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## Don't expect drastic changes in village budget

By TIM FLEISCHER  
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Don't expect much change in the 2016-17 Village budget. If anything, there will likely be fewer expenses to match the drop in revenues anticipated for next year.

The Village counts mostly on property tax and sales tax for local revenue. Property taxes will most likely be budgeted to remain the same at about \$355,000 in total revenue.

Sales tax will likely be budgeted at the same amount, \$375,000 for the year.

Remaining revenues will come from franchise fees, which total \$194,500 and licensing and permitting which is running about 20 below budgeted. Most of that is due to fewer zoning and variance requests. The Village budgeted \$27,000 in those revenue sources this year but has actually only seen \$5,284.18 in revenue.

A contract from James Construction for traffic control duties performed by Salado police injected about \$15,000 in added revenues this year, but Salado will see that amount disappear as James Construction finishes its contract in the Salado area.

Total revenues are about 5 percent off so far this year, so that amount may be trimmed from the proposed 2016-17 budget. This would lower the over-

all revenues to right at \$1 million.

The Village budgeted just over \$1.06 million in expenses this year, but will probably exceed that due to \$47,500 in additional Stagecoach sewer expenses and \$16,000 in additional expenses for a police patrol vehicle.

The Village may consider contracting its municipal court totally through the Justice of the Peace. Municipal fines were budgeted at almost \$64,000 this year, but actual fines so far have been under budget at \$25,490.72 through June 2016.

Most expenses this year are under budget except for legal fees which ballooned to \$65,980.59. Much of that has been for legal consultations on the two major economic development agreements with Sanctuary and Stagecoach Inn.

However, villagers should expect legal fees to remain high next year as the Village government tackles rewriting its Comprehensive Plan.

Code enforcement will likely remain at \$48,485 next year.

Fire protection will remain at \$36,000.

Police protection will likely remain at about \$325,000.

The Municipal court will also likely remain around \$60,000.

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## Final approvals near, sewer construction could begin by Dec.

By TIM FLEISCHER  
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The Village expects to put the construction of the sewer system out for bid in September once final approval comes from Texas Historical Commission for the proposed final lines and sewer locations.

This will allow the Village to complete construction of the collection system by October 2017. Construction of the treatment plant itself will also be complete by October 2017, according to the latest time-lines from village engineering firm Kasberg Patrick Associates.

After the collection system is built, the Village will spend November 2017-January 2018 connecting septic systems and transferring sewer services, according to the time-line, which was most recently updated on June 20.

The Village submitted documents to Texas Department of Transportation on March 25 and got initial approval on April 28. Additional submittals and amendments were made in late April and May.

KPA and Village staff met with THC on June 2. The Historic Commission requested additional investigations and digs at three

to four separate locations. The process is expected to be complete with approvals by the end of September.

With the approval by THC, the Village expects the Corps of Engineers approval to come by the end of September as well.

The Village is in the process of acquiring easements and fee simple property. That process should end in July.

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) will review final plans in July and August. The Economic Development Administration will review final plans for its \$1 million grant in July-September.

The bid and award of the construction contract will be completed in October and November with work beginning in December on the collection system and wastewater treatment plant.

Initial work on the collection system will begin on Church Street in December. Work on the Main Street and Royal Street collection systems will begin in January.

An electronic diagram of the collection system can be found on our website at [www.saladovillage-voice.com](http://www.saladovillage-voice.com).



### Trailblazer comes to town

The Texas Association of Minority Engineers Trailblazer was overrun with kids on July 23 when it stopped at the Salado Public Library.

The TAME Trailblazer is a 40-foot exhibit trailer that houses a variety of engineering and science exhibits targeted at students in grades 3-8. It is the only interactive science and engineering museum on wheels in Texas.

Exhibits are mapped to science TEKS for grades 3-8, and teachers receive pre-visit activities and follow-up materials to sustain student interest long after the Trailblazer drives off campus. The Trailblazer can accommodate 30 students at a time. Each group takes between 35 and 45 minutes to go through the trailer.

Concepts emphasized through the Trailblazer include energy concepts such as conservation, transformation and transmission of energy, power generation and alternative energy sources; space concepts such as space flight, gravity, working in space, impact of solar activity on earth, NASA products in everyday life, medicine concepts such as pathogens, bones, body temperature, x-rays, robotics and surgery; weather concepts such as forecasting, predictive technology and the science of tornadoes and aerodynamic concepts such as Bernoulli's principle, aerodynamic shapes and civil engineering.

(PHOTOS BY ROYCE WIGGIN)

## Retiring sewer debt could drive 19¢ tax increase

By TIM FLEISCHER  
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Although aldermen have directed City Administrator Kim Foutz to draft the 2016-17 general operating budget with no property tax increase, property taxes will increase dramatically next year due to the increased cost of retiring the debt of \$8.8 million sewer bond.

To pay the \$576,080 in fiscal year 2016-17 will require a debt service tax rate of \$0.34264 based upon the certified apprais-

al of \$168,130,780 in total freeze adjusted taxable values for the Village of Salado.

This is almost a 19 cent increase in the debt service property tax, which could bring the total property tax rate to \$0.54254 per \$100 valuation provided there is no increase in the maintenance and operation (M&O) rate.

The Village has the most generous local exemptions for homestead owners. Every homestead can claim a \$5,000 deduction from the valuation and

an additional 20 percent from the valuation. For example, a \$200,000 home would be lowered to a taxable value of \$156,000.

At the possible tax rate of \$0.54254 this would result in a tax of \$846.36 rather than \$1,085.08, a savings of more than \$200.

For those who are over age 65 or who are disabled, they can stack the local homestead deduction with a second deduction of an additional \$50,000 from the taxable value.

The owner of a home valued at \$200,000 who

claims the homestead exemption and the over 65 exemption would see the taxable value of their home lowered to \$106,000.

At the \$0.54254 tax rate, that homeowner would pay city property taxes of \$575.09.

Further, those claiming the over 65 or disabled exemptions have their taxes frozen at that amount, regardless of natural increases in the value of their home or increases in the tax rate.

According to the Texas SEE TAX RATES, PAGE 3A

# FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas



## The Fire This Time

In the past two weeks, the “war on police” has gone from a metaphor to a reality, with eight officers killed in targeted attacks in Dallas and Baton Rouge.

The country hasn’t seen anything like it since the early 1970s, when a lunatic fringe of the left undertook a violent campaign against law enforcement. Today’s spate of anti-police violence isn’t remotely as organizationally or ideologically coherent, but it is much more lethal.

Vanity Fair writer Bryan Burroughs recounts the history in his exceptional book “Days of Rage.” As a radical lawyer told Burroughs, “Everything started with the Black Panthers. The whole thrill of being with them.”

Stokely Carmichael of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee gave black militancy a jump-start with his famous speech in Mississippi in 1966 declaring, “The only way we gonna stop them white men from whuppin’ us is to take over. We been saying freedom for six years and we ain’t got nothin’. What we gonna start sayin’ now is Black Power!”

Carmichael’s activities in Mississippi spawned various Black Panther groups, the most important in Oakland, Califor-

**Rich Lowry**



nia, led by Huey Newton and Bobby Seale. They became a sensation with their gun-toting antics and bristling confrontations with police, although they would be outflanked by their “information minister,” Eldridge Cleaver, a convicted rapist, who called for “A black liberation army! An army of angry niggas!”

Killing cops quickly moved from a rhetorical pose -- the Black Panther newspaper gave us the phrase “Off the Pig” -- to an actual imperative. The Black Liberation Army, an underground force spawned in the poisonous split between Newton and Cleaver, took up the mission with a deadly seriousness.

From 1971 to 1973, the BLA attacked police in San Francisco, North Carolina, Atlanta and New York. Over several days in May 1971, it shot four cops in New York, killing two. It carried out a particularly gruesome murder in the East Village in January 1972, ambushing two officers from behind and shooting them to bits when they fell to the ground. All told, the group killed roughly 10 police officers

before it was hunted down and broken up.

Obviously, nothing like the BLA exists today. There isn’t an anti-police underground with safe houses, mandatory readings in Mao and a funding apparatus built on armed robbery. The cop killers in Dallas and Baton Rouge were, to borrow a phrase from international terrorism, “lone wolves.” But the logic of the Baton Rouge shooter as he explained it on YouTube -- the police are a predatory, occupying force that must be resisted violently -- is exactly the same as the BLA’s.

The United States has experienced an extraordinary period of social peace dating from the Rodney King riot in 1992 to today. The recent unrest in Ferguson and Baltimore can’t be compared with that five-day conflagration, or the urban riots of the 1960s. But order is always a fragile thing, dependent on the sense of the legitimacy of our institutions.

With the police under a withering moral and intellectual assault, politicized assassinations of cops, which a few weeks ago would have seemed a relic of the 1970s, are back.

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## Engineer says sewer line should go under the creek

Friends,

Our engineer believes the best and safest way for the sewer line to cross Salado Creek is by boring underneath, therefore, a test and study are being required to determine what is under the creek. Test results will be known to the citizens. Some think there is a cavern underneath; others think it is solid rock; most people do not know but are curious. Whatever it is, making sure the creek is not disturbed or damaged is paramount as well as the Salamander and their habit.

Swimming cannot be done in the area from the I-35 Bridge to the Main Street Bridge during the

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test. Swimming may be done at Pace Park. We have been told the test will not disturb or harm the Salamander. As soon as the tests are completed, the area will re-open for swimming.

Other sewer line news. Beginning in October/November, the first phase of pipe laying will be drilling under I-35 from the east to the west side. Taking approximately a month, the drilling will be done from

the low water crossing just south of Fire Station #1, Church Street. As currently planned, Main Street’s sewer line will in January so as not to disturb Holiday events.

Joe Price is working on the second Gateway Sign depicted in the *Salado Village Voice*. The sign cost is \$34,259.73. Contributions may be sent to the Salado Community Foundation a 501-C3.

Finally, please know street crack filling is being done. What was estimated to take 3-years will be completed in 2-years. Also, there will be some inconvenience at the intersection of Salado Plaza and Main Street for paving. Please drive carefully.



