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Meet YOUR hometown newspaper staff

Fleischers celebrate 25 years publishing in Salado in 2013

The Salado Village Voice newspaper has seen more than three decades of service to the Village of Salado.

During that time, the newspaper has always been a family affair, since its founding by Dayton Kelly in 1979. After Dayton's death, his sons Dennis and Bill operated the newspaper until the Fleischer family purchased the newspaper in 1988.

As we begin 2013, Salado Village Voice staffers would like to reintroduce themselves to the community they serve.

Salado Village Voice has a staff of four, including publishers Tim and Marilyn Fleischer. Other staffers are Stephanie Hood, advertising composition and Royce Wiggin, office assistant.

In addition to individual awards by staff members, Salado Village *Voice* has been honored by the community and state. The newspaper was the first-ever Business of the Year, awarded in January 2003 by the Salado Chamber of Commerce. The newspaper has also been named multiple times to the Texas Association of School Board's Honor Roll for news coverage of the Salado school district.

The newspaper qualified for the Periodicals rating from the US Post Office in 2009 and joined the Texas Press Association in 2010.

TIM FLEISCHER

Tim Fleischer has been a newspaperman since he was 16, working for both weeklies and daily newspapers. "I got the Devil's Ink at an early age and



Tim Fleischer, Editor-in-Chief

haven't been able to get rid of it," he said of his 30 years in the newspaper industry.

For 25 years of it, he has been the editor of the Salado Village Voice.

But his love for Salado has been for more than three decades. "I came to Salado for the Art Fair and Gathering of the Clans with my parents when I was growing up in Coryell County," he said. "I drove through it every day on my way to run a small newspaper in Florence."

Tim and Marilyn Fleischer have published the newspaper since 1988. During that time, the newspaper has grown from an eight-page tabloid to a 22-page broadsheet paper of four sections including three sections with full color.

"We have grown with the community and are a reflection of it," he said.

In those years, the newspaper has won sev-

eral awards from the Texas Community Newspaper Association, where Salado Village Voice competed against newspapers from San Antonio, Dallas, Houston, Austin and around the state.

Tim has won several TCNA awards: advertising design (third in state for large ad format and third in state for advertising series); editorial work (first in state for editorial writing, third in state for editorial writing, third in state for column writing) and second in state for community service (for articles during the incorporation election).

Fleischer has been named to the Texas Association of School Boards Media Honor Roll several times during his tenure at the helm of the newspaper, including the 2011 Honor Roll. Media are recommended and nominated for the Honor Roll by local school boards for their

coverage of schools.

He has also served the community in a variety of capacities, including four years on the board of directors of the Salado Chamber of Commerce and six years on the board of directors of the Institute for Humanities at Salado. He was president of the Salado Chamber of Commerce and treasurer for two years of the Institute for Humanities.

Fleischer has served completed a second term the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. He and wife Marilyn chaired the Salado Art Fair four times.

Tim is also a Mason and twice Past Master of the Salado Masonic Lodge #296

He and wife Marilyn share responsibilities at the newspaper. "She runs the office and I make editorial decisions," he said.

Meeting set Jan. 14 for planned development Village of Salado will

Village of Salado will host an informational meeting 6 p.m. Jan. 14 concerning a proposed planned development of 60 housing units on 20 acres in the Village extraterritorial jurisdiction.

The proposed development will be 60 housing units for affordable living for seniors. It will have two bedroom, two bath homes and one bedroom, one bath homes.

The development will include a clubhouse with a gathering room, office and residence for an on-site manager.

The development will have walking trails and may connect to Stage-coach Circle so that residents may use golf carts in the Village limits.

McCort said that developers would like to have the property brought into the Village limits.

JES Developers out of Missouri is proposing the development, according to McCort.

McCort said that the developers will have drawings of the housing units and photos of other similar developments in the area.

JES Developers is building a senior independent living community on 2.99 acres in Bastrop, having received approval from the City of Bastrop earlier in 2012. That development will house 50 units for a senior independent living community. The proposed development will offer affordable housing to senior citizens.

The meeting will be an open question and answer forum.

Marilyn Fleischer

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Village Voice in March

operated a plant business

in the Killeen/Copperas

Cove area for several years

while raising her three

children and attending col-

During their years

in Salado, Marilyn has

served the community in

many ways. "I think I have

been most satisfied with

my work with the Salado

Family Relief Fund,"

she said. In addition to

her work to establish

the Family Relief Fund,

Marilyn has also been

Art Fair chairperson. She

has served three years as

a Chamber of Commerce

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She also owned and

Marilyn Fleischer, Managing Editor

SVFD converts F-450 chassis into new fire truck

The Salado Fire Department recently took possession of a new 2013 Ford, F-450 truck chassis.

The truck replaced an older unit and was purchased with funds raised from the fire department's recent donation mail out drive

Salado firefighters completed the task of removing the firefighting unit and bed from the old truck and placing it on the new truck.

Fire Captain Shane Berrier and Lt. A J Lopez led the work project.

A new pump unit is scheduled to be placed on the truck in the next couple of weeks.

This will complete the project and the truck will be good for approximately 10 years of service.

Complete cost of the project is approximately

According to Fire Chief Charles Young, a new truck complete would have cost the department in the vicinity of \$90,000.

By the firefighters doing the work and using the existing fire unit, it cost less than half the price.

"We would like to thank all of the citizens in the Salado fire area for their continuing support and donations," Chief Young said. "our citizensmake it possible for the department to better serve everyone."

The Fire Department asks that you mark your calendar for the annual Smoking Spokes on March 30 starting in Pace Park as a fundraiser for the SVFD.



Salado Volunteer Fire Department members Lt. A J Lopez (left) and Chief Charles Young (right) brought this upgraded fire truck by the Salado Village Voice office for a short tour. The fire fighting unit was moved to a 2013 model truck chassis to increase the service life of the unit. PHOTO BY TIM FLIESCHER

Chamber to name business, citizen of year at banquet

The Annual Salado Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet will be 6 p.m. Jan. 10 at Tenroc Ranch Event Center.

Johnny's Steaks and Bar-Be-Que will serve the steak dinner, which will begin at 6:30 p.m. following a social time. The menu will include smoked sirloin steak, fancy cut green beans, hot buttered new potatoes, salad and dinner rolls and peach and blackberry cobblers for dessert.

Tickets are available online at salado.com or by calling the Chamber office at 254-947-5040. Tickets are \$35 per person. Tables of eight can be reserved for \$280. Table sponsorships are available for \$100.

Several prizes have been donated for raffles throughout the evening, including a Wine Barrel Tasting at Salado Wine Seller for six, a shopping basket sponsored by Village Tourism, a Chocolate and Wine Weekend basket sponsored by Salado tourism and a glass-blowing session given by Salado Glassworks, among others. Tickets for the raffle can be purchased at the Salado Visitors Center and at the Banquet. You need not be present to win.

You do need to be present to win the Door Prizes,

which will include a limo ride courtesy of Inn on the Creek and bottles of wine donated by Salado wineries.

Out-going Chairman

Out-going Chairman June Ritterbusch will give remarks, followed by remarks from incoming Chairman Claire Hartman.

The Salado Chamber of Commerce will announce the recipients of its Business of the Year, Citizen of the Year and Hall of Fame Award, all of which will be presented during the Jan. 10 the Chamber Banquet.

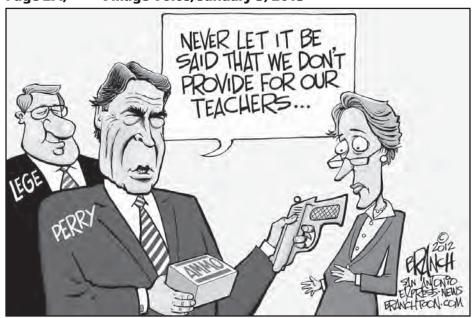
The Business of the Year must be a current Chamber member. Their nomination essay should include the contributions made by that business in the past year to the Chamber of Commerce, as well as to the overall business

climate in Salado.
The Citizen of the Year:

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

Hall of Fame Award:

Hall of Fame Award: What person or couple significantly contributed to the development of the Salado community in the past. They could be alive or deceased.



Against Hagel's nomination

It has been a bad time for the Republican Party, and wouldn't you know it? The worst addition to President Barack Obama's foreign-policy team could well be a Republican.

Former Nebraska Sen. Chuck Hagel is reportedly under serious consideration to replace Leon Panetta as secretary of defense. A self-styled foreign-policy realist, Hagel is out of the mainstream and terminally naive.

It would be one thing if Hagel were merely what he so often seemed when he was a regular on the Sunday talk shows -- a tiresome purveyor of conventional wisdom overly impressed with his own seriousness. That would make him no different than about 90 other senators. It's that his realism is so profoundly unrealistic and bizarrely skewed.

At the core of his foreign policy is disdain for Israel and unquenchable desire to talk to terrorists.

For Hagel, it is forever incumbent on Israel to "take steps to show its commitment to peace," as he put it in the midst of a Palestinian suicide-bombing campaign in 2002. The Jewish state is beset by Hamas, Hezbollah and Syria on its borders and Iran over its horizon, but somehow it is Israel's commitment to peace that is perpetually in doubt.

When called on to act against or even simply condemn Israel's enemies (and ours), Hagel was usually the Bartleby of the Senate and answered, "I'd prefer not to." He voted against the Iran-Libya Sanctions Act in 2001, didn't vote on the Syria Accountability Act sanctioning Bashar Assad's regime in 2003, refused to sign a letter urging the European Union to label Hezbollah a terrorist group in 2006, opposed designating Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps a terrorist organization in 2007 and blocked another proposed bout of sanctions against Iran in 2008.

Rich Lowry



To oppose striking Iran militarily for fear that it would be ineffectual and potentially backfire is one thing. To oppose sanctioning Iran is lunatic.

Hagel believes that a breakthrough of understanding with some of the most recalcitrant dictatorships in the world is always one earnest conversation away. So, he wanted to talk directly to Hamas, Assad and the mullahs. The correctness of this policy impulse is nonfalsifiable because if it doesn't work, its failure is attributed to insufficient effort on our part. If only we talked more and backed Israel

There is much to be said for Hagel's warnings prior to the Iraq War that the conflict would have unintended consequences. So it did -- horrifying ones. But, at the end of the day, Hagel voted for the war. Then, he opposed the surge as "the most dangerous foreign-policy blunder in this country since Vietnam."

This combination makes him either a gutless dove or a foolish hawk, or maybe a little of both. If the war is a historic mistake, don't vote to authorize it. If you have voted to authorize it, don't oppose the one way to save it from becoming an utter fi-

It's not clear what draws Obama to Hagel. Surely though, the president can find someone more suitable from the ranks of his own party. Please, let's have a partisan appointment for secretary of defense. RICH LOWRY IS EDITOR OF THE NATIONAL REVIEW.

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Wakeup call for gun business

Equity group will sell investment in nation's largest firearm company

Wall Street financial hucksters can be downright satanic in their pursuit of killer profits, but here's one that puts its hellishness right in its name: Cerberus Capital Management. In Greek mythology, "Cerberus" is the name of a 3-headed dog that guards the gates of Hell.

This \$20 billion dollar private equity outfit found itself in a heck of a fix after the grotesque massacre of 20 school children in Newtown, Connecticut. Cerberus, it turns out, owns a controlling stake in Freedom Group, America's largest firearms maker. That firm produces the .223 Bushmaster semi-automatic assault rifle used by the murderer at Sandy Hook Elementary School.

