



A look back at 2018

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

In 2018, Salado voters set records in May and in November as they turned out for local races and state and national mid-term elections.

Salado ISD voters overwhelmingly approved a \$49.4 million bond election for the construction of a new middle school, new athletic facilities and improvements to existing facilities. SISD voters approved the bond 1,286 FOR and 669 AGAINST.

Work began on the design of the new middle school, new baseball and softball stadium complex and a new safety corridor on Thomas Arnold over the summer and was completed in December. The designs were released for bid at the end of 2018 with work to begin in early 2019.

The bond is expected to raise the tax rate by \$0.3162 per \$100 evaluation. This would raise the tax rate to \$1.54 per \$100 valuation, which is the maximum allowed by the state without a tax ratification election to increase the maintenance and operation tax.

Salado's anticipated tax rate of \$1.54 for 2020 will be higher than every other school district in Bell County, except for Belton ISD, which has a tax rate of \$1.60 per \$100 valuation.

The \$49.4 million in bonds will be used for the construction of a new middle school at the Williams Rd. location, the construction of a corridor connecting the addition and gym at Thomas Arnold to the main building and the expansion, improvement and construction of new athletic facilities.

The capacity of the proposed Middle School for sixth through eighth graders is estimated at 584 students with a core capacity of 680-plus students to allow for future classroom additions. The Middle School will have two gymnasiums.

The estimated cost is \$800,000 for the safety corridor at Thomas Arnold Elementary, bringing the cost for those safety issues and the construction of a new middle school to \$42 million.

This will leave an estimated \$7.4 million for the construction of new athletic facilities and improvements to the football stadium.

Improvements and expansion of the football stadium will include the addition of seating capacity, new restrooms and concessions, drainage improvements and a new turf surface at an estimated cost of \$3.4 million.

The remaining \$4 million will be used for the construction of a new baseball and softball complex on the Williams Rd. location, as well as practice fields for football, soccer and track field events.

ELECTIONS TURN RECORD NUMBERS

Record numbers of voters turned out for the November midterm elections, eclipsing

any previous midterms.

But local races were decided in the Republican primaries where Cliff Coleman was elected Justice of the Peace and Bobby Whitson was elected County Commissioner in a primary runoff with incumbent Tim Brown. Dr. Brad Buckley unseated one-term incumbent Scott Cosper for the GOP nomination for the Texas House Seat for District 54. He won the race in November over Democrat Kathy Richerson. Incumbent Ted Cruz staved off a challenge from Beto O'Rourke and Governor Greg Abbott destroyed his Democrat challenger Lupe Valdez.

In local races, Mayor Skip Blancett was able to keep his office by a narrow six-vote margin with 329 votes over David Williams, who had 323 votes and Linda Reynolds, who had 142 votes.

Michael Coggin led a field of five candidates for two positions on the Village of Salado Board of Aldermen. He had 449 votes. Frank Coachman was re-elected Alderman with 316 votes.

Elected to the Salado ISD Board of Trustee with no opposition on the May 5 ballot were Dr. Bobbie Ann White and Jim Hodgins.

GOLF COURSEBACKS OUT OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH VILLAGE

MCCC, LLC withdrew from negotiating with the Village of Salado for the possible purchase of the Mill Creek Golf Course, following a two-and-a-half hour town hall style meeting on Aug. 9, during which Village Administrator Don Ferguson announced that the Village was pursuing re-zoning the golf course.

The Mill Creek ownership group approached the Village about the purchase of the property early this year in hopes of finding a permanent solution for the future of the golf course, according to Ron Gravette, one of the ownership group. "We never intended to be golf course owners," he said, adding that the group intended to save it from closing and to get the holes reopened.

"This isn't a black and white issue, Skip, this is greens," Gravette said at the Aug. 9 town hall meeting, "fairways, lakes, creeks, a pride of ownership, views... it is our opinion that the highest and best use of this facility is to be a part of the Village of Salado."

As he took the microphone from Gravette, Ferguson told the audience, "They will get the opportunity to stand up at the zoning hearing because the city is about to zone the property golf course."

Gravette and Helm told *Salado Village Voice* that they first heard of the rezoning of the golf course property earlier in the day Aug. 9, in a pre-meeting before the town hall meeting.

The Village took the first step to rezone the golf course on Dec. 6 when aldermen voted unanimously to add the zoning district designa-



Heavy work began in late January on the Salado Sewer project. A work crew is shown above digging in the seasonal creek bed between Stagecoach Rd. and Church St. The collection pipe connecting the east and west side of the sewer system goes under I-35 and the access roads at this location. The work continued throughout the year and the collection system is now 99 percent complete, according to Village Administrator Don Ferguson. End users will begin tying in to the system in early 2019. (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)

tions of "Private Recreation to the Zoning Ordinance, and to list the land uses that are permitted by right or allowed by Conditional Use Permit within that district.

The vote to add the Zoning District designation of Private Recreation to the zoning ordinance came over the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission against the designation and Land Uses.

The P&Z Commission voted in November on a motion to recommend against the new Zoning District designation Private Recreation. Commissioners Susan Terry, Ronnie Tynes and K.D. Hill supported the motion against the designation and Larry Roberson and Tom McMahon opposed the motion.

The Village announced on its website Dec. 20 that it is moving forward with its plans to consider rezoning the property that makes up the Mill Creek Golf Course in Salado.

The Village is proposing to change the zoning of the 200-plus acre golf course from Single Family Residential (SF-7) to Private Recreation (PR).

According to the news release, which was not sent to the newspaper of record for the Village, the Planning and Zoning commission will conduct a public hearing on Jan. 22 on the rezoning proposal (no time was given in the news release). January 22, 2019, and afterwards forward a recommendation on the zoning proposal to the Board of Aldermen. The Board of Aldermen will hold a second public hearing on the proposal Feb. 7, 2019, before making a final deci-

sion on the proposed zoning change.

"The discovery that the golf course property was zoned residential came after the Village was approached by the owners of the golf course about the Village possibly purchasing the golf course approximately six months ago," said Mayor Skip Blancett. "Once the discovery was made, the Board of Aldermen directed the Village staff to develop a plan to rezone the property in accordance with the Village's Comprehensive Plan."

GAULT SITE PUSHES BACK DATE OF SETTLING OF WESTERN HEMISPHERE

For decades, researchers believed the Western Hemisphere was settled by humans roughly 13,500 years ago, a theory based largely upon the widespread distribution of Clovis artifacts dated to that time. In recent years, though, archaeological evidence has increasingly called into question the idea of "Clovis First."

A research team led by Thomas Williams from the Department of Anthropology at Texas State University, working at the Gault Site about 12 miles southwest of Salado off of FM 2843 (Florence Rd.), has dated a significant assemblage of stone artifacts to 16-20,000 years of age, pushing back the timeline of the first human inhabitants of North America far before Clovis. Clovis artifacts are distinctive prehistoric stone tools so named because they were initially found near Clovis,

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David Hays accepts the award for 2017 Business of the Year on behalf of the Stagecoach Inn investment group from George Dentry during the Salado Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet. (PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)



George Dentry presents Cathy Sands with the 2017 Citizen of the Year award during the Salado Chamber of Commerce banquet. (Photos by Marilyn Fleischer)



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Tariff worries taking toll on markets, declines near Bear market

The Markets

The stock market, as represented by the S&P 500 Stock Index, ended this last week before Christmas down 7.05 percent at 2416.62. That was the lowest point of the week and down 17.51 percent for the trailing three months and from its high back in late September. Since a drop of 20 percent is considered to be a “bear” market, that puts us closer to that mark. Friday’s low also equates to a loss of nearly 10 percent for the year despite or perhaps because of the overwhelming fiscal stimulus of a \$1.5 trillion tax cut and one of the larger increases in government spending in recent history.

The cause of the market slide was, as is normal, elusive but there are several factors that are clearly worrying both institutional investors and corporate executives. First on the list is the existing and promised tariffs on trade with China. The U.S. and Chinese economies are highly intertwined and a price increase of 25 percent on most of what comes from China along with the probable counter-tariffs would either trigger a significant increase in consumer prices or an equally impressive reduction in corporate profits. Presuming the increase in consumer prices, two reactions are forecast. First, the increase in prices is highly inflationary which will drive the Federal Reserve to raise interest rates faster to counter. Second, consumer spending is likely to slow suddenly in the face of higher prices. Both issues would impact corporate earnings and thus lead to lower stock valuations.

A further negative for the market was what appeared to be an imminent government shutdown. The actual economic effect of a gov-

Market & Economic Update

By Jeffrey W. McClure



ernment shutdown is small, as long as it is a short event, but the confidence effect is big. The most discussed but perhaps the least important element in this downturn is the Federal Reserve’s decision to raise interest rates another quarter of a percent from 2.25 percent to 2.5 percent max. The increase was widely expected but the stock market responded as if it were a surprise. The Fed continues to signal at least two more increases in 2019, which could lead to a problem, but that problem is most of a year in the future.

Our observation is that it is not the likelihood of bad economic news that is panicking the market but rather political uncertainty. In March, a combination of a disruptive Brexit, 25 percent Tariffs, and a likely deadlock on the U.S. debt ceiling causing another government shutdown, all coming at about the same point, have got investors spooked. If in the intermediate and long-term, markets are indeed driven by corporate earnings (and they are), then this downturn is a massive overreaction and will soon pass. Meanwhile, fasten your seatbelts.

The 10-year U.S. Treasury yield followed the market down, ending the week at 2.781 percent, down about 10 percent from where it was a month ago. West Texas Intermediate Crude Oil fell to \$45.42 per barrel, down nearly 12 percent for the week, 35 percent for the trailing 90 days and 40 percent from highs in October. The consensus cause for the decline was slowing global demand in

the face of trade wars and rising interest rates.