## Loving America means finding fault with it

**Nobody would say we’re flawless especially not in a summer of mass shootings and police killings**

By JILL RICHARDSON

I was sitting on a bus one summer, chatting with a man behind me who’d worked all over the world in the U.S. foreign service. Like many conversations today, ours turned eventually to the many problems with our country.

That’s when his companion, who’d been silent so far, spoke. If things are so bad, he barked at me, why don’t you leave the country?

This man espoused a view I find antithetical to true patriotism. It can basically be summed up as “America — Love it or Leave it.”

There’s a lot that’s great about America, no doubt. But nobody would say we’re flawless — especially not in a summer wracked by mass shootings and police killings. Nobody would say we can’t become better in virtually every respect.

We’re a rich country, but we’d be better if we reduced poverty until it was no more. We’re a democracy, but we could extend our voting rights, reduce gerrymandering, or take any number of other measures to ensure each of us has a say in our government.

We have doctors and

researchers who contribute so many advancements to medicine, but we can improve access to affordable health care so that nobody has to die because they’re poor, or goes bankrupt for getting lifesaving care.

In fact, loving America means finding ways to make it better.

Imagine an America where citizens insisted from the start that you could only be considered patriotic by insisting that we’re number one — and that criticizing the United States at all was akin to being disloyal. We’d be stuck with a pretty troubled country.

At our founding, women couldn’t vote, slavery was legal, and enslaved people were considered three-fifths of a person. The U.S. government continued a genocidal campaign against Native Americans into the 19th and early 20th centuries.

But some found it possible to be both patriotic and critical. They called for the abolition of slavery and extending the right to vote to all citizens. Later they fought to end Jim Crow, pass civil rights and environmental legislation, and to legalize birth control use — which was once illegal for even married

couples.

Each of those milestones required finding fault with our nation. I doubt you’ll find an American today who doesn’t think we’re better for it.

More recently, we’ve legalized same-sex marriage, allowed gays and now transgender people to serve openly in the military, and passed the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act to help women fight for equal pay for equal work.

And yet, we’ve got a ways to go. Women still don’t actually earn equal pay for equal work. The U.S. has the highest prison population in the world. Decades after the civil rights movement, blacks are still worse off than whites in many ways. Not least, they’re three times as likely to be killed by police.

Pointing out these flaws with a mind to fixing them is hardly the same as “hating America.” It’s loving America enough to be honest about our shortcomings in order to make us better.

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### Bell County Municipal Property Tax Rates

	Local Homestead	Local 65+	Local Disabled	M&O Tax	Debt Tax	Total Tax
BARTLETT				0.16550	0.41270	0.57820
BELTON		10,000	10,000	0.53320	0.12660	0.65980
HARKER HEIGHTS			10,000	0.51740	0.15960	0.67700
HOLLAND				0.41870	0.23310	0.65180
KILLEEN		20,000	Freeze	0.49380	0.25600	0.74980
MORGAN'S POINT				0.47520	0.16690	0.64210
NOLANVILLE		3,000	Freeze	0.37810	0.12730	0.50540
ROGERS		5,000	5,000	0.48820	0.32080	0.80900
SALADO	5,000/20%	50,000	50,000	0.19990	0.13960	0.33950
TEMPLE	5,000/20%	10,000	10,000	0.32340	0.30640	0.62980
TROY		Freeze	Freeze	0.46680	0.13570	0.60250
BELL COUNTY		16,670	10,000	0.32560	0.09560	0.42120

## Tax rates

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Municipal League, the local municipal tax freeze was passed by the legislature, HJR 16, and a constitutional amendment in 2003. The measures authorize a freeze on city, county, and junior college property taxes for the homesteads of persons over the age of 65 and the disabled.

The freeze is at the option of the local governing body, except that an election is required if the city receives a petition signed by five percent of the voters.

"Numerous cities have already enacted the freeze, and other cities are currently being pressured to do so by senior groups," according to the TML Revenue and Policy Book for 2014 produced by the TML Legislative Policy Committee on Revenue and Finance.

When Salado first approved a property tax in 2008, aldermen set in place very generous exemptions for all homesteads, as well

as the over 65 exemption and freeze and the disabled exemption and freeze. Salado gives larger exemptions than every other municipality in Bell County. Three of the 10 municipalities give no local exemptions and do not freeze the taxes of those over 65 or disabled.

With an incredibly low initial property tax rate of \$0.05 per \$100 evaluation in 2008, many residents were able to lock in their total city taxes at about \$78 per year for a home valued at \$200,000.

Bell County Tax Appraisal District informed the Village that it had total appraised values of \$289,774,823.

However, due to the local exemptions allowed, it had a net taxable value of \$218,735,821.

The tax freezes for over 65 and disable homeown-

ers lowers that another \$50 million to the freeze adjusted taxable value of \$168,130,780.

This loss in taxable values results in a loss of M&O income of more than \$240,000 based upon the M&O rate of \$0.1999 per \$100.

The Village budget in 2015-16 had revenue of \$350,181.63 in local property taxes based on the tax rate of \$0.1999. If there were no local exemptions or freezes, the M&O tax rate to generate \$350,181.63 would be \$0.1210 per \$100 evaluation.

Further, the debt service rate for the next fiscal year to retire \$576,080 in debt would be \$0.1990 per \$100 valuation, rather than the \$0.34264 per \$100 valuation that it will require.

## Village Budget

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Facilities and maintenance may exceed the \$57,077 as the Village considers moving a part-time maintenance position to a full-time position.

Street repairs will remain at about \$40,000 will Street improvements will remain about \$61,000 per year. Main Street improvements will most likely be unchanged next year at \$15,000.

Village administrator Kim Foutz said that she hopes to keep the cost of maintaining the Stagecoach Plant at \$32,860 next year, provided there is not another major part replacement on the 40-year old plant.

When aldermen vote in September to approve the general operating budget, it is likely to be another deficit budget. However, the Village maintains a fund balance of more than \$1 million in current assets.

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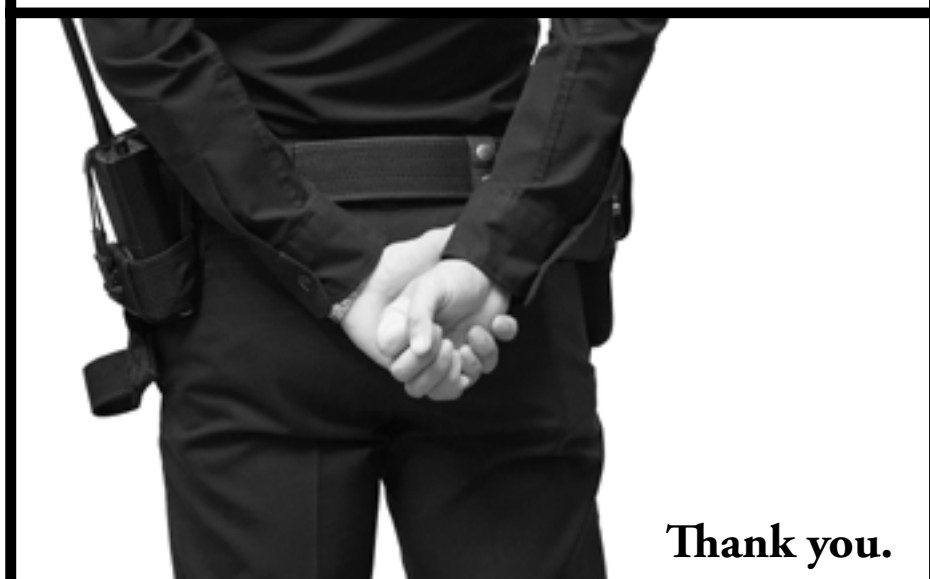
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In 19 appearances in his senior year, Salado Eagle pitcher Cody Wolf allowed just 19 runs to be scored, of which only six were earned runs.

In his final appearance on the mound for Salado, pitching the final 2.2 innings in the Eagles' 3-2 loss to Abilene Wylie in the state 4A finals, Wolf threw 28 pitches, 20 of them for strikes. He gave up no walks, no hits and no runs. He struck out four of the eight batters he faced.

The day before he struck out six of the #3 Robinson Rockets in the semi-final game. He threw 92 pitches over seven innings, allowing five hits and only one run. He walked only one batter. Meanwhile the Eagles bats scored seven runs in the win.

For his stellar performance this year, leading the Eagles to the State Finals, Wolf has been named to the Texas Sports Writers Association First Team All State. He joins Texarkana Pleasant Grove pitcher Calebb Bolden and 4A player of the year Mack Mueller, from State Champion Abilene Wylie as the First Team Pitchers.

Mueller was 12-0 on the year and had a 1.01 earned run average in leading Abilene Wylie to the state title.

Wolf was also perfect on the year, with a spotless 13-0 record and a stingy ERA of 0.400.

In the 105 innings that Wolf was on the mound for the 30-12 Salado Eagles, he gave up 49 hits. He walked 28 and hit 7. He struck out 133 batters, or more than one per inning on the mound.

Wolf faced 410 batters, and threw 1,021 strikes compared to 528 balls. Wolf went through 46 of his innings -- almost half of his total innings on the



Cody Wolf

mound -- with three batters up and three batters down.

Sophomore pitcher Drew Dobbins received Honorable Mention by the Texas Sports Writers. He made 14 appearances on the mound for Salado with a record of 8-3. He gave up 34 hits and 23 runs, 15 of them earned runs for an ERA of .916. He struck out 63 batters and walked 24. He hit another 11 batters in his appearances. Dobbins threw 589 strikes and 363 balls facing 267 batters.



Drew Dobbins



## Salado Jr. Angus members place at Nationals

Above, Texas junior Angus members took first place in the intermediate division of team sales at the 2016 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) Awards Ceremony, July 8 in Grand Island, Neb. Pictured from left are Kara Pinkerton, Arp; Kaydee Free, Salado; Dylan Denny, Lubbock; and Railey Aragon, Moulton. At left, junior Angus member Cooper Free of Salado took second place won top honors in the junior B division of extemporaneous speaking at the 2016 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) Awards Ceremony, July 8 in Grand Island, Neb.

