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SVFD breaks in new truck

By TIM FLEISCHER EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The firefighters had hardly gotten in a test drive on the new 1,200-gallon brush truck when it was called into use about 1 p.m. Aug. 11 for a grassfire near Smith Dairy Rd. caused by a spark from a welding apparatus.

Salado Volunteer Fire Department Chief Charles Young cut short an interview with us when the call came over his radio. "I gotta go," he said and off he went.

He and SVFD Captain Shane Berrier had just come over to the newspaper office to show off the new five-ton truck for fighting brushfires.

A Texas Forestry Service grant gave SVFD the truck and a second grant paid for the firefighting equipment on the old Army truck. But the local firefighters still invested more than \$30,000 in bringing the truck into compliance with the grant requirements.

"We had 190 days to bring it into service to meet the Forestry grant," Chief Young said.



Fire Captain Shane Berrier douses a grassfire outside of Glen Wistrand's home off of Smith Dairy Rd. on Aug. 8. As soon as the Salado Volunteer Fire Department put its new 1,200 gallon brush truck into service, the firefighters put it to work on this grassfire. (Photo by Tim Fleischer)

The newest equipment brings the SVFD fleet to

- Four booster trucks with 300-500 gallon tanks for brush and grass fires.
- Two engine trucks, one with 750 gallon capacity, the other with 1,000 gallon capacity.
- Two tankers, one with 2,300 gallon capacity and the other with 4,000 gallon capacity.
 - Three rescue trucks.
 - Two command trucks.

The vehicles are housed at two stations: Station #1 is on Stagecoach Rd., which was recently made one-way for the expansion/construction of I-35 through Salado.

With the construction barricades in place on Stagecoach Rd. (I-35 North access road), the large tanker trucks have a hard time "making the turn there." Chief Young said.

Those tankers may have to be put in service at Station #2 on FM 2484 just across from the new high school building.

On a pay-as-you-go basis, local firefighters have built the second station over the past two years. The next two phases for that station will be the addition of four more bays and an office space. Currently, sta-

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Cole Grigsby Taylor, a fourth generation Saladoan, jumps into Salado Creek during a Splash Day sponsored by Stagecoach Inn. Terry Potts and staff cooked up hotdogs and gave out drinks while families enjoyed water games and rides in the creek. (Photo by Tim Fleischer)

Aldermen to consider subdivision, propose budgets Salado aldermen will

conduct a public hearing on the Courtyard Homes Subdivision preliminary/final plat and consider a conditional use permit to allow a health club in the local retail district during its 6 p.m. Aug. 16 meeting. The board turned down the subdivision plat in an earlier meeting.

In other business, the board will file its proposed general fund and hotel/motel budgets. Aldermen will conduct public hearings on the proposed budgets at the Sept. 6 and Sept. 20 meetings before adopting the budget Sept. 20.

Moses resigns as SHS asst. principal

Lee Vi Moses resigned his position as Salado High School principal Aug. 13 after taking a position as a middle school principal in Rogers I.S.D.

He will leave his position immediately to begin

work at Rogers I.S.D. Salado ISD Trustees will fill the assistant princi-

pal position with a Dean of most applicants have made Students.

The Dean of Students position will give the district the freedom of hiring a person who has not yet been certified as a Principal to apply for the position. This close to the first day of classes most schools have hired administrators and

decisions on where they will work for the 2012-13 school year, according to Superintendent Michael Novotny.

The district has announced the position and will fill it as soon as pos-

Library picks Gene Doss for expansion work

By TIM FLEISCHER EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

struction Company with meeting. the \$362,600 contract.

ize the contract with Doss seven competitors with Construction when direc- a base bid of \$339,000. tors sign a bank loan for Other bidders included approximately \$125,000 to fund the expansion. The \$448,000, J. Jacobs Conble the children's library, Library District will pay \$300,000 from its reserves Langlitz, \$376,330, Sandor and finance the rest over a Construction,

period of five years for the Vanguard balance of the cost.

Director Bill Kinnison Work could begin by is working with financial the end of the month on the institutions to finalize the 3,200 sq. ft. expansion of loan details. The board will Salado Public Library af- approve the final details of eas. Directors anticipate a ter library directors voted the financing and formally further \$50,000 for those unanimously Aug. 13 to sign the contract with Doss award Gene Doss Con- Construction at its Aug. 27

Doss Construction was The board will final- the low bidder among Construction, Chaney struction, \$402,115, Joseph

Contractors, \$533,000 and Wright Builders, \$421,610.

The construction bid does not include furnishings for the expanded arcosts.

After opening bids last week, directors discussed additions and alternates for the base bid, before finally approving Doss Construction for the \$362,600 bid with alternatives.

The expansion will douexpand the current adult library space, provide for \$478,700, meeting space and add a expansion. Neal Architects

dedicated history/genealogy section to the facility.

"The need arose when it was determined the children's section did not have sufficient space for the number of children attending programs, the community needed free meeting space, and that for every new book coming into the Library one old book had to be 'weeded out,'" Dr. Denton said.

Since the group completed its work, Larry Neal, Architect, was hired to complete the design and provide the professional services for the



planning Architectural rendering of the expanded wing of the Salado Public Library.

was awarded the bid for the terior drawing of what the design of the building expansion for \$40,000.

The floor plan and ex-

finished project can be viewed at the Library and at saladovillagevoice.com.



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Chamber Mixer

Aug. 21 the Salado Chamber of Commerce and First Community title will host a mixer at The Venue, on the corner of Royal and Center Circle. Food and refreshments will be provided by a selection of Salado's event catering professionals from 5:15 to 7 p.m.



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The rise of food stamp nation

Tom Vilsack is one of the most important welfare administrators in the nation. Oh, yeah -- he's also secretary of agricul-

Two-thirds of the Agriculture Department's budget is devoted to welfare programs. The biggest is food stamps, which is now the nation's second-largest welfare program after Medicaid. Its inexorable growth during the past decade, through good times and bad, is a testament to government's self-generating expansion. Asked what labor wanted, the great 20thcentury union leader Samuel Gompers answered, "More." The modern welfare state lives by the same credo. About 17 million people received food stamps back in 2000. Some 30 million received them in 2008. Roughly 46 million people receive them today. From 1 in 50 Americans on food stamps at the program's national inception in the 1970s, 1 in 7 Americans are on them now. Even when the economy is projected to improve in the future, usage of food stamps will remain elevated above historic norms. Food Stamp Nation is here to stay.

One of its pillars is so-called categorical eligibility, which means that if someone is eligible for another welfare program, he is presumptively eligible for food stamps. In 2000, the Clinton administration issued regulations saying that merely getting a noncash welfare benefit could make someone eligible. Getting a welfare brochure or referred to an 800 number for services is enough to qualify in almost all the states. In Vermont, receiving a bookmark with a telephone number and website for services is

Categorical eligibility effectively (i.e., you couldn't have \$30,000 in the bank and get food stamps), although income limitations still apply. In the Obama stimulus, the work requirement

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was suspended, too, and hasn't been restored. The requirement had discouraged young, able-bodied nonparents from utilizing the program; now there are millions of them on food stamps.

That the food-stamps program is part of the farm bill -- now up for debate in Congress -- is itself a scam, an exercise in rural-urban logrolling that gives everyone an interest in seeing the bill pass.

As every level of government works to grow the program, attempts to scale it back are predictably savaged. When Jeff Sessions, a Republican senator from Alabama, advocated reforms to save \$20 billion out of a \$770 billion budget for food stamps during the next decade, he was portrayed as a Dickensian villain. The New York Democrat Kirsten Gillibrand accused him of not caring about kids and insisted that food stamps are an engine of economic growth, since every \$1 spent on the program allegedly generates \$1.71 in economic activity. There's nothing, apparently, that food stamps can't do.

