparently posed as a refugee.

It's remarkable that the president feels justified in lecturing anyone on humanitarianism. He has stood by while Syria has descended into a hellish chaos, and hasn't betrayed any guilty conscience. If you put those 10,000 Syrian refugees back in their native country and let them get gassed, barrel-bombed, shelled or shot, would he bat an eye at the ever-growing casualty count?

The Syrian refugees are most useful to the president as a symbol of his

Rich Lowry



alleged cosmopolitanism and of the supposed backwardness of his opposition.

The problem with the argument that our values compel us to take refugees is that it isn't subject to any limit. We admit about 70,000 refugees a year. Is that the American level? Or would 700,000 be more American? And what's the balance between prudential considerations -- cost, security, assimilation -- and American-ness?

By any reasonable standard we are justified in telling Europe that we have already done our part on migration, thank you very much. According to immigration expert Jessica Vaughan, since 2009 we have accepted 70 percent of all resettled United Nations-designated refugees worldwide.

It is true that Europe at the moment faces a migrant crisis. It's not hard to see how it can begin to handle it. First, tell Germany's foolhardy chancellor to stop encouraging more migrants to come; enforce national boundaries like nation-states have from time immemorial; refuse to accept anyone

who hasn't been processed properly.

The U.S., already dealing with a steady migrant flow from south of the border, needn't become part of the bidding for Syrian refugees.

Resources can be better spent in Middle Eastern countries that are hosting millions of Syrian refugees. The Center for Immigration Studies, which supports restrictions on immigration, estimates that the cost of settling one Syrian refugee here would support 12 Syrian refugees in the other Middle Eastern states.

While we don't face the security risk of Europe, where the refugee flow is essentially uncontrolled, there is no reliable way to vet Syrian refugees.

Finally, assimilation is an obvious concern. The experience of the Somali refugee community in Minneapolis hasn't been a happy one. Unemployment is high, and the community has provided dozens of recruits to radical Islamist groups.

Of course, that we are discussing a Syrian refugee crisis at all is another symptom of the president's abject failure in the Middle East. So, please, Mr. President, spare us your sanctimony and condescension.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review. (c) 2015 by King Features Synd., Inc.

Reasons to be merry during the holidays

"It was cold, bleak, biting weather: foggy withal: and the people in the court outside could be heard, wheezing up and down, beating their hands upon their breasts, and stamping their feet upon the pavement stones to warm them. The city clocks had only struck three, but it was quiet dark already -- it had not been light all day." Charles Dickens, "A Christmas Carol"

The cold, rainy days of Thanksgiving are gone leaving one question, "Merry Christmas! What right and reason have you to be merry?"

In Salado, we have every right and reason to be merry.

Open your eyes and see.

What's that? All you see and hear is construction; doom and gloom? Really?

Mayor Skip Blancett



Come and see the Christmas Parade today -- a family-affair full of people having fun, laughing, and enjoying themselves.

The annual Christmas Parade signals the kick off of the Christmas Stroll. Tell the shop owners who brightly decorated their stores with lights, wreaths, and trees; "they have no right to be merry." Ask the neighbors who decorate their homes "what reason have you to be merry?" Talk to visitors and hear, "We love Salado." Listen well to their answers.

See "A Christmas Car-

ol" and experience the work of a wonderful lady, Jackie Mills. Seeing her devotion and commitment is a shot of "merriness" that lasts all year.

Add the Christmas cantatas/choirs, the special events/parties, the Candle light services, and friends saying "Merry Christmas," and you will find "merriness."

You want information? Attend the Sanctuary Town Hall on 14 December. Dr. Billy Hanks will be our guest along with our city attorney and engineer -- all discussing Sanctuary.

Stagecoach? The plans are alive and well! No "Bah Humbug," there!

Salado has every right and reason to be merry. It is going to be wonderful time in our Village. Believe it!



Unwilling to sell our village short for Sanctuary deal

There is a point when one must emerge from behind an iron veil and discuss openly the reasons that decisions are made, or not made, and the repercussions that those decisions have on our village.

I have been repeatedly asked why I have been so openly opposed to The Sanctuary development. I am not so opposed to the development itself, but rather the individuals making deals behind closed doors and our board's inability to see clearly through the fog of big development and proposed earned tax income the development portrays. At the end of the day, I am not willing to sell myself, or my beloved village, short of what we all deserve. And please understand, The Sanctuary and the sewer are not necessarily synonymous. I am decidedly for a sewer, just on our own terms.

The primary concern I have is that the first time the documents outlining the deals with The Sanctuary are viewed outside the confines of executive session, they will be signed and complete. I have long felt that transparency and

Commentary Alderman Amber Preston

open review will allow fallible government officials the ability to reap the benefits of review by our constituents. After all, is it not that same public that elected us to these esteemed positions?

Of course, there are other apprehensions as well. I have concerns with eminent domain and being required to take land from property owners who have owned property surrounding the development for generations. How is it the Village's responsibility to service The Sanctuary and all of its homes and businesses on the backs of those who have lived among us for years before this plan was set into motion? And further, how can our board vote to give away the valued effluent from our wastewater treatment plant for up to 45 years? I will most likely (and only in stellar health conditions) be the only Alderman who will live long enough to see that plan conclude. There are many other concerns, holes,

gaps, and failures, which I will always be happy to discuss with anyone who wants to listen.

Change is inevitable. More and more people move to Salado, and a mosaic of opinions and values transfer here with them. But let us not forget where we started, our roots, and why you, or your family, chose Salado as your home. We did not move here to change Salado, we moved here because we loved it and wanted to see it succeed. As the only elected official opposed to this development, you can imagine my plea has fallen on deaf ears. The wolves of big development and big government are upon our flock. I walk among the sheep and covet this flock. But, make no mistake, I am your sheepdog, and I will do my best to protect this Village.

Amber Preston Dankert Alderman

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FORUM

Readers on Sanctuary, I-35

To the Editor:

The lower front page of your November 26, 2015 edition read as follow" BOA approves Sanctuary deal" or should it have read, "The Rabbits finally swallowed the Dangling Carrot," except one.

I have read where the new wastewater plant being built by the Sanctuary will have a capacity of 300,000 gallons a day. When the Sanctuary is completely built, it is said that they will need that 300,000 and the Village will need at least 80,000 gallons of wastewater treated. If my math is correct, the new wastewater plant will be past its capacity to treat and then what? Since the Village will own the plant and operate it, they will have to expand it or haul the excess at the taxpayer expense. Will that mean another Bond Issue?

I read the article you have printed on this subject and have read and listened to what other people have said. I don't believe other options were discussed at the fullest or public comments were heard. What happened to the other studies made with connecting to the Regional Wastewater Plant in Belton or purchase of land and build the Village's own plant?

There are too many unanswered questions not discussed in the Village Meetings, so the public would have a better understanding of what is going on and how it is going to affect the Village and its citizens. The Board of Aldermen thinks this is the best deal, well I guess we will find out and so much for a government being open and transparent. Remember the first Wastewater Treatment Plan "DEAL"? It is so good now that the BOA had to budget \$40,000 to operate it in 2016 because only a handful of businesses are connected to pay for the operation.

Don't get me wrong. I would like to see the Village grow so that when I shop and dine out I wouldn't have to go out of town to do it. It just seems that the Village may not get the best end of this deal.

Sincerely,
Johnny Butler
Salado

To the Editor:

I have no idea if you have any influence in the construction process and associated traffic, but I'm sending this to you either way. The decision to have that much road work around the thanksgiving holiday is absolutely absurd. My family and I sat in traffic forever on



Your Voice

Letters to the Editor

our way home. Someone needs to have a word with the decision makers and they need to be considerate and a hell of a lot smarter.

Scott Lochridge
Annandale, Va

To the Editor:

For the third time in the last few days Main Street and side streets are jammed with freeway traffic, further crippling our Village and businesses, not to mention emergency traffic flow. The state tells us that 1500 people are moving to Texas every day from the overcrowded north, yet we continue to just piddle along with expanding our infrastructure just like we did in the past.

Years ago we considered a reliever freeway through east Texas and then there was a high speed train followed by another reliever freeway and all were defeated by exaggerations, even outright lies so we're stuck dead in the past. And, this doesn't apply just to Salado. Take a look at our big city traffic congestion nightmares. And, what we're doing to expand I-35 through Texas today is already obsolete and Salado, Hillsboro and others, could not endure the staggering damage of another TxDot expansion of I-35 so let's not even consider that option.

Leadership leads and it's time we held our state government responsible for this quagmire. They are obviously not paying attention so let's wake them up with a lawsuit and while we're at it, let's also

send all those responsible elected and appointed "good ole' boys" back to the ranch and replace them with folks who are willing to act on behalf of Texas.

Oh yes, one final note. Consider freeway construction in Southern California. One segment through Anaheim-Fullerton was started and finished in months, not years and they worked twenty four hours a day to do it. The contractor was also subject to painfully high liquidated damages for delays and the state paid painfully high bonus money for early completion. Guess what?.....they completed early.

Welcome to our newcomers. We're glad you're here. We know Texas is indeed the land of opportunity. Hopefully, some of you folks know something about building infrastructure because we obviously don't. Now, let's all work together to drag Austin into the realities of the 21st century.

Jack Schrock
Salado, TX

To the Editor:

My family and I were in a terrible car accident in Bastrop County on Nov. 27. Our daughter, Addie, was taken by helicopter to Brackenridge in Austin while Rick and I were brought in by ambulance. Within minutes of a phone call to our pastor and a Facebook post, we were surrounded with community outreach. To

say we felt supported and loved by Salado is such an understatement. The Superintendent of schools, our church pastors and deacons, teachers, friends and of course family, were with us and on standby to help us in anyway we needed.

I know we live in a special place. I know we have excellent schools. And I know our churches have the biggest hearts. However, during the darkest moments of our lives, this truth became very real to us. I do not know what we would have done without the immediate reach-out by so many.

So, again, Thank You, Salado. The Ashe Family will never forget how you were there for us that very scary night in November.

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Community Life

Temple Symphony presents Home for the Holidays Concert on Dec. 5

Temple Symphony Orchestra presents Home for the Holidays Concert Dec. 5, 6:30 p.m. Prologue 7:30 p.m. Concert At Temple College's Mary Alice Marshall Performing Arts Center 2600 South First Street, Temple, Texas

and Mel Tormé's A Christmas Song to J.S. Bach and special arrangements by Tim Cates
Begin your holiday season on just the right note. Tickets \$20. for Adults \$5. for students over 6 years
Online tickets [www. TempleSymphony.org](http://www.TempleSymphony.org) or call 254-778-6683.

Feast of St. Nicholas held at Saint Joseph's Episcopal on Dec. 6

St. Joseph's Episcopal Church invites you to join them in a Feast of St. Nicholas following the 11 a.m. Dec. 6 service at the church located on North Main St.

Father Bob Bliss will give a short talk on the life and ministry of the "original Santa Claus," during the service.

The Feast of St Nicholas will be celebrated with a special display of St Nicholas statues, art, St Nicholas cookies and St Nicholas Holy cards.

According to the St. Nicholas Center website (<http://www.stnicholas-center.org>), Nicholas, "a bishop in Asia Minor (now Turkey), was known for his generosity and indomitable defense of the oppressed, especially children. During his life and after, hundreds of miracles were attributed to him."

"Two thousand churches, hospitals, and monasteries were named for him throughout Europe, according to the St. Nicholas



St. Nicholas statues on display for the Feast

Center. "By the end of the 1400s, he was considered the third most beloved religious figure after Jesus and Mary."

"Celebrating St. Nicholas in Advent, at home or in a parish, can bring about a joyful spirit of giving and the fun of sharing wonderful secret plans to help others," according to the Center's website. "This helps counteract the con-

sumer attitude prevalent in Advent."

Western tradition Christians celebrate the Feast of St. Nicholas on Dec. 6. Eastern tradition Christians celebrate the Feast of St. Nicholas on Dec. 19.

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Festival of Carols presented at Hope Presbyterian Dec. 13

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Registration is now open online and ends on Dec. 30. Go to <https://runsignup.com/race/tx/salado/3kings3miler> to register for the 5K run.

Registration is \$30 per person and includes a Pasta Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 1 at the church Parish Hall on Main Street.



Winners will be crowned with a hand-forged crown by Salado sculptor Lonnie Edwards.

CTC spring semester registration online

CTC opened online registration for the spring 2016 semester classroom courses on Monday, November 30. Returning students and new students who have completed the admissions/academic advisement process can then register using the online CTC WebAdvisor system through January 15. Spring semester classes begin Tuesday, January 19.

To register online, students should log onto www.ctcd.edu, click the "Students" link and then click the "WebAdvisor" link. Class schedules are also available at the same web address.

New students must seek academic advisement through the Guidance and Counseling office at Student Services (Bldg. 119) prior to online registration. Advisement dates are November 30 through December 18 and then January 4-18 when the office re-opens after the holiday break.

Distance learning students registering for online courses that begin in January can register now through January 14. Registration for online classes starting in February is also underway now through February 18 and registration for March online classes ends March 17.

Students taking classes the CTC Fort Hood campus can register now for the December mini-term scheduled for December 15 - 31. Registration is at the Fort Hood campus located at Bldg. 3201 on 72nd Street or by using the GoArmyEd portal for active-duty military personnel.

