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SHS designated as T-STEM Academy

Salado High School is among 23 new Texas Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (T-STEM) Academies for the 2016-17 school year. With these new campuses, Texas is now home to 121 state-designated T-STEM Academies.

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) designation is rewarded to rigorous secondary schools that focus on improving instruction and academic performance in science and mathematics-related subjects, with a goal of increasing the number of students who study and enter STEM careers. Designated T-STEM campuses serve students in grades 6-12 or 9-12.

"The continued growth of Texas STEM academies reflects a commitment to rigorous instruction in key subjects that challenges students while also preparing them for the future," said Commissioner of Education Mike Morath. "A strong foundation in science, technology, engineering and mathematics prepares students for college, career or the military, which in turn strengthens our state's economic future."

School districts or open-enrollment charters

can apply each year for a campus to be awarded T-STEM designation (if certain criteria are met). Once a campus is designated, professional development and technical assistance are provided to designated T-STEM academies to serve as demonstration schools and learning labs. Designated academies showcase innovative instruction methods that integrate technology and engineering into science and mathematics instruction.

Salado High School was awarded Provisional Designation for the 2016-17 school year, during which time the campus may operate as a T-STEM Academy.

The Provisional Designation is designed to provide additional time for schools to make required changes to T-STEM Academy Blueprint design element, allow the proposed T-STEM Academy to demonstrate its ability to fully and appropriately implement its plan in keeping with the core principles of the T-STEM initiative and allows schools that have not been in operation as a T-STEM Academy for a full-year an opportunity to report student enrollment and testing data.

Mayor to give State of Salado

Newly re-elected Mayor Skip Blancett will address Saladoans at a "State of Salado" address 6:30 p.m. June 14 at the Salado Civic Center.

Mayor Blancett's presentation will include a PowerPoint with pictures and status updates on the sewer, construction, The Sanctuary, annexation, roads, and the Main Street Project. "This presentation will inform the Vil-

lage residents about the current status of a multitude of projects, and will also address our greatest challenges with a glimpse into the future," Blancett said. He further states, "whether a new resident or one with tenure, this evening message should not be missed."

Also present and participating will be members of the Board of Alderman.

Salado Reunion set June 11 at SIS

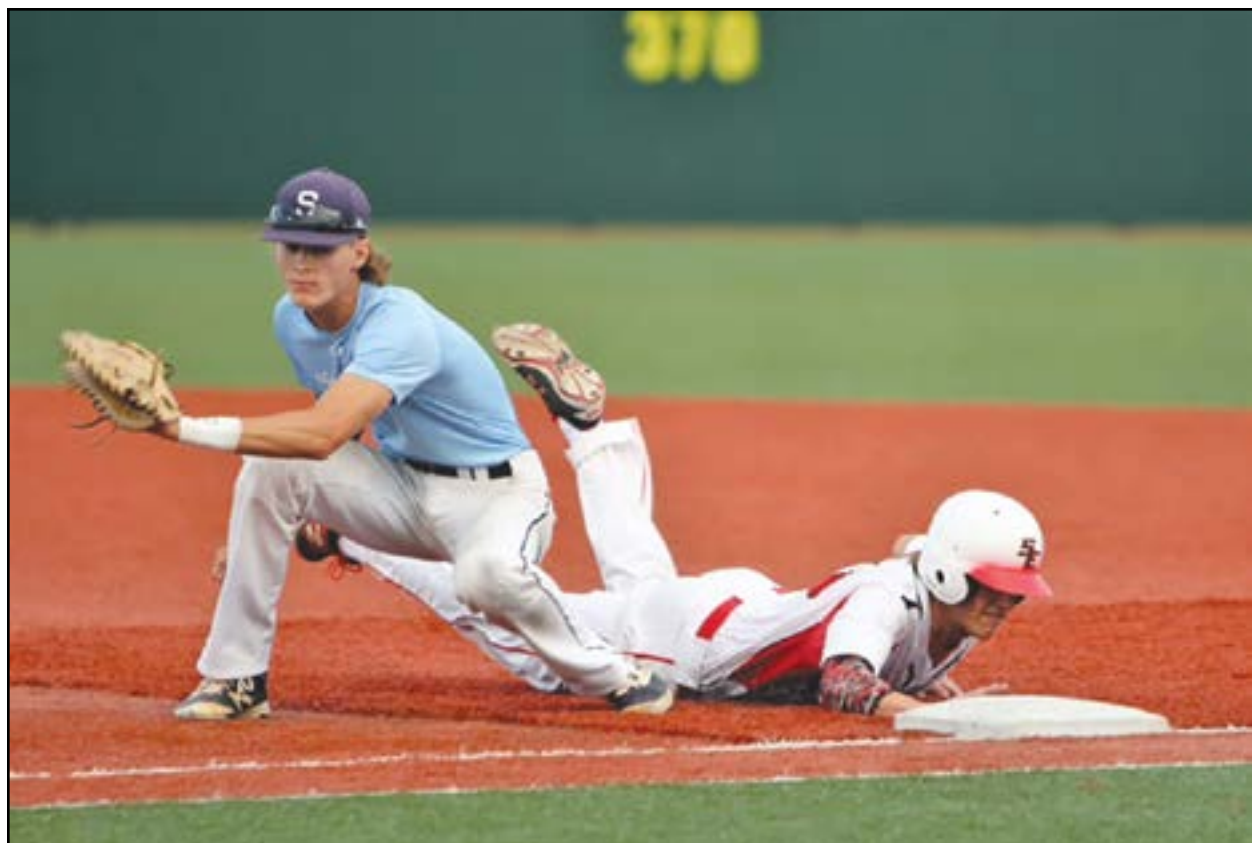
The June 11 gathering of the Salado Reunion will be the 90th anniversary of the annual event. The reunion will be held at the Salado Intermediate School at 550 Thomas Arnold Road. The reunion provides an opportunity for former students, teachers, families and friends to enjoy a time of visiting and remembering together. Any current or former residents of Salado are also invited to attend.

The registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. Attendees are welcome to stay and visit until 3:30 p.m. A catered lunch of chicken fried steak, gravy, red skin potatoes, green beans, salad, bread, drink will be prepared by Captain Red's of Hutto. Dessert will also be provided at the reunion. The meal will be served at noon, following a short business meeting. There will be ample visiting time both before the meeting, and during and after the lunch. Lunch tickets are

\$10 per plate. Special recognition will be given to classes celebrating anniversaries of graduations (such as 25th, 50th, etc.) Recognition will also be given to the one who traveled farthest to attend, the oldest graduate in attendance, the youngest in attendance, and the oldest teacher in attendance.

In conjunction with the reunion this year, the Salado School Alumni Association (SSAA) will also sponsor its 1st Annual Food Drive in support of Salado Family Relief. The Alumni Association has determined that this is the best way to reach the most Salado students and their families who are in need of assistance. Please bring one or more current non-perishable food items. The Association hopes this will be a very successful annual event.

For any questions regarding the reunion,



Preston Payne dives back to first to beat the pick-off throw during the Salado Eagles Regional Championship win over the Sweeny Bulldogs. (PHOTO BY SUZANNE PAYNE)



Kade Maedgen tracks down a foul ball for the Salado Eagles. (PHOTO BY SUZANNE PAYNE)

Eagles sweep Sweeny Bulldogs

Salado Eagles swept the Sweeny Bulldogs to get back to the state baseball tournament, winning 4-1 and 3-0.

Eagles 4
Sweeny 1

Drew Dobbins gave up just two hits and an earned run over six innings, striking out two. Cody Wolf closed the game, pitching the final frame for Salado.

Salado scored two runs with two outs in the fourth inning.

Jacob Wilk hit a single to right with one out in the inning, but was put out when Drew Dobbins reached first on a wild pitch and Ellis stole second and Garrett Lightfoot walked. Both runners scored on a booming double to right by Ryan Dunahoo.

With two outs in the seventh, Salado added two more runs. Ryan Oakes singled and stole second. Phillip Ellis singled. Oakes went to third on a wild pitch and Ellis stole second. Both runners scored on a single to left by Chase Basham.