The top dog of Cerberus is Stephen Feinberg, a devoted hunter who favors the Remington 700 sniper-style rifle, also



made by Freedom Group. Indeed, the NRA has even

hailed Feinberg & Co. for supporting gun rights and being "avid hunters and shooters.'

Perhaps it's this personal passion that has kept Feinberg's big-money fund invested in the gun maker, since Freedom Group keeps losing money which isn't the kind of financial performance that equity investors usually tolerate.

Four days after the horror of Sandy Hook Elementary, however, Cerberus punted, announcing that it would sell Free-

dom Group. Three factors prompted the sale. One: public exposure of its ownership. Two: a heighted possibility that Congress will ban assault weapons, thus further lowering the gun maker's profits. Three: pressure from big clients, such as the California Teachers Retirement System — which has \$750 million invested in Cerberus, which includes owning a stake in Freedom Group.

What? You can expect equity profiteers to have zero ethical qualms about investing in assault weapons. But teachers? It shouldn't have taken an event like this to bring that kind of investment to their attention.

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FOR

An Open Exchange of Ideas

Goodbye and thank you

After nearly 20 years in Washington, this is my final week as the senior US Senator from the great state of Texas.

People often wonder what compels a person to run for public office. Some think it's the power - though I can assure them that being one of a hundred senators, particularly when you're in the minority, is as far from personal power as one can get. Some think it's the excitement of politics - but anyone who has been through a tough, mud-slinging campaign would fail to describe the politics part favorably!

For me, the reason was to give back to the state that gave me so much.

I was raised with good Texas values, in a small town - La Marque - full of honest, hardworking people, in a tight-knit community with a wonderful public education system. Combined with the world-class education I received at the University of Texas, it gave me the tools to be whatever I wanted to be.

I got my professional start covering the statehouse at KPRC-TV in Houston, when the station owner took a chance on a young law school graduate.

And I was mentored by great Texans on my way up the political ladder, who continued their support when I got to the Senate and have stood solidly with me

For this I am grateful, and for this I have sought to give back, as have all the Texans with whom I've had the pleasure of serving. From Senator Phil Gramm to Senator John Cornyn to the entire Texas Congressional delegation, my colleagues have always been a strong and unique force in Congress. Texas stands out as the delegation that will band together across party lines to fight tooth and nail for our state. Team Texas always has the best interests of our beloved state in mind, and while some in Washington don't quite understand our particular brand of friendliness, I always say that Team Texas's hearts are as big as our mouths.

It may seem as though nothing gets done in Washington, DC. But we have accomplished so much for Texas in the past two decades, by sticking to the good Texas values of common sense, hard work and perseverance.

With so many Texans serving in the armed forces, I fought hard for our nation's military and their families, including legislation that studied how overseas military bases compared to American ones. That resulted in thousands of troops coming back to the US, where training and rapid deployment were superior. I also worked to secure over \$82 billion for base construction, military housing and veterans' programs. Over the years, I have visited our troops in Bosnia, Iraq

Capitol Comment



Kay Bailey Hutchison **U.S. Senator**

and Afghanistan, and seeing our military men and women when they are in harm's way is a very powerful reminder of the sacrifices they make and how indebted we are for their service.

I brought a new medical center to the Valley for our thousands of veterans; I helped secure research for the Gulf War Syndrome that has debilitated thousands of those who served in Desert Storm; and I helped expand the beautiful Waco veterans' facility to serve as a center for treatment of post-traumatic stress disorder.

Working for women and children has been a priority, and I am proud to have taken Amber Alerts - originally a Texas initiative - national. In the years since the legislation passed, nearly 600 children have been returned home. I also introduced legislation to strengthen antistalking laws

I fought for and secured the right for Texans to deduct state sales tax from their federal taxes. When married couples were inexplicably punished by having their joint incomes pushed into higher tax brackets, I ensured they were treated fairly with marriage penalty relief legislation. And I introduced the legislation for spouses who do not work outside the home to save for retirement, through the Homemaker IRA.

Texas research universities have risen from 6th to 3rd in federal funding for science and innovation, strengthening our state's economy and helping America keep our global competitive edge. I have fought for investment in and support for our higher education systems, and Texas is now a leading destination for some of the country's - and the world's - best scientists and researchers. And Texas gets exponential benefit from the long-term funding we secured for NASA's future.

So while it may seem that Washington is in a perpetual state of gridlock, Texans can take pride that their representatives have been fighting for them and getting

It has been my great honor to represent our state for the past two decades. I want to thank the people of Texas for this extraordinary opportunity, and make the solemn promise that I will continue to work for our state after I leave office.

And for the last time as a US Senator, I am proud to say: God bless you and God bless Texas.

HUTCHISON, A REPUBLICAN, IS THE SENIOR U.S. SENATOR FROM TEXAS.

Local Sat. recycling will continue; Three years later, Don't forget Haiti

To the Editor:

Hip hip hooray for recycling in Salado and most of all I want to send a big "green" thank you out to the all time, all around leader, Karen V. "Recycle Queen" Kinnison for being the pioneer in starting it, in organizing, guiding and keeping it and us going all these years. Good work, Karen!

Linda Pehoski Former co-conspirator and Green Team Member

To the Editor.

Three years ago on January 12, 2010 a devastating earthquake shook the Haitian capital of Port-au-Prince and its suburbs. It not only wrecked most of the buildings and homes there, but it killed over 200,000 citizens of Haiti plus hundreds of foreign visitors. Two hundred thousand souls-that would be most of the residents of Bell County-children, mothers, and dads whose meager incomes supported the family-and the tiny Haitian economy.

This deadly quake laid waste to most of the government buildings. It killed most of the "best and brightest" government department heads. It killed many of the top police officers and fire fighters. It took the lives of teachers, doctors, nurses, engineers and others who were moving this impoverished country ever so slowly forward. Consider how the county of Bell would function if a majority of our county officials, police officers, disaster

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response planners, teachers, physicians, etc. were wiped out in an eye blink. That's what happened in Haiti.

If the same widespread disaster happened here, help would be on the way in a matter of hours. The Haitians are still waiting for some of that same help. The average Haitian family lives in their own home—of about 200 square feet. How big is your garage? Over 400,000 people in Haiti are STILL living under blue tarps or in "temporary" tents three years after the quake. Can you fathom living in a camping tent or under a tarp for three years with thousands of other folks in the same predicament? Through tropical storms and year 'round hot, humid days and nights? It is unimaginable to me.

We all realize that disasters happen in our own country-hurricane Sandy is a recent example. But there is no doubt that we are blessed with an infrastructure that can respond. The country of Haiti is not so fortunate.

As you begin this year of 2013, keep Haiti in your thoughts. You can help make a difference there through a donation to the Red Cross, World Vision or UMCOR. Go on line and find an opportunity to help.

George Murphy

Salado, Texas



FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas

Stop subsidizing the slaughter!

By Paul Driessen

Congress and the White House are struggling to find even one subsidy or entitlement program that they are willing to cut. But the American Wind Energy Association (AWEA) insists that the 2.2-cents per kilowatt-hour Production Tax Credit (PTC) for wind electricity must be preserved yet again - and then (maybe, partially) phased out over the next five years. With combined subsidy and PTC price tag of \$12 billion in 2013, this is utter nonsense.

The PTC must be terminated, right now, and any further expansion of wind power halted. Not just for debt, fiscal cliff and economic reasons, but for moral and environmental reasons: Wind turbines disrupt and destroy wildlife habitats. They butcher birds and bats that are vital to ecological diversity and agriculture.

It's time to stop subsidizing the slaughter!

The US Fish and Wildlife Service and Ameri-Bird Conservancy say wind turbines kill 440,000 bald and golden eagles, hawks, falcons, owls, cranes, egrets, geese and other birds every year in the United States. Turbines also eradicate countless night-flying, insecteating bats. However, new studies reveal that these estimates are frightfully low, and based on misleading or even fraudulent data. The horrific reality is that, in the United States alone, "eco-friendly" wind turbines are killing an estimated 13,000,000 to 39,000,000 birds and bats every year!

These shocking figures reflect the presence of well over 39,000 turbines in the United States. located in habitats with widely varying numbers and species of raptors, other birds and bats, says Mark Duchamp, president of Save the Eagles International and chairman of the World Council for Nature. His estimates are based on a 2012 study by the Spanish Ornithological Society (SEO/Birdlife), which utilized data from 136 official turbine monitoring studies from Spain, and is corroborated by a 1993 study of bird mortality from wind turbines in Germany and Sweden, Duchamp explains.

These figures cover only flying creatures that are struck and killed or mortally wounded by turbines, whose blade tips move at 100-200 mph. Over the past 25 years, 2,300 golden eagles have been killed by turbines just at Altamont Pass, California, Dr. Shawn Smallwood estimates. The subsidized slaughter "could easily be over 500" golden eagles a year in our western states, Save the Eagles International biologist Jim Wiegand told me, plus many bald eagles. Entire flocks of geese can blunder into turbines and get killed.

These are not sparrows and pigeons killed by house cats. They are our most vital and magnificent species.

In the 86-square-mile area blanketed by the Altamont wind facility, no eagles have nested for over 20 years, and golden eagle nest sites have declined by half near the facility. even though both areas are prime habitat, says Wie-

gand. Overall, there has been an 80% population decline for the golden eagle in Southern California, he notes. Since wind turbines began proliferating, there has been a 47% loss of raptors in Oregon, the USFWS states, and a 42% decline in bird populations in Iowa, according to an Iowa Department of Natural Resources researcher.

After being nursed

back from the brink of extinction, magnificent five-foot-tall whooping cranes now face annihilation, due to thousands of turbines being erected within their 200-milewide, 2,500-mile-long migration routes, former FWS whooping crane coordinator Tom Stehn fears. From their small population, over 200 cranes have "gone missing" in recent years, and now Fish and Wildlife is deceitfully delaying the 2012 "whooper" count until after Congress votes on the PTC. It has also changed the survey methods, from a complete census with a 2% margin of error - to a "distance sampling method" that injects a 25% error margin that Stehn says is "unacceptable and useless for species recovery management." (But the new methods are very helpful for hiding wind turbine kills,

says Wiegand.) These actions are an integral part of the corrupt practices, disinformation and double standards engaged in by politicians, government agencies and environmental groups to support Big Wind: outrage, intolerance and penalties for fossil fuels – subsidies, favoritism and exemptions from laws and regulations for wind.

The Interior Department has used sage grouse and lesser prairie chickens to justify prohibitions on oil leasing and drilling, and prosecuted oil companies for unintentional deaths of 28 mallard ducks in North Dakota - but it has never penalized a single wind turbine company for eco-slaughter. Now its Fish and Wildlife Service wants to issue "programmatic take permits" that would allow wind turbine operators to repeatedly. systematically, legally and "inadvertently" iniure, maim and kill eagles, cranes and condors.