The CTC Service Area campus will conduct registration at several sites. For students taking classes at the Burnet location, registration is December 1 - January 15 at the CTC office. In Lampasas, registration will be held at Lampasas High School on December 1 - January 15.

Students in Marble Falls can register at the CTC office November 30 - January 18. In Fredericksburg, registration will be held November 30 - January 18 at the CTC office. And in Gatesville, students can register online or at the CTC office from November 30 - January 19.

Classes start on January 19 in all CTC service area locations.

Auxiliary Christmas Party held Dec. 10 at SUMC

The Salado Ladies Auxiliary will conduct their monthly meeting and Christmas party Dec 10. Both events will be at the Salado United Methodist Church Sanctuary located on 650 Royal Street. Social time is 9:30 a.m. with the annual Christmas Brunch, provided by the Ladies Auxiliary board, commencing at 10 a.m.

The program will feature Dr. Wallace Davis telling one of his holiday stories. Also, the Ladies Auxiliary will present

grants to various community organizations and introduce the elected board members for the 2016 year. The Christmas party will conclude with the annual exchange of ornaments. Each attendee needs to bring an inexpensive ornament in a gift bag or wrapped so that it is ready for the ornament exchange game.

All Ladies Auxiliary members and guests are encouraged to attend.

The Salado Ladies Auxiliary strives to provide events and activities which

enhance, improve and promote the community of Salado. The organization also offers programs and activities that are educational and inspirational as well as social. Membership is open to anyone interested in volunteering their time and talent to promote organizational goals. Membership dues are \$15 and the Auxiliary meets the second Thursday of each month at the Salado United Methodist Church Youth Activity Center.

Obituaries



JAMES K. BREWSTER

July 16, 1937 to November 11, 2015, 78 years old. James K. Brewster passed away peacefully in his Salado home Wed. Nov. 11, 2015 where he lived with his wife Patricia for 14 years. He is survived by his wife Patricia Plumlee Brewster, a step son Jay Garrett of Georgetown, granddaughter Jonna Alexis Garrett and grandson Jack Austin Garrett of Driftwood.

James retired from Casework Services Inc. Temple, Tx in 2007 where he was employed as a Casework Blueprint Detailer for more than 10 years.

He served in the U.S. Army from July 1956 to December 1962.

Born in Taylor, Texas. Where he returned following military service and graduated from Taylor High School, in May 1958. Veterans Memorial will be held in Spring of 2016 Crotty Funeral Home.

Send information with photos to news@saladovillagevoice.com



JEFFREY MARK CAHALL

Jeffrey Mark Cahall, age 51, of Belton passed away Saturday, November 21, 2015 at a Temple hospital. Jeffrey was born to Winton (Red) and Phyllis (Lance) Cahall at Fort Dix N.J. October 3, 1964.

Jeff and his business partner, Chris Thomas, established "Jac's Tile" in 1997 and worked all over Central Texas to include providing services to 14 different Lowe's Home Improvement store locations.

Jeff coached numerous baseball and football teams throughout his life with the Salado Recreation Organizations. He was also a board member of the Salado Youth Baseball Association, coach of the Salado Eagles youth football team and coached the Rough Riders and Salado Athletics baseball teams. Jeff also served as Vice President of CTYFL 2010-2015. Throughout his life Jeff was an avid fisherman, sports enthusiast and most importantly a dedicated father.

Jeff is preceded in death by a brother, Keith Cahall.

Survivors include his parents Red and Phyllis

Cahall, sons JJ and Colby Cahall and daughter Mara Cahall. Also surviving is brother Ken Cahall and sister Jeanne Richard.

A Celebration of Life memorial service was held Nov. 27 at First Baptist Church of Salado with Steve English officiating.

Hewett-Arney Funeral Home of Temple is entrusted with arrangements.



SPECIALIST KAYLEB RICHARDEE HARP

Fort Hood officials have released the name of a Soldier who died Nov. 25 from injuries suffered from a motor vehicle accident in Bee Cave, Texas.

Spc. Kayleb Richardlee Harp, 24, whose home of record is listed as Colorado Springs, Colorado, entered active-duty military service in June 2012 as a combat medic.

He was assigned to 215th Brigade Support Battalion, 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, since January 2013. Harp's awards and decorations include Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon and the Driver and Mechanic Badge.

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Bloomer will host live stage show at National Finals Rodeo

For the fourth year in a row, 22 year-old Texas native, Alexis Bloomer, will be heading to Las Vegas to host her stage show, Alexis Bloomer Live for 10 days during the National Finals Rodeo.

This show is unlike any other stage show during

the National Finals Rodeo. Bloomer interviews top athletes and country music entertainers to give viewers a real look at the athletes outside the arena.

Audience members hear behind the scenes stories in the rodeo industry, sometimes for the first

time publicly.

Alexis Bloomer Live provides free entertainment and giveaways daily for her audience.

This year, Alexis Bloomer Live will be on the Wrangler Network daily for family and fans to see the show live. The Wrangler Network connects 1.2 million fans with video, mobile, and web content otherwise not available or created. The network has live streamed more than 85 rodeo and country music events in 2015. www.wranglernetwork.com

Alexis Bloomer, daughter of Randy and Kim Bloomer of Salado, is the youngest and only female to host a stage show during the National Finals Rodeo. She is a graduate of Salado

High School.

Her guests include World Champions such as Tuf Cooper, Sage Kimzey, Marty Yates, KC Jones and Fred Whitfield along with popular country artists such as Daryle Singleary, Aaron Watson and Cody Johnson Band.

Her interactive stage show gives the audience a chance to interact with the guests in a way that makes Alexis Bloomer Live a hot attraction for rodeo and non-rodeo fans alike.

Alexis Bloomer Live will be at the Cowboy Christmas Rodeo Houston stage located at the Las Vegas Convention center daily from 1:15-2:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend this event that will show you a different side of all the



Alexis Bloomer will host a live stage show during the National Finals Rodeo Dec. 3-12. (COURTESY PHOTO)



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Sanctuary

The Exceptions and Minimum Specifications comprise 14 pages of the 68 page Master Development Agreement.

One of the exceptions to the local ordinances includes an exception concerning the dedication of parkland as required by the Subdivision Ordinance because Sanctuary will have private parks, private trails and private green-space.

The Land Uses Master Plan outlines the following general use categories and specifications, which can be amended by as much as 20 percent without further approval:

- Commercial (e.g. office, retail, restaurants, etc.): 515,000 heated sq. ft.
- Entertainment Venue: 40,000 HSF
- Lodging: 355 rooms.
- Multi-family (multi-

story including senior housing and rental): 575 units.

- Mutli-Family (for sale including condos, townhouse and duplexes): 130 units.

- Single Family (for sale): 364 units.
- Parking Garage: 500 spaces

Approving the Master Development Agreement also approves the road design standards identified in the Conceptual Master Plan and includes roadway connections to the following Village roads: Royal Street, College Hill Drive, Baines Street, Santa Maria Road, San Jose Road, Salado Oaks Drive, Main Street and FM 2268.

The Design Guidelines referred to in the Master Development Agreement states that the Developer will provide design guidelines to the "Village of Salado prior to the first preliminary plat."

The Chapter 380 Economic Development agreement outlines 15 years of tax rebates for commercial properties. It states that the owners will receive rebates equal "to the annual Property Tax Receipts actually received by the Village associated with such development (if any) less the amount of Property Tax Receipts in the Base Tax Year for the property associated with such development," multiplied by 50 percent.

The tax rebate will not include the debt service tax for the retirement of the debt for the sewer plant, according to City Manager Kim Foutz.

The property taxes will be rebated for a period of 15 years "from the recording date of the last Subdivision as deigned by the Village of Salado Subdivision Or-

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Bloomer is a professional journalist that graduated from the Dan Rather School of Journalism at Sam Houston State University.

FROM PAGE 1A

dinance No. 2009.02 or the 15th anniversary date of the last certificate of occupancy issues for a commercial building, whichever is the last to occur."

The Chapter 380 agreement also includes Rollback Grants for periodic economic development grants "equal to 100 percent of the Rollback Taxes to offset the portion of the Owner's cost of development of the Land." Rollback Taxes are defined in the Chapter 380 agreement as "the tax and/or penalty assessed against the Land, or operation thereof, as the result of the removal or agricultural and/or open space land designation(s) for the Land."

Property that is appraised as Ag Use is valued on its capacity to produce agricultural products, not the market value of the land. According to the article entitled "Ag-use Exemption: Fact or Fiction?" by Judon Farmbrough in the Tierra Grande, the Real Estate Center Journal, "This is determined by capitalizing the average net income that the land would have been earned during the past five years using prudent agricultural management practices."

The chief appraiser will also appraise the land at its market value. Then, according to Farmbrough's article, "If the land is sold or diverted to a non-agricultural use, the difference between the two appraisals" for the past five years, plus interest, must be recaptured. This is what is referred to as the Rollback Taxes in the Chapter 380 Economic Development agreement, according to Foutz.

Additionally, the agreements include verbiage concerning Future Phases in which it states that the Village "shall look favorably in good faith on extending the existing economic incentives" for the future Phase Two Entertainment District which will consist of an approximately 1,800 to 2,500 seat additional music venue and multistory parking garage. However, the agreement is not binding on this future development.

The agreements signed by the Mayor and Billie Hanks, Jr. include a Tourism Marketing Agreement in which 50 percent of the hotel occupancy taxes generated by the Sanctuary will be rebated to the development to promote the property for overnight stays. The Tourism Marketing Agreement shall "continue for a period of 15 calendar years from the Opening Date of the last Venue opened to the public by the Owners."

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December 3, 2015

Coach Smith Memorial basketball tourney

The Coach Smith Memorial Basketball Tournament tips off at 2:30 p.m. Dec. 3 at Salado High School with the varsity Lady Eagles playing Mc-

Gregor. The boys play at 8:30 p.m. Dec. 3 against Jarrell.

For the complete boys and girls brackets, turn to page 4B of this edition.



COURTESY PHOTO

Salado JV girls are (from left) Coach Jodee Preston, Kaitlyn Combs, Elizabeth Won, Corban Mescher, Carolina Soto, Zoe Spindor, Melissa McCulloch, Hailey Wilson, Lexi Lima, Taylor Parker, Abby Matthews, Megan Sanchez, Anna Cat Johnson and Kate Kyburz.

JV Girls win Cameron Tourney

Salado JV Lady Eagles are 5-1 after winning the Cameron JV Tournament Nov. 19 and 21. While their varsity counterparts will be hosting the Coach Smith Memorial Tournament Dec. 3-5, the JV girls will be playing in the Gatesville JV Tournament those same days.

Lexi Lima led the girls past their first opponent Nov. 19 as Salado beat Caldwell 24-17. Lima had eight points. Also scoring for the Lady Eagles were Joy Johnson, six points, Anna Cat Johnson, four points, and Kate Kyburz, Corban Mescher and Melissa McCulloch, two points each.

Salado beat the host Cameron Lady Yoe in the second round 30-11. Megan Sanchez led the scoring for Salado with eight points, followed by seven points from Lima. Also scoring were Joy Johnson, Mescher, and Taylor Parker, four points each, McCulloch, two points and AC Johnson, one point.

The Lady Eagles beat Riesel in the third round on Nov. 21 by a score of 31-13. The girls led by 21-9 at the end of the first half. Lima scored 15 points to lead Salado. Also scoring were Sanchez, seven points, Mescher, five points and Kyburz, four points.

To win the championship, Salado outscored Lexington 31-25 in the final game on Nov. 21. Salado overcame a horrible first half in which Lexington led 17-6. The girls scored nine points in the third and held Lexington to just four. In the fourth, Salado scored 16 points with Lima scoring six of her game-high 11 points to lead the Lady Eagles to the win. The Salado defense held Lexington to just eight points in the second half. Mescher also scored double figures with 10 points. Also scoring for Salado were Kyburz, six points, AC Johnson and Spinder, two points each.

The girls also beat McGregor 31-18 before the Thanksgiving break. The girls led the Lady Bulldogs 15-8 at the half, Lexi Lima led the scoring with 11 points, followed by Joy Johnson, who had eight points. Also scoring for Salado were Megan Sanchez, three points, Kate Kyburz, Melissa McCulloch and Zoe Spinder, two points each and Abby Matthews, one point.

Jr. High Girls

Salado girls junior high A teams swept Burnet in the district openers Nov. 19.

Salado 8A 28

Burnet 8A 20

High scorers were Kaia Philen, 13 points and Emaly Vrooman, eight points in the 28-20 win over Burnet eighth grade girls.

"This was a physical game. We changed some things around defensively during the second half which changed the momentum of the game," Coach Jodee Preston said. "I was very proud of the way the girls handled the pressure and intensity of the game. Our shots were not falling from the outside...but our defense saved us in the end."

Salado 7A 35

Burnet 7A 24

High scorers were Amanda Cantu, Jorja Washington and Amy Manning, each with eight points for the seventh grade squad.

"This was a very physical game for our first game of district. The refs were not calling many fouls... which made the game get a little physical," Coach Jodee Preston said. "The girls handled the pressure well. Seven of the 12 on the team had points on the board and their defense was aggressive. We finally got warmed up after halftime...and it showed offensively."

