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The Writer's Cabin that belonged to Eustace Hutchens is being restored by the Salado Historical Society

Historians raising funds to restore Writer's Cabin

Salado Historic Society (SHS) is working to preserve, for future generations and visitors interested in the history of the area, historic sites and buildings which are related to the founders and heroes of the Salado area.

Two years ago, a small building, known to local people as "The Writer's Cabin," was acquired by SHS when a new construction project was proposed on Main Street.

The building was deconstructed and moved to the area managed by the Historical Society that is located behind the Salado Civic Center.

After a while the project was abandoned, but interest from the family of the man who created the building and local citizens caused SHS to reconsider the project and they voted unanimously at the January 2017 board meeting to rebuild the cabin.

When you are driving on Main Street in "downtown" Salado and enjoying the quaint feel of the Salado Historic District you will see The Pizza Place on the corner of Main Street and Blacksmith Road. Directly across Main Street is a vacant lot that is located between the Norwood house on the south side of the field and a bright yellow house on the north side. The yellow house, built in 1921, was originally the home of the Eustace Maurice and Ruby May Vickery Hutchens family. They lived there until Eustace died in 1979 and Ruby died in 1986. In 1991 the house was bought and restored as an antique shop by Vic Means. It is now used as a real estate office.

Take a few minutes to view the Hutchens house and the adjacent vacant lot during the quiet times of the early morning or the late afternoon and imagine the wonderful activities that took place in this field of dreams. Imagine children and family gathered around Eustace, sitting on the front porch of his home, entranced with his telling of tales, and of

the laughter that the ironic endings produced. He was as much an entertainer as a writer. Part of this empty field was a kitchen garden that belonged to the Hutchens'. They grew vegetables and fruits and at the back of the field was a small structure for housing chickens.

While growing up near Bartlett, Hutchens was privileged to live in a home with a rare library that included over a hundred volumes of English and American classics; Greek and Roman history; and mythology. He loved reading these books and much of the information in this great literature was stored in his memory forever. After high school in Haskell, Grandview, and Thomas Arnold High School in Salado, he studied for two years for a career in journalism at the University of Texas at Austin before World War I broke out and he was called to service. By that time, he was known as a "Novelist and Poet."

Eustace and Ruby were married on December 31, 1917. They had two children: Helen Maurice Hutchens (Hendrickson), born in 1918, and Richard Vickery Hutchens, born in 1924. In early 1917 Eustace volunteered for military service in World War I. During active duty in France and Alsace-Lorraine, he suffered a serious injury that hospitalized him for 48 days in a coma in France. Eustace suffered from bouts of "shell-shock" for the rest of his life, but he never lost his keen sense of humor, his love for his family and friends, and for relating stories.

The Hutchens family was very active in the First Baptist Church of Salado and Ruby was the children's choir director and church pianist for several years. She also taught piano lessons in her home to "just about every child in Salado." In the 1930 census Eustace's occupation is listed as "chicken raiser."

At some point, Eustace decided that he needed

a small, private space to write and he chose to convert the chicken house into a cabin with a desk and a typewriter. Outside of the cabin was a table made from a large concrete pipe for the base and an old well cover for the top. The walls of the cabin were an interesting mix of building materials. There was a small fireplace on one side of the structure and beside the fireplace was a "built-in" ice box. Oddly, the ice box was built into an outside wall. The exterior walls were covered with cedar shakes and the roof was galvanized tin. Around the base of the outside walls were piles of rocks, possibly to reinforce the walls and to prevent critters from coming in. The interior walls were made of a mixture of wooden boards. Four small original windows have been rescued for the reconstruction. Fortunately, a substantial amount of the original hut has been saved and will be used in the restoration.

A few years after Mr. Hutchens died, his sister-in-law compiled some of his writings into a book, *Tales of Old Salado, An Unusual History* by E. M. Hutchens, presented for your delight by Sophia Vickery Ard, edited by Carl R. McQueary. The book is available for \$10 from the Salado Historical Society and all profits will go into helping rebuild "The Writer's Cabin."

It is estimated that it will take about \$10,000 to rebuild the Writer's Cabin near the Boles-Akin and Denman cabins, which are located on DeGrummond Road behind the Salado Civic Center. The Salado Historical Society is asking for help with reconstruction and anyone interested in helping with this project financially can send donations to: The Writer's Cabin, c/o Salado Historical Society, P.O. Box 251, Salado, Texas 76571. Volunteers are also being sought to help with the reconstruction. For information, call Sandi Wicker at 254-760-9655.

Fingerstyle guitarists gather here Edgar Cruz performs Jan. 21

These guitarists leave the pick at home.

They prefer to play by plucking the strings with the off hand, rather than with a pick and are called fingerstyle guitarists.

They cover all genres of music and many will be coming to Salado this weekend for the Texas Fingerstyle Guitar Association (TFGA) quarterly gathering.

The TFGA is relocating to Salado in 2017.

Edgar Cruz, an extraordinary fingerstyle guitarist who performs 200 concerts per year, will exemplify the broad range of the playing style during a concert 1:30-3 p.m. Jan. 21 at the downtown Museum, 421 S. Main St. in Salado, as part of the two-day gathering.

The TFGA is asking for donations of \$15 for adults and \$10 for students for the concert Jan. 21.

Edgar Cruz has played throughout American, Europe and South America.

He has been a headliner at the prestigious Chet Atkins Guitar Festival every July in Nashville since 1995 and is a strong icon at major festivals in Oklahoma.

Those who have witnessed Cruz's perfor-



Edgar Cruz

mance immediately become entranced at the precision, speed and complexity with which his fingers strike the strings of his guitar to create a symphony of sound unusual to just one instrument.

Cruz offers an incredible live repertoire of the greatest hits of the guitar, such as "Malagueña," "Classical Gas," "Bohemian Rhapsody," "In the Mood," "Dueling Banjos," "Hotel California," a classical medley, Latin favorites, originals and medleys on the fly.

Audience interaction, participation, clapping,

singing, dancing, snapping, "olé" and "yee-haws" are all encouraged. Seventeen CDs and two DVDs are currently available. Country, Western, Beatles, Inspirational, Celtic and Broadway are just a few more in the works.

The TFGA will be at the Museum 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Jan. 21 and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Jan. 22. The sessions are open and you can drop in to listen as you please.

The concert is presented by the TFGA, the Museum and the Salado Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Bureau.

Sales tax revenue to village for Jan. jumps by more than 83%

Salado tax revenues to Salado increased by 83.15 percent in January compared to last year. The Village of Salado received \$45,704.34 when State Comptroller Glenn Hegar sent \$647 million in sales tax revenue to local governments.

In 2016, Salado received \$24,954.36 in sales tax revenue. The payment in January was more than \$21,000 higher than last year's payment.

The payment to the Salado Library District was also considerably higher this year than last January.

Salado Library District received \$31,578.19 compared to \$19,179.06 last January, an increase of

more than 64 percent.

Salado Village Voice reached out to part-time city administrator David Miller last week to inquire about the possible causes for such a dramatic increase in sales tax revenues but have received no response as of press-time.

The January payment represents retail sales that were made in November and reported and paid to the state by local outlets in December.

Sales tax rebates to Bell County government for the half-cent it levies were 7.48 percent more than the previous year. The county received \$1.46 million this month while it received \$1.35 million for January

2016.

Comptroller Hegar announced last week he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$647.4 million in local sales tax allocations for January, 4.9 percent more than in January 2016. These allocations are based on sales made in November by businesses that report tax monthly.

"The cities of Dallas, Fort Worth, Austin and San Antonio continue to see significant increases in sales tax allocations," Hegar said. "The cities of Houston and Sugar Land saw noticeable decreases in sales tax allocations."

Legislature convenes facing tighter budget

By RICHARD LEE TEXAS SENATE NEWS SERVICE

As lawmakers opened the 85th Legislative Session last week, they learned that they will have less money to spend on the state's needs and services than two years ago. According to the biannual revenue estimate, presented by State Comptroller Glenn Hegar on Monday, budget writers in the Senate and House will have three billion dollars less to work with than last session. Though the state is predicted to take in slightly more in tax and fee revenue than in the current biennium, a measure passed by voters in November to dedicate a portion of sales tax revenue toward highway costs, about \$4.7 billion for the next two years,

means less money in state coffers. Add that to the decrease in the price of a barrel of oil, which means less revenue from oil and gas taxes, and the Legislature is going to have \$104.9 billion in state non-dedicated general revenue available to appropriate.

Despite the decrease in available funds, Lt. Governor Dan Patrick said the state will find the money to better equip police officers at all levels of government. This comes after the shooting deaths of five Dallas police officers by an assailant with a high-powered rifle in July of last year. Patrick said at a conference that he asked Dallas Senator Royce West to carry the bill, SB 12, which will make \$25 million available for local, county and state law en-

forcement officials to purchase vests that can stop a rifle bullet. "Let it be real clear, whether you are a Democrat or Republican, we support law enforcement," West said. "We don't want to have spouses worry about whether or not their loved ones are going to come home."

Also Thursday, Senator Kel Seliger of Amarillo announced he will seek to make permanent a pilot program aimed at helping kids graduate high school even if they have failed a standardized test. The state requires end of course competency exams, called STAAR tests, for English 1 and 2, US History, Biology and Algebra I to graduate, regardless of classwork. That's

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FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas



The Reset Failure

President Barack Obama has finally had it with Russia. It only took eight years of cold reality -- topped off by the Russian interference in the November election -- to make the outgoing president almost clear-eyed about the Kremlin.

Not that Obama is ready to admit error. Asked by George Stephanopoulos if he underestimated Vladimir Putin, Obama said no, he had only missed how cyberhacking could be used to meddle in our electoral system -- in other words, it was a technical mistake, rather than a fundamental misassessment of a foreign adversary.

Perhaps the president can be forgiven for not being more forthright, since it would require acknowledging how spectacularly his reset failed. President Obama began his term with Secretary of State Hillary Clinton presenting her Russian counterpart with a (mistranslated) reset button, and ended it watching the Kremlin target Hillary Clinton's party and campaign team with no evident respect for U.S. sovereignty or fear of U.S. retaliation.

The reset was premised on willful naivete about Russia. Obama thought that misunderstandings and ill will had undermined the U.S.-Russian

Rich Lowry



relationship under George W. Bush (who himself had an early soft spot for Putin), and his more deft, reassuring touch would make new memories. In 2010, the White House was patting itself on the back for forging "win-win outcomes" with Russia.