Sweeny's only score came in the third, courtesy of a walk, and two wild pitches.

Ellis and Oakes led the Eagles with two hits each. Also garnering hits were Preston Payne, Dunahoo, Wilk and Basham.

Sweeny 0
Eagles 3

Sweeny got five hits off of Cody Wolf, but no runs as the Eagles won 3-0 on



Cody Wolf won the first game of the Sweeny series. He has been named to the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association South All-Stars, a team made up of the best 2A, 3A and 4A baseball players. The South will play the North on June 18 at Dell Diamond.

five hits June 1.

Wolf struck out eight batters in the complete game appearance.

Preston Payne scored a run in the third inning. He singled to center, then stole second and third base. He scored on a passed ball.

Chase Basham hit a two-out triple to right to score Drew Dobbins and Jacob Wilk. Dobbins hit a single with two outs and Wilk reached on an error before Basham knocked both runs home.

Also getting hits for the Eagles were Cody Wolf and Dobbins.

Sweeny had the bases loaded in the bottom of the seventh before Wolf struck out the batter for the final out and the win.

Eagles earn trip to State tournament

Salado Eagles will face the #4 ranked Robinson Rockets in the 4A UIL State Semi-final at 4 p.m. June 8 at Disch Falk Field in Austin. The Eagles swept the #3-ranked Sweeny Bulldogs in two games for Coach Chad Krempin's second trip to the state tournament as Salado Eagle head baseball coach.

The Rockets (29-3) will be making their fifth appearance at the state tournament, while this will be the fourth appearance for Salado in the state baseball tournament.

The Eagles first played in the state tournament in 1986, but were unsuccessful under new coach Melvin Bates. Bates got back there 22 years later with a 2008 team that won the state title. Krempin took the Eagles to the state tournament in 2013, where the Eagles lost in the semi-final round to eventual state champion Hallettsville.

The Rockets have been in the State Tournament in 1994, 2000, 2011 and 2012. In 2012, Robinson went 29-2, losing in the state semi-finals to state champion Texarkana Pleasant Grove. A year earlier, Robinson beat Texarkana Pleasant Grove in the state semis, but lost to Kennedale in the finals. In 2000 Robinson lost to Yoakum in the semifinals. In 1994, they lost to Orange Grove in the semi-finals.

If Salado wins, they will face either #5 ranked Texarkana Pleasant Grove or #1 ranked Abilene Wylie in the finals the following day at Disch Faulk Field in a 6:30 p.m. game June 9.

The Eagles are likely to face Zach Boyett on the mound for Robinson. Boyett has a perfect 10-0 record. Robinson returns six starters from last year's 25-7-1/9-1 Regional Quarterfinalist team: Boyett, who is hitting .470 this year, Tanner James, senior first baseman who is batting .519 this year, Josh Marek, senior second baseman who is batting .385, T Johnson, senior outfielder

with a .375 batting average, Dru Dziedzic, junior pitcher with an 8-2 record and .304 batting average and Mason Cooper, sophomore infielder and outfielder with a .411 batting average.

The Eagles have five returning starters, including Cody Wolf, who was named to the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association All-Star South Team for 2A-4A players. Wolf has a 12-0 record, making 14 starts. He has a .444 ERA and has struck out 123 batters this season. Add to that a batting average of .341.

Also a returning starter this year is senior infielder and pitcher Chase Basham, who has a 3-0 record on the mound for Salado and has not given up a single earned run this season. He has struck out 13 batters in the 17 innings he has pitched. He also hits .295 for the Eagles, with 12 RBI and 17 runs scored.

Preston Payne returned this year and has a .279 batting average. He has scored 33 runs and knocked in 15 RBI.

Senior Garrett Lightfoot bats .246 and has knocked in 13 RBI and scored 27 runs.

Sophomore Jacob Wilk leads the Eagles in batting with a .460 average. He has knocked in 18 RBI and scored 12 runs. He has two homers.

Grant Taylor has three homers to lead the team. He also leads the team with 27 RBI.

Robinson suffered only one loss in the playoff run, falling to Hudson 2-4 in their first game. They bounced back to win 10-3 and 9-2. The Rockets beat Fairfield 19-0, Rusk 6-0 and 13-6, Bridge City 6-5 and Little Cypress Mauriceville in the Region 3 final 12-2 and 8-5.

Likewise, Salado has one loss in the playoffs. The Eagles swept Cuero 1-0 and 11-8 before winning the best-of-three with Columbus 13-3, 3-8 and 2-0. Salado beat Navarro 80-3 and 10-1, Sinton 2-1 and 5-4 and Sweeny 3-0 and 4-1.

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Salado seniors accept scholarships during Academic Awards ceremony

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CHASE BASHAM Texas A&M University Texarkana Academic Scholarship & Texas A&M University Texarkana Baseball Scholarship

MORGAN BIRD David Smoak's ESPN Central Texas Academic All-Star Team Scholarship; Salado Athletic Booster Club Scholarship & Salado Education Foundation Scholarship

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RYAN DUNNAHOO Salado Athletic Booster Club Scholarship

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BRANDI FILLIP University of North Texas Scholarship

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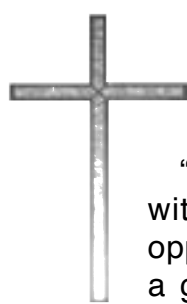
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Monday, June 13

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An Open Exchange of Ideas



In defense of the Cincinnati Zoo

The typical response when someone saves a small child from harm isn't "How dare you?"

But the Cincinnati Zoo has been subjected to a torrent of abuse for making the agonizing decision to shoot and kill one of its gorillas, a 17-year-old silverback named Harambe, when a 4-year-old boy fell into his enclosure.

Invariably, the adjective used to describe Harambe is "magnificent," and rightly so. Gorillas are physically imposing and highly intelligent, with sophisticated social structures. In a better world, they probably wouldn't be confined for our viewing pleasure, but that's another issue.

The question is what should the Cincinnati Zoo have done when forced to choose between the welfare of a prodigious animal and a small human? This wasn't a case of a hunter who went out of his way at great expense and trouble to shoot a lion, or a poacher who killed for tawdry profit. This was a serious, responsible institution confronted with a life-and-death crisis, in real time and not of its devising.

When the little boy somehow crawled through the fencing and splashed into water with Harambe -- and yes, the boy's

Rich Lowry



mother should have been paying closer attention -- the child's life was potentially in danger. This was self-evident to the shocked and dismayed witnesses, who watched Harambe drag the kid around by the ankle like a proverbial rag doll.

Everything that people lamenting the shooting say about Harambe may be true: He wanted to help. He didn't mean the child any harm. He was merely confused. None of this means he wasn't a danger. We desperately want to anthropomorphize apes, and make them out to be the gentle giants of our imagination. They are still wild beasts. Harambe was a forbiddingly strong 420-pound creature with no experience baby-sitting. He could seriously hurt a child without even trying.

Once that is acknowledged, it's clear that the zoo had no good choices. Its critics -- including celebrities who are suddenly amateur primatologists -- have insisted there must have been a way to create a happy ending for all.

The zoo could have reasoned with Harambe. But

zoo officials called the gorillas out of the enclosure; the two females complied, Harambe did not. They could have tranquilized Harambe. But this would have agitated him more, and the tranquilizers would have taken time to work. They could have, as one expert mused, shot the gorilla in the shoulder. Because there's nothing like a badly wounded gorilla in possession of a child.

G.K. Chesterton wrote of the healthy and unhealthy love of animals, with the latter characterized by its overseriousness. He was quite prepared to love a rhinoceros ("with reasonable precautions"), but couldn't give himself over to what he called "animal worship." He believed that "wherever there is Animal Worship there is Human Sacrifice. That is, both symbolically and literally, a real truth of historical experience."

In this case, the would-be human sacrifice wasn't an abstraction. He was a 4-year-old boy. The Cincinnati Zoo, to its credit, wasn't willing to discount his welfare. It sacrificed the beast to protect the child. In a less sentimental age, the moral calculus would be obvious.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review. (c) 2016 by King Features Synd., Inc.