Needless to say, there are destitute people who need help. But the goal should be to reduce dependence on food stamps to historic levels after the recession, and restore the asset test, re-establish a work requirement and implement a better system for income verification. When almost 15 percent of Americans iped out the program's old asset test are on food stamps, the government should reacquaint itself with two words: "too much."

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Steering Clear of the Iceberg Ahead

It's time for Congress to get real

By Lt. General (USA, Ret.) Robert G. Gard

"Doomsday!" "Taxmageddon!" "Catastrophe!" Next year will begin with both a bang and a whimper unless Congress can escape its apparently hopeless

Unless our lawmakers get their act together, there will be the equivalent of an abrupt tax increase of about \$600 billion and a reduction in spending by the federal government of \$110 billion over nine months. Experts say this is a recipe for a new recession, if not a full-fledged depression.

How did we get to the precipice of this fiscal cliff? The Budget Control Act, which Congress passed in August 2011, authorized a short-term increase in the debt ceiling and a total of \$917 billion in cuts from projected spending over a decade, about half of which comes from the military budget.

The deal also specified an automatic \$110 billion reduction, called "sequestration," in the fiscal 2013 budget if a socalled congressional "supercommittee" couldn't agree by Christmas 2011 on a plan to reduce the projected federal debt by at least an additional \$1.2 trillion over a 10-year period.

Not surprisingly, considering the dysfunction of Congress, that not-so-super committee failed in its mission.

Both Democrats and Republicans agree on the need to reduce the federal deficit, but they disagree fundamentally on how and when to do it. Generally, Democrats want a balanced approach, reducing lower-priority expenditures and increasing revenues through a fairer tax system, while maintaining a safety net for the needy. Democrats also emphasize buttressing the weak economy in the near term and achieving debt reduction in the

Since almost all congressional Repub-

licans have taken an oath not to raise taxes, they favor larger reductions in federal expenditures, particularly in social programs, such as food stamps.

The sharp reductions in fiscal 2013 expenditures mandated in the Budget Control Act were designed to press the supercommittee to resolve this challenge, especially with half the cuts specified for the Pentagon's budget. In an attempt to bypass that pact, the Republican-controlled House of Representatives recently passed legislation to shift all of the planned spending reductions to domestic programs, which would deeply gut the social programs that so many people depend upon.

From 1998 to 2011, the base military budget — not counting all that so-called "emergency supplemental" spending that funded our prolonged wars in Iraq and Afghanistan — grew 46 percent when adjusted for inflation. Despite the forecasts of doom, the reduction in the base Pentagon budget directed by the Budget Control Act would reduce it only to its 2006 level. That would approximately equal the average military spending levels we saw during Reagan's Cold War build-up in the 1980s.

Despite their differences, both the House and the Senate have already defied the Budget Control Act by passing massive defense bills for fiscal 2013 that pierce this ceiling.

It's time for Congress to get real. Lawmakers must extend the deadline to phase in spending reductions and reduce the coming shock to the vulnerable U.S. economy. It's well past time for Congress to cooperate, at least to this extent.

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A solution to cybersecurity

As Congress adjourned for the summer recess, some issues were left unresolved, most notably the question of a cybersecurity bill. Many have asked why. The answer is that I, and several of my colleagues, had deep concerns about the proposed bill. But I believe we can find common ground and a way forward.

There is no partisan dissent over whether cybersecurity – protecting networks, computers, programs and electronic information from being attacked and destroyed is a critical issue. Experts have long cited cyber-terrorism as one of the potentially most dangerous threats to national security. Consider what might happen if a hostile government or terrorist organization launched an attack on our nation's power grids, hospitals, nuclear facilities or major financial institutions – just to name a few possible targets. The effects would be devastating. The question is not whether we act to prevent such attacks, the question is how we act.

Two cybersecurity measures are now under consideration in the U.S. Senate. A bill authored by Senators Joe Lieberman (I-CT) and Susan Collins (R-ME), the Cy-

Capitol Comment



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

bersecurity Act, would authorize the government to set standards for cybersecurity technology and determine which companies should comply with the government's standards. I and seven of my colleagues, each of us the most senior Republican members of our committees and subcommittees that have jurisdiction over cybersecurity - Senators McCain, Chambliss, Grassley, Murkowski, Coats, Burr and Johnson - have co-sponsored an alternative, the SECURE IT Act. Our bill emphasizes information-sharing about cyber threats among and between private and public organizations, securing federal agencies against threat, ensuring that federal contractors report significant events, facilitating prosecution of cyber crime and focusing on research and technology to improve cybersecurity.

Cybersecurity experts agree that maintaining effective defenses requires cooperation and information-sharing both within critical industries and between the private

sector and government. However, anti-trust and liability laws discourage or even prohibit cooperation among businesses, and our government's standard operating procedure has been to warn about the risks of cyber attacks without always sharing specific information with the entities at greatest risk.

The Lieberman-Collins bill doesn't fix these problems. Legal liability protections are weak for companies that want to cooperate with one another, and pre-determined government mandates would decide what cyber information should be shared by government. In contrast, the McCain-Hutchison bill authorizes essential legal liability and anti-trust protections for companies that want to work together to combat cyber threats. It also requires government agencies to share relevant information and assist companies and communities at cybersecurity risk.

The SECURE IT sponsors are concerned that the Lieberman-Collins would deter cooperation rather than encourage it. And we worry that it ignores cybersecurity's biggest challenge: constantly and rapidly-evolving technological threats.

We need a nimble, flexible approach that can evolve at the same pace as emerging cyber threats. It must be driven by industries that know their systems best, and be a true collaboration between government and the private sector, where information-sharing is a two-way street.

the right foundation for a national cybersecurity policy. It is supported by the industries and organizations it impacts, and it can pass the House of Representatives. It recognizes the unique challenges presented by evolving technology and makes prosecuting cyber-crime a priority.

We all agree that cybersecurity is an issue of vital national importance. My bill co-sponsors and I are in continuing discussions with our colleagues in the Senate during the recess, with the goal of reaching consensus by Labor Day. I call on my friends on both sides of the aisle to come together to get it

HUTCHISON IS THE SENIOR U.S. SENATOR FROM TEXAS.

McCain-Hutchison is

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Drone on the Range

Get ready, America. Here comes "the next latest and greatest thing in aviation." Wow, what could it be? Maybe the airlines are going to drop all of their ridiculous rip-off fees. That'd be great!

No, no, not that kind of aviation. You probably won't find this breakthrough so great. It's the arrival and proliferation of "unmanned vehicle systems," soon to be buzzing around the airspace of your own town.

Yes, drones, right here at home. Those very same pilotless, remotecontrolled, undetectable planes that the CIA has been secretly using to spy on and bomb people in Pakistan and elsewhere are headed to our local police departments, FBI offices, and...well, who knows who else will have these toys?

All we know is that Congress — under pressure from Boeing, Northrop Grumman, and other big drone peddlers — directed the Federal Aviation Agency earlier this year to open up civilian air space to thousands of them by 2015. And, in their wisdom, our loosey-goosey lawmakers provided no regulation of who can have drones, how many, or for what purposes.

So prepare to be pes-

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Jim Hightower

tered and monitored, for police agencies and corporate interests are said to be abuzz about getting their own. The first ones are expected to be used for high-altitude surveillance, which is worrisome enough. But consider this: A Texas sheriff's office that has already bought a "ShadowHawk" drone says it might outfit the little buzzer to fire tear gas and rubber bullets.