The touching emphasis on mutual interests and respect failed to understand Vladimir Putin's motives. How he must have snickered when at a summit in 2012, Obama was caught on a hot mic telling Medvedev that he should relay to Putin to give him "space" because after the election he'd "have more flexibility."

The Russian leader cared only about power and honor (and riches for himself and his cronies), and was immune to Obama's blandishments. Putin stole the 2011 Russian parliamentary elections anyway. He invaded Ukraine and annexed Crimea in 2014 anyway. He intervened in Syria in 2015 and bombed Aleppo to rubble anyway.

The Obama administration always made the minimal response, and actually welcomed Russia's entry into Syria as part of

a face-saving way out of Obama's "red line" fiasco. It is only now, after the Russian meddling in the November election, that all the apologists for Obama's reset have converted en masse to stalwart Russia hawks after years of accommodation of Moscow. Oh, how they mocked Mitt Romney when he said in 2012 that Russia was our foremost geopolitical rival. And resisted calls to arm Ukraine against the Russian invasion. And took seriously, time and again, the utterly bootless attempts to cut cease-fire deals with Russia in Syria. Perhaps Russia's hacking over the past year would have turned liberals against Moscow no matter what, but one gets the sense that, in their minds, Russia's chief offense was taking the wrong side in the election.

Now, with Obama's reset in tatters, Donald Trump wants to pursue his own version. Vladimir Putin has a dark view of the United States, so it must be a mystery to him why every new American president is so convinced that he can get along with the Russian, despite all the evidence to the contrary. Trump should learn from Obama's failure, and not replicate it.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review. (c) 2017 by King Features Synd., Inc.

Only one who can shatter us is us

Honorable Stuart Symington, Missouri, in John F. Kennedy's Memorial address said, "It is the truth that the greatest danger to our land may not lie abroad; but here in our loss of confidence in one another, and in our loss of respect for laws which rest on that confidence and understanding.

Lincoln, 1838, Springfield, said, "At that point what then is the approach of danger expected? The answer, if it ever reaches us, it must spring up amongst us. It cannot come from abroad. If destruction be our lot, we must ourselves be its author and finisher. As a nation of freemen, we must live through all time, or die by suicide."

Lincoln was speaking to a very large audience that consisted of every

Mayor Skip Blancett



American generation born then, and born thereafter.

No President can destroy us. The only people that can shatter our country is us. When we lose our confidence in one another, and lose our respect for laws, we are committing national suicide that will kill the spirit of our country, our state, our Village.

As you consider coming to the Town Hall Meeting 6:30 p.m. Jan. 24 at the Salado Civic Center; please read the above paragraphs, again. Whether you are a long-time or new

resident, this Town Hall is important. Bring your question.

Other meetings that are taking place this month:

Stagecoach planners meeting with the Mayor. Purpose: exchange information on schedules, plans, and considerations. The Stagecoach Dining Room is making good progress.

TxDOT's Design Team meeting on Jan. 27. Purpose: discuss upcoming projects on Main Street. Topics include roadway, sidewalks, lighting, and Campbell Branch Bridge Replacement. This does not include the Green Bridge. There is and will not be a plan to disturb Green Bridge, Main Street.

Chamber of Commerce Banquet, Jan. 26 at Tenroc. 50-year celebration.

Residents, property owners of Salado deserve better

To the Editor:

A year ago during public comment at a Board of Aldermen meeting, I questioned the legal validity of the Sanctuary agreements. Rather than using his legal name, Elmer Floyd or E.F., for his signature or on the signature block, the mayor signed his nickname "Skip." What followed was the worst mayoral tirade and verbal assault upon a citizen since incorporation.

I spoke at earlier meetings against the dozens of secret sessions that violated the spirit and letter of the law and the failure of the BOA to allow public input on the Sanctuary contracts as promised. I encouraged the aldermen to study more closely the sewer routing tying of the sewer to the Belton plant.

All ignored. Late last summer, citizens petitioned for a disannexation election. They were chastised

and some were threatened.

Our mayor and aldermen are so agenda driven that they never acknowledged or addressed the needs or concerns of the people, but they sure took action when conflict-of-interest-ridden and former city manager Jim Reed filed a customer service complaint against the current city manager.

They fired her! It's been a year and I've lost several transactions because I still cannot tell potential tenants when Salado will have sewer.

The sewer bond passed in November 2014, was funded in August 2015, now costs taxpayers approximately \$45,000/month. Forget the ending of construction, the begin-

ning isn't even anywhere in sight -- for taxpayers, it's akin to a cab driver (the village) who starts the fare when your plane is still on the tarmac.

Whether sewer, highway, the economy, roads or finances, the people have been fed a false bill of goods time and again.

Now an election is upon Salado -- and the mayor is holding a town hall -- where responses will be irrelevantly long and sermonized until the clock strikes 8.

Pull the wool. Check the box. Mission accomplished.

The residents and property owners of Salado deserve better.

King Copeland
Dallas, Texas

Your Voice

Letters to the Editor

Will A-F school ratings make the grade in Texas

By KENRIC WARD

A new "A-F" grading system that rates Texas' public schools is getting mixed reviews from education activists.

"It's very detailed oriented and actionable," says Courtney Boswell, president of Texas Aspires, an education advocacy group. "Parents know and understand letter grades. This should be a motivator for change and reform."

But Allan Parker, president of the San Antonio-based Justice Foundation, says the accountability program has limits.

"A grading system without consumer choice is not that great," he told Watchdog.org.

As Texas lawmakers take another run at enacting school choice legislation this year, the state revamped its accountability program. Instead of broadly classifying schools as "met standards" or "inadequate," the Texas Education Agency is applying letter grades to each campus.

Boswell says the added specificity will aid schools such as the George Gervin Academy, which serves a low socioeconomic student body in San Antonio. Previously, the campus led by Democratic state Rep. Barbara Gervin-Hawkins

"met standards"; the new grading protocol gives the school an "A" for improving student achievement.

Parker said the 2017 grades provide more information and "reveals hidden failures."

"It details subgroups, such as a school where white students score 90 percent on tests while 90 percent of blacks are failing," he said.

Under the previous system, that campus could have "met standards."

Parker predicted "massive pushback" from school districts that get poor grades.

Among the complainees, the Texas Association of School Administrators said the A-F system was too dependent on standardized testing.

Some critics have suggested that the state had set arbitrary allocations for each letter grade -- a charge denied by the TEA.

"They're never going to be happy with accountability until they can grade themselves," Boswell said of district officials.

Parker recalled that the state caved to poor-performing districts after more than half of Texas K-12 campuses failed to achieve adequate yearly progress under the federal No Child Left Behind program in 2012.

A poster child for

scholastic dysfunction is Kashmere High School in Houston. Watchdog reported last month that the school has failed to meet state standards for seven straight years, yet remains open -- and there is no indication that the state's new grading system will change things.

"The [new] rating system exposes the greatest flaw in the Texas education system. It is a government monopoly that consistently opposes any real accountability," said Parker, an attorney who previously represented school districts around the state.

Round Rock Independent School District, highlighting grade manipulation at the local level, announced last year that it eliminated D's from report cards to keep athletes eligible to play.

Now schools across the state are passing resolutions declaring they don't want to receive grades themselves.

"If we want true accountability, Texans must implement education savings accounts and let the money follow the child to the school of the parents' choice -- public or private," Parker asserted.

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Celebrate our achievements

As we start a new calendar year and a new semester, I wanted to provide everyone a summary of just some of the many accomplishments that our students and employees achieved in the 2016 calendar year.

Salado ISD earned the highest possible rating of "Superior Achievement" under Texas' Schools FIRST financial accountability rating system, with a perfect score of 100.

The district and all four of our schools met the state standards for the Texas Academic Performance ratings. The district earned the highest grades and scores in student performance and post-secondary readiness out of all the school districts in Bell County.

Salado ISD earned a rating of four and a half stars (out of a possible five stars) on the Financial Allocation Study of Texas (FAST). This rating is based on district finances and student achievement in reading and mathematics. This was the highest rating of all the school districts in Bell County.

We lowered the property tax rate to our lowest rate in 26 years (since 1989-1990). Our property tax rate is lower than the state average and also lower than the majority of the school districts in Bell County.

To see how Salado did compared to the state and national average on the ACT and SAT, please see the graphs.

Superintendent's Corner

by Dr. Michael Novotny



Average ACT scores for Salado High School are higher than the scores for Texas and the nation:

ACT results	Salado	Texas	US
English	23.9	19.4	20.1
Mathematics	24.5	20.7	20.6
Reading	25.1	21.0	21.3
Science	24.0	20.7	20.8
Composite	24.5	20.6	20.8

Average SAT scores for Salado High School are higher than the scores for Texas and the nation:

SAT	Salado	Texas	US
Reading	510	466	494
Mathematics	522	478	508
Writing	495	449	482
Composite	1,527	1,393	1,484

Athletes at Salado High School qualified for play-offs and/or regional competition in the following sports: volleyball, football, cross country, basketball, soccer, powerlifting, track, softball, baseball, and golf. Salado athletes qualified for state competition in soccer, baseball, and golf.

Salado High School earned 2nd place at the State Academic UIL competition. Our One Act Play qualified for the regional competition. Our marching band qualified for the area competition. Seven of our high school students qualified for the state FFA Leadership Development Events (LDE) competition.

Salado High School had a record number of students take an Advanced Placement (AP) test (121), a record number of AP exams taken (315), and a record number of students earn a score of three or higher (72). 59.5% of our students scored a three or higher, as compared to 49.9% of students in Texas.

Salado High School earned an "A" rating on the Children at Risk ratings, which was the highest of all sixteen high schools in Bell County.

Salado High School is the only high school in Texas that has four teachers on staff that have won the UIL sponsor excellence award (Dennis Cabaniss, Tim Cook, Alan Haire, and JJ Jonas).

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Willow Marlane Wadford-Brown was born to Victoria Marlane Wadford and Jonathan Edward Brown, both of Salado on December 21, 2016 at 4:56 p.m. Willow measured 18-3/4 inches and weighed 6 lbs., 5.9 oz. She was welcomed home by her parents and her grandparents Art and Casie Wadford, also of Salado.