Eagles named to All-District

Two Salado Eagles were named to the First Team All-District for District 11-4A, Div. II and nine were named to the Second Team.

Senior running back Hayden Ebeling was named to the First Team All District as a running back. Sophomore cornerback Cutter Hudgens was named to the First Team, as well.

Named to the Second Team were these: senior Paul Hutchinson, inside linebacker, senior Niko-

las Lowrance, defensive tackle, senior Preston Payne, safety, senior Tyler Stairs, cornerback, junior Noah Barker, center, junior guard Phillip Ruiz, guard, sophomore Cutter Hudgens, return specialist, sophomore Trey Sheppard, running back and sophomore Willy Whigham, offensive tackle.

Receiving Honorable Mention were senior Tyler Armstrong, inside linebacker, senior Alex Carmona, placekicker, senior Coby Chambliss, outside

linebacker, junior Tate Hill, defensive end and sophomore Zack Adams, guard.

Four players were named to the Academic All District: senior Tyler Armstrong and Preston Payne and sophomores Trey Sheppard and Kaden Smien.

Salado ended its football season with a 1-10 record, 1-3 in district play as the fourth place team from District 11-4A, Div. II.

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Varsity Eagles look to end 2-game skid during Coach Smith Tourney

Salado varsity Eagles will try to end a two-game skid when they host the Coach Smith Memorial Basketball Tournament Dec. 3-5 at Salado High School.

The Eagles will tip off against Jarrell at 8:30 p.m. Dec. 3 in the first round of the tournament. They play Paradise at 1:30 p.m. Dec. 4 and then Lago Vista at 6 p.m. that day. The final game for the boys division will be Salado versus the Shoemaker JV team at 2:30 p.m. Dec. 5.

For complete brackets for the Coach Smith tournament, turn to page 4B this edition.

Salado 66
Groesbeck 62

Groesbeck scored 22 points in the fourth quarter to close a six point Salado advantage and beat the Eagles 66-62 on Nov. 28 in a

home game for the Goats.

Salado scored 20 points in the second quarter, led by a nine-point quarter from Evan Wall.

Four Eagles scored double figures in the game. Ryan Kyburz led the squad with 13 points. Wall followed with 12 points. Justin Tatum scored 11 points and Preston Rosebrock scored 10 points.

Also scoring for Salado were Trevor Stump, seven points, Willy Whigham, three points and Luke Miller, two points.

Salado JV 37
Connally 33

Salado JV boys scored 14 points in the fourth to break a tie to beat the Connally Cadets 37-33 on Nov. 24.

Lucas Miller led the Eagles with 11 points. Jake Pittman scored 10 points

to follow.

Also scoring for the boys were Jeff Stockton and Kade Maedgen, four points each, Carson Wade, three points Ben Johnson and Quade Brown, two points and Ryan Kyburz, one point.

Salado JV 27
Groesbeck JV 34

Salado JV boys lost to the Groesbeck JV Goats Nov. 28 27-34 in a road game.

Kyburz led the game with 13 points. Also scoring for the Eagles were Anthony Young, seven points, Stockton, three points, Maedgen, two points and Johnson and Wade, one point each.

Salado 9th 31
Connally 9th 33

Salado ninth grade boys lost to Connally on

the road Nov. 24, unable to overcome a 27-21 third quarter lead by the Cadets.

Warren Roche III led the scoring for Salado with 14 points. Also scoring for the Eagles were Jeremy Jarvis, eight points, Barrett Schoenrock, four points, Damuel Brown, three points and Nick Burns, two points.

Salado 9th 23
Faith Academy 33

Salado ninth graders lost to Faith Academy 23-33 on Nov. 30.

The Eagles scored nine points in the first half while Faith Academy scored 23 points.

Burns led the scoring for Salado with six points. Also scoring were Jarvis, Roche III and Schoenrock, four points each, Gordy Nelson and Walker Hawkins, two points and Davis,

Salado soccer teams compete

Four Salado competitive travel soccer teams qualified for the Capital Area Youth Soccer Play-offs recently.

The U11 Boys team coached by Riad Chtay and Dorian Drigalla went

into the tournament with an undefeated record. The boys lost to Melinium Soccer Kids of Del Valle 1-6 in the first game. The lost to Well Branch Lighting in the second game 0-3. The boys defeated North Austin Soccer Association 4-2 in the third game. The boys were third in their bracket and missed the semi-finals of the tournament.

The U11 Girls Salado Spirit coached by Jeff Stouder, Elliseo Peralta and Randy Havelka lost their first game against Town and Country of Austin 0-1. They won the sec-

ond game against North Austin 2-1 and lost the third game against Lake Country of Lago Vista, 0-1. The girls were third in their bracket and did not advance to the semi finals.

Even though they were four players short in their first game against North Austin, the U13 Girls Salado Spirit won 1-0 with a score by Lilly Loughed. The girls lost the second game to Lonestar soccer Club Rush 0-1 and the third game to Lonestar Soccer Club Crush 0-2. The girls, coached by Rob Pflingsten, placed third in

the Western District.

The U12 Girls Salado Spirit, coached by Jamie Oyler, won their first game against Town and County, 1-0. The girls lost the second game to Lonestar Soccer Club 0-1. The girls qualified for the semi-final game by beating the North Austin Soccer club 2-0. In the semi-finals, the girls lost a heartbreaker to Lake Country of Lago Vista 3-4. Only two teams advanced from the U12 group so the girls finished third overall for the season.

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Mrs. Cruddas' Class

Dear Santa Claus,
 Helow my name is Marquis I am eight year's old. Do you thank I can, come to the north pole? Thank you for my gift's last year I had lot's of fun. I rilly want A remote contrall bull that comes with mini bull rider's. And A gint nerf gun. And the walky tawy that shows you the setting of where your friends are. And watch out for the narberwood cat's.
 Love, Marquis

Dear Santa Claus,
 I am Jemima I have been a good girl. Are the elfs, small? How does Rudolph's nose glows? Thank you for my D.S. and tablet. The things that I want for Christmas is a computer, nerf gun, and \$100. I want the nerf gun to soot my brothers. When you come in make sure you don't wake up my nece and nefu because if you do they are going to cry!
 Love, Jemima

Dear St. Nick,
 My name is Deven and I am 9 yers old. How are the radr? How are you? Thank you for the bike I got last year. I want to liv with my grandpa. Wod you tak me to my grandpa? He has a chimney.
 Love, Deven

Dear St. Nick,
 I'm Faith I am 8 yers old and I was Born in the usa. Is it codl wher you live. this is what I want for charmas. Polarid camria, Bootes that are Blak and a giny pig whith spots the reson I want a Polarid camra is my Dab dos not lit my tack my Iphone on vecason because He dos not want me to lose it. and I shod wonn you about my Dogs, Skarlit, tinkrBell, and gulet. Marry chrimas!
 Love, your friend, Faith

Dear Santa Claus,
 Hi, I'm Millye. I am 9 years old and in the 3rd grade. How is Mrs. Claus? Thank you for Julie the american girl doll last year. She is awesome! This year for christmas I would like a huge lava lamp so I can have a night light, and cause its just cool. Also this year I would like the american girl doll Rebecca. I need somebody to keep Julie company And if you don't mind I would also like a ipad of my own cause I like to play on electronics. And just to warn you, try to be quiet because my dad might come out of his room with a shotgun.
 Sincerely, Millye

Dear Santa Claus,
 My name is Riley and I am 8 years old. And I wanted to know how do you get to every house in one night? Thank you for every thing you have gave me. What I want for chistmas is Art stuff and a blue and black Ipad case it comes with blue and white head phones. I bet you have a lot of elves. And be carrrful to be quiet because I have a little sister.
 Love, Riley

Dear Santa,
 My name is Austin. I'm 8 years old. I'm in the 3rd grade. How is Mrs. claus doing? Do you like chocollate milk shakes. Thank you for all the toys you got me. I want a labtop, a small gold nugget and a real fox hide. I want the gold for my rock collection. I want the fox for my wall. I want the labtop to look up web sites. Look out for my cat.
 Your friend, Austin

Dear Santa Claus,
 My name is Brooklyn and how is your raindeer? I would like to kow oh and thank you for the lectrick scooter last year.

This christmas I would like a kittne/black kitten, money and Glizi Globes. Oh and watch out for my dog toca he's a biter.
 Love, Brooklyn

Dear St. Nick,
 I have tow stairs in my house. If my dog BaiBai wakes up just say good night. How does Rudolphs nose glow? How can you fit throw the chimney? Thank you for givinge me a trampaleen when I was 3. I wish you can give me a watch that I kood call my mom and my dad and my sister Lauren and I can call you!!!! And if I keep track of it you can get me a phone and a Nerf shot. I might get cookies that do not have cholcet in it because if my dog has a bit she won't pass out.
 Love, Izzy

Dear Santa,
 I am 9 years old. is Rodolph one of your reinders. bo your elves really build toys Are they tiny or big cau you give me a robot, a game for xbox 360 and the xbox 360 cun it be gret the fod 5 and a big TV. I will leav good cookies in the freez. and please be careful so you don't wake my sister. and the chimney is small.
 Love, Sebastian

Dear Santa,
 My name is colby and I am 9. I ahve been good! How fas tdo you go on your sled? How much do you whigh? Thank you for the ipod. I loved that thing. This year I want a ipad mini. I want a new Basketball because my othe rone is wor out I want an under armor Basketball. we will elave the cookies on the coffe table! Can't wait.
 Love, Colby

Dear Santa CLaus,
 Snata. I was Born in 2006 in San Marcos at a hospital. I am now 9 years old. How is Ms. Claus doing? How are the raindeer? I want miles From Tomorrowland, Stella Sphere Playset The Star Jetterr, and cars Tractor Tipping Play and ralp Luahcher. There will be cookies on Christmas at the houses.
 Sincerely, Teghan

Dear Santa,
 I'm a really good boy named Brooks. How are the raindeer? What's your favorite song? Thank you for the mini boxers! They are super fun to play with. I really want a Xbox one and a ipad for Chirstmas. I also want a lego star wars and minecraft sets for my cloottion. I warn you, the cookies and milk mite old. I also mit be hideing.
 Sincerely, Brooks

Dear Santa,
 My name is Boone I am 9 and a half I live in Salado. Do you like dogs? I want a guina pig and a turtle. Thank you for the gifts last year. One last thing I would like a fish and a RC truck. Watch out for my dogs they may Bite so be safe.
 Your friend, Love, Boone
 Dear Saint Nick,
 Hi im Amber! I love christmas! Do you go to the contreys that dont have a lot of money like Afferca or Hawii? Thank you for the toy you gave me last year! This year I want a pet Ginnine pig or a kitten and a cage, for the ginnine pig. But only get me one of the pets if its ok with my mom. I realy want the pet ginnine pig the most. But I will warn you please be very quiet when you come3 so you don't wake up my dog and my kittens they wont hurrt you and I don't have a Fire place just so you know Santa. I love you and you worker's and the raindeer and miss clause!
 Sincerely, Amber

Dear St. Nick,
 Hey there Santa it's Jaxon. I'm 8 years old, about to be 9 after christmas. My birthdays on January 10, 2007. Hows the wife? I'm fine. Hows Rudolph?

I bet he brightens your days! Thanks for delivering all the presents in our world. I want a red big drums etc cause im bored at home. Xbox one, and 1-foot. 6 inch TV! Hope you have a good day... bye!
 Sincerely, Jaxon

Dear Santa,
 My name is Kannon and I am 8 yers old by the way do you have eny other pet's besides the rain deer? By the way how is Rudalph? By the way thank you for all your hard work you do for us kid's. By the way Santa my three presents I thght of for now are wild krat's toy's and gift card's to Dick's, Target, Walmart. My last hting is some money. Be quiet dont wake up my dog or she'll bark and there mite be some carits for the rain deer.
 Love, Kannon

Mrs. Smith's Class

Dear Santa,
 I've been good but not great I'm not a very big fan of candy so could you put peanuts instead, if you would that would be greatly appreciated. I am about turn 9 and I am very excited! Sanata how did you first meet the reindeer you've never told anyone? Also what is your real full name? Thank you very much for helping kids out here. Santa I would like a large and small lump of coal and a new laptop because my mothers instructor broke mine. I have to warn you that I have no chimney and please be quiet.
 Sincerely, Joseph

Dear Santa,
 My name is Breanna Im 8 eyars old I have 2 sisters and 1 brother. how are rudolph doowing? What do you feed your rander? Thank you for bringing presint to people all around the world . Who has been good? I will leave cookies and milk out for you. I will tell you 3 things that I want, but that is not all the things that I want. I want a flufey white jacket, bedos and anew bike. I don't have a chimeney but I havea key that is machick and it onely work for you and I will hanit outside so you gcan get in.
 Sincerely, Breanna

Dear Santa,
 I have red hair, my name is Johnathan. How is Rudolph? Thank you for presents. Can you get me a ipad, because I never got one before, a lot of legos, because i lost my legos. A cardboard box, because I like them. Beware of my three dogs.
 Love, Johnathan

Dear Santa,
 I am 8 years old. I have blue eyes, Is it frezzing in the North Pole is Rudolph doing well. Thank you for the prezents. On my wish list I want a robot that takes orders. Dont' take the chimney take the back door.
 Love, Esten

