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#Sexit -- II

Disannexation petition making rounds again

BY TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The #Sexit folks are at it again.

This time, they have launched a website and Facebook page. Last time, they used the Nextdoor App in order to garner the signatures necessary. However, that petition for the disannexation of the majority of the residential properties within the Village was rejected because the petition was improper on two grounds: it did not include metes and bounds description as part of the petition and the signatory portion of the petition was incomplete.

Expect Jon Newman and other petition circulators through the so-called Salado Friends of the Election for Disannexation not to make those mistakes again as they are circulating the petition among their supporters.

However, on the face of the proposed map for the disannexation area, it will result in another illegality and ultimately be refused in a court of law.

State law is clear on disannexation that an area may not be disannexed under this procedure (petition and election) if the disannexation would result in the municipality having less area than one square mile or less than one mile in diameter around the center of the original municipal boundaries.

A quick look at a map of Salado shows that the diameter of the new Salado, should the #sexiters be successful, would be about 0.6 mile from West Village Road to the new eastern boundary where Van Bibber Road runs north and south.

It will take professional mapper/surveyor services to determine if the overall size of the new Village of Salado would be less than one square mile in size. Who will have to pay for those services? The #sexiters who are trying to force a moot election down the throat of the village? They will have to pay it (like the rest of us) in the form of fewer municipal services because of their meaningless and obstructionist behavior.

Another legal question which will have to be decided if the petition garners the necessary 50 signatures is this one: Can an area that is part of an original incorporation be included in a petition for disannexation? How can residents who were never annexed in the first place now petition for disannexation?

Make no mistake, the great majority of the boundary of area to be disannexed was part of the original incorporation election in 2000, including my home.

The Village will also have to pay its attorney to make its case in court. Whether that case will be made before or after the May election is not yet clear.

Does the Village again reject the petition based now upon the metes and bounds map and the resulting new boundaries or based on the legal issue of disannexing when you were never annexed? Or does it have to sit idly by during the noise and thunder of this divisive maneuver leading up to a May election and then pursue the legal rejection of that election?

Either way, this will be

decided in the courts and will be very costly to the Village, to be sure.

Some irony here is that many in this group of unhappy citizens who want to withdraw from Salado complain about taxes in Salado. Much of the irony is the tiny amount of taxes that some of those who cry the loudest actually pay to the Village.

Some of those now advocating for disannexation served on the board of aldermen when it first adopted a ridiculously low tax rate of \$0.492 per \$100 evaluation. At that time in 2008, they also voted to give the highest exemptions for homesteads allowable which is 25 percent. They also voted for the local over 65 tax freeze and added another \$50,000 to the property value exemption, which cannot be repealed.

There are many homeowners whose homes are appraised in market value at more than \$225,000 yet pay a frozen tax of about \$50 per year in property tax to the Village of Salado.

Some of these folks complain about the sewer cost and the debt tax of the village, yet they pay none of it. Ironically, if they disannex the \$50 per year they pay now will be applied to the sewer debt,

State law is specific: the portion of the debt at the time of disannexation will have to be paid by those disannexed properties. Their tax amounts may not increase, but the fact is all of their property taxes will be paid toward the sewer debt.

Salado Village Voice will again request the release of the petition for publication, if it is filed



Tyler Fletcher (left) presents K.D. and Graydon Hill with the Business of the Year for Barrow Brewing Co. (PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)

Barrow business of year, Coachmans citizen of year

BY TIM FLEISCHER
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Dave Swarouth emphasized communication as the theme for the Salado Chamber of Commerce in 2017 during the annual Chamber Awards Banquet Jan. 26 at Tenroc Ranch.

The banquet, which celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2017, marks the yearly transition and passing of the gavel from the previous Chairman to the current Chairman. It also celebrates annual Chamber awards of Citizen of the Year, Business of the Year and Hall of Fame, which have been presented since 2000.

Kirchmeier, in her closing remarks, thanked her fellow board members and committee chairs, presenting them with a leather-bound copy of "Life's Best Instruction Book."

Committee chairs were Jennifer McFarland (Wildflower and Art Fair), Dave Hermann (Golf Tournament, Marilyn Fleischer (Stroll), Deanna Whitson (Parade) and Jennifer Abraham (Dog Daze).

Board members in 2016 were outgoing member Tim Fleischer and continuing members Gail Allard II, Dave Broecker, Kay Coachman, Ron Cunningham, McFarland, Jim Ruesch, Johnny Shipman, Swarouth, Ronnie Tynes, Larry Wolfe, treasurer Troy Smith and Ladies Auxiliary liaison Barclay McCort. Kirchmeier will continue on the board along with newly elected member Josh Bratton and alternate Travis Quick-stall.

Kirchmeier also thanked and introduced staff to the audience of 160, including Executive Director Mary Poché, Visitor Center and Event Coordinator Erin Klingmann and Administrative Assistant Rebecca O'Connell. Kirchmeier also thanked Paulette Chandler for her work in the transition of the Chamber and Tourism Bureau in 2016.

After taking over the gavel of the Chamber from Kirchmeier, Swarouth defined communication as a "two-way exchange of opinions, news, and information by writing, speech or gestures, including body language and facial reactions."

He quoted playwright George Bernard Shaw: "The single biggest problem in communication is the illusion that it has taken place."



Kaye and Frank Coachman were named Citizen of the Year. (PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)



Jane Wilmer had her name added to the Salado Chamber of Commerce Hall of Fame. (PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)



Ambassador of the Year Marjorie Hairston (left) accepts the award from Chamber Executive Director Mary Poché. (PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)



The best ropers in the business converge on Salado for the Wildfire Ranch Open to the World Team Roping event. (COURTESY PHOTO)

19th Wildfire Ranch Open to the World Feb. 4

Wildfire Ranch Arena welcomes some of the biggest names in professional rodeo Feb. 3-5 to its indoor arena.

Professional cowboys including Rich Skelton, Joe Beaver, Trevor Brazile, Jake Barnes, Clay O'Brien Cooper and many, many more will be converging on Wildfire Ranch in Salado to compete for more than \$200,000 in cash prizes. The 19th Annual Wildfire Ranch Open to the World is sponsored by Resistol and is one of the richest, highest-paying ropings in the world. In addition to custom trophy

buckles from Montana Silversmiths, the prize line is topped by a pair of custom inlaid briefcases stuffed with cash. A total of \$50,000 will be added to the payout awarded to the average winners. Kory Koontz and Chad Masters won the 2016 Open to the World Roping.

The roping begins at 9 a.m. on Feb. 4.

In the 17th Annual Ladies Open Roping on Feb. 3, which is sponsored by Montana Silversmiths, \$25,000 will be added to the total payout, making it one of the most lucrative ropings during the year for

the teams of ladies. Roping begins at noon. Jimmi Jo Montera and Beverly Robbins won in 2016.

Finally, the #11 Businessman's Roping on Feb. 5 will have a guaranteed payout of \$75,000 to first place, sponsored by Cactus Gear, Cactus Saddlery, Heel-O-Matic, Fastback Ropes and Cactus Ropes. Sissy Reiken and Kevin Roden won in 2016.

Bring the family to Wildfire Ranch, located at Exit 283 on I-35, Feb. 3-5 for a weekend filled with team roping excitement.

He then conveyed his vision of communicating to the community, to fellow businesses, to the Chamber members, to the village government and to surrounding communities.

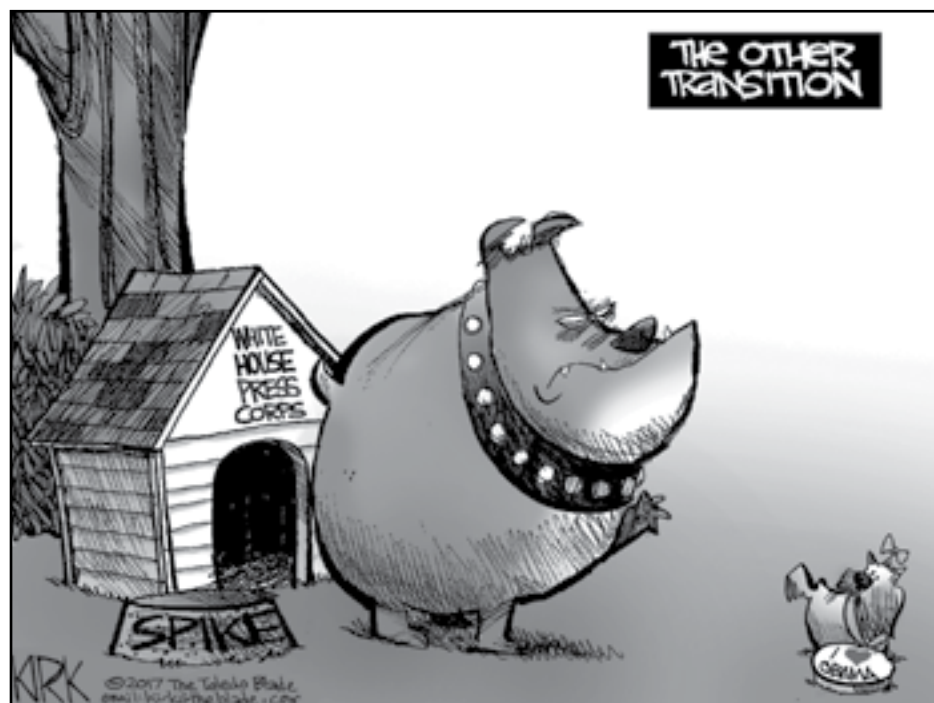
To the Community, Swarouth said, "I pledge to convey a clear voice that the Chamber is here to listen to your concerns, your advice and I ask for your cooperation."

To fellow businesses: "We are not in competition with one another, we are in this together. Together, with the Chamber, we will put forth the foundation for us all to enjoy the success of our collective efforts."

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An Open Exchange of Ideas



The next JFK

The work of unraveling President Barack Obama's legacy is underway, but even if the Trump administration and a Republican Congress reverse every last law and regulation, they won't be able to touch the core of it.

Obama's enduring legacy will be as a cultural symbol, the first African-American president who represented a current of social change in the country and reflected the values and attitudes of the progressive elite.

He will be remembered -- and revered -- by his admirers as his generation's JFK. The standards here are largely stylistic, and Obama checks nearly every box: He was a young president; a photogenic man with a good-looking family; a symbol of generational change; an orator given to flights of inspiring rhetoric; if not a wit exactly, a facile talker with a taste for mocking the other side.

The process is a little like Romans deciding which emperors to make gods after their deaths, depending on their reputations. For Democrats, Lyndon Johnson and Jimmy Carter were too unglamorous and too obviously failures, whereas Bill Clinton gave too much ground to Republicans (and didn't keep his dalliances discreet). Obama won two terms, is as ideologically

Rich Lowry



pure as reasonably possible, and has cultural staying power.

The original myth of Camelot was borne aloft by the tragedy of JFK's assassination, which created a suspension of disbelief about the martyred president. Obama isn't a martyr, but his supporters have experienced the election of Donald Trump as a major trauma.

One of the root causes of Obama's domestic political failure was the tension between his pitch for himself as a unifying figure and the fact that he was a committed man of the left. He could be one or the other, but not both. He always chose his left-wing politics.