Possess a feather from an eagle killed by a wind turbine, trap a bat in your attic or smash a goose egg - and the penalties are swift and severe. But kill eagles, bats, geese or whooping cranes with a wind turbine, and there is no penalty and no outrage from the Sierra Club - only more subsidies and tax credits, and more exemptions from the Endangered Species Act, Migratory Bird Treaty Act and

NEPA/EIS studies. Interior and the FWS also let monitoring ornithologists search for dead birds only within 130-165 feet from turbine towers, thus missing numerous birds that were flung further by the impact or limped off to die elsewhere, and search for carcasses only every few weeks, allowing scavengers to take most of them away. In addition, wind facility crews remove and bury carcasses illegally, say Wiegand, Duchamp and the Spanish Ornithological Society. Officials

also let operators treat

data as proprietary trade secrets, safeguarded under nondisclosure agreements or put into private data banks immune from FOIA requests; impose high security at turbine sites to make accurate, honest, mortality independent counts impossible; and filter, massage and manipulate data to make mortality appear minimal.

No other American industry is allowed to operate with such immunity and impunity. It is time to end the wind Production Tax Credit and the blatant favoritism and exemptions for the wind power industry. Big Wind must be held to the same standards, laws and regulations that apply to all other industries.

Industrial wind operators must be required to permit access by unbiased outside experts to their facilities, to ensure compliance with the law and facilitate regular, full, independent bird and bat mortality counts. They must be required to comply with all endangered species, migratory bird and other environmental

Before acting on the PTC, Congress should demand an accurate and verifiable 2012 winter count for the whooping cranes, along with complete age class figures – and prohibit the Fish and Wildlife Service from implementing any programmatic take permit system for eagles and other birds. It should also demand a multi-year, independent, transparent study of bird and bat mortality, at every wind facility in America, before allowing the PTC to be extended or another turbine facility to be built in the United States.

From an additional ecological standpoint, wind is our least sustainable energy option. Industrial wind projects require huge swaths of land, often in pristine area, for turbines, access roads and ultralong transmission lines. Turbines and transmission towers require enormous

quantities of steel, con-

damaging.

dioxide emissions.

tices to continue - or worse, permitting Big Wind to expand to generate 25% of US electricity - would be a catastrophe of monumental proportions. Millions more birds and bats will die, and entire species will disappear from habitats, geographic regions and throughout the United States.

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crete, rare earth metals, copper, unrecyclable fiberglass and other materials - more than conventional power plants that generate 97% of US electricity. It makes far more sense to build conventional power plants, and forget about wind power.

Moreover, wind energy is a net jobs and economic loser. By raising electricity costs for factories, internet hubs, offices, malls, hospitals, school districts and other businesses, industrial wind power kills two to four jobs for every wind job created through government mandates, subsidies and tax credits which themselves extract billions of dollars from productive sectors of the economy, to support Big Wind. Its impact on the budgets, health and wellbeing of people on low and fixed incomes is equally

Wind energy will never be competitive with alternative electricity sources, especially with the shale gas revolution driving the price of natural gas down to \$3 per thousand cubic feet to power highefficiency combined-cycle generators. Intermittent, unreliable wind power is parasitic, entirely dependent on fossil fuel generators to provide electricity every time the wind is low or nonexistent. Finally, for those worried about "dangerous global warming," wind energy does almost nothing to reduce carbon

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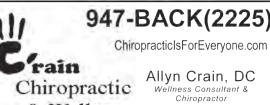
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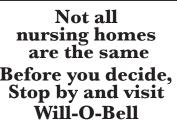
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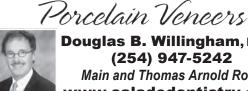
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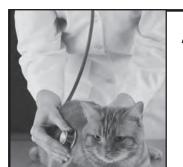
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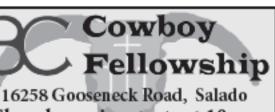
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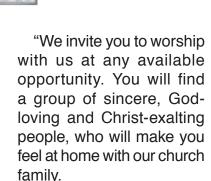


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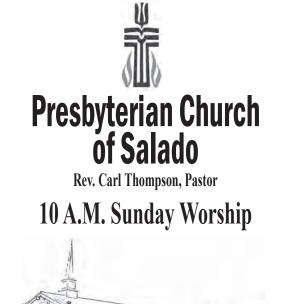
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Anne Butler and M.H. Cowan III of Salado celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on Saturday, December 29, 2012, with a mass at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Temple officiated by Rev. James Misko. The ceremony was followed by a brunch at Wildflower Country Club hosted by their six children and spouses, Michael Cowan and wife Angela, of Belton, Terri Seaton and husband Chris, of Salado, Cathy Cleveland and husband Wayne, of Salado, Susan Phillips and husband Robert, of Clifton, Caroline Markham and husband Keith, of Salado, and Becky Gleberman and husband David, of Richmond, Va., and their twenty-four grandchildren.



Leon and Carleen Carroll of Salado and Pat and Kathy Thompson of Corpus Christi wish to announce the engagement of their children, Suzanne Catrice Carroll of Leander and Aaron Rea Thompson of Corpus Christi. Suzanne and Aaron will be married March 9, 2013 in Salado.

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Week 1 - January 3 -"Let's Breathe!"

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Week 2 - January 10 -"Keeping Your Balance." Techniques that set barbershop singers apart from the rest. Learning about 4-part harmony with video highlights of International champion choruses.

Week 3 – January 17 --"We're in this Together." Techniques for singing in an acappella ensemble. They feature a blended, unit sound, no soloist.

Weeks 4 and 5 - January 24 and 31 - "Here Comes The Coach."

Techniques that music educators use to hone group skills. Several times a year they hire well-known vocal and performance coaches to provide them with new tools to increase their proficiency. On Jan 24, they will prepare for a visit from International Education Faculty member Sylvia Alsbury of Tucson, AZ, who flies in Jan

"Harmonize The World" is the theme of Sweet Adelines International, which promotes barbershop harmony through education, competition and performance for its 23,000 members in 500 choruses throughout the U.S. and the world. Each rehearsal is packed with music education to hone vocal production and choreography skills, and guest coaches are hired to enrich members throughout the

Any female who can stay in pitch is invited to audition. The group's youngest member joined at age 14 and just graduated high schooll. Some of the longtime members are in their 70s.

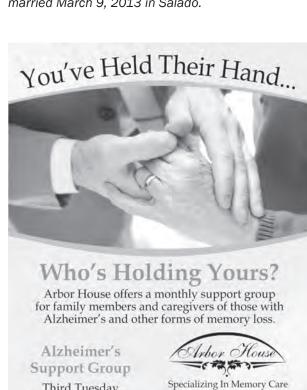
Public Library helps those who received a new Xmas gadget

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Top gospel music groups to appear in Temple

Mark Trammell Quartet and The Whisnants will be appearing together in Temple 6 p.m. Jan 5. This event kicks off the 23rd year of Southern Gospel music concerts promoted by Crimson River Minis-

Mark Trammell Quartet, based in Gadsden, Alabama, has the number one song in Southern Gospel music for all of 2012, according to Singing News Magazine. The song, "I Want to Know", features bass singer Pat Barker, and is a re-make of the song, originally made popular by the Statesmen Quartet. Other members include tenor Eric Phillips, lead singer Nick Trammell and the group's patriarch, Mark Trammell, who sings baritone.

Mark Trammell has been a part of some of the most noteworthy and successful groups in the history of gospel music, including the Kingsmen Quartet, the Cathedral Quartet, Greater Vision and Gold City Quartet. Some consider him to be an icon. He is known as one of the most distinctive voices. greatest blending voices, and best bass guitar players in the past 50 years of gospel music. In 2012 his son Nick joined the group as lead singer, which adds an element of family harmony within the context of a solid Southern Gospel Quartet.

The Whisnants are a family group which combines two evangelistic families. Jeff Whisnant grew up singing in revivals with his Dad and brother. Through that ministry he met Susan Dry, who grew up singing evangelistically with her family. After they married, they continued ministry as The Whisnants. They are joined on stage by Aaron Hise, who sings lead, as well as Jeff and Susan's two teenage boys. Austin plays bass guitar for the group and he and Ethan are both featured on songs in the program presented by The Whisnants.

The concert is promot-

ed by Crimson River Ministries of Temple. CRM Spokesman Tony Watson indicated this is the beginning of the 23rd year of promoting Southern Gospel music concerts in Centeral Texas for he and his father-in-law, James Rhoads. "We started in February of 1991 with our first concert - it was with Greater Vision when they first got started. We've had anywhere from four to six events each year since. We are blessed to have a great number of folks who love this music and are blessed by it," said Watson. Watson describes their efforts as a labor of love. "I Pastor a church full-time in East Texas and CRM is just a hobby for James and I. We do this because we love Southern Gospel music and the relationships that have come through it. We do not make a dime at it", added Watson.

Tickets are available at CrimsonRiverMinistries. com and will be available at the door. The public is invited.

will perform **For Love of Country** in Georgetown on Jan. 27

The Georgetown Symphony Society presents the Temple Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Thomas Fairlie, in an afternoon of compositions celebrating America, her citizens and her mili-

With works by John Philip Sousa, Aaron Copland, John Williams and others, the event will be held at 4 p.m. Jan. 27 in the GHS Klett Center for the Performing Arts, tickets (\$27, \$20, \$5). Tickets are now available at both Georgetown H-E-B stores, the Sun City CA office, and at the door the afternoon of the concert.

Full details available at www.gsstx.org or call 512-864-9591

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Jesus took the loaves, and when He had given thanks He distributed them to the disciples, and the disciples to those sitting down; and likewise of the fish, as much as they wanted... when they had seen the sign that Jesus did, (they) said, This is truly the Prophet who is come into the world.



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Bob Patterson addresses Republican Women Jan. 24

Bob Patterson, recently retired Jail Administrator for Bell County, will speak about criminal justice Jan. 24 to the Salado Area Republican Women at the Mill Creek Golf

Club, 1610 Club Circle. The meeting will commence at 6 p.m. with dessert and coffee being served. There will be a \$5 charge and the public is

invited. Patterson, a retired Army veteran, is the past president of the Central Texas Peace Officers Association and is past president of both the Texas and American Jail Associations. He served as a supervising jail inspector for the state of Texas. He and Temple Bible Church.

Reservations are requested for seating and

his wife, Anna, attend the food and may be made by contacting First Vice President, Bobi Anderson at 947-3315 or at bobi_ ander son@embarqmail.com.

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New Year's Sermon Series (all 3 Worship Services) "Living With No Regrets" Scripture: Acts 26:9-20

Wednesday evening (January 9) 5:15-6:00 pm Felllowship Meal (Main Bldg) 6:00-7:00 pm M & M Kids (Main Bldg) 6:00-8:00 pm Youth Activities (YAC) 6:00-7:00 pm Adult Study (Main Bldg)

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Salado Police Report December 17-30

Dec. 1

9:17-9:55 a.m., 600 Block N. Main. Burglary of Building, notified of a burglary of a building at the above address. Upon arrival cleared the building and took a report. Clear.

11:09-11:16 a.m., 300 Block Royal View. Wounded Deer, notified of a wounded deer at the above address. Upon arrival the deer ran into the woods. Clear.

4:42-4:49 p.m., 500 Block College Hill. Dog at Large, complainant stated loose puppy in area. Dog was located in front yard of where it belongs with owners present. Clear.

Dec. 18

12:19-12:56 p.m., 300 Block Royal View. Wounded Deer, notified of wounded deer at the above address. After locating the animal she got up and ran away. Clear.

Dec. 19

11:40 a.m.-1:19 p.m., 600 Block N. Main. False Alarm, no problems located- checked building.

1:19-2:06 p.m., 200 Block Mill Creek. Theft, gathered info- Report.