Salado's rendezvous with destiny in just a few steps

In the State of the Union Message to Congress, January, 1939, President Franklin Roosevelt quoted Abraham Lincoln: "Once I prophesied that this generation of Americans had a rendezvous with destiny. That prophecy comes true. To us much is given; more is expected."

Since January, there has been a strong feeling that Salado is about to have a rendezvous with destiny. Here is why.

1. Chief Engineer, TXDoT, email just arrived. North-bound traffic will switch to the Salado Plaza overpass in two weeks. A week later, Salado Plaza Road under the bridge will open. Construction is on track. Completion: September/October.

2. Stagecoach refurbishing may begin sooner rather than later. The contract between the Village and Stagecoach has been sent to Stagecoach for fi-

Mayor Skip Blancett



nal review/approval.

3. Visitors are returning; new businesses are opening. Barrow Brewery's ribbon cutting was superb. The day of celebration was jam-packed with people.

Susan Marie's is breath-taking -- absolutely beautiful.

4. Hidden Glen and the State are working on the flooding problems on Stagecoach Circle. Hidden Glen is planning to present their plans in the next two weeks.

5. Sewer Lines on schedule. City engineer is planning to brief the BOA this month.

6. High School

graduation was excellent! Congratulations! Shining Stars you are!

7. Many homes have "Sold" on their "For Sale" signs. "Welcome to our Village, neighbor."

8. The Golf Course 4th of July will be outstanding. Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Fireworks on Saaturday, July 2.

9. Want a visit with the Mayor. Every Saturday morning, 8 to 12. Call 947-5060 for appointment.

Keep reading the *Salado Village Voice* and the Salado Mayors Blog. The four-hour BOA Saturday strategy session was superb.

Please do not miss the State of Salado meeting at 6:30 p.m. June 14 at the Salado Civic Center.

Our moment in destiny is arriving. Hang on, the next eight months will be exciting!



Readers on Stagecoach, Sunshine and Deer

Your Voice

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

I grew up in Rogers and spent time in Salado in the 1960s.

I spent many nights in the Stagecoach Inn. I was very upset when it closed.

I did not think it would ever open again, but the Mayor's remarks in the May 19 *Salado Village Voice* gave me hope.

Thank you for that.
Helen G. Arnold
Austin, TX

To the Editor:

Today, TH, June 2, 2016, I read the "Letter to the Editor", from Mr. Brian Sunshine, who/which spoke more truth than I remember having ever read in a Salado newspaper. I felt, Mr. Sunshine conveyed well, his heart-felt message as to the 'real meaning' of our US "Memorial Day" A Memorial Day, which has become so very diluted by the commercial emphasis of corporate America on uninformed Americans about fallen Uniformed American Armed Forces that a message like this is needed.

Mr. Sunshine illuminated Memorial Day as our collective day to exhibit respect and allow remembrance of our fallen U.S. Military members and, as is often the case, their "supreme sacrifice"

to help preserve our "constitutional, guaranteed, freedoms" with their military service.

The piece then excelled at translating the quest of our 'fallen' and their sacrifices for our freedom to the constant vigil against perpetual encroachment and erosion of these 'freedoms' by others, often even all levels of our own governments. Some encroachments are even happening here in the dysfunctional Village of Salado and, of course, beyond. My veteran's hat is off to you Mr. Sunshine for your outstanding piece on remembering our, fallen U.S. Military members and I "can handle that "truth" about preserving our Freedom, which they died for and as is seen from your Memorial day missive.

Submitted for publication, to remain mostly, if not entirely, as is written...

T R (Tom) Pappas
Salado

To the Editor:

A dead doe and her fawn has been reported to the city office As before

drive safely! Dead Deer are now causing a problem for disposal by the City. It is also expensive and they have very few workers to accomplish so many task. We can expect a possible fee for these pick-ups.

We have a significant deer management issue in Salado as the herd increases. As of this writing! I just found a new fawn in the corner of our car port. My neighbor has triplet fawns. As I have suggested so many times, "Don't fees the deer". This continues to be the number one recommendation of so many other cities with the same problem.

The Texas Dept. of Parks & Wildlife are adamant about this.

I fear for the traffic on I35 when the barriers come down and construction is completed. The now larger herd than previous may well start crossing again resulting in continued car crashes, injuries, and possibly deaths.

Our city officials needs your help and cooperation as they deal with multiple issues.

Lewis Raney, M.D.
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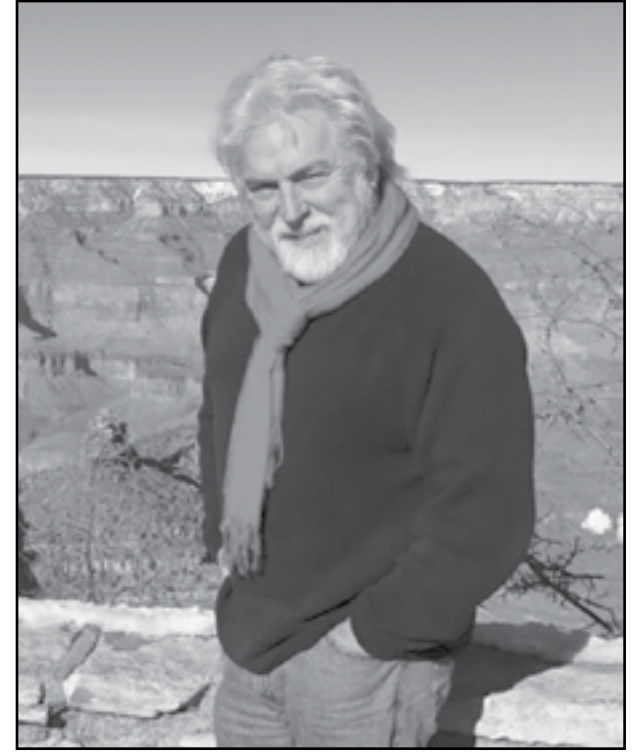
Salado Wine Seller hosts reception for local artist Ron Coleman

Want to see how locally made art pairs with locally made wine? Come by Salado Winery 6-9 p.m. June 11 to meet Salado artist Ron Coleman and taste some Bell County wine while you enjoy the art.

Coleman's art will hang in Salado Wine Seller through Sept. 30.

R. Coleman is color blind. The rules of art are elusive for him. Colors resist easy categorization. They deliver what the artist sees at the time of transition to the canvas. Some colors are adventures, some new sensations, some strangers. Some paintings have meaning within the presentation, for others the meaning must be found within the viewer. Every painting is unique and original.

Coleman has been creating art in different forms



his entire life. He works from his home studio in Central Texas. His paintings are in homes and pri-

vate collections across the United States. Come meet the artist, hear his stories and enjoy Texas wine

Pockets of music in Salado Performers found in several shops on June 11

The third month of the Pocket Music Series, co-sponsored by the Salado Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Bureau, will feature performers at The 1860s Shop, Stagestop Center, Ambrosia Tea Room and Springhouse Emporium on June 11.

The 1860s Shop located at 33 North Main will host Rebecca Huck 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Huck began playing accordion approximately ten years ago and has a repertoire of over two-thousand songs. Rebecca plays music from all over the world to include Tyrolean, German, Czech, French, Country, Zydeco, Latin, Tango, Americana, Blues, Rock and Classical. She began playing keyboard at age two and also plays marimba, keyboard, and xylophone. She began her career by volunteering

with talented and gifted students from her high school and entertaining senior citizens. Rebecca has studied music under Debra Peters of Austin and Maestro Mario Pedone of Sugarland, Texas.

Stage Stop Center located at 560 North Main Street is a location with a number of shops such as Angelic Herbs, A Sewing Basket, Salado Yoga & Wellness and The Howling Wolf. Way Worn Traveler will perform there 1-3 p.m. Three of Salado's own, Bryan, Angela, and Jim playing original songs in an old school style with a modern twist. From Folk to Rock to Old Time Standards.

Ambrosia Tea Room Patio located at 102 North Main Street is a lunch spot that is full of antiques and vintage clothing. Closeby

are other unique places to browse and shop.