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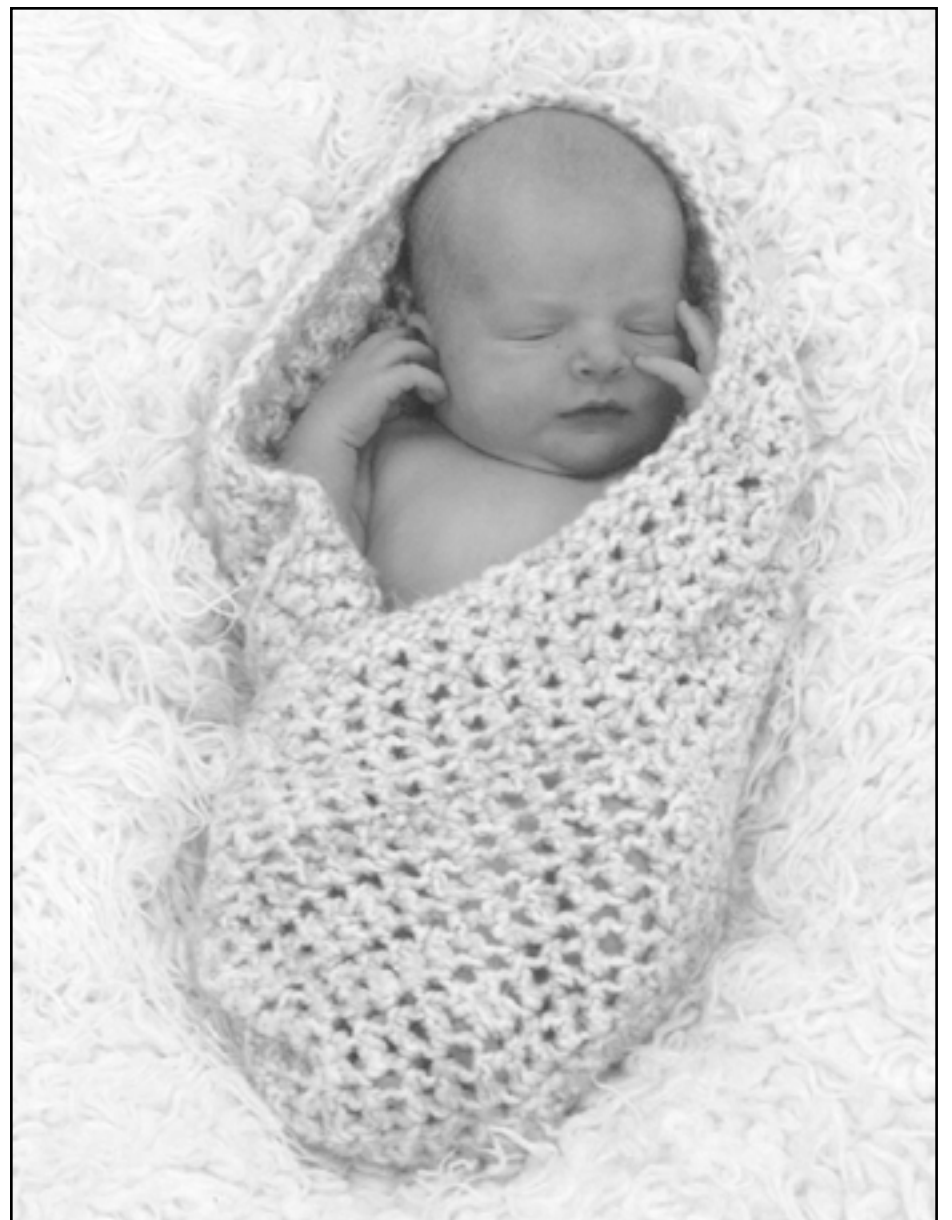
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Landon Alan Holmes was born at 11:04 p.m. on January 6, 2017. He weighed 8 lbs 8 oz and was 21 and 1/2 in. long. Landon is the son to Kris and Cheyenne Holmes of Midland. He is the brother to Addison and Autumn Holmes, the grandson to Larry Copeland of Salado and the great grandson to Lillie Bell Copeland of Salado.

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English, ESL classes held in Salado

The Adult Education and Literacy department of Temple College will hold English as a Second Language Classes (ESL) for adults at the Salado Civic Center.

Registration and the

first class will be held at 10 a.m. Jan. 23 at the Civic Center for new and returning students.

Students are asked to bring a picture ID with them. There will not be childcare and students

should not bring children to the class.

Classes will be taught every Monday at 10 a.m. at the Civic Center.

For information, call 254-298-8620 or email AEL@templejc.edu.

Bell County Star Party Jan. 21

The Central Texas Astronomical Society will host a free public star party 6-9 p.m. Jan. 21 Overlook Park near Salado. CTAS

members will provide telescopes to view the visible planets and a selection of star clusters, nebulas, and galaxies.

Check centexastronomy.org, for information. In the event of cloudy weather, a cancellation notice will be posted on the CTAS website by 5 p.m.

SARW to hear Churchill speak on Human Trafficking

Fred Churchill, Chief of Police of Morgan's Point, will present a program Thursday, Jan. 26, to the Salado Area Republican Women on Human and Sex Trafficking. Churchill states it is a growing problem in Bell County as well as in the Austin vicinity, and relates the best

defense is through community awareness. SARW welcomes the public to attend this informative program.

The meeting commences at 11:30 a.m. at the Meadows Room of the Salado Civic Center. Ambrosia Tea Room will provide the \$15 lunch. Individuals



interested in attending need to RSVP to Barbara Swarouth, First Vice President of Programs, at bswarouth@mygrande.net or at 414 491-2341.

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Obituaries



TINA CHAMPION

Services for Tina Champion, 49, of Salado, were held 11 a.m. Tuesday Jan. 17 at Dossman Funeral Home in Belton. Burial will followed at Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Killeen.

Tina Champion died Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2017, in Salado, Texas.

Tina Champion was born June 16, 1967, in Plymouth, Wisconsin, the daughter of Daniel Gumtow and Peggy (Pomeroy) Simonsmeier. She married John "Jack" Champion on July 20, 1996 in Salado, Texas. She served in the United States Army for 7 years.

Survivors include her husband, John "Jack" Champion; parents, Daniel Gumtow and Sharon Bub and Peggy Simonsmeier and husband Gene; a son, Daniel Champion; a daughter, Kathryn Champion and two sisters, Samantha Allen and husband Will and Jeri Gumtow.

Visitation was held 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday January 16 at Dossman Funeral Home in Belton.



CHARLES (CHUCK) CLARK

Charles (Chuck) Clark, age 64 of Kempner, passed away on Sunday, Jan. 15, 2017 at his home.

Memorial services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 20, 2017 at Scott's Funeral Home of Copperas Cove Chapel. Committal services with military honors will follow at noon at the Central Texas State Veteran Cemetery.

Chuck was born on Sept. 19, 1952 in Welch, West WV, to the late Roland Glen and Edna Campbell Clark. He grew up in War, WV and graduated from Big Creek High School in War, WV in 1970. He went to Marshall University and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in history.

He married Patty Williamson on Aug 12, 1973. He served in the US Army and was honorably discharged as a Captain, in 1982.

He was a civil service employee for over 20 years, retiring in 2007 as the Director of the Ft. Hood Battle Simulation Center.

His wife, Patty preceded him in death in July of 2006. He married Anita Goetz on October 17, 2009. He has resided in Kempner for 25 years. He was a member and Past Master of the Florence Masonic Lodge # 338 A.F. & A.M.

Clark is survived by his wife Anita of Kempner; daughter, Michelle Clark of Killeen; sons, Charles Clark II and wife, Michelle of Haslett, Christopher Miller and wife, Melissa of Copperas Cove, Curtis Miller and wife, Courtney of Hutto; sister, Helen Hickman and husband, Darryl of Centerville, VA; brothers, Norman Clark and wife, Patty of War, WV and Jimmy Clark and wife, Jamie of Leesburg, VA; and six grandchildren. He also took on the role as "Papa Bear" to many that looked to him as a father.

Clark served on the Tablerock board of directors and appeared in Salado Legends and A Christmas Carol productions for many years.



SGT. ALEX MATHEW DEAN TAYLOR

Fort Hood officials have released the name of a Soldier who was found unresponsive at his place of duty January 11, 2017 on Fort Hood..

Sgt. Alex Mathew Dean Taylor, 23, whose home of record is listed as Texas City, Texas, entered active-duty military service in March 2012 as an aviation operations specialist. Taylor was assigned to the 15th Military Intelligence Battalion, Fort Hood, Texas, since July 2016.

Taylor's awards and decorations include the Army Commendation Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, Aviation Badge, Air Assault Badge and Army Service Ribbon.

Circumstances surrounding this incident are currently under investigation by U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command.

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Mack Abernathy kicks off Johnny's Songwriter Series

Mack Abernathy will kick off the Johnny's Songwriter Series in the intimate setting of Johnny's Cantina Jan. 21.

Abernathy will perform 6-9 p.m. This native Texan singer/songwriter started writing songs and playing guitar at an early age. A former collegiate and

professional Rodeo Cowboy Association member, Mack learned early on the value and advantages of being an independent thinker and writer.

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and in his stage show.

Under the guidance of Hall of Fame steel guitar player, Tom Brumley (long-time member of Buck Owens and the Buckaroos), Mack went to Nashville to record the "Different Situations" album with producer, Vic Clay. Not afraid of going against the grain, Mack picked Floyd Tillman's "Slippin' Around" as the first release off the album, which landed on the Billboard Chart. To show versatility, the second release from the album was the title cut, "Different Situations", a very upbeat song. The "Different Situations" video won the Lone Star Award at the Houston International Film Festival, and received airplay on The Nashville Network and CMT. This song featured Nashville guitar guru, Ray Flack (some pickers are still trying to figure out those licks!). The result was another Billboard Chart song and a 5-country, 55-city tour of Europe. When Mack says that he has ridden his tour bus all over the world, he is telling the truth as the Bandag Corporation, sponsor

of the tour, shipped his tour bus overseas for this tour. Upon returning state-side, Mack played many various venues, from The Farm Bureau Convention in California to political conferences in Indianapolis, Willie Nelson's Fourth of July Picnic, and the Super Bull in Del Rio, Texas. Mack Abernathy's music has always been received well in country radio. Jerry King, former Program Director and current radio personality at KKYX in San Antonio, had this to say: "Mack Abernathy is the kind of singer and songwriter that country music is all about". Bill Kinder, KSCS-Dallas radio personality, says, "Mack has talent and a down home attitude that relates to his listeners on a personal basis." Mack has combined his singing and song-writing talents to create a country style that is all his own and one that his fans really enjoy and repeatedly want to hear. Other performances in the Songwriter Series will include Brian Gowan on Jan. 28, Josh Merrell on Feb. 4 and Ben Guenther on Feb. 11.