10:00-11:00 p.m., I-35 SB 285. Assist Other Agency, assisted DPS with a major MVA, 1 vehicle roll over/DWI. Cleared. **Dec. 20**

9:40-10:58 a.m., 2100 Block Chisholm Tr. Fraud, received a phone call in reference to social security scam.

Dec. 21

6:50-7:10 p.m., 700 Block Royal. Medical, assisted SVFD on a 13 year old white female with chest pains. Cleared.

10:34-11:00 p.m., 600 Block Willow Creek. Medical Call, assisted SVFD on an elderly white female with high blood pressure. Cleared. Dec. 22

11:04-11:20 a.m., 900 Block Park Dr. Disturbance, tenant believes someone is sleeping under her back porch. Unfounded. Clear.

11:25 a.m.- 12:52 p.m., 284 NB. Agency Assist, traffic control for a six car wreck. Clear.

12:52-1:08 p.m., 2100 Block Indian Tr. Residential Alarm, alarm set off by cats inside home. Resident is out of town. House secure. Clear.

6:36-6:45 p.m., 1900 Block Indian Trail. Animal Welfare, third party caller witnessed deer with a broken or missing back leg go into woods behind above address. Deer was mobile and grazing per caller. Deer had gone off into wooded area by dead end of Smith Branch. No action taken. Clear.

Dec. 23

7:30-8:34 a.m., Main at Plaza. Disabled Motorist, tire fell off of truck rear. Roadside service called. Clear.

10:59-11:30 a.m., Salado School Rd. Agency Assist, Ag. barn caught fire. flames extinguished upon arrival. Clear.

10:24-10:29 p.m., 300 Block N. Main. Suspicious Vehicle, caller stated black pick up truck parked at business next to residence. Vehicle left prior to call being dispatched. No complainant contact per dispatch. Checked area. UTL. Clear.

Dec. 24

6:18-6:27 p.m., 215 Mill Creek. (Brookshire Bros). Standby, employee requesting standby and escort while making night deposit. Escorted to bank without incident. Clear. **Dec. 25**

7:56-8:04 a.m., 300 Block Salado Creek Place. Alarm, notified of residential alarm. House secure ground level. Clear. Dec. 26

12:40-12:56 p.m., 100 Block N. Main. Suspicious Vehicle, a dark color SUV was in the area the last two nights.

Dec. 27

5:52-6:03 p.m., 900 Block Cedar Park. Dead Deer, notified of a dead deer in complainant's yard. After arrival I notified the homeowner to contact the city offices in the morning. Clear.

11:35 p.m.- 12:50 a.m., I-35 SB 286. Assist Other Agency, 2 vehicle major crash with injuries. Assisted SVFD and DPS. Cleared.

Dec. 28

6:46-7:08 a.m., 1100 Block Southridge. Suspicious Circumstance. Heard noise outside. **Dec. 29**

4:22-4:50 p.m., 2200 Block Smith Bluff. Theft, notified of a theft of money from a bank account. Upon arrival the complainant advised that her bank was in Temple. Referred her to Temple PD. Clear.

6:30-6:45 p.m., IH 35 N. Bound. Agency Assist, notified of stolen vehicle out of Williamson County. Vehicle was N. Bound on the interstate. Unable to locate. Clear.

Dec. 30

11:47 a.m.- 12:02 p.m., 2000 Block N. Robertson Rd. Robbery Alarm, notified of alarm at Country Boys. Upon arrival clerk stated she accidentally set it off. Clear.

2:12-2:54 p.m., 286 N. Bound. Agency Assist, traffic control at 286 N. Bound. Single vehicle crash. Clear.

4:45-6:02 p.m., 283 S. Bound. Agency Assist, single vehicle crash on service rd. traffic control. Clear.

4:45-5:32 p.m., 1100 Block Baines. Electrical Sparks, insulators on top of utility pole arching. Notified ONCOR who came out and repaired. Clear.

6:37-6:45 p.m., Salado Square. Motion Alarm, notified of interior motion alarm activation at Magnolia's. All secure ground level. Clear.

FROM PAGE 1A

Staff

Director. She retired from the Salado Civic Center board of directors after six years service.

She has also won awards from the TCNA. She has twice been honored. She won second place for Best Feature Photo and second place for Community Service for her work with the Family Relief Fund.

The Fleischers' children -- Royce Wiggin and Jenny Wiggin, are both graduates of Salado High School -- have grown up in the eye of the community. Royce graduated in 2007, beginning in second grade in Salado schools. Jenny began her school career as a kindergärtner at Thomas Arnold Elementary School and graduated in 2009.

The newest addition is Nate Timothy Potter, who was born to Jenny Wiggin and Joey Potter on Dec. 13, 2011.

ROYCE WIGGIN

Royce Wiggin is one of those rare species: a native of Salado, born here in

He has attended school in Salado since second grade graduating in 2007.

He began work at the newspaper over the summer of his junior year in high school in 2005. His responsibilities include placing and rotating ads on pages, directing phone calls in the office, proof reading, typesetting and a myriad of other duties.

He is the son of Tim and Marilyn Fleischer, owners of the newspaper, and is glad to finally get paid for all the hours he spends at the newspaper office.

STEPHANIE HOOD

Another native of Salado is Stephanie Hood, a 1987 graduate of Salado High School, Stephanie is a hometown girl at heart and a third generation graduate who is raising



Royce Wiggin

a fourth generation of Eagles.

"I am a country kid, I was 'raised here' as they say," Hood said. "The history of Salado and Bell county is intertwined with the history of my family. With that comes a certain respect for the old buildings, farms and the oldtimers who made Salado great."

Salado great."

"The creek was the favorite swimming hole when I was a kid and not just for Salado," she added. "The tree-lined banks were the perfect place to find a cool retreat from the sun. You had to be a good kid though, if you acted up your parents would get a phone call before you even thought about going home."

Stephanie joined the newspaper in 2006 as the composition person. She has spent her career creating images express ideas. As a Broadcasting major in college, she worked for both KNCT and KCTF television stations before becoming a videographer for Scott & White Hospital. "Being a little under 5 foot, I spent a lot of time on a ladder in

operating rooms."

Working at the Salado
Village Voice was a natural
fit. Creating concise
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she excels. Photography

Stephanie Hood

was always a hobby as
Stephanie grew up in a
family of photographers.

"Some of my greatest
treasures are photos
taken by my grandmother
and great grandmothers.
Many of those places
have been erased from our

landscape."

Stephanie is an active community volunteer. She serves as an advisor to several scouting units. The former Cubmaster and Day Camp director has moved on to Troop, Venturing and Sea Scouting units as her children have progressed through the Boy Scouting program.

Thursday nights this fall were reserved for Junior High Football as Stephanie cheered on her son Allen. "Its really neat to think he is wearing the same number my dad wore when he played at Salado High."

She is also founding member of the Salado School Alumni Association. "It important to preserve the history of our schools. Our village was founded because the people of county wanted an education for their children. My ancestor, E. T. Estes hung the bell in the tower of the newly constructed Salado College. It is nice to know I can help preserve that legacy."

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Andrew Warren (#5) defends against a Dimmitt Bobcat during Salado's 63-59 win in the first round of the Caprock Tournament Dec. 27-29. (Photo by Wayne Womac)

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Eagles drop two at Caprock

Salado Eagles, after Eagles losing two of three games in the highly-competitive Caprock Tournament in Lubbock over Christmas break, continue district play on the road against Rosebud-Lott with games starting at 5 p.m. Jan. 3. Only the varsity and freshman squads will play Jan. 3. Salado will host Jarrell at noon Jan. 5 and then travel to Academy 5 p.m. Jan. 8.

Dimmitt

Salado beat the Dimmitt Bobcats in the Caprock Tournament 63-59, with Austin Adams leading both squads with 23 points.

Adams scored 12 of his 23 points in the first quarter, as the Eagles trailed 16-17. The Eagles added 22 points in the second quarter, with Brandon Womac hitting two threepointers and Dane Hankamer leading the scoring with 9 points in the period for a 38-32 halftime lead.

Salado held a 48-38 lead after three periods and staved off a fourth quarter surge of 21 points by Dimmitt for the win.

The 23-point effort by Adams was supported by Hankamer's 17 points and Womac's 10 points.

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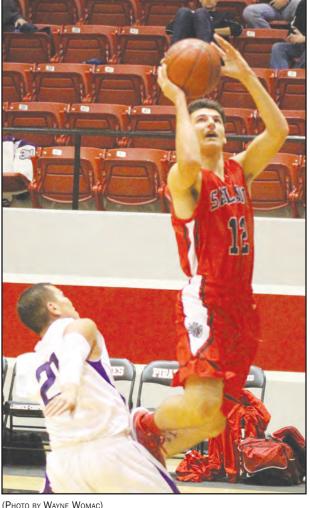
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(PHOTO BY WAYNE WOMAC) Dane Hankamer (#12) puts up a jumper during the Salado Eagles' 63-59 win over Dimmitt.



Ladies win two in Thorndale



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Salado Lady Eagles take their 3-0 district record on the road against Rosebud-Lott 5 p.m. Jan. 3 before hosting the #2 Jarrell Lady Cougars on Jan. 5 with games starting at noon. Salado then travels to Academy on Jan. 8 with games starting at 5 p.m. The girls go into the district games following

two wins in the Thorndale tournament over the Christmas break.

Lady Eagles McGregor 39

Salado held a slim 10-9 lead in the first and scored 12 in the second to enter the half leading 22-18. The Lady Eagles extended their lead in the third scoring 15 points to go into the fourth leading 37-27. Salado added 23 points in the fourth quarter for final score of 60-39.

Meredith Ward led the Lady Eagles in scoring with a total of 24 points. Followed by Jaylee Sebek, 13 points.

Also scoring for Salado were Ashley Adams, 11 points; Carmela Perez, 6

Eagles

Also scoring for the

Eagles were Kase Spears,

5 points, Kyle Heiner and

Sam Barrett, 2 points each.

Salado lost to Idalou

Idalou held a 27-17 half-

Spears led the team

with 10 points, including a

fourth-quarter three-point

in the second round of the

tournament, scoring just 17 points in the first half.

time lead, and matched the

Eagles second half effort

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Eagles

Idalou

points; Taryn Kornegay, 4 points; Payton Dreitz, 2 points.

Lady Eagles 18 Thorndale 52

Salado Lady Eagles were outscored 4-14 in the first quarter and scored 4 in the second to enter the half trailing 8-29. Salado was held to 3 points going into the fourth behind 11-50. Salado scored 7 points in the fourth to make the final score 18-52.

Ward led Salado in scoring with 5 points. Followed by Sebek, 4 points.

Also scoring for Salado were Adams, 2 points; Perez, 2 points; Kornegay, 2 points; Taylor Atwood, 2 points; Rachel Ray, 1 point.

Lago Vista

Salado Lady Eagles led 16-10 in the first and scored 15 in the second to enter the half leading 31-

Salado scored 11 in the third to lead 42-30 going into the fourth.

Salado managed to hold onto the lead in the fourth being outscored 7-18 by Lago Vista for the win 49-

Ward led Salado in scoring with 16 points. Followed by Kornegay, 14

Also scoring for the Lady Eagles were, Adams, 13 points; Dreitz, 4 points; Sebek, 2 points.

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Also scoring for the Ea-

for the win.

gles were Adams, 9 points, Heiner, 8 points, Womac, 6 points, Hankamer, 4 points, Barrett, 3 points, and Preston Rosebrock, 2 points.