His favorite rhetorical crutch was to portray his positions as the centrist path between two extremes, although this was convincing only to people who already agreed with him. His inability or unwillingness to compromise proved devastating to his party, which got wiped out in 2010, 2014 and most importantly 2016. This puts much of what he accomplished legislatively and unilaterally in jeopardy.

Obama the symbol, though, will remain wholly intact. His election in 2008 was a genuinely historic and affecting cultural milestone. The country had sent to the White House a man who a few decades prior wouldn't have been allowed to stay in some motels.

Attitudes notably shifted to the left during Obama's presidency on highly contested cultural issues. In the space of about seven years, he went from opposing gay marriage to lighting up the White House in rainbow colors to celebrate the Supreme Court's gay-marriage decision.

At least temporarily, he discovered a different way to win elections that had almost as much cultural resonance as electoral significance. When and if the so-called coalition of the ascendant rises again, Obama will be remembered as its architect, and an exemplar of the demographic changes behind it.

And Obama isn't going away. He will be a memoirist, lecturer and late-night-show guest representing enlightened liberalism in exile, stoking nostalgia and yearning among his supporters.

Even as his substantive legacy washes away, the apotheosis will begin.

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

Salado: warm hospitable, human and welcoming

Elie Wiesel, was a Nobel Prize recipient who survived the Auschwitz and Buchenwald concentration camps where he lost his parents and little sister. At 15, he knew the spoken cacophony of hell through the screams, shouts, and groans of men, women, and children put to death. Throughout his life, lectures, books, and travels, Elie Wiesel emphasized the theme, "Remembrance." Constantly he said "that our mission is to humanize the world by making it warmer, hospitable, human, and welcoming."

Last week, two events echoed Dr. Wiesel's words.

The Chamber of Commerce Banquet, celebrating 50-years, was clearly an evening that was warm, hospitable, human, and welcoming. The Range prepared and served food

Mayor Skip Blancett



that was outstanding. The award presentations were humorous, sincere, and meaningful. Each person recognized was deserving and well chosen. Bill Hall, auctioneer, was at his best. And no one will forget the remarks of Melanie Kirchmerier and Dave Swarthout. There was much laughter and warmth as we came together in friendship depicting the true Spirit of Salado.

Saturday evening, the Mill Creek Community Association held its annual meeting. It, too, was warm, hospitable, human, and welcoming. The moment one entered the

building, one knew they were among neighbors. There was shaking hands, smiles, hugs, and wonderful neighborhood stories. The food was delicious, enjoyed by everyone. So many accolades were given to people who are making a difference in the Village. Most memorable was Mel Williams, incoming President. Suffering major injuries in an automobile accident last year, he walked on the stage, greeted people, and conducted the meeting. Through adversity, he demonstrated that one could overcome and continue serving his community. Once, again, the Salado Spirit was evident and alive.

The message spoken by so many through action, word, and example: "the mission of Salado is LASTING, warm, hospitable, human, and welcoming."

Reader comments on Trump's ban on travel

To the Editor:

Regarding Mr. Trump's edict: He banned travel from a number of middle Eastern countries--but not from Saudi Arabia, Egypt, nor United Arab Emirates. He has financial ties to all three countries. All three of these countries produced terrorists in the 9/11 attacks. None of his chosen banned countries, as

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anti-American as they are, sent terrorists to America for that tragic day.

Last weekend Dallas mayor Mike Rawlings, speaking to the press about Mr. Trump's fiat, "This isn't a Christ action-

--This is not what the Gospel preaches."

All my life I learned that we are a Christian nation. Well, are we?

George Murphy
Salado

Close loopholes in the state Public Information Act

By Kirk Watson and Giovanni Capriglione

After the Sharpstown fraud and bribery scandal rocked the Texas Capitol in the early 1970s, Texans opted to "throw the rascals out" and elect a reform-minded Legislature to clean up the mess.

A cornerstone of the 63rd Legislature's reform agenda was the Public Information Act of 1973, which empowered the people to see what their government officials were doing and hold them accountable. Lawmakers clearly stated that the public's right to know, in most cases, should prevail over other interests because information is key to accountability.

But the Texas Supreme Court ignored this fundamental principle of the law and overlooked decades of prior interpretations when deciding two recent cases regarding public information: Boeing v. Paxton and Greater Houston Partnership v. Paxton. In both cases, the Court chose to protect the interests of private entities that benefit from public funds over the rights of the people.

The press and various watchdog groups raised the alarm when these opinions were released in 2015. But now that the 85th Legislature is in session, it's incredibly important that Texans understand what is at stake, too.

Every year, our state and local governments enter into thousands of contracts with private entities such as engineers, accountants, road-builders, foster care agencies, food service providers, IT companies, social service groups

and so many more. These contracts, which together are worth billions, dictate what we as the taxpayers will pay, what we'll receive in return and who'll reap the financial benefit. And now, in many instances, those contracts can be kept hidden from those of us who are picking up the tab.

This process is ripe for abuse, as we've seen time and again from recent contracting scandals. Has a company failed to deliver on-time and on-budget? Has a state or local official struck a self-serving deal?

People will generally behave better if they know someone could be watching. To be good watchdogs, the public must first be able to see government contracts.

Increasingly, these court decisions are being used to shield basic information that would have been released before. In 2016, the state Attorney General's Office ruled in about 600 cases that information may be withheld under the competitive bidding exception; that's compared with about 250 in 2014, the year prior to the Supreme Court ruling.

We're not talking about protecting a company's trade secrets here - those are covered elsewhere in the Public Information Act. Examples of withheld information have been well-documented and include: how much McAllen paid Enrique Iglesias to perform in a holiday parade; how many licenses Houston issued to Uber; and how public money is spent by the Greater Fort Bend Economic Development Council on behalf of local cities, schools and

special districts. In each of these cases the public is now unable to trace public funds.

Unfortunately we can only expect this problem to get worse as more private businesses and public entities try to push the bounds of what can be withheld under these rulings.

At the same time, state and local governments are increasingly outsourcing public services. In fact, Boeing and Greater Houston Partnership create a perverse incentive to channel public money through private entities in order to avoid disclosure. If you think this sounds like the next Sharpstown scandal waiting to happen, you're on the right track.

The good news is the Legislature will soon have an opportunity to close the loopholes the Court created in Boeing and Greater Houston Partnership, and we have filed legislation to do just that.

We hope Texans will appreciate the need for this legislation and encourage its adoption. Only then can we restore government accountability and avoid the kind of scandal that led to the Public Information Act's passage in the first place.

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port your dedication in moving Salado forward and making it the very best it can be," Swarthout said to local Village Government.

"To the surrounding communities, I ask you to join with us to help make Central Texas the best destination in the State of Texas," he said.

"My pledge to you as your 2017 chairman," Swarthout said, "is to never hear, 'What we've got here is a failure to communicate.'"

Following Swarthout's remarks, he turned the gavel to auctioneer Bill Hall, who helped the Chamber raise more than \$6,000 from a short list of a half-dozen donations.

The banquet also served as the annual awards ceremony for the Chamber with presentations for Ambassador of the Year, Citizen of the Year, Business of the Year and Hall of Fame.

Ambassador of the Year

Salado Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Bureau Executive Director Mary Poché presented Marjorie Hairston with the Ambassador of the Year.

The Ambassadors are the "trolley drivers, office helpers and ticket takers," Poché said. "They do whatever they can for the collective good."

Hairston is the kind of volunteer who shows up for work and asks for a task to do and then does it, according to Poché.

Citizens of the Year

Jay Ritch presented Frank and Kaye Coachman with the Citizen of the year award based upon three points: home, business and community.

"Their home is an example of style, function, comfort that reflects well upon us friends and neighbors," Ritch said. "Their home is a reserve of tranquility for friends gathered, a unique destination for guests of our Salado Home Tour, and always a warm comfort to all who enter.... Consider the bravery required to place one's domicile on the Salado Home Tour

The recipients "stepped forward with a vision; a plan for success," he said. "Instead of watching a business close and a shop vacancy blight our fair Main Street, our Person of the Year launched herself onto that voyage of great risk, joining the fleet of all small business Proprietors in the great adventure."

"She did so trusting in partners, a plan, and a belief that Salado possesses the elements of success," he added, "a belief that if those elements are combined in the correct ratios,



Top, Melanie Kirchmeier turns over the gavel to Dave Swarthout. Above, Kirchmeier presents Tim Fleischer with a plaque for his term on the Chamber Board. At right, Bill Hall ran a short auction of half a dozen items that raised more than \$6,000.

(PHOTOS BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)



faithfully attended then a successful small business will be nurtured to the benefit of our wonderful Village."

"Our Person of the Year works his full-time job commuting to Austin and tends to his thriving Main Street business," Ritch said. "He regularly sacrifices his time to help all of us. He works in the background, hidden from praise, unnoticed by all those who bring their family, children, and grandchildren to create magic family memories of fun Salado Strolls.... I'm sure that I have omitted examples of Salado hospitality and commerce... all of which are backdropped by our Person Of the Year's efforts to arrange metal sculpture angels, Christmas tree light poles and bridge lights."

Business of the Year

Tyler Fletcher, owner of the longest-running retail business in Salado, presented the Business of the Year to one of the newest businesses in Salado: Barrow Brewing Company.

"In the old Guest-Sanford Granary, K.D. and Graydon have built a family-friendly micro-

brewery" Fletcher said, that has brought throngs of people to Salado every week since opening in March 2016.

"They have contributed to the revitalization of downtown Salado," he added, where you find galleries, shops, restaurants and food trucks.

"They are the nexus of Baja Salado," Fletcher said. (Editor's note: Tyler, some of us call it SOSA -- South Salado.)

Fletcher pointed out K.D. Hill's work organizing the annual 3 Kings, 3 Miler. and her work on the Public Arts League of Salado (PALS) Board of Directors, which successfully applied last year to the Texas Commission on the Arts for the Cultural District designation for Salado.

Meanwhile, Graydon serves as Warden at St. Joseph's Episcopal Church.

Fletcher said that he was downtown for the Episcopal Church's annual Posada in December. "The number of people who were downtown making a pilgrimage to Barrow Brewing was staggering," Fletcher said. "Thank you for bringing these people to town."

Hall of Fame Award

Fletcher also presented the Hall of Fame Award to Jane Wilmer.

Living in Salado for almost 50 years, Wilmer has been "a devotee of the art and antiques and style."

She is an advocate of "fairness, education, music and -- of course -- golf!"

The author for many years of "Milling Around Mill Creek," a column in the early years of *Salado Village Voice*.

She has served on the board of the Salado Ladies Auxiliary, the Public Arts League of Salado, the Salado Chamber, Music in Salado, the Salado Living Room Theatre, Salado Historical Society, Mill Creek Community Association and the Institute for Humanities at Salado.