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Varsity Eagles win Boerne Soccer tourney

Salado Eagles beat last year's state finalist Progreso to win the Boerne soccer Tournament last week. The Eagles beat Gonzales, Boerne and Progreso.

Salado 1
Gonzales 0

Salado Eagles beat Gonzales in the round of

the tournament 1-0. Costas Loullis scored the only goal in the game at 24:20 in the match.

Salado 2
Boerne 1

Salado beat Boerne 2-1 in the Boerne tournament. Boerne scored the first goal of the match at 21:37. Costas Loullis scored

at 29:12 to tie the match. Loullis scored again at 60:57 to put Salado up 2-1 in the match.

Salado 1
Progreso 0

Salado Eagles beat Progreso 1-0 in the round of the tournament. Kaden Smien scored the only goal of the match at 20:27 of the match.

SYSA continues registration with in-person Jan. 21, 28

Salado Youth Soccer is registering players for its Spring season. Parents can register their children to play spring Soccer by going online anytime before Jan. 28 or in person on Jan. 21 and 28.

Online registration is available at saladoyouthsoccer.com.

In person registration will be 9 a.m.-noon on Jan. 21 and 28 at the Thomas

Arnold Elementary gym. Under 6 and Under 8 teams play in the local non-competitive league.

Local Under 10 players practice with Academy teams in games to be determined.

Under 11 and above teams are part of the Capitol Area Youth Soccer Association. Half of the games are played in Salado and the other half

within a 45 mile radius. Details on traveling Club teams are available on the website.

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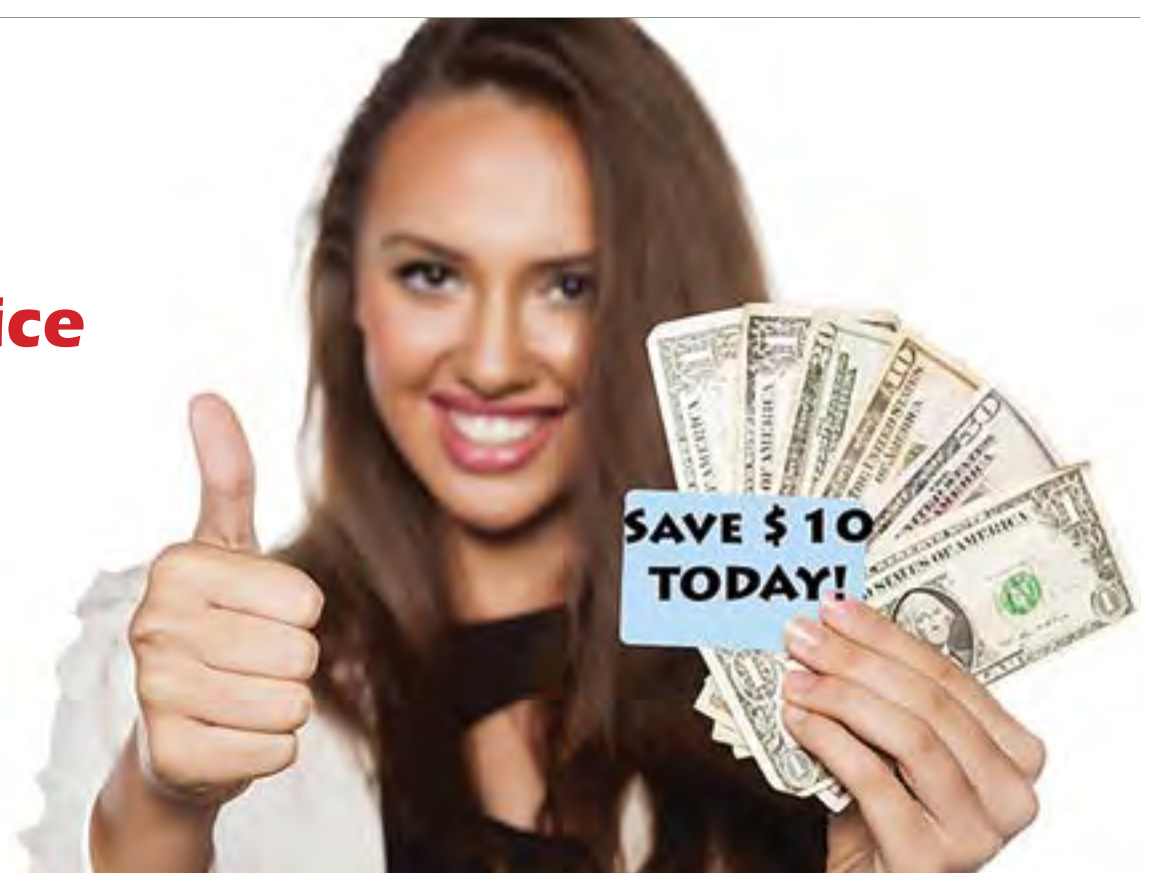
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Taylor sweeps Salado teams

Salado Lady Eagles started the second loop of district play with a 3-3 record and in fourth place this week after a road loss to Taylor Lady Ducks last week.

Taylor rushed out to a 9-0 lead in the first and led 15-6 at the end of the quarter. Two three-pointers by Sarah Kelarek and a goal by Kayla Manning got Salado within three, 14-17, in the second period. The Lady Ducks and Lady Eagles combined for 17

missed shots in the middle of the second and Taylor took a 20-16 halftime lead.

Salado got within two early in the third when Taylor Lowrance turned a Lady Duck turnover into two points to trail 20-18. A shot by Ashlen LaCanne knotted the score at 22 in the third. Salado trailed 24-26 at the end of the third.

With free throws by LaCanne and a field goal by Kaia Philen, Salado took the lead at 28-27.

LaCanne added a shot and Kerrigan Hearne hit two free throws to give Salado a four point lead 32-28.

Taylor then went on a 12-point run to take a 40-32 lead in the middle of the fourth.

The Lady Ducks held on for the 44-37 win.

LaCanne led Salado with 11 points. She also had 3 rebounds.

Kelarek, Philen and Lowrance each had 6 points. Lowrance led the girls with nine rebounds

while Kelarek had five rebounds and Philen four.

Also scoring for the Lady Eagles were Manning, 4 points and Herne and Katelyn Seymour, 2 points each.

Meanwhile, the Varsity Eagles lost to Taylor on the road last week, 63-34.

Evan Wall led the Eagles with 9 points. Trevor Stump followed with 7 points.

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McBreen kicks off fundraising work

Emily McBreen kicked off a seven week fundraising campaign for the Austin Chapter of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (LLS) last week.

She will be holding several events in Salado, including these:

Emily and a team of friends will be working for donations over the next seven weeks, including cooking and serving meals during Pint Nights at Chupacabra Craft Beer in downtown Salado on Jan. 19, Feb. 2 and Feb. 16. On Jan 19, she will be serving burgers and chips to go along with brews from Independence Brewery that you can purchase at Chupacabra (provided you are over 21 for the alcohol purchase). On Feb. 2, she will be cooking up chili or Frito Pie to go along with brews from Infamous

Brewing Company and Feb. 16 she will be serving sloppy Joes with cole slaw or chips to go with brews from Karbach Brewing Company.

She also has plans for a five-course dinner and wine pairing on Jan. 28 at Salado Lone Star Winery with food catered by Sliders in Jarrell. Only 30 tickets will be sold for this event at \$50 per person with all proceeds being donated to the fundraising campaign. Tickets for this event can be purchased at Salado Creek Winery, Sliders restaurant in Jarrell or Jakes Rentals in Salado. You can also reserve your spot by emailing ally@jakesrental.com. The evening will include a Silent Auction, toward which many items have already been donated by many local business – like

The Nest, The Red Cactus, Shoppes on Main, Prellop Fine Art Gallery, Connies, and Thomas Kinkade Stagecoach Gallery. “We hope to receive many more in the next few weeks,” Emily says.

She is planning two other events.

She is hoping to have a babysitting service 6-10 p.m. Feb. 14 for Valentines night. She is asking donations of \$10 per hour per child for this.

She is also planning an event to pit teachers against students in a fun tournament format. McBreen has set a lofty goal of raising \$10,000 towards this effort.

“I am particularly passionate about this organization because I am watching both my Nana and Papa who are Salado residents battle blood can-



Emily McBreen is a freshman at Salado High School

cers. My Nana was just diagnosed this past summer with Lymphoma and my Papa was diagnosed eight years ago with Leukemia.”

Jr. High basketball results against Fredericksburg

Here are the results from recent junior high game against Fredericksburg:

Boys 7th A 38
 Fredericksburg 19

Scoring for the Eagles were Wrook Brown, 10, Payton Miller, 10, Latrelle Jenkins, 8, Noah Mescher, 4, Kole Maedgen, 4 and Dillon McDaniel, 2.
 Boys 8th A 26
 Fredericksburg 43

Scoring for the Eagles were Hutton Haire, 10, Blake Miller, 4, Max Markham, 3, Cole Taylor, Nolan Williams, Chase Joiner and Brian Rose, 2 each and Will Creed, 1
 7th Girls A 22
 Fredericksburg 59

Leading scorers for Salado were: Mia Sauter, 7 points and Eishen Young, 5 points.

“First games back from the Christmas break are always hard...this one was exceptionally true. We just had a hard time getting anything to work – offensively or defensively. Hard losses like this put things into perspective and will hopefully motivate us for the second half of district.” Coach Preston

8th Girls A 41
 Fredericksburg 29

Leading Scorers for Salado were: Priscilla Torczynski, 13 points and Reese Preston, 8 points.

“These girls came out on fire tonight! Our defense was outstanding. Offensively we had great ball movement and really looking to find the open shot. We go into the second round of district with a 4-1 record with our only loss by 1 point. I know these girls are motivated to finish the season with a clean record.” Coach Preston

7th Girls B 17
 Fredericksburg 29

Savvy Oyler led Salado in scoring with 7 points.
 8th Girls B 35
 Fredericksburg 32

Leading scorers for Salado were: Aubrey Hefner, 13 points and Katie Law, 10 points.