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## New student registration on August 1

Salado ISD new student registration for Pre-K three year olds through 12th grade will be 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Aug. 1 at Salado Intermediate Schools.

The following documents are required at the time of enrollment: Birth certificate, Social security card, Immunization record (immunizations must be current and submitted to the school nurse prior to starting school), Proof of residency (deed/lease agreement or a current utility bill), Driver's license of person enrolling student, Report card and STAAR results from previous school and Transcript from previous school (High School students)

Students enrolling in Kindergarten must be 5 years of age on or before September 1, 2016. Students enrolling in PK 3 or PK 4 must be 3 or 4 years of age on or before September 1, 2016.

## CTC College for Kids classes continue

The Central Texas College (CTC) Continuing Education department's College for Kids program continues in August. Registration is open now for a variety of fun and hands-on learning classes directed to youngsters three years to high school-age in subjects such as science, computers, arts and crafts, life skills, languages and more. Some of the August classes include:

**App Inventor (age 10-14):** Students will learn to create their very own app using a cloud-based application. The simplest app to a complex game can be created with blocks instead of Java programming. Software engineering concepts including logics, variables loops and data types will also be taught. The class is Monday - Thursday, August 8-11, from 12 - 3 p.m. The cost is \$75.

**Web Design (age 14 and older):** Teens will learn to create an eye-catching website and load it to the Internet. Course topics include HTML5, CSS3, JavaScript and JQuery. The class is Monday - Thursday, August 1-4, from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. The cost is \$75.

**Snap, Crackle, Pop: A Chemistry Journey (age five and older):** Young "scientists" will mix safe concoctions that will either snap, crackle or sizzle before they pop. The class is Monday - Thursday, August 1-4, from 1-4 p.m. The cost is \$75.

**Spanish (age 7-11):** Learn various customs and courtesies along with phrases, numbers, colors, weeks, months and elementary sentence structure for initial conversation. The class is Monday - Thursday, August 8-11, from 9-11 a.m. The cost is \$45.

COLLEGE FOR KIDS CONTINUES ON PAGE 8A



## SHS freshmen girls assist in winning softball National Championship in NYC

Three Salado High School Freshman girls, along with Firecracker Head Coach Mark Brown returned to Salado Monday evening after the DFW Firecracker Gold 14U Softball team went undefeated to win the 2016 Triple Crown Sports USA Platinum National Championship in New York City, New York. The game was televised Saturday on ESPN 3.

Piper Randolph, Chris Wilson, and Breigh Oliver competed against teams from New York, New Jersey, South Carolina, Arizona, California and New Hampshire to win the highly coveted National Championship. Coach Brown (Salado) and the three SHS girls will travel to Huntington Beach, California with their team on July 30 to compete in the 2016 Premier Girls Fastpitch (PGF) National Championship: July 31-Aug. 6.

Featured in the photo are from left to right: Piper Randolph, Chris Wilson, Breigh Oliver and Coach Mark Brown.

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Wed & Thurs - 8:30 a.m.  
Friday - Noon  
Saturday - 5:30 p.m.  
Confessions 4:30-5:15 p.m.  
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### Sunday

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(Spanish) 10:30 a.m.

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## Armstrong Family sings traditional gospel July 31 at Cedar Valley Baptist

First Cedar Valley Baptist Church presents the Armstrong Family Singers at 10:45 a.m. July 31 at 12237 FM 2843, approximately eight miles southwest of Salado.

In April 1997 a new singing family was unveiled. The Armstrong Family. "This traditional gospel singing family has their own unique style of singing which gives them the opportunity to reach Christians and sinners with the message of Christ," said Cedar Valley Music Director Donnie Jackson.

Currently, you can find these singing women doing more than just singing. They minister in their local community as well as other states and countries. They can also be heard on local radio stations throughout the community, as well as seen on community cable



Armstrong Family Singers perform at Cedar Valley Baptist July 31

television and other local TV stations. They would consider it a blessing to minister in your church and at your conferences this year.

"Our mission is to continue to sing the gospel under the anointing of God and to see the pow-

er of God flow and bless His people," said Brenda Armstrong, the oldest sister who sings soprano and second tenor.

"We are often invited to sing in various sized churches of different backgrounds," said Ruby Grant, the second oldest sister. Grant sings second

soprano and alto for the group.

Patricia Singletary is the youngest sister of the group. She sings lead, alto, and tenor with the group. "I am also the driver and wardrobe coordinator and assistant secretary for the group," she says. "I am completely in love with singing the gospel and

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## Thrift Store to open doors at First Cedar Valley Baptist

First Cedar Valley Baptist Church will hold its first sale of the year for helping fund Franklin Graham's Samaritan's Purse, Operation Christmas Child.

"Our church is using the older Church Building to make this possible," said Linda Jackson. "The desire of our church is to help the community in whatever needs we can. We have quality items to sell at very low prices. We hope that the surrounding areas will come and support this endeavor."

Jackson said that the church hopes to send 100

more boxes each year funded in part by the proceeds from the Thrift Store. "We hope to have the thrift store open inside the older church building a couple of weekends each month through December," Jackson said.

Each box for Operation Christmas Child includes one item of clothing, a small toy, a tooth brush, toothpaste, comb and hairbrush. "It costs \$7 to mail each box," Jackson said, adding "you can see how this sale is very helpful in funding this project."

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Sunday, July 31  
9 am Worship Service in Worship Center *Traditional*  
10 am Sunday School *All Ages*  
11:15 am Worship Service in Chapel *Contemporary*

Monday, August 1  
6:30pm Startingpoint Study in YAC

Wednesday, August 3  
6 - 7 pm Adult Ramp project  
6 - 7:15 pm M & M Kids  
6 - 7:30 pm "FourTwelve" Youth in the YAC

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# Obituaries

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### DARWIN HOPE BRITT

Darwin Hope Britt, 83, passed from this life into eternal rest and peace just before midnight on July 24, 2016. Darwin was born on March 19, 1933 in Amherst, Texas to Rufus Hayden and Noma nee Darwin Britt. He was graduated from Amarillo High School in 1952, and served in the United States Army from 1953-1955. He earned a Bachelor of Science with a double major in Mathematics and Economics from Abilene Christian University in 1960.

Darwin married Carolyn Hearne on July 28, 1962, and together they welcomed three beautiful daughters. He worked for IBM for 13 years before relocating to Texas in 1974. In partnership with his dear friend, Lonnie Edwards, Darwin poured his heart and soul into the architectural design and construction of Salado Square and many area homes. Darwin also owned and managed a furniture design business and various real estate projects. He was active in church and community, serving as the President of the Salado Chamber of Commerce for two terms.

Darwin was preceded in death by his parents and brother, James Edward Britt. He is survived by Carolyn, his wife of almost 54 years; daughters Heather Carole Britt of Washington, D.C., Kendall Allison Britt and husband James Bray of Georgetown, TX, Paige Elizabeth Britt and husband Justin Pehoski of Georgetown, TX, and their "daughter of the heart" Vivianne Manneh of Washington, D.C.; as well as grandchildren Tanner and Carolyn Bray.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 30th, 2016 in the Historic Chapel of Salado United Methodist Church. The family will welcome friends and community in the Atrium of the church for an ice cream reception in honor of Darwin's guilty pleasure following the service.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to World Vision, Habitat for Humanity, or Austin Graduate School of Theology.

Services are in the care of Broecker Funeral Home, Salado. Visit [www.broeckerfuneralhome.com](http://www.broeckerfuneralhome.com)  
 Paid obituary



### KENNETH RAY SPRADLIN

Kenneth Ray Spradlin was born to Doris Howard and Raymond Harley Spradlin on May 7, 1937 in Okolona, AR.

He passed away at his home in Salado on July 24, 2016 surrounded by his family. Visitation will be 5-7 p.m. July 28 at Broecker Funeral Home. Services will be at the First Baptist Church 11 a.m. July 29

with Dr. Travis Burleson officiating. Burial will be in Arkansas.

After graduating from Okolona High School in 1955, he attended Henderson State University, graduating in 1959. He attended ROTC and graduated as a Lieutenant in the U. S. Army. He served in the military as a Criminologist until August, 1965 while stationed at Ft. Hood.

Kenneth Spradlin met Rachel Ann Walker in Temple; they married and moved to Dallas in 1962. They moved to Tyler and in 1985 the Spradlins purchased a home in Salado.

Kenneth entered his career in insurance, becoming a claims adjuster and later owned his own agency with Farmers Insurance Co. He was an active member of First Baptist Church of Salado.

Survivors include Rachel, his wife of 54 years, three sons: Blaine and wife Shannon Spradlin of McGregor, Kirk and Cathleen Spradlin of Salado and Keith and Shelly Spradlin of Lewisville.

Kenneth and Rachel were blessed with 12 grandchildren.

Arrangements are being handled by Broecker Funeral Home of Salado. Visit

## Hope Mommies help bereaving parents

Hope Mommies in Central Texas recently delivered 40 "hope boxes" to the Baylor Scott and White Labor and Delivery department.

The hope boxes are for newly bereaved moms. "The boxes are made with love from one hope mom to another," according to Andrea Fifield, one of the organizers of the new support group.

"It was a tremendous honor and a privilege to work alongside fellow hope mommies and others who support us in this worthwhile endeavor," Fifield said. "I wish there were not a need for one more hope box ever again."

In addition to delivering the hope boxes for newly bereaved mothers, the local group is also hosting a Bible study called "Anchored." Registration begins Aug. 1.

Anchored Hope Groups are a nine week, Bible study and small group. Some meet online through Facebook and some meet in person. The fall session will be Sept. 18-Nov. 13.

To find out more about the local Anchored Hope Group, contact Fifield at 254-913-2295.

Anchored was written just for bereaved moms by Erin Cushman, founder of Hope Mommies.

In October of 2010 Blair and Erin Cushman, while in labor with their first child, lost the heartbeat of their daughter Gwendolyn and were rushed in for an emergency c-section. Gwendolyn was revived and lived in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit for 36 hours before passing away. While in the hospital and following Gwendolyn's death, Erin says that they "were overwhelmed with love by a community of friends and strangers who were informed of their loss. Many were praying, sending emails, texts, and messages, sent

financial assistance, provided meals, cleaned the house, and set up memorial funds, thereby providing emotional, spiritual, and physical support."