Dear Saint Nick,
 I am a smart and good kid. Are elves real? Do your reinder really fly? Thank you for what you ahve done I want a jurassic world lego set, a indominis rex zomer dino, and I want to keep my family. Please pleas santa. Be careful my sister wakes up very easily. My dad will do do anything to Pertakete me and my sister and my mom, and him.
 Your Friend, Jackson

Dear Santa,
 I am Gael am 8 years old I was born in May, 14 my eye coler is brown. Santa I olwas wanted to know how old you are my gues is 52. Thank you for brening me presents and spinding time geving them out. I hope you breng me Legos and a 3DS with the game Splateon and Moreo be creativ. But you need to be cerful a have a dog that can bit you.
 Your Friend, Gael

Dear Santa Claus,
 My name is Keilah and I am 9 years old. How do you get down the chimney so quietly? How is Rudolph doing? Thank you for coming every eyar to give us presents! I wish for some legos that way I can play with my little brother, and I would also wish for tablet so I can play on it at school and I won't have to keep buging my older brother to play on his ipad touch. Watch out for my little poodle he's very courious and will bark at anything, and make sure not to step on him!
 Sincerely, Keilah

Dear Santa,
 I am 8 yers old. I have a cool room. Haw old are you? When do you come? thank you for giving us toys. For christmis I want a remot control car. Add a art kit so I can drol. My dog sare is mean because they don't know you.
 Your friend, Ian

Dear Santa,
 I am 8 years old. My name is Hannah. How are your elfs doing? Thank you for getting all of the presents rap. I would like a hamster because I would cutle up when I take a nap. Some time my dogs are curious but they will not bite.
 Sincerly, Hannah

Dear Santa,
 I am nice right? I'm funny and a dancer! Am i on the naught or nice list? Can i have your phone number? Thank you for giving the world a merry Christmas! What I'd for Christmas is, new shoes, Destiny full game and a new Batman lego set please. They'll be more on my next wishlist! I must warn you my dog Carly is very lazy. P.S. can you take a picture of your self?
 Sincerly, Tom

Dear Santa,
 My name is camden I'm the brides son of Salado. Dear Santa how is Rudolph doing and Mis claws? Tank you for the toys and every thing. What i

want for Christmas is SkLander cars the Lego game and mao-de for xbox on Mincraft plase Thank you sir. I will worn you mit wnat to make the rain Dears quiet and watch out for Jisse and I will put out cookies and milk.

You Friend, Cam

Dear Santa,
 My name is Steffey. I am 8 eyars old. I have 2 half sisters and 0 borthers. I have a dog his name is Bosco. He is really cute. Do you have any brother or sister? Do raindeer realy fly? Thank you for my stuffed puppy from last year. I would love and xbox 360, and a girl puppy , and a book of dog facts. And watch out for my dog Bosco. He mite jump on you.
 Love, Steffey

Dear Santa,
 I am in 3rd grade and I was born on May 4 2007. How is Mis Clows doing? Thank you for bringing us presents! For vresmas I want please Lps. I love them I am a colcktr! and Lps acksesorays. I want at lest 20! and last but not lest the glet-er lps I at lest want a pack of them and I will be relly happy! my dog's will bark at you and me and Gavn wake up easily!
 Love, Riley

Dear Santa,
 I have blue eyes and I'm prety much 9 yeas old. I have two sisters. I want to now can I pet the raindeer. I thak you for some times bringing famly together that is my favorite thing about christmas. this is wha tl want. Can you bring me a new Saints Row Game 4, a fue ep-aces of cole and any a resling needpad, blue and yellow. Watc out for my T.V. is in front of the chemny. Can I pleas have those presents?
 Love, Hastin

Dear Santa,
 I'm eight santa. My name is Alex. Where do you get all the presnts? What are your favroit cookies? I would like a tablet, Lego Dimensons. Legos. thank you Santa I fell happy and thankful I don't have a chimney, but I do have a cat and goat.
 Sincerely, Alex

Dear Santa,
 I am eight years old. I have blue eyes blond hair. I want to know how you ge throw chimines? Is all your raindeer okay? thank you so much for orwking so hard to get our presents to our houses. Also for cristmas I would like a Easy Bake oven its were you make anything! A bike thats red and a sommer kitty. It's a kitty robot. Also please watch out for my 20 pound dog named Kirby.
 Sincerly, Ainsleigh

Dear Santa,
 My name is Addison. I'm wondering hos iw rudulph doing because I hope he's coming for the trip. Is his nose brighter than evr because if it is then good! Had thank you for bringing me Zoomer Dino it's awesome. I'm hoping you'd get me and my sister, brother a mini trampoline. And get my ddad a bucket full of hot wings! and one more thing get my mom something spesley, and beware of my dog Jolo might bark! but it won't wake me up.
 Love, Addison

Dear Santa,
 Hi, my name is Alexa. I love Christmas! I love my rabbit and my dog, Grace. Does Rudolph know everything? How is Mrs. Claus? Thanks for my remote control dog Go-Go. What I want for Christmas is a little Live Pet turtle with an aquarium. I want a potery wheel. I want a Little Live Pet bird that sing and repeats what you say.
 Sincerely, Alexa

Dear Santa,
 My name is Owen. I am 8 years old with tan skin. If you have been working really hard maybe you should take a vacation or watch kids play with the toys you got them. Thank you for the dinoxraptor you got me last year. I love it. This year I want a skyvipper with acamera so I can spy on people. An electric scuter so I can feel the breeze on my hair. And a drum-set. I tried it at my friends and I was really good. Watch out my dog will bark so give her a treat. Don't worry about waking me up I can sleep through anything.
 Your friend, Owen

Salado I.S.D. Menus <i>December 4 - 10</i> menus subject to change					
	Friday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Breakfast	Breakfast Wrap Morning Sausage Roll Pineapple Orange Juice	Scrambled Eggs Sausage Link Cereal Toast Jelly Milk Blushing Pears Apple Juice	French Toast Cereal Toast Jelly Milk Chilled Fruit Mix	Breakfast Pizza Cereal Toast Jelly Milk Applesauce Fruit Juice	Breakfast on a Stick Cereal Toast Jelly Milk Mandarin Orange Slices
K-8 Lunch	Cheeseburger Sunbutter & Jelly Sandwich Sweet Potato Fries Pork & Beans Diced Peaches	Spaghetti w/Meat Balls Parmesan Chicken Peas & Carrots Salad Cup Apple Slices	Papa Murphy's Pizza Marinara Sauce Northern Beans Seasoned Corn Salad Cup Chilled Fruit Mix	Beef Lasagna Chicken Nuggets Breadstick California Blend Green Beans Salad Cup Chilled Pineapple Cookie	Mini Corn Dogs Meatball Hoagie Blackeyed Peas Mixed Veg Apricots w/Topping
Additional Selections: Fresh Fruit Yogurt & Cheese Plate Fat Free Chocolate Milk 1% Milk					
SHS Lunch	BBQ Rib Sandwich Sloppy Joe on a Bun Baked Potato Wedges Pork & Beans Broccoli-Vegetable Mix Applesauce Cake Blushing Pears	Mexican Goulash Meatball Hoagie Roll Mashed Potatoes Gravy Iron Man Salad Seasame Roasted Green Beans Banana Pudding Pineapple	Papa Murphy's Pizza Seasoned Corn Cheesy Broccoli Northern Beans Cucumber w/Ranch Chilled Fruit Mix Juice Bar	Beef Enchiladas Beef Taco Spanish Rice Refried Beans Glazed Carrots Cheese Lettuce & Tomato Jalapeno Blushing Pears Lime Sherbert	Spaghetti w/Meat Balls Parmesan Chicken Roll Mashed Sweet Potatoes Blackeyed Peas Rosy Applesauce
Additional Selections: Fresh Fruit Yogurt & Cheese Plate Fat Free Chocolate Milk 1% Milk					

Salado Lady Eagles Basketball Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	JV	Varsity
Nov. 10	Marble Falls	Home	20-27 L	40-37 W
Nov. 13	Academy	Home	-	63-19 L
Nov. 17	McGregor	Away	38-18 W	55-61 L
Nov. 19-21	Polk-Key City Tournament	Away		1 W, 3 L
Nov. 19 & 21	Cameron JV Tournament	Away	4 W, 0 L	-
Nov. 23	Crawford	Away	<i>Games Canceled</i>	
Dec. 3-5	Coach Smith Tournament	Home	<i>see schedule below</i>	
Dec. 3-5	Gatesville JV Tournament	Away	TBA	TBA
Dec. 8	Rogers	Home	5:15	6:30
Dec. 11	China Spring	Away	5:15	6:30
Dec. 15	Brownwood	Home	5:00	6:30
Dec. 18	Gatesville	Away	2:30	4:00
Dec. 28-30	Thorndale Tournament	Away	TBA	TBA
Jan. 4	Lorena	Away	5:00	6:15
Jan. 8	Taylor*	Away	5:15	6:30
Jan. 12	Lampasas*	Away	5:15	6:30
Jan. 15	Liberty Hill*	Home	5:15	6:30
Jan. 19	Burnet*	Away	5:15	6:30
Jan. 22	Llano*	Home	5:15	6:30
Jan. 26	Taylor*	Home	5:15	6:30
Jan. 29	Lampasas*	Home	5:15	6:30
Feb. 2	Liberty Hill*	Away	5:15	6:30
Feb. 5	Burnet*	Home	5:15	6:30
Feb. 9	Llano*	Away	5:15	6:30

Salado Eagles Basketball Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	9TH	JV	Varsity
Nov. 20	Faith Academy	Home	23-33 L		70-59 W
Nov. 24	Waco Connally	Away	31-33 L	37-33 W	50-72 L
Nov. 28	Groesbeck	Away		27-34 L	62-66 L
Dec. 1	Austin Travis	Away	5:30	6:45	8:00
Dec. 3-5	Coach Smith Tournament	Salado			TBA
Dec. 3-5	Gatesville Tournament	Away	TBA	TBA	
Dec. 8	Horison Crocs (Australia)	Here		5:00	6:30
Dec. 10-12	Jarrell Tournament	Away	TBA	TBA	TBA
Dec. 15	Robinson	Home	5:00	6:15	7:30
Dec. 18	Academy	Away	5:00	6:15	7:30
Dec. 21	Waelder	Home			12:00
Dec. 28-29	Uvalde Tournament	Away			TBA
Jan. 4	Lorena	Away	5:00	6:30	8:00
Jan. 9	Jarrell Sub-Varsity Tourney	Away	TBA	TBA	
Jan. 15	Liberty Hill*	Away	5:15	5:15	6:30
Jan. 19	Burnet*	Home	5:15	5:15	6:30
Jan. 22	Llano*	Away	5:15	5:15	6:30
Jan. 26	Taylor*	Away	5:15	5:15	6:30
Jan. 29	Lampasas*	Away	5:15	5:15	6:30
Feb. 2	Liberty Hill*	Home	5:15	5:15	6:30
Feb. 5	Burnet*	Away	5:15	5:15	6:30
Feb. 9	Llano*	Home	5:15	5:15	6:30
Feb. 12	Taylor*	Home	5:15	5:15	6:30
Feb. 16	Lampasas*	Home	5:15	5:15	6:30

Salado Junior High Girls Basketball

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	7B	8B	7A	8A
Nov. 12-14	Salado Junior High Tournament	Salado	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Teams are Salado, Belton Middle, Lorena, Academy, Lampasas, Troy, South Belton Middle School and Jarrell.						
Nov. 19	Burnet	Away			35-24	28-20
Nov. 23	Liberty Hill	Home	6:00	5:00	5:00	6:00
Nov. 30	Lampasas	Home	6:00	5:00	5:00	6:00
Dec. 14	Llano	Home	6:00	5:00	5:00	6:00
Jan. 7	Burnet	Home	6:00	5:00	5:00	6:00
Jan. 14	Liberty Hill	Away	6:00	5:00	5:00	6:00
Jan. 21	Lampasas	Away	6:00	5:00	5:00	6:00
Jan. 28	Jarrell	Home	6:00	5:00	5:00	6:00
Feb. 1	Llano	Away	6:00	5:00	5:00	6:00

Salado Junior High Boys Basketball

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	7B	8B	7A	8A
Nov. 19	Burnet	Away	5:00	6:00	5:00	6:00
Nov. 21	Salado Tournament	Home	TBA		TBA	
Nov. 23	Liberty Hill	Home	5:00	6:00	5:00	6:00
Nov. 30	Lampasas	Away	5:00	6:00	5:00	6:00
Dec. 10&12	Cameron JH Tournament	Away	TBA		TBA	
Dec. 14	Llano	Away	5:00	6:00	5:00	6:00
Jan. 7	Burnet	Away	5:00	6:00	5:00	6:00
Jan. 14	Liberty Hill	Home	5:00	6:00	5:00	6:00
Jan. 21	Lampasas	Home	5:00	6:00	5:00	6:00
Jan. 23	Holland B Tournament	Away	TBA		TBA	

2015 Coach Smith Tournament Schedule

DAY	Time	Gym 1	Gym 2
THURSDAY	2:30PM	SALADO vs. MCGREGOR	
	4:00PM	TRAVIS vs. CAMERON	SHOEMAKER JV vs. PARADISE
	5:30PM	CALDWELL vs. ST. MICHAEL'S	JARRELL vs. LAGO VISTA
	7:00PM	SALADO vs. TRAVIS	MCGREGOR vs. CAMERON
	8:30PM	SALADO vs. JARRELL	LIBERTY HILL vs. ST. MICHAEL'S
FRIDAY	9:00AM	LAGO VISTA vs. PARADISE	
	10:30AM	LIBERTY HILL vs. CALDWELL	JARRELL vs. SHOEMAKER JV
	12:00PM	SALADO vs. CAMERON	MCGREGOR vs. TRAVIS
	1:30PM	SALADO vs. PARADISE	
	3:00PM	P14 vs. P21 (Gm 1)	
	4:30PM	P13 vs. P22 (Gm 2)	
	6:00PM	SALADO vs. LAGO VISTA	
	7:30PM	P12 vs. P23 (Gm 3)	
SATURDAY	10:00AM	P1-1 vs. WINNER Gm 3 (Gm 4)	WINNER Gm 1 vs. WINNER Gm 2
	11:30AM	JARRELL vs. PARADISE	LAGO VISTA vs. SHOEMAKER JV
	1:00PM	GIRLS THIRD PLACE GAME (L Gm 4 vs L Gm 5)	
	2:30PM	SALADO vs. SHOEMAKER JV	
	4:00PM	GIRLS CHAMPIONSHIP	

GIRLS: POOL 1- SALADO, CAMERON, TRAVIS, MCGREGOR POOL 2- LIBERTY HILL, CALDWELL, ST. MICHAEL'S
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Artist reception Dec. 3 after Christmas parade

Come enjoy a reception at 3 North Main on Dec. 3 following the Christmas Parade featuring the Art of Jill Shipman.