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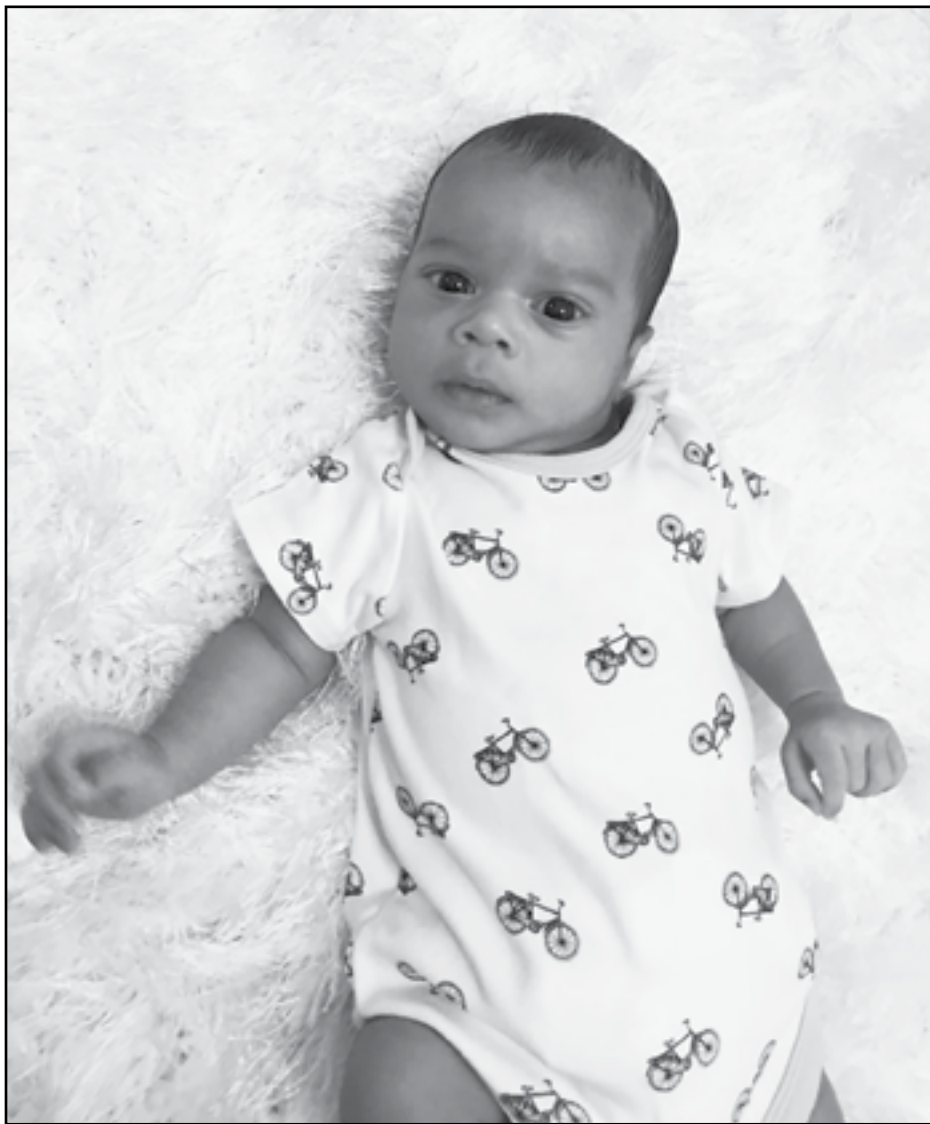
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Cody Allen Williams was born at 1:47 a.m. December 22, 2016 in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia to Dyron and Lenora Ogechujwu Williams. Cody measured 20.8" and weighed 7.5 lbs. His father is a pilot, formerly of Austin and Salado. His mother formerly lived in Enugu, Nigeria. Cody Allen is the grandson of Paulette and Dorsey Chandler, of Salado.

Junior League helping Girls with Prom and Graduation

The Junior League of Bell County hosts a mentorship program called Project Prom to help prepare high school senior girls for life after graduation.

JLBC is seeking community donations for the Project Prom Main Event: Prom dresses, Graduation dresses, Shoes for both prom and graduation, Jewelry for both prom and graduation, Formal

purses, Donations for hair services, Donations for manicure and pedicure services, Donations for makeup services, Other salon donations such as eyebrow waxes, spray tans, etc., Floral donations for corsages and bouton-

nieres, Other prom-appropriate donations Dress, shoe, and accessory donations can be dropped off in Salado at Salado Winery Co., 841 N. Main St.

For information, email Project Prom at prom@jlbello.org.

Physical fitness focus of Auxiliary meeting Feb. 9

The Salado Ladies Auxiliary will conduct their monthly meeting on Thursday, February 9. The meeting will be at the Salado United Methodist Church Youth Activity Center located on 650 Royal Street. Coffee and light food will be served at 9:30 a.m. with the meeting commencing at 10 a.m.

The February program will feature Fitness Beyond Training located in Salado Yoga & Wellness on Main Street. Mira Rasmussen, B.S., ACSM EP-C, Exercise Physiologist, is the President and Founder of Fitness Beyond Training. Mira has been an exercise physiologist and health professional for



Mira Rasmussen, center, and her staff at Fitness Beyond Training

eleven years and is passionate about personalizing fitness and nutrition to create lifestyle changes. She specializes in training individuals with physical restrictions and is well versed in a variety of medical conditions such as obesity, diabetes, autoimmune disease, cancer, and cardiovascular disease. All Ladies Auxiliary members and guests are invited to attend.

The Salado Ladies Auxiliary strives to provide events and activities

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

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Obituaries



LORNA GALE BOWLING

Services for Lorna Gale Bowling, 75, of Salado, were held at St. Stephen Catholic Church, Tuesday, January 31, 2017.

Lorna Gale Bowling was born to Dale and Alice Maurer on May 8, 1942 in Corsicana Texas. After her first birthday her family moved to Chamberlin South Dakota where soon afterwards her parents expanded their family and were blessed with her sister Margaret, and brothers Roger and David.

After graduating from Chamberlin High School in South Dakota in 1960, Lorna moved to Mitchell South Dakota where she met Dean whom she later married on December 1, 1962.

A short year later Dean and Lorna had son Dale and three years later were blessed with beautiful daughter Kimberly.

They moved to Rockford, Illinois where Lorna began work as a Surgical Technician at Rockford Memorial and later as a bus driver for students with special needs.

Her survivors include her husband Dean of 53 years, daughter Kimberly and husband Bill Beoney, son Dale Bowling; sister Margaret Ferrante and husband Manny, brother David Maurer and wife Colleen, five grandchildren, a great grandchild

and several nieces and nephews.

Broecker Funeral Home Salado is in charge of the services.



LA FAY BOZON

La Fay Bozon, 87, of Salado, died Sunday evening Jan. 29 at a local hospital.

She was born July 6, 1929 to Adolph and Dora Wolf Peschel in Bartlett, Texas. She spent her youth in Walburg, Texas.

She married Josef Bozon on Aug. 23, 1948 in Corn Hill, Texas.

After graduating from Georgetown High School, she began her banking career at Walburg State Bank. Her banking career included positions with Houston National Bank and Deer Park National Bank before joining her husband in operating Bozon's Meat Market in Pasadena, Texas.

Upon the sale of Bozon's Meat Market, the couple moved to Salado where she once again resumed her banking career while working at Salado National Bank, Killeen Savings and Loan and First State Bank of Central Texas.

She was preceded in death by her husband Joe in September 2015.

Bozon is survived by: two daughters, Linda Wells Bonnin and her husband Larry, of Seabrook; Jo Ann Preston of Salado; and a son, Carl Bozon and his wife Barbara of

Belton. Six grandchildren, Jana Maksymowski and husband Aaron, Russ Florey and wife Fe, Adam Florey and wife Misty, Brandon Bozon and wife Jessica, Brianna Bozon and Shane Bonnin and wife Staci; along with ten great-grandchildren.

She was a wonderful Mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother. She was always accepting and encouraging to her children, grandchildren and to others; yet to-the-point when she needed to be. She knew that a smile and a kind word was always the foundation for a comforting outcome.

La Fay was a life-long Lutheran and a member of First Lutheran Church in Temple.

Funeral services are scheduled for 1 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 3 at First Lutheran Church in Temple, Texas located at 1515 West Adams with Pastors Eric Petty and Bobby Vitek officiating. A graveside service will follow at Salado Cemetery in Salado, Texas.

Visitation will be held on Thursday night 6-8p.m. on Feb. 2 at Dossman Funeral Home located at 2525 North Main Street in Belton.

MARY LOU PHILLIPS SCHENKEL

Mary Lou Phillips Schenkel, 85, died peacefully at home on Tuesday, January, 24, 2017. She was preceded in death by her loving husband, H. A. (Bud) Schenkel, in 2006. She was born to parents Warren R. Phillips and Jeanie Doak Phillips in Dallas, in 1931.

She attended Highland Park High School, SMU and the University of Texas, where she was a member of Delta Gamma. She was a Spanish teacher at Salado High School in the early 1980's. She and her husband also helped to home school 6 of their grandchildren. But she will be best remembered as an excellent and devoted Bible teacher and schol-

ar. She is survived by 2 daughters: Cathy Scheffer, Karen Kacir and Husband Karl, a son, Robert Schenkel, 8 grandchildren – Ryan Scheffer, Amy Scheffer Daneke and husband Adam, Rachel Pursche Lane and husband Grant, Rebecca Pursche Reeves and husband James, Joshua Pursche and wife Danielle, Erin Pursche, Stuart Schenkel, and Julia Schenkel; and 5 great-grandchildren – Jackson, Jacob and Alexandra Daneke; and Harper and Evan Lane. She was laid to rest at the Salado cemetery.

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Top left President of MCCA Mel Williams addresses members. Musician Tanner Newman provided entertainment for the evening. Mayor Skip Blancett added remarks and Billy Helms presented updates at Mill Creek Golf and Country Club and announced 4th of July event. (PHOTOS BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)

MCCA presents new officers, committees at dinner/meeting

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Mill Creek Community Association kicked off the new year with a Jan. 28 dinner party at The Terrace event center in Salado.

The party also gave a chance for local neighbors to meet the Mill Creek Community Association board of directors.

Board members and officers were elected by acclamation from the audience with no opposition: President Mel Williams, Vice President Maurine Nathanson, Treasurer Donald Hogue, Secretary Linda Adams and directors Joe Oliver, Letta Meinen, Roy Harden. Hans Fields is Past President.

Committee chairs in-

clude these: Hogue, Covenants committee, Prater and Nathanson, Special Events committee, Cathy Sands, Welcoming committee and Architectural committee members Ann Moore, Prater and Nathanson. Adams heads Publicity and Harden and Oliver oversee Beautification.

Williams thanked the Volunteer Crew for their countless hours of cleaning up Mill Creek: Oliver, Prater, Harden, Hogue and Fields. He said you can see their work throughout Mill Creek and that neighbors should stop and thank them when they see them out with weed-whackers and mowers.

Hogue reported that MCCA had a budget of \$5,361 in expenses. Projects include beautification,

sending out notices concerning covenants, hosting the community picnic, supporting the volunteer crew, donating to the Salado Volunteer Fire Department and the annual new year party. Revenues are from \$30 voluntary memberships and donations.

Billy Helm gave a brief update on progress at the Golf Course. He reported that all of the bridges have been repaired or replaced, that clean-up of the original course is about 90 percent complete and that irrigation is nearing completion on the original holes damaged by floods in 2010.