Eagles Perryton

Salado scored only three points in the fourth quarter, allowing the Perryton Rangers to come from a 2-point deficit for the win in the third round of the Caprock tournament.

Salado took a 15-11 lead in the first quarter, but the Rangers closed the gap to knot the score at 26-26 at the end of the first half. Salado scored 13 points in the third for a 39-37 lead. Perryton scored 8 of its fourth-quarter points at the free throw line, shooting 80 percent.

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Hankamer led Salado with 10 points, all in the first half.

Womac followed with 7 points. Also scoring for Salado were Adams and Andrew Warren, 6 points each, Spears, 5 points, Barrett, 4 points and Rosebrock and Tyler Ramthun, 2 points each.

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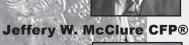
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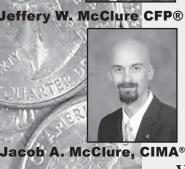
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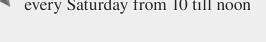
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Kick it

Soccer boys seek championship; girls look to make playoffs in second year of new sport

Even though Salado dropped back to 2A with the biennial realignment, the Eagles will be allowed to compete in district soccer again this year.

Salado will play in Dissame district as the Eagles played in last year, in its inaugural season of soc-

The boys made the playoffs in 2012 and coach Michael Goos said he hopes both squads will vie for playoff spots in 2013.

The Eagles began scrimmages over Christmas break and will host an alumni game Jan. 4.

Coach Goos invites the community to the Alumni Game at 6 p.m. Jan. 4 at Eagle Field. Bring three canned goods per person or a \$3 donation to the Salado Communities in Schools program as admission to the game.

The boys competed in a scrimmage tournament in Temple, tying with the Temple Wildcasts in the first game, 1-1, thanks to a goal by Josh Rogers. The boys played their second game against Round Rock High School Drag-Chase Crenwelge put one in the net early in the game, but the Eagles couldn't hold on to the

lead eventually falling

to the Dragons in a hard

fought 1-2 loss.

Meanwhile, the Lady Eagles took the field for the first match against the Harker Heights Knights, losing 0-1. The next match was also a painful 0-4 loss to a determined and experienced Hutto team. In the last game of the scrimmage tournament against the Killeen Kangaroos, the Lady Eagles fought their way to first tie of the season with a 0-0 outcome.

District play begins Feb. 8. Teams include Salado, Brownwood, Gatesville, Lampasas, Lorena and Robinson.

The boys placed second in district last year and won the first round playoff game against China Springs 3-1 in first playoff game. They lost to Jacksonville 3-0 in the second round of the playoffs.

Salado varsity boys were 14-11 and 9-3 in dis-

The girls final record was 4-20-1 and 2-10 in district play.

There are 14 returning trict 34-4A, which is the letter winners on the boys team. They are Dakota Creasey, Brad Cosper, Josh Oyler, Patrick Murray, Christian Wilkerson, James Svadlenak, Pablo Castelan, Dennie Barker, Daniel Lemus, Armor Wiraponsawan, ton Cole, Tristan Bragg, Chase Crenwelge, and Josh Rogers.

> Chase Crenwelge was district 34-4A Newcomer of the Year. Josh Rogers was district 34-4A Defender of the Year.

The girls have seven re-

turning letter winners. They are Rilee Wong, Kylie Robinson, Brittany Sodic, Taylor Shearer, Lexi Daniels, Anissa Peralta, and Molly Colvin.

"There are 11 freshman on the roster this year that look to fill spots left open by graduating seniors in the push for a playoff spot," Goos said.

Karen Ewton coaches the girls squad and Goos is assisted by Earl Bragg on the junior varsity squad.

All home games for the soccer teams are played at Eagle Field on Thomas Arnold Road.



Salado Eagle Soccer Schedule 2012-2013



Scrimmages

Friday	December 28	Temple Scrim Tourn	Woodson (Temple)	Boys Varsity	TBD
Saturday	December 29	Scrimmage Tournament	Leo Buckley (Killeen)	Girls Varsity	TBD
Thursday	January 3	Killeen Scrimmage Tourn	Ellison	Girls Varsity	TBD
Friday	January 4	Alumni Game	Salado		6pm
Saturday	January 5	Copperas Cove Scrim Tourn	Bulldawg Stadium	Boys Varsity/JV	TBD
Monday	January 7	Waco University	Salado	Boys JV	5pm
Tuesday	January 8	Copperas Cove Scrim Tourn	TBD	Girls Varsity	TBD
Tuesday	January 8	Killeen	Salado	Boys JV	5pm

Tournament/Pre-District

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Fri-Sat	January 11-12	Marble Falls Tournament	Marble Falls	Girls/Boys Varsity	TBD
Monday	January 14	Waco University	Waco University	Boys JV	5pm
Tuesday	January 15	Waco La Vega	Salado	Girls/Boys Varsity	5:30/7:30
Thurs-Sat	January 17-19	Harker Heights 7v7 JV Tourn	Harker Heights	Boys JV	TBD
Fri-Sat	January 18-19	Stephenville KOC Tournament	Stephenville	Girls/Boys Varsity	TBD
Tuesday	January 22	Waco University	Waco ISD Stadium	Girls/Boys Varsity	5:30/7:30
Tuesday	January 22	Waco University	Salado	Boys JV	5pm
Thurs-Fri	January 24-26	Salado Eagle Classic	Salado	Girls/Boys Varsity	TBD
Friday	February 1	Leander Vista Ridge	Vista Ridge	Boys Varsity/JV	5:30/7:30
Monday	February 4	Harker Heights	Harker Heights	Boys JV	5:30

District 34 4A

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Friday	February 8	Robinson	Salado	Girls/Boys Varsity	5:30/7:30
Saturday	February 9	Brenham JV Tournament	Brenham	Boys JV	TBD
Monday	February 11	Gatesville	Gatesville	Boys JV	6pm
Tuesday	February 12	Lorena	Salado	Girls/Boys Varsity	5:30/7:30
Friday	February 15	Lampasas	Lampasas	Girls/Boys Varsity	5:30/7:30
Saturday	February 16	Waco University	Waco University	Boys JV	10am
Monday	February 18	Brownwood	Salado	Boys JV	5:30
Tuesday	February 19	Brownwood	Brownwood	Girls/Boys Varsity	5:30/7:30
Friday	February 22	Gatesville	Salado	Girls/Boys Varsity	5:30/7:30
Tuesday	February 26	Robinson	Robinson	Girls/Boys Varsity	5:30/7:30
Friday	March 1	Lorena	Lorena	Girls/Boys Varsity	5:30/7:30
Monday	March 4	Gatesville	Salado	Boys JV	6pm
Friday	March 8	Lampasas (Youth Night)	Salado	Girls/Boys Varsity	5:30/7:30
Monday	March 18	Brownwood	Brownwood	Boys JV	5:30
Tuesday	March 19	Brownwood (Senior Night)	Salado	Girls/Boys Varsity	5:30/7:30
Thursday	March 21	Harker Heights	Salado	Boys JV	5:30
Friday	March 22	Gatesville	Gatesville	Girls/Boys Varsity	5:30/7:30

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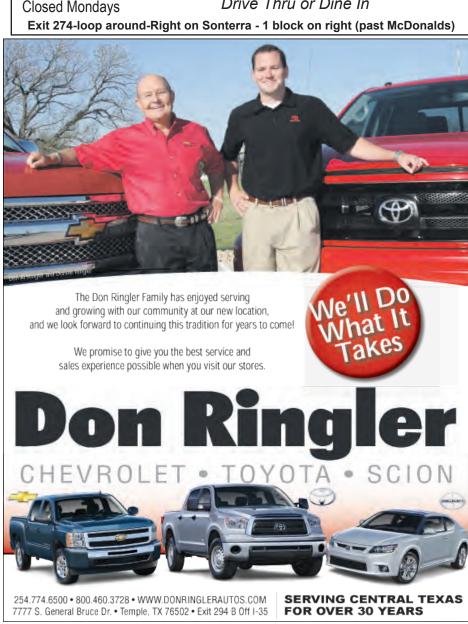
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MILWAUKEE, WI -It's the beginning of the New Year, and resolutions abound for many. Losing weight, exercising more frequently, and eating more healthfully are common goals. What if you could do all of the above and save a few dollars at the same time? This January, consider the following strategies from TOPS Club Inc. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), the nonprofit weight-loss support organization, to create flavorful, nutritious meals that won't hurt your wal-

Eat In More and Out Less

While they require more planning, homecooked meals are an excellent way to minimize your grocery bill, and they are typically healthier than the options you may find when dining out.

- Double or triple your recipes and freeze leftovers in individual containers to eat throughout the week.
- Make at least one meal a week meatless. Choose recipes that utilize beans (canned or dried) and grains, which add a boost of nutrition.

Plan Ahead

A meal planning chart or simple shopping list for the week are great tools for the budget-minded, health-conscious sumer. Knowing what you already have in the pantry and what you intend to make ahead of time reduces impulse spending, saves

time, and improves the nutritional value of your meal.

- Take part of one day a week to plan the upcoming week's menu. Search "meal planning charts" online for a variety of templates and convenient shopping tools.
- Include meals that will "stretch" more expensive food items, like stews, casseroles, and stir-fries.
- In addition to reviewing weekly store circulars in advance for sales, check the back of your grocery receipt for additional coupons. Also check online for coupons, simply by searching for the products that you use and visiting the manufacturers' websites.

Shop Smart

In addition to shopping at grocery stores, consider local markets, dollar stores, and shopping online, if available in your neighborhood. For the best deals at the market, look for reduced produce or end-of-the-day specials. Many online grocery services offer discounted or free shipping if you spend a minimum amount, and you'll be more inclined to stick to your list and avoid splurging on unnecessary purchases.

Some other suggestions include:

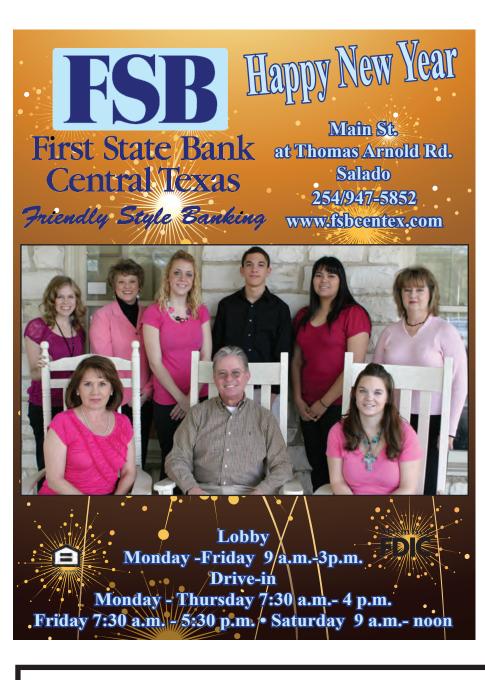
- Only shop once a week. This makes it easier to avoid unnecessary purchases and encourages you buy only what you need for the weekly menu.
- Have a snack before you visit the grocery store. Shopping on an empty stomach can lead to im-

pulse buying.