The Art Show will remain through Dec. 24. Hours will be Tuesday through Saturday, 1-5 p.m. and open late for Christmas Stroll.

While in college, Shipman took drawing and painting classes often working on a project while in Salado for a few days.

After moving to Salado, she took oil painting classes from our own internationally known artist, Kay Griffith. Since then she has studied with seven nationally known artists and has audited several other artist at work. Each of these were chosen for a particular style or technique she wanted to incorporate into her paintings.

Although she has painted in several different styles, her favorites are impressionistic colorist and abstract impressionism. Capturing the



Salado artist Jill Shipman will have her paintings on display at 3 N. Main through Dec. 24. A reception will follow the Dec. 3 parade.

light in oils is the driving force as she paints landscapes and Salado's incredible sunsets. The changing light is an unending source of inspiration.

Selling a painting is thrilling to her because it validates the fact that she has been able to create a "sense of place or an emotion" that touches someone.

"Painting is not just putting paint on canvas but bringing beauty into someone's life through Art," she says.



Jill Shipman

"That is my goal," she says, "to bring beauty to everyone and everything I touch using my God-given talents."



The Boles-Aiken Cabin (foreground) and Denman Cabin (background) will be part of the Christmas Tour of Homes Dec. 4-6.

Cabins on tour this weekend

Visitors enjoying the 2015 Christmas Tour of Homes can experience a virtual trip into the past when they "discover" the village's hidden treasures, two authentic 19th Century log cabins owned by the Salado Historical Society and located behind the Salado Civic Center.

The Boles-Aiken cabin truly was a "hidden treasure" discovered in the mid-1980s between the walls of a house on Center Circle that was being demolished. Disassembled, its logs carefully numbered, the cabin was stored until acquired by the Salado Historical Society and rebuilt on its present location in the mid-1990s.

Believed to have been constructed before Salado's founding, the structure is thought to have had three different "lives." It has served as a stagecoach stop, as a post office—possibly Salado's first—and as a school. Presently those three phases are represented

with appropriate furnishings.

The Moses Denman cabin, though not original to Salado, has a justifiable place in Village history as it was the home of the late Robert Denman's great-grandfather.

Built in the 1860's, it was discovered by Denman and moved to the site of the Barton House, a well-known historic home in which Denman and his late wife, Doris, lived for many years.

When they sold the Barton House (now The Range Restaurant), the Denmans donated the cabin to the Historical Society. The building was moved without any disassembling, with the exception of the chimney, to become a neighbor to the Boles-Aiken cabin. With the chimney restored, it was furnished with primitive antiques provided by the Denmans.

Opened on previous Homes Tours and when special events are held, the

cabins do not always draw the visitors their history justifies. When school children visit the cabins, they are amazed at the cabins' size and simplicity, which shed light on the hardiness and tenacity of our ancestors, lessons needed for today's technology saturated generation.

The Salado Historical Society 2015 Home Tour, will be 5-8 p.m. Dec. 4, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Dec. 5 and 1-4 p.m. Dec. 6. In addition to the cabins, the Homes Tour will feature the Robertson Plantation, the home of Dave and Barb Swarthout, the home of Dena Parks and the home of Bryan and Phyllis Johnson.

Tickets are for sale at the Salado Visitor's Center and Chamber of Commerce, 881 North Main Street (phone 254 947 8634) Ticket price is \$20. During the days of the Tour, tickets will be available for purchase at each of the stops.

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By DOUG PETERS
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safely back down to the earth? That invisible force is called gravity, and it's all around us. If you put rocks in your pockets, you can't jump as high or as far. The heavier you are, the more mass you have, the harder you press down on the earth. Gravity, as described by Isaac Newton, is an attractive force between two objects. The strength of this force depends on the mass of each object and the distance between them.

We can see the effects of gravity in the night sky. Close-up pictures of comets and the smaller moons of Pluto show them as lumpy objects. An object in space needs to be between 300 and 500 miles across before gravity is

strong enough to squeeze it into roundness. Gravity is what makes our moon and sun perfectly round. The stars in the night sky are very distant suns, round and bright.

Gravity on distant worlds will be on display at the next star party, sponsored by the Central Texas Astronomical Society. This free public event will be held on 5:30-8:30 Dec. 5 at Overlook Park between Salado and Belton. CTAS members will provide telescopes to view fascinating stellar objects and answer questions about gravity and light.

Check the website, <http://www.centexastronomy.org>, where updates will be posted by 4:30 p.m. Dec. 5.

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Salado Calendar of Events

DECEMBER 3
Salado Christmas parade, 5 p.m. on Main Street. Kick off for the Salado Christmas Stroll.

DECEMBER 3 - 24
The Art of Jill Shipman, Tues - Sat from 1 - 5 p.m. at 3 North Main. Reception on Dec. 3 after the Christmas Parade

DECEMBER 3
The Robertson Plantation Gala Evening, 7 - 10 p.m. Tour the recently renovated 1856 Robertson Home to benefit the Central Texas Museum, Robertson Colony - Salado College Foundation and the Salado Historical Society

DEC 4-5, 11-12
A Christmas Carol at Tablerock Amphitheater.

DECEMBER 4-6
Salado Historical Society Annual Christmas Tour of Homes.

DEC 4-6 AND 11-13
Salado Christmas Stroll, shops open late, strolling carolers, food and fun.

DEC 4-6 AND 11-13
Live Nativity Scene presented by First Baptist Church of Salado, 6 - 8 p.m. on Main Street

DECEMBER 5
Salado Lions Club Pancake Breakfast, 7:30-10 a.m. at Salado Church of Christ Activity Center, \$6



Springhouse will offer live music for shoppers during the first weekend of the Salado Christmas Stroll. Another Class Act featuring Karen and Shane will perform from Noon to 3 p.m. at the store on Royal Street.

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DECEMBER 4
Deadline for advertising in the Dec. 10 edition of Salado Village Voice. Completed ads due by Noon, advertising@saladovillagevoice.com

DECEMBER 4
Christmas Open House Salado Justice of the Peace office, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

DECEMBER 5
Six Quick Christmas Cards class, 10:30 a.m. at Stamp Salado. (254) 947-8848

DECEMBER 5
Christmas Village class, 1 p.m. at Stamp Salado. (254) 947-8848

DECEMBER 6
Feast of St. Nicholas Celebration, following the 11 a.m. service at St. Joseph's Episcopal Church.

DECEMBER 6
Chipboard Christmas Tree class, 12:30 p.m. at Stamp Salado. (254) 947-8848

DECEMBER 7
Awards Banquet for Salado Youth Football and Cheer, 6:30 - 8 p.m. at Thomas Arnold Elementary Cafeteria.

DECEMBER 8
Cork and Create, 7 - 9 p.m. at Salado Creek Winery. A night of wine and painting with Sirril Art Gallery. \$37 includes supplies and one beverage. (469) 877-0374

DECEMBER 10
Salado Chamber of Commerce Board of Alderman meeting and workshop, 6:30 p.m.

DECEMBER 10
Salado Community Chorus Christmas Concert, 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Salado.

DECEMBER 11
Deadline for advertising in the Dec. 17 edition of Salado Village Voice. Completed ads due by Noon, advertising@saladovillagevoice.com

DECEMBER 12 - 13
Salado Market Days, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at Salado Antique Mall, 721 Stagecoach Road. Salado's original Market Days event. info: (254) 947-3355

DECEMBER 12
Merry Christmas to Whooo? class, 10:30 a.m. at Stamp Salado. (254) 947-8848

DECEMBER 12
Santa's Village Altered Art Tin class, 1:30 p.m. at Stamp Salado. (254) 947-8848

DECEMBER 12
Ugly Christmas Sweater Family Craft, 2-4 p.m. at Salado Public Library

DECEMBER 12
Peace and Joy Yoga and Meditation Workshop, 4:30 - 6 p.m. at The Yoga Room. Single \$20 Couples \$30 Info: (254) 681-7623

DECEMBER 13
Winter Wonderland Card and Holiday Lapel Pin class, 12:30 p.m. at Stamp Salado. (254) 947-8848

DECEMBER 15
Salado Rotary Club, 11:30 a.m. at Johnny's Steaks & Barbecue. Speaker: artist Ronnie Wells of Wells Gallery.

DECEMBER 15
A Festival of Lessons and Carols, 6:30 p.m. at St. Joseph's Episcopal Church.

DECEMBER 18
Deadline for advertising in the Dec. 24 edition of Salado Village Voice. Completed ads due by Noon, advertising@saladovillagevoice.com

DEC 18 - JAN 1
Winter Dove Season

DEC 18 - 20
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EDITION		DEADLINE	
Dec. 17		Dec. 11	Friday at Noon
Dec. 24	Christmas	Dec. 18	Friday at Noon
Dec. 31	New Years	Dec. 23	Wednesday at Noon
Jan. 7		Dec. 30	Wednesday at Noon

DECEMBER 19
Historic Salado Ghostwalk, 8 p.m.

DECEMBER 23
Deadline for advertising in the Dec. 31 edition of Salado Village Voice. Completed ads due by Noon, advertising@saladovillagevoice.com

DECEMBER 23
Candle Light Service, 7 p.m. at 3C Cowboy Fellowship

DECEMBER 24 - 25
Salado Village Voice offices closed

DECEMBER 24
Christmas Eve Service, 6 p.m. at Salado Church of Christ

DECEMBER 24
Christmas Eve Services at St. Joseph's Episcopal Church will be held at 5 p.m. (Family oriented) and 10 p.m., Mass with incense will conclude the advent celebration.

DECEMBER 30
Deadline for advertising in the Jan. 1 edition of Salado Village Voice. Completed ads due by Noon, advertising@saladovillagevoice.com

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MONDAYS

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Salado Village Artists Stitchers & Knitters, 1 p.m. at Salado Village Artists Building.

Yoga Basics & Beyond, 6 p.m. at The Yoga Room. Info: (254) 681-7623.

Salado Masonic Lodge, Floor practice is 6:30 p.m. at the Lodge every Monday except Stated Meeting. Stated meeting is 7:30 p.m. Monday on or before Full Moon.

FIRST MONDAY

Salado First Monday Gardeners, 8 a.m. at the Visitor Center.

Salado Historical Society board meeting, 6 p.m. at The Baines House.

Salado FFA Meeting, 6 p.m. at Salado High School AG building Sept. - May.

Salado Youth Fair Booster Club meeting, after the FFA meeting at Salado High School AG building. Info: SYFB-Club@gmail.com

SECOND MONDAY

Public Arts League of Salado open board meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Visitor's Center on Main Street.

Salado Athletic Boosters Club meeting, 7 p.m. at the High School Library. Info: saladoathleticbooster.org.

THIRD MONDAY

Salado ISD Board of Trustees meeting, 6 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center.

TUESDAYS

YogaStrong, 9-10 a.m. at The Yoga Room. Info: (254) 681-7623.

Salado Village Artists, Village Art Building, 9:30 a.m.

Adult game day at Presbyterian Church of Salado, 10 a.m.

Sit & Knit, 10 a.m. - noon at Salado Public Library

Salado Rotary Club, 11:30 a.m. at Johnny's Steaks & Barbecue **first three** Tuesdays of month; Roving Social after hours on **fourth Tuesday** of month.

Chair Yoga, noon - 1 p.m. at The Yoga Room Info: (254) 681-7623.

Prix Fixe at The Range, 5 p.m. - close. \$14.95 for entree, dessert, drink.

Salado Community Chorus practice, 6 p.m., Salado Civic Center, unless otherwise noted.

FIRST TUESDAY

Salado Village Artists Board Meeting, 9 a.m. at the Village Art Building.

