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A look back at 2016 in Salado

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

As the last orange barrels marking TXDOT construction through Salado are taken away and all lanes through our village are now open, Saladoans look forward to 2017 with a sense of hope.

For those who have been watching the past several years, 2016 apparently saw more work done on I-35 through the Village than the previous three years combined. The Thanksgiving holiday came to Salado with all six lanes on the interstate open for traffic, all exits open and all lanes of the access roads now open.

This Spring, however, things were rather bleak as the end continued to be pushed back. First TXDOT pushed back its completion date from Spring 2016 to Summer 2016 to early fall 2016 and finally to Thanksgiving 2016.

The Village of Salado started the year with the annexation of two major developments. The Village completed the annexation of Hidden Glenn, a 48-unit senior affordable housing development, and The Sanctuary.

On Feb. 11, aldermen annexed The Sanctuary properties, but failed to take action on zoning the properties when the proposals died for lack of a motion being given. The board also annexed 18.71 acres at 251 Mary Lane for Hidden Glen Senior Living Subdivision. Aldermen zoned the newly-annexed Hidden Glen as Planned Development-Mixed Use (PD-MU).

Salado aldermen voted unanimously Feb. 18 for the zoning of 57.985± acres to Planned Development District-Commercial and then voted 4-1 for the zoning and rezoning of two properties totaling 251.187± acres to Planned Development-Mixed Use.

A 3.12 acre parcel of The Sanctuary that was already in the city limits will remain zoned as HD (Historical District) rather than a proposed PD-C (Planned Development Commercial).

In connection with The Sanctuary, the Village continued work on the design and permitting process for the sewer system.

The timeline from March 2016 which called for construction of sewer lines to begin on Main Street in October, has been pushed back considerably due to delays in the permitting process involving the Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife department.

In early May, Salado aldermen approved a \$490,550 contract with Kasberg, Patrick and Associates, LP (KPA) for the final design, bidding, construction administration, special services and on-site representation for the Wastewater Treatment Plant and Effluent Pump Station and Pipeline.

The timeline as of June 20, 2016 called for bids to be put out and awarded in November and December.

However, the bids will not be put out until the final review by the Army Corps of Engineers and USFWS. No date has been announced for the completion of this final review and issuance of permits for the final design of the WWTP.

Once bids are sent out and then awarded, construction itself is anticipated by Kasberg Patrick Associates (KPA) Engineering firm to take at least 12 months.

According to the Wastewater Agreement with The Sanctuary, Salado must provide sewer no later than December 2017 or provide pump-and-haul service to any completed construction at that time.

However, according to the agreement, "In the event Developer requests in writing that the Village amend the Permit prior to the Service Availability Date in order to change the permitted outfall location in accordance with Section 4.6 below, then the Service Availability Date shall automatically be extended to two years (730 days) from the date of TCEQ approval of the amendment application."

Four candidates for local office learned in February that their names would not appear on the ballot and that they would have to run as write-in candidates instead: Skip Blancett for Mayor; Amber Preston-Dankert and Linda Reynolds for Alderman and Michael Matthews for School Board.

Regardless, voters returned every incumbent to local office. Mayor Blancett beat Hans Fields 357 votes to 281. Amber Preston-Dankert led the field of three candidates for Aldermen with 410 votes while Frank Coachman had 321 votes to earn reelection. Linda Reynolds had 238 votes.

Jeff Kelley was re-elected to a three-year term on the Salado ISD Board of Trustees. He had 551 votes while Darrell Street was also re-elected with 531 votes. Write-in candidate Michael Matthews had 103 votes.

The year also saw transition for the Central Texas Area Museum. Early in the year, the Museum began a Friends of the Museum fundraising effort to keep its doors open until the November Scottish Gathering of the Clans event. The Museum also pursued unifying with the Salado College Park Foundation and Salado Historical Society Foundation. While the Historical Society opted out of the merger, the Museum and Park will complete its merger in Jan. 2017 with a new board of directors from both organizations and a new name and direction: "Salado Museum and College Park, Inc."

In May, the Museum announced that Coleman Hampton had been hired as Interim Curator for the historic museum. Hampton is a graduate of the Baylor University Department of Museum Studies in Waco.



James Construction crews work on the Salado Plaza overpass of I-35. James Construction missed its milestones of March 11 for the completion of the Salado Plaza east-west temporary lanes. All traffic lanes were open, as well as all exits and access road lanes, as of Thanksgiving. Minor work remains to complete the expansion project, which is now a year-and-a-half late. (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)



Salado got a new truck in May 2016 to replace the 20-year truck that was lost to fire on March 30 (shown below). (Photos by Royce Wiggin)



"Creating the curator's position is the first step in a revitalization program now underway at the museum," says Sterling Ambrose, the museum founder's grandson and a current CTAM Board Member. "The program will include a facelift for our 150-year-old building, an upgrade of the exhibits, and an expansion of museum programs. Visitors and residents can look forward to a new name, new displays, and a variety of events that we hope will become a part of the culture of Salado."

In September, plans for the merger of the Museum and Salado College Park were formally announced.

Salado ISD learned in June that it was one of only two school districts in Bell



Cleaning up the Creek

Lone Star Grading and Paving removed about 1,000 tons of gravel and debris that had collected over the past few years at the low water crossing of Salado Creek in Mill Creek. The work was completed in August under a permit from Texas Parks and Wildlife. (PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)

FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas



Hillary Has Only Herself to Blame

The Democrats have a simple explanation for Hillary Clinton's loss -- the Russians did it.

The party that has had a decades-long soft spot toward Moscow and been reluctant to believe that the Kremlin might have aggressive intentions or, say, cheat on an arms-control agreement is in a frenzy over Russian hacking that supposedly denied Hillary the victory that was rightfully hers.

John Podesta, the chairman of a Hillary campaign that considered accepting the results of an election part of American writ as of about two months ago, refused several times on "Meet the Press" last Sunday to say the presidential election was "free and fair."

In a contest this narrow, anything might have been decisive. But the mono-causal Russian explanation for Hillary's defeat ignores her myriad political and ethical vulnerabilities that the Democrats were determined to disregard, despite the obvious evidence of them for years.

Vladimir Putin couldn't have hand-picked a worse champion for them this year. There was no reason to believe that Hillary Clinton was a good politician who could deliver a compelling message, since she had never done it before.

Rich Lowry



The Democratic establishment rushed into the arms of a candidate who, it was clear from the beginning, could well lose to Donald Trump, especially if a few things bounced the wrong way -- and is now shocked and outraged that she indeed lost when a few things bounced the wrong way.

Yes, the Russian interference was among those things. But some perspective: The hack of the Democratic National Committee disrupted the early going of the Democratic convention, but the convention was still a wild political success. Certainly none of them had the effect of the James Comey letter 11 days before the voting, which dominated the coverage for days and led to an immediate slide in Hillary's poll numbers.

This is why Democrats tend to lump in James Comey with the Russians when arguing that the election was hacked, even though he's the director of the FBI, not the FSB. Comey is a public servant who had to grapple with the unprecedented circumstance of a major

political party knowingly nominating a presidential candidate under FBI investigation. Who thought this was a good idea?

Democrats just assumed that everything related to the investigation would go Hillary's way. She escaped indictment, but two of the worst moments of her campaign came courtesy of Comey, whose public explanation of her handling of her emails wounded her in the summer.

It is true that late-deciding voters broke against Hillary, although it's impossible to disentangle the effect of WikiLeaks, the Comey letter and natural factors, i.e., she was the known quantity running as the quasi-incumbent at a time of great voter discontent, setting her up for a fall at the end.

Democrats are calling for an investigation of Russian interference in the election. This is entirely appropriate. But everything points to the Democrats not being able to handle the fundamental truth of what happened on Nov. 8 -- they took a flier on a historically weak candidate out of a misbegotten attachment to the Clinton dynasty, and paid a grave price for their foolish mistake.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review. (c) 2016 by King Features Synd., Inc.

Why is Village seeking millions from TXDOT?

Your Voice

Letters to the Editor

Regarding Village government officials seeking millions in compensation, and now "other considerations" for the delay in completing the Interstate expansion through Salado, sales figures from the Texas Comptroller do not support U.S. Rep. John Carter's "death of downtown Salado" assertion.

Salado Sales & Allocations/All Industries/Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts

Year	Gross Sales Amt.	Subj. to State Tax	Salado Allocation	Outlets
2002	\$40,333,644	\$27,265,021	\$293,692	320
2003	\$40,246,129	\$26,582,988	\$290,408	326
2004	\$41,076,401	\$26,382,568	\$303,214	328
2005	\$42,009,500	\$27,770,811	\$319,708	343
2006	\$45,274,173	\$28,284,117	\$342,890	331
2007	\$47,114,783	\$28,370,526	\$341,702	314
2008	\$48,649,627	\$28,320,361	\$357,682	314
2009	\$45,158,519	\$27,332,662	\$349,523	336
2010	\$49,157,919	\$28,081,637	\$340,976	320
2011	\$49,828,338	\$27,819,298	\$341,732	331
2012	\$59,181,825	\$30,551,994	\$381,901	339
2013	\$54,310,940	\$27,601,698	\$367,945	284
2014	\$67,186,527	\$27,861,029	\$370,897	309
2015	\$54,867,307	\$27,279,980	\$365,431	330

Since 2002, the sales and number of businesses (Outlets) in the Village has held steady (but flat) with no substantial decline during the last four years of interstate expansion. "Gross Sales" have gradually increased with only a decline in 2009 due to the 2008 financial crisis and one time, 140% increase in "Construction" in 2012 and 128% increase in "Manufacturing" in 2014.

Meanwhile in Jarrell with interstate expansion long complete, a sewer in place and ample businesses catering to interstate traffic, the 2015 Amount Subject to State Tax was down by 29% compared to 2014, and in 2016 is down by 35% compared to the first half of 2015.