The Economy

While a lot is going on in the economy the single most important and reliable indicator, the Conference Board’s Index of Leading Economic Indicators (LEI) report rose 0.2 percent in November to 111.8 following a 0.3 percent decline in October and a 0.6 percent rise in September. Following the pattern we have seen in the last several months, the Coincident indicator rose slightly (0.1 percent) and the lagging indicator was up 0.4 percent. Those numbers signal that we are in an economy largely driven by things that happened in the past and that economic growth is likely to slow over the next six months but still does not forecast a recession. The indicators suggest that U.S. GDP growth should be around 2.8 percent in early 2019 but slow to about 2.2 percent as the year progresses.

The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) revised the third quarter U.S. GDP down from 3.5 percent to 3.4 percent but indicated the economy was still firing on all cylinders and likely to continue to grow substantially for some time to come. Just as importantly, the BEA report put the Real Gross Domestic Income, the sum of all income earned while producing goods and services within the U.S., at an annualized rate of 4.3 percent. That high growth with core inflation running at about 1.8 percent, continues to be a strong positive for the economy.

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An Open Exchange of Ideas

A look back at 2018 for Salado schools

As 2018 comes to an end, my column this week is a recap of some of the significant events for our school district this past year.

January – Our long range facilities planning committee comprised of 58 parents, community members, and school district employees completed their work and presented their recommendations to the school board. We recognized our school board members as part of School Board Appreciation Month: Dr. Kim Bird (president), Jeff Kelley (vice president), Melanie Kirchmeier (secretary), Darrell Street, Rodney Bell, Nate Self, and Troy Smith.

February – Our school board called for a \$49.4 million bond election in May, based upon the recommendations of our long range facilities planning committee.

March – Our school board unanimously selected Tim Fleischer and the Salado Village Voice for the Texas Association of School Boards Media Honor Roll.

April – Our UIL Academic team won the regional championship. Our baseball team won the district championship.

May – Our school board election was approved by 66% of the voters. Rodney Bell and Melanie Kirchmeier completed their terms as school board members after serving ten years and six years, respectively. Dr.

Superintendent’s Corner

by Dr. Michael Novotny



Bobbie Ann White and Jim Hodgin were sworn in as new school board members. June – The Salado High School Class of 2018 graduated on June 1st. The school board approved our 2018-2019 budget of approximately \$17 million. July – Our school board approved a resolution to use our district’s fund balance (savings) for the preliminary costs of the bond projects (architectural, engineering, geotechnical, etc.) and then reimburse our district’s fund balance after the bonds are sold. This allowed us to delay the sale of the bonds until February 2019, which delayed the tax increase from the bonds for another year (until the 2019-2020 school year).

August – The Texas Accountability Ratings were released for school districts and campuses. All four of our campuses met standard and our district received a score of 89 (B), which was the highest score of all of the school districts in Bell County. Our school board adopted the 2018-2019 tax rate of \$1.2238 per \$100 of taxable value. This is the lowest tax rate for our school district in 29 years (since the 1989-1990 school

year). September – Our district’s enrollment climbed to an all-time record of 1,942 students. This is 580 more students than our enrollment of 1,362 students in 2012.

October – Our school board approved an agreement with Bell County to expand Williams Road and extend the left turn lane for the new middle school and baseball and softball fields.

November – Our school board approved moving forward with the voluntary annexation of our school district properties into the Village of Salado. This will allow us to connect to the Village’s wastewater treatment system, which is less expensive than maintaining our own wastewater treatment and septic systems.

December – The designs of our new middle school, new baseball and softball fields, and improvements of our elementary school and athletic stadium were finalized and released publicly for construction firms to review and respond to with competitive sealed proposals.

I look forward to another great year for our school district in 2019.

Does Trump Care That He’s President?

The office of the presidency is known for wearing down the mere mortals who hold it.

At the very least, it prematurely ages its occupants. Often, it humiliates them, forcing them to rehabilitate their reputations later (George H.W. Bush and Jimmy Carter). In the worst case, it chews them up and spits them out (Lyndon Johnson and Richard Nixon).

It is a journalistic trope that this is happening to Donald Trump before our eyes. The media constantly write stories about how the president is panicked and cornered, barely able to handle his duties, as the walls perpetually “close in.” But as far as any outside observer can tell, he’s as ebullient and combative as ever, and has never blinked no matter how intense the pressure of any given controversy.

Far from getting crushed by the weight of the office, Trump doesn’t seem to feel it at all. Never has any president been as outwardly unfazed by the majesty of the presidency, or made less accommodation to its trappings and norms.

President Trump still acts like he’s Celebrity Trump fighting a vicious flame war with Rosie O’Donnell, except his targets now might be another head of state, or

Rich Lowry



his own attorney general, or losing members of his own party.

The idea that he’s a representative of the nation apparently makes very little impression on him. He never stops to think that any given gibe might be unworthy of the office, or maybe that he, blessed with more power and showered with more attention than anyone on the planet, has an obligation to be elevating and restrained, even if no one else is.

One of the attractions of the presidency to him appears to be that he can continue to punch down -- but do it from a higher altitude than ever before.

Even after two years, he hasn’t lost his capacity to surprise. Did the president of the United States really render the last name of the incoming chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, Adam Schiff, as an expletive? Did he call that TV anchor “low IQ”? Did he call his former secretary of state dumb?

Of course he did.

Much of this is ephemera, but collectively and over

time it creates a lasting impression. A major factor in the drubbing that Republicans suffered in the suburbs in November was a reaction against Trump’s persona, as underlined by his own conduct and tweets. If he cares about keeping the presidency -- and he surely does -- he should care a little more about respecting the dignity of the office.

The great advantage of the presidency is that it is naturally set up to invest people elected to it with a certain grandeur, via the White House, saluting Marines, Air Force One, “Hail to the Chief” and ceremonial events large and small. All it requires is showing up and, very often, reading from a script. Rather than simply pocketing this benefit, Trump tends to undercut it 280 characters at a time. If he’s ever brought low, it’s less likely to be from the pressures of his responsibilities than his cursed inability or unwillingness to make a minimal effort to conform to his role.

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Progressive Promise of Trump Country

THE LEFT CAN OFFER MUCH OF WHAT TRUMP VOTERS SAY THEY WANT: HEALTH CARE, FAIR WAGES, EDUCATION, CLEAN WATER, AND A GOVERNMENT UNCORRUPTED BY BIG MONEY.

If you despair that a mysterious plague of incurable political knuckle-headism has swept our country, turning previously progressive white working-class people into mindless Trump worshippers, then I want to tell you about a new report.

It's from People's Action, a grassroots coalition that sent out volunteers to knock on more than 5,000 doors, have nearly 2,500 phone conversations, and visit scores of local events and churches in "Trump Country" — dozens of rural counties in 10 swing states that went for Trump in 2016.

The volunteers simply had open conversations, asking folks in economi-

Jim Hightower



cally distressed rural communities what mattered to them politically. The most common initial response was: "No one's ever asked me before."

While Trump voters are predominantly white, the working-class families visited by People's Action included Black, Latino, Native American, and other residents living in these ru-

ral areas. Practically none were worried about the inflammatory bugaboos that idolatrous Trumpsters cite: Hordes of invading aliens! Mooching poor people! Fake media!

Rather, what most concerned them was being told by word and deed that they — America's hard-hit and hard-working families — don't matter. Far from

converting to the narcissistic church of the Donald, these voters saw Trump as merely a handy, blunt-force club to whack a two-party system that no longer speaks to — much less for — them.

And rather than embracing Trump's elitist ideology and corporate agenda, they told People's Action that they want populist reforms like health care for all, fair wages, free access to education, clean water, and a government uncorrupted by big money.

To learn more and read the report, go to: People'sAction.org/the-promise-of-a-progressive-populist-movement.

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Title IX Needs Protection

Dear Editor,

Citizens need to be aware that the U. S. Department of Education is taking steps to alter and erode the protections of Title IX. Since 1972, the civil rights law known as Title IX has promoted equal opportunities for both genders in all federally subsidized educational programs. It prescribes procedures that require appropriate actions to provide protection from sexual discrimination. In September 2017, the DOE rescinded two important documents giving critical guidance to schools about their legal obligations under Title IX regarding their response to sexual assault. Last month, the DOE proposed more detrimental changes to students' protections under Title IX.

Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos has recently proposed an extensive plan in the November 2018 Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) that would put at risk the Title IX protections from discrimination of all students of all genders, from kindergarten through college. Although she uses the guise of "fairness," her plan would (1)

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exclude many students' experiences by narrowing the definition of sexual harassment; (2) reduce which employees are required to respond to reports of sexual harassment and violence; (3) require schools to ignore harassment that occurs outside of a school activity; and (4) allow schools to use processes that make it harder for students to come forward and receive the support they need when they experience sexual harassment or assault.

From now through January 28, 2019, citizens can express their views on these proposed changes directly to the Department of Education. Please consider taking action to stand with survivors of sexual discrimination and defend Title IX by expressing your opposition to the November 2018 Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) plan. We need to better enforce Title IX's protections, not weaken them! This information comes from the

American Association of University Women, nationally known as AAUW, which has endeavored to

improve society for all persons by promoting equality for women and girls since 1881.

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Community Life

Kristynik-Rodriguez engaged to marry in January

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Kristynik of High Hill announce the engagement of their daughter, Jodie Lynn Kristynik to Joshua Rodriguez son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Rodriguez Sr. of Salado.

Jodie is a 2005 graduate of Schulenburg High School, a 2009 Blinn College graduate, where she earned an Associates of Radiologic Sciences, a 2012 Midwestern State University graduate, where she earned a Bachelor of Radiologic Sciences and a 2015 University of Texas at Tyler graduate, where she earned a Masters of Human Resource Development. Jodie is currently an MRI technologist at McLane Children's Hospital in Temple, TX.

Joshua is a 2009 graduate of Salado High School, a 2013 Blinn College graduate, where he earned an Associates of Radiologic Sciences, and a 2015 Texas A&M University graduate,



Kristynik-Rodriguez

where he earned a Bachelors of Science through the Mays Business School. Joshua is currently a loan officer at Capital Farm Credit in Temple, TX.

Jodie is the granddaugh-

ter of Willie Mae Kristynik and the late Eugene Kristynik of Dubina and the late Leo and Annie Dittrich of High Hill. Joshua is the grandson of Carmen Rodriguez and the late Louis

Rodriguez of Bartlett and the late George and Juanita Rocha of Bartlett.