Salado 4-H Club meeting, 6 p.m. at Salado Intermediate Cafeteria,



Salado kicks off the holiday season in style with a Christmas Parade down Main Street at 5 p.m. on Dec. 3.

Sept. - May.

THIRD TUESDAY

Bell County Genealogical Society Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at Temple Public Library.

WEDNESDAYS

Yoga for Core, 8:30 - 9:45 a.m. at The Yoga Room. Info: (254) 681-7623.

Power Flow Yoga level 1&2, 6:10-7:10 p.m. at The Yoga Room. Info: (254) 681-7623.

Belly Dance Class, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. at The Yoga Room. Info: (254) 681-7623.

Wine Down Wednesday at The Range. Half price glasses of wine, staff's choice.

FIRST WEDNESDAY

Adult craft group meets at Salado Public Library, 2 - 4 p.m.

SECOND WEDNESDAY

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

FOURTH WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAYS

Yoga for healing, 9am. at The Yoga Room Info: (254) 681-7623.

Chair Yoga, noon - 1 p.m. at The Yoga Room Info: (254) 681-7623.

Hatha Flow levels 1&2, 6:15 - 7:15 p.m. at The Yoga Room Info: (254) 681-7623.

Martinis and Manicures at The Lounge at The Range, 5 p.m.-close. \$25 for 2 ladies night adult beverages, a manicure and a selection of appetizers, space is limited. appointments: 254-947-3828.

Salado Aldermen meeting, 6:30 p.m., Municipal building, 301 N. Stagecoach Rd. Meeting is open to the public. First and third Thursday are regular meetings and second and fourth Thursday are workshop meetings. **No meeting Dec. 3**

FIRST THURSDAY

Chisholm Trail American Business Woman's Association meeting, 6 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church of Salado.

SECOND THURSDAY

Salado Ladies Auxiliary Meeting, 9:30 a.m. at the Salado United Methodist Church Youth Activities Center.

THIRD THURSDAY

Salado Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting, 8:30 a.m. at the Visitors Center.

Third Thursday Music Club, 5 - 8 p.m. at JD's Travel Center. Old time music, acoustic only. Everyone welcome to come play or listen.

FRIDAYS

Pop in for a pastry, 8:15 - 9:30 a.m. at First Community Title.

Friday Night Special at Mill Creek Country Club Bar and Grill. Menu changes every week. Call 947-5698.

FOURTH FRIDAY

Fourth Friday Gospel Singing, 7 p.m. at First Cedar Valley Baptist Church on FM 2843. Pot luck to follow, bring a favorite dish or dessert.

SATURDAYS

Hatha Flow Levels 1 & 2, 8:30-9:30 a.m. at The Yoga Room. Info: (254) 681-7623

Live music in The Lounge, upstairs at The Range Restaurant on Main St., 7 p.m. Artists change weekly. Check website for details.

FIRST & THIRD SATURDAY **Trudy's Closet**, 8 a.m. at Grace Baptist Church

THIRD SATURDAY

Bell County Star Party, 8:30 - 11:30 p.m. at Overlook Park, Stillhouse Hollow Lake on FM1670. Central Texas Astronomical Society. info: centexastronomy.org.

SUNDAYS

Open discussion Anon Meeting, 6 p.m. Salado United Methodist Church Youth Activities Center.

Hatha Therapy, 3 - 4 p.m. at The Yoga Room. Info: (254) 681-7623

SECOND WEEKENDS

Salado Market Days, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at Salado Antique Mall, 721 Stagecoach Road. Salado's original Market Days event. info: (254) 947-3355.

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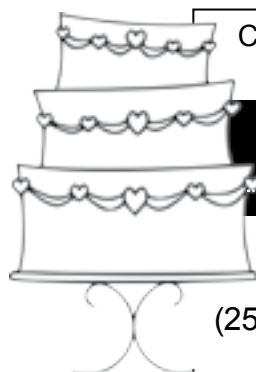
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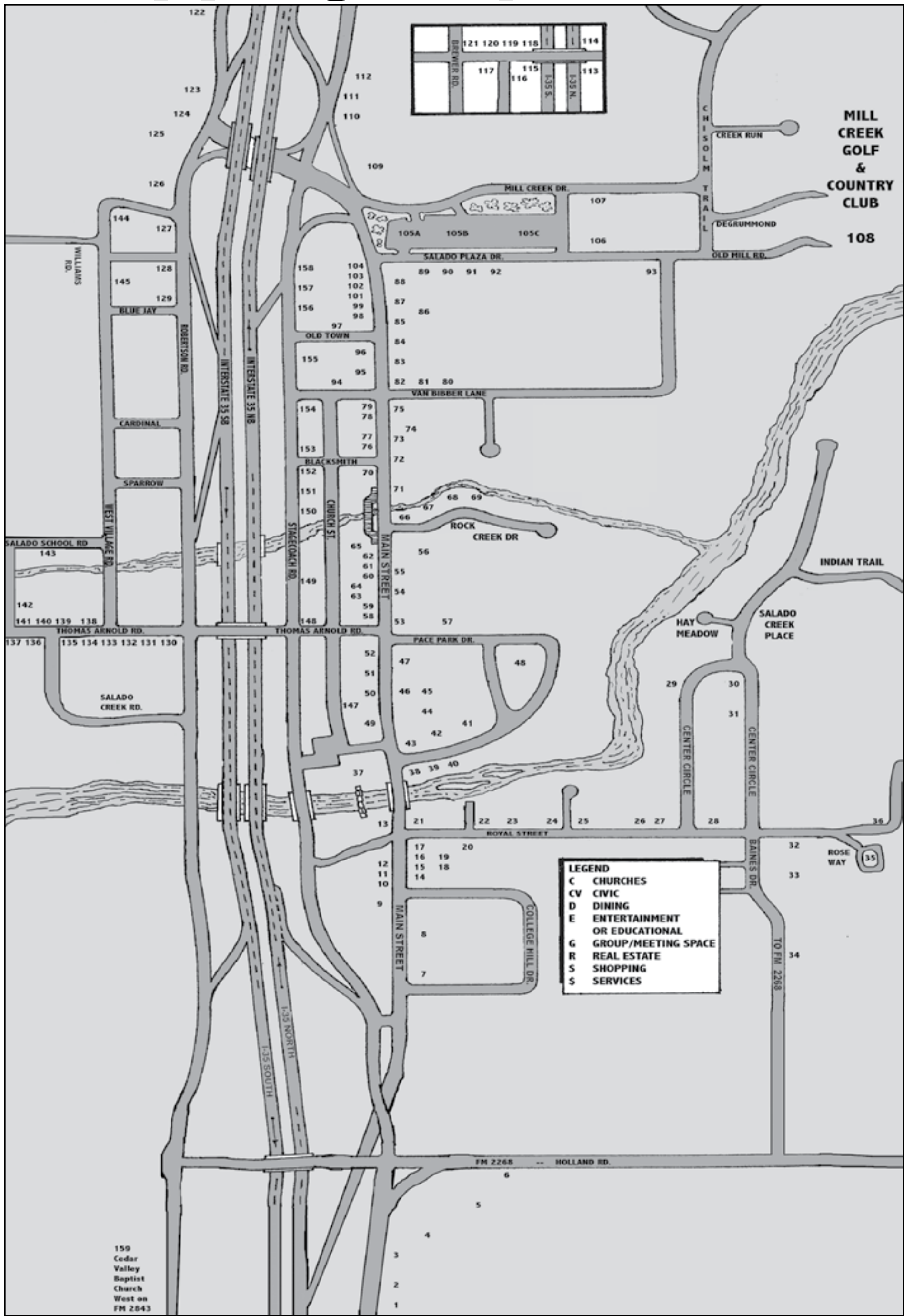
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| 3. The Play Yard Preschool 254-947-1153 \$ | 58. Salado Family Dentistry 254-947-5242 S | 101. Century 21 Bill Bartlett Real Estate 254-947-5050 R | 147. Salado Masonic Lodge #296 254-458-2643 CV |
| 5. Wildfire Ranch Arena 877-947-9988 E | 61. Salado Creek Jewelers by Kiki 254-855-5538 S | 102. Subway 254-947-5593 D | 148. Salado Baptist Church Youth Activities Center 254-947-3610 D |
| 6. St. Stephen Catholic Church 254-947-8037 C | 62. Passport to Paradise 254-935-3580 \$ | 103. Old-Fashioned Burgers 254-947-5271 D | 149. Heart Filled Bakery 254-947-5271 D |
| 8. SALADO COLLEGE HILL PARK | 63. Mud Pies Pottery 254-947-0281 S | 104. The Personal Wealth Coach 254-947-1111 \$ | 151. Salado Fire Department Station #1 |
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| 13. PUBLIC RESTROOMS | 70. A. The Pizza Place 254-947-0222 D | B. Ace Pest Control 254-947-4222 \$ | 153. Village of Salado 254-947-5060 |
| 13. CENTRAL TEXAS AREA MUSEUM 254-947-5232 E | 72. ERA Colonial Real Estate 254-947-3400 \$ | B. Walt Tollefson Computer 254-291-6354 \$ | 156. Salado Antique Mall 254-947-3355 S |
| 17. SHADY VILLA CENTER | 75. SALADO CIVIC SQUARE | B. Finney Insurance 254-947-3599 \$ | 157. Horizon Bank Salado 254-947-8636 \$ |
| 19. Salado Glassworks 254-947-0339 S | 79. CORNETT CORNER | B. Monteith Abstract & Title 254-947-3922 \$ | 159. Cedar Valley Baptist Church 254-947-0148 C |
| 24. Springhouse 254-947-0747 S | A. Salado Creek Winery 254-947-0237 S | B. Anytime Fitness 254-947-1063 \$ | |
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| 29. Inn on the Creek B&B 254-947-5554 L | 80. Historic Log Cabins & Aiken Cemetery | C. Brookshire Brothers 254-947-8922 S | 3C Cowboy Fellowship 254-947-7211 C |
| Alexander's Distillery 254-947-5554 D | Salado Art Center and Village Artists | 108. Mill Creek Country Club 254-947-5698 E | Coleman Auto Restoration 254-933-7400 C |
| 32. Tablerock Amphitheater 254-947-9205 E | 82. Salado Civic Center | 109. Salado Public Library 254-947-9191 E | Don Ringle 254-774-6500 S |
| 34. HISTORIC SALADO CEMETERY | Salado ISD Administration 254-947-5479 E | 110. Salado Cleaners 254-947-7299 S | Garlyn Shelton Cadillac 254-771-0128 S |
| 36. Salado United Methodist Church 254-947-5482 C | 85. Salado Visitors Center 254-947-8634 | 111. Hairitage Barber Shop 254-947-3309 S | Gallery Properties 979-255-2323 S |
| 37. First Baptist Church of Salado 254-947-5465 C | Salado Chamber of Commerce 254-947-5040 | C. Brookshire Brothers 254-947-8922 S | |
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| 48. W.A. Pace Memorial Park | Presbyterian Church of Salado 254-947-8106 C | 124. Cowboy's Barbecue 254-947-5700 D | |
| 50. THE VERANDA | Troy Smith Financial Services 254-947-0376 E | 125. Fairway Sports Vehicles 254-947-4065 S | |
| A. First Texas Brokerage 254-947-5577 R | 91. Salado Sculpture Garden | 131. Johnny's Steaks & Bar-Be-Que 254-947-4663 D | |
| 51. First State Bank 254-947-5852 \$ | SALADO ARTS COMPLEX | 138. Salado Lady Eagles Softball Field | |
| 52. FIRST CENTRE | Salon of Salado 254-947-7282 S | 139. Thomas Arnold Elementary 254-947-5191 E | |
| A. First Community Title 254-947-8480 R | 96. THE STAGESTOP CENTER | 140. Salado Intermediate School 254-947-1700 E | |
| B. Farmers Insurance 254-947-0995 \$ | Bruce Bolick, CPA 254-718-7299 \$ | 141. Salado Junior High School 254-947-6985 E | |
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| A. Magnolia's 254-947-0323 S | 99. Dee's Antiques 254-947-3775 S | | |
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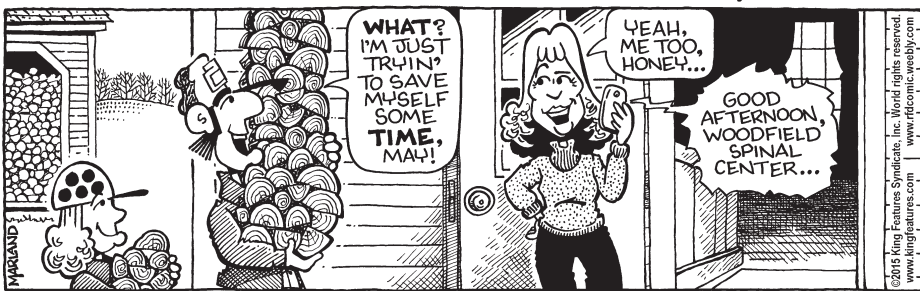
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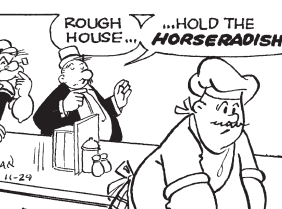
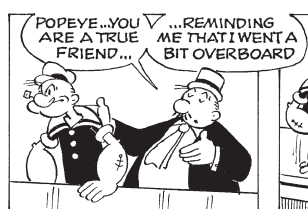
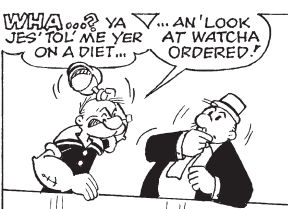
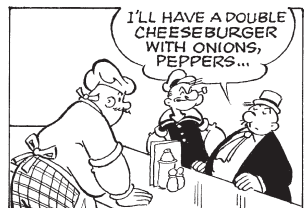
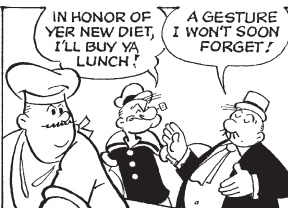
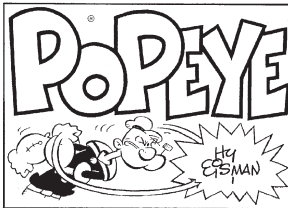
R.F.D.