No worries, though. The drone industry's lobbying group has drafted a two-page code of conduct urging purchasers to "respect the privacy of individuals."

How nice. Only, it's a voluntary code — and totally unenforceable. For more information about this invasive swarm, contact the Electronic Privacy Information Center: www. epic.org.

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may result in four aquatic

amphibians being listed

the ESA. Those species

include the Austin Blind

Salamander, the Jollyville

Plateau Salamander, the

Georgetown Salamander

and the Salado Salaman-

endangered under

The U.S. Fish and Williamson County. How-Wildlife Service (FWS) ever, it has been found in has set two public hearsome of the 14 springs of ings in the Central Texas Salado Creek. Primarily area to take input on the in the spring on the Robpossible listing of four salertson Ranch and in the amander species in Wilspring commonly referred liamson and Bell Counties to as Sirena spring. The as Endangered and receiv-Salado Creek headwaters ing federal protection. are in northwest William-The FWS has been on son County. Salado Creek course to issue a proposed runs approximately 13 rule under the Endangered miles before feeding into

> the Lampasas River. Williamson County, through the Williamson County Conservation Foundation (WCCF), has expended effort in preparing expert, scientific analysis of the proposed listing in anticipation of the required public comment period.

> For an extended review of the background, issues and frequently asked questions about the ESA, the candidate species and this proposed listing action, please go to the WCCF's educational site at www. wilco.org/salamander.

> FWS has now tentatively set the dates, times and locations for two informational meeting and public hearing events. These public hearings are a formal part of the listing process under the ESA. Those tentative meetings

In Williamson County, Sept. 5 at the Wingate by Wyndham in Round Rock, 1209 N. IH 35 North, (Exit 253 at Hwy 79). An informational meeting will be held 5:30-6:30 p.m. followed by a public hearing 7-8:30 p.m.

USFWS sets Sept. hearings on salamanders

A second meeting will be held in Travis County at the Thompson Conference Center, 2405 Robert Dedman Drive, Room 2.102 in Austin. An informational hearing will be held 6:30-7:30 p.m. followed by a public hearing

8-9:30 p.m.

These public hearings are not the only avenue for the FWS to receive public comments. Both written and verbal comments will be received at the public hearing.

By statute all public comments - written and verbal - must be considered during the review process for the proposed listing.

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Police Report

12:50-1:05 a.m., 212 Royal (Old Salado Springs). Suspicious Circumstance, observed vehicle parked on property with back driver side door open. No one located in area. No contact made at B&B room doors. Closed door to vehicle. Clear.

8:14-8:40 a.m., 200 Block Pace Park Rd. Vehicle Crash, 2 vehicle, no injuries. Report. 12:10-12:40 p.m., 800

Block Stagecoach. Motorist Assist, ran out of fuel.

11:16-11:40 p.m., Block Royal View. Animal, injured deer- animal put down.

August 7

1:20-1:30 a.m., 100 Block Pace Park Rd. Alarm (R), neighbor was taking care of dogs- ok.

6:50-7:16 p.m., 100 Block Laly Ln. Assist Other Agency, Medical/Domestic. Dispatched as male and female fighting, male was injured when mirror fell on foot. Arrived on scene to find disturbance was verbal only. Mirror falling was a result of an accident. Patient received initial treatment on scene from SVFD. Transported to hospital by Scott & White. Clear.

10:30-11:30 p.m., 279 NB I-35. Assist Other Agency. Motorist Assist. Dispatched as no East side DPS Trooper in county. Arrived to find van with flat tire and no spare. Tow truck was called for and vehicle was removed from highway to NB rest area. Clear.

August 8

8:50-9:10 p.m., 500 Block

San Jose. Criminal Mischief, last Thursday her roommates wife came in the house and damaged some propertygave direct file packet.

3:20-3:30 p.m., Howling Wolf 580 N. Main. Robbery Alarm (B), working on alarm- false.

9:35-9:42 p.m., Ace Hardware. Alarm- (Business). Checked windows and doors, all secure. No keyholder contact. Cleared.

6:20-6:30 p.m., 200 Block N. Main. Alarm (Business.) Checked all windows and doors, secure. No keyholder en route. Cleared.

August 9

1:05-1:40 a.m., 2000 Block Chisholm Trail. Suspicious Circumstance. Homeowner could not find her phone. She thought that her soon to be ex-husband might have taken it. I found the homeowners phone on the bumper of her car. Cleared.

August 10 5:15-6:00 p.m., S. Main-Pace Park Rd. MVA- Minor, Chevy PK Vs. a Ford Taurus, 2 vehicle crash, minor damage. No injuries. Crash Report.

August 12

2:55-3:10 p.m., 3000 Block W. Amity. Assist Other Agency, residential alarm, back door. Dispatch advised someone on scene without proper pass code. Arrived on scene to find residence secure ground level. Advised alarm co. stated individual was resident's family member looking after the house.

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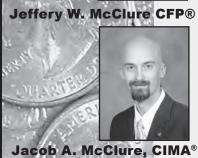
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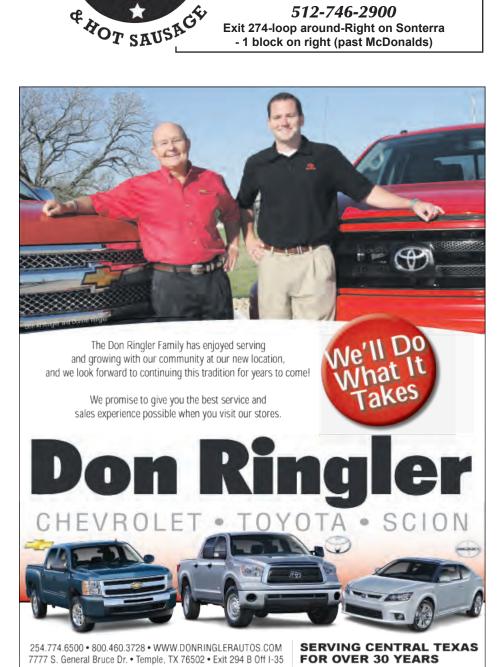


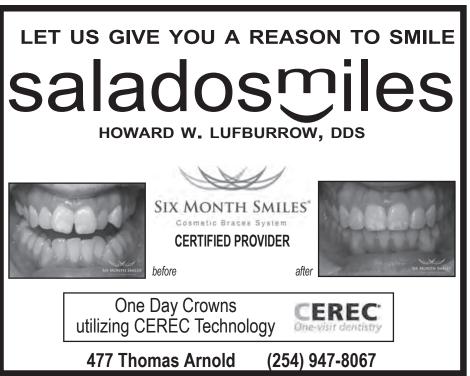
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Volleyball Campers

Salado High School Volleyball coach Rachel Lee headed a camp for young students earlier this month. The campers learned basic volleyball skills, including serving, defending, blocking and digging.

Shown above are the girls in grades 5-7.

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Varsity earns superior rating, JV gets camp cheer trophy

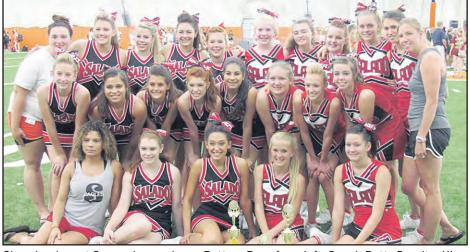
Salado School Junior Varsity and Varsity squads consisting of 21 young ladies and Coached by Charla Kelley and Betty Peralta, attended the UCA (United Cheerleading Association) camp in July. The camp was hosted by the University of Texas in Austin.