- Shop alone, to prevent family members' impulse selections from ending up in the shopping cart.
- "Shop the perimeter" of the store, remembering that the least healthy and most overpriced packaged foods are concentrated in the middle aisles.
- Look high and low (literally) on store shelves to find generic items from store brands, which are often less expensive than, but identical to, name-brand items, which are placed at eye level on shelves.
- Buying "economy" or "family size" containers is sometimes a better buy - if you truly eat all of the food in the package. If it spoils and has to be thrown away, it may just be a waste of money. Select large packages of meat, poultry, and fish, and place them in separate freezer bags at home for each meal. Non-perishable items like canned food, cereal, soup, and nuts are a good choice.
- Avoid purchasing "convenience" foods, like single-serving snacks. pre-cut fruits and vegetables, and instant rice. Buy a larger-sized container and portion out your own snacks, cut your own produce, and spend a few minutes cooking the rice. These efforts may take a bit of extra time up front but will ultimately save you dollars.
- If fresh fruits and vegetables are cost-prohibitive, try the frozen or canned versions made with "100% juice" and "low sodium," respectively. Frozen produce is often flash-frozen at the source, locking in nutrients. Rinse canned vegetables before cooking to further reduce the sodium content.

TOPS Club Inc. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) is the original weight-loss support and wellness education organization. Founded more than 65 years ago, TOPS is the only nonprofit, noncommercial weight-loss organization of its kind. TOPS promotes successful weight management with a "Real People. Real Weight Loss.®" philosophy that combines support from others at weekly chapter meetings, healthy eating, regular exercise, and wellness information. TOPS has about 170,000 members - male and female, age seven and older - in nearly 10,000 chapters throughout the United States and Canada.

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Salado I.S.D. Menus January 7 - 11



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Lunch K-8 Chef Salad (Mon - Thur)	Flying Eagle on Bun Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes and Gravy Blackeye Peas Glazed Carrots	Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce Fish Nuggets Green Beans Coleslaw Apricots w/Topping	Pepperoni Pizza Marinara Sauce Macaroni & Cheese Broccoli - Vegetable Mix Glazed Carrots Corn Peaches w/Topping	Soft Beef Taco Mini Corn Dogs Pinto Beans Mixed Vegetables Rosy Applesauce Ice Cream Cup	Eagle Burger BBQ Rib Sandwich Baked Multigrain Chips Carrot Sticks Fruit Cocktail
Lunch 9-12 Chef Salad (Mon - Thur)	Flying Eagle on Bun Chicken Nuggets Whole Wheat Roll Mashed Potatoes and Gravy Blackeye Peas Glazed Carrots Peach Cobbler Delight	Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce Fish Nuggets Whole Wheat Roll Green Beans Carrot Sticks Ice Cream Cup	Pepperoni Pizza Marinara Sauce Roll Macaroni & Cheese Iron Man Salad Steamed Broccoli Corn Peaches w/Topping	Macho Burrito Chicken Fajitas Pinto Beans Mixed Vegetables Lettuce & Tomato Applesauce	Eagle Cheese Burgers BBQ Rib Sandwich Baked Lays Chips Pork & Beans Fruit Cocktail Chocolate Pudding

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Deck the halls

Soldiers bring Christmas traditions to Afghanistan

By STAFF SGT. JEFF VANWEY 4th BCT, 1st Cav. Div. Public Affairs

LAGHMAN PROV-INCE, Afghanistan (Dec. 26, 2012) - Trimming the Christmas tree while drinking hot cocoa or eggnog, hanging brightly colored lights on the house in the bitter cold, chestnuts roasting over an open fire, mistletoe - the list of Christmas traditions is endless and varies widely from family to family.

While deployed, Soldiers are unable to participate in their families' usual yuletide celebrations, which can have a detrimental effect on morale, especially for first-time deployers. To counteract this, units try to create Christmas traditions of their own.

At Forward Operating Base Gamberi, units from the 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, are bringing in Christmas cheer through decorations and song.

"It's a smaller tree and it doesn't rotate," said Chicago native U.S. Army Spc. Andrew Kawala, a medic with C Medical Company, 27th Brigade Support Battalion, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, while decorating the small tree set up in the FOB Gamberi Aid Station as Christmas music played in the background. "It was good for where we're at. With the space we need for work, it

Although Kawula has eployed previously to Iraq, he was a late-deployer and was able to spend the holidays with friends and family, making this his first Christmas in a combat environment.

During the last few weeks, care packages have poured in at the FOB, containing cards, ornaments, lights, Santa hats and other



LAGHMAN PROVINCE, Afghanistan - Spc. Andrew Kawula, a medic with C Medical Co., 27th BSB, 4th BCT, 1st Cav. Div., decorates a Christmas tree in the Forward Operating Base Gamberi Aid Station Dec. 11, 2012. Although this is Kawula's second deployment, this is his first Christmas in a combat environment.

assorted decorations along with the care and support of their senders. Stockings containing candy, cookies and other tasty snacks have been passed out to the troops, which were then hung around many an

More than 75 Soldiers coming from various religious faiths were able to participate in a candlelight service on Christmas Eve put on by the brigade unit ministry team.

Those Soldiers with hidden musical talents have even been able to showcase their abilities, participating in the Gamberi Rock Holiday Carolers group, organized by Cincinatti native Warrant Officer 1 Chontrelle Sturdivant, the brigade food service technician.

"I know everyone was away from their family and friends, so I wanted to bring some cheer here on FOB Gamberi," she said. "And I like to sing, so I figured there were a couple of people out there who like to sing, too."

Sturdivant, who grew up singing in her school and church choirs, and her fifteen carollers stood at

the entrance of the DFAC for twenty minutes during each of the three hours of Christmas dinner, leading the hungry Soldiers in song while they waited in

"The audience participated and it really did bring the intent that we had, which was to bring back the holiday spirit," she said.

Just as Santa Claus travels to each house on Christmas Eve, U.S. Army Col. Bill Benson, the Long Knife brigade commander, and Command Sgt. Maj. Christopher Menton, the brigade command sergeant major, travelled to each FOB, beginning with the brigade's Soldiers stationed at Bagram Airfield.

From there, they travelled to Camp Julien near Kabul, FOBs Tagab and Naghlu High in Kapisa Province, and FOBs Xia Hag and Mehtar Lam in Laghman Province.

Each place they visited, they handed out Commander's Coins to deserving Soldiers identified by company and battalion commands as deserving to be recognized.

While the scope of

the trip did not allow for long stays, the Long Knife command team stopped and visited with as many Soldiers as they possibly could at each location, taking the time to wish them a merry Christmas or happy holidays.

They even had a few moments to watch some battalion sporting events being held at FOBs Xia Hag and Mehtar Lam.

Both Benson and Menton stressed to their Long Knife Soldiers that while they may be away from their families and friends back home, they are with their Army Family.

While they may miss having their ordinary holiday celebrations, they were here making history by helping Afghanistan stand on its own, the way the U.S. was helped during the Revolutionary Benson said.

"Not everyone gets to spend Christmas in Afghanistan," Benson said. "I think that we're all going to get to a point in our lives and we're going to look back and say 'You did something that was extraordinary in your life."

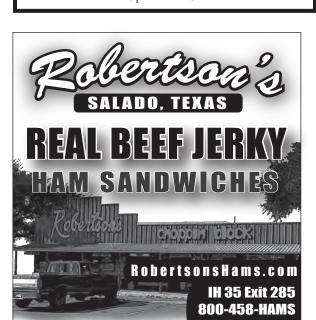




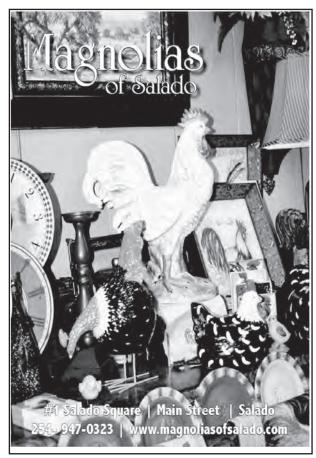
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Mondays

Beth Moore study of Revelation, "Here and Now...There and Then," 9:15 – 11:15 am at Salado United Methodist Church 650 Royal St., info: 254.947.5465.

Mondays

Children's Story Time at the Salado Public Library, 11-11:45

Mondays

Village Quilters and Knitters, 1:30 p.m. at Village Art Building. TUESDAYS

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

TUESDAYS

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

TUESDAYS

Salado Rotary Club, 11:30 a.m.

TUESDAYS

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

TUESDAYS

Sit & Knit Session at The Salado Yarn Co. inside Southern Comforts, 22 N Main join fellow knitters for casual knitting. 10 - Noon. saladoyarn@gmail.com (no meeting Jan. 1 or 29)

TUESDAYS

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FRIDAYS

Al-Anon Meeting, 12 noon, at United Methodist Church (650 Royal Street) in the Youth Activities Building in the back to the left of the church. Newcomers and seasoned Al-Anons are encouraged to visit.

FRIDAYS

Live music at The Lounge, upstairs at The Range Restaurant on Main St., beginning at 7 p.m. Artists change weekly.

FIRST SATURDAY

Sit & Knit Session at The Salado Yarn Co. inside Southern Comforts, 22 N Main join fellow knitters for casual knitting. 10 - Noon. saladoyarn@gmail.com

SECOND SATURDAY

Game Night at 3C Cowboy Fellowship, 7-10 p.m. Bring your own drinks (no alcohol) and snacks and games to play. For adults who are young at heart. 947-7211 SECOND SALADO

SATURDAYS

It's like a block party for the whole Village! Shops will be open late and offering specials and treats to local shoppers. Enjoy snacks and beverages and other special Saturday-only events in the shops of Salado! Look throughout the Salado Village Voice newspaper for shops advertising their specials.

SATURDAYS

Recycling program, 9 a.m.-noon on the grounds of the Salado Arts Workshop, 113 Salado Plaza Drive. Glass is accepted.

SATURDAYS

Live Music at Rising Star Vineyards. 7-9:30

SATURDAYS

Live music at The Lounge, upstairs at The Range Restaurant on Main St., beginning at 7 p.m. Artists change weekly.

SUNDAYS

New open discussion Al-Anon Meeting in Salado, 6 p.m. Salado at United Methodist Church in the Youth **Activities Building in the**

JANUARY 3

Village of Salado board of aldermen meeting, 6 p.m., Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Rd.

January 3

Chisholm Trail American Business Woman's Association meeting, 6:15 p.m. at McCain's Deli.

January 4

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

January 4

Watch Texas A&M and Oklahoma in the Cotton Bowl, 7 p.m. at The Shed, corner of Royal and Center Circle. \$3 drafts and free chips and salsa.

January 5

Gadget lab at Salado Public Library, 2-3 p.m., inside the meeting room. Do you have a Nook, iPad, Kindle, or other device and would you like to learn how to use the library's downloadable ebooks and e-audiobooks? During Gadget Lab, staff will be available to work with you one-on-one to show you how to use your digital device. Call the library at 254-947-9191 for more information.

January 5

Bell County Team Roping at Wildfire Ranch Arena.

January 5

Central Texas Astronomical Society Star Party at Overlook Park on Stillhouse Lake, FM **1670.** Begins at dusk. Free event. Bring telescopes and comfortable shoes and outdoor chairs.

January 5

Joe Berg, live in The Lounge, upstairs at The Range at the Barton House, 7-10 p.m.

January 6

Classic Country Music on the big screen, The Legend Club, 4 p.m. No cover.

January 7

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

JANUARY 7

Salado Historical Society board of directors meeting, 6 p.m., Salado Civic Center.