He reported that the greens which were destroyed by floods are in the process of being repaired in order to get the original creek holes open in late summer. Seeding will be done as early as April, Helm said.

When the new greens have grown in, work will begin on the original front nine to be completed in 2018. This will complete a total renovation and restoration of Mill Creek back to the 27 holes designed by Robert Trent Jones II.

He announced that Mill Creek would again have a fireworks display, this year on Saturday, July 1.

The day-long celebration will include a water slide for kids, food, live music, and a golf tournament topped off by a professional fireworks display at dark.

"You can expect this year's festivities to be the best yet," Helm said.

Mill Creek is seeking business and individual sponsorships to alleviate the expense of the fireworks and entertainment.

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February 2, 2017

Ewton's hat trick leads ladies past Buffs

Salado senior Annie Ewton scored a hat trick in the span of two minutes against the Florence Lady Buffs Jan. 27.

She led the Lady Eagles to a 9-0 win over the Lady Buffs.

Ewton scored her first goal at 6:25 with an assist from Madison Spradlin.

A minute later, she scored at 7:34 on an assist from Hannah Reavis.

She scored her third goal on an assist from Ry-lie Stewart at 8:20 to put Salado up 4-0.

Madison Spradlin



Salado senior Annie Ewton

scored the first goal of the game at 3:44.

At 5:45 Ewton took a shot on goal, but the Florence goalie made the save.

Salado kept the Florence goalie busy that night. She made 10 saves on the night.

Stewart scored goals at 22:18 and at 32:55 and Olivia Sula scored at 37:53 to

give Salado a 7-0 lead at the half.

Briliagh Cole scored at 56:29, taking a corner kick from Hannah Reavis.

Reavis scored at 58:07 taking a cross shot from Ewton and putting it in the net.

The win improves Salado's record to 5-3-1 on the year and 1-0 in district.

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The filing period in three local elections has begun and will end at end-of-business on Feb. 17. As of presstime, two residents have filed for the Village of Salado Board of Aldermen: Dave Williams, incumbent, and Linda Reynolds, who unsuccessfully ran for the Board of Aldermen last year. Williams comes to the end of his first term in

May. Fred Brown and Dr. Michael McDougal come to the end of their second terms on the board. Brown told *Salado Village Voice* that he would make a decision on seeking re-election by Friday. McDougal told *Salado Village Voice* that he was leaning towards filing for re-election. "I have had a lot of positive feedback asking me to run again," he said.

Kim Bird has filed for re-election to the Salado ISD Board of Trustees. She has served three three-year terms. Troy Smith has also filed for the Salado ISD Board of Trustees. Three three-year terms come up on the Board of Trustees. Rodney Bell has served nine years on the board. Kristi Jarvis has served one year on the

SISD Board of Trustees. She told *Salado Village Voice* that she was not going to seek re-election. Three two-year terms on the Salado Public Library Board of Directors come up for election. None of the incumbents have filed: Maurine Nathanson, Sara Pettijohn and Diane Hodyniak. Filing packets for each of the boards are available at their respective offices.

Intermediate, elementary students compete in UIL Academics

Salado Intermediate and Thomas Arnold Elementary school students competed in UIL Academic Competition last week. Following are the individual results:

5th Grade Dictionary
 5th place Nathan Johnson
 6th place Connor Hamilton

5th Grade Listening
 1st place Cooper Thomas
 4th place Kase Maedgen
 6th place Matthew Macek
 Best Alternate Reese Rich

5th Grade Spelling
 2nd place Ethan Sunshine
 3rd place Ty Diaz

5th Grade Social Studies
 5th place Madyson Rosamond

6th place Emery Conner
 Best Alternate Lexy Wilson

4th Grade Spelling
 2nd place Chloe Rose
 5th place Millye Edwards
 6th place Madeline Rakowitz

3rd Grade Spelling
 1st place Wesley Engleking
 3rd place Haley Brown
 4th place Lola Haas
 Best Alternate Owen Piatt

5th Grade Ready Writing
 6th place Brianna Waters
 Best Alternate Emma Hassell

4th Grade Ready Writing
 2nd place Zoie Adcox
 3rd place Samantha Mancilla
 Best Alternate Macy Morris

3rd Grade Ready Writing
 3rd place Adelaide Shenkir
 5th place Autumn Ryan-Newlin

2nd Grade Creative Writing
 2nd place Avery Hibner
 3rd place Cash Drigalla
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4th Grade Oral Reading
 2nd place Macy Morris
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 5th place Nick Rios

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5th Grade Music Memory
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5th Grade Number Sense
 3rd place Paige Fariss
 6th place Luke Drigalla

4th Grade Chess
 1st place Austin Lauw
 5th place Ryley White

2nd Grade Chess
 2nd place Colt Norman
 3rd place Jaeden Reed

4th Grade Art Smart
 3rd place Brooks McLane

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 3rd place Millye Edwards
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8th grade pic from left to right: Back row: Caroline Dabney, Lorena Perez, Katie Law, Madysyn Maddux, Reese Preston, Lauren Wilson, Amy Manning, Priscilla Torczynski and Coach Jodee Preston Front row: Presley Maddux, Janiah Del Rio, Amanda Cantu, Megan Manibusen and Jorja Washington.



7th grade pic from left to right: Back row: Renee Roche, Lilly Hildebrand, Darci Pryor, Lainey Taylor, Kenslee Konarik, Emma Grant, Coach Jodee Preston Front row: Coach Ashton Cooper, Mia Saulter, Eishen Young, Kylee Cottle and Marie Pauer. Not pictured: Jenny Young

7th & 8th grade girls win Jarrell tournament

Both the Salado Junior High 7th Grade Girls A and 8th Grade Girls A teams won the Jarrell Middle School basketball tournament Jan. 28.

Salado 7th A 46
 Holland 1

Leading scorers for Salado were: Darci Pryor, 10 points; Kenslee Konarik

and Eishen Young, 8 points each.

7 A Championship game:
 Salado 7th A 20
 Jarrell 12

Eishen Young led Salado in scoring with 12 points.

Salado 8th A 39
 Holland 18

Leading scorers were: Reese Preston, 12 points and Lorena Perez, 6 points.

8 A Championship game:
 Salado 8th A 35
 Jarrell 15

Leading scorers were: Amy Manning, 16 points and Jorja Washington, 8 points.



Varsity soccer is 10-1 after 2 shut outs

Salado varsity Eagles are 10-1 and 2-0 in district play after shutting out the Florence Buffaloes and La Vega Pirates last week.

Salado 4
Florence 0

Salado beat the Buffaloes 4-0 Jan. 27 on the road.

The Eagles took three shots on goal in the first three minutes of the match.

Goalie Trey Sheppard saved four shots on goal by the Buffs.

David Chavez scored at 8:16 in the match with an assist from Ryan Cook.

Florence knocked in a goal on itself from a corner kick by Daniel Magadan at 23:03.

In the second half, Kaden Smien scored on a penalty kick at 49:15.

Chavez scored again in the final 10 minutes with an assist from Josh Lesley at 73:20 in the match.

La Vega 0
Salado 2

Trey Sheppard defended two shots on goal in the first two minutes of the Salado Eagles match against La Vega Jan. 25.

Sheppard defended five shots on goal in the opening 13 minutes before Salado took its first shot on target. Sheppard had nine saves in the match.

LaVega had 10 saves, but the Eagles scored two rapid goals an hour into the match.

Daniel Magadan scored a goal at 57:26 following a corner kick by Brandon Rodriguez.

Kaden Smien followed with a goal at 58:44 to put Salado up 2-0.



Jeremy Jarvis dribbles past a Burnet defender. (PHOTO BY RON LEQUIN)

Eagles beat Leander Glenn, fall to Burnet Bulldogs

Salado Eagles split their basketball games last week, beating Leander Glenn and losing to Burnet on Jan. 27.

Eagles 55
Glenn 36

Trevor Stump led the Eagles past Leander Thomas Glenn high school on the road Jan. 24, scoring with 21 points. Salado won

the game 55-36.

Eagles 36
Burnet 52

Salado Eagles were beaten by Burnet Jan. 27

Salado scored 9 points in the first quarter and added another 7 points in the second to enter the half trailing 16-28. The Eagles scored 5 points coming out of the half to make the def-

icit 21-39. Salado's scored 15 points in the fourth for a final score of 36-52.

Jeremy Jarvis led Salado in scoring with 9 points. He was followed in scoring by Ryan Kyburz, 6 points.

Also scoring for Salado were Arredondo and Trevor Stump, 5 points each; Jake Pittman and Young, 4 points each; Evan Wall, 3 points.

Ladies lose to Burnet in overtime

Salado Lady Eagles closed a nine-point gap in the fourth quarter to force their match against the Burnet Lady Bulldogs into overtime Jan. 27, ultimately losing the overtime battle by a single point 44-45.

Salado missed six shots in the closing minutes of the overtime period but Taylor Lowrance made a two-pointer to close the gap to 44-45 before time ran out for the Lady Eagles.

The Lady Eagles scored just 5 points in the first quarter, and trailed 20-15

at the half. Burnet added to its lead, 31-22 going into the fourth. The Lady Eagles tied the game at 39-39 to send it to overtime.

Lowrance led Salado with 12 points. Sara Kelarek followed with 11 points.

Also scoring were Kerrigan Hearne, 9 points, Katelyn Seymour, 4 points, Kaia Philen, 3 points, Kayla Manning, 3 points and Lexi Lima, 1 point.

Salado grabbed 36 rebounds, led by Lowrance who had 8 rebounds. Also grabbing rebounds were Hearne, 6, Seynour, 3, Kelarek, Lima, Manning, 2

each.

Lady Eagles 52
Glenn 35

Salado Lady Eagles handled Leander Glenn on the road 52-35 in a district basketball game Jan. 24.

Kayla Manning led Salado with 11 points. Kerrigan Hearne had 10 points to follow.

Also scoring for the Lady Eagles were Sara Kelarek, 9 points, Lexie Lima, 7 points, Kaia Philen, 5 points, and Kate Kyburz, Ashlen LaCanne and Katelyn Seymour, 2 points each.

Salado athletes get screenings for SCA

Salado ISD has partnered with Who We Play For which is a national organization that was developed to screen student athletes for potentially fatal Sudden Cardiac Arrest.

The Salado ISD Athletic Department has been able to have 335 student athletes screened in grades 6-12 this year.

The student athletes had to get parent consent

forms returned to school and WWPF was able to screen all student athletes for no charge. Any student that needs to have a follow up visit with a cardiologist is then notified.

"This is a huge step in the right direction in protecting our student athletes and we look forward to a continued partnership with WWPF," said Michael Novotny.