During the camp, the girls learned and perfected dance routines, stunting and cheers.

During the final day of camp, the J.V. Ladies earned the most improved trophy and the J.V. camp cheer trophy.

The Varsity Ladies earned the Superior award for receiving superior ratings in all their routines during the week.

McKayla Hodge (Var-



Cheerleaders at Camp shown above: Bottom Row, from left: Coach Betty Peralta, Kimberly Clay Varsity, Bridgett Gloria Varsity, Madeline Murray JV, Carli Grigsby JV. Middle Row, from left: Faith Renfro Varsity, Anissa Peralta Varsity, Morgan Nazario Varsity, McKayla Hodge Varsity, Elizabeth Garcia Varsity, Sydney Jarvis JV, Ashley Wilson JV, Morgan Bird JV Top Row, from left: Keshlei Bridges Mascot, Taylor Mullins Varsity, Shelby Tepera Varsity, Averi Fischer Varsity, Shelia Cavin Varsity, Juli Craig JV, Megan Daniell JV, Maggie Cunningham JV, Elizabeth Bardwell JV, Anna-Kathryn Fort JV, Coach Charla Kelley. (Courtesy PHOTO)

sity) and Morgan Bird (Junior Varsity) both competed and each won the prestigious "All Ameri-Coach Peralta both said how proud they were of all

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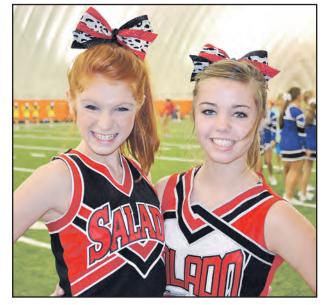
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McKayla Hodge (Varsity), above left, and Morgan Bird (Junior Varsity) won the prestigious "All American" cheer award in their divisions.

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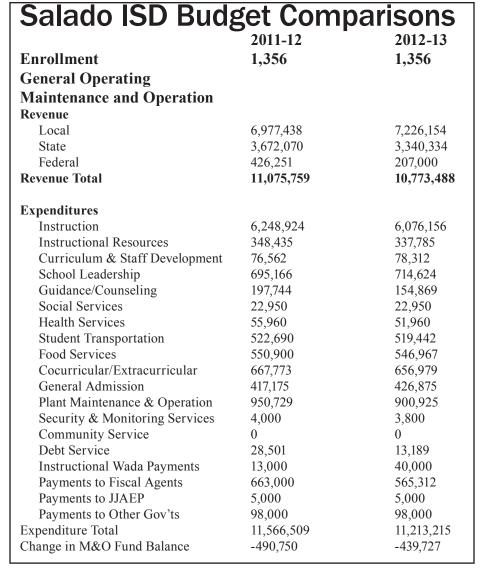
SISD tax rate will remain \$1.30

By TIM FLEISCHER EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Facing a loss of more than \$550,000 in state and federal funds, Salado I.S.D. Trustees proposed a deficit budget of \$439,727 for the 2012-13 school year. Trustees will conduct a public hearing on the proposed budget and the proposed tax rate of \$1.30 per \$100 valuation at 6 p.m. Aug. 27.

The board proposed the budget at a called meeting Aug. 13 on a motion by Darrell Street receiving a second from Chris Seaton. Trustees voted 6-1 in proposing the \$11.2 million operating budget. Trustee Rodney Bell stated that he voted against the budget only because it included a part-time physical trainer, rather than a full-time physical trainer for the high school athletic depart-

The budget will maintain the current property tax rate of \$1.30 per \$100 valuation. Trustees voted unanimously on a motion to propose the \$1.30 tax rate given by Street and



receiving a second from Bell. The district maintains a maintenance and operation (M&O) tax rate of \$1.04 per \$100 evaluation. The proposed tax rate maintains the debt service tax rate (I&S) of \$0.26 per \$100 valuation.

Trustees cannot adopt a M&O tax rate of more than \$1.04 per \$100 valuation without a positive election by SISD voters. Since the reform in school funding maintaining that M&O maximum rate of \$1.04 in 2007-08, only one Bell County school district has been able to go above that: Belton has an M&O tax rate of \$1.17 per \$100 valuation.

The median ket value for a home in Salado ISD is \$204,458. This median value would pay \$2,461.05 per year in school property taxes.

The proposed budget is based upon a student population of 1,356 with an average daily attendance of 1,315. Earlier this summer, trustees were building a budget based on a 2 percent population growth rate, but after reviewing pre-registration numbers in the pre-K and Kindergarten classes, Superintendent Michael Novotny recommended that trustees build the budget on no-growth in student population.

"Last year's Kindergar-

ten class was 110 students and it looks like this year's Kindergarten class is going to be about 69 students," Dr. Novotny said. "That's one of the reasons we are proposing the budget based on no growth in student population."

With those numbers, state revenues are anticipated at \$3.34 million, which is about 10 percent less than last year's \$3.67 million budgeted for state revenues.

Overall revenues in the proposed budget are \$10.77 million. Last year, the district budgeted for \$11.08 million in revenue.

Proposed expenditures for 2012-13 are \$11.2 million. Last year, the district budgeted \$11.57 million in expenditures.

The district is cutting about \$172,000 in instruction costs. According to Dr. Novotny, this is being done through attrition. The district will not fill five teaching slots and one student services slot that have become vacant through resignations and retirements. The district will also not fill two custodial positions, a cafeteria worker position and a bus driver position next year.

Despite these through attrition, district anticipates dipping into its \$4 million Fund Balance by almost \$440,000 next year.

In the 2011-2012 school year, the district anticipated facing a \$490,750 budget deficit. However, because of student growth last year and other measures, Dr. Novotny said that the final budget deficit for 2011-12 should be closer to \$322,000.





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Salado's Judy Greene passes away Aug. 8

Julia (Judy) Dalton Hyland Greene died in Austin, Texas on August 8, 2012, from complications related to Alzheimer's disease. She was born on July 14, 1933 in Jefferson City, Missouri, to parents Geraldine Hall Dalton and John Montgomery Dalton, Governor of Missouri from 1960 to 1964.

She earned her bachelor's degree in History from Smith College and her master's degree in Clinical Psychology from Southern Methodist University. She held numerous teaching and professional positions in Dallas, including teaching art at The Lamplighter School, serving as Development Director at The Hockaday School and working in the trust department of Republic National Bank. In later years, Judy married Texas historian and author A.C. Greene. They shared the happiest years of her life while living in Salado. With A.C.'s encouragement, Judy developed a passion for researching,

writing and performing monologues on women of faith and courage. She performed at churches and universities throughout Texas and as far away as Illinois.

She is survived by her two daughters, Julie Hyland Ambler of Conroe, Texas, and Leslie Hyland Rodgers of Austin, Texas, her sons-in-law, Price Ambler and Dr. George Rodgers. Also two grand-children, Julia Charlotte Ambler and JP Ambler, and her brother, John Hall



Dalton, and his family of Kennett, Missouri.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Symphony of Soul, www. symphonyofsoul.org, or The Woodlands Christian Academy, www.twca.net.

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The fire, just outside of Glen Wistrand's home, may have started from a spark of a nearby welder's machine.

"By the time I got my boots on, the fire had soread almost to our house," Wistrand said. Salado firefighters were on the scene within 10 minutes of the first call going out and had the blaze under control quickly.