The couple will wed on January 12, 2019 at St. Mary Catholic Church in High Hill.

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Manley graduates TX-AM

Claire Manley recently graduated with honors from TX-AM University in College Station with a BS degree in Biology.

She is the daughter of David and Julee Manley and the grand-daughter of Noel and Suzanne Schnitz all of Salado.

Claire graduated from Salado High School and Temple College in 2016. She will scribe for physicians this spring while applying to physician assistant schools.



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MCCA Annual meeting held Jan. 19

The Mill Creek Community Association will hold its Annual Meeting at 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 19, at the Salado Museum. Officers for 2019 will be elected and plans for the coming year will be discussed.

Dinner will follow a social hour and will be catered by Brody's Steak-

house. Reservations for the meal must be made by Jan. 15. The dinner is open to all MCCA members and the meeting is open to all Salado residents.

"We invite all to come and be a part of our Community Association," social committee co-chair Tommy Prater said.

For dinner reservations: contact Tommy Prater (254-541-6700 or tommyeannprater@gmail.com) or Maurine Nathanson (254-947-4907 or moandlar@gmail.com).

Watch for ads in upcoming *Salado Village Voice* publications for more information.

Cedar Valley Watch Night

Best graduates Texas A&M

Reagan T. Best was among the 883 students to be graduated from Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi this fall. Best earned a Bachelor of Science degree. The Fall Commencement Ceremony was held Dec. 5 at the American Bank Center in downtown Corpus Christi.

Cedar Valley Baptist Church, located at 12237 FM 2843, invites you to a New Year's Eve Watch Night beginning at 7 p.m. Dec. 31. The public is invited to come and enjoy the singing until 10 p.m. when

they will break for a pot luck meal. They will then continue to sing until midnight to bring in the New Year with prayer and meditation upon God's blessing, followed by more singing.

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New Mexico, in the 1920s but have since been identified throughout North and South America.

The team, which also includes Texas State's Michael Collins, Nancy Velchoff and Sergio Ayala, published its findings in the online journal Science Advances on July 11 in an article titled "Evidence of an early projectile point technology in North America at the Gault Site, Texas, USA."

Dr. Collins has spoken in Salado on multiple occasions about the Gault site, as has Dr. Clark Wernecke, an adjunct professor at Texas State University.

"These projectile points are unique. We haven't found anything else like them," Williams said. "Combine that with the ages and the fact that it underlies a Clovis component and the Gault site provides a fantastic opportunity to study the earliest human occupants in the Americas."

The presence of Clovis technology at the site is well-documented. Excavations below the deposits containing Clovis artifacts revealed well-stratified sediments containing artifacts (Gault Assemblage) distinctly different from Clovis. Using optically stimulated luminescence age estimates, the researchers dated the Gault Assemblage to a range of 16,000-20,000 years ago.

Significantly, the Gault Site excavation provides evidence pushing back earliest human habitation of North America by at least 2,500 years, and identifies a previously unknown, early projectile point technology unrelated to Clovis. Within a wider context, this evidence suggests that Clovis technology spread across an already well-established, indigenous population.

Sewer work nears end

Work on the \$10 million sewer is coming to an end. Customers will be required to tie on within 90 days of receiving notice of availability of sewer service. The customers will have to pay the costs of connecting to the sewer line from their buildings. They will also have to pay the cost of decommissioning their septic systems, but will have one year in which to do so. Customers will also be required to pay a \$3,750 per LUE Impact Fee.

As the work on the sewer comes to a close, Salado ISD has begun the process of voluntary annexation of its properties into the Village of Salado. The school district, according to TCEQ industry standard calculations for the per person of 20 gallons per day, is calculated to use more than 40,000 gallons per day of the total 200,000 gallons per day capacity of the wastewater treatment plant. However, the district will pay no Impact Fee. At the 100 gallon per day LUE, the school is calculated at 400 LUEs. The school will pay for the cost of extending sewer lines to its properties.

The Village held the first of two informational meetings with property owners in the sewer service area. Property owners received a letter two days before the Dec. 19 meeting at the Municipal Building. A second meeting will be held in January, but no date has been announced.

Chamber Awards

The Salado Chamber of Commerce named the Stagecoach Inn as the 2017 Business of the Year during its annual banquet in Jan.



Homecoming Royalty

Hunter Haas and Avery Hyer were crowned the 2018 Salado High School Homecoming King and Queen during halftime of the Sept. 21 game between Salado Eagles and the Taylor Ducks. (PHOTO BY RON LEQUIN)

Cathy Sands was named the Citizen of the Year, Susan Terry was added to the Chamber Hall of Fame and Barclay McCort was named the Ambassador of the Year.

TO PARK OR NOT TO PARK

Village aldermen tackled and fumbled and tackled again the issue of vehicles parking in residential yards. After adopting an ordinance on Feb. 1 that prohibited the parking of vehicles in front yards of single-family residences and requiring a seven-foot fence to screen vehicles parked in the rear yards of single-family residences, aldermen then amended the ordinance to address the required height of screening and to allow parking for up to 48 hours to load and unload recreational vehicles.

The board then repealed the ordinance altogether. Later in the year, aldermen adopted an ordinance that requires a Conditional Use Permit to allow parking of recreational vehicles in residential yards.

KTB AWARD

Salado learned on March 23 that it was one of the 10 communities in the state to win a Governor's Community Achievement Award.

As a result, Keep Salado Beautiful was the recipient in 2018 of a \$90,000 landscaping grant, the award for communities of less than 3,000.

The award will be used for landscaping and beautification of the entry signs on TXDOT right-of-way as well as landscaping for the plaza at Main and Salado

Plaza Drive.

COMMUNITY GARDEN

A Community Garden was planted on the grounds of the Salado Civic Center after both the Salado ISD Board of Trustees and Village of Salado Board of Aldermen approved an interlocal agreement for the development of the garden.

The idea was proposed by Salado residents Jerry and Elaine Herrick. Herrick said that they decided to pursue the establishment of a community garden after realizing that with their own personal garden: "We probably gave away more tomatoes than we kept.... As we thought about our own bounty, it occurred to us how many people did not have enough food."

W.A. PACE PARK

The Village of Salado became the single trustee of W.A. Pace Park in 2018, following the final adoption by the Pace Park Board of Trustees and the Village of

Salado Board of Aldermen.

For more than a decade, the Village has operated Pace Park on behalf of the Pace Park Board of Trustees. The Village took over day-to-day management of Pace Park from the Salado Chamber of Commerce.

The Chamber of Commerce had operated Pace Park for several decades through an informal agreement with the original Pace Park board formed in the 1940s when the property was donated to the "village of Salado" by the Pace family descendants.

In the early 2000s, the insurance for Pace Park for the Chamber of Commerce increased prohibitively at which time the Chamber approached the Village to step in as the official manager of the park through an agreement with the Pace Park trustees. The Chamber actually operated the Park on behalf of the Village of Salado under an annual memorandum of understanding.

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At one point, the Village paid the Chamber a contract of about \$12,000 per year to operate the park.

The Village then stepped in to take over the daily management of the park.

The Village now budgets about \$20,000 for the maintenance and upkeep of the park with total revenues from rentals at about \$3,000-4,000 per year.

As the sole trustee of Pace Park, the Village of Salado has created a Pace Park advisory committee to make recommendations on the improvements to the Park. The Pace Park advisory committee includes the following members: Denver Mills, Tim Fleischer, Will Lowery, Amy McLane, Curtis Strong, Susan Terry and Bobby Whitson.

TOURISM DIRECTOR HIRED

Village administrator Don Ferguson announced the hire of Chadley Hollas as the new Tourism Director for the Village of Salado. He began work on Feb.

20.

Hollas was senior sales manager with White Lodging Services in Austin from Sept. 2013 to Oct. 2014. While there, he managed hotel inventory, rates, and revenue, while improving hotel's standing within the competitive set.

He was an account manager for national events for More in Sports, Inc. from Jan. 2013 to August 2016.

He then served as the estate manager for a C-level executive where he served as director for household, to include overseeing the estate, travel, personnel, and business affairs.

Hollas received a Bachelor of Science in Tourism Management from Texas A&M University along with a Master of Science in Tourism Resource Development.

NAVY VET GETS MORTGAGE FREE HOME IN SALADO

U.S. Navy veteran Alan Cowden and his family were accepted into Homefront's "Homes on the Homefront" program. They received the keys to a newly renovated mortgage-free home in the Chisholm Ridge townhouses in Mill Creek, donated by JPMorgan Chase & Co.

The family was presented with the keys to the home on Feb. 3 with representatives of Operation Homefront and JPMorgan Chase & Co. on hand.

Operation Homefront, the national nonprofit whose mission is to build strong, stable, and secure military families, awarded a mortgage-free home to U.S. Navy Third Class Petty Officer Alan Cowden and wife, Holly, through Operation Homefront's Homes on the Homefront program. The home was donated by JP Morgan Chase & Co.

"This new house means that we can finally have a place to settle down, have roots to start a family, and a sense of community," said Alan. "It is also a permanent place. I have moved from place to place and have never been in one place."



Allen Sirois saved a man from a burning truck. He works for McGregor Welding Supply. (PHOTO BY STEPHANIE HOOD)



Pictured holding the key to their mortgage-free home are Alan Cowden and wife Holly Cowden, pictured to their right are James Dilliard and Craig Fegley of JPMorgan Chase & Co. (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)

Saladoan saves a life

Thanks to the quick action of Salado native Allen Sirois, Melvin Belcher got to see the end of 2018.

Sirois was working at McGregor Welding Supply in Belton in May, when he heard what he described as "a bomb."

He looked up in time to watch a cement truck, which had a passenger side tire blow out, hit the metal barricades leading to the flyover of I-35 NB to Highway 190 WB in Belton.

The cement truck flipped over and landed in the median on the driver's side.

"I grabbed a fire extinguisher and ran toward the truck," Sirois said. By the time he got there, the truck was already in flames, ignited by diesel fuel.