"Having a solid community of people surrounding us, and faith in Jesus Christ, who gives hope to the hopeless, has continually sustained us in the months that have followed Gwendolyn's death," Cushman said.

Having been deeply impacted by their daughter's death, they established Hope Mommies.

According to the organization's website, "Hope Mommies seeks to provide a community for women and families that have experienced infant loss, sharing the hope of Jesus Christ and creating a network of support to help with emotional, spiritual, and physical needs of a grieving family."

For more information about Hope Mommies, visit the website at [www.hopemommies.org](http://www.hopemommies.org). You can learn more about the hope boxes on Fifield's blog at <http://followingthefields.blogspot.com/2016/06/boxing-up-hope.html>.

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<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>
9:15 a.m. Small Group Bible Study	6 p.m. FBC-U (Adult Bible Study)
10:30 a.m. Worship Service	6 p.m. Childrens and Youth Activities*
	7 p.m. Choir Practice

\* Contact church office for children's and youth activities schedule

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**Library Board of Trustees Meeting**  
 August 22 | 5 - 6 p.m.

**Summer Olympics Opening Ceremonies Party**  
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**Dog Sports**  
 August 13 | 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
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**Introduction to Memoir Writing**  
 August 20 | 1 - 3 p.m.  
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### COLLEGE FOR KIDS CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4A

French (age 7-13): This class focuses on the alphabet, numbers and basic grammar. The class is Monday - Thursday, Aug. 8-11, from 1-3 p.m. The cost is \$45.

Drawing and Sketching (age eight and older): Learn the basics of sketching and drawing skills using pencil and charcoal. The class is Monday - Thursday, Aug. 8-11, from 1-3 p.m. The cost is \$65.

Creative Cookies (age seven and older): Learn how to make, cut out, bake and decorate homemade sugar cookies. The class is Friday, August 5 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. The cost is \$49.

The Moon Made Me Do It (age 6-12): Explore truths about the moon such as the effects lunar cycles actually have on living organisms. The class is Saturday, August 13 from 1-4 p.m. The cost is \$35.

Babysitter Training (age 10 and older): This class helps teach youngsters to be a safe and responsible babysitter. The class is Saturday, August 20 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. The cost is \$95.

Arts and Crafts (age 6-10): The class is Monday - Thursday, August 1-4, from 1-3 p.m. The cost is \$65.

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## Pat Green returns to Johnny's Outback for July 29 concert

Pat Green has finally come full circle and all the way back Home.

He is also coming back to Johnny's Outback stage, which he sold out last year. Green will perform songs from his latest album Home during a July 29 performance that is sure to sell out again.

You might be able to get tickets online at johnnysoutback.com for \$20 per person, but you better act fast if you want to see Green this time around.

After rising through Texas' college town and dancehall scene years ago, Green earned major label support in Nashville and became the poster child of Texas music for a whole generation of fans. His list of achievements includes over 2 million albums sold, three Grammy nominations and a sold out Houston Astrodome.

But after releasing six albums in eight years, sending singles like "Wave on Wave" and "Let Me" up the charts, touring with powerhouses like Kenny Chesney and Keith Urban and dealing with accusations of "selling out," the meat grinder of mainstream stardom proved to be too much. He was spent.

After breaking the cycle for a three year re-

charge, Green is back in his comfort zone and playing by his own rules again.

His new independent album Home is his first set of originals in several years, and directly speaks to the hardcore fans that have been with him since the beginning.

Featuring a mature country sound that is both modern and exposes his roots for all to see, his new tunes are full of ringing acoustic guitars, slippery steel and dobro, wailing fiddles and heartfelt, personal lyrics, making Home the return to form many fans have been waiting for.

Produced by the all star team of Jon Randall Stewart, Justin Pollard and Gary Paczosa, the album captures some of the unbridled energy of his first three self-released projects.

The album begins with the title track, boldly tackling the singer's contentious mainstream rise and any lingering naysayers right off the bat. Green doesn't regret taking his shot at the big time and says he had a lot of fun doing it but he does understand why some fans felt left out in the cold.

"I was blind to the game, I sang the wrong songs, and disappeared for way too long," he sings. "But I've finally found my way home."

The album's first single, "Girls From Texas," is a prime example, and also features the first of Home's stellar guest appearances. A sugary, grown up lullaby that explains why Texan girls are just a little bit better than the rest, the track spent 10 weeks on top of the Texas Music chart. Green calls recording the song face to face with Lyle Lovett a highlight of the whole

project.



Pat Green

"While I Was Away," the project's second single, will strike a chord with anyone who leaves his or her family behind to travel for work. Written by Zane Williams, it's a tearjerker of the highest caliber one that even Green has trouble getting through.

For lighter fare, Delbert McClinton and Lee Roy Parnell guest on "May the Good Times Never End." With a twisting, generation spanning storyline, it features a hot rod beat and Parnell's burning slide guitar, as well as McClinton' rabble rousing vocals and harmonica.

"Break It Back Down" speaks to Green's new outlook on life and music,

while "No One Here But Us" brings in Sarah Buxton to tell a steamy tale of desperate romance. Meanwhile, "Right Now" is a broken hearted duet with Sheryl Crow that tells the unflattering but true story of Green dumping his now wife on Valentine's Day.

And finally, "Good Night In New Orleans" ends the project on a high note, featuring a celebratory storyline and Louisiana native Marc Broussard for added Cajun authenticity.

"I think I'm having the best year of my life," he says. "I feel happy and I feel smarter now. I look back and I wish I could go back in time and tell myself to slow down a little bit, but the truth is life is just enjoying the passing of time, as James Taylor says. There's a lot of drama and there's mistakes and you've gotta get through all of it to get to what you're looking for."

What he was looking for was right at Home all along.

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# Village of Salado Calendar of Events

THRU AUGUST 7

Salado Youth Soccer registration. info: [saladoyouthsoccer.com](http://saladoyouthsoccer.com)

JULY 28

Live Music with Benjamin Guenther, 7 p.m. at Barrow Brewing Co. on Royal Street. info: [barrowbrewing.com](http://barrowbrewing.com)

JULY 29

Eagle Air it Out, 8 - 10 a.m. and Line-man Challenge 10 a.m. - noon at Eagle Stadium (incoming freshmen) \$25 info: 947-6900 x1072

JULY 29

Pat Green, 7 p.m. at Johnny's Outback. info: [johnnysoutback.com](http://johnnysoutback.com)

JULY 30

Simple Card Class and Mystery Class, 10:30 a.m. at Stamp Salado. Instructor: Jenice. info: [stampsaladotexas.com](http://stampsaladotexas.com)

JULY 30

Wellness Day, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Salado Public Library

JULY 30 AND AUG 6

Salado Legends at Tablerock. info: (254) 947-9205

JULY 31

3C Cowboy Fellowship 5th Sunday Potluck, following the service

AUGUST 1

SISD New Student Enrollment, 8:30 - 5 p.m. at Salado Intermediate School. PreK - grade 12, documents required, info: [saladoisd.org](http://saladoisd.org) or (254) 947-6974

AUGUST 1

Deadline for Salado Athletic Boosters Football Program advertising. info: [saladoisd.org](http://saladoisd.org)

AUGUST 3

Teen Painting Day, 11 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at Salado Village Artists building. info: 947-1089

AUGUST 5

Summer Olympics Opening Ceremonies Party, 5 - 7 p.m. at Salado Public Library



Tablerock brings Salado Legends to life, July 30 and August 6. PHOTO BY BRIDGET REGAN WILLIAMS

AUGUST 6

Thai Yoga Massage and Partner Workshop with Alex Merkwitsch, E-RYT200, noon - 6 p.m. info: [saladoyoga.com](http://saladoyoga.com)

AUGUST 6

CNJ BBQ Food Truck and Vanilla Bean Bake Shoppe at Barrow Brewing Co. on Royal Street. info: [barrowbrewing.com](http://barrowbrewing.com)

AUGUST 6

The Judith Miller Band, 7 - 10 p.m. at The Range at the Barton House

AUGUST 6

Bell County Star Party, 8:30 - 11:30 p.m. at Overlook Park, Stillhouse Hollow Lake on FM1670. Central Texas Astronomical Society. info: [centext Astronomy.org](http://centext Astronomy.org)

AUGUST 11

Salado: Jewel in the Crown of Texas advertising deadline. Edition on stands October thru December. info: (254)947-5321

AUGUST 13

Salado Pocket Music Series

AUGUST 13 - 14

Salado Market Days, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at Salado Antique Mall, 721 Stagecoach Road, behind Dee's Antiques on Main. info: (254) 947-3355

AUGUST 13

Korean Kravings Food Truck and Live Music from The March Divide, 6:30 p.m. at Barrow Brewing Co. info: [barrowbrewing.com](http://barrowbrewing.com)

AUGUST 15

Salado Masonic Lodge Stated Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

AUGUST 18

Pre-K Parent Meeting, 5:30 - 6 p.m. at Thomas Arnold Elementary. For parents of students registered and qualifying for the 3 and 4 year old classes. Parents only.

AUGUST 18

The Priest's Pint, 6:30 p.m. at Barrow Brewing Co. on Royal Street. info: [barrowbrewing.com](http://barrowbrewing.com)

AUGUST 18

Kindergarten Parent Meeting, 6 - 6:45 p.m. at Thomas Arnold Elementary. All Kindergarten parents are encouraged to attend. Parents only.