Jarrell Sales & Allocations/All Industries/Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts

Year	Gross Sales Amt.	Subj. to State Tax	Outlets
2014	\$194,446,829	\$99,880,568	132
2015	\$146,234,845	\$70,760,596	122
1st Half			
2015	\$76,444,514	\$38,139,181	
1st Half			
2016	\$62,970,714	\$24,657,723	

What can be derived is the Village is different now and not alone regarding stagnant taxable sales. Factors other than interstate expansion influenced taxable sales. With growth in nontaxable sales, currently idle incentives that were conceded to Hanks Jr two years ago would have been productive if they had been granted to existing Village businesses.

As for "other considerations", Village government officials should come clean about the "permit" that will be required to place a sewer line in Salado Creek and the scheme that was to be hatched before the Texas Sunset Advisory Commission to expedite it. The area in Salado Creek the Village government and its engineer is seeking to disturb is habitat to a federally protected species, the Salado salamander. Under Section 10 of the United States Endangered Species Act, an incidental take permit will be required as this disturbance will likely result in the "take" or killing of a threatened species. This permit is issued by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and takes approximately 2 years to obtain, no matter whoever attempts to expedite it. Also the renewal of the Highlands (Sanctuary) WWTP discharge permit isn't out of the first comment phase due to the Village government and its engineer making a change after submitting for renewal. That permit's renewal is far from secured and TCEQ could not find a more appropriate permit renewal to decline as that scheme goes against accepted engineering practices for its location, complete dependency on forced mains and the availability of better options for Village.

And Mayor Blancett it's not "Texas Sunset Advisory Committee2" nor "Federal Corps of Engineers and Fisheries2" nor "U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services (USFWS)3" nor "Corps of Engineers and Texas Fisheries and Wildlife4" nor "Corps of Engineers and Texas Fish and Wildlife5". It's troubling that you've mangled that in print so many times recently, but no more so than the misinformation that ensues like the October (2016) bid date for the sewer. Now that you're the remaining "voice6" of Village government since you flushed the City Administrator and \$100,000 of public funds for the privilege, skepticism is warranted. At least we won't have to "listen" to you when we get to read the withheld information about that flushing.

Sincerely,
John Newman, RA

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Year in Review

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County to have a rating of 4.5 stars from the Texas Smart Schools Initiative. Troy ISD also had a rating of 4.5 stars.

The ratings were announced recently. State-wide, there were 44 five-star charter and public school districts in 2016. Another 104 districts earned 4.5 stars.

Salado High School announced that Morgan Bird was the 2016 Valedictorian and Preston Kimbrough was the Salutatorian.

JC Clay and Rebecca Gonzales were crowned as the 2016 Salado High School Homecoming King and Queen during ceremonies at Salado Eagle Field Sept. 24.

The school board also lowered the tax rate by 5 cents this year, dropping it to the lowest rate in two decades \$1.22380 per \$100 evaluation.

Village taxes, on the other hand, went up considerably this year. The Board of Aldermen adopted a total tax rate of 0.54190, with \$0.1999 for maintenance and operation and \$ 0.34200 for debt service. This was an increase from the 2015 tax rate of \$0.33950.

The Village got good news in September when it learned that the Texas Commission on the Arts have designated the Village of Salado as a Cultural District. Cultural districts are special zones that harness the power of cultural resources to stimulate economic development and community revitalization.

These districts can be-

come focal points for generating business, attracting tourists, stimulating cultural development and fostering civic pride.

At the same time, the Gault Site School of Archaeological Research was designated as Preserve America Steward by First Lady Michelle Obama.

This brings the total of Preserve America Stewards nationwide to 58.

The Gault School of Archaeological Research is dedicated to research and education regarding the earliest peopling of the Americas. Since its founding in 2006, more than 2,000 volunteers have participated in excavations and laboratory analysis at the Gault Site and other archaeological sites. The Gault Site is famous for its concentration of artifacts from 11 archaeological cultures dating back 15,000 years. It is located southwest of Salado at the Bell and Williamson County lines.

The Salado Volunteer Fire Department received a \$100,000 grant from the Texas Forestry Service for a new vehicle. The grant came at a much-needed time as the VFD lost its

primary rescue truck when the engine caught fire on March 30 while en route to an incident. The VFD replaced the 20-year old unit with a new unit costing about \$200,000.

In September, the Village of Salado board of aldermen voted to sever its employment of Kim Foutz. In August, the BOA put Foutz on paid administrative leave and contracted with its attorney to conduct an investigation into complaints against the administrator and to determine if the administrator's employment contract should be terminated for Good Cause.

Following the investigation, aldermen in October approved a motion to sever the employment agreement unilaterally "due to the Village Insurance Carrier's advice and financial support." While it has been stated on the record that the financial support from the Village insurance carrier is half of the severance of one year's salary (\$80,000), no official documents showing this payment have been released.

The Village spent more than \$11,000 in legal fees

on the investigation in September and October, according to documents that were released by the Village attorney Linda Sjogren. In December, the Attorney General released an opinion stating that certain documents requested by the *Salado Village Voice* must be released. They were released last week.

The Village contracted the Texas First Source for village administration services. Under the contract, David Miller works part-time for the Village for a set rate of \$50 per hour. Miller was most recently the deputy city manager for the City of Bedford, a position he held for five years.

In other Village business, aldermen adopted a Weapons Ordinance that bans the discharge of arrows in the City limits. This came after several discussions on hunting deer in the City Limits.

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Community Life

Cedar Valley Baptist holds annual singing to bring in the New Year

Cedar Valley Baptist Church holds its Annual New Years Eve Singing 7 p.m. Dec. 31 - Jan. 1, at 12237 FM 2843 -- Salado. Singing starts around 7 p.m. and stops for supper (pot luck) break. The singing resumes,

after the meal, then stops for midnight devotional and prayer.

The singing resumes. The public is invited to attend, for more information 254-947-5100 or 254-913-2951

Auxiliary starts 2017 with new officers

The Salado Ladies Auxiliary will conduct their first meeting of the new year on Thursday, Jan. 12

The meeting will be at the Salado United Methodist Church Youth Activity Center located on 650 Royal Street. Coffee and snacks will be served at the social time at 9:30, and the meeting will begin at 10:00.

The Salado Ladies Auxiliary strives to provide events and activities which enhance, improve, and promote the community of Salado. The organization also provides programs and activities that are educational and inspirational as well as



New officers for Ladies Auxiliary for 2017 (left to right) Barclay McCort-Chamber of Commerce Liaison Barbara Swarouth-Secretary Janice Means--President LaNora Miller--Treasurer Robbie Pettit--Vice President

social. Membership is open to anyone interested in volunteering their time and talent to pro-

mote 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.

Bruce A. Bolick, CPA

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Temple College announces Fall 2016 Honor Lists

Temple (Texas) – Temple College has announced its honor lists for the fall 2016 semester.

To be named to the President's Honor List, a student must take at least nine semester credit hours and earn at least a 4.0 grade point average.

Salado – Jessica Armas, Teresita Grace, Haley Howton, William Macek, Christian Masson, Russell Yonan.

To be named to the Vice President's Honor List, a student must take at least nine semester credit hours and earn at least a 3.5 grade point average.

Salado – Madison Allen, Megan Daniell, Davis Little, Caitlin Stanley, Sabrina Stanley.

Temple College is a public, two-year college with locations in Temple, Taylor and Hutto.

Obituaries



J. B. (JACK) HARDIN

J. B. (Jack) Hardin, age 90, of Salado, Texas, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, December 21, 2016. Jack was born October 29, 1926, in Beckville, Texas, the first of six children to Julia Esther Ross Hardin and Birdie Hardin. Jack married the love of his life Juanita Joyce Andreason on November 21, 1953 at Trinity Episcopal Church in Galveston, Texas. Their 51 year marriage was a testament to all of their deep, abiding love of both each other and their family.

Jack is survived by his sister Willa Fern Skidmore of Carthage; by sons Dr. Mark Alan Hardin and his wife Sarah Jo Hardin of Dallas and Dr. Paul Eric Hardin and his wife Dr. Susan Hardin of College Station; five grandchildren, Caroline Belle Hardin of New York, Spencer Ford Hardin of Dallas, Ryan Hardin of Houston, Allison Hardin Higginbotham of Bryan, Zachary Hardin of College Station; and one great granddaughter, Mackenzie Higginbotham of Bryan.

Those who preceded Jack in death include his beloved wife, his parents, two brothers, John Ross Hardin and Jearl Hugh Hardin and two sisters, Shirley Ann Avery and Louise Hartley.

Jack grew up in the Brooks Community near Beckville, Fair Play and Carthage, Texas. He graduated from Carthage High School in 1944. Immediately after graduation he began working, at a grocery store and then the Post Office, before being employed by the Santa Fe Railroad on October 27, 1944. He spent the next 43 years and four months with the Santa Fe Rail-

road, advancing through various positions in various departments in Texas, Missouri, and Illinois. He retired as the Assistant Vice President of Marketing in charge of pricing for the Santa Fe Railroad System, on March 1, 1987. Santa Fe afforded him the opportunity to attend various university programs, including the University of Chicago, where he received an MBA.

Jack was active in civic and school activities in the communities where he lived before moving to Salado, Texas upon his retirement where he and Juanita became active in many of the local activities. Jack enjoyed his new hobby of painting oil and water colors pictures. As an avid artist, he was an active member of the Salado Village Artists, Inc., where he served as President, Treasurer and on the Board of Directors. He was also a member of the Salado Lions Club, Friends of the Salado Library, Salado Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors Program, the Salado Historical Society, the Mill Creek Community Association and the Salado United Methodist Church where he served on several committees. No matter where he lived, the constant activity in Jack's life that gave him the most pleasure was his love of gardening. He prided himself on winning many gardening awards including the Mill Creek Yard of the Month multiple times. Jack's love of nature brought him closer to God.

Visitation was held from on Monday, December 26 at the Dossman Funeral Home in Belton, Texas. The Memorial Service was on Tuesday, December 27 at 11 a.m. at Salado United Methodist Church. Rev. Grady Brittain and Rev. Lara Whitley Franklin will officiate. The burial followed at the Salado Cemetery.

Memorials may be given to the Salado United Methodist Church Building Fund, the Salado Cemetery Operating Fund or the Salado Village Artists, Inc.