The cab of the truck was crushed and the driver, Melvin Belcher was trapped inside.

Sirois climbed on top of the truck and was able to reach down into it and pull

Belcher out.

By that time, there were two others on the scene before ambulance and police arrived: Manuel Magadan, a 2018 SHS graduate and Manny Alvarez, another employee at McGregor Welding Supply.

Manuel and Manny helped Sirois get Belcher off of the truck and away from the flames that were spreading quickly. He suffered minor injuries including burning his arm.

It could have been much worse for Belcher, too, had Sirois not been so close by.

"I think if we got there a minute later, it would have been too late," he said.

Sirois is the son of Stephanie Hood of Salado and grandson of Monroe and Linda Moore of Salado.

Sirois was honored by the Belton City Council for saving Belcher's life.

These are just some of the stories that we have reported on in 2018.



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Schools & Sports

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Covering Salado students from Thomas Arnold to SHS

December 27, 2018

Salado students experience success in 2018

Salado UIL Academic Squad took second in state behind Argyle this year, while the varsity boys baseball team made it to the Regional finals. Over the summer break, the Salado Shock won the state softball tournament.

These are three of the many successes that Salado students had during the 2018 calendar year.

Here is a look back at some of the Salado student

successes during the year.

SALADO SHOCK

Layla Parker hit a two-run double in the final inning to boost the Salado Shock over the Cameron Thunder on July 13 to win the TTAS 8U Coach Pitch State Tournament played in Groesbeck.

The Shock played nine games over the week to win the State Tournament, going 8-1 in the Champion-

ship Tournament July 9-13, emerging from a field of 23 teams.

The Shock are the first team to bring a state championship back to Salado at the youth level in more than 10 years. The TTAS League had 117 teams Statewide.

TOP TWO GRADS

Kayla Manning, daughter of Will and Kris Manning, Kayla graduated as the 2018 Salado High



Salado Shock State Champs

Salado Shock during the National Anthem before Championship game vs Cameron.

(PHOTO BY DANA OGLESBY)



Grand Champion Market Steer

(PHOTO COURTESY OF KATINA COUSTERIAN OF SHOW PHOTOS BY KATINA)

Jackson Husung had the Grand Champion Market Steer in the 2018 Bell County Youth Fair and Livestock Show. The steer was purchased by Belton Veterinary Clinic and 195 Lumber Co. for \$6,130, or \$5 per pound. The steer was entered in the Any Other Breed Light Heavy Weight division. Husung is a member of the Salado 4-H.

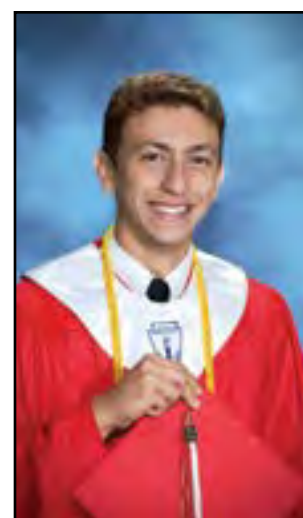
School Valedictorian with a final GPA of 113.667.

Kaden Smien, the son of Reem and Eddie Smien of Salado, was the Salutatorian for the Salado High School graduating class of 2018 with an overall GPA of 110.807.

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Kayla Manning, Valedictorian of Salado High School graduating class of 2018.



Kaden Smien, Salutatorian of Salado High School graduating class of 2018.

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UIL ACADEMICS

With the second place Spelling team and second place Mathematics teams at the State UIL Academic Meet, Salado placed second with 164.5 points behind Argyle's 179.5 points. SHS won the Regional UIL Academic Meet in April at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville. Salado won the meet with 193 points.

The One Act Play Scuttlers advanced to the Area Round where Ashley Ruiz was named to the All-Star Cast. Paige Aydell was named Outstanding Crew. Faith Madsen and Rayne Polkowski received All-Star Cast Honorable Mention. Scuttlers was set during the Industrial Revolution and the original urban street gangs in Manchester, England. JJ Jonas is the sponsor.

UIL FILM

Salado High School had three films qualify for the 2018 UIL Young Filmmakers State Festival. Narrative

5 by Rayne Polkowski and Heidi Kelley was named the State Champion in Narrative films. A five dollar bill falls out of the hands of a rich man and is caught by the wind, traveling into the hands of many others and impacting them in different ways. 5 dives deep into the people behind the hands, observing the value of money according to different people and how it has affected each of them.

Blank Eyes by Bridget Golden and Ashley Ruiz was the runner-up in the Narrative film division. Amelia lives in a time when abnormal behavior could be enough reason to be admitted, and lobotomies were considered "common medical procedures". We watch the struggles of this teenage girl, fighting to defy the system she's in to save her sanity.

Documentary

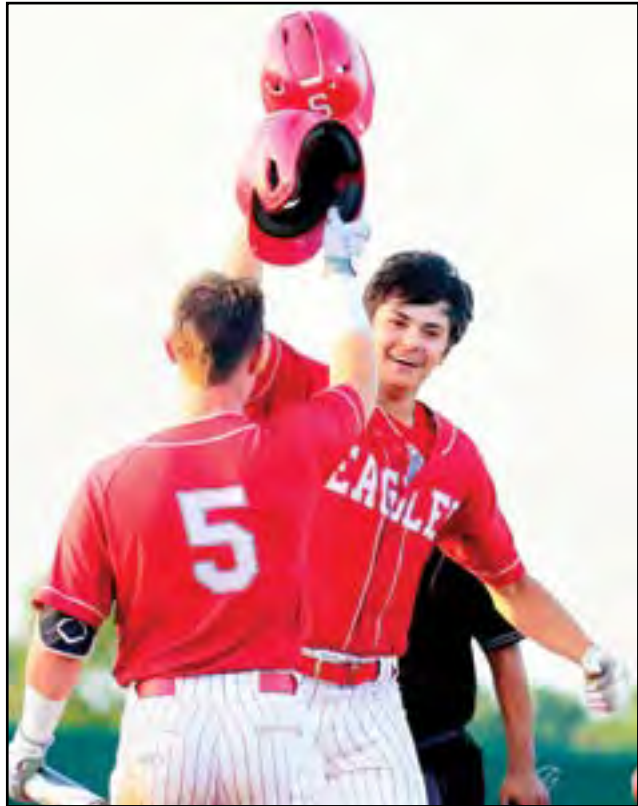
The People's Car by Madeline Krustchinsky: The People's Car explores the unique and eccentric



Spelling team: Matt Stahnke, Kayla Manning (first place), Kimberly Kendall, and Madeline Sunshine. (COURTESY PHOTO)



Mathematics team: Coaches Dennis Cabaniss and Brian Osborne with members of the first runner-up mathematics state team: Ben Sunshine, Elizabeth Won, UIL mathematics official, Kayla Manning (first place), and Trey Sheppard. (COURTESY PHOTO)



(PHOTO BY DEEDEE HAWES)
 Max Marin celebrates with teammate #5 Belton Farr after he hit a solo homerun in the top of the third of the Salado Eagles' first game against Jasper on Thurs., May 31.

Volkswagen collectors culture.

ILPC JOURNALISM

University Interscholastic League now offers additional journalism contests through its scholastic press organization, Interscholastic League Press Conference. ILPC offers its members yearbook, newspaper, and broadcast competitions. The following Salado students won awards at the ILPC State level: Roxi Thrasher, State Champions in Commercial Presentation; Faith Madsen, Grace Graham and Lindsey Neas, State Champions in Anchor Team Presentation; Heidi Kelley and Rayne Polkowski, Bronze Medal in Commercial Presentation and Faith Madsen and Jessie Laverdiere, Bronze medal in Introduction Sequence.

BASEBALL

Salado Eagles fell to the Jasper Bulldogs in the best-

of-three series in June in the Regional finals.

The Jasper Bulldogs held off the Salado Eagles 9-8 in the second game of a best-of-three series June 2 and won the decisive game 5-2. Salado blew out the Bulldogs 10-1 in the first game May 31. Argyle beat Jasper in the semis and won the championship with an undefeated record.

Salado ended its season with a 29-6-2 record.

Jacob Wilk and Drew Dobbins were named Co-MVPs and Mac Miller was named Offensive MVP.

First Team All-District: Outfield: Belton Farr; 3rd Base: Rustin Hale; Short Stop: Jacob Wilk; 1st Base: Mac Miller; Utility: Drew Dobbins; Pitcher: Ryan Oakes.

Second Team: Des. Hitter: David Heath; Utility: Max Marin.

Honorable Mention: Utility: Kade Maedgen.

SOFTBALL

Salado Lady Eagles lost in two come-from-behind games to China Spring in the Area Round of the UIL softball playoffs. Salado swept Navasota in the Bi-District round of the playoffs, ending both games by the Run Rule with victories of 10-0 and 14-1. The girls went 22-6 on the year and were ranked as high as #8 in state. They were district champs with an 11-1 record against their opponents.

The following girls were named to the All District First Team: Bailey Tindell, Piper Randolph (Defensive player of the year), Breigh Oliver, Christ Wilson, Erin Faske and Amanda Cantu. Second Team All District members were Elizabeth Ford and Rylee Oborski. Honorable Mention were Reese Preston, Marissa Gonzalez and Rebecca Dockray.

GIRLS SOCCER

Salado Lady Eagles' season came to an end in Burnet in a 1-0 Area round loss to Fredericksburg on April 3. Before the heartbreaker, Salado beat Taylor 4-0 in the Bi-District game March 30.

Sophomore Hannah Reavis (#2) was named the District 25-4A Co-Most Valuable Player. She led the Salado Lady Eagles to a perfect 10-0 record in District and an overall record of 17-11. In district play, Reavis led the girls in both goals scored and assists. She scored eight goals and had nine assists for a total of 25 points.

Senior Ashlen LaCanne (#19) was named the Midfield MVP. She scored six goals and had five assists for 17 points overall.

Senior Reagan Morreale (#13) was the Defensive MVP. The girls had 16 shut-outs in the season and she allowed only one goal to be scored on her during district. She also scored four goals and had three assists.