AUGUST 20

Meet the Eagles, 6 p.m. at Salado High gym. Food Trucks, Bouncy Houses and an Eagle Fan Auction

AUGUST 20

DAM Sandwiches Food Truck and Live Music from Wayworn Traveler, 6 p.m. at Barrow Brewing Co. on Royal Street. info: [barrowbrewing.com](http://barrowbrewing.com)

AUGUST 23

First day of classes at Salado ISD

AUGUST 26

Napa Valley Wine Dinner, 6:30 p.m. at Alexander's Distillery. Reservations: (254) 947-5554

AUGUST 27

Live Music with Justin Bravo, 6:30 p.m. at Barrow Brewing Co. on Royal Street. info: [barrowbrewing.com](http://barrowbrewing.com)

SEPTEMBER 3

Finadene Food Truck and Live Music from The Shady Rest Band, 7 p.m. at Barrow Brewing Co. on Royal Street. info: [barrowbrewing.com](http://barrowbrewing.com)

SEPTEMBER 3

Bell County Star Party, 8 - 11 p.m. at Overlook Park, Stillhouse Hollow Lake on FM1670. Central Texas Astronomical Society. info: [centext Astronomy.org](http://centext Astronomy.org)

SEPTEMBER 5

No Salado ISD classes

SEPTEMBER 5

Salado Public Library closed

SEPTEMBER 10 - 11

Salado Market Days, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at Salado Antique Mall, 721 Stagecoach Road, behind Dee's Antiques on Main. info: (254) 947-3355

SEPTEMBER 10

Korean Kravings Food Truck at Barrow Brewing Co. on Royal Street. info: [barrowbrewing.com](http://barrowbrewing.com)

SEPTEMBER 12

Salado Masonic Lodge Stated Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 15

The Priest's Pint, 6:30 p.m. at Barrow Brewing Co. on Royal Street. info: [barrowbrewing.com](http://barrowbrewing.com)

SEPTEMBER 16-18

Chocolate & Wine Weekend info: [salado.com](http://salado.com)

SEPTEMBER 17

DAM Sandwiches Food Truck and Live Music from Wayworn Traveler, 6 p.m. at Barrow Brewing Co. on Royal Street. info: [barrowbrewing.com](http://barrowbrewing.com)

SEPTEMBER 17

Keep Salado Beautiful Fall Village Cleanup

SEPTEMBER 24 - 25

Auditions for A Christmas Carol & Fright Trail at Tablerock. info: (254) 947-9205

OCTOBER 1

Salado Cemetery Historical Tour, 4 - 6 p.m. sponsored by Salado Historical Society and Tablerock. info: (254) 947-9205

OCTOBER 7 - 8

Christmas in October, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. at The Venue on College Street.

OCTOBER 7 - 22

arTexas Competition and juried Art Show, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. at Salado Civic Center. info: [saladovillageartists.com](http://saladovillageartists.com)

OCTOBER 8 - 9

Salado Market Days, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at Salado Antique Mall, 721 Stagecoach Road, behind Dee's Antiques on Main. info: (254) 947-3355

OCTOBER 8

Fall Garden Tour, Coordinated by Keep Salado Beautiful and Public Arts League of Salado

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# Regular Events in Village of Salado

## ONGOING

**Junior Golf Academy**, grades 12 and under at Mill Creek Golf Course. info: (254) 338-3848

## TUES - SAT

**Central Texas Area Museum** open, 10 am. - 4 p.m., Free admission

## THRU AUGUST 5

**Summer Reading Challenge** at Salado Public Library. Visit the library for a challenge list.

## THRU AUGUST 7

**Salado Youth Soccer** Association Registration, registration: saladoyouthsoccer.com

## MONDAYS

**Yoga for Women's Health**, 9 a.m. at Salado Yoga and Wellness Info: (254) 681-7623.

**Children's Story and Craft Time**, 11 a.m. at Salado Public Library. info: (254) 947-9191

**Salado Village Artists Stitches & Knitters**, 2 p.m. at Salado Village Artists Building.

**Classified advertising deadline** for Salado Village Voice, noon. info: advertising@saladovillagevoice.com

**Monday Madness Sale**, 2 - 5 p.m. at Stamp Salado.

**Yoga Basics & Beyond**, 6 p.m. at Salado Yoga and Wellness. 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.

**Monday Club**, 2 p.m. at Salado United Methodist Church Youth Activities Center

**Salado Historical Society board meeting**, 6 p.m. at Salado Public Library.

## SECOND MONDAY

**Second Monday Book Club** at Salado Winery, 7 - 9 p.m.

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

**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

**Salado Athletic Boosters Club meeting**, 7 p.m. at the High School Library. (no July meeting)

## THIRD MONDAY

**Salado United Methodist Women**, 5:45 p.m. at Salado United Methodist Church Room 117

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

## FOURTH MONDAY

**Salado Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting**, 5 p.m. at the library

## TUESDAYS

**Learning English Among Friends (LEAF) class**, 4:30 p.m. at Thomas Arnold Elementary. Class for Salado ISD parents interested in learning English. 947-6910

**YogaStrong**, 9-10 a.m. at Salado Yoga and Wellness. Info: (254) 681-7623.

**Salado Village Artists**, Village Art Building, 9 a.m., Bring your artwork **third Tuesday** will be set up for still life.

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

**Sit & Knit**, 10 a.m. - noon at Salado Public Library. info: (254) 947-9191

**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 Salado Yoga and Wellness Info: (254) 681-7623.

**Tex Mex Tuesday** at Alexander's Distillery (254) 947-5554

**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. info: 254-947-1833

**Restorative Yoga**, 6 - 7 p.m. at Salado Yoga and Wellness Info: (254) 681-7623.

**Team Roping Practice**, 6:30 p.m. at 3C Cowboy Fellowship Arena. Call before you haul 947-7214

## FIRST TUESDAY

**Salado Village Artists Board Meeting**, 9 a.m. at the Village Art Building. Followed by General Meeting at 10:30 a.m.

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

## THIRD TUESDAY

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

**Bunco**, 6:30 p.m. at Salado Lone Star Winery and Chupacabra Craft Beer

## WEDNESDAYS

**IN.FORM course**, 5 p.m. at Angelic Herbs. Info: (254) 947-1909



Salado's Pocket Music Series continues Aug. 13. Treble Soul (Curt Jones and Hanna Prestridge) will perform noon at Barrow Brewing, followed by Michael Saldana at 2 p.m., Antique Rose of Bell will host Joe Berg from 2 - 4 p.m. and Tommy Kruger will perform at the Ambrosia Tea room Patio from 1 - 3 p.m.

**Yoga for Core**, 8 - 8:50 a.m. at Salado Yoga and Wellness. Info: (254) 681-7623.

**Power Flow Yoga level 1&2**, 6:10-7:10 p.m. at Salado Yoga and Wellness. Info: (254) 681-7623.

**WOW Wednesday** at Angelic Herbs. 947-1909

**Wine Wednesday** at Alexander's Distillery (254) 947-5554

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

**THIRD WEDNESDAY Mah Jongg** at Salado Public Library, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

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

**THURSDAYS Flow & Glow Yoga**, 8:45-10:15am. at Salado Yoga and Wellness Info: (254) 681-7623.

**Chair Yoga**, noon - 1 p.m. at Salado Yoga and Wellness Info: (254) 681-7623.

**Hatha Flow levels 1&2**, 6:15 - 7:15 p.m. at Salado Yoga and Wellness Info: (254) 681-7623.

**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.

**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 a.m. at the Salado United Methodist Church Youth Activities Center.

**Crop Night**, 5 - 9 p.m. at Stamp Salado, \$5 reservation required: (254) 947-8848

**Team Roping Practice**, 7 p.m. at 3C Cowboy Fellowship Arena. Call before you haul 947-7214

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

**Yoga on Salado Square**, 9 - 9:45 a.m., info: erinelizabechlabbadie.com

**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.

**FOURTH THURSDAY Team Roping Practice**, 7 p.m. at 3C Cowboy Fellowship Arena. Call before you haul 947-7214

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

**Display advertising deadline** for Salado Village Voice, noon. info: advertising@saladovillagevoice.com

**Hecho En Queso food truck**, 4-10 p.m. at Barrow Brewing Co. on Royal Street. info: barrowbrewing.com

**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.

**Royal Art Walk**, late shopping, dining, art and entertainment

**SATURDAYS Hatha Flow Levels 1 & 2**, 8:30-9:30 a.m. at Salado Yoga and Wellness. Info: (254) 681-7623

**Studio Time for Salado Village Artists members**, 10 a.m. info: saladovillageartists.com

**Prenatal Yoga**, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Salado Yoga and Wellness. 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

**SECOND SATURDAY Salado Pocket Music Series**

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

**Hatha Therapy**, 3 - 4 p.m. at Salado Yoga and Wellness. Info: (254) 681-7623

**SECOND SUNDAY Asanas and Ales**, 6:30 p.m. at Barrow Brewing Co. on Royal Street. info: barrowbrewing.com

**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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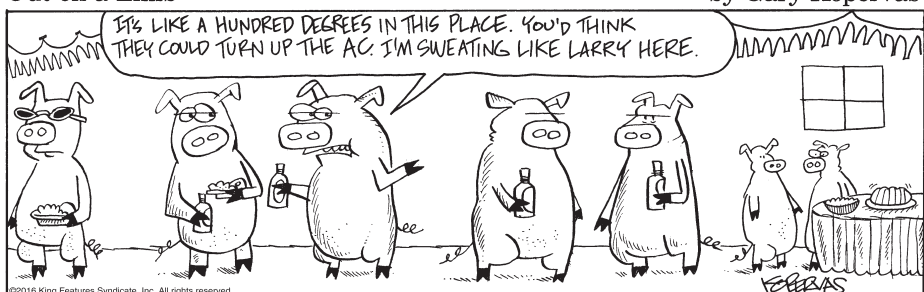
### Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



### Out on a Limb

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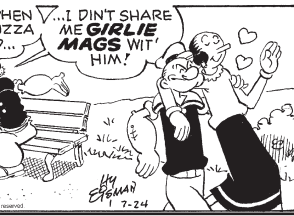
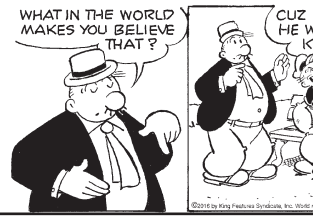
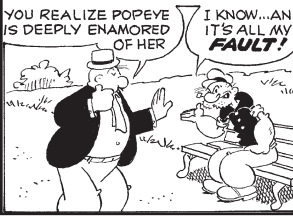
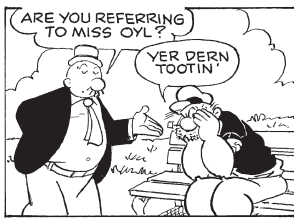
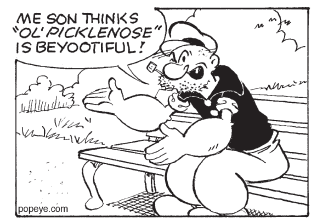
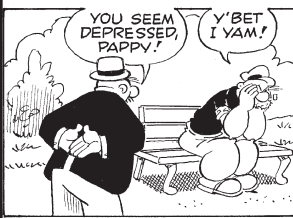
### R.F.D.