JANUARY 7

Salado Athletic **Booster Club meeting**, 7 p.m. in the Salado High School Library. January 7

Watch Alabama and Notre Dame in the BCS Championship, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at The Shed, corner of Royal and Center Circle. \$3 drafts free chips and

JANUARY 9

Salado Lions Club meeting, 11:30 a.m. at Salado Civic Center. January 10

Salado Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards Banquet, 6 p.m. Tenroc Ranch. Tickets Are \$35 Each, or \$280 for a table. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or \$20 for five. Reservations, 254-947-5040 or chamber@salado. com.

JANUARY 11

Greg Whitfield, live in The Lounge, upstairs at The Range at the Barton House, 7-10 p.m. JANUARY 11

Backroads Band at The Legend Club, 8:30 p.m., \$8 cover.

January 12

Brian Collins, live in The Lounge, upstairs at The Range at the Barton House, 7-10 p.m.

JANUARY 12

Billy Holt Band at The Legend Club, 8 p.m. January 13

The Chapel at Caliber Oak Music Series performance. Rebecca Muniz, vocalist and Alvez Barkoskie IV, pianist. Email Denise Thomssen at deniset@clearwire.net

for details, reservations.

January 15

Village of Salado Daughters of the Republic of Texas will meet 11 a.m. at the Central Texas Area Museum. **Dutch treat lunch after**ward.

January 17 Salado Chamber of

Commerce Board of Directors meeting, 8:30 a.m. in the Salado Visitors Center.

January 17

Village of Salado board of aldermen meeting, 6 p.m., Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Rd.

JANUARY 17

Journeymen, 6:30 p.m. at Salado United **Methodist Church in the** Youth Activities Center.

January 18

Gene Snow and Paula Reid, live in The Lounge, upstairs at The Range at the Barton House, 7-10 p.m.

January 19

Fred Fuller, live in The Lounge, upstairs at The Range at the Barton House, 7-10 p.m.

January 21

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

January 21

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

January 21

Salado Masonic Lodge #296 stated meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the Lodge Hall, 90 N. Church St.

January 23

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

January 25

Fourth Friday Gospel Singing at Cedar Valley Baptist Church. Church is located eight miles west of Salado at 12237 Fm 2843. Singing begins at 7 p.m. Pot luck dinner at 10 p.m.

January 25

Paul Cox, live in The Lounge, upstairs at The Range at the Barton House, 7-10 p.m. January 26

Joe Berg, live in The Lounge, upstairs at The Range at the Barton House, 7-10 p.m.

January 26

Burns Night Supper in the Longhorn Room o, Stagecoach Inn **7-10:30 p.m.** Sponsored by the Central Texas Area Museum. The program includes the "Piping in of the Haggis" and the "To A Haggis." Cost of the event is \$55 per person. For information call (254) 947-5232 or email office@ ctam-salado.org.

January 26

Backroads Band at The Legend Club, 8:30 p.m., \$8 cover.

January 26-27

Texas High School and Junior High School Rodeo at Wildfire Ranch Arena.

January 28 Salado Public Library **District Board of Direc**tors meeting, 4 p.m.

FEBRUARY 2

Watch the Super Bowl with friends at The Shed, corner of Royal and Center Circle. \$3 drafts and \$2 off wing baskets.

February 2-3

Central Texas Barrel Racing Association **Barrel Race at Wildfire** Ranch Arena.

February 8-10

Wildfire Open to the World! One of the most lucrative ropings in the world for both the ladies and the men. Ladies Championship Roping on Feb. 8; Open to the World on Feb. 9 and Businessman's Roping on Feb. 10.

February 9

Salado On The Rocks See Calendar, Page 3C



Calendar

with Late Night Shopping, Late Night Dining and Signature Mixed Drinks, 5-9 p.m. For more information, visit www. saladoevents.com or call 254-947-8634.

February 10

The Chapel at Caliber Oak Music Series performance. Teri Johnson, vocalist and Guilherme Almeida, pianist. **Email Denise Thomssen** at deniset@clearwire.net for details, reservations.

FEBRUARY 16-17

Texas High School and Junior High School Rodeo at Wildfire Ranch Arena.

February 18

Salado ISD Holiday for students, teachers.

February 28-March 3

Texas Association of Legions of Honor gathering in Salado.

March 3

The Chapel at Caliber Oak Music Series performance. Megan Meisenbach, flutist and Elaine Barber, harpist. Email Denise Thomssen at deniset@clearwire.net for details, reservations.

March 14

Salado Area Republican Women Fine China Luncheon. Details to follow. Nancy Norris, 947-3333.

March 16 St. Patrick's Day celebration, Central Texas Area Museum

in conjunction with Stagecoach Inn. Details to come. March 18-22

Salado ISD Holiday

for students, teachers. March 23-24

Wildflower Arts & Crafts Show. A variety of artists, artisans and crafters on the bank of the Salado Creek. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. sponsored by the Salado Chamber of Commerce. For applications, call 254-947-5040, visit

www.salado.com or email chamber@salado.com.

March 29

Salado ISD Holiday for students, teachers.

APRIL 4-7

The Packards are **coming!** 36th Annual Texas Packard Meet in Salado. For info call or email the meet registrar at 210-922-1300 or bclark@ stic.net. Info at www. texaspackardmeet.com.

APRIL 6

Texas Brangus Breeders Association, Tenroc Ranch Chisholm Center.

APRIL 13 Wagyu Cattle Sale,

Tenroc Ranch Chisholm Center.

APRIL 14

The Chapel at Caliber Oak Music Series **performance.** Denise Thomssen, flutist and Erin Young, pianist. **Email Denise Thomssen** at deniset@clearwire.net for details, reservations.

APRIL 19-21

Annual Lincolns car club gathering in Salado. More details to come.

APRIL 20

Paint the Ranch Red, **Tenroc Ranch Blue Heron Center.**

APRIL 26-27

Texas Junior Hereford Association, Tenroc Ranch Chisholm Center. **APRIL 27-28**

Thunderbirds are coming to Salado. More details to come.

May 9-11

Annual MG Register in Salado Mother's Day weekend. Details to come.

May 16

Chisholm Trail American Business Women's Style Show and Benefit Luncheon. 11-1 held at The Venue. Barclay McCort 947-3617.

May 18

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January begins with

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in Taurus. The Pleiades

(M45), or the Seven Sis-

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(M1) is the remnant of a

supernova that exploded in

hood, the planet Jupiter

and the dwarf planet Ce-

res are wandering through

Taurus this month. The word "planet" comes from a Greek word which means "wanderer". NA-SA's Dawn spacecraft is due to reach Ceres in 2015.

The Central Texas

(CTAS) will host public star parties 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Jan. 5. These free events will be held at Overlook

Park outside Belton, the Waco Wetlands outside

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Salado ISD Holiday for students, teachers.

March 29-31

Joe Beaver's Youth Calf Roping at Wildfire Ranch Arena.

JUNE 5

Final Day of Classes for Salado ISD Students.

JUNE 8

Dog Daze of June, 9 a.m.-noon. Salado **Chamber of Commerce** invites you to participate in Salado's Dog Daze of Summer-Pace Park Pooch Parade! The parade for pups and their people will serve as a fundraiser for the chamber, with a portion of the proceeds going to the Wounded Warrior Canine Training Program. Sponsorship opportunities are available. Sponsorship includes one 10X10 booth space, your logo on the event banner and in all future publicity! It is sure to be a tail wagging good time! For more information contact the Chamber at 254-947-5040 or email chamber@salado.com.

JULY 13

Annual Salado Swirl, featuring the wines of 13 Texas wineries.

JULY 20, 27 AND AUGUST 3

Salado Legends at **Tablerock Amphithe-**

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Contract

By Steve Becker

Bridge

Here is a hand that demonstrates the type of thought process that is necessary to become a successful player. West's opening lead against four hearts is the king of diamonds, on which East plays the deuce and South the queen. West's first problem is what to play

If West thoughtlessly continues with a diamond, declarer ruffs and plays three rounds of trumps, securing the contract as the cards lie since the defense cannot cash their two spade tricks. But if West is fully alert, he realizes that South's queen of diamonds is sure to be a singleton because East would not play the deuce of diamonds with any holding other than the 10-9-2.

Accordingly, West shifts to the ace of spades, on which East plays the nine to ask for a continuation. But West can't oblige and reverts to diamonds.

Declarer ruffs and plays the A-K of trumps. If West is asleep at the switch, he follows low to both trumps, and South easily makes the contract by leading another trump.

But if West is thinking along the proper lines, he does not follow low twice in trumps. West re alizes that declarer will surely make the contract if left to his own devices, so on the second trump, West plays the queen, hoping East started with the J-x-x of hearts.

Once West rids himself of the queen, it doesn't matter whether declarer next plays another trump or tries to run dummy's clubs; in either case he goes down one, losing two spades, a heart and a diamond.

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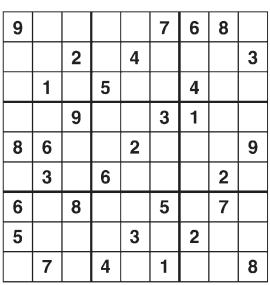
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1 (0.25 ounces) packet active dry yeast

3/4 cup warm milk

1/2 cup brown sugar 6 eggs, at room tem-

1 1/2 sticks butter (12 tablespoons), melted and cooled, divided

1/8 teaspoon salt

2 teaspoons vanilla 1 teaspoon almond

1 3/4 cup toasted

sliced almonds, divided 5 1/2 cups all purpose

1 lemon

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1 orange

1/2 cup plus 1 teaspoon granulated sugar

Coin or small figurine, (optional)

In a small bowl, sprinkle yeast over milk and set aside for 5 minutes. In a large bowl, whisk together brown sugar, eggs, 8 tablespoons of the butter, salt and vanilla and almond

Mexican Hot Cocoa

As a tribute to the origins of chocolate, this creamy and spicy hot cocoa is perfect to warm and soothe the soul.

4 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa powder

4 tablespoons sugar

2 1/2 cups whole milk 3 ounces bittersweet

chocolate, chopped 1/2 vanilla bean, split

1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg

2 cinnamon sticks

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extracts until frothy. Add yeast mixture and whisk until well combined. Using a rubber spatula, fold in 1 1/4 cups of the toasted almonds. Begin to work flour into egg mixture 1 cup at a time, until a wet dough is formed (amount of flour used will depend on size of eggs and humidity of air). Dough should be slightly sticky, yet firm enough to handle. Turn out onto a lightly floured surface and knead lightly for 5 minutes. Brush a large clean bowl with 1 tablespoon of the remaining butter, then place dough in bowl and cover with plastic wrap. Allow dough to rise until doubled in size,

45 to 60 minutes. Meanwhile, using a vegetable peeler, peel long strips of zest from lemon and orange. Take care to remove as little of the white pith as possible. Cut zest into thin strips, then transfer to a small saucepan. Add 1/2 cup of the granulated sugar and 1/2 cup water and bring to a gentle simmer. Cook until liquid is reduced by half, about 15 minutes. Strain out zest and transfer to a parchment paper-lined baking sheet. Sprinkle with remaining 1 teaspoon

granulated sugar. Set zest and citrus syrup aside.

When dough has risen, uncover bowl, punch down dough and let rest for 5 minutes. Use 1 tablespoon of the remaining butter to grease a large piece of parchment paper and your hands. Turn dough out onto buttered parchment, then use your hands to divide dough into two equal portions and shape into two 18-inch logs. Twist logs over one another to create a rope, then circle ends together to create a ring and pinch together. Tuck coin or figurine into the ring, if using. Brush lightly with 1 tablespoon of the remaining butter and allow to rise until doubled in size, about 30 minutes.