Coach Michael Goos was named the Coach of the Year.

The Texas Association of Soccer Coaches named Reagan Morreale and Hannah Reavis to its All Region First Team.

BOYS SOCCER

Senior Constantinos Loullis was named the Most Valuable Player in District 25-4A soccer as he led the Salado Eagles to an 18-6-2 record. The Eagles swept District 25-4A teams and made history with the first Area championship in Salado boys soccer.

The Eagles ended their season with a 4-1 Region Quarter Final loss to Liberty Hill on April 6 after sweeping District 25-4A.

The Eagles were defensively sound when they beat Giddings Buffaloes 4-0 on

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Lady Eagles are Bi-District Champs. Shown above are (bottom row, from left) Piper Randolph, Bailey Tindell, Liz Ford, Jannah Del Rio, Breigh Oliver and Rylee Oborski; (top row, from left) Head Coach Ashton Cooper, Jorja Washington, Marissa Gonzalez, Reese Preston, Amanda Cantu, Abbie James, Dorislynn Edmondson, Coach Derek Brown, Erin Faske, Chris Wilson and Coach Jodee Preston. (COURTESY PHOTO)

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April 2 to earn their first Area championship since the creation of the soccer program in Salado.

Leading Salado in 2018, Loullis scored 33 goals and had 10 assists as the MVP.

Brandon Rodriguez was named the Midfielder of the Year. He had four goals on 25 shots and six assists.

Trey Sheppard was named the Goalkeeper of the Year. He had 12 shut-outs and allowed just 22 goals to be scored against him the entire season.

Texas Association of Soccer Coaches named Trey Sheppard to its First Team All State as goalkeeper. Manuel Magadon was named Second Team Defender and Constantinos Loullis received All State Honorable Mention, Kaden Smien was named to the All Region First Team at Midfielder.



James Perry, second place medalist. (COURTESY PHOTO)



Jaci McGregor set a new school record when she placed fifth out of 147 runners at the UIL 4A State Cross Country Meet in Round Rock on Nov. 3 with a time of 11:49.99.

VOLLEYBALL

Under first-year head coach Kristi Wilk, the Salado Lady Eagles volleyball squad made the playoffs as the third place team in District 27-4A.

The girls lost to Boerne, runner-up in District 28-4A in three straight sets 25-9, 25-16, 25-19 in the bi-district round. Salado ended its season with a 15-25 record, 6-4 in district play.

Needville won the 4A state championship over Decatur.

The following varsity volleyball players were named to the All-District team: Co-MVP: Landry Rogers; 1st Team All-District: Reagan Thrasher, Erin Faske, and Amy Manning; 2nd Team All-District: Breigh Oliver; Honorable Mention All-District: Reese Preston and Lainey Taylor

CROSS COUNTRY

Sophomore Jaci McGregor placed fifth overall in the 2018 4A State Meet on Nov. 3 in Round Rock with a time of 11:49.99. Sophomore Anna Casey of Llano won the meet with a time of 11:39.78. McGregor placed second in the Region IV Cross Country Meet with a time of 11:01.72, setting a new school record.

Senior Hunter Haas placed 32nd in the 4A State Cross Country meet with a time of 16:41.75 on the three-mile course.

Haas placed sixth at the

Region IV Meet in Corpus Christi with a time of 15.10.33.

TRACK

Salado Lady Eagles track won the District 19-4A Meet April 11-12 with a total of 126 points.

At the Region III Meet, the girls 4X400 Meter Relay team was second place with a time of 4:02.23, qualifying for the State Meet.

Jaci McGregor placed fifth in the 800 Meter Run with a time of 2:25.33. She placed fourth in the 1600 Meter Run with a time of 5:28.75.

Elizabeth Ford was fifth in the high jump with a 5-02 mark. Presley Maddux was sixth in pole vault with a 9-06.

At the State Meet, the girls 4X400 meter Relay team placed seventh overall with a time of 4:03.06. Team members were Taylor Rich, Elizabeth Ford, Regina Deen and Samantha Vargas.

Salado Varsity Boys track placed fourth with 52 points in the District 19-4A Meet April 11-12.

At the Region III meet, Hunter Haas placed third

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Salado Lady Eagles golf team are (front, from left) Mady Bourland and Jamie Rich and (back, from left) Taylor Rich, Avery Piatt and Avery Hyer. (COURTESY PHOTO)



District 25-4A Soccer Most Valuable Player, Constantinos Loullis. (PHOTO BY JANET MADDEX)



Salado Lady Eagles 4X400 Meter Relay team competed at the State Track Meet after placing second in the Region 3 4A Track Championships. At the Regional meet, the girls broke the current school record with a time of 4:02.23. Members are Regina Deen, Samantha Vargas, Elizabeth Ford, Taylor Rich. (COURTESY PHOTO)



Salado archery competitors work on their skills. (COURTESY PHOTO)

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in the 3200 Meter Run with a time of 10:00.68. He was third in the 1600 Meter Run with a time of 4:37.70.

Holden Ford was fourth in the 110 Meter Hurdles with a time of 14.75. His 14.60 in preliminaries was second overall.

The 4X400 meter Relay team was fifth overall with a time of 3:27.5.

GOLF

Salado Lady Eagles golfers placed second in the District Tournament, qualifying for the Regional Tournament April 25-26 at Raven Nest Golf Club in Huntsville where they placed second with a two-day total of 700.

At the State Meet, the team of Maddy Bourland, Taylor Rich, Jamie Rich, Avery Hyer and Averie Piatt shot a two-day total of 705 for a sixth place overall finish.

James Perry advanced to the Regional tournament as the second place medalist in the District meet for Salado.

POWERLIFTING

Two Salado Lady Eagles Powerlifters medaled at the Regional tournament on March 3: Reginia Deen, third place in 132 lb. class and Samantha Vargas, third place in 105 lb. class. Also competing were Morgan Mays, ninth place in 97 lb. class, Dorislynn Edmondson, sixth place in 198 lb. class and Austyn Montemayor, ninth place in 198 lb. class.

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TENNIS

Salado tennis players had the following success at the District Meet in the spring: Ryan McBurney placed first in boys singles. Jeremy Jarvis and Caleb Ramm placed third in boys doubles. Mikaela Heiner and Katie Robinson placed third in girls doubles. Reece Brown and Aiden Mendenhall placed second in JV Boys Doubles.

BAND

Joshua Cannon and Daniel Lander members of the Salado HS Band performed with the Texas All-State Band in San Antonio on Feb. 17 at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center as part of the 2018 Texas Music Educators Association Clinic/Convention.

In the Spring, Salado High band had 25 players qualify for the State competition.

Those who advanced as part of a group were these: Euphonium Trio: Joshua Cannon, Hunter Howton and Katie Malensky; Flute Trio: Chloe Ebeling, Emma Madsen and Rayne Polkowski; Saxophone Quartet: Aunnika Deen, MJ Garcia, Jonathon Keyes and Donte Walker and Clarinet Choir: Nathan Cahoon, Cole Charanza, Reginia Deen, Daniel Lander, Erin McBryde, Harley McQuire, Nohemi Pena, Savannah Reeder and Logan Rickey.

Soloists who advanced to State were these: Erik Oas, French Horn Solo; Rachel Moore, Trumpet Solo; Joshua Cannon, Trombone Solo; Erin McBryde, Clar-

inet Solo; Daniel Lander, Alto Clarinet Solo; Elizabeth Won, Marimba Solo.

CHOIR

Salado High School Choir qualified three students for the State Competition during the Region 8 UIL Choir Solo and Ensemble Contest at Temple High School Feb. 27. Earning Division I ratings and advancing to State were Sari Marquardt, Jayden White and Nikki Grace.

FFA ARCHERY

Several Salado FFA students qualified for the state archery tournament at the Bell County Expo Center March 21-22.: Ethan Reyes, Chase Alexander, Holden Ford, Chase Harwell, Kyle Saunders, Wade Woods, Chandler Wilhelm, Zach Adams, Logan Roach, Maddison Brinkman, Emily Stuckly, Kaitlyn Combs, Tyler Barrett, Matt McBurney, Cameron Bufkin, Michael Combs, Hunter Seymore, Janet Eschmann, Abbie James, Catalina Langlitz, Tyler Compton, Franchesca Dalton, Kenzie Pardon, Maddy Wade and Mackenzy Ferguson.

FOOTBALL

Salado Eagles missed the 4A football playoffs, ending their season with a 4-6 record, 2-4 in district play. The following players received All-District honors:

First Team Offense, Fullback Connor Cook, 194 Carries/1,167 yards, 12 TDs; Guard Ryan Starritt, Utility Player Wrook Brown, 116 Carries/917yards 7 TDs, 6 receptions, 129 yards 2 TDs.

Second Team Offense: Tight End Ashten Sniggs; Running Back Hunter Turk and Returner Reid Vincent.

Second team Defense: Defensive Tackle Andrew Sniggs.

Honorable Mention Offense: Tackle Bryce Wales, Guard Trace Medlin

Honorable Mention Defense: Outside Linebacker Peyton Miller; Defensive Tackles Blake Madden and Tommie Barker; Strong Safety Caleb Self and Free Safety Konnor Baird

BASKETBALL

Neither varsity basketball team made the playoffs in 2018. Both teams placed fifth in district in 2017-18 season.

Named to the All-District boys basketball team were Anthony Young, First Team; Jeremy Jarvis, Second team and Honorable Mention Jake Pittman, Shane Roche, Sammy Brown and Eli Pittman.

Named to the 19-4A All-District basketball team were Sarah Kate Kellarek, First Team; Kerrigan Hearne and Kaia Philen, Second Team; Taylor Lowrance, and Kayla Manning, Honorable Mention.