DOROTHY SMITH COLE

Funeral services for Dorothy Smith Cole, 82, of Salado, were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, December 27, 2016, at Dossman Funeral Chapel in Belton with Rev. Jack Husung and Rev. Billy Johnson officiating. Burial followed at the Salado Cemetery.

Dorothy Cole died Wednesday, December 21, 2016, in a Temple hospital.

Dorothy Cole was born October 18, 1934 in Salado, the daughter of Claude Hess and Lemmie Grimm Hess. She married Billy E. Smith, October 26, 1962 in Salado. After Mr. Smith's death she married Al Cole February 27, 2012 in Belton. She worked for more than 50 years as a waitress at the Stagecoach Inn in Salado. She also worked for Salado ISD and for Shepherd's Grocery. For more than 30 years she worked at the Smith Dairy in Salado.

She was a devout Christian and a member of Cedar Valley Baptist Church. She was an excellent cook. She was a yodeler. Mostly she was a loving mother and wife.

She was preceded in death by her husband Billy E. Smith January 5, 1998.

Survivors include her husband Al Cole; one son Billy Don Smith and his wife Evonne; one daughter Cynthia Smith; and three step sons and daughters-in-law Ed and Cindy Cole, Byron and Misty Cole and John and Missy Cole; three brothers Claude Hess, Jessie Walker and Robert Walker; two sisters Cewella Wolff and Faye Copeland; and several step grandchildren.

The family received friends for visitation Monday evening 6-8 p.m. Dec. 26 at the Dossman Funeral Home Chapel.



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Church services New Year's Day

Salado area churches invite you to join them in worship and celebration during New Year's.

Following are some of the special services and activities that the local churches have planned.

First Baptist Church of Salado will have one service only on Jan. 1 at

10:30 a.m. There will be no Sunday school classes on New Year's Day.

Presbyterian Church of Salado will have New Year's Day service at

Salado Church of Christ have one service only at 10 a.m. Jan. 1 on New Year's day. The Bible study classes for that day

only will be canceled.

The Salado United Methodist Church family will gather for one service on New Year's Day as well, at 10 a.m. Jan. 1 in the Worship Center.

St. Joseph Episcopal Church service times at St. Joseph's with services at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. on

Jan. 1.

St. Stephen Catholic Church 5:30 p.m. New Year's Eve Dec. 31. New Year's Day Masses will be 9 a.m. Jan. 1 for English and 11 a.m. for Spanish.

3C Cowboy Fellowship will have its usual 10 a.m. service on Jan. 1.

3 King 3 Miler fun run held Jan. 7

Sponsored by St. Joseph's Episcopal Church, the 3 Kings 3 Miler on Jan. 7 celebrates Epiphany and starting off the New Year in the right way by getting fit and healthy.

The pre-race Pasta Dinner will be held at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 6 at the St. Joseph's Parish Hall, 881 N. Main St.

Gilbert Tuyabonye will be the speaker at the pre-race Pasta Dinner. Gilbert is a retired professional runner, philanthropist, author, and community leader in Austin, where he lives with his wife Triphine and two daughters, Emma and Grace. He is the owner and founder of Gilbert's Gazelles, one of Austin's

largest running training groups, the head cross country/track coach at St. Andrews High School. He is a co-founder of the Gazelle Foundation, which provides clean water to people in Burundi, Africa.

Registration for the 3 Kings 3 Miler is online at [https://runsignup.com/Race/TX/Salado/3King-](https://runsignup.com/Race/TX/Salado/3King-3Miler)

s3Miler.

Early bird registration is \$20 per runner with a \$2.50 sign-up fee. Age groups include 12 and under, 13-22, 23-32, 33-42, 43-52, 53-62, 63-72 and 73 and older.

Race-day registration (\$30 per person) and packet pickup will open at 7 a.m. Jan. 7.

2016 Chamber/Tourism Awards Nominees sought

Each year, Salado Chamber/Tourism recognizes the work of volunteers, business owners and the community at large through its annual awards. Awards include Business of the Year, Citizen of the Year, and Hall of Fame. If there is someone you wish to nominate, note the following criteria to consider:

Business of the Year – What business has made a considerable contribution to our community? They must be a Chamber member. What has set them apart from all the rest of our businesses either in service to their clients or service to the community.

Citizen of the Year – What person has made a difference in the community by their personal contributions? They must be a Chamber member. This could be a singular person or a couple.

Hall of Fame Award – What person or couple

have significantly contributed to the development of our community in the past. They could be alive or deceased. Have they contributed to making Salado what it is today?

Contact Awards Committee Chair, June Ritterbusch with your nomination by Jan. 16, at 254-947-1960 or via e-mail at ritterbusch@yahoo.com. The winners will be announced during the Jan. 26 Chamber Banquet at Tenroc Ranch..

A business cannot be named Business of the Year twice within a five-year period.

Previous Awards given:

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

- 2002: Charlotte Douglass
- 2003: Mary Belle Brown
- 2004: Hulda Horton
- 2005: Jackie Mills
- 2006: Ben & June Willingham

- 2007: Charlie Turnbo
- 2008: Susan Terry
- 2009: Raymond Carver
- 2010: Merle Stalcup
- 2011: Salado Creek Clean Up Crew
- 2012: Terry Potts
- 2013: Gail Allard – Salado Glassworks
- 2014: Tommye Prater
- 2015: Skip Blancett

BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

- 2002: Salado Village Voice
- 2003: The Store
- 2004: Stagecoach Inn
- 2005: Gregory's
- 2006: Tenroc Ranch
- 2007: Salado Silver Spur Theater
- 2008: Inn on the Creek
- 2009: Brookshire Brothers
- 2010: Salado Arts Workshop
- 2011: Ace Hardware
- 2012: Johnny's Steaks & Bar-Be-Que
- 2013: Springhouse of

- Salado
- 2014: Century 21 Bill Bartlett
- 2015: Mill Creek Golf Club

HALL OF FAME

- 2002: Grace Jones
- 2003: C. B. Hodge
- 2004: Dion Van Bibber & Harry Wilmer
- 2005: Don Mackie & Susan Stockton
- 2006: Thelma & Herbert Fletcher
- 2007: Doris & Robert Denman; Sterling C. Robertson
- 2008: Troy & Vickie Kelly
- 2009: The Bartlett Family
- 2010: Charlotte Douglass
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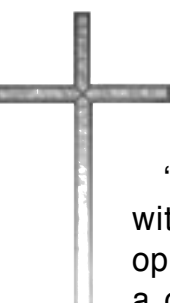
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Blaschke celebrates 100th by jumping out of a plane

Alfred 'Al' Blaschke plans to skydive on January 4, on his 100th birthday. Al's first jump, a tandem skydive, will match the record of the oldest citizen to jump in the United States. The jump has been scheduled for January 4 through Skydive Temple depending on weather forecasts. Alternate schedule would be the 5th or 6th. If he does happen to jump after the 4th, he will in fact become the oldest tandem skydiver in the US.

When asked about jumping at age 97, Al said, "No thank you, I'll wait until I'm 100." Joining Al



Al Blaschke and friend Betty Schleder skydive Jan. 4

for her first tandem jump will be 72-year-old friend Betty Schleder, also of Georgetown. Betty was a finalist on the hit series 'Survivor' and has dedicated her life to helping seniors realize their dreams. She also coordinated Honor Flights for WWII veterans and has worked as a campaign assistant for Senator Charles Schwertner.


Al also has family visiting from across the country including Wisconsin, Oregon, Arizona and Illinois to celebrate his 100th

birthday. Al's hometown is Jamesville, Wisconsin.

Agility is required for skydiving. Al attributes his flexibility to his yoga instructor, Ki Browning and will add skydiving to his list of many activities like the Sun City Texas Rotary Club, Sun City Shrine Club, the Wisconsin Club, weekly rounds of golf, and participation with the Palace Theater.

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The 36th Annual Central Texas Cow/Calf Clinic will be held Jan. 6, at the Milam County Youth Exposition Building, 301 S. Houston St., in Cameron.

This program is presented by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension of Milam, Robertson, Bell, Bursleson, Falls and Williamson counties.

Registration is from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. with the presentation's starting at 8:30 and concluding at 3 p.m. Two hours of CEUs will be given for pesticide applicators license hold-

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Please R.S.V.P. with The Bell County Extension Office (254-933-5305) for a meal count by Wednesday, Jan. 6. Cost is \$20.

Beef cattle production has faced its share of challenges over the last five years with drought, feed costs and input costs, plus rainfall we likely won't see again in quite some time. Beef prices hit the highest they've ever been and over the past year a sharp decline to some of the lowest. Producers now face

what could be a cold, wet winter and an uncertain market in the New Year.

Topics for this year's program will include Dr. Jason Johnson Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Economist discussing current market trends as well as predications and considerations for the upcoming 2017 year. A discussion on Cattle Evaluation from the perspective of genetics, order buyers, and sellers, will be given by Dr. Jason Cleere Extension Beef Cattle Specialist, at Texas A&M University, Kenny Mingus from Milam County Livestock Auction and Pete Scramardo from Scramardo Cattle Company. Following the panel discussion Dr. Joe Paschal Professor and Extension Livestock Specialist from Texas A&M will speak on new technologies and techniques in castration, de-horning and vaccination.

After lunch, a quick overview of the new Veterinary Feed Directive (VFD) will be given by Dr. Jason Cleere. Following the VFD discussion, Joshua Gaskamp, Research Assistant with the Noble Foundation, will speak on Feral Hog control methods and new technologies.

Wrapping up this year's program will be world renowned Chief Meteorologist, Brian Bledsoe of KKTU News Colorado Springs, Colo. Bledsoe will be discussing the long term weather forecast as well as giving his predictions from a producer's standpoint for the upcoming year



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2016: Baseball, soccer go to State, football gets back to winning!



Phillip Ellis is called safe at first during a two-run rally by the Salado Eagles in the sixth inning of their 2-3 loss to Abilene Wylie for the State 4A Baseball Championship. (PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Salado Eagles fans had a lot of highs in 2016 and a couple of heart-breaking lows thrown in for good measure.

For one, the Salado Eagles baseball team gave fans a heckuva ride this year, taking them all the way to the State Finals.

It was at the State Finals that Eagles fans had their hearts broken for the second time of the spring.