Whit Kinslow and Richard Paul Thomas will be performing a Song Swap there 1-4 p.m. Kinslow has been singing and playing guitar since he was 10 years old. He was born and raised in San Angelo, Texas and now resides in Georgetown where he works as a Chiropractor to support his musical habit. Richard Paul Thomas, better known to his friends as RpT, has been making music since rock 'n' roll was young. One of his songs, "Salado," has been adopted by the Village of Salado, which stated in the official proclamation that it "represents our community's spirit, character and history." Salado is also one of three of Richard's songs included in Tablerock's Annual Production of Salado Legends. www.richardpaulthomas.com

Springhouse Emporium, located at 120 Royal Street, is a ladies boutique with gifts, new and vintage home décor and more. They will host Joe Berg, performing 2-4 p.m. The sounds of well-known crooners seem to have spoken to Joe Berg and he chooses his music from that era that continues to hold his interest. Surely Joe's love for music is a family gift, as many others members of the family are musicians. Although he states that he started to sing for himself to see if he could, he believes that he continues to perform because audiences appreciate and understand his love of this music.

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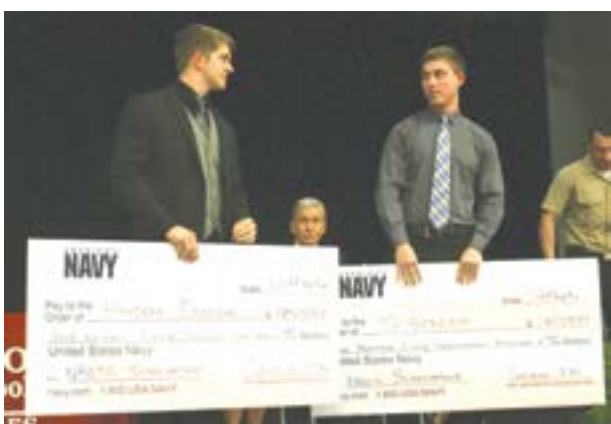
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Public Arts League of Salado presents free Kupira Marimba concert

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Randy Rogers Band takes stage at Johnny's Outback

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The same line up has been performing together since 2002 and the music has evolved as they've soaked up life experience. "As men we've all matured and lived a lot of life together," Rogers says. "We've had a few break-ups happen to us. We've had babies. We've had life changes. We've been on the road 200 shows a year. I've been in this band 15 years so a lot has changed. I still listen to Merle Haggard every night. I mean that hasn't changed, but a lot has changed for us musically and privately. We all are in a good spot and we all are just as good friends as when we started."

The Randy Rogers Band will perform June 10 at Johnny's Outback



The Randy Rogers Band is coming to Salado June 10.

in Salado. You can buy tickets online at johnny-soutback.com for \$20 in advance or at the door for \$25. Gates open at 6 p.m.

Camaraderie and creativity have made Rogers and bandmates Geoffrey Hill (guitar), Johnny "Chops" Richardson (bass guitar), Brady Black (fiddle), Les Lawless (drums) and Todd Stewart (utility player) one of the top bands on the competitive Texas music scene. Nothing Shines Like Neon continues the momentum established by the band's four previous albums—

Randy Rogers Band, Burning the Day, Trouble and Homemade Tamales, each of which went to No. 1 on iTunes. Earlier in 2015, Rogers joined friend Wade Bowen to record the critically acclaimed album Hold My Beer Vol. 1.

Produced by Nashville legend Buddy Cannon (Willie/Merle) at Cedar Creek in Austin, RRB's news album Nothing Shines Like Neon showcases the band's taut musicianship as well as Rogers' earnest vocals and insightful songwriting.

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Village of Salado Calendar of Events

JUNE 12, 19, 26

For the Love: Fighting for Grace in a World of Impossible Standards Book Study, 2:30 p.m. at Salado United Methodist Church room 101. Child-care available with RSVP, info: (254) 947-5482

JUNE 9

Sports Movie Matinee, 3 - 5 p.m. at Salado Public Library

JUNE 9

Salado Public Library open until 7:30 p.m.

JUNE 9

Village of Salado Public Hearing, Board of Aldermen on Planning and Zoning recommendations, 6:30 p.m. at Municipal Building.

JUNE 10

The Public Arts League of Salado free concert, 6 - 10 p.m. at Pace Park. Kupira Marimba will bring their

high-energy traditional African marimba music to the park for an evening of family oriented fun.

JUNE 10

Randy Rogers Band, 7 p.m. at Johnny's Out-back info: johnnysout-back.com

JUNE 11 - 12

Salado Market Days, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at Salado Antique Mall, 721 Stagecoach Road, behind Dee's Antiques on Main. info: (254) 947-3355

JUNE 11

Annual Salado Reunion, 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at Salado Intermediate School. Catered lunch will be served, register for lunch at (254) 760-0663 or (254) 721-3095

JUNE 11

Keep on Truckin' class, 10:30 a.m. at Stamp Salado. info: 947 8848

JUNE 11

Salado Pocket Music Series: Joe Berg 2 - 4 p.m. at Springhouse, Rebecca Huck 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at The 1860 Shop, Way Worn Traveler 1 - 3 p.m. at Stage Stop Center and Whit Kinslow & Richard Paul Thomas 1 - 4 p.m. at Ambrosia Tea Room.

JUNE 11

Mugle Quidditch, 2 - 4 p.m. at Salado Public Library. The Lone Star Quidditch Club will give lessons in how to play.

JUNE 11

Art Opening Reception for Ron Coleman, 6 - 9 p.m. at Salado Winery.

JUNE 12

Gospel Sing, 5 p.m. at Salado United Methodist Church Chapel Pot Luck Dinner to follow at 6 p.m.

JUNE 12 - 15

Vacation Bible School at Grace Baptist Church. Sunday 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. followed by splash night activities. Mon - Wed, 6:15 - 7:30 p.m.

JUNE 13 - 16

Baseball Camp, 9 a.m. - noon, SHS baseball field. Grades 3 - 9, \$50 info: 947-6900 x1123

JUNE 13 - 17

First Baptist Church of Salado Vacation Bible School, 9 a.m. - noon. info: 947-5465

JUNE 13

Summer Reading Fun, 11 a.m. - noon at Thomas Arnold Elementary Gym. Hosted by Salado Public Library. Mad Science of Austin will perform.

JUNE 13

Starting Point, 6:30 p.m. at Salado United Methodist Church Youth Activity Center. 8 week conversational small group exploration of faith.

JUNE 14

State of Salado, 6:30 p.m. at Salado Civic Center

JUNE 15

Salado United Methodist Church M & M Kids Cooking Night mini camp for kids K-5. info: (254) 947-5482.

JUNE 15

Mah Jongg, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Salado Public Library. New players welcome

JUNE 16

Chisholm Trail Chapter of American Business Women Annual Style Show and Benefit Luncheon, 11 a.m. at the Venue. info: Barclaymccort@gmail.com or 947-3617.

JUNE 16

Sports Movie Matinee, 3 - 5 p.m. at Salado Public Library

JUNE 16

Salado Public Library open until 7:30 p.m.

JUNE 17 - 19

The Erwins hosted By First Cedar Valley Baptist Church, 7 p.m. on Friday - noon on Sunday info: (254) 947-0148

JUNE 18

Dog Daze of Summer, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. on the grounds of Salado Winery. info: salado.com

JUNE 18

Father's Day Beer Pairing BBQ Lunch, 2 - 5 p.m. at Alexanders Distillery.

JUNE 18

Magical Mala Workshop, 2 - 6 p.m. at Salado Yoga and Wellness. Register by June 5. saladoyoga.com

JUNE 20 - 21

SSAA Imagineer Array of Arts Camp. Info: intothewildblue.co

JUNE 20 - 23

Girls Basketball Camp, SHS gym. Grades 1 - 5: 1-3 p.m., grades 6 - 9: 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. price: \$50 info: 947-6900 x1075

JUNE 20

Summer Reading Fun, 11 a.m. - noon at Thomas Arnold Elementary Gym. Hosted by Salado Public Library. Austin Reptile Show will perform.