SVFD responded to a structure fire in Mill Creek early in the morning of Aug. 5. An outdoor kitchen/cabana had caught fire when a gas grill apparently did not shut off. Firefighters were able to douse the blaze before it reached the home itself. "If we got there 15 minutes later, who knows what would have happened," Chief Young said.

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"We've done pretty good paying for things as we go along," Chief Young said.

The fire department funds its \$100,000 per year budget in several ways: \$30,000 from a contract with the Village of Salado for emergency services, \$30,000 from county runs, \$8,000 from county EMS pay, reimbursements from private insurance for EMS and fire calls and donations and grants.

"State and federal grants are getting harder and harder to come by," Chief Young said, noting that during one of the worst wild-fire seasons in history, the Texas Forestry Services saw its funds cuts by millions of dollars to meet the state budget. Those cuts trickle down to the local

levels where departments are competing for fewer and fewer grant dollars.

"I don't like asking people for money every year," Chief Young said. "I don't want them to see us and think, 'Here they come asking for money again."

But without local donations, the fire department could not fund the vehicles, firefighting equipment or the training provided to the 20 volunteers in the local force.

The SVFD does a couple of fundraisers per year: the annual Smokin Spokes bike ride in the spring and its annual Fish Fry in the fall.

And every couple of years, the fire department sends out a donation letter. "I don't want to do that every year," Chief Young said, adding that many of the donors are the same ones each year. "Some write a note to

us and ask for a reminder to give more in six months or in three months," Chief Young said.

Donors and residents will have a chance to meet the firefighters and see the equipment that may be used to save their lives during an open house 5-8 p.m. Sept. 11. Both stations will be open to the public at that time.

The firefighters will also have their annual Fish Fry at the Intermediate School 5-8 p.m. Oct. 7.

Last year's fish fry was a complete sell-out. It came just days after SVFD fought off a 500-acre fire around Stillhouse Hollow Lake (which resulted in no homes being lost).

The firefighters, using their new 1,200 gallon brush truck for the first time on Aug. 8, were able to contain the grassfire and have it out in a matter of minutes.



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Team Roping for Christ

Salado's 3C Cowboy Fellowship held a Team Roping for Christ event at its arena on the grounds of the church on Gooseneck Rd. on Aug. 11. Pictured are the teams of Mark Tubbs and Mike Foegelle (top), Johnny Koenig & Robby Abbott (left), E.O. Odom & Debra Dozier (right).

3C hosts Riding for Jesus series

lowship will continue its Riding for Jesus Buckle Series at its church on Gooseneck Road in Sala-

encouraged to participate in four events; Cloverleaf Barrels, Pole Bend-

The 3C Cowboy Feling, Straight Barrels and a bad weather threatens. Speed Race.

was Aug. 4. Show dates continue Aug. 18, Sept. 9, Oct. 13, and Nov 10 with Youth up to age 18 are Dec. 8 as a rain out date. A negative coggins test is required and participants are encouraged to call if

Age brackets are; 6 & The first show date Under Assisted, 6 & Under Un-assisted, 7-10, 11-13, and 14-18. Buckles will be awarded to all qualifying assisted participants and unassisted awards will be based on series participation. Participants must at-

tend four of the five shows and enter ALL events.

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Dr. Michael Miller and Clayton Capps perform popular polka tunes for the Salado Lions Club on Aug. 8. The duo performed, among others, the famous Chicken Dance (including a solo by Clayton proving that the tuba does indeed have more than two notes) and the Beer Barrel Polka (even though there was no beer served). Salado Lions meet on the second and fourth Wednesday each month for an 11:30 a.m. luncheon gathering at the Salado Civic Center.

ABWA gives scholarships to local grads

The Salado Chisholm Trail Chapter of the American Business Women's Association awarded \$1,500 in local scholarships for the Fall Semester 2012.

For the Fall semester, three one-time scholarships of \$500 each were awarded to Alexis Bowman, Kathryn Liller and Chelsea Boaz. All are 2012 graduates of Salado High School. Alexis will be attending the University of Texas at Arlington, majoring in Kathryn will Nursing. be attending Baylor University in Waco, majoring in Elementary Education. Chelsea will be attending Texas Tech University in Lubbock majoring in Nursing with emphasis on Nutrional Sciences.

It has been the practice of the chapter to give continuous scholarship support until graduation, provided the chapter's scholarship criteria is met and sufficient funds are available.

Awarding these scholarships is made possible by the chapter's main fundraising effort, the annual Benefit Luncheon and Style Show. The next ABWA style show is planned for May 2013.

Belton Senior Center has busy week

"A New Beginning" Club will meet 1-3 p.m. Aug 20 at the Belton Senior Activity Center.

Entertainment will be a musical program provided by Mark Huber and family. Refreshments will be served following the entertainment.

"A New Beginning" offers an opportunity for social interaction and fel-

lowship with others who have experienced the loss of a loved one.

The Belton Senior Activity Center will be having a Country & Western Dance 6:30-9:30 p.m. Aug. 16 with Bill Harvey and his "Miles & Miles of Texas" band. The dance is open to all area seniors 50+ in age. A \$4 donation per person is requested.

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10:50 am Worship Service (Main Sanctuary) 11:00 am Glory Worship Service (YAC)

Wednesday Night (August 22)

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Ballot Box Bedlam!

Melodrama finishes summer run with performances Aug. 17-18

finish its summer run at the Salado Silver Spur Theater this weekend with shows on Aug. 17-18.

This is the eighth chapter in the continuing saga of the annual melodrama series, written this year by Gary Askins.

The normally peacful village is in an election fever dither as their onecandidate mayoral race is hijacked by a power-hungry outsider in this year's serving of "Ballot Box Bedlam! Or The Millionaire Mountebank's Mayoral Machination"

Can hero Ranger Grainger save Miss Goody Goody and the peaceful Salado citizenry from the peril of an unfair election? Will Snidely O. Slipknot's Super-Duper PAC rig the voting and put Herman Lame, the villain's stooge, into office? That and other questions will be answered with a healthy dose of slapstick, song and satire.

The popular, familycentric "melo" is completed by popcorn-throwing patrons, on-screen pie-fights and pernicious ploys. Additionally, a locally-made "movieola," an old-style silent film with live music, once again features Salado citizens and businesses in a fun-filled, flickering farce that moves the comedy along.

Admission is \$18 for adults; \$15 for senior citizens, military personnel and students with ID; and \$10 for children aged 12 and under. Matinee prices are \$10 for all categories. Group rates are available.

For reservations, call the box office at 254-947-3456. For directions or more play info, visit saladosilverspurtheater.com. Wine, beer, cider and expanded food choices are available through The Spuradicals Social Club in the lobby: www.Spuradicals-SocialClub.net

The high-energy production serves up laughter, entertainment, live music, silver screen silliness, family fun and a cool, historic spot to beat the summer heat. The theater, a first class venue was built in the renovated Guest and Sanford Granary & Feed Co., erected in the 1950s.

Askins, a retired "Master Teacher" of Math and Theatre Arts at Salado High School, has appeared in more than 50 stage productions as an actor in California and Texas. He has directed numerous plays at the Silver Spur Theater, including "The 39 Steps" last year. The Salado playwright noted:

"With all the election trail hoopla and presidential campaign hijinks this election year, I thought it might be high time for the battered electorate to step back and have some oldfashioned laughs at our in-



Tony Blackman returns as sidekick Herman Lame.

Kristi Kelley of Belton debuts as Miss Katniss Evergreen.

creasingly distorted political picture. But on a small town scale, of course!"