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Lady Eagles compete in Boerne tourney

Salado Lady Eagles competed in the Boerne Tournament Jan. 12-14. The Lady Eagles will host the Eagle Soccer Classic Jan. 19-21.

Salado 1
Boerne 9

Salado could manage only one goal against the Boerne Lady Greyhounds, losing 9-1 to the seventh-ranked 4A team in state. Salado was ranked #5 in state in the pre-season poll.

Boerne scored quickly at the 2:00, at 12:41, at 16:31, at 22:21, at 28:45, at 34:05, at 36:11, at 37:05 and at 65:03.

Madison Spradlin scored the Lady Eagles' single goal at 70:12.

Salado 1
SA McArthur 1

The Lady Eagles tied a large 6A team in the second round, matching up against San Antonio McArthur 1-1.

McArthur scored first at 25:16.

Madison Spradlin scored for the Lady Eagles at 51:08.

Salado 4
Kennedale 0

The Lady Eagles lost to last year's state champions Kennedale 4-0 in the Boerne Tournament.

Boerne scored three quick goals at 2:20, 4:42 and 7:36. Kennedale also scored at 40:36.



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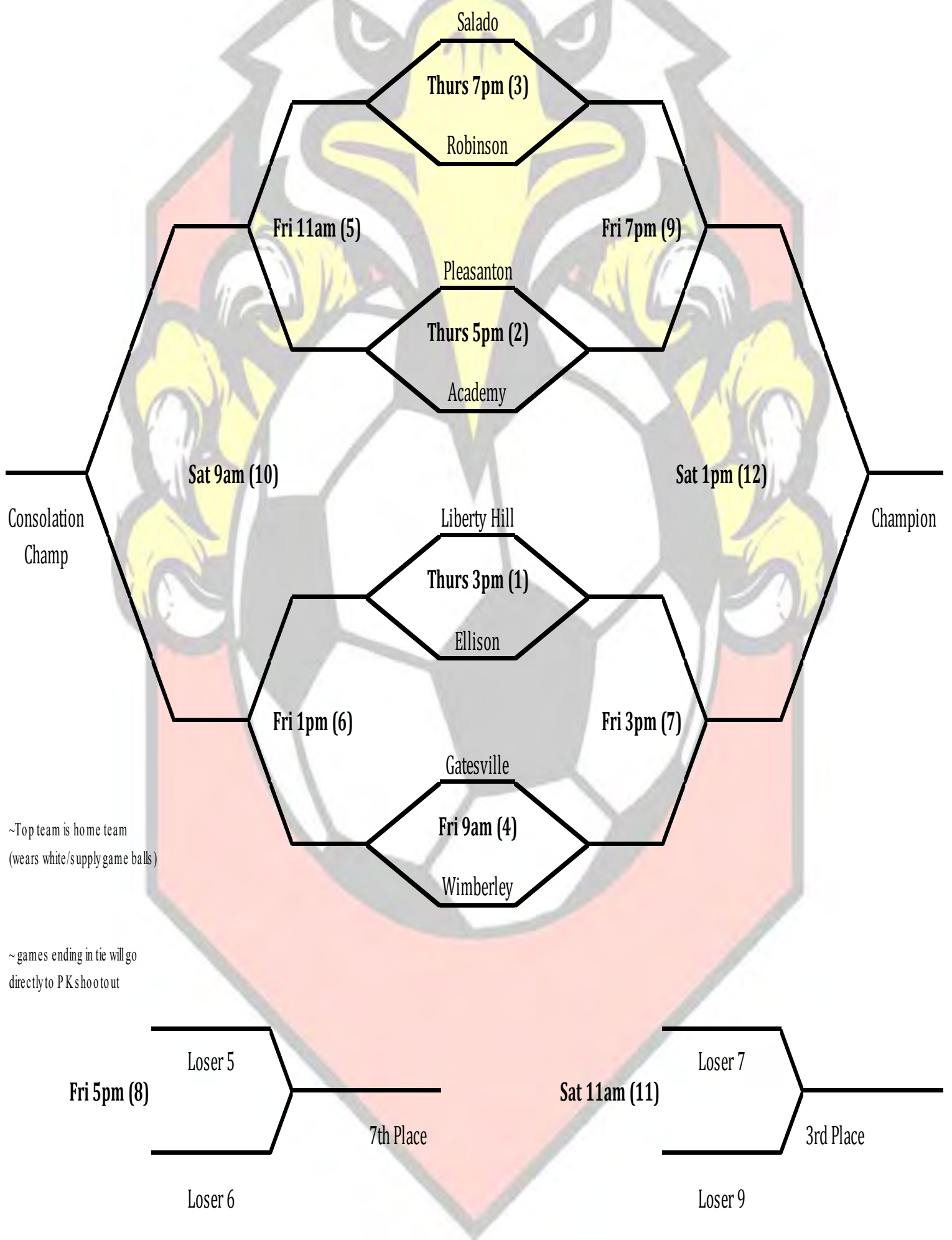
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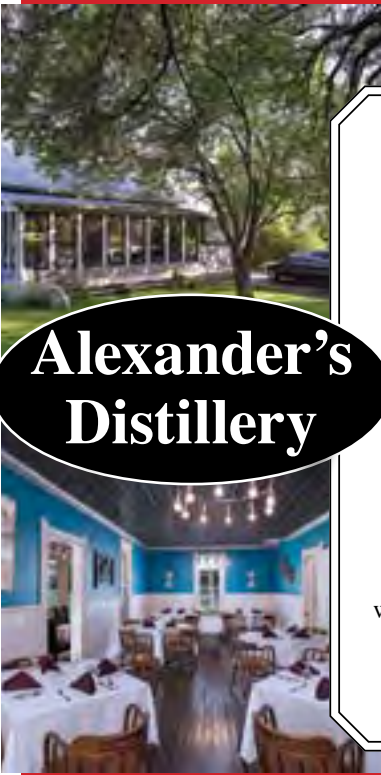
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With more than 3.8 million words of tax code, you may need help from a pro

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The tax code is some 3.8 million words. You probably need some help with it.

You may want to turn to Bruce Bolick, CPA, who began his career in accounting in 1973.

"Taxes are my 'specialty,'" Bolick says. "I do not do audit work."

Bolick holds a BBA in Accounting from McMurry University and an M.S. in Accounting from Texas Tech. He is also a Certified Public Accountant, holding his certification in Texas.

Although he opened his CPA practice in Salado in 2012, he is no newcomer to town. He opened Plaza Video in Salado Plaza Shopping Center in August 1986 operating it until 1989.

In fact, when the Fleischers bought the *Salado Village Voice* from the Dayton Kelley family in 1988, the only inhabitants of Salado Plaza besides the IGA Village Foods were Plaza Video and Mill Creek Professional Suites, which housed the newspaper office in those early years.

He and wife Tina have lived here in Salado since August 1987. Both their sons are Salado High graduates.

Bolick taught accounting, finance and general business courses full-time at University of Mary Hardin Baylor for 22 years. He has taught an additional nine semesters on a part-time basis for UMHB and Southwestern University

Business of the Week

A continuing series



Bruce Bolick, CPA, has more than 40 years of experience in accounting.

for a semester before opening the local CPA practice. With the beginning of the new year, tax deadlines are already upon small business owners.

IRS tax forms 1099 and W-2 must be prepared no later than Jan. 31 for amounts paid in 2016. These same forms must be prepared and transmitted using Form 1096 and W-3 to the IRA or the Social Security Administration no later than Feb. 28.

"If your business has inventory," Bolick advises, "make sure you have an ending inventory amount for Dec. 31, 2016."

"You can still do a physical count now and calculate the Dec. 31 amount by adjusting for purchases and sales since Dec. 31," he adds.

Non-corporate taxpayers get a couple of days

breathing room this year. Because April 15 falls on a Saturday and April 17 is a federal holiday, the deadline for personal tax returns to be postmarked is April 18.

But don't think that means you can put it off until then. Prepare now and throughout the year for getting your taxes done early.

Even if you file early this year, it may be Feb. 27 before those first refunds are available. This is because of new anti-fraud protection safeguards.

Even those who don't pay a lot in taxes should be wary of tax scammers. "The IRS will never call you on the phone so you can get your refund faster or demand payments for back taxes," Bolick said of the ubiquitous tax scammers

SEE BRUCE BOLICK, PAGE 3C



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Salado Youth Soccer Association registration. info: saladoyouthsoccer@gmail.com

THRU FEBRUARY 4
Salado Youth Baseball and Softball League registration info: saladoyouth.org

JAN 20 - FEB 22
Presidential Sale at Angelic Herbs

JANUARY 21 - 22
Texas Fingerstyle Guitar Association gathering at Salado Museum. 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sunday. info: (254) 717-4665

JANUARY 21
Salado Youth Baseball and Softball League registration, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Thomas Arnold Elementary Gym info: saladoyouth.org

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
Texas Fingerstyle Guitar Association Concert, 1:30 - 3 p.m. at Salado Museum Edgar Cruz will perform. info: (254) 717-4665

JANUARY 21
Johnny's Songwriter Series featuring Mack Abernathy, 6 - 9 p.m. at Johnny's Cantina

JANUARY 21
Central Texas Astronomical Society Star Party, 6 - 9 p.m. at Overlook Park, 3740 FM 1670. info: centexasastronomy.org

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

JANUARY 23
English as a Second Language Class registration/first day of class, 10 a.m. at Salado Civic Center. info: (254) 298-8620

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

JANUARY 24
The State of Salado, 6:30 p.m. at Salado Center. Bring your questions on any subject for the Village of Salado officials

JANUARY 26
Salado Area Republican Women Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. at Salado Civic Center. Speaker: Fred Churchill

JANUARY 26
Salado Chamber of Commerce Banquet. info: salado.com

JANUARY 28
Salado Youth Baseball and Softball League registration, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Thomas Arnold Elementary Gym info: saladoyouth.org

JANUARY 28
Protein Packs a Punch, 10 - 11 a.m. at Salado Public Library. Free nutrition seminar, RSVP by January 21 to angelie@fitnessbeyonddraining.com or (832) 794-6850

JANUARY 28
Mill Creek Community Association Meeting, 6 - 8 p.m. at The Terrace. RSVP by Jan. 18 to 947-4907