Had Mack Mueller's fourth pitch to Chase Basham in the sixth inning of the State Final baseball game been an inch lower, the ball would have laid down on the ground in front of the catcher.

Instead the squeeze play bunt popped up into Abilene Wylie third baseman John Tople's glove putting Basham out for the second out. Tople ran back to third, to force out Cody Wolf, who was dashing home to score what would have been the tying run,

ending the inning.

Salado struggled with Mueller's pitching throughout the game, but in the sixth scored two runs and had the bases loaded with just one out. The Eagles could not convert the loaded bases and lost to Abilene Wylie 3-2.

Just days after the appearance, Salado ISD announced that assistant coach Kreece Cooper would be taking over the reins of the Salado baseball program. Baseball head coach Chad Kremplin took a job at a larger school in Leander ISD, departing at the end of the season and school year. The Eagles went to the State Tournament twice under Kremplin, coming up short both times.

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 as a Salado Eagle, Wolf pitched 2.2 innings and struck out

four of the eight batters he faced. He allowed no runs, no hits and no walks. The day before,

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, Wolf was named to the Texas Sports Writers Association First Team All State. He had 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.

Lady Eagles go to State in Soccer

The Salado Lady Eagles made their first appearance in the Soccer State Tournament, losing in overtime to Jasper 1-0 in April.

A shot that just slipped through the hands of senior goalkeeper Sam Isbell at 85:25 in the Salado Lady Eagles semi-final game against the Jasper Lady Dawgs April 13 at Georgetown's Birkelbach field was enough to give the Lady Dawgs the 1-0 win.

Never mind that Isbell had just saved a shot by Jasper's forward Julie Carter a half minute before. Or that Isbell had a stellar game with six saves spread throughout the first 90 minutes of play.

The shot came from midfielder Kaitlyn Campos crossing from the right into the left of the goal, crossing the line by about a foot after splitting Isbell's extended hands. Alivia Richardson made the assist on the play.

Jasper, which was knocked out of the state tournament last year in the semi-final round, took seven shots on the goal, three of them by the very

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talented Carter, whose sister Yvette served as the Lady Dawgs goalkeeper.

The Lady Eagles had a shot in both of the overtime periods, but could convert either one. The first came when Salado controlled the ball at the beginning of the second period. At 3:28 left to play in overtime, Reagan Morreale took the last of her three shots in the game on a free kick after Campos fouled senior midfielder Katey Ewton. The shot went over the top of the goal.

Morreale had two shots on goal in the game, both on free kicks. With nine minutes left in regulation, Morale saw her free kick defended by Jasper's Carter.

Two minutes later, Isbell was the one making the save as she cut back to her left to stop a shot on goal by midfielder Alivia Richardson. Richardson took two shots on goal in the match.

Jasper kept the ball on the Lady Eagles' side of the field for the majority of the closing minutes of regulation and Isbell made another save at the 78 minute mark on a shot from the wide left by Richardson.

The only other shot on goal for Salado was one taken by forward Annie Ewton.

The Lady Eagles took nine shots during the match. Jasper took 11



China Saxton, in her final game as a Salado Lady Eagle, was named to the UIL 4A Girls Soccer All-Tournament Team. She was joined by senior Taylor Schoenrock. Salado lost in the semi-final match to Jasper 1-0 in overtime. (PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)

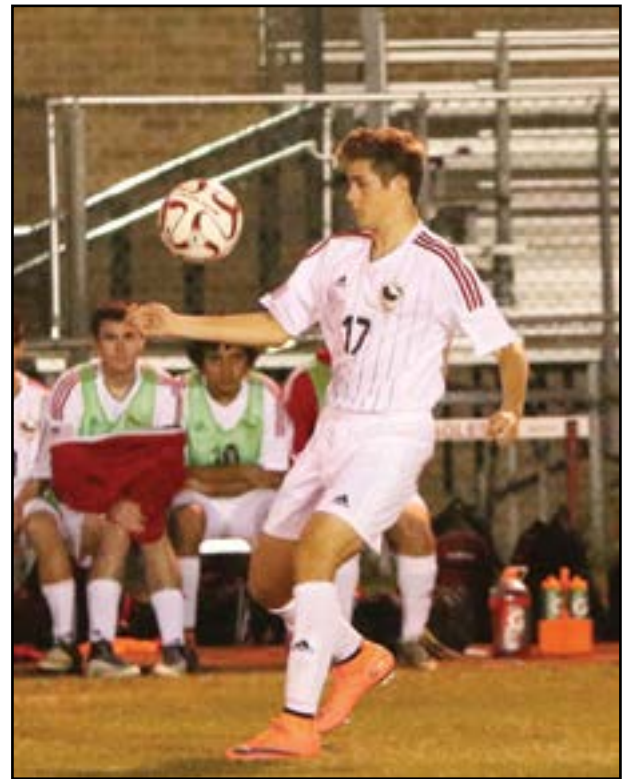
shots.

Salado had three corner kicks, but the Jasper defenders were able to kick the ball out of the cluster of players before any threat was made.

Carter had three saves in the match, two in the first period and one in the second.

The Lady Eagles finish the season with a 26-2 record. Jasper lost to Kennedale 6-0 in the final on April 14. Kennedale cruised past Kilgore 6-0 and Jasper 6-0 to win its second straight state title.

Salado senior forward Taylor Schoenrock and senior midfielder China Saxton were named to the UIL 4A State All-Tournament Girls Soccer Team. Saxton was also the 25-4A MVP.

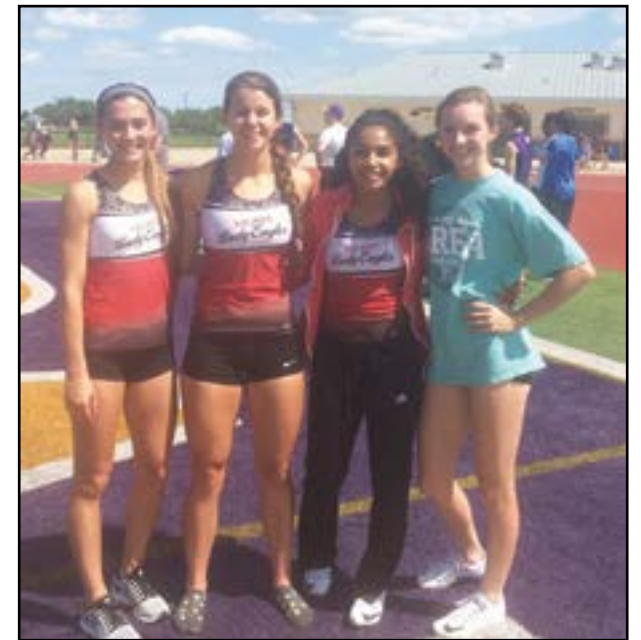


Constantinos Loullis was named the District 25-4A Offensive MVP. (PHOTO COURTESY SHS YEARBOOK)

Eagles soccer 2nd in district

The boys soccer team placed second in District 25-4A. Salado Eagles varsity soccer season came to an end in Burnet April 1, where they lost to the Fredericksburg Billies 3-1 in an Area Round match. Constantinos Loullis scored the only goal for Salado with an assist by Daniel Magadan.

Salado Lady Eagles sent six competitors to the Regional track meet, but none qualified for the State Meet this year.



(COURTESY PHOTO)
Sprint Relay team of Sara Kate Kelarek, Abby Quick, Sugar Hill and Kate Robinson

Tracksters go to Region meet

Salado's 400 Meter Relay team of Sugar Hill, Katie Robinson, Abby Quick and Sara Kate Kelarek placed first with a time of 50.25.

Other girls qualifying for the Regional Meet were hurdlers Sara Kate Kelarek, who placed third in the 300 meter Hurdles with a time of 48.44 and Macy Thrasher, who placed fourth with a time of 48.60. Brittany Vrooman placed third in the Discus with a throw of 110-11 to qualify for the Regional Meet. Katie Robinson placed fourth in the 400 Meter Dash with a time of 1:01.35.



Brittany Vrooman qualified for Regional track meet by placing third in Area. (PHOTO BY SHS YEARBOOK)



(PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)
Sara Kate Kelarek placed third in the 300 Meter hurdles to qualify for the Regional track meet.

Eagles miss playoff chance

ans put an end to the Salado Lady Eagles basketball season with a 55-36 at Leander Rouse High School Feb. 16 in the first round of the playoffs.

Salado was the fourth place team from District 25-4A and Wimberley was first place in 26-4A.

The two finished the regular season tied for fourth and played each other in the playoff to determine which team would represent District 25-4A.

Just three days prior to the loss, Salado beat the Lampasas Badgers in a foul-laden game Feb. 16, led by Justin Tatum's 17 points. The win forced a tie for fourth place in district 25-4A.

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Lady Eagles season ends at Wimberley

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Salado Eagles offensive backs line up behind the offensive linemen who have provided holes for Salado's Slot T offense all year long. (PHOTO BY RON LEQUIN)

Eagles get back to winning FROM PAGE 2B

points. The win forced a tie for fourth place in district 25-4A.

Sweeny ousts Salado softball from playoffs

Salado Lady Eagles gave up two runs late in the game of both of their losses to the Sweeny Lady Bulldogs, ending their season in the Area playoff May 6-7.

Salado was the fourth place team in District 25-4A. They beat Navarro the first place team from District 26-4A in the first round of the playoffs.

The girls lost 3-4 and 1-2 to Sweeny in the Area round. In the first game, Malory Schattle hit a solo homer in the top of the sixth to give Salado a one run lead 3-2. Sweeny answered, though, with two runs in the bottom of the frame for the win.

Salado Lady Eagle Shortstop Malory Schattle, who started all four years on Varsity Softball team and committed to play softball at the University of Texas in Austin, was named to the Second Team of the Texas State Sportswriters Association All State Team.

Volleyball team makes playoffs

The Salado Lady Eagles were knocked out of the Area round of the volleyball playoffs Oct. 31, falling to the LaGrange Lady Leopards in three straight sets at C.H. Yoe High School in Cameron.

Salado was the third place team in District. 19-4A and ended their season with a 23-16 record.