Veterans & Newcomers

The cast includes regulars (Spuradicals) on the Silver Spur stage, as well as a host of newcomers. Grainger Esch, Artistic Director and Co-Founder of the theater, returns as the hero Park Ranger Tex Grainger. His love interest is Karen Ewton of Salado as Miss Goody Goody. Esch is a former Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus clown.

Ewton's stage credits include authoring and appearing as the heroine in summer melodramas. She has appeared in "Steel Magnolias," "Bell, Book and Candle," "The

39 Steps" and in the just closed show, "The Seven Year Itch." She typically plays the WSPR secretary in Spur Holiday shows.

Newcomer Asplund of Fort Worth, a newcomer to the troupe of Spuradical Players, is the villain Slipknot. The former U.S. Marine and Texas State Trooper has owned a coffee shop (The Mad Goat) and was director of The Lone Star International Film Festival. Now a filmmaker and business and life consultant, Asplund's Percussion Media has assisted independent filmmakers from the development phase to the post-production phase since 2008.

Tony Blackman of Belton, the Silver Spur's longtime-Technical Director and a Spuradical since 2004 is Slipknot's comic foil, Herman Lame. Tony has appeared in more than 25 productions, most notably in "The Foreigner," "The Fourth Wall," and "The Seven Year Itch." He has appeared in film and television projects for The Disney Channel and Arkansas Educational Television Network.

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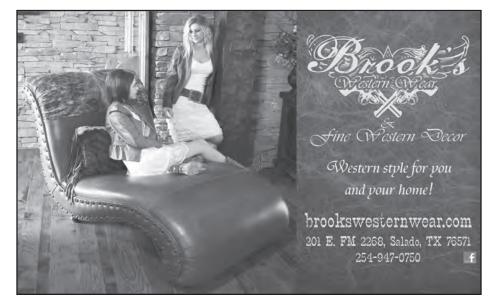
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Village Quilters and Knitters, 1:30 p.m. at Village Art Building.

TUESDAYS

Salado Village Artists,

Every Thursday-

Village Art Building, 9:30 a.m.

TUESDAYS

Salado Rotary Club, 11:30 a.m.

TUESDAYS

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

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Four course fine dining at Inn on the Creek, seatings from 5:30 to 8 p.m. p.m. Call for reservations, 254-947-5554. Visit www.inncreek.com for menus.

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

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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.

SATURDAYS

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

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SUNDAYS

Brunch at Inn on the Creek, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Call 254-947-5554.

WEEKENDS THROUGH

August 18

Ballot Box Bedlam! Or The Millionaire Mountebank's Mayoral Machination. Annual melodrama performances every weekend at the Salado Silver Spur Theater. For information, visit www.thesaladosilverspur. com or call the box office at 254-947-3456.

August 16

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

August 16

Village of Salado Board of Aldermen meeting, 6 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Rd.

August 17

Jamey Secrest plays 7-10 p.m. at The Lounge, upstairs at The Range.

AUGUST 18 Live Music in The Lounge, 7 p.m., featuring Paul Cox.

August 18

3C Cowboy Fellowship Riding For Jesus Buckle Series Show.
Kids up to 18, unassisted and assisted up to age 6.
Barrels, pole bending and speed. Info: 254-535-0758 or 254-624-7185.

August 18

Helen Alexander's Beginning Oil Painting class, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., at the Village Art Center. Cost \$50 to members of Salado Village Artists, \$60 to nonmembers.

August 18

Adult Learn To Crochet at The Salado Yarn Co.10-1 p.m. \$25 + supplies saladoyarn@gmail.com.

August 18

Tequila Tasting at The Range at the Barton House, 254-947-3828 or www.therangerestaurant.com for details. This was requested in response to The Range's "Vodka & Caviar Tasting" that was well loved.

August 18

Paul Cox plays 7-10 p.m. at The Lounge, upstairs at The Range.

August 20

United Methodist Women, 6:45 p.m. Salado United Methodist Church Youth Activities Center, 650 Royal St.

August 23

Salado United Methodist Church Journeymen, 6:30 p.m., Youth Activities Center, 650 Royal St.

August 23

Back to School meet your teachers/stash your stuff, 3:30-4:30 p.m, Thomas Arnold Elementary, 254-947-6925.

August 23

Back to School meet your teachers/stash your stuff, 4:30-5:30 p.m, Salado Intermediate School, SIS students in fifth and sixth grades will receive their locker assignments. 254-947-6955 or 254-947-6942.

August 23

Salado Junior High Athletic Department Parents meeting, SJH athlete information for parents. 5 p.m.

August 23

Back to School meet your teachers/stash your stuff, 5:30-7 p.m, Salado Junior High School, SJH students will receive their locker assignments. 254-947-6935.

August 23

SHS Varsity foot- ball scrimmage against
Gatesville. 6 p.m. at Eagle
field.

August 24

Salado ISD Annual Health and Benefits Fair 9 - 11 a.m. at Salado Intermediate School.

August 24

SHS Volleyball against Belton, first match at 5 p.m. varsity at 6 p.m.

August 24

Fourth Friday Gospel Singing at Cedar Valley Baptist Church, FM 2843, 7 p.m. Potluck at 10 p.m.

August 24

Greg Whitfield plays 7-10 p.m. at The Lounge, upstairs at The Range.

August 25

"Meet the Eagles"
night at Salado High
School. Silent Auction at
5 p.m. Spaghetti dinner,
6 - 7 p.m. Dinner \$10
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p.m., Meet coaches and
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August 25

Ricki Derek and his Vegas Six band 8 p.m., Salado Silver Spur. 254-947-3456. Admission \$20, saladosilverspurtheater. com.

August 25

Fred Fuller plays
7-10 p.m. at The Lounge,
upstairs at The Range.
AUGUST 25

Popular and longtime crooner Ricki Derek of Dallas and his Vegas Six band will be in concert at the Salado Silver Spur, 8 p.m. Aug. 25. Admission for evening show is \$20. Call the box office at 254-947-3456. For directions or more play info, visit saladosilverspurtheater.com.

August 27

First Day of School for Salado I.S.D. students.

August 27

Salado Masonic Lodge #296 stated meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the Lodge Hall, 95 S. Church St.

August 28

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

August 28

SHS Volleyball against Lago Vista, first match at 5 p.m. varsity at 6 p.m.

August 31

Parent Night at SHS Varsity Football Game against Rockdale 7:30 p.m. at Eagle Field.

August 31

Following the SHS football game 5th quarter will be held at Salado United Methodist Church, 650 Royal St.

Aug. 31 - Sept 22

Nunsense II: The Second Coming – by Dan Goggin. Weekend performances at Salado Silver Spur Theater. For information, visit www. thesaladosilverspur.com or call the box office at 254-947-3456.

SEPTEMBER 1

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SEPTEMBER 3

School's out for Labor Day.

SEPTEMBER 4

Salado Historical Society Board Meeting, 6 p.m. at Salado Civic Center Board Room.

SEPTEMBER 6

Chisholm Trail American Business Woman's Association meeting, 6 p.m. at Mc-Cain's Deli.

SEPTEMBER 6

Village of Salado Board of Aldermen meeting, 6 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Rd.

SEPTEMBER 7

SHS Volleyball against Lorena, first match at 5 p.m. varsity at 6 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 7

SHS varsity football against Lorena 7:30 p.m. at Eagle Field.

SEPTEMBER 8

Salado Athletic Booster Club annual reverse raffle, Tenroc Ranch Blue Heron room. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., music by the Kenny Orts Band. contact: 291-8898 or vickie.frazier@ saladoisd.org.