JANUARY 28
Johnny's Songwriter Series featuring Brian Gowan, 6 - 9 p.m. at Johnny's Cantina

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

JANUARY 31
Salado Community Chorus Spring Season Kick-off Supper, 6 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Salado Fellowship Hall. New and returning members welcome for this soup and salad supper. info: saladochorus.com

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 4
Johnny's Songwriter Series featuring Josh Merrell, 6 - 9 p.m. at Johnny's Cantina

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

FEBRUARY 11 - 12
Salado Market Days, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at Salado Antique Mall, 721 Stagecoach Road. info: (254) 947-3355

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

FEBRUARY 11
Johnny's Songwriter Series featuring Ben Guenther, 6 - 9 p.m. at Johnny's Cantina

FEBRUARY 13
Salado Athletic Boosters meeting. TBA

FEBRUARY 18
Central Texas Astronomical Society Star Party, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. at Overlook Park, 3740 FM 1670. info: centexasastronomy.org

FEBRUARY 20
No Salado ISD classes

MARCH 25 - 26
Texas Wine and Rouge Art Fest at Salado Winery Company and Salado Wine Seller on Main Street. Saturday Noon - 5 p.m. and Sunday noon - 4 p.m. Free Admission. info: SaladoWineFestival.com

MARCH 25 - 26
Wildflower Art Festival. info: salado.com

MARCH 24
Salado Pub Crawl. info: salado.com

MARCH 25
Edgy Art Show. info: salado.com

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

FEBRUARY 27 - MARCH 4
Spring Garage Sale at Stamp Salado. info: (254) 947-8848

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 11 - 12
Salado Market Days, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at Salado Antique Mall, 721 Stagecoach Road. info: (254) 947-3355

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 23
Salado Area Republican Women Fine China Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. in the Blue Heron room at Tenroc. info: barclaymccort@gmail.com

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

APRIL 8
2017 Wilmer Memorial Lecture hosted by the Institute for the Humanities at Salado, 4 - 6 p.m. at Salado Civic Center. speaker: best-selling author S.C. Gwynne

APRIL 8
Ostrich Egg Painting at Salado Winery

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

APRIL 15
Central Texas Astronomical Society Star Party, 8 - 11 p.m. at Overlook Park, 3740 FM 1670. info: centexasastronomy.org

APRIL 14 - 17
No Salado ISD classes

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MONDAYS

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

Salado Village Artists Stitchers & 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, February - April info: (254) 541-7824 or saladochorus.com

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.



January 23 begins English as a Second Language Class at Salado Civic Center. For information call (254) 298-8620. Registration will be held the first day of class.

THURSDAYS

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.

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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Shopping Map of Salado

- | # | Business Name | |
|--------------------------------------|---|-----|
| 3 | Wildfire Ranch Arena | V |
| 4 | St. Stephen Catholic Church | C |
| 6 | Salado College Park | V |
| 7 | Raney & Associates | \$ |
| 8 | Stagecoach Inn | D |
| 9 | Salado Museum | V |
| 10 | Vintage Vinyl inside Sofi's | S |
| 12 | Chupacabra and Salado Lone Star Winery | D |
| 14 | Salado Glassworks | A |
| 17 | Barrow Brewery | D |
| | Hecho en Queso Food Truck Fri. | D |
| 20 | Springhouse | S |
| 21 | The Venue | V |
| 22 | The Shed | D |
| 24 | Tablerock | V |
| 26 | Salado United Methodist Church | C |
| 29 | Alexander's | D |
| 29 | Inn on the Creek | L |
| 30 | First Baptist Church | C |
| 32 | First Texas Brokerage | \$ |
| 33 | First State Bank | \$ |
| 34 | First Community Title | \$ |
| | Farmer's Insurance | \$ |
| | Zbranek Agency | \$ |
| 40 | W.A. Pace Memorial Park | V |
| 47 | Timeless | S |
| 48 | The Inn at Salado | L |
| 49 | Lively Coffeehouse & Bistro | D |
| 49 | Magnolias | S |
| 50 | The Range at the Barton House | D |
| | Linda Roundtree Pritchard Egg massage therapist | \$ |
| 55 | Salado Family Dentistry | \$ |
| 57 | Mud Pies | S |
| 58 | The Shoppes on Main #1 | S |
| 60 | Salado Creek Jewelry | S |
| 62 | The Pizza Place | D |
| 65 | ERA Colonial Real Estate | \$ |
| 71 | Uncle Junks | S |
| 73 | Crain Chiropractic & Wellness | \$ |
| 75 | Angelic Herbs | S |
| | Bruce Bolick, CPA | \$ |
| 76 | Salado Civic Center | \$ |
| 79 | Salado Chamber/Tourism Bureau | \$ |
| 81 | Salado Wine Seller and Salado Winery Co. | D |
| 82 | St. Joseph's Episcopal Church | C |
| 85 | Dee's Antique Mall | S |
| 85 | Salado Post Office | \$ |
| 86 | Bill Bartlett – Century 21 | \$ |
| 86 | Subway | D |
| | Old Fashioned Burgers | D |
| 87 | The Personal Wealth Coach | \$ |
| 89 | Stamp Salado | S |
| 90 | Presbyterian Church of Salado | C |
| 91 | Troy Smith Financial Services | \$ |
| 92 | Salado Sculpture Garden | A |
| 96 | Salado Village Voice | \$ |
| | Ace Pest Control | \$ |
| | Montieth Abstract & Title | \$ |
| | The Haire Shop | \$ |
| | Mill Creek Cleaners | \$ |
| 97 | Brookshire Brothers | S |
| 100 | Salado Public Library | C |
| 101 | Salado Cleaners | \$ |
| 102 | Hairitage Barber Shop | \$ |
| 113 | Salado Church of Christ | C |
| 118 | Salado Market Days | S |
| 119 | Salado Antique Mall | S |
| 120 | Horizon Bank | \$ |
| 129 | Cowboy's Barbecue | D |
| 130 | Village Spirits | S |
| 132 | Broecker Funeral Home | \$ |
| 133 | Johnny's Steaks and BBQ | D |
| 135 | Embrace Smiles | \$ |
| 136 | Salado Schools & Stadium | C |
| 139 | Cedar Valley Baptist Church | C |
| Not Shown on the Shopping Map | | |
| | Animal Medical | \$ |
| | JD's Travel Center | D |
| | The Play Yard Preschool | \$ |
| | Don Ringer | \$ |
| | Garlyn Shelton | \$ |
| | 3C Cowboy Fellowship | C |
| | Coleman Auto Restoration | \$ |
| | Walt Tollefson Computer Repair | \$ |
| | Finney Insurance | \$ |
| | Grace Baptist Church | C |
| | Mill Creek Country Club | D/V |

Map Legend

- S** Shopping
- A** Art and Galleries
- L** Lodging
- D** Dining and Drinks
- V** Venues & Sights
- \$** Services
- C** Churches and Education



Historical Markers in Salado

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|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 6. Salado Historic College Hill | 27. Caskey-Hendricks House | 50. The Barton House |
| 8. Shady Villa Hotel (Stagecoach Inn) | 28. Dr. McKie Place (Twelve Oaks) | 51. The Levi Tenney House |
| 8. Main Street Bridge | 29. Alexander's Distillery | 55. The Armstrong Adams House |
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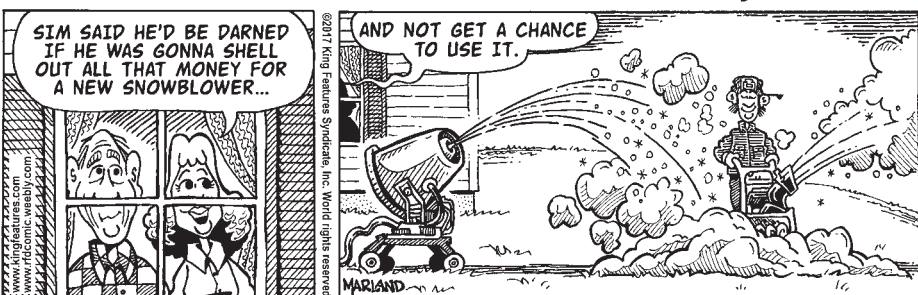
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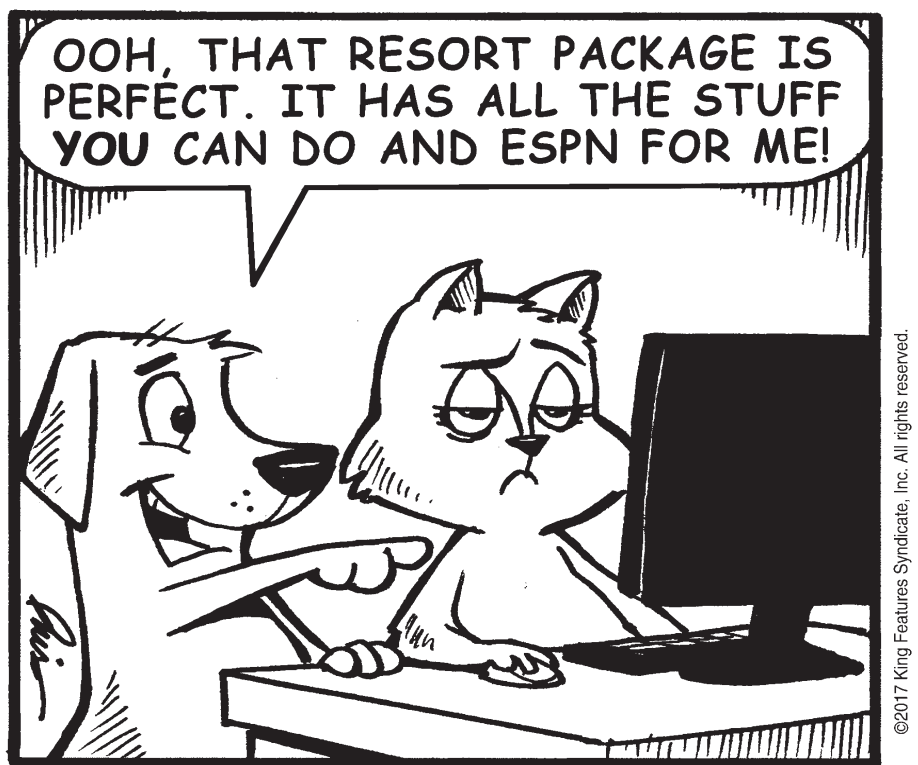