XC results

Salado cross country teams failed to get out of district as the girls placed fifth and boys placed fourth. Hunter Haas qualified as an individual for regionals with his 10th place finish.

With new coach Eagles post winning season

It has been long overdue. Salado Eagles varsity football posted its first winning season since Jeff Cheatham was at its helm under first-year head football coach Alan Haire.

Haire returned to his hometown to take over the reins of a football program that had just two wins in three seasons. Bringing in the Slot T offense that he introduced with a great deal of success to Lago Vista, Haire also brought in new coaches and -- more importantly -- a new attitude that showed itself on and off the field.

Salado ended its season in the Area round, losing to the #10 Bellville Brahmas. The Eagles ended the regular season with a 6-4 record, 3-2 in district 9-4A Div. II with a third place finish in district.

Salado beat La Grange Leopards in the bi-district round by the slimmest of margins Nov. 11, when the Eagles defense stopped the Leopards on a two-point try in overtime. The Eagle defense had stopped the Leopards just minutes earlier when La Grange took advantage of a defensive penalty and fresh set of downs inside the Salado 15 yard line with just over a minute left in regulation. The final score of 34-14 didn't truly capture the drama of the Salado Eagles' final game of the season in their loss to the Bellville Brahmas.

Had a couple of fourth downs turned out differently, the score would have been much closer and momentum may have swung towards the Eagles. Salado held the Brahmas to one of their lowest offensive productions of the season. Both teams came at each other out of the Slot T.

Because of their suc-



Malory Schattle was named to the All State tournament.



Payton Blisard and Noah Barker in a scene from The Christmas Truce.

cess, the Eagles had five offensive and one defensive players named to the First Team All District, squad.

Two Salado Eagles, Trey Sheppard and Aaron Torczynski, rushed for more than 1,000 yards and are expected to return next year.

UIL Academic takes second in State meet

Salado's dominant Academic squad placed second in state in 4A competition this year. Salado has one of the best Academic teams in any division in

the state with nine State Championships. Only one other school has more.

Salado One Act Play was the alternate to state in a tiebreaker with Bay City this year at the regional contest in Corpus Christi. Salado One-Act Play (SOAP) has been to state seven times since 2003, winning two state championships (2010 and 2012) and placing in the top three in the state four times (2003, 2013, 2014, 2015).

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Adult Craft

January 4 | 2 - 4 p.m.

Mah Jongg

January 18 | 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Salado Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting

January 23 | 5 p.m.

Coffee with the Director

January 26 | 10 a.m.

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The Library will be closed January 2

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Celebrating 2016 Ribbon Cuttings in Salado



Snickelbitches Salado held a ribbon cutting at their 418 North Main Street location in January. The mother daughter team of Judy and Wendy Dobbins have since moved to 371 South Main Street. PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER



Bloomer Trailers owners Randy and Kim Bloomer, held a ribbon cutting party in January for the state-of-the-art production facility located at the corner of I35 and Holland Road. PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN



Sadie June's children's boutique is located at 209 South Main St. in the Gazebo at the creek. PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER



Susan Marie's celebrated a new owner Sally Volney with a ribbon cutting. PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER



Arts & Leisure Salado, an artisan cooperative that also features Journeys by Patti, Dream Vacations. PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER



FSG Fine Jewelry opened a new location in Shady Villa at the southeast corner of Main Street and Royal. PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER



Salado Yoga and Wellness and owner Ginny Lamphear (with scissors) PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER



Goosehead Insurance, owned by Dan Wilkerson is located at 230 North Main St., Suite #201. PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN

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Barrow Brewing Co. and owners Graydon and KD Hill toasted the crowd before cutting the ribbon at their location on Royal Street. PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER

Village of Salado Calendar of Events

THRU JAN 2
No Salado ISD classes

THRU JAN 26
Salado Youth Soccer Association Registration. info: saladoyouthsoccer@gmail.com

DECEMBER 29
Pint Night and Free Live Music, 6 p.m. - midnight at Chupacabra Craft Beer & Salado Lone Star Winery

DECEMBER 30
Live Music: Brian Bell, 8 - 11 p.m. at Chupacabra Craft Beer & Salado Lone Star Winery

DECEMBER 31
Vigil Masses for Mary, Mother of God, 5 p.m. (English) and 7 p.m. (Spanish) at Saint Stephen Catholic Church

DECEMBER 31
Brew Year's Eve Celebration, 7 p.m. at Barrow Brewing Co. info: barrowbrewing.com

DECEMBER 31
Live music, 9 p.m. - midnight at Chupacabra Craft Beer & Salado Lone Star Winery

JANUARY 1
New Year's Day Service, 10 a.m. at the Salado United Methodist Worship Center

JANUARY 2
Salado Public Library closed

JANUARY 3 - 7
All clothing and shoes 50% off at Timeless Upscale Consignment

JANUARY 7
3 Kings 3 Miler sponsored by St. Joseph's Episcopal Church. info: runsignup.com

JANUARY 7
Quilling 101 Class, 10:30 a.m. at Stamp Salado. \$25 info: (254) 947-8848

JANUARY 9
Salado Masonic Lodge Stated Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

JANUARY 14
Asanas & Ales, 9:30 - 11 a.m. at Barrow Brewing Company

JANUARY 14
Heart Book Folding Class, 10:30 a.m. at Stamp Salado. \$25 info: (254) 947-8848

JANUARY 14
Heartfelt Stationary Box Kit Class, 1:30 p.m. at Stamp Salado. \$30 info: (254) 947-8848

JANUARY 16
No Salado ISD classes

JANUARY 21
Celebrate Love! Class, 10:30 a.m. at Stamp Salado. \$28 info: (254) 947-8848

JANUARY 21
5 Cards / 3 Styles Class, 1:30 p.m. at Stamp Salado. \$30 info: (254) 947-8848

JANUARY 21
Bell County Star Party, 6 - 9 p.m. at Overlook Park on FM 1670. info: centexastronomy.org

JANUARY 23 - 27
Glass and Gold Class at Glass River Designs. info: (254) 947-0002

JANUARY 23
Salado ISD School Board Meeting, 6 p.m. at Salado Civic Center.

JANUARY 29
Salado Masonic Lodge Stated Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY 2
Central Texas Poetry and Prose Readings, 7 p.m. at Tablerock. info: tablerock1@aol.com

FEBRUARY 3 - 4
Auditions for Salado Legends, 3 p.m. at Tablerock. info: (254) 947-0717

FEBRUARY 6
Salado Masonic Lodge Stated Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY 11
Stamp Perfect, Precision Press, or MISTI Class, 10:30 a.m. at Stamp Salado. \$15 info: (254) 947-8848

FEBRUARY 20
No Salado ISD classes

FEBRUARY 26
Salado Masonic Lodge Stated Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY 27
Salado ISD School Board Meeting, 6 p.m. at Salado Civic Center

MARCH 3 - 31
Texas Writers exhibit at Central Texas Area Museum

MARCH 4
Author Susan Wittig Albert at Central Texas Area Museum

MARCH 6
Salado Masonic Lodge Stated Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

MARCH 13
Denver Mills Golf Tournament to Benefit Tablerock, 1 p.m. at Mill Creek Golf Course. info: (254) 947-9205

MARCH 13 - 17
No Salado ISD classes

MARCH 24
Sirril Art Gallery's Art Show and Sale, 6 - 9 p.m.

MARCH 25
Smokin' Spokes Bike Race to benefit Salado Volunteer Fire Department. Register at: active.com

MARCH 25 - 26
Texas Wine & Rogue Art Fest, Saturday, noon - 5 p.m., Sunday, noon - 4 p.m. at Salado Winery Company. info: salad-owinefestival.com (254) 947-8011

MARCH 26
Salado Masonic Lodge Stated Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

MARCH 27 - 31
Glass and Gold Class at Glass River Designs. info: (254) 947-0002

MARCH 27
Salado ISD School Board Meeting, 6 p.m. at Salado Civic Center.

APRIL 8
Ostrich Egg Painting at Salado Winery

APRIL 10
Salado Masonic Lodge Stated Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

APRIL 14 - 17
No Salado ISD classes

APRIL 24
Salado ISD School Board Meeting, 6 p.m. at Salado Civic Center.

APRIL 22
Salado Earth Day Celebration - Fun Run sponsored by Keep Salado Beautiful

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

MAY 5 - 6
Tablerock Gospel Festival, Saturday 6 - 9 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. - 9 p.m., adults \$5 under 12 \$3. info: (254) 634-4658

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Regular Events in the Village of Salado

MONDAYS

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

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 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

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.

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) 541-7824

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

FOURTH TUESDAY

Night of Ministry, 7 p.m. at 3C Cowboy Fellowship

WEDNESDAYS

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

Salado Aldermen meeting, 6:30 p.m., Municipal building, 301 N.



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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.

Barrel Racing, 6:30 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.

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, 8:30 - 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.

Live music at Chupacabra Craft Beer & Salado Lone Star Winery

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

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

Live music in The Lounge, upstairs at The Range Restaurant on

Main St., 7 p.m. Artists change weekly. Check website for details.