Preheat oven to 350°F and move rack to center of oven. Bake for 30 to 35 minutes, or until golden brown and cooked through. Remove from oven and brush with remaining 1 tablespoon butter. Set aside on rack to cool completely, then brush with reserved citrus syrup and sprinkle with remaining 1/2 cup toasted almonds and reserved citrus zest.



Mix together cocoa powder and sugar. Heat milk in a medium saucepan over very low heat with vanilla bean, chocolate, cinnamon, nutmeg and cocoa mixture. Whisk thoroughly until chocolate has melted and milk begins to

simmer. Do not boil. Pour into two mugs and top with whipped cream and chocolate shavings. *Use a vegetable peeler on a block of semisweet chocolate to make shavings.

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Despite annoying young actors, Les Miserables is terrific musical

Les Miserables is nearperfect as a film adaptation of the longest running Broadway musical, but

there are a few misses. So, rather than gush about Sacha Baron Cohen stealing the show as Thenardier ("Master of the House") or Helena Bonham Carter's turn as his wife, I will focus on these misses because they come close to wrecking the mov-

First and foremost is Amanda Seyfried, who is a young actress who has been ruining movies for a few years now (Mamma Mia among others). Her turn in Red Riding Hood had me rooting for the

But I digress. Even had she not been such milquetoast in those earlier films, her screechy, nasally, offkey and somehow at-thesame-time weak singing voice (keep in mind that Les Mis is a Broadway musical, so everything is in song) annoyed me so

much that I had a hard

Movie Review

By Tim Fleischer Editor-in-Chief



nally appeared. I preferred the much younger Cosette. Her star struck love

time enjoying the last half

of the film in which she fi-

mate in the show was equally annoying. Eddie Redmayne would fancy himself a young Ewan Mc-Gregor, if he had an ounce of talent. But his lack of talent is abundant in the song "Empty Chairs at Empty Tables."

Finally, the young Daniel Huttlestone in the role of the street child Gavroche made me want to punch street children around the world. What was most irritating about Huttlestone's portayal of Gavroche was the cockneyed accent. Seriously, did French street urchins of the 1800s have the same accent as street urchins of

London's east end?

Having gotten all of that out of my system, I loved Lis Miserables despite these annoyances. Hugh Jackman was terrific as Jean Valjean and the movie had me hooked from its opening sequence in the rain to the finale on

Anne Hathaway will likely and deservedly win many awards for her alltoo-brief appearance as Fantine. Her version of "I Dreamed a Dream" is alone worth the price of admission.

Add terrific costumes, daunting scenery and the performances of Jackman, Hathaway and even Russell Crowe as Javert and the easily overcome the annoying weaker parts of **Section D, 6 Pages**

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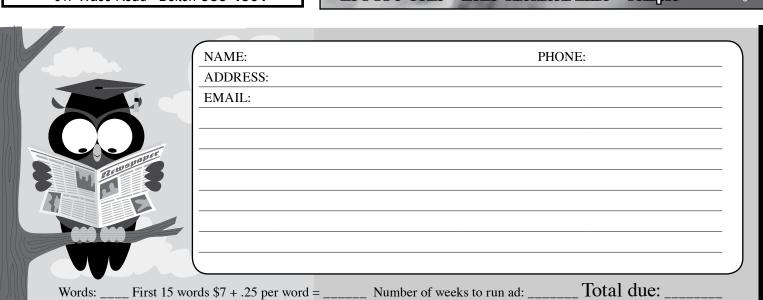
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A: While I haven't heard a lot about changing doorknobs and deadbolts on new homes for security purposes (you could just have the locks rekeyed), it certainly wouldn't hurt to do so. In addition to having new locks that no one else has the key to, you get the added benefit of choosing new styles of hardware for your exterior doors.

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Remove the doorknob by first taking off the cover plates. There may be screws holding the plates in place; unscrew and remove those. If there are no visible screws, check the doorknob on the interior side. A small slot should be visible on one side of the handle, usually behind the knob. You should be able to push in the small metal piece inside the slot, using a paper clip or even the tip of a key, until the knob pops loose. Now take off the cover plate.

An underlying plate will be visible. This can be popped off by locating a small notch on the edge of the plate where it presses against the door. Insert a flat head screwdriver into the notch and gently twist it to loosen the plate.

Now you're free to unscrew the attaching screws that hold the doorknob assembly. You also will need to remove the screws from the latch plate on the side of the door. Remove the assembly carefully so you don't damage the door.

If you intend to replace the strike plate as well, remove that from the door frame.

To install a new doorknob, reverse the above procedure. You may find that the new doorknob doesn't line up quite the same as the old. You can adjust the backset (the distance between the center of the doorknob and the edge of the door) to correct this. If you replace the strike plate, make sure the latch hits it correctly. Tighten up all the screws,

being sure not to overtighten, and test to make sure the door latches and locks properly.

Replacing a deadbolt lock is very similar to replacing the doorknob. The biggest difference (and difficulty) is if a door does not already have a deadbolt installed. In that case you'll have to drill holes for the deadbolt and the latch before installing the new hardware.

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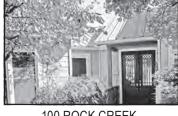
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Living near a roadway certainly does exacerbate asthma, especially for kids. To wit, a recent study by the University of Southern California (USC)-the most comprehensive by far to date on this topicfound that at least eight percent of the more than 300,000 cases of childhood asthma in Los Angeles County can be attributed to traffic-related pollution at homes within 250 feet of a busy roadway. The findings, released in the September 2012 online edition of the peer-reviewed journal, Environmental Health Perspectives, indicate that

way traffic on asthma. "Our findings suggest that there are large and previously unappreciated public health consequences of air pollution in Los Angeles County and probably other metropolitan areas with large numbers of children living near major traffic corridors," says Rob McConnell, one of the lead researchers on the study and a professor of preventive medicine at USC's

previous research underes-

timated the effects of road-

Keck School of Medicine. "These findings confirm our understanding that air pollution not only makes things worse for people with asthma but can actually cause asthma to develop in healthy children," reports Diane Bailey of the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), a leading environmental non-profit. "It is even more sobering when you consider that 45 million Americans live within 300 feet of a highway and many of them are children."

USC researchers note that new laws in California designed to reduce carbon output-improving fuel efficiency and reducing vehicle miles by increasing public transit optionswill also help reduce asthma triggers. Some of the policies designed to reduce traffic congestion and car usage include offering housing developers incentives to locate projects closer to transit stops, thus encouraging use of public transit.

"Plans to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and combat climate change offer an opportunity to develop 'win-win' strategies that will maximize the health benefits from reduction both of greenhouse gases and of air pollutants



that directly harm children," McConnell says.

"There is also emerging evidence that other diseases may be caused or exacerbated by urban air pollution, including atherosclerosis, lung cancer, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and neurological disorders," McConnell adds. "Thus, policies to combat climate change may have nearterm health benefits beyond reducing the burden of disease due to asthma."

According to NRDC's Bailey, prioritizing the land directly next to freeways and other busy roads for commercial rather than residential use is one way to keep people at a safer distance from asthmatriggering pollution. Those who already live near busy roadways can help mitigate pollution effects by planting trees-foliage of all kinds is good at absorbing pollutants-and by filtering their indoor air to minimize overall exposure. But given that traffic pollution increases asthma by some eight percent, says Bailey, "we better do everything we can do reduce that pollution and minimize expo-

sure to it." CONTACTS: Environmental Health Perspectives, ehp.niehs.nih.gov; NRDC, www.nrdc.org.

Dear EarthTalk: I've heard of Eco-Tourism, but what on Earth is "Geo-Tourism?

- Sally Kardaman, Sumter, SC

"Geotourism" describes tourism that sustains or enhances the geographical character of a given place, including its environment, culture, aesthetics, heritage and the well-being of local residents. The idea is that tourism can be a positive force that benefits both travelers and local environments and economies.

National Geographic Senior Editor Jonathan Tourtellot coined the term in 1997 to distinguish it from "ecotourism" or "sustainable tourism," both which more narrowly focus on travel's ecological impacts. In addition to a "do-no-harm" ethic, geo-

tourism seeks to enhance prospects for sustainable development based on the specific character of a given place rather than on standardized international branding, generic architecture and food, etc. In other words, a geotourism tour won't involve sending you to an exotic locale only to put you up at a Hilton or Marriot and give you discount coupons to Taco Bell and McDonald's.

"Today the world's great destinations are under assault as visitor numbers rise exponentially every year," reports the non-profit National Geographic Society, publisher of National Geographic. "The result is damage to the sites, overcrowding and erosion of the local culture and environment." The Society hopes to reverse these trends with geotourism. Its Center for Sustainable Destinations (CSD) helps local communities, governments, tourism bureaus and private businesses enhance and sustain their distinct character while harnessing the power of tourism for positive impact: "Residents discover their own heritage by learning that things they take for granted may be interesting to outsiders," reports CSD. "As local people develop pride and skill in showing off their locale, tourists get more out of their visit."

The Society's "Geotourism Charter" lists 13 principles that qualifying sites must adhere to in order to earn a geotourism distinction. The main current running through the Charter is appreciation for the distinctive aspects of a given place and culture, and an eagerness to showcase them to curious and supportive visitors.

The term geotourism is fairly new, but several places have offered "geotourism"-worthy travel for years. Costa Rica's Rio Tropicales Lodge takes visitors white water rafting, horseback riding, hiking and on other rainforest excursions. It hires and trains locals to manage operations and teach guests about local cultures firsthand-and has launched several reforestation efforts and an education program that teaches elementary students across Costa Rica about the importance of protecting the rainforest in their backyards.

Another organization is 3 Sisters Adventure Trekking in Nepal, which trains local women to be tourism professionals and trekking

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Use Gift Cards Before They're Worthless

DOLLARS AND SENSE BY DAVID UFFINGTON

Did you get gift cards for Christmas? If so, did you slide them into your wallet or the bottom of your purse, thinking to save them for later?

While gift cards are like cash in that they allow you to buy things, they're not like cash in that they often come with restrictions. The Gift Card Federal Law Act, passed in 2010, covered a number of problems with gift cards,

but it did not cover all possible contingencies.

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In at least two states, Tennessee and Maine, state laws are in conflict with federal laws. In these states, cards that haven't been used within two years are considered "unclaimed property." In some other states, it's three years. In yet other states, it's against the law to sell gift cards

with any expiration date. When the property is "unclaimed," the value reverts to the store. If you have an old, unused card, consult your state's laws for specifics.

Cards good for brickand-mortar stores aren't necessarily good for that store's online branch.

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Charges cannot be de-

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ducted for one year on any inactive card, and then not more than once in a month. Your best bet: If any packaging came with your gift card, read the fine print. If you were given the receipt with the card, hold on to it. If you lose the card, that receipt will show the date and amount of pur-

Use the card soon. Spend all of the money on it. If it's a reloadable card and you add money to it, keep track of the transaction and know when it will expire.

David Uffington regrets that he cannot personally answer reader questions, but will incorporate them into his column whenever possible. Write to him in care of King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475, or send email columnreply@gmail. com.

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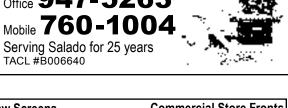


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