SEPTEMBER 8

Second Salado Saturdays. Shops will be open late. Look for specials and events.

SEPTEMBER 9

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.

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SEPTEMBER 11

Bee-lievers Fiber
Guild, 1 p.m., Salado
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Youth Activities Center,
650 Royal St.

SEPTEMBER 11

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house at Fire Station No.
2, located on FM 2484
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see our new station and
equipment and meet the
volunteer firefighters who
serve you.

SEPTEMBER 10 Salado Historical Society Board Meeting, 6 p.m. at Salado Civic Center Board Room.

SEPTEMBER 11

SHS Volleyball district game against Jarrell, first match at 5 p.m. varsity at 7 p.m.

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SEPTEMBER 12

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

Don't see your Salado event on the calendar? Send it to news@saladovillagevoice.com





Class Schedule

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Tuesday | Thursday

Beginner/Gentle Yoga 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. Hatha Yoga 9 - 10 a.m. or 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Friday

Pre/Postnatal Yoga 2 - 3 p.m.

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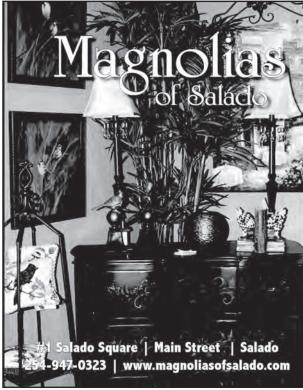
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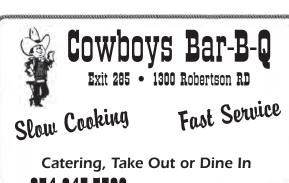
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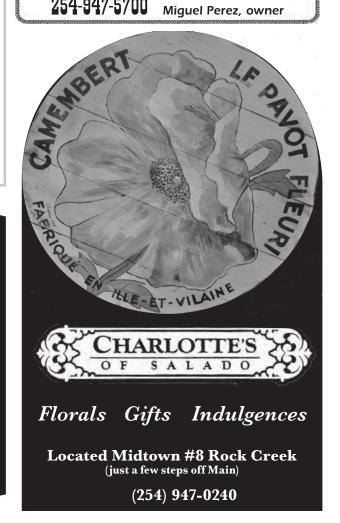


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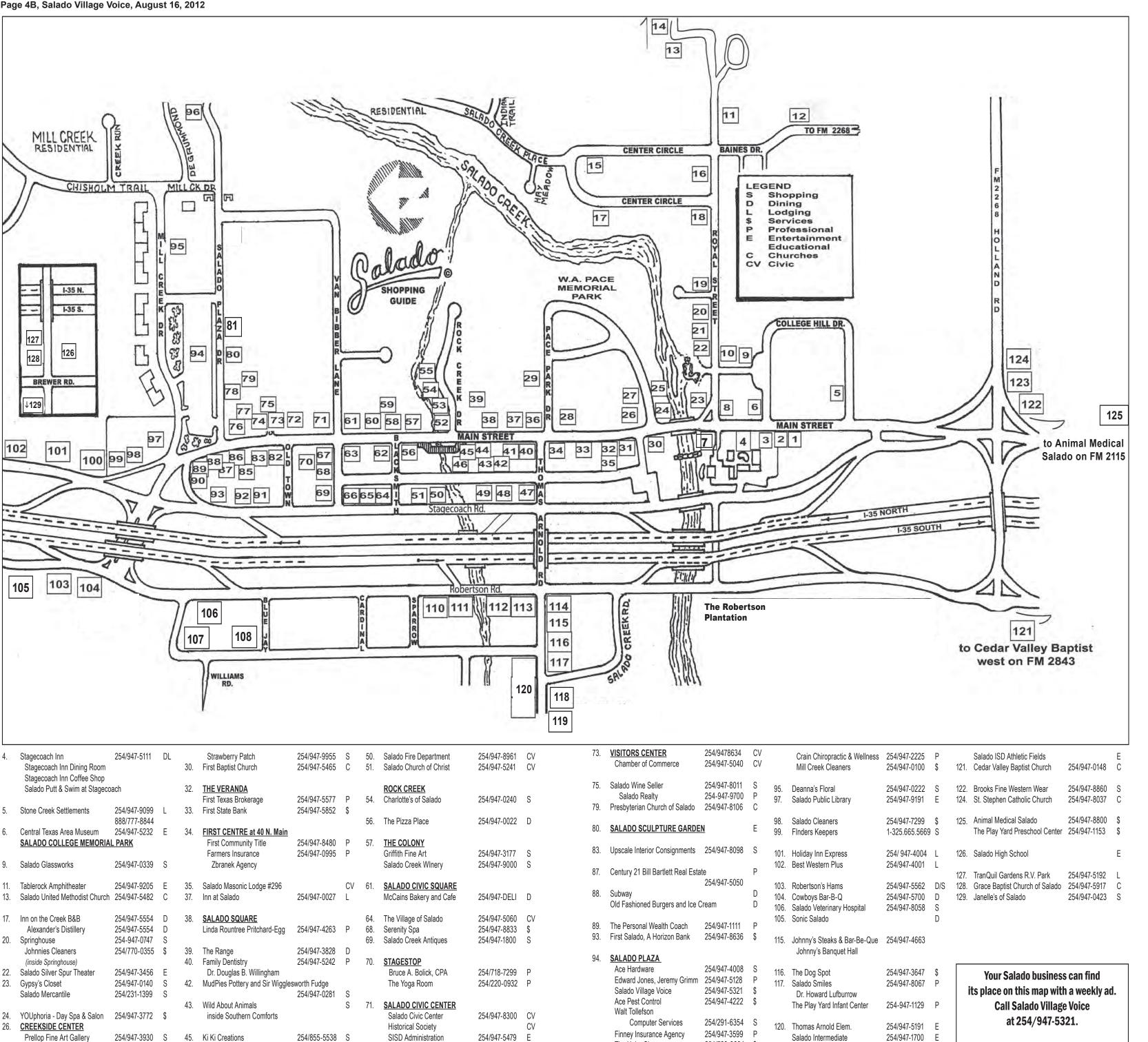
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Weekly **SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

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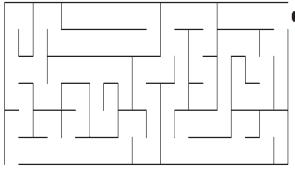
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging *** HOO BOY!

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Kids' Maze



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Seed Tips

1. Freeze seed for a full 24 hours to kill bugs, moths and other creepy-crawly things and their eggs.

2. Try safflower seed if you don't want nuisance birds like grackles.

3. Use hulled sunflower hearts or chips to avoid messy hulls and sprouts under your feeders.

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Diablolical defense

Opening lead — two of diamonds.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

This deal occurred in the Vanderbilt Teams some years ago. South got to four hearts doubled on the bidding shown, and West led a diamond, won by East with the queen. East shifted to a trump, on which South played the nine. West could have taken the trick with the ten. but, in an effort to mislead declarer, he won the nine with the queen.

The benefit of West's clever play could be seen by what happened next. After ruffing West's diamond return, South played a low trump, expecting to find the suit divided 3-2. In that case, he would have gone down only one.

But West won the second trump lead with the ten and cashed his A-K, extracting all of declarer's remaining trumps. East had discarded three spades as the trumps were played, so when West next led a diamond, East was able to score four diamonds before conceding the last three tricks.