JUNE 22

Salado United Methodist Church M & M Kids Spare Time mini camp for kids K-5. info: (254) 947-5482. RSVP required

JUNE 23

Free Hearing test at Salado United Methodist Church Youth Activities Center. Schedule with Brown Hearing Center (800) 392-1041

JUNE 23

Coffee with the Director, 10 - 11 p.m. at Salado Public Library. Bring questions or ideas about the library. All ages welcome.

JUNE 23

Sports Movie Matinee, 3 - 5 p.m. at Salado Public Library

JUNE 23

Salado Public Library open until 7:30 p.m.

JUNE 24

Royal Art Walk, late night shopping, dining and entertainment along Royal Street.

JUNE 25

Grand Opening of the newly remodeled Susan Marie's

Beer Pairing BBQ Lunch

1st Course-The Shed's famous Jalapeno Wraps- Jalapenos deseeded and then stuffed with a variety of cheeses and spices and then wrapped in bacon marinated in Goliad's Golden Ale

2nd Course- Pulled Pork Nachos-Tortilla chips topped with seasoned pork injected with Goliad's seasonal summer ale, smoked on the Sheds Big Green Egg then smothered in house made queso.

3rd Course-Baby Back Pork Ribs-Ribs slow cooked to perfection, glazed with Chef made BBQ sauce and served with Baked Beans simmered in Black Hefeweizen.

4th Course- Texas Cheesesteak Mini Hoagie- Smoked Brisket loaded with a Redfish IPA Beer cheese sauce, peppers, onions, and mushrooms served with Redfish infused Macaroni and Cheese.

5th Course- Old Fashioned Funnel Cake, topped with a Doppel Bock Reduction sauce.

Happy Father's Day!

Regular Events in Village of Salado

ONGOING:

Junior Golf Academy, grades 12 and under at Mill Creek Golf Course. info: (254) 338-3848

TUES - SAT

Central Texas Area Museum open, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Free admission

MONDAYS

Yoga for Women's Health, 9 a.m. at Salado Yoga and Wellness Info: (254) 681-7623.

Summer Reading Fun, 11 a.m. - noon at Thomas Arnold Elementary Gym. Hosted by Salado Public Library.

Salado Village Artists Stitchers & Knitters, 2 p.m. at Salado Village Artists Building.

Yoga Basics & Beyond, 6 p.m. at Salado Yoga and Wellness. Info: (254) 681-7623.

Salado Masonic Lodge, Floor practice is 6:30 p.m. at the Lodge every Monday except Stated Meeting. Stated meeting is 7:30 p.m. Monday on or before Full Moon.

FIRST MONDAY

Salado First Monday Gardeners, 8 a.m. at the Visitor Center.

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

Salado Historical Society board meeting, 6 p.m. at Salado Public Library.

SECOND MONDAY

Second Monday Book Club at Salado Winery, 7 - 9 p.m.

Public Arts League of Salado open board meeting, 5 p.m. at the Visitor's Center on Main Street.

Salado FFA Meeting, 6 p.m. at Salado High School AG building Sept. - May.

Salado Youth Fair Booster Club meeting, after the FFA meeting at Salado High School AG building. Info: SYFB-Club@gmail.com

Salado Athletic Boosters Club meeting, 7 p.m. at the High School Library. Info: saladoathleticbooster.org.

THIRD MONDAY

Salado United Methodist Women, 5:45 p.m. at Salado United Methodist Church Room 117

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

TUESDAYS

Summer Art Fun with Salado Village Artists, 1 - 3 p.m. kids age 7 - 12. Tuesdays in June, info: 947-1089

Yoga Strong, 9-10 a.m. at Salado Yoga and Wellness. Info: (254) 681-7623.

Salado Village Artists, Village Art Building, 9 a.m., Bring your artwork **fourth Tuesday** will be set up for still life.

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

Sit & Knit, 10 a.m. - noon at Salado Public Library. info: (254) 947-9191

Salado Rotary Club, 11:30 a.m. at Johnny's Steaks & Barbecue **first three** Tuesdays of month; Roving Social after hours on **fourth Tuesday** of month.

Chair Yoga, noon - 1 p.m. at Salado Yoga and Wellness Info: (254) 681-7623.

Tex Mex Tuesday at Alexander's Distillery (254) 947-5554

Prix Fixe at The Range, 5 p.m. - close. \$14.95 for entree, dessert, drink.

Salado Community Chorus practice, 6 p.m., Salado Civic Center, unless otherwise noted. info: 254-947-1833

FIRST TUESDAY

Salado Village Artists Board Meeting, 9 a.m. at the Village Art Building. Followed by General Meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Salado 4-H Club meeting, 6 p.m. at Salado Intermediate Cafeteria, Sept. - May.

THIRD TUESDAY

Bell County Genealogical Society Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at Temple Public Library.

WEDNESDAYS

IN.FORM course, 5 p.m. at Angelic Herbs. Info: (254) 947-1909

Yoga for Core, 8 - 8:50 a.m. at Salado Yoga and Wellness. Info: (254) 681-7623.

Power Flow Yoga level 1&2, 6:10-7:10 p.m. at Salado Yoga and Wellness. Info: (254) 681-7623.

Belly Dance Class, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. at Salado Yoga and Wellness. Info: (254) 681-7623.

Wine Wednesday at Alexander's Distillery (254) 947-5554

Wine Down Wednesday at The Range. Half price glasses of wine, staff's choice.

FIRST WEDNESDAY

Adult craft group meets at Salado Public Library, 2 - 4 p.m.

SECOND WEDNESDAY

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

THIRD WEDNESDAY Mah Jongg at Salado Public Library, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

FOURTH WEDNESDAY Salado Lions Club, 11:30 a.m., Salado Civic Center.

THURSDAYS

Yoga for Healing, 9 am. at Salado Yoga and Wellness Info: (254) 681-7623.

Chair Yoga, noon - 1 p.m. at Salado Yoga and Wellness Info: (254) 681-7623.

Hatha Flow levels

1&2, 6:15 - 7:15 p.m. at Salado Yoga and Wellness Info: (254) 681-7623.

Salado Aldermen meeting, 6:30 p.m., Municipal building, 301 N. Stagecoach Rd. Meeting is open to the public. First and third Thursday are regular meetings and second and fourth Thursday are workshop meetings.

THURSDAYS IN JUNE

Sports Movie Matinee, 3 - 5 p.m. at Salado Public Library

FIRST THURSDAY

Chisholm Trail American Business Woman's Association meeting, 6 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church of Salado.

SECOND THURSDAY

Salado Ladies Auxiliary Meeting, 9 a.m. at the Salado United Methodist Church Youth Activities Center.

Crop Night, 5 - 9 p.m. at Stamp Salado, \$5 reservation required: (254) 947-8848

THIRD THURSDAY

Salado Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting, 8:30 a.m. at the Visitors Center.

Yoga on the Lively Courtyard, 9 - 9:45 a.m., info: 791-9440

Third Thursday

Music Club, 5 - 8 p.m. at JD's Travel Center. Old time music, acoustic only. Everyone welcome to come play or listen.

FOURTH THURSDAY

Crop Night, 5 - 9 p.m. at Stamp Salado, \$5 reservation required: (254) 947-8848

FRIDAYS

Pop in for a pastry, 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. at First Community Title.

Friday Night Special at Mill Creek Country Club Bar and Grill. Menu changes every week. Call 947-5698.

FOURTH FRIDAY

Fourth Friday Gospel Singing, 7 p.m. at First Cedar Valley Baptist Church on FM 2843. Pot

luck to follow, bring a favorite dish or dessert.

Royal Art Walk, late shopping, dining, art and entertainment

SATURDAYS

Hatha Flow Levels 1 & 2, 8:30-9:30 a.m. at Salado Yoga and Wellness. Info: (254) 681-7623

Studio Time for Salado Village Artists members, 10 a.m. info: saladovillageartists.com

Restorative yoga and Meditation, 3 - 4 p.m. **Salado Yoga and Wellness**. Info: (254) 681-7623.