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by Linda Thistle

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◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

Super Crossword

SOLUTION

SNOWFLAKES

Super Crossword

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ACROSS

1 Ditz types
9 Stains, as with blood
16 Yearn (for)
20 Hellish
21 Powder from chili peppers
22 Drive—
23 Meat-curing company?
25 Look as though
26 "— Fideles" (Yule carol)
27 Inning divisions
29 Form of jazz
30 R&B singer with the 1965 hit "Hold What You've Got"
33 Last time you'll ever pull into a garage?
39 Gerund ending
40 Angry music genre
43 Placed (down)
44 Tasting rich and sweet
45 Messenger bringing news to cows?
50 See 13-Down

51 "It's the end of —"
52 Lance of the O.J. trial
53 Real bargain
55 Observe
58 "Let's hear it"
60 Ger.'s home
62 Stephen of "Citizen X"
64 Croft of video games
65 "The Catcher in the Rye" author's tune penner?
71 Old crone
74 Lav in a pub
75 Build — (make one's home)
76 Geller of psychic acts
77 Lamb suckler
78 Obsolete provider of stability?
83 Slangy suffix with buck
84 Vehicle—album of 1980
85 Cong. member
86 Looked hard
90 Turf again
92 Division of Islam
96 Trunk bone
98 Very brief time
99 Movable kayak fin

101 "You already know the answer is 'team spirit,' right?"
104 Large arboreal snake
107 Russian city
108 Co. suit
109 Paver's goo
110 Shoes worn in the Sahara?
113 In recent days
116 "My life" book
117 Eight, in German
118 Practically
121 Edison's middle name
123 Piece from "The Domestic Oratorio"
131 NY Met, e.g.
132 Came
133 #1 Bruce Springsteen album of 1980
134 Emmy winner
135 Not unfeeling
136 Blood vessel to the heart

2—fix (stuck)
3 Eagles' org.
4 Insinuate
5 Groom's counterpart
6 Added on
7 Dogs' jinglers
8 ATM feature
9 Cold dessert
10 Scratch, e.g.
11 Off — mile
12 On Social Sec., say
13 With 50— Across, workers' advocates, for short
14 Sufficient
15 Summoned
16 "— true!"
17 Nickname of Boston's locale
18 Louisiana cuisine style
19 Like camels
24 Liveliness
28 Bone-to-muscle joiner
30 Holy war
31 Bridge bid, briefly
32 White heron
34 Styled after
35 Some vermin
36 Chanteuse
37 Sit in neutral
38 Language for a Sherpa
41 Me, to Gigi

DOWN

1 Belittle, informally

42 Many a time
46 Warlike god
47 Refrain
48 Puma
49 Be worthy of
54 Boost
56 Flight staff
57 Tortoise rival
59 Novelist
61 Mario
62 Vargas —
63 "That's —!" (film—sue cry)
66 Greek I's
67 Sleep cycle part
68 Old fast fliers, briefly
69 People who aren't you
70 Meet, as the challenge
71 I-beam relative
72 River in Switzerland
73 Gives short shrift to
79 "Well, — here!"
80 Man-goat god
81 Computer of the 1940s
82 N. Mex., before 1912
87 Calf catcher
88 Showiness
89 Plow maker
91 "Smash" star
92 Messing
93 A noble gas
94 Agghes
95 Brain gain
97 "Farewell"
100 Entrapments in lies, e.g.
102 In bad health
103 Small aquatic rail
104 Financial co. for which the Boston Celtics' arena is named
105 Comic Charles Nelson —
106 On dry land
111 Done to — (well-cooked)
112 NBC fixture since '75
114 Plant life
115 Tune's text
119 1939 film
120 Feel sore
122 Noted coach
124 Family gal
125 A Gabor
126 Riled, with "up"
127 Keats poem
128 A Gardner
129 O.T. book
130 Pitching stat

Never relax

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

The game of bridge rarely allows its practitioners the luxury of relaxing. Those who adopt a casual attitude when an assignment looks particularly easy have learned through bitter experience that nothing is certain until the requisite number of tricks have been safely tucked away.

Consider this deal from the Open Pairs at the 1993 Israeli Bridge Festival in Tel Aviv. North-South -- Pam Granovetter and Kathie Wei-Sender of the United States -- reached a game few other pairs did. Wei-Sender then brought the contract home by avoiding a trap that would have ensnared many another declarer.

West led a diamond to East's ace, and East returned the heart jack. West won with the ace and returned the queen. Many declarers would have put up the king at this point and been jolted by East's ruff. Eventually declarer would have lost a

East dealer.

East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A J 10 8
♥ K 7 5 2
♦ 10
♣ K J 9 6

WEST
♠ 6 4
♥ A Q 10 9 8 6
♦ 9 4
♣ 8 7 5

EAST
♠ Q 7
♥ J
♦ A K Q J 6 3 2
♣ 10 2

SOUTH
♠ K 9 5 3 2
♥ 4 3
♦ 8 7 5
♣ A 4 3

The bidding:

East South West North
1♦ Pass 1♥ Dble
3♦ 3♠ Pass 4♠
Opening lead — nine of diamonds.

club to East to finish down one.

Wei-Sender, a multinational and world champion, did not achieve that status by taking success for granted. Instead of risking a potential heart ruff by East, she played low from dummy on West's queen, preserving the king for later. When West then led another heart, Wei-Sender

again ducked in dummy, ruffing in her hand as East discarded diamonds on the second and third hearts. The A-K of spades were then cashed. When the queen fell, declarer claimed the remainder, discarding her losing club on the heart king to put the finishing touch on a well-played hand.

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- MOVIES: What animated movie featured "The Siamese Cat Song"?
- TELEVISION: In the 1960s sitcom "Family Affair," what was the name of Buffy's doll?
- GEOGRAPHY: Ardennes Forest in Belgium was the site of what major World War II battle?
- HISTORY: What leading figure in America's Revolutionary War took the pseudonym "Poor Richard" in his earlier writing?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the more common name for the flower whose scientific name is papaver somniferum?
- BUSINESS: How long did the New Coke formula last after it was introduced in 1985?
- LITERATURE: What mystery writer created the character of Kay Scarpetta, medical examiner?
- ASTRONOMY: Where is the Lowell Observatory located?
- FOOD & DRINK: What grated cheese is named for the capital of Italy?
- LANGUAGE: What is a more common name for an apiarist?

Answers

- "Lady and the Tramp"
- Mrs. Beasley
- Battle of the Bulge
- Benjamin Franklin
- The opium poppy
- Less than three months
- Patricia Cornwell
- Flagstaff, Ariz.
- Romano
- Beekeeper

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Curve-billed Thrasher

The Curve-billed Thrasher loves the fruit of the Prickly Pear

A long-time birding enthusiast once made a statement to me that one of the things appealing to them about bird-watching was the lack of monotony. What she was referring to was, with the changing of the seasons, the birds that could be observed also changed. While I certainly understand her declaration, there is also something that appeals to me about seeing an animal on a consistent basis, and one that is quite consistent in west Texas is the raucous Curve-billed Thrasher.

The Curve-billed Thrasher (*Toxostoma curvirostre*) is a common denizen of the Edwards Plateau, south Texas thornscrub, and the entire Trans-Pecos. It also can be spotted in the southern Llano Estacado. Outside of this state it can be seen from central New Mexico, southern Arizona then south through Mexico into the tropics. It is a non-migratory bird, and in fact many individuals rarely, if ever, leave their defined



Wild About Texas

Michael Price

territory.

This species of bird is a muscular-looking species that often stands upright with its chest bowed out, almost replicating a body-builder showing off their "pecs". It is somewhat drab in coloration; the upperparts are typically colored a solid gray-brown. The fairly lighter colored breast is usually ornamented with faint spots and bars, while the tail typically is tipped with an off-white coloration. The most colorful part of this bird is the bright orange or yellow eyes. The bill is thick, long, black and exceedingly curved downward. The legs are straight, and like the bill, are black in coloration. This avian species is large; adults have a body length of just under a foot and a wingspan of nearly 15 inches.

What this species of bird lacks in appearance it more than makes up for in personality. Oftentimes it can be observed foraging on the ground, utiliz-

ing its thick, curved bill to till the ground searching for burrowed insects. While insects seem to be a preferred delicacy, other prey items include spiders, snails, and even small lizards. However, it is not a strict carnivore because it also will feed upon seeds, berries, and fruits. Prickly Pear cactus fruits, known as tunas, are exceptionally cherished. If threatened, by either a predator or another bird that it suspects desires to steal its meal, it will become exceptionally noisy and belligerent.

These mistrustful birds typically prefer to live a solitary life, up until mating season that is. They are known to pair up during the breeding season, with the male and female remaining monogamous during such time. Studies have shown that while they are not paired for life, they do seem to prefer to seek out the same mate year after year. Only if the same mate cannot be located do they "move

on" and find a new mate. The nest is typically found in trees, and is made up of grass and mud, lined with finer grass. For such a paranoid bird, the nest is not too high up from the reach of potential predators, usually only about 5 feet off of the ground. The 2 to 5 eggs are of medium size (roughly 1 inch by 1 1/4 inch) and are colored light turquoise with pale brown spots. These eggs hatch in about two weeks, and both parents share the responsibilities of incubation, protection, and feeding. After hatching, the young are helpless until the time when they leave the nest, approximately 3 weeks after hatching. Juveniles are colored similar to the adults, except they have yellow eyes and a straighter bill. Generally 2 broods per year have been recorded.

Curve-billed Thrashers are a common to abundant bird throughout their known range in Texas. They are a bit more bashful than many other yardbirds, but oftentimes can be coaxed into making use of bird feeders, particularly when filled with tunas.

Bruce Bolick FROM PAGE 1C

mers who prey on people's naive and trusting nature.

"I even had a client with a fraudulent phone call saying the IRS no longer accepted personal checks," Bolick said, "and wanting him to go purchase pre-paid debit cards to pay his taxes."

"The IRS will never email you asking for payment or helping you get your refund faster," he adds.

Bolick advises those who will be using a tax preparation software to do their own taxes to be sure to have their 2015 income tax returns available. As a safeguard, these "software programs will require the taxpayer to enter their 2015 adjusted gross income from their 2015 return before they can file their 2016 return," Bolick said.

For the retiree, Bolick says that "unless you need the cash immediately — for medical bills or other emergencies — it is not tax smart to take a large, single, lump-sum distribu-

tion from your retirement account or annuity."