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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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

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Answer

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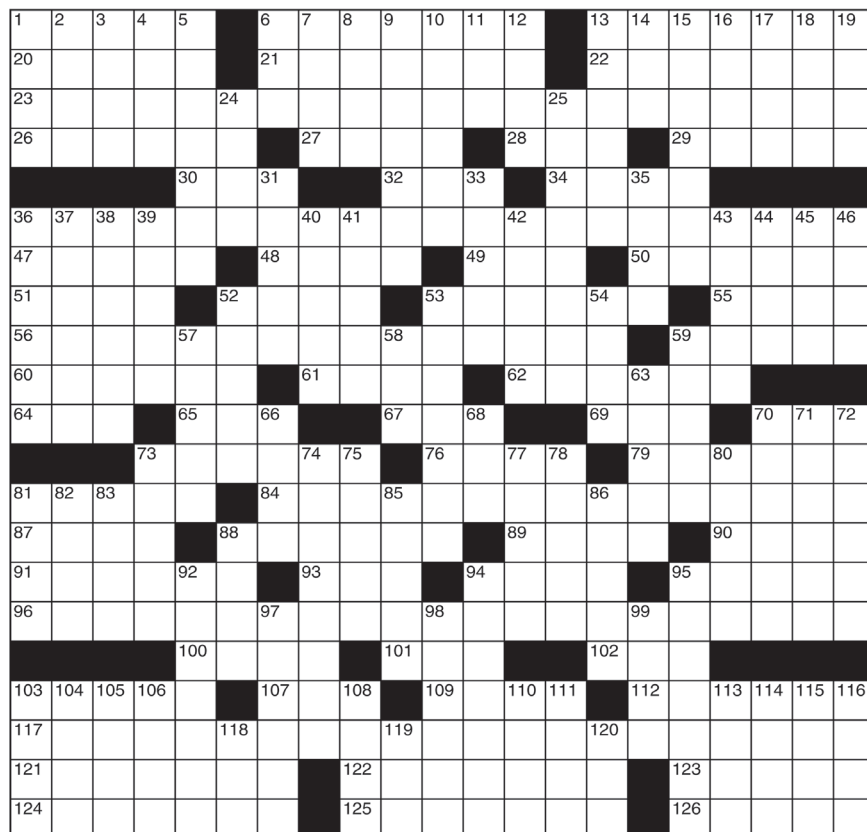
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Answer

## Super Crossword

### PROPELLING ANSWER

- ACROSS**
- 1 Syria's president since 2000
  - 6 Devalue
  - 13 Most optimistic
  - 20 Fry lightly
  - 21 Pilot in "Star Wars"
  - 22 Everywhere
  - 23 Start of a riddle
  - 26 Bull-themed tequila brand
  - 27 Bewildered
  - 28 Fore and —
  - 29 Baseballer Stengel
  - 30 "— pro nobis" ("pray for us")
  - 32 Top-secret govt. group
  - 34 Be a stinker
  - 36 Riddle, part 2
  - 47 Thwart
  - 48 Big name in elevator safety
  - 49 — Lankan
  - 50 Farmer, e.g.
  - 51 Grain tower
  - 52 P.O. part
  - 53 Like forests
  - 55 Singer
  - 56 Riddle, part 3
  - 59 Morale restorer
  - 60 General Electric co-founder
  - 61 Ending for switch
  - 62 Venom
  - 64 Curtain fixture
  - 65 Cheer at a
  - 67 "Miami Ink" channel
  - 69 Not talking
  - 70 Chinese philosophy
  - 73 Neighbor of Mozambique
  - 76 Fit of petty annoyance
  - 79 Defiant sorts
  - 81 "Fer — out loud!"
  - 84 Riddle, part 4
  - 87 Biker's bike, informally
  - 88 Voting sheet
  - 89 Seeing things
  - 90 Best Picture of 2012
  - 91 Illusion artist
  - 93 Fritz's "the"
  - 94 Pop singer
  - 95 Swimming star Janet
  - 96 End of the riddle
  - 100 Put frosting on
  - 101 President pro —
  - 102 Greek letter after pi
  - 103 Turn to hit
  - 107 "Give — kiss!"
  - 109 Having skill
  - 112 Vigorless state
  - 117 Riddle's answer
  - 121 Dermal art
  - 122 3-D model of a scene
  - 123 Sasha's sis
  - 124 Patroness of Québec
  - 125 Pen user's stain
  - 126 Lute of India
  - 8 Slaughter in baseball
  - 9 Climbs
  - 10 Fertilizer compound
  - 11 "Xanadu" band, briefly
  - 12 Director
  - 13 One giving a tirade
  - 14 On in years
  - 15 Smooth raincoat
  - 16 Fort Dodge's state
  - 17 Days before holidays
  - 18 Dried and withered
  - 19 Deuce topper
  - 24 Rhino part
  - 25 "Yes, alas"
  - 31 In on — thing
  - 33 Big name in old fables
  - 35 Jumpy
  - 36 Dryer go-with
  - 37 Spanish city or province
  - 38 Installed anew, as floor tiles
  - 39 Kris — ('90s rap duo)
  - 40 Common answer at the door
  - 41 Salt peter
  - 42 Organization for females
  - 43 Film director
  - 44 Many a missing GI
  - 45 "Little" Dickens girl
  - 46 Strong cart without sides
  - 52 Prescribing punishment
  - 53 Tam-o'-shanter, e.g.
  - 54 Wedge filling a gap
  - 57 Mosque holy book
  - 58 Foe of Paris
  - 63 Is an Internet explorer
  - 66 "Funny joke!"
  - 68 Mongrel
  - 70 Largest city in Iran
  - 71 Makes flush
  - 72 Absorb gradually
  - 73 Power of kids' TV
  - 74 Crazy notion
  - 75 Archipelago
  - 77 Fluid in refrigeration
  - 78 Lobby
  - 80 "Huzzah!"
  - 81 Gnaw on
  - 82 Itchy eruption
  - 83 Service org. for females
  - 85 Kazakh journalist of film
  - 86 Giant in grills
  - 88 — a-brac
  - 92 Book version
  - 94 Loosens (up)
  - 95 People who lend their names to things
  - 97 Downfall
  - 98 "Sure, whatever"
  - 99 Persian ruler
  - 103 Rented residences:
  - 104 "— does it!"
  - 105 Eight-bit unit
  - 106 Dog in "The Thin Man"
  - 108 "— can't get up!"
  - 110 Clear hurdles
  - 111 Red monster
  - 113 Morales of "Freejack"
  - 114 Thaw
  - 115 Large pelvic bones
  - 116 Way yonder
  - 118 Hoodwink
  - 119 Victory
  - 120 Tit for —



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## Search for the Missing Queen

### Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

North dealer.  
Neither side vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ 10 9 7 3  
♥ A 5 2  
♦ A J 7  
♣ Q 7 4

**WEST**  
♠ Q 2  
♥ Q 9 7  
♦ 9 8 6  
♣ J 10 9 5 3

**EAST**  
♠ J 4  
♥ 8 6 4 3  
♦ K 5 3 2  
♣ A K 8

**SOUTH**  
♠ A K 8 6 5  
♥ K J 10  
♦ Q 10 4  
♣ 6 2

The bidding:  
North East South West  
Pass Pass 1♠ Pass  
3♠ Pass 4♠  
Opening lead — jack of clubs.

the hearts.  
First, as a matter of good technique, he cashes the ace of diamonds to learn more about the adverse distribution. After both opponents follow suit, all South knows about their distribution is that they each had two spades and

also at least three clubs and three diamonds. This doesn't help much, so South starts looking for further enlightenment.

When he considers the high cards each opponent has shown up with, he encounters a significant clue. To this point, East has turned up with the A-K of clubs, jack of spades and king of diamonds. East is therefore very unlikely to have the queen of hearts, since he almost surely would not have passed originally with 13 high-card points. Accordingly, declarer places the queen of hearts with West, takes the appropriate finesse and so makes the contract.

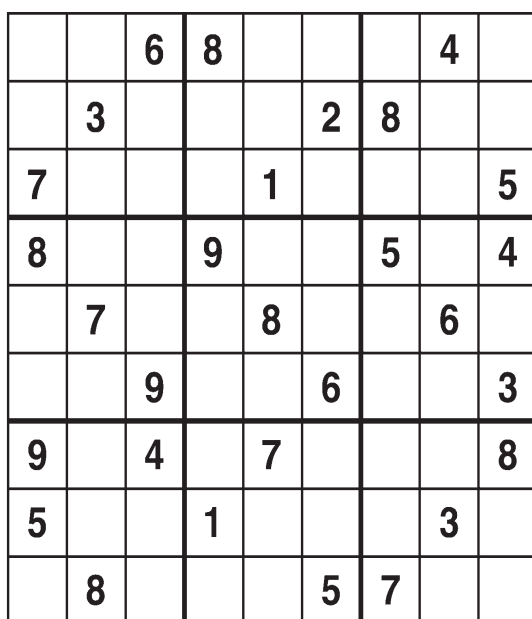
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- LITERATURE: Which conservationist wrote the book "The Sea Around Us" in 1951?
  - FOOD & DRINK: What are the food items mentioned in the song "Take Me Out to the Ball Game"?
  - GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of the Bahamas?
  - BIRTHSTONES: What is another name for a ruby, July's birthstone?
  - CARTOONS: What kind of creatures are Disney characters Chip and Dale?
  - GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the nickname of the University of Idaho sports teams?
  - EARTH SCIENCE: What is magma?
  - GAMES: What word refers to a draw in the game of chess?
  - BIBLE: In which two books of the Bible do the Ten Commandments appear?
  - TELEVISION: In this 1970s-80s TV drama of the same name, what does the acronym "CHiPs" refer to?
- Answers
- Rachel Carson
  - Peanuts and Cracker Jack
  - Nassau
  - Red corundum
  - Chipmunks
  - Vandals
  - Stalemate
  - Malenack
  - Exodus and Deuteronomy
  - California Highway Patrol
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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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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**The Trans Pecos Ratsnake can vary in color**

Almost every time I select a topic to write about for this column, I go back and fondly recollect something about that topic from my childhood. Invariably, I recall seeing pictures or reading about a subject in a book, and one particular chapter in one particular book still gets me energized, even to this day. That chapter was devoted to a species of nocturnal ratsnake that is found throughout the Trans-Pecos region, and that species is the Trans-Pecos Ratsnake.