by Mike Marland



The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆◆

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆◆ Difficult

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ANSWERS

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Weekly SUDOKU

solution

SNOWFLAKES

Super Crossword

THE ARTIST WITHIN

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| <p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 Pink bird</p> <p>9 — jongg</p> <p>12 Return</p> <p>20 Spray types</p> <p>21 Simian beast</p> <p>22 The college world</p> <p>23 Displayed collection of choice coffee?</p> <p>25 Lawfulness</p> <p>26 Spanish for "those"</p> <p>27 Displayed collection of animals</p> <p>28 Certain Nebraskan</p> <p>30 Most draftable</p> <p>31 Brew for a Brit</p> <p>33 Group of connected electric generators?</p> <p>36 2012 Robert Pattinson film</p> <p>40 Las Vegas' state: Abbr.</p> <p>41 Stale-smelling</p> <p>42 Period when some buttercup-family plants are grown?</p> | <p>46 Vast, grassy Argentine plain</p> <p>51 Actress Wynter</p> <p>52 One day — time</p> <p>53 Biol., e.g.</p> <p>54 One driving too fast</p> <p>56 Touchdown area</p> <p>58 "Neon" tank swimmers</p> <p>61 Daddy deer</p> <p>62 Group overseeing quadrennial games?</p> <p>67 Cartoonist Bill of "The Family Circus"</p> <p>70 "It's — -brainer!"</p> <p>71 Wee one</p> <p>72 Beijing locale</p> <p>73 Engine fuel sold all over the country?</p> <p>79 Razor option</p> <p>80 Lampon</p> <p>81 Combo punches</p> <p>85 Things that destroy</p> <p>87 Cousin of a 401(k)</p> <p>89 Austrian peak</p> <p>90 Inner Hebrides isle</p> | <p>91 Muscle jerk</p> <p>92 Slammer used by a global crime-fighting agency?</p> <p>96 En — (all together)</p> <p>99 Tree with acorns</p> <p>100 Rate</p> <p>101 The Netherlands before 1939?</p> <p>107 Stuff in soap</p> <p>108 "Och —!"</p> <p>109 Name of 11 parrots</p> <p>110 Actress — Dawn Chong</p> <p>112 Generic dog</p> <p>116 Radiating heat or light, say</p> <p>118 Entertainer Rita did a 17 — acid pressing job?</p> <p>122 Greatest</p> <p>123 "... man — mouse?"</p> <p>124 Came into, as debt</p> <p>125 People going "Achoo!"</p> <p>126 — degree</p> <p>127 Their names are hidden in eight answers in this puzzle</p> | <p>DOWN</p> <p>1 Stardom</p> <p>2 Most August-born folks</p> <p>3 Western U.S. oil giant</p> <p>4 — scale of hardness</p> <p>5 "It — far, far better ..."</p> <p>6 Yuletide beverage</p> <p>7 Doughnut coating</p> <p>8 Capital near Lillehammer</p> <p>9 West of film</p> <p>10 Cook's lie-on</p> <p>11 2002 #3 hit for Camrton</p> <p>12 Actor Ron</p> <p>13 Limer locales</p> <p>14 Refrigerator stick-on</p> <p>15 Writer LeShan</p> <p>16 Under</p> <p>17 — acid</p> <p>18 Person quoting</p> <p>19 Inuit canoe</p> <p>24 Metallic veins</p> <p>29 Bullets, e.g.</p> <p>31 Dr.'s gp.</p> <p>32 Tedious list</p> <p>34 YSL part</p> <p>35 Variety</p> <p>36 A-F link</p> <p>37 Joie de vivre</p> <p>38 — a hand</p> | <p>39 Iquitos natives, e.g.</p> <p>40 Supersecret org.</p> <p>43 News note (play on stage)</p> <p>44 — part (play on stage)</p> <p>45 Noonday nap</p> <p>47 Principles of artistic beauty</p> <p>48 Cato's 1,503</p> <p>49 The Evita of "Evita"</p> <p>50 Soccer site</p> <p>54 Cul-de- —</p> <p>55 It follows chi</p> <p>57 Margarine</p> <p>59 General — chicken</p> <p>60 — killer</p> <p>63 Ark unit</p> <p>64 Prefix with 72-Across</p> <p>65 Redact</p> <p>69 Skylit courts</p> <p>74 It airs "Fresh Air"</p> <p>75 "How — I to know?"</p> <p>76 Whirl</p> <p>77 Hang laxly</p> <p>78 Like a live ball</p> | <p>82 Stirred to life</p> <p>83 Obligation</p> <p>84 Devitalizes</p> <p>86 Austen title</p> <p>88 Middle name of Elvis</p> <p>89 Just swell</p> <p>92 Compound variants</p> <p>93 Guitarist Cline</p> <p>94 Italian father</p> <p>95 Sugar ending</p> <p>97 Make it there</p> <p>98 Schick tool</p> <p>101 Members of the masses</p> <p>102 Japanese noodle soup</p> <p>103 Beethoven's "Für —"</p> <p>104 Offscourings</p> <p>105 Yellow fruit</p> <p>106 Of — (in some way)</p> <p>107 Helmsley or Lewis</p> <p>111 "There's — in the air"</p> <p>112 Citadel</p> <p>113 Concerning</p> <p>114 Moose, e.g.</p> <p>115 10:1, e.g.</p> <p>117 "— who?!"</p> <p>119 Stadium cry</p> <p>120 Here, in Haiti</p> <p>121 Stocking flaw</p> |
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Better safe than sorry

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

There are times when the normal way for declarer to play a suit should be altered in order to increase the chances of making the contract. South neglected to do that in today's deal, and it cost him a vulnerable game.

He won East's jack of spades with the king at trick one and could count eight certain winners -- four clubs, a heart, two diamonds and the spade trick already taken. The diamond suit clearly offered the best chance for a ninth trick, so declarer cashed the king of diamonds at trick two and continued with a low diamond at trick three.

When West showed out, South played the ace and then conceded a trick to East's queen. Declarer was hoping the defenders could collect only three spade tricks at this juncture, but after East returned a spade, West cashed four spades to set the con-

East dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ 6 3
♥ 10 7 2
♦ A J 7 4 3
♣ A Q 7

WEST

♠ A 10 8 7 4
♥ Q 6 3
♦ 10
♣ 9 8 6 3

EAST

♠ J 9 2
♥ K 9 8 5 4
♦ Q 8 2
♣ 10 5

SOUTH

♠ K Q 5
♥ A J
♦ K 9 6 5
♣ K J 4 2

The bidding:
East South West North
Pass 1 NT Pass 3 NT
Opening lead — seven of spades.

tract becomes an absolute certainty. A low diamond is next led to the nine. If the nine wins, as it does in the actual case, declarer scores 11 tricks; if the nine loses to the queen, at least 10 tricks are assured.

This careful approach guarantees the contract whenever the diamonds are divided 2-2, as well as when they are 3-1 and East does not have both the queen and ten. If East does turn up with the Q-10-x, then, and only then, will declarer have to resort to conceding a diamond to him in the hope that the missing spades are divided 4-4.

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- MOVIES: What was the 1953 film for which Frank Sinatra received a Best Supporting Actor Oscar?
 - GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is a natatorium?
 - FAMOUS QUOTATIONS: Who once said, "I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work"?
 - CHEMISTRY: What is the symbol for the element copper?
 - LITERATURE: What was the name of the captain in Jules Verne's "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea"?
 - MUSIC: What pop artist had a No. 1 hit with "Escape (The Pina Colada Song)"?
 - GEOGRAPHY: What is the highest point in the United States east of the Mississippi River?
 - AD SLOGAN: What company's product was featured in ads with the slogan "the ultimate driving machine"?
 - FOOD & DRINK: What flavor is the liqueur Cointreau?
 - LANGUAGE: What is a courgette?
- Answers**
- "From Here to Eternity"
 - Building containing an indoor swimming pool
 - Thomas Edison
 - Cu (Latin "cuprum")
 - Captain Nemo
 - Rupert Holmes
 - Mount Mitchell, North Carolina
 - BMW
 - Orange
 - Zucchini
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

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SLOW COOKER APPLE CINNAMON FRENCH TOAST

Serves 4

Wake up to a casserole of fragrant French toast with this super-easy recipe. Choose light and fluffy bread for tender French toast or dense bread for a heartier dish.

- Canola spray oil
- 8 slices whole grain or whole wheat sandwich bread (about 9 ounces total), halved diagonally
- 3 apples, peeled, cored and thinly sliced
- 5 eggs
- 3/4 cup milk
- 3/4 cup half-and-half
- 4 tablespoons firmly packed light brown sugar, divided
- 1 3/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- Pinch fine sea salt



Lightly coat the inside of a slow cooker with spray oil. Layer in bread, overlapping as necessary, and top with apples. In a bowl, whisk together eggs, milk, half-and-half, 3 tablespoons of the brown sugar, cinnamon and salt. Pour over bread and apples and sprinkle with remaining 1 tablespoon brown sugar. Cover and cook on low until apples are soft and casserole is browned around the edges, 6 to 8 hours. Cool, uncovered, for at least 20 minutes before serving. Scoop portions directly from the slow cooker or remove French toast in one piece and arrange on a platter to serve.

Nutritional Info: 420 calories (130 from fat), 14g total fat, 6g saturated fat, 255mg cholesterol, 430mg sodium, 57g carbohydrates, (6g dietary fiber, 31g sugar), 18g protein.

BUTTERNUT FRITTATA WITH SAGE AND GRUYÈRE

serves 6

This delicious one-pan egg dish is satisfying enough to serve for dinner as well as for breakfast or brunch.

- 4 cups butternut squash cubes
- 1/2 red onion, cut into thick slices
- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 teaspoon sea salt, divided
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper, divided
- 8 eggs
- 1/3 cup whole milk
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh sage (or parsley)
- 1 cup grated Gruyère cheese



Preheat oven to 425°F. Place squash and onion in a large, heavy cast-iron skillet or other ovenproof skillet and toss with the oil, 1/2 teaspoon of the salt, and 1/4 teaspoon of the pepper. Roast until the vegetables are browned and softened, about 25 minutes, stirring once or twice during cooking. Remove skillet from oven and set aside to cool slightly.

In a large bowl, whisk eggs, milk, sage and remaining 1/2 teaspoon salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper together. Pour into the skillet and return it to the oven. Continue cooking until eggs are just about set, 6 to 7 minutes. Remove from the oven and sprinkle with cheese. Turn on the broiler; place the skillet under the broiler just until the cheese melts and the top of the frittata is browned, about 2 minutes. Cool for a few minutes, cut into wedges and serve.

Nutritional Info: 240 calories (130 from fat), 15g total fat, 6g saturated fat, 270mg cholesterol, 550mg sodium, 12g carbohydrates, (3g dietary fiber, 3g sugar), 15g protein.

SOUTHERN-STYLE BAKED EGGS WITH GRITS AND COLLARD GREENS

Serves 8

Skip the oven all together and top each ramekin of collard greens and grits with an over-easy egg, if you like. Spinach makes an excellent substitute for the collard greens.

- 1/2 teaspoon fine sea salt
- 1 cup uncooked grits or polenta (coarse cornmeal)
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 2 tablespoons butter, plus more for the ramekins
- 8 slices pork or turkey bacon
- 2 1/2 pound collard greens, stemmed and roughly chopped
- 8 eggs



Preheat the oven to 400°F. Arrange 8 large buttered ramekins on a large rimmed baking sheet; set aside.

Bring 3 cups water and salt to a boil in a medium pot then whisk in grits and return to a boil. Reduce heat to medium low and simmer, stirring often, until thick and creamy, 10 to 15 minutes. Stir in pepper and butter. Divide grits among prepared ramekins.

Meanwhile, cook bacon in a large skillet over medium heat, turning occasionally, until just crisp, 6 to 8 minutes; transfer to a paper towel-lined plate. When cool enough to handle, roughly chop bacon.

Discard all but 2 tablespoons of the bacon grease, then add greens to the skillet and cook, tossing often, until wilted and just tender, about 5 minutes. Stir in bacon. Arrange greens on top of grits in the ramekins.

Crack an egg into the center of each ramekin and bake until whites are almost set, about 20 minutes. Set aside to let cool briefly then serve.