Live music in The Lounge, upstairs at The Range Restaurant on Main St., 7 p.m. Artists change weekly. Check website for details.

FIRST & THIRD SATURDAY

Trudy's Closet, 8 a.m. at Grace Baptist Church

SECOND SATURDAY Salado Pocket Music Series

SUNDAYS

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

Hatha Therapy, 3 - 4 p.m. at Salado Yoga and Wellness. Info: (254) 681-7623

SECOND WEEKENDS

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

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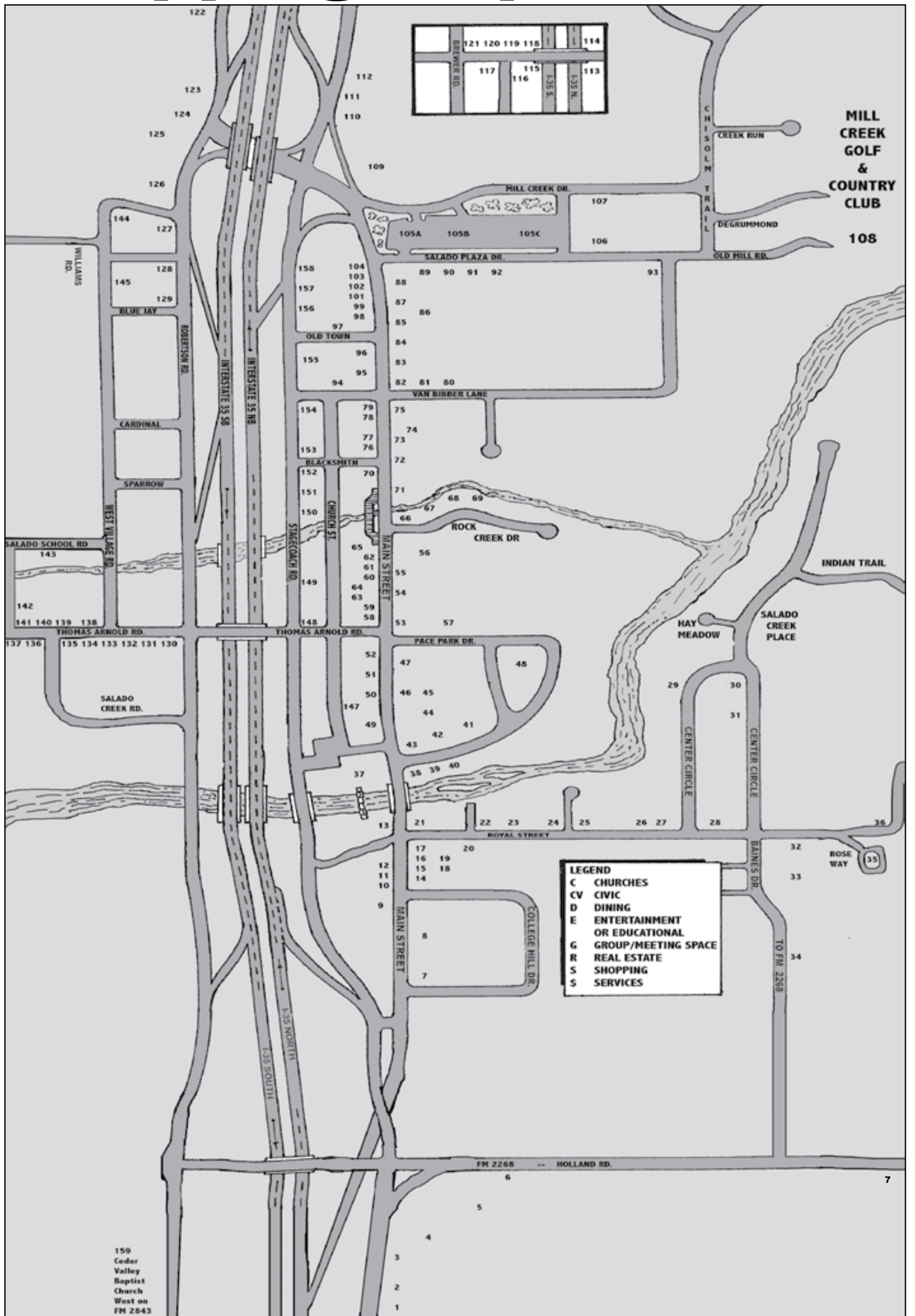
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| 7. SALADO COLLEGE HILL PARK | 58. Salado Family Dentistry 254-855-5538 S | 98. Stamp Salado 254-947-8848 S | 140. Salado Intermediate School 254-947-6985 E |
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| 9. PUBLIC RESTROOMS | 62. Passport to Paradise 254-947-0281 S | 101. Century 21 Bill Bartlett Real Estate 254-947-5050 R | 142. Salado Eagle Stadium 254-947-7117 S |
| 10. Central Texas Area Museum 254-947-5232 E | Mud Pies Pottery 254-947-0281 S | 102. Subway 254-947-5593 D | 143. Eagle Baseball Field 254-947-0066 S |
| 11. SHADY VILLA CENTER | Sir Wigglesworth Fudge 254-947-0888 S | 103. The Personal Wealth Coach 254-947-5271 D | 144. Village Spirits 254-458-2643 CV |
| 12. Salado Glassworks 254-947-0339 S | 64. The Shoppes on Main in Salado 254-947-0222 D | 104. SALADO PLAZA SHOPPING CENTER | 147. Salado Masonic Lodge #296 254-947-0148 C |
| 13. Springhouse 254-947-0747 S | 70. OLD CHURCH PLACE | B. Salado Village Voice 254-947-5321 S | 148. Salado Baptist Church Youth Activities Center 254-947-5241 C |
| 14. The Shed 254-947-1960 D | The Pizza Place 254-947-0222 D | B. Ace Pest Control 254-947-4222 S | 151. Salado Fire Department Station #1 254-947-5241 C |
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| 19. Salado United Methodist Church 254-947-5482 C | Crain Chiropractic & Wellness 254-947-2225 S | Tammy Haire, stylist 254-760-1990 S | NOT SHOWN ON MAP |
| 20. First Baptist Church of Salado 254-947-5465 C | 80. HISTORIC LOG CABINS & AIKEN CEMETERY | B. Mill Creek Cleaners 254-947-0100 S | 3C Cowboy Fellowship 254-947-7211 C |
| 21. CREEKSIDE CENTER | Salado Art Center and Village Artists | C. Brookshire Brothers 254-947-8922 S | Coleman Auto Restoration 254-933-7400 S |
| 22. W.A. Pace Memorial Park 254-947-5060 | Salado Civic Center | 108. Mill Creek Country Club 254-947-5698 E | Don Ringle 254-774-6500 S |
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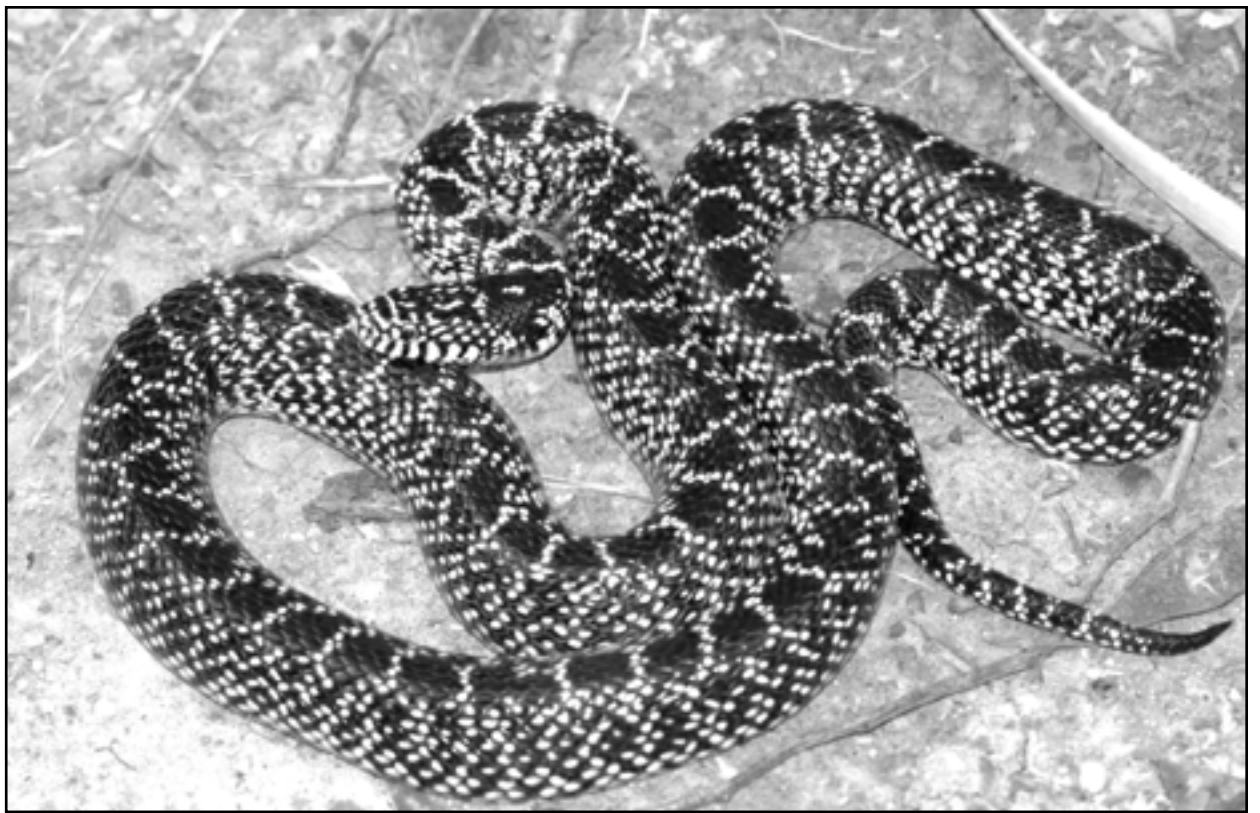
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As I was growing up in the southern Plains of the Texas Panhandle, I vividly recall my first encounter with many of the snake species that I have, later in life as an adult, observed countless numbers of. One such species that I recall fondly was of a beautiful black and gold snake that has held my captivation for the decades since that first contact.