The Trans-Pecos Ratsnake



**Wild About Texas**

Michael Price

(Bogertophis subocularis) is a distinctly marked serpent of medium size that occurs from western Texas and southeastern New Mexico southward into the Mexican state of Durango. In Texas, it is relegated to the Chihuahuan Desert in Trans-Pecos region (hence the common name), primarily west of the Pecos River. It prefers to utilize the rocky canyons and hillsides as home, although occasional specimens may be found wandering in the lower elevation flats.

Although it is technically classified as a ratsnake, this particular species actually belongs to a genus of snakes that only has two members; the other being native to the desert regions of Baja California. Both species are unique among North American serpents in the fact that they both possess 40 pairs of chromosomes; all other snake species in this area possess either 36 or 38.

There are two very distinctive traits that this unique species displays in both pattern and body structure that can be used to distinguish it from other native species. The first is the presence of 25 to 40 dark cross-bands along the back that, coupled with two thick, dorsolateral lines give the appearance of an "H-shaped" pattern. The background color-

ation typically varies by population: those found in the Stockton Plateau regions (where the habitat is typical light limestone) are generally a light tan whereas those specimens found in the darker igneous rock formations of the sky island mountains of far western Texas display a bright yellow or orange background.

The second diagnostic characteristic is the presence of a small row of scales separating the large rounded eyes from the upper lip scales. These scales give the snake an almost appealing "bug-eyed" appearance.

Most adult Trans-Pecos Ratsnakes are between 24 and 48 inches in total length, although older specimens may attain lengths of up to 66 inches.

The Trans-Pecos Ratsnake, as the namesake implies, feeds primarily on the numerous species of rodents that it encounters while on its exclusively nocturnal forays, although other vertebrate creatures such as lizards and even bats are consumed with enthusiasm.

As with almost all other reptiles that reside in temperate climates, they undergo a period of inactivity during the coldest months of the year, allowing sexually mature adults to generate the sperm and eggs necessary for suc-

cessful reproduction in the summer. Like most other harmless snakes found in Texas, Trans-Pecos Ratsnakes are egg-laying creatures. Mating occurs later than with most temperate species, taking place primarily during the latter portion of June with egg deposition happening in late July or early August. Egg clutches vary in size from 4 to 12, depending on the size and age of the female. The eggs are elongated and of larger size, sometimes just under three inches in length. The soft, permeable eggs are buried deep beneath debris to hold the humidity levels at a premium to avoid desiccation.

The neonates hatch from the eggs roughly two months after deposition and are roughly a foot in length at hatching. After hatching, the delicate young are carbon copies of the adults in appearance except often paler. And like other snake species, they require no assistance from the parents as they are capable of fending for themselves at birth.

At one time, this species was thought to be quite rare. In fact, they were placed on the protected species list for the state of Texas. But after field research, the population dynamics of this species has shown that it is actually quite common in the right habitat, and as such, it was subsequently removed from the states protected species list.



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## Salado Volunteer Fire Dept. Report July 18-24

July 18  
7:43-8:01 a.m., FM 2115 and I-35 NB. Out for a Motor Vehicle Collision. Went en route but on arrival everyone had cleared, no injuries. 1 unit, 1 personnel.

9:02-9:32 p.m., 9900 Block Fm 1670. Out for a female having chest pain. Arrived on scene to find an 85 year old complaining of chest pain for 2 hours. Patient sitting in chair, stated she has been having chest pain. Patient stated pain did not go anywhere. Patient 4 out of 10. Patient was place on cardiac monitor. Placed on 12 lead, shows hypertrophy. Patient self administered nitro, states no relief. Scott & White arrived on scene, gave oral report to paramedic. Assisted patient to stretcher, patient secure. Patient turned over to Scott & White EMS, transported. 2 units, 5 personnel.

July 19  
10:08-10:47 a.m., 15000 Block IH 35 Service Rd. Dispatched to The Play Yard for a 23 year old female patient having a possible seizure. Arrived on scene to find an off duty firefighter/EMT on scene with patient care. He stated she had a seizure and was aware upon SVFD arrival. Assessed patient vitals. Scott & White Medic arrived on scene and Salado transferred patient care to Medic. 2 units, 3 personnel.

July 20  
11:11-11:19 a.m., 3500 Block FM 2484. Out to the Scott & White Clinic for a patient with chest pain. Went en route but before arrival Scott & White Medic arrived on scene and they needed no assistance. All units cleared. 1 unit, 1 personnel.

2:08-2:22 p.m., 1400 Block Stagecoach Circle. Out for a patient that needed lift assist only. Arrived on scene to find patient sitting on floor. Patient denied any injuries and stated

she just wanted help up. Took and lifted patient up and no further assistance was needed. 2 units, 2 personnel.

6:54-7:49 p.m., Crows Ranch Rd. Dispatched for a Grass Fire. Arrived on scene to find a 1-2 acre Grass Fire in a hay field. Establishes Salado command and started fire attack on the flank left side. Set up water staging area on Crows Ranch Rd. Had fire down within 5 minutes. Performed mop-up procedures and all units cleared. 3 units, 8 personnel.

July 21  
10:13-10:45 a.m., 600 Block N. Main. Out for a patient not alert. Arrived on scene to find the patient sitting in chair outside of store. Patient was aware, started getting vitals when Scott & White Medic arrived on scene and took over patient care. Assisted them with patient. Scott & White transported and all units cleared. SPD and Bell County Constable also on scene. 1 unit, 1 personnel.

1:06-1:20 p.m., 300 Block Salado Creek Place. Out for a fire alarm going off in residence. Arrived on scene to find a large house nothing showing from exterior. Made contact and found workers working in house and alarm off. No hazard and all units cleared. 2 units, 3 personnel.

1:21-2:24 p.m., 8700 Block Armstrong Rd. Out for smoke in a house, unknown where it was coming from. Arrived on scene to find a large 1 story residential structure nothing showing from the exterior. Met home owner at the garage and she stated there was a lot of smoke in house. Found a heavy haze of smoke in house. Found breaker panels and found 1 breaker tripped no other tripped. Searched the attic and found no smoke. Got home owner to turn off

AC to rule it out, smoke started to go away while on scene. Ruled out the AC and units were turned back on. Homeowner contacted her electrical company and rep was on his way. Stood by until electrician arrived on scene. Once he arrived the smoke was all gone out of house and no other hazards. 3 units, 5 personnel. July 22

9:37-9:53 p.m., 100 Block Royal St. Out priority 3 for a 73 year old female that had passed out. Went en route and arrived on scene to find the patient sitting at a table aware. Patient was assessed when Scott & White Medic arrived on scene and took over patient care. Medic took patient to ambulance and then got a no transport. 2 units, 4 personnel.

1:10-1:33 p.m., 1600 Block Chisholm Trial Ct. Out for a waterline break. Arrived on scene to find a lot of water running down road and in yard. Contacted water department, once they arrived on scene water was turned off. 2 units, 2 personnel. July 24

1:21-2:12 p.m., I-35. Arrived on scene to find SPD,DPS on scene. Single Motor Vehicle Collision minor front end damage. Patient was restrained by DPS. Did scene safety and traffic control until vehicle was removed from roadway. Once wrecker arrived on scene vehicle was removed. Gave passenger ride to station to wait on mom. DPS transported driver. Highway was opened back up. 3 units, 9 personnel.

5:24-6:20 p.m., 284 NB IH-35. Out for a Motor Vehicle Accident with spill. Arrived on scene to find 3 vehicle accident minor damage. Determined spill was not hazardous. Checked vehicles for fire danger, none found. Blocked on lane until roadway was cleared. 3 units, 6 personnel.

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# Heat is stressing crops, pastures and gardens throughout Texas

The majority of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service districts reported daytime temperatures exceeding the high 90s, with several reporting temperatures beyond 105 degrees. Increased daytime and nighttime heat is taking a toll on croplands and forages as moisture levels in non-irrigated fields continue to decline.

Lee Tarpley, Texas A&M AgriLife Research plant physiologist, Beaumont, said higher than

normal temperatures around the state could impact yields and quality for producers.

Tarpley said there were reports from rice fields west of Houston regarding stress from high nighttime temperatures. High nighttime temperatures can affect rice flowering, which could hurt fertility and ultimately grain production.

A healthy range of nighttime temperatures for rice is below 73 degrees, Tarpley said. Anything

above 77 degrees can noticeably damage plants.

Temperatures and heat stress can affect plants in several ways at different growth stages, he said.

During vegetative growth, heat stress can cause oxidative stress, which hurts plant photosynthesis, Tarpley said. Damages can impact yields.

Heat stress during flowering and seed setting, as with the rice fields near Houston, can impact fertilization and effectively reduce seed set and fruit or grain numbers, depending on the crop, he said. After the plant's grain or fruit has started to develop, heat stress can hurt harvest quality.

Tarpley said high temperatures also impact plant transpiration, the process of water moving through a plant with most eventu-

ally being lost from aerial parts, especially leaves stems and flowers, as the plant exchanges gas with the atmosphere during photosynthesis. Transpiration has a cooling effect on plants, so can help reduce heat stress effects.

"At a point though, if the plant gets too stressed it will tend to shut down transpiration to leaves and flowers," he said. "Dryland crops could be suffering without water. They try to take up more water, which indirectly takes even more energy."