Jr. high compete in Academics

Salado Junior High students competed in the UIL Academic competition last week. Following are their individual placements

Event
6th Grade
7th Grade
8th Grade
Impromptu
6th Grade
4th Gracelyn Madsen
7th Grade
1st MariSol Tovar
2nd Kaitlyn Casper
8th Grade
1st Connor Howard
4th Jorja Washington
Modern Oratory
7th Grade
6th MariSol Tovar
8th Grade
2nd Preslee Webb
Oral Reading
6th Grade
6th Natalie Burleson
7th Grade
6th Emory Craddick
8th Grade
6th Rachel Jett
Editorial Writing
6th Grade
1st Brooke McLaurin
7th Grade
1st Jack Arnett
8th Grade
4th Emma Madsen
Ready Writing
6th GRade
3rd Brooke McLaurin
7th GRade
5th Naysa Cauley
8th Grade
4th Jack Arnett
1st Kimberly Kendall
2nd Brooke Madsen
Number Sense

6th Grade
2nd Ryan Novotny
7th Grade
5th Cooper Chambliss
6th Kymberleigh Deen
8th Grade
3rd Ryder Haas
5th Trey Graham
Art Smart
6th Grade
1st Ashley Messner (8 way tie)
7th Grade
3rd Avery Fossum (2 way tie)
8th Grade
5th Madeline Sunshine (4 way tie)
Creative Art-3D
8th Grade
1st William Won
Creative Art- Drawing
7th Grade
5th Anna Lesley
8th Grade
4th Kaitlyn Pflingsten
Creative Art-Misc.
6th Grade
6th Gavin Miles
Spelling
6th GRade
4th Seth Reavis
7th Grade
6th Anna Lesley
8th Grade
2nd Amy Manning
Calculator
6th Grade
4th Brooke Bailey
5th Logan White
7th Grade
3rd Cooper Scott
8th Grade
1st Yitzi Montes
3rd Jacob Armstrong
4th Bryce Dobbins
Maps, Graphs, & Charts
6th Grade

2nd Evan Hardt
3rd Dray McLane
7th Grade
2nd Molly Simmonds
Science
7th GRade
5th Hailey Farris
8th Grade
2nd MJ Garcia
5th Logan Pitts
Listening Skills
6th Grade
4th Grace Osborne
7th Grade
3rd MariSol Tovar
6th Jenny Young
8th Grade
3rd Jacob Tipton
Dictionary Skills
6th Grade
5th Logan White
7th Grade
4th Hunter Foster
5th Caley Aycock
Mathematics
6th Grade
4th Ryan Novotny
7th Grade
1st Cooper Chambliss
8th Grade
1st Aiden Hogue
4th Aaron T
5th Trey Graham
Social Studies
6th Grade
1st Dray McLane
7th Grade
5th Owen Crisp
8th Grade
4th Molly Simmonds
3rd Gricelda Vargas
6th Justin Evans
Chess Puzzles
6th Grade
1st Ryan Novotny
7th Grade
1st Cooper Chambliss
8th Grade

SHS UIL Academics compete in Round Rock

Salado High School UIL Academic squad competed in the Round Rock UIL Academic tournament Jan. 28 in a field of 62 teams.

Following are the individual results from the tournament.

Spelling – 1st team
1st – Kayla Manning
2nd – Katie Kendall

Computer Applications
3rd – Camryn Holtom
4th – Jeb Sproul

Varsity LD Debate
6th – Josh Cannon

Novice LD Debate
1st – Christian Ortiz
3rd – Kylie Croftcheck
7th – Devon Vance

Poetry Interpretation
3rd – Rayne Polkowski

Prose Interpretation
4th – Nathan Cahoon

Number Sense – 2nd team
4th – Trey Sheppard

Calculator Applications
5th – Kristen Crouch

Headline Writing
2nd – Amber Schlessiger

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Salado Tiger earns National Parks award at Waco Mammoth Site

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Cody Danekas of Salado was certified as a National Parks Service Scout Ranger by the National Parks Service on Jan 22. Park Ranger Jason Ockrassa of the Waco Mammoth Site presented Danekas with the award patch.

Danekas is a Tiger Cub Scout with Pack 177, chartered by the Henry T. Was-kow VFW Post 4008 in Belton. He is the youngest to complete the program at the Waco Mammoth Site.

He is in the 1st grade at Thomas Arnold Elementary.

Danekas earned the award by serving more than 10 hours of service in National Parks, completing Junior Ranger Training and environmental education programs.

His service hours included weeding, trash pickup, mulching and maintenance on park trails and participating in a work day to create a new trail path at the Waco Mammoth Site under the supervision of park rangers. The Waco Mammoth site is the was designated a National Monument in 2015. The paleontological site represents the nation's only recorded discovery of a nursery herd of Columbian mammoths.



Cody Danekas is certified as a National Parks Service Scout Ranger by Park Ranger Jason Ockrassa. Danekas completed educational sessions at Waco Mammoth Site (below left) and helped create a new trail while completing his Scout Ranger certification. PHOTOS BY KATY MOORE



Volunteers needed to create Monarch Butterfly Waystations

The I-35 rest stops south of Salado will soon have Monarch Butterfly Waystations through a cooperative agreement between the US Fish and Wildlife Service (US FWS) and the Native Plant Society of Texas (NPSOT).

The agreement provides funding and technical assistance to NPSOT for the planning, establishment, and maintenance of Monarch butterfly waystations and interpretive signage on Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) safety rest areas between Austin and Dallas.

Two matching rest areas in Bell County, in Salado, will be the sites of NPSOT Monarch waystations. These Monarch waystations will be established in 1,000 sq. ft. of existing landscaping beds near the Visitor's Center.

The Tonkawa Chapter of the NPSOT will have

several work days in February and March to prepare the waystations at the Salado rest stop areas.

They invite local groups and volunteers to help with the bed preparation and planting days.

Volunteers will work on Feb. 11-12, Feb. 16-18 bed preparation at the southbound rest stop.

Volunteers will work on preparing the beds on the northbound rest stop on Feb. 19 and Feb. 22-26.

Planting on all of the beds will be done on March 9-12 and March 14-18.

Waystations are places that provide resources necessary for monarchs to produce successive generations and sustain their migration (MonarchWatch.org).

Monarch waystations feature native milkweed plants to feed the successive generations of but-

terflies during the spring and summer migration to the north U.S. and Canada and fall nectar-producing plants to feed the adult Monarch butterflies as they migrate to their overwintering grounds in Mexico.

To offset the loss of milkweeds and nectar sources from development and changes in agricultural practices within the migration corridor, we need to create, conserve, and protect milkweed/monarch habitats.

"We can help reverse

habitat loss by creating Monarch waystations in home gardens, at schools, businesses, parks, zoos, nature centers, along roadsides, and on other unused plots of land," said Kay Jenkins, Vice President of NPSOT. "A garden as small as 100 sq. ft. in area can qualify as a Monarch waystation if the right native plants are used."

To find out more about this program, contact Jenkins at kay-jenkins@sbc-global.net.

A&M graduates from Salado

Diplomas were awarded to approximately 4,600 Texas A&M University graduates during fall commencement ceremonies.

Saladoans among those receiving degrees were:

Derek W. Brown, Master of Science, Sport Man-

agement, Rachel L. Habiger, Bachelor of Business Administration - Management, Magna Cum Laude and Joseph C. Rex, Bachelor of Business Administration, Finance.

Senate Finance begins budget hearings

The Senate Finance Committee began public hearings for the 85th Legislature last week, setting in motion a process that will result in billions of dollars in state and federal money being divided between all state agencies and public services. It's going to be a harder task this session as budget writers have less revenue to use than last session, per the Comptroller's revenue estimate released at the beginning of January. Finance Committee Chair Jane Nelson of Flower Mound opened the process on Monday by appointing special workgroups to concentrate to the two biggest slices of the state budget, health care spending and education.

The first would look at spending for public education, under the leadership of Senate Education Committee Chair Larry Taylor of Friendswood. Last July, the State Supreme Court denied the latest challenge to the constitutionality of the school finance system,

but said in its decision that the current system only meets the minimum standards set out in the Constitution. Nelson wants something better. "We need to have a whole new method of school finance," she said. "No more Bandic Aids. We need to start over." She directed Taylor and his workgroup to come up with a new system, one that is easier to understand, innovative and meets the needs of Texas students.

The second group, chaired by Senate Health and Human Services Committee Chair Charles Schwertner of Georgetown, would try to get a handle on skyrocketing growth in state health care spending, driven by Medicaid but also state employee and teacher pensions as well as correctional facilities. Nelson charged them with finding ways to increase cooperation between the various agencies overseeing these programs in order to share best practices and find

cost savings.

Tuesday through Thursday, Senate Finance heard agency presentations on Article III of the budget, which contains appropriations for both public and higher education. That article is funded at \$55 billion in just state non-dedicated revenue in the Senate base budget, including \$2.6 billion for enrollment growth over the next two years, estimated at 165,000 new students.

For higher education, the committee is taking a hard look at spending that isn't dedicated to educational purposes. Called special items, these are legacy expenditures at state universities, some dating back to the early 20th century, that may have never intended to become ongoing costs. "Some of the programs are really worthwhile, and have had value, some of them should've expired in the biennium in which they granted and yet have kept going for years, even generations," said Senate

Higher Education Committee chair Kel Seliger told his colleagues at Monday's Finance meeting. "I would argue that some of them aren't really special or exceptional at all."

The base budget includes only \$300 million for such programs, down from more than a billion two years ago. Nelson stressed to university officials that the amount was just a starting point for discussion, not a final amount. "Many of these items are worthwhile, but we need to look at every single one of them and ask ourselves: was this intended as start-up money or is it part of a continuing commitment?" She appointed another workgroup, chaired by Seliger, to consider all university special items submitted for funding to ensure they aren't duplicative, truly benefit the public interest and, above all else, fulfill the core mission of higher education in Texas.

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(PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER) Randy and Kim Bloomer of Bloomer Trailers, an iconic brand in the Western world.

Bloomer Trailers: a brand two decades in making

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Business of the Week

A continuing series

This weekend, when hundreds of the best ropers in the world converge on Salado for the annual Wildfire Ranch Open to the World, many of them will be pulling Bloomer Trailers behind their trucks.

For many, it will be a homecoming of sorts as the Bloomer Trailers make it back from places around the country to our small central Texas town where they have been made since 2002.

Randy Bloomer launched the brand in 1998 in LaMarque, in the heart of chemical alley outside Houston. At the time, Bloomer and wife Kim were living in League City. He was a top salesman for a retail trailer dealer.

"I had sold out of my inventory for the next several months," Bloomer said, adding that he approached a manufacturer with the idea of building to-of-the-line trailers for the cutting horse riders and ropers.

Bloomer designed his first trailer in 1997. He showed the designs to manufacturers but none were interested in investing, so he went out on his own.

Bloomer recalls taking one of the first Bloomer trailers to the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas.

"I sold 20 that weekend," he said.

"I had business relationships from my years in retail sales that trusted me enough to buy this new product," Randy said.

"If you do what you say you're going to do, you will be rewarded for it," he said.

And what Bloomer said they were going to do was to build the best trailer in the market.

Today that remains true. "We are still trying to build the best trailer we can," he said, adding that the ideal keeps changing and improving.

Which is why the newest line of trailers from Bloomer is The Evolution.

"We have never stopped challenging ourselves to find a better or safer way to protect our customers and their livestock," he stated. Naming the new model The Evolution "was to remind ourselves that we have yet to build the perfect trailer, so we keep working on ideas."