Live music at Chupacabra Craft Beer & Salado Lone Star Winery

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

SECOND SATURDAY **Asanas & Ales**, 9:30 - 11 a.m. at Barrow Brewing Company

SUNDAYS

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

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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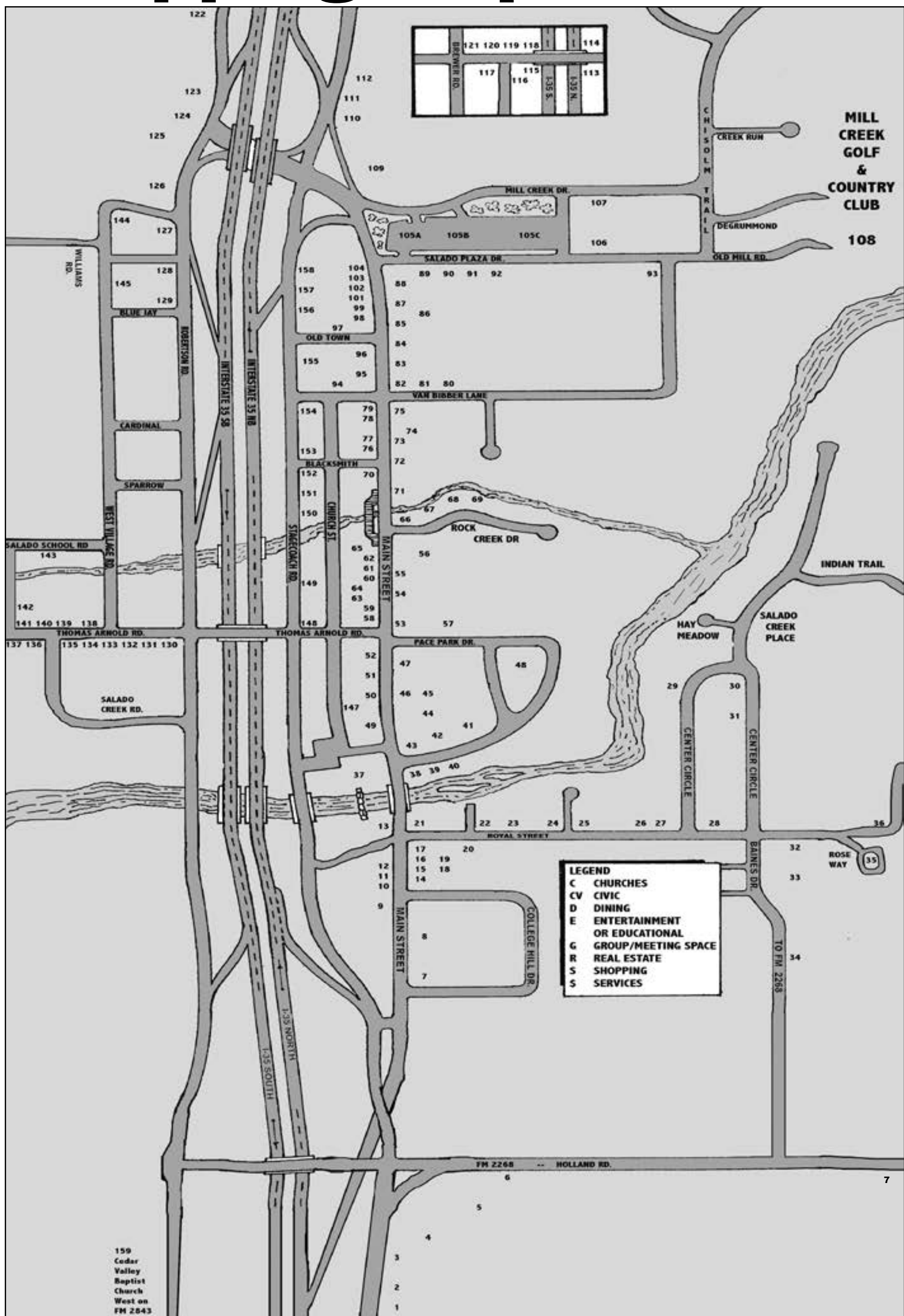
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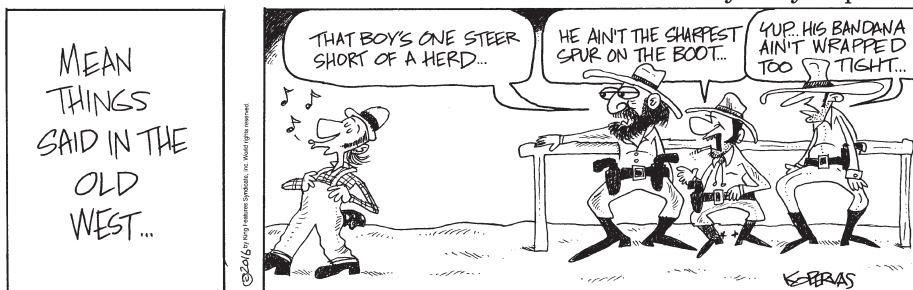
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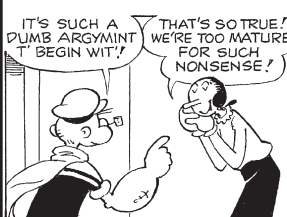
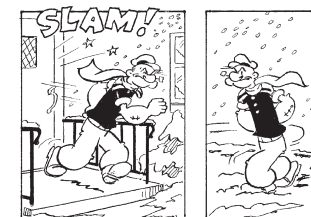
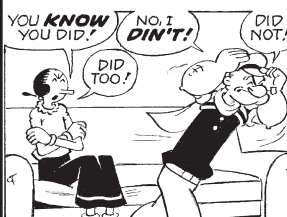
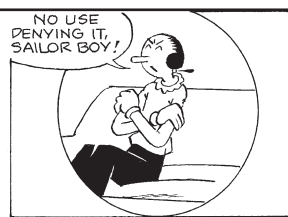
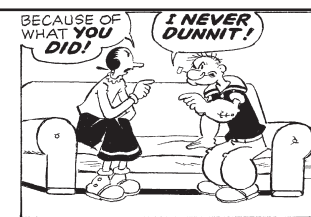
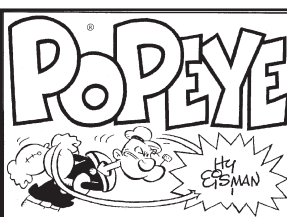
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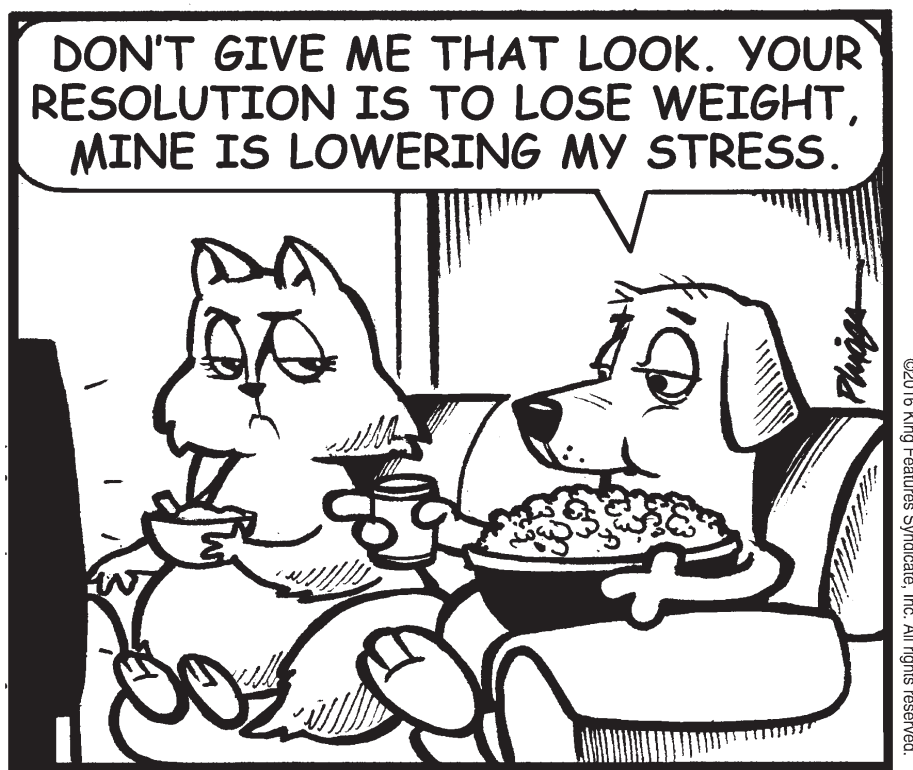
The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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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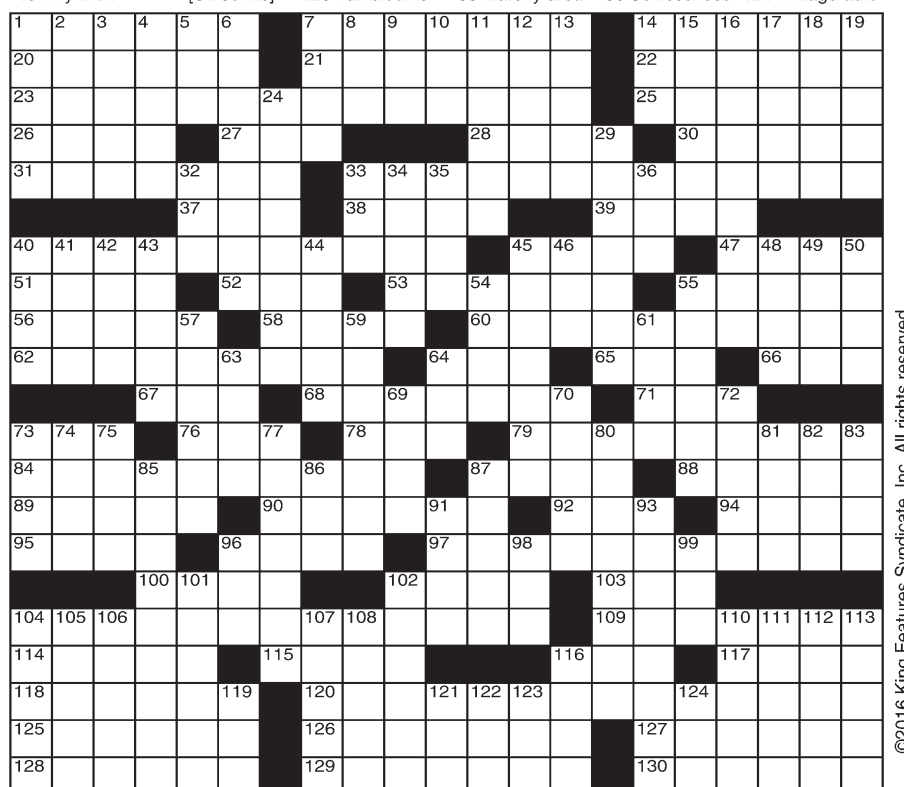
Weekly SUDOKU