FFA CDE

The following agricultural science/FFA students competed at the Area VIII Career Development Event competition at Tarleton State University. State Qualifiers:

Nursery/Landscape: 5th Place: Paige Aydell-12th Individual; Maddy Martinez-19th High Individual; Emaly Vrooman-22nd High Individual and Bebe Rainwater-29th High Individual
Livestock: 7th Place: Allison Brinkman, 15th High Individual of 246; Maddison Brinkman, 24th High Individual of 246; Stuart Lastovica, 48th High Individual of 246 and Cooper Free



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SHS band members are All-State Musicians

(PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)
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Art VASE

Salado High School competed in Regional VASE (Visual Arts Scholastic Event) on Feb. 17. Of the 31 pieces of artwork entered by SHS students, 21 received a gold. Regional gold medal winners were these students: Nicole Armitage, Cuyler Aycock, Kaitlyn Combs, Ava Heinzen, (two pieces); Rolando Lara, (two pieces); Isaac Marquardt, (two pieces); Catherine McFarland, Gillian Moszer, Seth Neal, (two pieces); Sophia Oliveira, Kenzie Pardon, Bebe Rainwater, Samantha Stanley, Sophie Stockman, Bailey Tindell and Hayley van de Plas, (two pieces).

TEACHERS OF THE YEAR PRESENTED WITH MIRABEAU B. LAMAR MEDALS

Salado Masonic Lodge honored Teachers of the Year from each of the four school campuses with the Mirabeau B. Lamar Medal on April 28. The Lamar Medals honored the Salado ISD Teachers of the Year from Thomas Arnold Elementary (Meredith Bonnett), Salado Intermediate School (Colleen Gilchrest and Laura Tomlin), Salado Junior High (Ruth Watkins) and Salado High School (Kenny Mann) with the Lamar Medal and a \$250 check.

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2018 welcomes new business to the Village of Salado



Owners Alissa McClure, Jake McClure and teacher Chelsea Webb cut the ribbon Jan. 5 officially opening the doors to Salado Montessori located at 10880 FM 1670. Chamber members, community leaders, ambassadors, family and friends were on hand to welcome the new endeavor. Montessori is a method of education that is based on self-directed activity, hands-on learning and collaborative play. In Montessori classrooms children make creative choices in their learning, while the classroom and the teacher offer age-appropriate activities to guide the process. It is a unique educational approach that nurtures a child's intrinsic desire to learn. Montessori focuses on the whole child—his cognitive, social, emotional, and physical development. To learn more about Salado Montessori visit SaladoMontessori.com PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER



Wash and Willow ribbon cutting was held May 10, at 209 S. Main St, Suite C. The new business is located on the north side of the Main St bridge at the creek. Owners Jon and Kasha Williams with children cut the ribbon with well wishers and Chamber representatives present. Wash & Willow is a Natural Skincare and Cosmetic Boutique featuring a bath salt bar, daily bath bombs and bubble bars. More information is available at washandwillow.com PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER



Restoration Sisters Oni Swick and Ismari Villa cut the ribbon on Saturday June 2, opening their new shop on Pace Park Rd. The sisters restore vintage furniture as well as offer a boutique of clothing and decorative items. For more information on Restoration Sisters visit RestorationSisters.com In the photo: front row l-r Ambassador Marjorie Hairston, Pastor -Amy Lopez, Ismari Villa, Mom-Reina Pino, Oni Swick and Ambassador George Dentry PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER



Clinton and Ledia Harwell cut the ribbon to officially open The Barton House restaurant at 101 N. Main St. The Harwells, owner of Pignetti's Restaurant in downtown Temple, purchased the Salado property in October and have been renovating the historic 1860s era building. The Barton House was welcomed by members of the Salado Chamber of Commerce board of directors. The restaurant held a cocktail party on March 5 to introduce the new business to area residents. The restaurant will be open 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays (lunch and dinner), 11 a.m.-10 p.m. (lunch and dinner) Fridays, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturdays (brunch, lunch and dinner) and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sundays (brunch). Reservations are not necessary but can be made at 254-947-0441. The Barton House has an extensive list of wines available to enjoy with your meals and you can buy bottles of wine for off-premise consumption. (COURTESY PHOTO)

New businesses make Salado home in 2018



Salado Chamber of Commerce representatives, Salado Ambassadors, friends and family were on hand to celebrate the opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony held at Studio Samantha on August 24. Owner Samantha Carey is captured with scissors in-hand cutting the ribbon. The shop is full of uniquely designed gifts including art prints, bath and body products, jewelry, apparel, home and garden and novelty items. Studio Samantha is located at 102 North Main St. For more information visit www.studiosamantha.com PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER



The Salado Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting Oct. 26 for The Nature Co. of Salado. Located in the Historic District at #2 Rock Creek Drive, The Nature Co. of Salado offers outdoor elements, botanicals, literature, nature inspired gifts and jewelry, a variety of natural oils and a range of classes. Founders Jami Fisher (center left) and Theresa Kunz (center right) "live by the philosophy and practice of seeking a deep connection to nature by observing the natural world and in recognizing its gifts." For a schedule of classes visit NaturecoSalado.com. PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER



Serendipity Fine Tea and Delicacies located at 600 N. Main St. in the Old Town Salado Shopping Center held its Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting Oct. 5 with Chamber ambassadors and board members in attendance. Shop owner Mary Kelch and her daughter Bridget Golden officially cut the ribbon. The shop carries a variety of fresh tea, tea pots, cups and goodies to accompany your tea time creation. Visit SerendipitySaladoTx.com or call 254-304-4062 for more information. PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER



Investor David Hays and general manager Terry Rawlins cut the ribbon Nov. 27, at Stagecoach Inn to mark the second major phase of the renovations of the property. The second phase was the redesign of more than 40 of the rooms and renovation to the new registration office and landscaping of the property. The next phases will include renovations of more rooms as well as the meeting spaces on the grounds. (PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)

Dining in Salado

Ring in the New Year with elegant dining in Salado. Hurry to get your reservations in before space runs out.

Alexander's Distillery

Chef Dave Hermann, Director of Development and Culinary Operations for Inn On The Creek Properties has created a four-course Happy New Year Menu for Alexander's Distillery. The Dec. 31 event is \$59.95 per person and includes sparkling wine toast, seatings at 5:30 and 8 p.m.

First Course: *Puff Pastry Tart* filled with herb spike goat cheese and bacon 'jam.'

Second Course Selections: *Mixed Green Salad* with spiced pears and pecan crusted goat cheese in a champagne vinaigrette

or *Potato Leek Soup* with crispy sausage, basil oil and crispy leeks.

Entree Course Selections are served with a side of Black-Eyed Pea Texas Caviar: *Citrus Marinated Pork Loin*, creamed spinach, with sage and garlic roasted fingerlings; *Cedar Plank Salmon* over dill and cilantro spiked toasted Israeli cous cous with an eggplant and roasted red pepper puree and brussels sprouts; *Surf and Turf*: petit filet of beef with butter poached lobster tail, gratin potatoes, roasted asparagus, Lemon Butter and gremolata (add \$6 for this entree) or *Sundried Tomato Risotto* with Mediterranean veggies and toasted sunflower seeds.

Dessert Selections: House Made Brownie with white dark chocolate mousses,

pumpkin seed crumble, chocolate & raspberry sauces; Cranberry and Cherry Panna Cotta or Sorbet.

Call 254-947-5554 for reservations.

Ramble Restaurant

Chef Jacob Hilbert will offer a New Years Eve Prix-Fixe on Dec. 31. Designed to be a fresh start to the new year, dinner begins at 5 p.m. \$50/\$80 per person.

Call 254-308-2006 for reservations.

Stagecoach Inn

On December 31 Stagecoach Inn will offer a New Year's Eve package for \$250 + tax, including a standard room for two, three-course, prix fixe dinner for two, and sparkling wine bottle service delivered directly to your room for a midnight toast.

New Year's Eve Prix Fixe

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The New Year's Eve Prix Fixe is also available without lodging from 5 - 9 p.m. for \$150 + tax and service charge.

On Jan. 1 from 11 a.m. - close Stagecoach Inn will also offer a New Year's Day Special for good luck with a complimentary Black-Eyed Pea Fritters dish with ham hock aioli for lunch and dinner.

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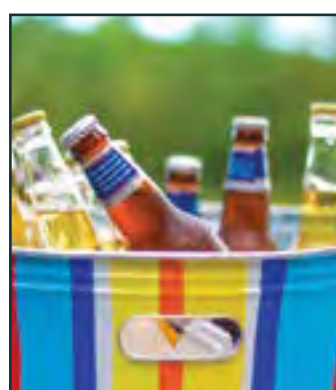
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Map Legend

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

Business Name Type

- 4 St. Stephen Catholic Church C
- 6 Salado College Park V
- 7 Raney & Associates \$
- 8 Stagecoach Inn D
- 9 Salado Museum V
- Salado Visitors Center \$
- Salado Chamber of Commerce \$
- Village of Salado Tourism Office \$
- 10 Sofi's S
- 14 Salado Glassworks A
- 17 Barrow Brewing Co. D
- 20 Springhouse Emporium S
- 21 The Venue V
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- 29 Inn on the Creek L
- 30 First Baptist Church C
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- Sylvia's at the Club D