Tarpley said various crops are facing stress at different points in their growth cycle based on regional planting schedules and whether producers were delayed due to spring rains.

Delays that shift plant development deeper into summer usually have a det-

rimental effect on yields, said Dr. Ted Wilson, Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center director, Beaumont, because later maturing rice experiences higher temperatures, which increase plant stress.

A multi-year analysis of yields from over 10,000 rice fields showed yields decreased by 315 pounds per acre each week harvest was delayed past the week maximum yield occurs.

"If they're delayed six weeks, you're looking at almost 2,000 pounds per acre and that is significant," he said.

The heat has different effects on various vegetative plants, but high temperatures cause stress for most crops at some point, Wilson said. Heat stress has been shown to reduce fruit sets in tomatoes, and a study on cotton by the

University of California at Berkeley showed stressed plants began aborting young squares in which the plant has invested the least amount of energy so it might save bolls with heavy energy investment.

CENTRAL: The district was hot and dry. Dryland corn silage harvest was turning out well. Pastureland started to show some signs of stress. The weather forecast showed no sign of rain anytime soon. Irrigation of cotton was going strong. Some sorghum fields were sprayed with Roundup to prepare for harvest. Sugarcane aphid populations were on the rise, and some fields were treated. Livestock and cattle were in good condition. Overall crop conditions were 90 percent good, and 75 percent of the counties reported soil moisture as fair.


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# Salado Police Department Incident Report July 18-23

July 18  
8:09-8:14 a.m., 2100 Block and I-35. Agency Assist, assisted DPS in crash at above location.

11:24 a.m., 900 Block N. Main St. Violation City Ordinance, call for "kids" driving golf cart on Main St. However the "kid" was old enough to be driving the golf cart. Clear.

July 19  
10:15-10:23 a.m., The Play Yard. Agency assist, call for the above location for an EMS assist.

July 20  
2:10-2:13 p.m., 1400 Block Stagecoach Circle. Medical, citizen fell and needed assistance in getting up. No transport.

July 21  
8:55-9:04 a.m. 1400 Block Stagecoach Circle. Welfare Concern, 911 open line. No emergency.

5:56-6:00 p.m., 15000 Block S. I-35. Agency Assist, Loose livestock. Horse is stated to be loose by NB service road. Checked area from Hill Rd. to Thomas Arnold. Unable to locate. Later advised someone had secured the horse in a pasture. Clear.

10:26 a.m., 600 Block N. Main. Medical, male subject had a stroke. Transported.

July 22  
12:51-12:55 p.m., 200 Block Mill Creek. Credit Card Abuse, subject lives in Houston, and yesterday unknown subject attempted to use her credit card number at Brookshire Brothers. Card company declined the use. I talked with subject on phone.

4:48-4:51 p.m., 102 N. Main St. (Ambrosia Tea Room). Theft, complainant states cell phone was stolen. Report.

4:07-4:53, 1300 Block Chisholm Trail. Animal., was advised to collect the dog and take it to the Bell County Animal Shelter. I was advised by the shelter closed at 4 p.m. Took the dog to Salado vet hos-

pital, the dog was micro chipped and the clinic is going to keep the dog over the weekend. We left the dog in their possession and cleared.

9:43-9:48 p.m., Barrow Brewery. Medical, Dispatched to Barrow Brewery, was pulled away for possible shots fired on Rock Creek Drive.

9:48-10:06 p.m., 100 Block Rock Creek Drive. Noise, Dispatched for possible shots fired. I checked the area and was unable to locate. Caller wanted contact so I called him. Caller advised he thought they could have been gun shots coming from Pace Park area. I checked the park areas along the creek and I was unable to locate.

July 23  
3:27-3:45 p.m., 900 Block of Robertson Road. Crash, dispatched to a three vehicle crash at IH-35 Service Road and FM 2268.

I arrived on scene and learned it was not a crash, but it was the windshield off the bobcat tractor they were hauling on the trailer had broken loose and flew off striking the ground and a red Chevrolet silverado along with a white Dodge charger. There was no collision involved but window chips did happen to the other two vehicles because of the windshield from the tractor. On scene all parties involved exchanged information and were issued business cards with event numbers.

6:01 p.m., 400 Block North IH-35. Crash, was not dispatched to the crash DPS was, I overheard Salado FD being dispatched and I responded to it. I arrived on scene and assisted Salado FD and DPS with the crash. DPS advised me they would work the crash. I thanked him and assisted with traffic control and gathering information.

7:01-7:21 p.m., South Bound IH-35 at the 280. Stalled Vehicle, dispatched

to assist DPS looking for a tan in color Toyota that had ran out of gas and was blocking the roadway. I located the vehicle south bound across from the rest stop, a female was inside of the vehicle. She advised

it had broken down and she already called for a tow truck and it is on the way. The vehicle was on the shoulder not blocking and she was in a safe position, so I cleared.



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# Texas Economy Adds 7,200 non farm Jobs in June

AUSTIN - Texas has added an estimated 171,100 seasonally adjusted jobs over the past year with the addition of 7,200 nonfarm jobs in June. The state has added jobs in 14 of the last 15 months. Texas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased to 4.5 percent in June, up slightly from 4.4 percent in May, and remained below the national average of 4.9 percent.

"I am encouraged by our state's continued job growth, with Texas employers adding jobs in nine of 11 industries over the past year," said Texas Workforce Solutions Commissioner (TWC) Chairman Andres Alcantar. "Texas Workforce Solutions is committed to advancing partnerships and provid-

ing innovative solutions to our employers and workforce to keep our state the best place to work and do business."

The Leisure and Hospitality industry added 5,200 jobs in June. Over the year, Leisure and Hospitality gained 53,800 jobs. Trade, Transportation, and Utilities employment added 3,900 jobs in June. Manufacturing employment expanded by 1,000 jobs in June.

"Texas' economic growth over the year is due to the resilience of our employers who have added 123,000 private-sector jobs over the past year," said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Ruth R. Hughs. "The evolution of services provided by the Texas Workforce

Solutions network over the past twenty years has played a critical role in job creation and the economic prosperity of our state and we can take pride in all that this agency and our Workforce Solutions partners have accomplished."

The Amarillo and Austin-Round Rock Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA) recorded the month's lowest unemployment rate among Texas MSAs with a non-seasonally adjusted rate of 3.3 percent, followed by the Sherman-Denison and Lubbock MSAs each with rates of 3.9 percent in June.

"The Texas labor force has much to offer and there are resources available to find the perfect occupational fit," said

TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Julian Alvarez. "I encourage all job seekers to contact their local Workforce Solutions office for assistance with job training and placement."

Audio downloads with comments from Commissioner Hughs on the latest labor market data are available on the TWC website press release page. Employment estimates released by TWC are pro-

duced in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics. All estimates are subject to revision. To access this and more employment data, visit [tracer2.com](http://tracer2.com).

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Jun 16	Texas	13338824	12694161	644663	4.8
Jun 15	Texas	13127106	12504082	623024	4.7
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This jewel of a home is amazing. Prestigious yet very comfortable. Windows, windows! Several patio's! You will feel like you are in the middle of an amazing park as you tour this home, the setting is so unique. Call Dottie. 155 Capps Branch **\$599,900**



Come & see this immaculate custom Austin home located on the golf course with tons of upgrades throughout including beautiful wood floors, built in refrigerators, granite counters, custom cabinets, study with tons of builtins, & oversized 4 car garage. **\$489,900**



Come see this Contemporary home built by MF Construction located in the Mill Creek Community. This home has been built w/ all the upgrades to include grey Lueder exterior home has 12'ceilings, 8' doors, spray foam insulation, 2-tankless water heaters, complete stainless Kenmore Elite appliances. **\$479,900**



WOW what an absolutely beautiful home located at the cul de sac in the heart of Salado and is within walking distance to main street. Great floor plan. All bedrooms have on suite bathroom. Large kitchen with granite counters, brick floors, dining space, and conversation area. Studio in backyard perfect for entertaining or workshop. **\$429,900**



This home has it all and is ready to go! Includes open & spacious floor plan, huge kitchen, spacious study, and amazing master suite. Fully landscaped including sprinkler system and privacy fence. ~~699,900~~ **\$349,900**



**SOLD**

Enjoy the beautiful trees of this home located in the gated community of The Creeks of Salado. This four bedroom and three bath house is situated on approx. 1.47 acres of mature trees. This house has three bedrooms with a game room/ flex room on one side of the house. **\$489,900**



**SOLD**

Another home built by Randy Taylor Custom Homes. Several homes coming soon so please call us to discuss current inventory.



**SOLD**

This beautiful new design from Randy Taylor features a vaulted ceiling in living room with beams, 12 foot ceilings in the kitchen with tall custom cabinetry and many other upgrades. The house has four bedrooms and three baths on the lower level. The upstairs has a half bath and bedroom. **PARADE HOME. \$459,900**



**SOLD**

Are you looking for the home on acreage with a shop that will take care of all your hobbies? Wow, this great room is simply unbelievable and is a must see. Large great room with upgraded kitchen to include granite counters, stainless steel appliances, double ovens, and gas range. **\$429,900**



**SOLD**

Amazing lot located in the only gated community inside the Village of Salado, Creekside Meadow. This lot is located on the Salado creek and is approx. 1.28 acres. Ready for your new home. Call us.



**SOLD**

WOW, what a view! Come see this totally updated home w/ many updates. The great room boasts high ceilings w/ large fireplace & beautifully updated kitchen. Beautiful wood floors throughout most of the house. **\$289,900**



Beautifully maintained and updated 3 BR home, with a flex room, on 1/2 acre corner lot. The updated kitchen features plenty of new cabinetry with pull out drawers, MW, updated countertops, and SS sink with a window above to look out over the garden. **\$229,900**



Great location sitting on approx. 1.5 acres. Charming home with potential **\$149,900**

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700 Indian Trail- Mill Creek **\$34,000**

Mackie Dr Estate Lots- Amazing lots on a private cul-de-sac. Large and perfect for custom homes with trees. Starting in the \$79,900 range. 6 Lots available.

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