Super Crossword

SNOWFLAKES solution

Super Crossword — MIDDLE NAMES

- ACROSS**
- 1 Abe of "Fish"
 - 7 In hitting position
 - 14 "Neue Liebeslieder" composer
 - 20 Idolized
 - 21 Details of one's life
 - 22 Angle unit in math
 - 23 Doctors testifying about injuries, e.g. [Trebek]
 - 25 Third-largest Danish city
 - 26 East — Alto
 - 27 Former space station
 - 28 Tributary of the Seine
 - 30 Compound conjunction
 - 31 Fox's quality
 - 33 Uses a pogo stick [Chavez]
 - 37 Back muscle, informally
 - 38 Assns.
 - 39 Soft throw
 - 40 It's variable with a zoom lens [Ginsberg]
 - 45 Wry Mort
 - 47 See 95-
 - 51 The same, to Simone
 - 52 NM-to-NJ dir.
 - 53 Absorb slowly
 - 55 "Rapture" singer Baker
 - 56 St. Kitts and —
 - 58 Confident assertion
 - 60 They're part of history [Seagal]
 - 62 Modest reply of gratitude [Hawke]
 - 64 Item fitting in a rowlock
 - 65 Vain one's problem
 - 66 Tyke
 - 67 Above, in an ode
 - 68 Not prone to fading in daylight, as a fabric
 - 71 Wonder
 - 73 Winter malady
 - 76 "Coolness"
 - 78 It hangs from a hoop
 - 79 Regulations on importing and exporting [St. Johns]
 - 84 Initial race advantages [Lovett]
 - 87 Epee relative
 - 88 Putrefy
 - 89 Guardian —
 - 90 Hansel's sis
 - 92 Heat qty.
 - 94 Goatee site
 - 95 With 47-
 - 100 Water, in Oaxaca
 - 102 Winged god
 - 103 G8 country
 - 104 Curt comment [Previn]
 - 109 Moralists' statement
 - 114 Rural towers
 - 115 Twisting fish
 - 116 Enzyme suffix
 - 117 Skinny
 - 118 Not inclined
 - 120 Saying "I do" [Bergman]
 - 125 Lamented loudly
 - 126 By mistake and
 - 127 One of the Ramones annex
 - 128 Fall blooms
 - 129 Region centered on the upper Oder valley
 - 130 Makes off-peak calls?
- DOWN**
- 1 Coquettes
 - 2 Flawless
 - 3 Like saints
 - 4 Rigel's constellation
 - 5 Yr. closer
 - 6 Water, jocularly
 - 7 App-based taxi service
 - 8 Fotos
 - 9 With 87-
 - 10 Pindar verse
 - 11 Magnates
 - 12 Cockloft, e.g.
 - 13 Cup, in Caen
 - 14 Dude
 - 15 Systems to track storms
 - 16 The "A" of ATP
 - 17 Gandhi, e.g.
 - 18 Stoneworker
 - 19 Dummy
 - 24 Eavesdrop
 - 29 Beauty lover
 - 32 Architectural annex
 - 33 Marshy area
 - 34 Playwright Joe
 - 35 Cries of repugnance
 - 36 "Buddy List" co.
 - 40 — shui
 - 41 Pointed arch variety
 - 42 Spelunking spot
 - 43 Samuel of the Supreme Court
 - 44 Bottle parts
 - 45 Reaches, as new heights
 - 46 Barn brayer
 - 48 By — of (due to)
 - 49 "Chained" actor Kruger
 - 50 Hold up
 - 54 Movie-rating gp.
 - 55 Stated firmly
 - 57 Crow of pop
 - 59 Into pieces
 - 61 "Crikey!"
 - 63 Asian sea
 - 64 Frequently, to Donne
 - 69 Chick's home
 - 70 Cree or Erie
 - 72 Decide (to) site
 - 73 Heroic act
 - 74 Thin street
 - 75 Egg on
 - 77 Humiliate
 - 80 Selflessness
 - 81 Hurting, as a joint
 - 82 Grieve loudly
 - 83 December 31 song word
 - 85 "Stormy Weather" singer
 - 86 ABBR. on a bus schedule
 - 87 See 9-Down
 - 91 Watson of "Noah"
 - 93 Erratic
 - 96 Frank-holder
 - 98 Nickname for Dwight Gooden
 - 99 Airline to Sweden
 - 101 Riotous joke
 - 102 Dutch lager
 - 104 Honshu city
 - 105 Exchange for a ten
 - 106 Naval force
 - 107 TV's Philbin
 - 108 Nicholas Gage novel
 - 110 Brought out into the open
 - 111 Spiteful
 - 112 — much better now
 - 113 Stern joints
 - 116 Taj Mahal
 - 119 Mag staffers
 - 121 Mario's three
 - 122 Auditing gp.
 - 123 "— don't!"
 - 124 Vintage auto



A not-so-foolish finesse

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

West dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

- ♠ A Q 3
- ♥ 10 9 5 4 2
- ♦ 10 2
- ♣ 8 4 3

EAST

- ♠ J 10 9 8 2
- ♥ —
- ♦ 9 7 5 4 3
- ♣ 9 6 2

WEST

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

SOUTH

- ♠ 6
- ♥ A Q J 8 7 3
- ♦ Q 6
- ♣ A K J 5

The bidding:
West North East South
1 NT Pass 2 ♠ 3 ♥
Pass 4 ♥ Pass Pass
Dble

Opening lead — king of diamonds, notrump bid, could not have 15 to 17 points without the king of spades. (South could see 23 high-card points in his own hand and dummy, leaving East-West with only 17.) Furthermore, the finesse was vital, not for discard purposes but in order to establish an endplay position against West.

Let's see how this would have worked. After the spade queen wins, declarer cashes the ace and ruffs dummy's last spade. The effect of these plays is that there are now no more spades or diamonds in the North-South hands.

Declarer next plays the ace and another trump.

West wins but is then compelled to return a club into declarer's A-K-J or else yield a ruff-and-discard by returning a spade or a diamond. Either way, South teaches West a lesson about the folly of a foolish double.

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- TELEVISION: What TV producer hosted the 1960s shows titled "This is Your Life" and "Truth or Consequences"?
 - GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What Revolutionary War figure wrote the line, "These are the times that try men's souls"?
 - MOVIES: In which movie did a killer doll named Chucky make his debut?
 - GEOGRAPHY: Where was the now-defunct SEATO (Southeast Asia Treaty Organization) headquartered?
 - HISTORY: What was the beginning point of the Oregon trail, followed westward by 19th-century settlers?
 - PSYCHOLOGY: What is the fear represented in auto-phobia?
 - U.S. STATES: The Museum of Osteology in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, is focused on what?
 - ANATOMY: What is the name of the facial muscle that allows you to raise your eyebrows?
 - ANIMAL KINGDOM: What primate species lives on the Rock of Gibraltar in southern Spain?
 - FIRSTS & LASTS: Which U.S. astronaut was the last person to stand on the moon?
- Answers
- Ralph Edwards
 - Thomas Paine
 - "Child's Play"
 - Bangkok, Thailand
 - St. Louis
 - Fear of being alone
 - Skeletons
 - The frontalis
 - Barbary monkeys
 - Gene Cernan
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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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Email Fear-Mongering

Like many of you, I utilize the internet as a legitimate resource of doing business and communications. And like you, I receive emails from time to time that make me want to just toss my computer right out of the window. Generally, the ones that end with “forward this email to 10 of your friends, blah, blah, blah” are the ones that get under my skin. However, there are some that frustrate me even more than the ones that make promises of prosperity and those are the emails that play on the fear and emotions of people in regards to the natural world. There are three in particular that I would like to use this column to address, and while the first one is actually several years old, the other two are relatively new to the internet fear-mongering scene.

The first email that I would like to spend some



Wild About Texas

Michael Price

time on is the one with a photo attached of a man holding a large Western Diamond-backed Rattlesnake (*Crotalus atrox*) by the neck with the use of commercial snake-grabbers. The snake looks really big in comparison to the man, and story that usually goes along with the photo is that the man, who just happens to be someone’s sister’s husband from high school, was out in the wilderness minding his own business when this gigantic snake jumps out of nowhere and attacks him. Luckily, he has the snake-grabbers and a camera with him so he can document the whole thing on film. The email goes on to describe how big the rattlers in Texas are getting, and that this one is 8 feet

long and weighs a whopping 100 pounds. And the photo is sent along to show how huge this animal is in comparison to this man.

However, the Western Diamond-backed Rattlesnake does not achieve lengths of 8 feet, and by no means do they weigh 100 pounds. The photo is an optical illusion, as the snake is held out away from the man towards the camera, giving the snake the appearance of being humongous. And common sense dictates that even the strongest of men are incapable of holding 100 pounds out straight four feet from their body! Add to this fact that the snake-grabbers are less than an inch in diameter and made of aluminum, and you can see how this story is getting far-fetched. This email has been circulating around the internet the past several years and every year the animal resides in a different Texas county, and amazingly enough, it is the same photo of the same man!

The second email is in regards to the myth that rattlesnakes are rapidly evolving to NOT use their

rattle to sound a warning. This proposed evolution is due to the rampant numbers of feral hogs that are thriving in this state (this part of the email is true!) and these varmints are feeding on rattlesnakes. So to stay undetected by the pesky vermin, rattlesnakes are learning how to not rattle, thus becoming more deadly to humans because we don’t even know that they are there.

The simple truth is this. Rattlesnakes would prefer to be left alone. Believe it or not, but they truly are much more afraid of us than we are of them. Over the last several years of field research in Texas, New Mexico, and most of northeastern Mexico (where there is not a huge feral hog problem) I have had the opportunity to observe literally hundreds of rattlesnakes in the field. And I would guesstimate that less than 10 percent of the ones encountered even rattled until they were thoroughly disturbed.

The last email came to me from a concerned lady from here in San Angelo in regards to a local radio station in the San Antonio area interviewing a snake “expert” and this “expert” stating that due to the drought conditions, there was about to be an infestation of all kinds of snakes in neighborhoods throughout Texas. And of course with more snake encounters, more people are going to be attacked and bitten.