He adds that it is tax foolish in at least three ways.

"This large amount will cause you to greatly increase your tax bracket/rates," Bolick says. "Thus you will pay more taxes than you would have if you took a smaller amount—possibly as much as 10%-12% or more on ALL your income."

"A large increase in your income will cause the taxpayer to pay more for Medicare premiums," he said.

"The increase in income because of the large retirement distribution could cause additional taxes related to Alternative Minimum Tax," he said. "This is true especially if the taxpayer or spouse is self-employed."

Instead, retirees should take the distribution over a period of at least two years to minimize the tax consequences. "This should be discussed with the custodian of the retirement plan and your tax professional," Bolick said.

There are few changes in the tax law between 2015 and 2016 returns. Among those changes: "Increases in the Standard Deduction and Personal Exemptions are based on the Consumer Price Index," Bolick said. "Since the CPI did not increase by a significant amount in 2016, the Personal Exemption amounts for 2016 are the same as 2015 with the exception of

Head-of-Household which increased by \$50."

The exemption amount for an Estate increases to \$5.45 million (was \$5.25 million). "This means that a decedent's estate must have assets in excess of this amount before an estate return must be filed," he explained.

"The Annual Gift Exclusion for 2016 and 2017 is still \$14,000 per person per year," Bolick said, adding "A gift (made out of love or affection) has no income tax consequences—no deduction for giver or income for the receiver."

IRA contribution amounts and limits have not changed.

Tax implications due to the ACA include an increase in penalties for 2016 tax returns for those with no health insurance. "The penalties are based on amount of income," according to Bolick. "The greater the amount of income, the greater the penalty for not having insurance."

No one can predict what the changes will be for 2017. "If Obamacare is repealed, what will its replacement look like?" Bolick said. "Your guess is as good as mine."

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Senate News

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not fair to students who might have testing anxiety, learning disorders or language issues, said Seliger. "Even though assessment systems are important, there is nothing magical about the STAAR exam," said Seliger. "The folks at NASA never took a TAKS or STAAR test, and yet we muddled our way to the moon."

He passed a measure last session to create Individual Graduation Committees. If a student has passed all their coursework and has failed no more than two STAAR end of course exams, they are eligible for the program. A committee made up of that student's teachers, school administrators, parents and guardians can consider the entirety of the student's high school career and recommend graduation. Seliger said it's

already helped thousands of students. Though the measure is scheduled to expire in September, Seliger has filed a bill for this session, SB 463, to make the program permanent.

Finally last week, the Sunset Advisory Committee wrapped up its review of 25 state agencies conducted throughout the interim. Every state agency has to go through the Sunset process periodically to make sure it's operating efficiently and effectively. Some of the agencies reviewed this cycle include the State Bar, the Department of Transportation and the Texas Medical Board. These recommendations will now go into legislation, called Sunset bills, and must be approved by the legislature before the proposed reforms go into effect.

Groundskeeper, irrigator conferences at Expo

The 31st Annual Professional Grounds Keepers conference will be Jan. 24 and the Irrigators Conference will be held Jan. 25. Both conferences will be held at the Bell County Expo Center in Belton.

Topics on the agenda for Professional Grounds Conference will include an overview of the principals of The Earth Kind Gardening program. Earth-Kind Landscaping uses research-proven techniques to provide maximum garden and landscape enjoyment while preserving and protecting the environment. The objective Earth-Kind Landscaping is to combine the best of organic and traditional gardening and landscaping principles to create a horticultural system based on real world effectiveness

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The Professional Grounds Conference will be offering five (5) Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for commercial, non-commercial and private pesticide applicator license holders. Other CEUs have been applied for but not confirmed.

The Irrigators Conference will be offering eight (8) CEU's to licensed irrigators only.

Registration at the door for the Professional Grounds Conference is \$50 if received in the Bell County Extension is \$75.

The Irrigator Conference has a separate registration fee of \$125 at the door.

Salado Police Report Jan. 9-14

Jan. 9
8:29-8:33 a.m., 401 S. Stagecoach Rd. (Stagecoach Inn). Employee states vehicle on property blocking loading dock. Vehicle is parked on the side of the road. Vehicle returns clear. Removal options explained. Complainant stated vehicle will be left as it is until owner returns. Clear.

8:49 a.m., 1000 Block North Ridge. Burglary, caller states items removed from unsecured vehicle overnight. While en route was advised complainant is in Waco. Contact made by public service. Complainant stated he will file a report when he returns to town. Clear.

12:10-12:13 p.m., 1200 Block Mill Creek Dr. Burglary, caller states items removed from vehicle without permission. Report.

1:07-1:16 p.m., NB Exit 283. Agency Assist, WCSO has stolen vehicle stopped at above location, requesting assistance. Vehicle occupied by 2. Assistance provided. Clear. Jan. 10

9:26-9:29 a.m., 500 Block Van Bibber. Alarm Residential, side/back door. No keyholder contact per alarm company. Code-4, accidentally set off by resident. Clear.

11:57 a.m., 401 S. Stagecoach Rd. (Stagecoach Inn). Theft, copper stolen from window units of downstairs rooms. Report.

12:32-12:38 p.m., Willow Creek at Old Mill. Crash, two vehicle crash with no injuries. Report.

Jan. 11
1:10-1:22 p.m., 200 Block Mary Lane. Canine-other, black lab running loose. Belongs to individual, they picked the dog up. Jan. 12

8:01 a.m., 100 Block N. Main. Injured deer or

animal, deer caught it's rear leg in a fence. The leg was broke and almost detached. Animal put down and take to Eagle.

8:32-8:38 a.m., 200 Block Mill Creek. Suspicious Person, individual advised yesterday that her daughter was working at Brookshires and an unknown man came in to the store and started asking questions, then another man came in the store while she was eating lunch and started asking her questions. The men were Middle Eastern. She had not seen them before.

10:15 a.m., 200 Block Salado Plaza Dr. Welfare Concern, mother unable to control juvenile. Subject was transported.

4:42 p.m., 283 South. Crash, call for the above location for a crash that occurred. DPS was called for DWI investigation and one was arrested. Clear, Crash report on file.

Jan. 13
12:00 a.m.- 6:56 p.m., FM 2484. Agency Assist, DPS asked for assistance in a pursuit that was heading into the city. Suspect

was later arrested.
1:50 a.m., FM 1670 and FM 2484. Agency Assist, received information that Belton had a vehicle run from him heading south on 1670. Myself, and DPS located the vehicle and the vehicle ran from officers. Report on file, one male was taken into custody. Jan. 14

2:20 p.m., 100 Block

FM 2268. Welfare Concern, caller saw subject standing on overpass. Checked all three overpasses, both service roads and main lanes within city limits. Complainant contacted by public service, as requested, and advised the subject was not located. Unable to locate/gone on arrival.

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Salado Volunteer Fire Department Report Jan. 10-14

Jan. 10
5:36-8:32 a.m., 9500 Block of FM 2484. Out for a Motor Vehicle Accident with one patient possibly doing CPR on. Arrived on scene to find 2 vehicles major damage one in the road and the other in the ditch. The vehicle on the road, driver of it was out laying in the middle of the road from being ejected from truck. The other vehicle was in the ditch and driver was still behind the wheel pinned. Set up extrication on the car and began trying to cut patient out. Was also landing Helo for patient. Harker Heights Medic arrived on scene and began patient care on patients. The driver of the truck, he ended up going into cardiac arrest

and Harker Heights Medic worked him but lost patient. The other patient in car we ended up losing her also before she was extricated from car. The Helo was canceled. Remained on scene and funeral home came and got both patients from the scene. DPS arrived on scene and worked the crash and surveyed the scene. TXDOT arrived on scene and closed FM 2484 at Crows Ranch and at FM 3481. No further assistance needed from Fire Department and all units cleared. Wreckers and TXDOT remained on scene. 5 units, 6 personnel.
Jan. 11
1:09-1:32 p.m., 11500 Block Blackberry Rd. Out for some trees smoking. Arrived on scene to find

a brush pile with a little column of smoke coming from it. Made contact with the construction company on scene and advised them they could not burn, today winds too high. Contractor advised it was an old pile that had not burned and they are not trying to burn. Contractor advises they would take care of it and all units cleared. 2 units, 2 personnel.
7:20-7:39 p.m., Ridgewood and 2484. Out priority 1 to Ridgewood for Police Department requesting EMS for a male subject victim of a fall/unconscious. Went en route and arrived on scene to find Scott & White Medic on scene and patient with Police Department. Assisted Medic with moving patient

to stretcher and into ambulance. Medic transported patient. All units cleared. 6 personnel.

8:13-8:42 p.m., 1700 Block Old Mill Rd. Out priority 3 for a lift assist. Went en route and arrived on scene to find the patient in her vehicle aware. Helped move patient to wheelchair and then into the house. Patient needed no further assistance. All units cleared. 2 units, 4 personnel.
Jan 12
3:43-4:35 p.m., 283 SB. Out priority 2 to the 283 SB for an unknown status. Went en route and arrived on scene to find a 2 vehicle Motor Vehicle Accident with minor injuries and moderate damage. Provided scene safety

and traffic control Medic was on scene with all patient care. Assisted Police Department until vehicles were removed from the roadway. Medic transported 1 patient and all units cleared. 2 units, 3 personnel.
6:53-7:20 p.m., 700 Block Prairie Dell Church Rd. Out priority 2 for a 41 year old female with abdominal pain. Went en route and arrived on scene to find Scott & White Medic on scene with all patient care. Medic got a no transport and all units cleared. 2 units, 2 personnel.
Jan. 13
9:19-9:59 a.m., 1600 Block Old Mill Rd. Out priority 1 for a 76 year old. Went en route and arrived on scene to find pa-

tient sitting in a chair and aware. Patient was placed on monitor and vitals were taken and charted. Patient was monitored until Scott & White Medic arrived on scene and took over patient care. Assisted with moving patient to stretcher and into ambulance. Medic transported. 2 units, 2 personnel.
Jan. 14
8:40-9:13 p.m., 16300 Block Crows Ranch. Out priority 1 for a male patient who fell and was not alert. Went en route and arrived on scene to find the patient laying on the ground with Harker Heights on scene with all patient care. Assisted Medic with moving patient. Harker Heights got a no transport. 2 units, 3 personnel.



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