Because of the quality of the trailers, many of the earliest models remain on the road.

Today, trailers number 003 and 004 are still on the road. "We didn't make an 001 or 002," Randy says. Trailer 003 is in Las Vegas and 004 is in Arizona.

And so the brand -- which has come to be an iconic one in the western world -- was launched.

Sage Kimzey, two-time world champion bull rider, signed on recently to represent the Bloomer Trailers brand.

In the past two seasons, the 21 year old is the only bull rider to ever win the World Title in both his rookie and sophomore seasons. Including his World Championships, Kimzey has a CBR World Title, the Ram Top Gun Award and has won several of the prestigious rodeos including San Antonio, Rodeo Houston, the Calgary Stampede and the Pendleton Round-Up.

"He (Kimzey) is a great ambassador for the sport of rodeo," Bloomer said in the announcement of Kimzey as the brand ambassador. "What you don't

hear about is his willingness to make himself available to visit hospitals or other charities when he is in the area. All of these qualities are representative of the kind of person you want wearing our brand."

Kimzey was on the Bloomer High School Rodeo Team and competed for the company at the IFYR in Shawnee Oklahoma.

"The passion and love that is put into making every trailer reflects in the final product," Kimzey said in the announcement.

The Bloomer brand is one that has been built over the years. "Customers have shown faith in us to build the best and that is what we try to do every day," Bloomer said. "I wake up in the morning thinking what can I do to make a better trailer."

He brought that work ethic with him when he moved from LaMarque to Salado 15 years ago.

In 2002, the Bloomers moved to Salado, where Kim and Randy raised their two children Alexis and Jake, who are both graduates of Salado High School.

They brought with them several of employees from the LaMarque plant. "We brought about 40 families up to this area," Bloomer said.

That includes Mirna Carmona, who has been with Bloomer Trailers for 19 years, and Richard Black, who has been with Bloomer for 18 years.

It takes about a week for a trailer to be built from start to finish in the 60,000 sq. ft. facility located just south of Salado on Holland Rd. on I-35.

The trailer is built as a shell and the living quarters are customized to the customer's desire.

Bloomer Trailers are customized by Outlaw Conversions in Stephenville and Trailboss Conversions in Missouri.

"It's up to the dealers who they use for the customization," Bloomer said.

Bloomer Trailers are sold at 15 dealers across the nation, including P&P Trailer Sales located next door to the manufacturing plant.

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February 11 & 14

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Village of Salado Calendar of Events

THRU FEBRUARY 4

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

THRU FEBRUARY 10

Applications for Village of Salado Citizens Academy accepted. info: (254) 947-5060

THRU FEBRUARY 15

Applications for Village of Salado Planning and Zoning Commission accepted. info: saladotx.gov

THRU FEBRUARY 18

Belton Youth Baseball Association registration. Open to kids in Salado Belton, Academy, Jarrell and Killeen. info: beltonyouthbaseball.com

FEBRUARY 2

Pint Night with Infamous Brewery and Benefit Dinner for Leukemia and Lymphoma Sponsored by SISD and Emily McBreen, 6 p.m. - Midnight at Chupacabra Craft Beer & Salado Lone Star Winery info: (512) 576-0123

FEBRUARY 2

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

FEB 3, 4, 10 AND 11

Blow Your Own Valentine at Salado Glassworks. Create your own glass heart, reservations at saladoglassworks.com

FEB 3, 4, 10 AND 11

Blow Your Own Date Night at Salado Glassworks. Couples create their own glass bowl, reservations at saladoglassworks.com

FEBRUARY 3 - 4

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

FEBRUARY 3

Smoken Maxx Carter, 7 p.m. - 11 p.m. at Chupacabra Craft Beer & Salado Lone Star Winery info: (512) 576-0123

FEBRUARY 4

Quick and Easy Valentine Treat Holders Class, 10:30 a.m. at Stamp Salado. \$15 info: (254) 947-8848

FEBRUARY 4

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

FEBRUARY 4

Salado Film Showcase, 7 - 10 p.m. at Salado High School

FEBRUARY 4

Tanner Newman, 8 p.m. - Midnight at Chupacabra Craft Beer & Salado Lone Star Winery info: (512) 576-0123

FEBRUARY 5

Superbowl Party and Benefit Meal for Leukemia and Lymphoma Sponsored by SISD and Emily McBreen at Chupacabra Craft Beer & Salado Lone Star Winery info: (512) 576-0123

FEBRUARY 6

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

FEBRUARY 10

Smoken Maxx Carter, 7 p.m. - 11 p.m. at Chupacabra Craft Beer & Salado Lone Star Winery info: (512) 576-0123

FEB 10, 11, 12 AND 14

Valentine Weekend Menu at The Range. reservations: TheRangeRestaurant.com

FEB 11 - 12 & 16 - 18

Monarch Butterfly Waystation work day at Southbound Salado Rest Stop along I-35. Volunteers needed. info: kay-jenkins@sbcglobal.net.

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

Valentine Explosion Box Cards Class, 10:30 a.m. at Stamp Salado. \$28 info: (254) 947-8848

FEBRUARY 11

Valentine Card Party, 2 p.m. at Salado Public Library

FEBRUARY 11

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

FEBRUARY 11

Mike Stanley, 8 p.m. - Midnight at Chupacabra Craft Beer & Salado Lone Star Winery info: (512) 576-0123

FEBRUARY 13

Salado Athletic Boosters meeting. TBA

FEBRUARY 16

Pint Night with Karback Brewery and Benefit Dinner for Leukemia and Lymphoma Sponsored by SISD and Emily McBreen, 6 p.m. - Midnight at Chupacabra Craft Beer & Salado Lone Star Winery info: (512) 576-0123

FEBRUARY 17

Brian Bell - 7 p.m. - 11 p.m. at Chupacabra Craft Beer & Salado Lone Star Winery info: (512) 576-0123

FEBRUARY 18

Texas is Texas Class, 10:30 a.m. at Stamp Salado. \$30 info: (254) 947-8848

FEBRUARY 18

Blending Backgrounds Tips and Tricks Class, 1:30 p.m. at Stamp Salado. \$28 info: (254) 947-8848

FEBRUARY 18

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

FEBRUARY 18

Smoken Maxx Carter, 8 p.m. - Midnight at Chupacabra Craft Beer & Salado Lone Star Winery info: (512) 576-0123

FEB 19 & 22 - 26

Monarch Butterfly Waystation work day at Northbound Salado Rest Stop along I-35. Volunteers needed. info: kay-jenkins@sbcglobal.net.

FEBRUARY 19

2nd Annual Chupacabra Texas Chili Cookoff, noon - 8 p.m. at Chupacabra Craft Beer & Salado Lone Star Winery info: (512) 576-0123

FEBRUARY 20

No Salado ISD classes

FEBRUARY 24 - 25

Murder Mystery Special rate at Inn on the Creek. info: inncreek.com

FEBRUARY 24

Free Live Music, 7 p.m. - 11 p.m. at Chupacabra Craft Beer & Salado Lone Star Winery info: (512) 576-0123

WEEKENDS

FEB 24 - MARCH 18

Blow Your Own Beer Mug at Salado Glassworks. reservations at saladoglassworks.com

FEBRUARY 25

Mardi Gras Murder Mystery Dinner at Inn on the Creek. info: inncreek.com saladocom

FEBRUARY 25

Steve Hamende, 8 p.m. - Midnight at Chupacabra Craft Beer & Salado Lone Star Winery info: (512) 576-0123

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

FEBRUARY 27

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

MARCH 2

Pint Night with Uncle Billy, 6 p.m. to Midnight at Chupacabra Craft Beer & Salado Lone Star Winery info: (512) 576-0123

MARCH 3 - 31

Texas Writers exhibit at Central Texas Area Museum

MARCH 3

Free Live Music with Smoken Maxx Carter, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. at Chupacabra Craft Beer & Salado Lone Star Winery info: (512) 576-0123

MARCH 4

Dan Patterson, 8 p.m. - Midnight at Chupacabra Craft Beer & Salado Lone Star Winery info: (512) 576-0123

MARCH 4

Author Susan Wittig Albert at Central Texas Area Museum

MARCH 6

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

MARCH 9-12 & 14-16

Monarch Butterfly Waystation bed planting day at Salado Rest Stop along I-35. Volunteers needed. info: kay-jenkins@sbcglobal.net

MARCH 10

Smoken Maxx Carter, 7 p.m. - 11 p.m. at Chupacabra Craft Beer & Salado Lone Star Winery info: (512) 576-0123

MARCH 11 - 12

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

MARCH 11

Brian Bell, 8 p.m. - Midnight at Chupacabra Craft Beer & Salado Lone Star Winery info: (512) 576-0123

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 16


Pint Night, 6 p.m. - Midnight at Chupacabra Craft Beer & Salado Lone Star Winery info: (512) 576-0123

MARCH 17

Bubba West, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. at Chupacabra Craft Beer & Salado Lone Star Winery info: (512) 576-0123

MARCH 18

Smoken Maxx Carter, 8 p.m. to Midnight at Chupacabra Craft Beer & Salado Lone Star



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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.

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



Josh Merrell is the featured artist at the February 4 Johnny's Songwriter Series at Johnny's Cantina on Thomas Arnold Road.

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

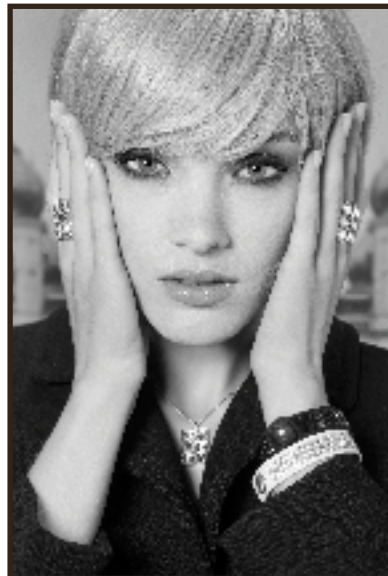
SUNDAYS

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

SECOND WEEKENDS

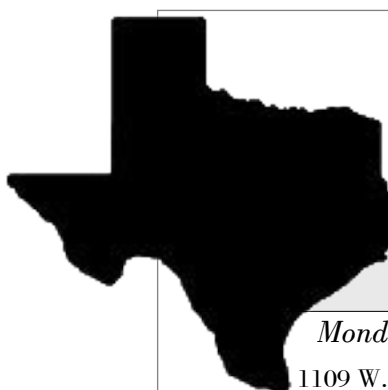
Salado Market Days, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at Salado Antique Mall, 721 Stagecoach Road. Salado's original Market Days event. info: (254) 947-3355.