Historical Markers in Salado

- 6. Salado Historic College Hill
- 8. Shady Villa Hotel (Stagecoach Inn)
- 8. Main Street Bridge
- 16. Barber-Berry Mercantile
- 23. The Baines House
- 24. Historic Dipping Vats
- 25. The A.J. Rose Mansion
- 26. Old Methodist Chapel
- 27. Caskey-Hendricks House
- 28. Dr. McKie Place (Twelve Oaks)
- 29. Alexander's Distillery
- 30. First Baptist Church
- 31. The Tyler House
- 35. Salado Masonic Lodge #296
- 45. The Anderson House
- 46. Old Saloon
- 48. The Norton-Orgain House
- 50. The Barton House
- 51. The Levi Tenney House
- 55. The Armstrong Adams House
- 61. Historic Lenticular Bridge
- 49. The Vickrey House
- 76. Boles-Aiken & Denman Cabins
- 77. The Robert B. Halley House
- 79. The Reed Cabin
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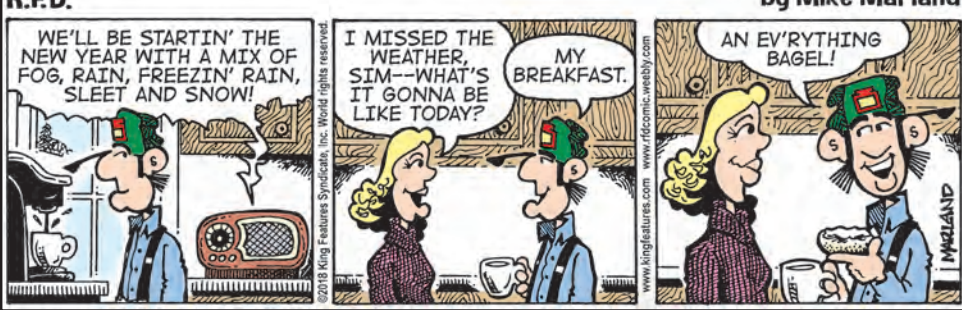
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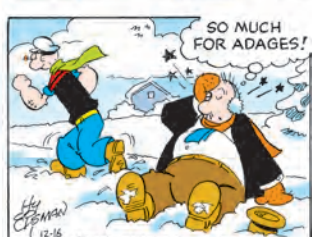
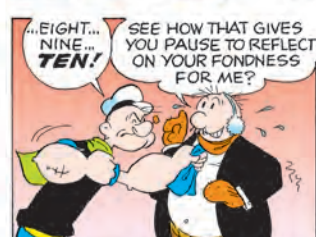
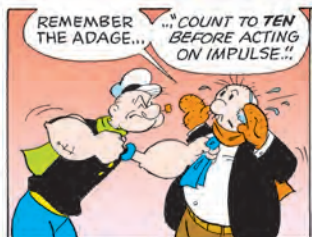
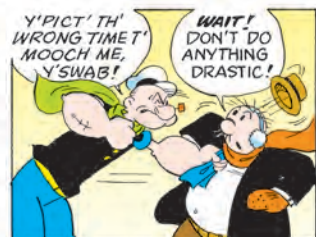
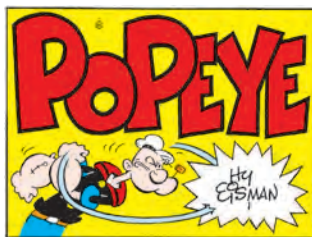
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Contract Bridge

A BIT OF ROPE

South dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

- NORTH: A 3, K Q 10 9 6, 8 5 2, A 7 3
WEST: Q 10 7 2, J 7 5, Q J 9 4, 8 2
EAST: J 8 6 4, A 8 2, 10 3, K 10 9 5
SOUTH: K 9 5, 4 3, A K 7 6, Q J 6 4

The bidding: South West North East
1 diamond Pass 1 heart Pass
1 NT Pass 3 NT
Opening lead — two of spades.

South crosses to the ace of diamonds, leads another heart and successfully finesses the ten. The queen of hearts is cashed, and when the jack falls, declarer has nine tricks.

It might seem that there isn't anything the defenders can do to stop this outcome, and, looking at all four hands, that is absolutely true. But the fact is that declarer can't see the opposing cards, and with a slight variation in the defense, he could easily go down.

The key play comes at trick two, when South leads a heart to the king. Let's say that this time, instead of taking the trick, East follows smoothly with the deuce.

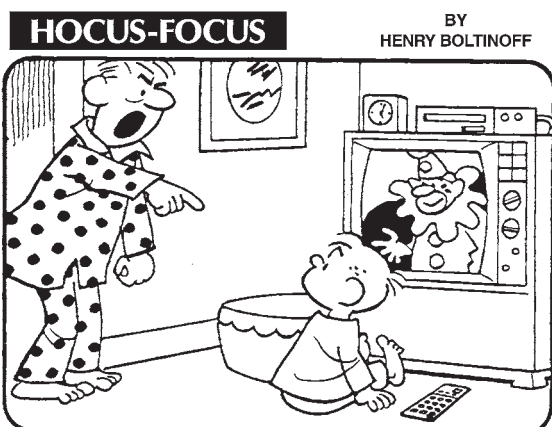
With the ace of hearts still outstanding, declarer will now probably return to his hand with a diamond to lead another heart. After West produces the seven, which card does South play from dummy?

Of course, if he knows the location of the missing heart honors, he will finesse the ten and end up with the same nine tricks as before. But since he cannot see where the ace and jack are actually located, he must guess whether to play the ten or the queen. His primary concern is that if East started with the J-x or J-x-x, the ten play may prove fatal, while the queen play will secure the contract.

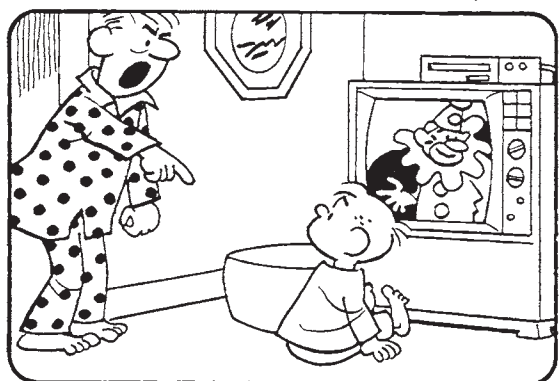
No one knows what South might decide to do, but unless East presents him with an option, declarer cannot go wrong.

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by Steve Becker



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

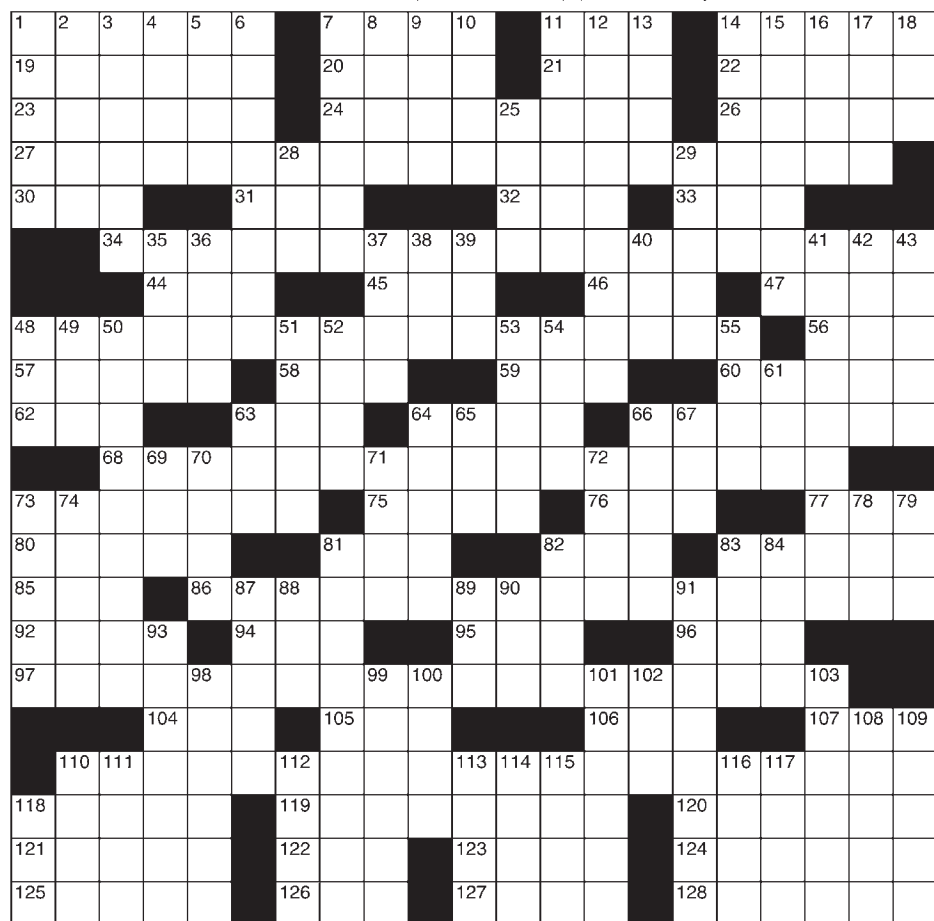


Differences: 1. Arm is moved; 2. Frame is different; 3. Hassock scallop is missing; 4. Clock is missing; 5. Clock is missing; 6. Hensel's control is missing.