The Desert Kingsnake (*Lampropeltis getula splendida*) is shiny, semi-colorful snake that occurs from southeastern Arizona eastward to Texas, then southward to the Mexican states of Zacatecas and San Luis Potosi. In Texas,



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it can be encountered in the western three-quarters of the state, save the eastern Panhandle region. From the eastern Panhandle, along the Red River, and eastward it is replaced by different common kingsnake subspecies, the Speckled Kingsnake. Like other members of the Kingsnake and Milk-snake genus, the Desert Kingsnake is covered by smooth, glossy scales that give the appearance of the animal being waxed and shiny. In fact, the genus name *Lampropeltis* is derived from Latin words meaning "shiny shield". The background coloration is dark brown to black with a pattern of narrow yellow to white cross-bands that are more or less regularly spaced. Each scale along the dorsal sides is highlighted with a yellow center, giving the snake a salt-and-pepper appearance. The belly is chiefly black, although there is occasionally a random pattern of yellow splotches. The head is usually black with yellow lips scales, although some specimens have heads that are overall moderately speckled with yellow.

This common snake is a medium-sized non-venomous serpent, with most adults reaching sexual maturity between thirty and forty inches in total length. The largest speci-

men ever recorded was just at sixty inches, although this size is definitely not the norm for this species. Although the common name of the Desert Kingsnake implies that this species prefers to live in the desert, this naming does not show the complete picture. While it does inhabit areas of the Chihuahuan Desert of west Texas, this animal prefers areas with permanent to semi-permanent areas of moisture. Moist canyon bottoms, as well as grasslands with an abundance of mammal burrows are utilized to prevent desiccation. The vast areas of cultivated fields in the Texas Panhandle are favored areas as well.

This species of Kingsnake forages for food during the morning and evening hours during the spring and fall, becoming nocturnal during the heat of the summer months. Desert Kings, like other members of this genus, feed on a large variety of vertebrate animals. A recurring myth in regards to this animal is that it will seek out and prey exclusively upon other snakes, finding rattlesnakes a particular delicacy. While it is true that this powerful constrictor will prey upon other snakes (which is incidentally why they are called Kingsnakes!) as well the fact that they are

unique in North American serpents in that they are immune to the effects of pit viper venom, it will not go out of its way to consume other ophidians. The varied dietary habits of this snake include food items such as small mammals, birds, bird eggs, lizards, turtles, frogs, and other reptile eggs.

As with almost all other reptiles that reside in temperate climates, they undergo a period of inactivity during the coldest months of the year, allowing sexually mature adults to generate the sperm and eggs necessary for successful reproduction in the spring. Like most other harmless snakes found in Texas, Desert Kingsnakes are egg-laying creatures. Mating occurs primarily during the months of April and May with egg deposition happening in late June or early July. Egg clutches vary in size from five to twelve, depending on the size and age of the female. The eggs are of moderate size, generally just over an inch in length. The soft, permeable eggs are buried beneath debris to hold the humidity levels at a premium to avoid desiccation.

The neonates hatch from the eggs roughly two months after deposition and average fifteen inches at hatching. After hatching, the young are carbon copies of the adults in appearance, except they typically are a tad brighter. And like other snake species, they require no assistance from the parents as they are capable of fending for themselves at birth.

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(StatePoint) If you own a small rental property -- now, more than ever -- it's good to be you. For the better part of a decade, a robust multifamily market has delivered low vacancies and higher rents.

Apartment values are up more than 120 percent since the end of 2009, according to Moody's. Experts say that offers a great opportunity for owners of small apartment communities.

"Now is a great time to refinance, especially if your loan originated in more difficult economic times," says David Brickman, Freddie Mac Multifamily executive vice president. "Multifamily market growth is ongoing and rates are still near historic lows. Without the right preparation, though, you could find yourself short-changed."

To put the most cash in your pocket, consider these five tips from the experts at Freddie Mac Multifamily:

- Aim for accuracy: Keep accurate financial statements for your prop-

erty. If your records are spotty, it's difficult for lenders to accurately size a loan, which could reduce the cash you take away from the deal. To get the most bang for your buck, make sure you have at least three years of historical annual operating financial statements and monthly rent rolls. Include explanations on your statements for any past capital improvements.

- Show your property some love: Long-term ownership and regular property maintenance demonstrate commitment and pride of ownership. It also goes a long way towards getting you the best loan terms possible. A lender looks for clean, well-maintained communities. Overdue maintenance issues could mean your lender may require you to escrow a portion of your proceeds to cover repairs, reducing your cash in-hand after closing.

- Strive for stability: Volatility in expenses, income or occupancy makes it difficult for lenders to project underwritten in-

come. Strive for consistent operations. If you do have an isolated spike in expenses or a dip in occupancy, be sure you can provide a justification.

- Don't count out affordable properties: Some lenders might shy away from cash-outs on older properties with lower than market rents. Look for a lender who does not. For example, with Freddie Mac's Small Balance Loan program, a cash-out refinance is possible as long as the property is safe, provides a stable cash flow, is well-maintained and the owner has sufficient net worth, liquidity and a proven track record. This mortgage offers flexibility, with a choice of fixed-rate and hybrid adjustable rate mortgages available.

- Take a Fresh Look. Even if you already have a go-to source for financing, now is a good time to evaluate alternatives, especially if you have owned your property for at least three years and it has experienced rent growth, or you have made improvements

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USDA to give grants to disadvantaged rural businesses

USDA Rural Development Texas State Director Paco Valentin today announced that USDA is seeking applications for grants to provide assistance to socially-disadvantaged business groups in rural areas.

"One of USDA Rural Development's missions is to provide assistance that will increase the economic conditions of rural communities," said Valentin. "These grants allow eligible applicants to provide technical assistance to socially disadvantaged groups in rural areas and in turn, promote job creation and improve their operations."