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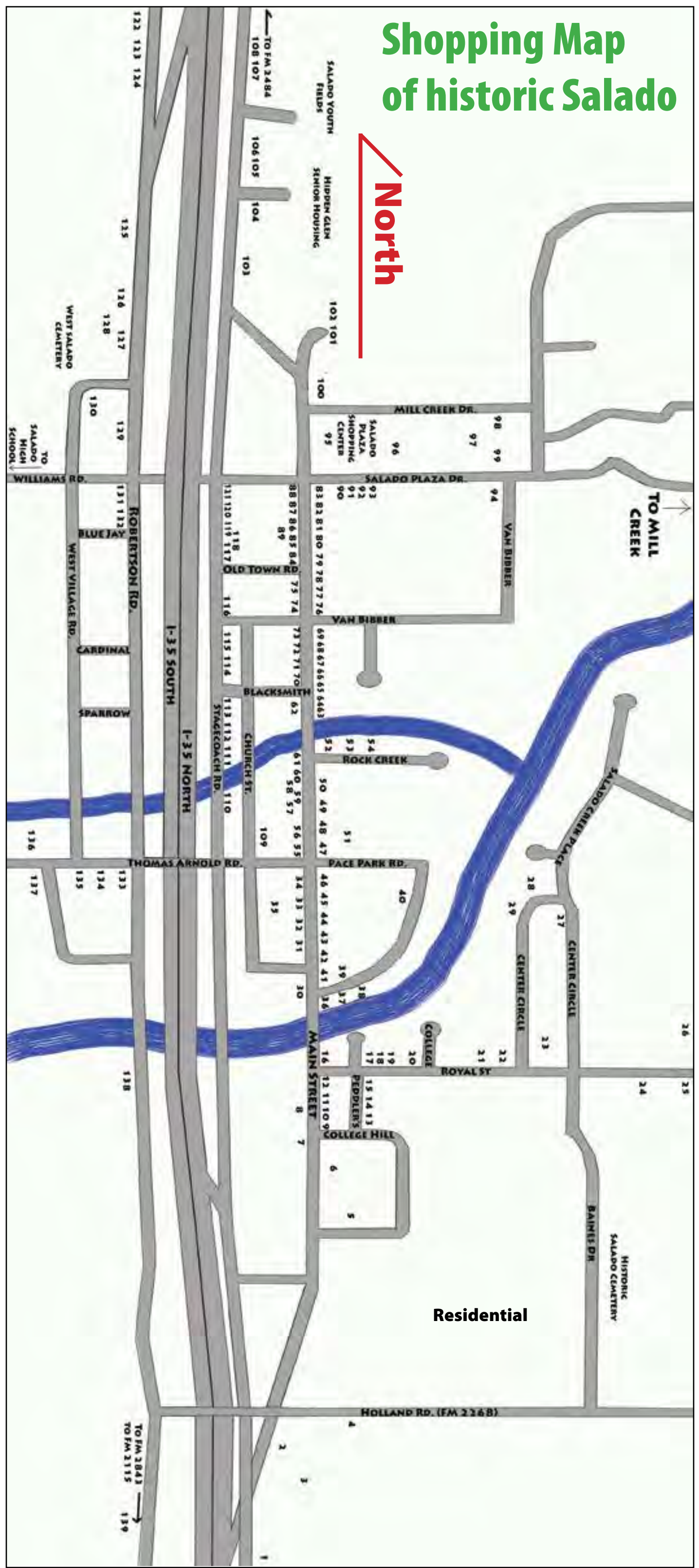
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Shopping Map of Salado

#	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	\$
	Zbrane Agency	\$
40	W.A. Pace Memorial Park	V
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	\$
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	\$
	Integrity Rehab	\$
	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	S
	Grace Baptist Church	C
	Mill Creek Country Club	D/V



Shopping Map of historic Salado

North

Residential

Historical Markers in Salado

- | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 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 |
| 16. Barber-Berry Mercantile | 30. First Baptist Church | 61. Historic Lenticular Bridge |
| 23. The Baines House | 31. The Tyler House | 49. The Vickrey House |
| 24. Historic Dipping Vats | 35. Salado Masonic Lodge #296 | 76. Boles-Aiken & Denman Cabins |
| 25. The A.J. Rose Mansion | 45. The Anderson House | 77. The Robert B. Halley House |
| 26. Old Methodist Chapel | 46. Old Saloon | 79. The Reed Cabin |
| | 48. The Norton-Orgain House | 100. The Josiah Fowler House |

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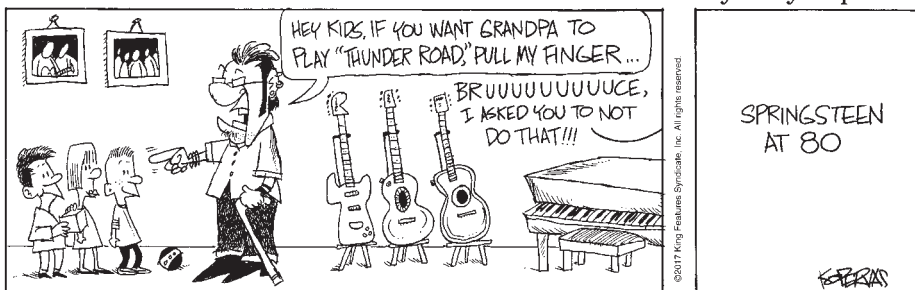
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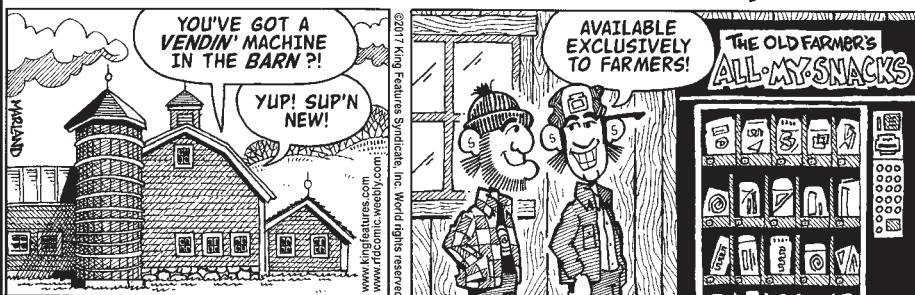
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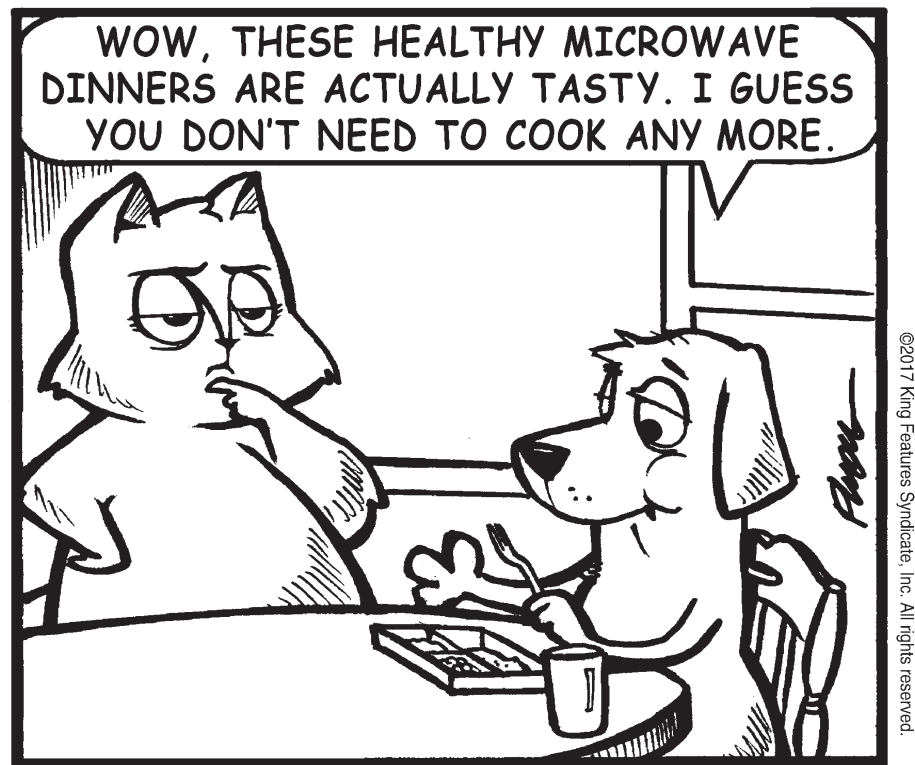
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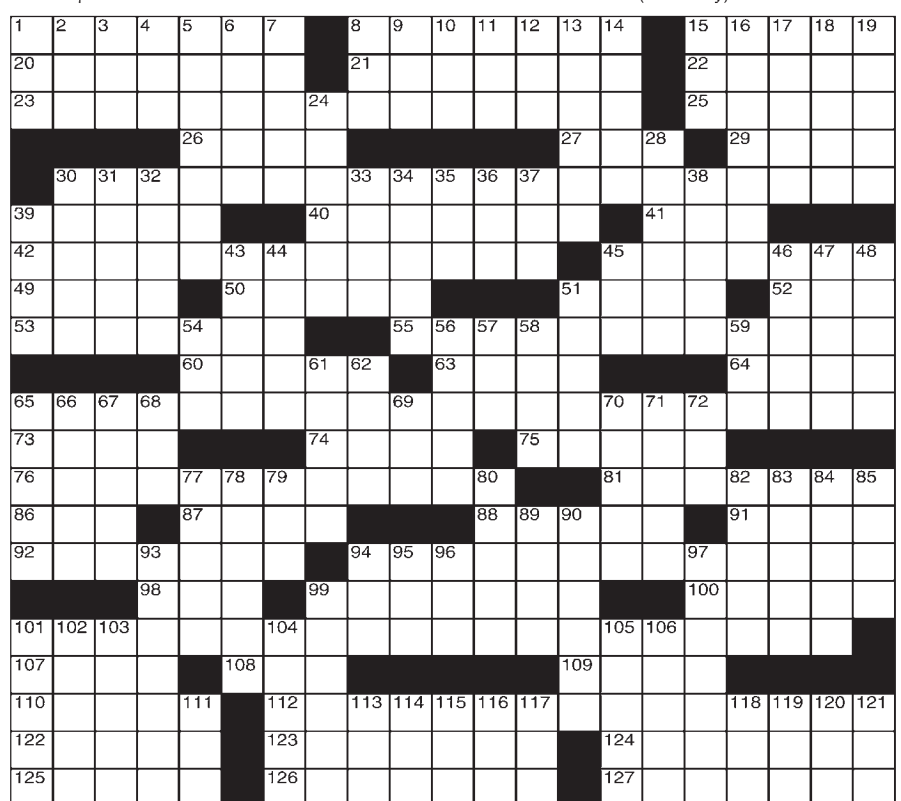
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Super Crossword