Super Crossword

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- ACROSS: 1 Like whisked eggs, 7 11th U.S. president, 11 Two — kind, 14 OshKosh — (clothing brand), 19 Rio Grande city, 20 Turn about an axis, 21 Hoop part, 22 Supply (with), 23 Reach, 24 Back in the day, 26 Gird one's —, 27 Elena Kagan and others, 30 Govt. ecology org., 31 Biblical verb ending, 32 Suffix with front or cloth, 33 — hall (U. hangout), 34 Limbo and others, 44 Vast quantity, 45 Motel cousin, 46 "Alley- —" (1960 #1 hit), 47 "So it is!", 48 Euterpe and others, 56 Cleveland NBAer, 57 Actor Sacha Baron —, 58 Post-initialism, 59 Up until now, 60 Prior to, in poetry, 62 Parisian pal, 63 Italy's loc., 64 Way of carrying oneself, 66 Wooded region in France, 68 Kitchen and others, 73 Still a bit firm, as cooked pasta, 75 Russian city or region, 76 Barrett of Pink Floyd, 77 ThinkPad maker, once, 80 Spy novelist John le —, 81 "Boy, — ever!", 82 Inits. on a battleship, 83 Delhi's home, 85 Noted time, 86 Shortstop and others, 92 Tire trappers, 94 Wall-to-wall, e.g., 95 Water in une fontaine, 96 With 61-Down, request, 97 "Eroica" and others, 104 Sleep cycle acronym, 105 Lead-in to natal, 106 Texter's "Holy moly!", 107 33rd U.S. pres., 110 Fact about 27-, 34-, 48-, 68-, 86- and 97-Across, 118 Out in front, 119 Cocky, 120 New Zealand indigenes, 121 "The Trial" novelist Franz, 122 Onetime GI, 123 White cheese, 124 Bewitched, 125 Fidgey, 126 Prefix with thermal, 127 "And there you have it!", 128 Late actress Gabor, 5 Pop singer Brickell, 6 Nitrogen or carbon, e.g., 7 Intimidates, with "out", 8 Margarine, 9 Maui feast, 10 Deborah of old films, 11 Mouth pain relief brand pres., 12 Solve, 13 Singer Tori, 14 lsm, 15 Dumplings in an Italian restaurant, 16 Dog of comics, 17 Phoenix NBA team, 18 "— a Rebel" (1962 hit), 25 Bic Clic —, 28 Summer, in France, 29 Overused theme, 35 Arthur with a racket, 36 Gas in glass 37 103, to Nero, 38 Mag for an entrepreneur, 39 It's stranded in cells, 40 "Help!" from a helmsman, 41 City north of San Diego, 42 Hear (of), 43 Flood control structure, 48 Longtime record label, 49 — Kippur, 50 Very inferior, 51 Valuable, 52 Lamb-in-pita treat, 53 Geologist Sir Charles —, 54 Bistro list, 55 Chronicle, 61 See 96-Across, 63 Pro trained in trauma, 64 Callas of opera, 65 Cola cubes, 66 Large chasm, 67 Angling need, 69 Atop, in verse, 70 Certain ground-floor apartment, 71 Tyro PC gamer, say, 72 Petro-Canada rival, 73 Sour in taste, 74 Actor Lash of Westerns, 78 Post office container, 79 Mothers, 81 TV host Ellen, 82 "—, and away!", 83 Possible reply to "Who's there?", 84 Shoe brand, 87 Scent, 88 Toyota Sequoia, e.g., 89 ESPN anchor Bob, 90 Flee quickly, 91 He played Andy Torres on "Cougar Town", 93 Spells, as of luck, 98 Prime period, 99 Not far from, 100 Fly alone, 101 Age-old flu-fighting drink, 102 Yoga chants need, 103 Iranian city, 108 Quick cuts, 109 Seed coating, 110 More — likely, 111 Test by lifting, 112 Sitar player Shankar, 113 Pride parade initialism, 114 — Lee (food brand), 115 Camelot wife, 116 Big admirers, 117 Comic Dunn, 118 Alias abbr.



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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. BALLET: What is the name of the young girl who stars in "The Nutcracker"?
2. TELEVISION: Which actor played the dad in the sitcom "Eight Is Enough"?
3. GOVERNMENT: According to the Constitution, what is the minimum age of a member of the U.S. Senate?
4. MUSIC: What is the nickname of country music singer Hank Williams Jr.?
5. FOOD & DRINK: Where did gumbo originate in the United States?
6. MOVIES: Which 1990s film had the tagline, "A little pig goes a long way"?
7. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president is honored in the Wrestling Hall of Fame?
8. LITERATURE: What was the nickname of the deadly flu that wiped out most human beings in Stephen King's "The Stand"?
9. U.S. STATES: Where is Fort Knox located?
10. MEASUREMENTS: What does the Brannock Device measure?
Answers: 1. Clara, 2. Dick Van Patten, 3. 30, 4. Bocephus, 5. Louisiana, 6. "Babe", 7. Abraham Lincoln, 8. Captain Trips, 9. Kentucky, 10. Shoe size

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Table with 10 columns and 10 rows of numbers for a 10x10 grid puzzle.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

9x9 Sudoku grid with numbers and empty boxes.

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Answers for the Sudoku puzzle, showing numbers in a grid.

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The Northern Flicker prefers mild winter climates

I always joke that I live where I live for a reason, and that reason is definitely NOT the cold. I often equate myself with creatures of the ectothermic persuasion, preferring temperatures in the 90's over temperatures even in the 60's. And even some bird species would agree with me, choosing to come to Texas during our mild winter months to reside rather than enduring the harsh cold of the northern areas of this continent. One such bird is a common woodpecker species, the Northern Flicker.

Year-round, the Northern



Wild About Texas

Michael Price

Flicker (*Colaptes auratus*) is a familiar bird throughout most of the continental United States, including eastern Texas. During the warmer summer months, it will venture above the border into the land of our neighbors to the north all the way into northern Alaska. As temperatures begin to plummet with the changing of the season, these individuals will make

the journey southward, inhabiting the western 2/3 of Texas, southern New Mexico, southern Arizona, and southern California.

This is an attractive and somewhat colorful species of woodpecker. The back and upperparts are light brown and are marked with small black rectangular-shaped bars of various sizes. The underparts are cream-colored and are heavily mottled with round black spots that are outlined with white borders. The top and back of the head is colored gray and there is a bright red crescent on the back of the head. The face and top of the breast is tan, and there is a large black "bib" at the top of the breast area. Males have a black moustache that extends from the thick, pointed bill. Females look identical to the males, sans the black moustache. In flight, there is a very distinctive and prominent white patch on the rump. Its flight pattern resembles that of other woodpeckers – several wing beats followed by a recess with the wings folded at the sides, then repeated. This process produces and curvy, up-and-down flight pattern.

There is a separate color variation that at one time was thought to be a distinct species until genetic testing revealed that the two forms were in fact, one and the same. This less common color form looks like the first. The only difference is the arrangement of the head coloration, which is reversed, and the moustache



Northern Flicker

in the males of this form is red, not black.

The Northern Flicker is a large woodpecker species; in fact, it is rivaled in size by only the Pileated Woodpecker. Northern Flickers have a body length of 14 inches and a wingspan of a third longer at 21 inches.

Not only is this variety of woodpecker one of the largest species, it is also the most terrestrial of the dozen or so species that call Texas home. It prefers to live in open spaces where it can forage for its primary prey item – ants. A dietary analysis of this species showed a single bird that had over 3,000 ants in its stomach!

It is a noisy species as well, and many are heard well in advance of being

seen, particularly during the breeding season. These birds typically prefer to live a solitary life during much of the year, although they will pair up during the breeding season, with the male and female remaining monogamous during such time. Both sexes build the nest on posts or buildings, or in nest boxes or poles. The females lay anywhere between 3 and 12 white-colored eggs that are incubated by both sexes for up to 2 weeks. The helpless young will remain in the nest for an additional month, being fed by both parents. Most often, pairs will raise only 1 brood annually although some pairs will produce 2 litters.

Northern Flickers are a

common bird throughout their range in Texas, and it has a very large distributional range as a species. However, studies have shown that it is slowly declining. One cause of this reduction in the population can be attributed to the presence of the invasive European Starling which competes with the flickers for nesting sites.

Regardless of the species, woodpeckers of various types are familiar to most people, even those who do not spend much time outdoors. Perhaps this knowledge is due to the famous cartoon character Woody Woodpecker, who incidentally still annoys me with his laugh as much now as he did when I was a kid.

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A New Year's Dinner will be offered at The Barton House Dec. 31 from 4 - 9 p.m. at \$50 per person.

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Appetizers: *Schetti Pasta* - beggar's purse pasta stuffed with truffle and cheeses tossed in an agli olio sauce topped with truffle shavings, *Ravioli Diavolo* - Jumbo cheese ravioli topped with chipotle marinara and parmesan cheese, *Zesty Shrimp Cocktail* with spicy horseradish cocktail sauce *Roasted Artichoke* with marinara and burrata served with crostini, *Empanada* - filled with traditional Argentinean beef filling with chopped green olives and hard boiled eggs served with chimich-

urri, *Green Chili Meatballs* topped with melted mozzarella or *Apple and Arugula Salad* - mixed greens, red grapes, celery, sweet and salty toasted pecans queso fresco honey lime vinaigrette.

Entree: *Steak Diane* - pepper crusted medallions topped with brandy peppercorn creme sauce served with mashed potato and asparagus, *Bang Bang Shrimp Scampi* - sautéed shrimp tossed in a sweet and spicy sauce with penne pasta, *Grilled Ribeye* with red eye gravy served with mashed potato and green beans, *Seared Cauliflower Steak* topped with avocado salsa served with corn pudding

and green beans, *Seared Salmon* topped with shrimp San Juanita Tequila Lime Sauce served with mashed potato and green beans, *Double Pork Chops* topped with chipotle cranberry compote served with maple sweet potato mash and asparagus or *Chicken with Artichoke and Mushrooms* topped with a Dijon cream sauce served with mashed potato and asparagus.

Dessert: Chocolate Tuxedo Cake, Italian Creme Cake, Salted Caramel Cake, Red Velvet Cake or New York Style Cheese Cake with mixed berry compote.

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Serves 6

This hearty soup combines two lucky foods, black-eyed peas and collard greens, with vegetables and lean turkey bacon. Enjoy on New Year's Day, or any day, for a satisfying, warming meal. If you prefer a thicker soup, mash some of the cooked peas against the side of the pot, then stir them back into the broth before adding the collard greens and carrots.

Ingredients:
2 cups dried black-eyed peas
2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
1 large yellow onion, chopped
2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
1/2 pound turkey bacon, chopped
2 stalks celery, chopped
6 cups low-sodium chicken broth

1 bunch collard greens, tough stems and ribs removed, leaves thinly sliced
4 carrots, chopped
1/4 teaspoon fine sea salt
1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
Hot sauce to taste
Method:
Place peas in a large bowl and cover by a few inches with water. Cover the bowl and let sit at room temperature for 8 hours or overnight; drain and rinse well.

Heat oil in a large pot over medium heat. Add onion, garlic, bacon and celery and cook, stirring occasionally, until onion is translucent, 5 to 8 minutes. Add peas and

broth and bring to a boil, skimming off any foam on the surface. Reduce heat and simmer, partially covered, until peas are tender, about 45 minutes. Add collard greens and carrots and simmer until tender, 15 to 20 minutes more. Season with salt, pepper and hot sauce and serve.

Nutritional Info:
Per Serving: Serving size: about 1 1/2 cups, 220 calories (110 from fat), 13g total fat, 2.5g saturated fat, 40mg cholesterol, 690mg sodium, 19g carbohydrates, (5 g dietary fiber, 7g sugar), 10g protein.



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