The funding is being provided through the Socially Disadvantaged Groups Grant (SDGG) program. USDA provides grants to local cooperatives and other organizations that provide technical assistance to socially disadvantaged groups in rural areas. Examples of technical assistance include providing leadership training, conducting feasibility studies and developing business and strategic plans.

Recipients eligible

for these grants include groups of cooperatives, individual cooperatives and cooperative development centers that serve socially-disadvantaged groups. The cooperatives or development centers can be based in any area, but the groups that receive technical assistance must be located in an eligible rural area. USDA is encouraging applications for projects in census tracts with poverty rates of 20 percent or higher.

USDA is making \$3 million in grants available nationwide. The maximum award a recipient may receive is \$175,000. All grants are awarded through a national competition. More information on how to apply can be found on page 36254 of the June 6, 2016 Federal Register. Applications must be submitted by August 5, 2016, or electronically by August 1, 2016.

Since 2009, USDA Rural Development (@US-DARD) has invested \$11 billion to start or expand 103,000 rural businesses; helped 1.1 million rural residents buy homes. For more information, visit www.usda.gov/results.



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To control mosquitoes effectively around the home, it helps to know about their lifecycle. There are different control strategies for different life-cycle stages.

Mosquitoes have four distinct stages during their life cycle: egg, larva, pupa and adult. They can complete this life cycle in as little as to 10 days, depending on food availability, weather conditions and the species of mosquito.

Egg stage: Mosquito eggs may be laid individually or in clusters on the surface of water or individually in dry locations that are subject to periodic flooding. Some mosquito eggs can remain dormant in dry conditions for many months.

Larva stage: Mosquito eggs hatch into larvae called wigglers, which are seldom more than 1/2 inch long.

Wigglers have a small head, an enlarged thorax (center body section) and a long cylindrical abdomen. Wigglers live in the water. Most of them feed on microscopic plants, animals and organic debris suspended in the water.

Pupal stage: Mosquito pupae do not feed. They spend most of their time at the water surface and tend to move only when



disturbed. They are sometimes called tumblers because of their tumbling motion in water when disturbed. They are sometimes called tumblers because of their tumbling motion in water when disturbed.

Adult stage: Unlike the other stages, adult mosquitoes lives on land and are winged. The males feed only nectar, plant juices and other sources of liquid of carbohydrates. Female mosquitoes also feed periodically on nectar, plant sap and other sources of pants carbohydrates for energy.

However, females of most mosquito species require a blood meal as a source of protein before they produce eggs.

Adult mosquitoes typically live for about a week to a month, but this can vary, depending on a number of environmental factors. Some species spend the winter as mated females that may live up to 6 months or more.

Some adult mosquitoes seldom travel more than 200 yards from the breeding sites; other species can travel for more than a mile. This ability to travel long distances can create problems in management. If the sources of the mosquito problem are far from your home, you may not be able to control them without cooperation from other individuals or groups.

How to reduce mosquito problems:

Eliminate breeding sites for larvae

- Reduce standing water that provides breeding sites. Eliminate containers such as old tires buckets, cans and bottles that collect and hold rainwater

and become good breeding sites for mosquitoes. Drain water from flower pots, bird baths, rain gutters, rain barrels, bird-baths, pet dishes, livestock watering troughs, etc. at least once a week.

- Empty your plastic wading pool weekly and store it indoors when not in use.

- Fill holes or depressions in trees with sand or mortar, or drain them after each rain by drilling holes into the tree.

- Repair leaky pipes and outside faucets.

Reduce adult mosquito populations

- Mow tall grass or reduce the amount of brush and other foliage in your area to reduce the resting sites for adult mosquitoes.

- For temporary relief in yards or high traffic areas, use fog treatments or surface treatments of insecticides that are labeled for that use and apply them following directions on the product label.

Avoid contact with mosquitoes

- Use screening in your homes and pet kennels. Keep the screens in good repair and be sure that they seal around the frames of the door or window.

- Schedule outdoor activities during times when mosquitoes are not active. Mosquito species that are active at dusk and dawn can often be avoided. Species that bite throughout the day are more difficult to avoid.

- Wear long, loose-fitting clothing to avoid mosquito bites.

- Use repellents whenever in a mosquito infected location. Products that contain DEET have been

shown to be the most reliable repellents.

- For short-term relief in outdoor areas such as patios and picnic areas, use a fogger and citronella candles or punks as a deterrent.

- Protect your pets with drugs that eliminate heartworm.

Treat larval breeding sites:

- Use fish in permanent bodies of water whenever the water will support them. Use Bacillus thuringiensis israeliensis products such as Mosquito Dunks to treat permanent water bodies to eliminate larvae.

- You can use oil treatments of the surface of standing water to kill larvae. Use commercial products according to the instructions on the product label. Be aware that other organisms in the water body may be affected by the treatment.

Long-term control

To achieve effective long-term mosquito control, you need to use several management techniques. Mosquito control is often complex and expensive, requiring the cooperation of individual homeowners as well as such groups as state agencies, local governmental agencies, industry and agriculture.

Mosquito control personnel may be needed on a permanent basis, and communities may wish to consider taking an area wide approach. Sometimes area wide programs are the only solution to a mosquito problem.

For more information on insect management, visit the Web site at: <http://insects.tamu.edu>

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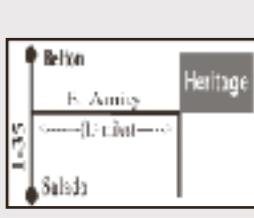
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Texas small land sales, prices surged in 2015 due to high demand

AUSTIN, Texas – June 3, 2016 – Texas small land sales were the strongest segment of the Texas real estate market in 2015, with double-digit increases in sales and price per acre, according to the Texas Small Land Sales Report released today by the Texas Association of Realtors.

“Despite sluggish performance for Texas’ agriculture and oil-and-gas sectors, Texas land sales continued to be incredibly strong in 2015,” said Leslie Rouda Smith, chairman of the Texas Association of Realtors. “As our state’s population and economy have continued to grow, so has the number of Texans looking for getaway homes or development opportunities.”

There were 6,281 small land tracts sold in Texas

in 2015, an 18.91 percent increase from 2014. This double-digit growth was consistent across all regions, with the exception of Region Five: Gulf Coast-Brazos Bottom, which fell 7.43 percent to 1,146 sales, and Region Two: Far West Texas, which increased 8.57 percent to 38 sales.

Region Seven: Austin-Waco-Hill Country recorded the most small land sales, jumping 19.74 percent to 2,062 sales in 2015.

The average price per acre for small land sales also increased, rising 10.21 percent to \$5,657 per acre statewide. Region One: Panhandle-South Plains and Region Four: Northeast Texas were the only regions to show decreases in average price per acre, falling 4.79 per-

cent to \$1,749 per acre and 3.5 percent to \$7,305 per acre, respectively.

Region Five had the highest average price per acre, with land prices increasing 9.44 percent to \$10,002 per acre.

Statewide average tract size continued to drop in 2015, as high demand for Texas land drove down the average tract size 13.33 percent to 39 acres statewide.

However, average tract sizes increased in Regions One, Four and Five and remained flat in Region Seven. Charles Gilliland, economist with the Real Estate Center at Texas A&M University, explained that these increases are likely due to a shortened supply of prime land, not a decline in demand, as

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Texans increasingly view land as a wise investment.

"Investing in Texas land can yield higher returns than traditional investment options," Gilliland added. "More Texans are purchasing land for recreational purposes or a vacation

property, knowing that if they sell in a few years, there's a good chance they will see a strong return."

Smith concluded: "Whether for weekend get-aways, recreational properties, small farming to large ranching operations

or commercial developments, there's no shortage of uses for land tracts in Texas. At the same time, strong land sales activity and development during the last few years has begun to impact inventory and the quality of land

available for purchase." About the Texas Small Land Sales Report The Texas Small Land Sales Report analyzes small land sales data and trends across seven regions of Texas with data provided by the Real Estate

Center at Texas A&M University. The Texas Association of Realtors distributes insights about the Texas housing market each month, including quarterly market statistics, trends among homebuyers and sellers, luxury home

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