Nutritional Info: Serving size: 320 calories (170 from fat), 19g total fat, 7g saturated fat, 235mg cholesterol, 440mg sodium, 24g carbohydrates, (5g dietary fiber, 1g sugar), 14g protein.

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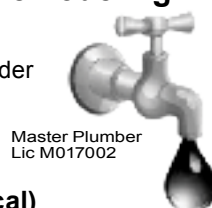
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 9:53-10:29 a.m., 283 NB Exit. Dispatched for a single vehicle accident. Arrived on scene to find vehicle had spun out with one person walking around. Patient stated he had no pain and denied need for EMS. 2 units, 6 personnel.
 11:53 a.m.-12:04 p.m., 100 Block N. Main St. Out to a transformer that had blown and was smoking. Arrived on scene to find the pole with the transformer with nothing showing. Bystander identified the pole. Advised center to contact ONCOR. Checked for any fire hazards and found none. All units cleared. 2 units, 2 personnel.
 10:39-11:04 p.m., 1500 Block Oak Park Ln. Out to a priority 2 fire alarm at

1500 Block Oak Park Ln. Arrived on scene to find a single story structure with no exterior smoke showing. Talked with the homeowner who said the heater was and had been running, we disarmed the fire alarm and checked for any fire hazards, found none. All Salado units cleared. 1 units, 3 personnel.
 Nov. 24
 1:51-2:33 p.m., 275 NB. Out priority 2 to the 275 NB for a traffic accident possible pin. Went en route and was then advised there was no pin. Arrived on scene to find Jarrell Fire Department and Wilco EMS on scene with patient care. Established scene safety and set up traffic control. Assisted other agencies until Scott & White Medic arrived on scene. Medic took over

patient care from Wilco EMS. Scott & White got a no transport on one patient and transported the other. All units cleared. 4 units, 5 personnel.
 Nov. 25
 8:06-8:20 a.m., 1000 Block Salado School Rd. Out to a patient with fever. Arrived on scene with Scott & White Medic and we assisted them with patient. Scott & White transported patient and all units cleared. 1 unit, 1 personnel.
 1:48-2:11 p.m., 285 S IH35. Dispatched to a multi car Motor Vehicle Collision. 1 patient complained of left arm pain. Patient states arm and neck pain. Patient refused transport, but wanted to be checked out. Vitals were taken and patient cleared before EMS arrived on

scene. 2 units, 3 personnel.
 Nov. 26
 12:17-1:12 a.m., 500 Block FM 2268. Out priority 3 for an unknown status medical alarm. Arrived on scene to find the patient laying in the bed sweaty and confused. Assessment was performed and a history was attempted to be taken. Scott & White medic arrived on scene and took over patient care. D-stick was taken and then oral glucose was administered. Patient was monitored and then was given a sandwich. D-stick was repeated and got 89, stood by until patient's sugar came up. Family arrived on scene and assisted with patient meds and history. Scott & White got a no transport and all units cleared. 2 units, 2 personnel.
 Nov. 27
 8:25-9:48 a.m., Salado Creek Antiques. Out to a priority 2 traffic accident. Arrived on scene to find a that one vehicle took front and rear end damage. patient up walking around. He refused treatment. 4 units, 8 personnel.
 8:44-9:49 a.m., IH35 at Thomas Arnold NB. Was returning to Station 1 from a previous call when we saw a car sitting in the inside lane with moderate damage. The car was located just north of Thomas Arnold Bridge on IH-35 NB inside lane. Notified Center of accident. Personnel accessed car from access road, 1 female patient denied any injuries. Directed traffic from accident scene. Accident was caused by 2 sec-

tions of temporary barrier that had been moved into NB lane. Assessed patient and determined she was aware. She was alert and refused any treatment and denied injuries. Remained on scene and provided traffic control until barriers were moved back into position and traffic was moving freely. All units cleared. 3 units, 5 personnel.
 Nov. 27
 8:56-9:20 a.m., Next to 1300 Block Windy Hill. Out to a possible grass-fire. Arrived on scene to find several large control burns and made contact with contractor and made sure he knew to call it in. He advised he had called it in yesterday and I advised him he had to call it in everyday. No danger, it was raining and all units cleared. 2 units, 3 personnel.
 10:18-10:30 a.m., Main St. and Thomas Arnold. Out to a patient that had passed out. Arrived on scene with Scott & White and assisted them with patient. Scott & White transported patient. 3 units, 4 personnel.
 11:51 a.m.-12:16 p.m., 285 SB IH35. Out to a one car Motor Vehicle Accident. Arrived on scene to find a little damage to vehicle. Patient was a child in back seat, said to have bump on head. Patient was aware and I was unable to see a bump. Patient's mother stated he is ok and no need for transport. All units cleared. 3 units, 7 personnel.
 Nov. 28
 12:50-1:35 a.m., 2200 Block Cheyenne Pass. Out priority 2 for a patient sick with altered loc. Went en route and arrived on scene with Scott & White Medic. Medic had patient care and

we assisted them. Scott & White assessed and monitored the patient. Assisted Scott & White with moving patient to stretcher and into ambulance. Medic transported on patient to Scott & White ER and all units cleared. 2 units, 2 personnel.
 1:29-1:46 p.m., 500 Block Pace Park Rd. Out for a female victim of a fall. Went en route and arrived on scene to find the patient sitting in the roadway with medic. Medic had stopped the bleeding and wrapped the patient's head. Patient had a laceration to her front right part of the head. Assisted medic with moving the patient to the stretcher and into the ambulance. Medic transported and all units cleared. 3 units, 4 personnel.
 3:46-4:25 p.m., 2268 at IH35 NB Frontage Rd. Out to a 52 year old female complaining of chest pain and difficulty breathing. Arrived on scene to find the patient sitting in the drivers seat of her car. Patient was breathing fast and shaking. Patient stated she felt like she was having a heart attack or maybe anxiety. Vitals signs as charted. Medic arrived on scene and took over patient care. Patient did not want to go to the hospital but allowed us to driver her to the Holiday Inn in Salado to spend the night. 3 units, 5 personnel.
 7:45-8:09, 100 Block Mill Creek Dr. Out to an electrical fire. Arrived on scene to find the smell of a burn odor in home. Found origin at AC unit. Checked home, nothing else found. Advised homeowner to contact a HVAC repair man. All units cleared. 5 units, 9 personnel.

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Salado Police Report Nov. 24-29

Nov. 24
 3:39 p.m., 301 N. Stagecoach Rd. (City Hall). Warrant Service, subject on scene exhibiting strange behavior. Found to have warrant for arrest. Warrant served.
 2:40-2:43 p.m., 282 North I-35. Agency Assist, received a call for a crash at the above location. Arrived on scene. DPS arrived. Code-4.
 Nov. 25
 2:37 p.m., 800 Block North I-35. Crash, observed a crash in the 800 Block North I-35. Arrived on scene, code-4, crash report.
 5:17-5:31 p.m., NB I-35 MM 286. Crash, two vehicle crash at above location. Minor damage, no injuries. Arrived to find incident occurred outside of city limits. DPS contacted and advised to issue Blue Forms. Insurance info exchanged and Blue Forms issued. Clear.
 7:19 p.m., 500 Block W. Village Rd. Disturbance, caller concerned about arguing heard at neighbor's. All parties code-4. Was a misunderstanding between family members. Clear.
 8:03-8:14 p.m., SB I-35 MM 286. Miscellaneous. Disabled motorist. caller states they have a flat tire. Location changed and verified as Old Town and N. Stagecoach. Subjects located and put in touch with a tire company. Not blocking and code-4. Clear.
 Nov. 26
 12:18-12:22 a.m., 500

Block FM 2268. Miscellaneous, unknown status medical alarm. Arrived on scene and marked address with patrol unit. Clear with SVFD and Scott & White on scene determining transport.
 Nov. 27
 8:15-9:27 a.m., 285 North and South. Crash, multiple crashes on the highway at the 285 North and South. Crash Reports were taken.
 10:54-11:22 a.m., 500 Block North Interstate 35. Crash, received a call for a crash at the above location, arrived on scene, blue forms were given. Code-4, clear.
 12:00-12:17 p.m., 900 Block North I-35. Crash, received a call for a crash at the above location. Arrived on scene and crash report on file.
 1:31-1:34 p.m., 500 Block Pace Park Rd. Injured person, patient fell and hit head. Arrived on scene with SVFD and Scott & White. Patient transported. Clear.
 Nov. 28
 5:08 p.m., 1900 Block Old Mill. Assistance, assisted citizen with escort to gas station. She was afraid she would run out of fuel.
 6:55 p.m., 100 Block Mill Creek. Agency Assist, assisted Fire Department with smoke/possible structure fire. Code-4, heating element.
 Nov. 29
 4:22 p.m., 100 Block Mill Creek. Agency Assist, assisted DPS with hit and run crash.

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Texas housing market shows strong gains in 2015

Texas real estate made a strong showing in all segments of the housing market in 2015 due to continued growth in the state's economy, jobs and population, according to the 2015 Texas Annual Housing Report released today by the Texas Association of Realtors.

"The Texas real estate market has been firing on all cylinders in 2015. People are relocating to Texas from far and wide, homes in all price classes are in high demand and the number of available properties is slowly rising," said Scott Kesner, chairman of the Texas Association of Realtors.

The 2015 editions of the Texas Quarterly Housing Report indicated that Texas real estate is on pace to potentially have a record year in 2015. Home sales and prices steadily increased throughout the year, while statewide housing inventory reached a two-year high - 4.0 months - in 2015-Q3. Once again, the 2015 Texas Homebuyers and Sellers Report showed that Texas is outpacing the nation in home sales, as median incomes for Texans rose 5.9 percent year-over-year - more than

double the growth rate of incomes nationally during the same time frame.

Texas's business-friendly environment and strong job growth continued to attract new residents from out-of-state and internationally in 2015. Texas was the No. 2 state for gains in out-of-state residents, with more than 538,000 Americans relocating to Texas, according to the 2015 Texas Relocation Report. Additionally, international homebuyers contributed more than \$8.32 billion to the Texas economy in a 12-month period, according to the 2015 Texas International Homebuyers Report.

"Texas's diversified economy and our state's enduring real estate demand shows that Texas remains to be a great place to live, work and do business," said Kesner.

Two of the strongest segments of the Texas housing market were luxury home sales and small land sales. According to the 2015 Texas Luxury Home Sales Report, home sales priced at \$1 million or higher grew between 9 percent and 26 percent year-over-year in the state's four largest metros. Small land



Sales of luxury homes priced at \$1 million or higher reached double digit growth in the state's four largest metro areas in the past year.

sales throughout Texas also experienced double-digit growth, with 5,282 small land sales statewide. This was a 20.69 percent increase from the year prior, according to the 2015 Texas Small Land Sales Report.

Condominium and town-home sales in Texas continued to be strong, remaining fairly consistent with the

previous year's sales volume. The 2015 Texas Condominium Mid-Year Sales Report showed that existing condos spent less time on the market than new condos, as rising land and development costs may make new condominiums less affordable for some buyers.

Despite this rapid market growth, tough lending standards and a competitive

homebuying market continued to make home remodeling a popular option among Texas homeowners. The 2015 Texas Remodel Valuation Report showed that remodeling projects continued to gain popularity and profitability, with smaller, functional projects that boosted a home's curb appeal recouping the highest percentage of project costs.

Kesner concluded, "Once again, the Texas housing market has exceeded expectations and is on pace to possibly set another record for home sales. The market will remain highly competitive in 2016, making housing development and affordability key areas of focus throughout the state."

Give thanks, give wisely

BBB offers five tips for giving wisely on #GivingTuesday

The busiest shopping weekend of the year is over, Christmas wish lists are marked off and consumers are wrapping up those sweet bargains and placing them under the tree. The spirit of the holiday season is about giving, and what better way to give than to give back to a local charity?

Since 2012, the Tuesday following the Thanksgiving shopping weekend is observed as #GivingTuesday. #GivingTuesday is a national campaign that celebrates and supports giving during the holiday season. This year, #GivingTuesday falls on December 1.

Better Business Bureau serving Central, Coastal, Southwest Texas and the Permian Basin urges donors to give wisely and support trustworthy charities in recognition of #GivingTuesday.



Remember to first research charities to ensure your contributions are going to a trustworthy organization.

BBB Wise Giving Alliance evaluates charities based on 20 BBB Standards for Charity Accountability. BBB charity reports help donors make informed giving decisions.

Your BBB shares these five tips to help donors make the most out of this holiday season:

Watch out for name similarities. When charities seek support for the

same cause, their names are often similar. Before you give, be sure you have the exact name of the charity to avoid a case of mistaken identity.

Avoid on-the-spot donation decisions from unfamiliar organizations. The holidays bring a higher frequency of donation requests outside public locations. Don't succumb to pressure to make an immediate giving decision. Responsible organizations will welcome your gift tomorrow as much as they do today.

Be wary of emotional

appeals. Marketers have been known to exploit the holidays to make emotional pleas to donors. Always research to verify that your selected charity operates ethically.

Avoid charities that don't disclose. Although participation is voluntary, charities that don't disclose any of the requested information to BBB WGA raise a critical red flag for donors. Visit Give.org to find out if your selected charity is nondisclosure.

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