Now, I am not a “snake-snob” and I know that there are people who have a wealth of knowledge on the subject, many more than I do. However, this “expert” is giving out false information to apparently sensationalize what normally happens in the natural world. In all honesty, it is all about numbers and the time of the year. Most snakes in Texas breed in the spring and the evidence of these breeding events become apparent in the fall as baby snakes of all types begin to make their appearance. The more snakes that there are, there is more of a chance of an encounter with one. But this is nothing to fear as this is nothing new. This is how the cycle of things has been progressing for decades, and the drought does nothing more than LOWER the numbers of snakes as most do not reproduce as much in dry years as in years with more precipitation.

Basically what I am rambling about is to take a lot of the information that is passed along via email with a grain of salt, at least when it comes to animals that create fear among the general public.

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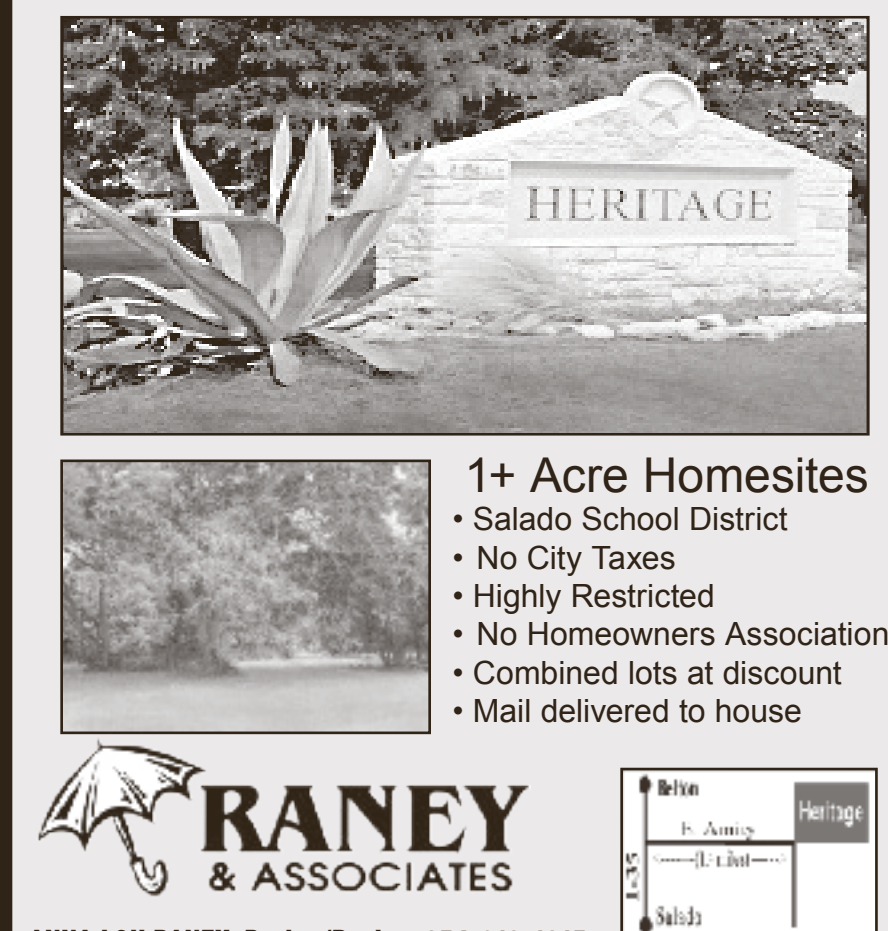
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Salado Police Department Incident Report Dec. 19-25

Dec. 19
2:22-2:30 a.m., called by an individual and she advised her husband had locked her out of the house. I knocked on the door and was greeted by the husband, when I was struck by the overwhelming smell of alcohol coming from him. She departed and stated she would return tomorrow.
Dec. 20
7:31-7:34 p.m., Police Department. Asked by dispatch to call individual in reference to needing traffic control in the morning. I gathered information and made a note and put it on chief's box so she can call him back when gets back.
7:07-7:22 p.m., 100 Block Salado Creek Place. Alarm, arrived on scene and knocked on the door and was greeted by homeowner, everything was ok.
6:29-6:54 p.m., 700 Block Degrummond. Dispatched in reference to the callers dog had been bitten by another dog. I arrived on scene and the owner of the dog advised the other dogs owner arrived on scene and took possession of the dog and then her information in case their dog needed medical help. On scene I gave the caller my business car, but advised him that was not a crime, it was a civil when two animals are involved.
8:18-8:21 a.m., 650 Royal St. Salado United Methodist. Injured deer or animal, deer stated to be trapped in volleyball net. Gone on arrival.
Dec. 21
3:02 p.m., SB MM 285. Welfare Concern, caller states disabled vehicle at

above location. Checked mainline from Amity to FM 2268 and the service road from FM 2484 to FM 2268. Gone on arrival.
Dec. 22
1:57-1:59 p.m., 624 N. Main St. Stamp Salado. Theft, caller states Christmas tree stolen off of porch. Caller wanted patrol to be aware and close patrol area at night. Did not wish to file a report. Info passed on to night shift.
Dec. 23
11:54 p.m., 900 Block San Juan. Criminal Mischief, arrived was advised that caller did not want contact. I searched the area and did not locate anything.
11:25-11:42 a.m., 700 Block Rose Way. Injured deer or animal. Caller had a deer in her yard and could not contact municipal office. Deer will be removed.
1:58-2:07 p.m., IH-35 NB 285. Stalled vehicle, white pick-up parked in driveway of church.
Dec. 24
3:29 p.m., 2200 Block Smith Bluff. Family Violence, verbal domestic. While en route, was informed the complainant is no longer on scene. Complainant advised he could meet with me at Brookshire Bros and refused. Dispatch advised complainant not responding to call takers questions and could not meet with an officer. Clear.
Dec. 25
2:40 p.m., 213 Mill Creek Dr. Circumcise ATM. Suspicious circumstance, notified that ATM door is open. No signs of forced entry. Customer Service reached through their emergency roadside assis-

tance number. Rep stated they would send someone out to secure the door. Door taped shut until their arrival.
6:42-7:06 p.m., 2000 Block Indian Trail. Dispatched for a white male walking around in a white shirt acting suspicious. I advised dispatch I was on the way and if they could find any further information out. Dispatch advised me he is outside and on a lot. Advised dispatch we do not have any lots on Indian Trail, that their call is in Heights.

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Dec. 19
 12:42-1:12 a.m., 2000 Block Highland Dr. Out priority 3 for a 93 year old female victim of a fall. went en route and arrived on scene to find medic with patient care. Assisted with moving patient to stretcher and into ambulance. Medic transported. 1 unit, 2 personnel.
 3:14-3:43 a.m., 100 Block Park Place. out for a patient that was sick. Arrived on scene to find Scott & White Medic with patient care. Assisted with loading patient. Scott & White transported. 1 unit, 1 personnel.
 12:44-12:52 a.m., 1900 Block Running Creek. Out for a fire alarm going off. Went en route but before arrival was canceled by homeowner on scene. They advised false alarm

no need for FD and all units cleared. 2 units, 2 personnel.
 7:30-7:44 p.m., 1500 Block FM 2268. False alarm.
 1:08-1:38 p.m., 1900 Block N. Stagecoach Rd. Dispatched for a 27 year old male complaining of chest pain. Arrived on scene to find patient sitting a chair. Appeared to have no apparent life threats. The patient stated his chest was hurting and it started at 10 a.m. and he has not taken anything for it. The patients vitals signs were obtained and patient was placed on monitor and it showed sinus rhythm and a 12-lead eka was obtained and it also showed a sinus rhythm. Patient was given aspirin and patient stated the pain was an 8 of 10 and it stayed in his chest. Scott

& White Medic arrived on scene and a patient report was given to the responding medic. Assisted in getting the patient to the stretcher and to the ambulance where the patient was placed in the back. Scott & White transported. 2 units, 3 personnel.
 5:41-5:55 p.m., 500 Block Mill Creek Dr. powerline down. Arrived on scene to find it was a cable line down. Informed residence that the line was down. 2 units, 3 personnel.
 Dec. 22
 11:29 p.m.- 12:03 a.m., 9400 Block FM 2484. Out to a single vehicle accident on scene to find 1 vehicle in the ditch. Established scene safety and traffic control. Driver was able to drive vehicle out of the ditch and onto the shoul-

der of the road. checked for any fire hazard and found none. vehicle had minor damage. Waited for DPS Harker Heights Medic unit was on scene as well and got a no transport. DPS arrive on scene and didn't need FD assistance. 3 units, 4 personnel.
 Dec. 23
 10:42-11:35 a.m., 282 SB Rest Area. Out for a single person unknown status. Arrived on scene to find 2 BCSO deputies in the cab back by sleeper and glass everywhere from passenger window they broke out. BCSO advised he did not have a pulse. Got AED and made way to patient. Placed AED on patient and it advised no shock. Pulled patient on the floor of sleep and began CPR. Did several round of CPR and AED

advised no shock 3 times. Scott & White arrived on scene and they helped get patient out of truck and on stretcher where the could work on him. Scott & White transported patient. 1 unit, 1 personnel.
 11:18 p.m.- 12:22 a.m., 2300 Block Elm Grove Rd. Out to a single vehicle traffic accident rollover. Arrived on scene to find 1 vehicle on it's side. Driver had self-extricated from vehicle. Belton Medic and DPS were on scene. Set up scenes safety and traffic control, also checked vehicle for any fire hazards and found none. As soon as tow truck driver had vehicle loaded and hauled away, all units cleared. 2 units, 6 personnel.
 Dec. 24
 1:02-1:23 p.m., 7300 Block Elm Grove Rd. fie

alarm going off, false alarm. 3 units, 6 personnel.
 7:27-7:45 p.m., 14000 Block Blackberry Rd. Possible structure fire, canceled en route. 2 units, 4 personnel.
 Dec. 25
 6:40-6:55 a.m., 800 Block Elm Grove Spur. Canceled en route, Belton Medic had patient in ambulance. 1 unit, 2 personnel.
 12:17- 1:00 p.m., Elm Grove Rd. and Elmer King Rd. Power pole leaning all the way over the road and lines holding it up. Got dispatch to contact ONCOR and have them en route. Set up scene safety and did traffic control until ONCOR arrived on scene. 3 units, 3 personnel.



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