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2014 Calendar of Events

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The Bellamy Brothers at Johnny's Outback. Visit johnnysoutback.com for tickets and more information.

APRIL 6

Chapel Music Series Event at The Chapel at Caliber Oak. Details to follow, www.CaliberOak.com.

APRIL 11 - 12

Institute of Outdoor Theater Regional Conference at Tablerock.

APRIL 12

Cory Morrow at Johnny's Outback. Visit johnnysoutback.com for tickets and more information.

APRIL 13

Ostrich Egg Painting, 2 - 6 p.m. at Salado Wine Seller.

APRIL 18

Salado Athletic Booster Club Golf Classic Proceeds fund scholarships to eligible Salado High School Senior Athletes. Entry fee is \$100 per player or \$400 per team. Sponsorships available. info: www.saladoathleticbooster.org, 512-217-7776 or 254-721-3605.

APRIL 19

Charlie Robison at Johnny's Outback. Visit johnnysoutback.com for tickets and more information.

APRIL 24

Book signing with Charlene Carson and Mary Hodge, coauthors of Images of America: Salado, 3 - 5 p.m. at Salado Public Library.

APRIL 24

Salado Community Chorus Spring Concert, 7 p.m.

at First Baptist Church of Salado.

APRIL 25

Chili Supper to benefit the Salado ISD Choir program, 5-7 p.m. at Salado Intermediate School. Hosted by the Salado Masonic Lodge.

APRIL 25-27

25th Annual Texas Lincoln and Continental Owners Club meeting.

APRIL 26

Keep Salado Beautiful Earth Day, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Pace Park. Free. Speakers, informational booths and children's activities.

APRIL 26

The Institute for the Humanities' annual Wilmer Memorial Lecture, 4-6 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center. Speaker: Mark Updegrove, Executive Director of the LBJ Library in Austin. Free and open to the public.

MAY 1

Corks and Creations, 6:30 p.m. at Salado Wine Seller on Main Street. Follow Angela Patrick as she leads you through painting a masterpiece.

MAY 2 & 3

Gospel Festival at Tablerock. 6-9 p.m. on Friday and 10 a.m.-9 p.m. on Saturday. Come and go admission \$5 adults, \$3 children under 12. Info: (254) 634-4658 or jimwoodul@aol.com.

MAY 4

First Baptist Church of Salado celebrates 150 years.

MAY 8

Sip n' Knit at Salado Wine Seller, 5-7 p.m. Casual gathering of knitters and those who crochet while they drink wine.

MAY 8-11

The Texas MG Register's Spring Gathering of the Faithful.

MAY 10 - 11

Salado Gallery Weekend. Choose from a variety of artistic choices from exclusive tours to hands on art experiences with local artists. Tickets and schedule at saladoevents.com

MAY 15

ABWA Style Show, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at The Venue. For more information contact: Barclay McCort at barclaymccort@gmail.com or 947-3617.

MAY 18

Blessing of the Vineyard, 2-4 p.m. at Salado Vineyard, 21724 Hill Road.

JUNE 14

Furry Family Festival, Pace Park. A family friendly event which shall include a pet parade, duck race and family fun! www.salado.com

JULY 12

Salado Swirl, 5 p.m. - 9 p.m. Twelve shops and 12 great Texas wineries info: www.saladoevents.com

JULY 19 & 26 AND AUGUST 2

Salado Legends, 8:15 p.m. at Tablerock Amphitheater on Royal Street. Optional dinner at 7:15 p.m. Tickets: Dinner - \$10 adult or child, Show - \$20 adult, \$5 child under 12 years. Purchase at: Fletcher's Books & Antiques, First State Bank, Compass

Bank, tablerock.org, at the gate or (254) 947-9205.

AUGUST 9 & 10

Blues, Brews & Base, info: saladoevents.com.

SEPTEMBER 19-21

Chocolate and Wine Weekend, info: www.salado-chocolatefestival.com

SEPTEMBER 20 & 27

Shakespeare On The Rock, details TBA. Contact director Kelly Parker for audition information (254) 424-2025.