PLAYFUL BREEDS

- | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|--|---|---|
| <p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 Deluding deliberately
8 Stiff cat hair
15 Capital of Morocco
20 Of the side
21 Plane for short hops
22 Put a hex on
23 Dog having no bounds?
25 "I repeat ..."
26 Gal pal, in Grenoble
27 Parts of lbs.
29 Bring to ruin
30 Dog hanging out with pride members?
39 Gawk rudely
40 Restrained with shackles
41 Bit in trail mix
42 British money depicting a dog?
45 Capital of Indonesia
49 Hollywood's Raines
50 Edible mushroom
51 Sack fiber
52 Catering hall receptacle</p> | <p>53 Take eager advantage of
55 Equalling a dog's level of coziness?
60 Plant pore
63 "When I was ..."
64 With 32-Down, Lucille Ball's partner
65 Dog carrying a container of high-fat spread?
73 Verdi song
74 Cozy recess
75 Old heads of Iran
76 Dog along with Mrs. Truman?
81 Gunfire noise
86 Pindar work
87 Heavy cart for haulage
88 Ejects
91 — Alto, California
92 Fund for the future
94 Dog's felt-tip pen?
98 — Vicente
99 Drum machine
100 Property claims</p> | <p>101 Dog that doesn't dial long-distance?
107 Latin love
108 Detroit-to-Charlotte dir.
14 "The Godfather" character
110 Circle measures
112 Hit by a dog?
122 Heart's place
123 French "Stephen"
124 Resembling element #50
125 Speediness
126 Electrified
127 Made irate</p> <p>DOWN</p> <p>1 Atty.'s degree
2 Retired NBAer Ming
3 "Addams Family" cousin
4 NBA nylon
5 Made a pained sound
6 Motown singer Terrell
7 Stan's "Swiss Miss" co-star
8 Lived
9 That man's</p> | <p>10 Audit gp.
11 Racecar fuel additive
12 Chiang — shek
13 Glorifies
14 "The Godfather" character
15 TV maker
16 Capital of Maine
17 Ranch iron
18 Brief digression
19 Carpentry joint part
24 Harder to grab hold of
28 Haydn work
30 Ripped off
31 St. — Girl (beer brand)
32 See 64-Across
33 Memo words
34 Nabisco's — Wafers
35 Prefix with 20-Across
36 Sugar pie
37 H.S. subj.
38 Zaps in the microwave
39 "— Out of My League" biblically
44 Thus far
45 Wine vessel</p> | <p>46 Indian money
47 Tie up tightly
48 #1 Rolling Stones hit
51 A tribe of Israel
54 Subj. for U.S. aliens
56 Burlap bags
57 Camera
59 Yasmine of "Baywatch"
58 Scottish refusals
59 Gator's tail?
61 Mork's girl
62 First little bit of progress
65 BLT part
66 Wear slowly
67 Buenos — (capital of Argentina)
68 Comedy bit
69 Weeding aid
70 Cuban hero José
71 Deep fissure
72 President before DDE
77 Noble goal
78 Dialects
79 Equine loser
80 Hercules player Kevin
82 Spring month
83 Sulu player George
84 Coeur d'— (Idaho city)</p> | <p>85 Rocky crags
89 Atop
90 Gender determiners
93 Like Russia before 1917
94 Visualize
95 Chance, old-style
96 Pt. of NCAA
97 Siding (with) initials
99 Yasmine of "Baywatch"
101 Pine relative
102 Nebraska city
103 Ciphers, say
104 Kefauver of old politics
105 Terra- — (capital of Argentina)
106 Hatch of politics
111 Ending for Tokyo
113 Copa's home
114 Fun and games, for short
115 Printer fluid
116 Butyl ender
117 Lipstick color
118 The Indians, for short
119 Aperitif with white wine
120 Scrape (out)
121 Beatty of "1941"</p> |
|---|---|---|--|---|---|



Famous hand

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

This deal occurred in the quarterfinal match between Italy and the United States at the 2004 world team championship in Istanbul. The Italians defeated their longtime rivals by the slender margin of 12 IMPs in the 80-deal clash.

The Italy-U.S. confrontation was an up-and-down affair, with the lead changing hands many times. Today's deal helped put the Americans into the lead at the end of the second 16-board segment.

The bidding shown took place when Norberto Bocchi and Giorgio Duboin were North-South for Italy. Duboin ruffed the opening spade lead and had to decide how to broach the trump suit. West's four-spade bid indicated a distributional hand with few high cards, so it would seem that declarer would do best by leading a low diamond from his hand to see whether West had a singleton honor. In the actual

North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH			
♠ 8 3			
♥ Q 10			
♦ K 9 7 6			
♣ A Q J 8 7			
WEST			
♠ 10 7 6 5 4			
♥ 7 6 4			
♦ A			
♣ 10 9 6 2			
EAST			
♠ A K Q J 9 2			
♥ 9 5			
♦ J 3 2			
♣ 5 3			
SOUTH			
♠ —			
♥ A K J 8 3 2			
♦ Q 10 8 5 4			
♣ K 4			

The bidding:
North East South West
1 ♠ 1 ♠ 3 ♥ 4 ♠
Pass Pass 5 ♦ 5 ♠
6 ♦
Opening lead — five of spades.

singleton ace, he had to go down one.

At the other table, Bobby Levin and Steve Weinstein of the U.S. also reached six diamonds and got a spade lead. Here, too, the Italian West had bid four spades at his first turn.

Weinstein considered his first play in the trump suit very carefully and found the winning line by leading low from his hand at trick two. The appearance of West's ace gave the Americans a 16-IMP pickup on the deal.

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- MYTHOLOGY: Who was the queen of the warrior women called Amazons?
 - GOVERNMENT: What did the 22nd Amendment to the U.S. Constitution do?
 - ADVERTISEMENTS: What luggage company used a gorilla in a 1970 advertisement to show how tough its Samsonite brand was?
 - ART: Where is The Field Museum located?
 - U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which U.S. president had the nickname "Old Rough and Ready"?
 - GAMES: What is a grand slam in bridge?
 - HISTORY: In what year did the French invade England (The Battle of Hastings)?
 - LITERATURE: Which famous Beat poet wrote the poem titled "Howl"?
 - GEOGRAPHY: The Leonardo Da Vinci-Fiumicino Airport is located in what city?
 - GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is a petroglyph?
- Answers
1. Hippolyta
2. Limits presidents to two terms
3. American Tourister
4. Chicago
5. Zachary Taylor
6. Winning all 13 tricks
7. 1066
8. Allen Ginsberg
9. Rome, Italy
10. Rock carving
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

7		8		5	1
		5	9	3	
1			2	7	
8			1	7	
2		6		5	
		4	7 3		6
3		6		9	
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6			9 4		

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!

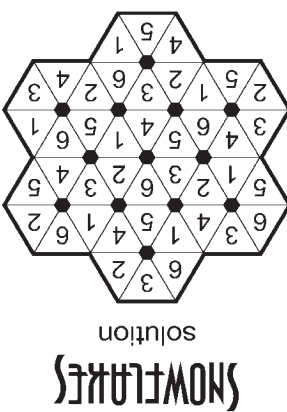
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9	8	1	3	7	6	4	5	
3	5	6	4	8	9	7	2	1
4	2	7	7	5	1	6	3	9
6	7	4	2	4	5	4	3	1
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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

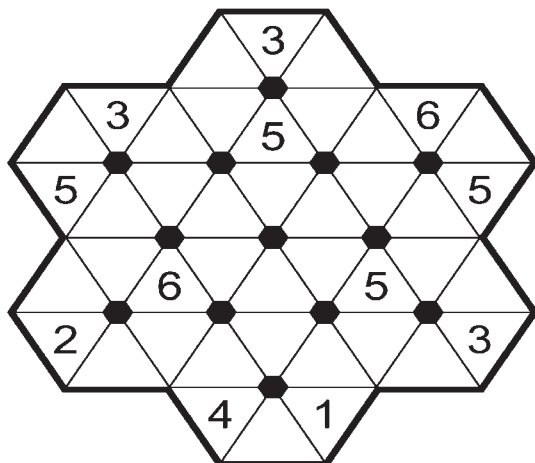
Super Crossword



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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Plains Pocket Mouse

The Plains Pocket Mouse is small and secretive

It is rare in this day and age to encounter an animal that lives in our own backyard whose life history is virtually unknown. However, there is a small rodent that calls the Panhandle



Wild About Texas

Michael Price

of Texas its home that fits that bill.

The Plains Pocket Mouse (Perognathus flavescens) is a small, secretive rodent that inhabits the High Plains eco-region of Texas. Basically, it can be viewed north of a line that is drawn from the Monahans region northeast to Wichita Falls. Outside of Texas its natural range extends northward through the High Plains to southwestern Minnesota and southeastern North Dakota.

There are three members of this genus that reside in Texas, and this species is the largest. Adults are just over five inches in total length, with almost half of that being the tail. The fur is silky and soft, and the upperparts are a brown-buff and are peppered with black. The underside is colored a bright white, as are the legs, neck and chin. The ears can be almost translucent, and there is usually a lighter patch of fur directly behind them. The head is somewhat pointed, ending with numerous light colored whiskers. The eyes are

large and black.

This species of Perognathus prefers areas with sandy soils, particularly those areas that are adorned with various species of Opuntia, the Prickly Pear cactus. The Plains Pocket Mouse will more often than not utilize these plants as a shelter by digging their burrows directly underneath. The placement of these burrows offer a significant amount of protection, not only from predators, but also from the harsh environment that it calls home.

One method of adaptation to this environment that this rodent employs is the ability to utilize its large eyes for nocturnal activities. It is by limiting its activities to the evening hours that allows for less water loss through high temperatures. Because it is able to remain hydrated, the need for standing water to drink is considerably lessened.

The Plains Pocket Mouse are similar to other mammals in the aspect of giving live birth to young, although there is little information that has been pub-

lished in regards to its breeding habits. What data has been recorded shows that pregnant females, with four or five young, have been trapped during the summer months. However, lengths of gestation, as well as juvenile growth rates and the like, remain a mystery. While captive specimens may thrive for five years or more, most individuals probably only survive two years in the wild.

As with most other pocket mice, as well as the closely related Kangaroo Rats, this species feeds primarily on seeds, while grasses and insects are also consumed. Seeds are packed into their cheek pouches to allow for easy transference back to their burrows for later consumption. However, it does not seem to pose an issue from a financial standpoint, for even those specimens that have been found in agricultural areas with seeds in their nests or cheek pouches typically are only feeding on the seeds of nuisance plants such as weeds.

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Jan. 26
2:00-2:07 p.m., 1600 Block Brazos Ct. Alarm Residential, arrived on scene and walked through house with resident. Residence is code-4, clear.

6:56 p.m., 900 Block Mill Creek Drive. Medical, assist SVFD. Clear.

7:42 p.m., Salado Glassworks. Alarm Business, code-4.

Jan. 27
10:56 a.m. Public service call. Caller left husband to stay with relatives, believes husband is going to come after her and wanted to know options. Husband said to be in transit from Oklahoma, armed with semi-automatic rifle and weapon with silencer and said to be convicted felon. Caller said she felt threatened. Information was obtained for safety issues and complainant advised to contact Bell County Sheriff's Office as the address is in the county.

5:40-6:00 p.m., Loop 121 and I-35. Assisted Belton Police Department with a call, controlled traffic while they talked a male off the edge of the 121 bridge.

9:58 p.m., 282 North Agency Assist, assisted DPS in locating a crash. All units were unable to locate. Clear.

Jan. 28
7:10-7:13 p.m., 100 Block Salado Creek Pl. Welfare Concern, child locked in vehicle. Resident able to get vehicle unlocked. Code-4, clear.

Jan. 29
5:43 p.m., 286 South Traffic Hazard, call for a vehicle broke down on highway. I pushed the vehicle off the roadway. All code-4.

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