Declarer thus five diamonds as well as four trump tricks to finish down six for a loss of 1,700 points! South would, of course, have done much better had he not fallen into the trap so artfully laid by West. Had he not led another trump, he would have gone down two instead of six, losing only 500 points. Note that West's fine

play of winning the nine of trumps with the queen had everything to gain and nothing to lose. He realized that his queen play might induce declarer to expect a 3-2 trump division, and he also knew that his four natural trump tricks would remain intact even if South avoided further trump leads. West's attempted deception was surely not profound, but it was extraordinarily effec-

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Beat the heat with bright summer flavors

Watermelon and Arugula Salad

6 cups diced seedless watermelon

1/2 small red onion thinly sliced

1 cup feta cheese crumbles 1/2 cup toasted sunflower seeds

6 tablespoons prepared balsamic dressing

5 cups lightly packed baby arugula

Cracked black pepper to taste



In a large bowl, combine watermelon, onion, feta and sunflower seeds. Drizzle with dressing and

toss to coat. Add arugula and toss again. Sprinkle with pepper and serve.

Sausage on a **Bun with Pickle Pepper Relish**

1/4 cup finely chopped bread and butter pickle chips

1/4 cup finely chopped roasted red peppers

1/4 cup finely chopped white onion

2 tablespoons yellow or Dijon mustard

1 teaspoon sugar

1/2 teaspoon apple cider vinegar

1/4 teaspoon celery seed 4 The Original Brat Hans Sausages, such as Bratwurst or Sweet Apple Chicken



4 sprouted grain hot dog mustard, sugar, vinegar buns split and toasted on the grill

1 cup thinly sliced romaine lettuce or cabbage

grill Preheat to medium-high heat. In a small bowl, stir together pickles, peppers, onion, relish and serve.

and celery seed; set relish aside. Grill sausages, turning occasionally, until golden brown and hot throughout, about 10 minutes. Pile lettuce or cabbage onto hot dog buns, top with sausages and

Chocolate-Strawberry Ice Cream Cake

chocolate sandwich creme cookies

2 tablespoons unsalted butter melted

1 quart (2 pints) chocolate ice cream or frozen yogurt softened

1 1/4 cup chocolate fudge sauce divided

1 quart (2 pints) strawberry ice cream or frozen yogurt softened

2 cups sliced fresh strawberries

Place cookies in the bowl of a food processor and pulse until ground (you should have about 1 1/2 cups crumbs). Pour in butter and pulse just until mixed. Press mixture firmly into the bottom of a 9-inch springform pan. Freeze until chilled, about 30 minutes.

Using a rubber spat-



ula, spread chocolate ice cream over cookie crust and smooth the top. Place under hot water, wipe dry, in the freezer until firm, at least 1 hour. Reserve 2 tablespoons of the fudge sauce for decorating the top of the cake and spread the remainder evenly over the top of the chocolate ice cream. Freeze until firm, about 30 minutes. Spread strawberry ice cream over the fudge, level the top of the cake, and freeze until the whole cake is very firm, at least 3 hours and up to 1 day.

Remove cake from the freezer. Run a large knife and run the knife around the rim of the pan to loosen ice cream from the sides; repeat as necessary. Release and remove the sides of the springform pan. Lightly spread the reserved fudge sauce over the top of the cake using the back of a spoon, and arrange strawberries however you like. To serve, cut the cake into wedges with a knife warmed in hot water and wiped dry.

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Some deer solutions may be over our heads

By Frances Idoux BELL COUNTY MASTER GARDENER

Sometimes the solutions to gardening challenges are simply over our heads.

The most persistent challenges in my garden have four feet and hearty appetites. They are the deer -- certainly not dear to gardeners. I have tried the recommended remedies: bars of pungent soap, various odiferous sprays, and mounds of pet hair. I have selected deer resistant plants, but my deer have not read the list. As a consequence, Round One in the gardening competition definitely has gone to the deer!

During a trip to the Hill Country, I discovered a new tactic. In search of brunch, I found a restaurant that is also part garden. In the courtyard, magnificent oak trees hold an amazing assortment of hanging baskets, all overflowing with plants. The owner is the gardener, who evidently came down

with a planting spree this spring. As a result, hanging baskets are everywhere, as well as plants in pots of the wrought iron fence. Blooms of red. white, and coral impatiens nestle happily with Turk's Cap and dwarf Mexican heather. Chocolate mint and pineapple sage are tucked into baskets filled with herbs.

By using Eureka! hanging baskets I could grow all those plants that had served as appetizers for my visiting deer. Now branches of my oak tree are adorned with baskets -- some similar to the ones I'd seen and some with unusual occupants, such as a solitary caladium. I even found a few sunny spots for colorful portulacas.

Even for gardeners who do not co-exist with deer. hanging baskets can be an asset. Planting does not involve digging, just arranging plants in potting soil. Water usage is minimal, although regular watering is necessary. But color and variety are won-



Hanging baskets keep deer out of summer plantings

derful summertime rewards.

For me, there is satisfaction in seeing plants flourish un-chewed. But ers are taking applications for the real victory song was the buzz of a hummingbird as he discovered the first bloom of the Turk's Cap.

As for now, Round Two belongs to the gardener!

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Spuradical Garrett Ray of Belton portrays Justin Time. The 16-year-old Ray has been acting for four years, starting in the Silver Spur's production of "The Foreigner. He has since appeared in about 20 plays including two musicals, five melodramas, and assorted comedies. Behind the camera, he is making music videos, a short film for his school and has started a YouTube channel called "Boredemosity."

Kristi Kelley of Belton has the role of Miss Katniss Evergreen in her début appearance on the Spur

G. Harvey

FROM PAGE 1B stage. She teaches Special

Education students in the Copperas Cove I.S.D. and has performed with the Temple Civic Theater in " The Pirates of Penzance" and "The Apple Tree." Kelley, a member of Central Texas Master Singers and regularly performs at her church, Belton Naza-

Benjamin Milligan of Harker Heights, reprises his role as Tonkawa Tom. Milligan, owner of Silver Bear Productions, is Business Manager for the Silver Spur Theater. His wife Nelda Milligan, the longtime Musical Director for the Spur, will again provide live musical accompaniment on a century-old upright piano.

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The SALADO ISD will hold a public meeting at 6:00 PM 08/27/2012 in Salado Civic Center, 601 N Main St. Salado, TX 76571. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax

\$1.040000 /\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)

School Debt Service Tax Approved by Local Voters \$0.260000 /\$100 (Proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations Debt service

Total expenditures

% (increase) or % (increase) or % (increase) or

-3.151000% (decrease) -1.292000% (decrease) -2.932000% (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value

(as calculated under section 26.04. Tax Code)

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	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$747,531,846	\$771,485,952
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$22,209,383	\$20,346,435
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$637,576,661	\$657,489,594
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$15.691.226	\$14.190.116

"Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code

"New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

\$21,270,000

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness:

Outstanding principal

ncrease (Decrease) in Taxes

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.040000	\$0.260000®	\$1.300000	\$5,848	\$2,460
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue &					
Pay Debt Service	\$1.052460	\$0.233660%	\$1.286120	\$5,995	\$2,591
Proposed Rate	\$1.040000	\$0.260000*	\$1,300000	\$5,961	\$2,177

The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence Last Year This Year \$204,458 Average Market Value of Residences \$202,128 Average Taxable Value of Residences \$189,312 \$186,934 Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value \$1.300000 \$1.300000 Faxes Due on Average Residence \$2,430.14 \$2,461.05

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Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.322100. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.322100.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid

> Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s) Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)

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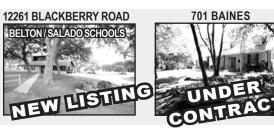
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