OCTOBER 10-11

Christmas in October at Stagecoach Inn.

OCTOBER 25

& NOVEMBER 1

Tablerock's Fright Trail, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. \$5 adults, \$3 children 12 and under. Visit a half mile of thrills and chills from classic tales. Info: (254) 947-9205.

NOVEMBER 7-9

53rd Annual Gathering of the Scottish Clans & Highland Games, grounds of Salado Civic Center. (254) 947-5232. <http://www.saladoscottishfestival.com/>

DEC 5, 6, 12 & 13

22nd Annual performance of *A Christmas Carol* 7 p.m. at Tablerock Amphitheater on Royal Street. Info: (254) 947-9205.

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Ask the Tablerock Board members who are selling tickets for special rates for large families. The one day wrist band ticket will allow you to come and go to the Gospel Festival all day May 3.



"You will be blessed as you enjoy the best Gospel bands, singers and groups in Texas," says Jim Woodul, the Gospel Festival Director. Performers from north of Dallas to south of San Antonio will gather for this year's Gospel Festival.

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Texas MGs will be on display on the grounds of The Venue by Inn on the Creek on May 10. The Texas MG Register gathers in Salado every year on Mother's Day weekend. This marks the 90th year since the first MG was built.

The British are coming!

TX MG Register gather for 39th year in Salado

British automobile pioneer Cecil Kimber and his MG Motorcar Company Ltd. could hardly have imagined the impact their first sports car would have on the automotive world. And now 90 years later, and more than 30 years since the last MG rolled from the storied factory at Abingdon-on-Thames, that passion shows no sign of letting up.

This infatuation (some might say obsession!) is kept alive today by the more than 200 enthusiastic members of The Texas MG Register (TMGR). The TX MG Register was formed 29 years ago – and celebrated their very first event in Salado at the Stagecoach Inn. Since that time, TMGR members have always gathered in Salado during Mother's Day weekend – enjoying the town and celebrating their little British cars.

TX MG Register members are custodians of more than 500 classic British automobiles, ranging from a 1930 M-Type

fabric covered roadster to some of the last MGBs produced. TMGR members are devoted to maintaining and enjoying one of the world's favorite cars.

Most automotive historians agree that America's affection with open, two seat sports cars began with the MGTC model of the 1940's, a distinction acknowledged in later company advertising with the slogan "The sports car America loved first". Like many a bride, servicemen returning from England after World War II brought home the tiny British roadsters they fell in love with during the war. Slightly more refined TD and TF models followed, and it was devotees of these "T Series" MGs who formed the original Texas MG Register in 1975. In 1993 the club welcomed owners of "modern" MGA and MGB models, and became the TMGR as it is today; a diverse group of all ages, backgrounds and interests hailing from all parts of Texas, the na-

tion and even as far away as Australia!

The TMGR's bylaws establish that the club is "primarily dedicated to the preservation and enjoyment of MG cars". For some members this means showing their meticulously restored cars at the spring "Gathering of the Faithful" (GoF) held every year at Salado. Many enjoy disproving the myth of British automotive unreliability with a hearty challenge to both man and machine, driving hundreds, sometimes thousands of miles to Salado for this annual event.

As Jim Yule, a past President says: "The Texas MG Register is about having fun. It's about enjoying MG's and the down to earth folks that own them." Look for a convoy of MGs travelling Bell County roads this May 8-11, 2014 and congratulate the TX MG Register members on their 39th Anniversary! The cars will be on display on the grounds of The Venue by Inn on the Creek on May 10.

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MONDAYS

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

TUESDAYS

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

TUESDAYS

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

TUESDAYS

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

TUESDAYS

Prix Fixe menu at The Range. Two courses and adult beverage for \$14.95. Terrific for Date Night! Offerings change weekly. Find The Range on Facebook to see this week's menu or call the restau-

rant at 254-947-3828.

FIRST WEDNESDAY

Adult craft group meets at Salado Public Library, 10 a.m.-noon.

THURSDAYS

Martinis and Manicures at The Lounge at The Range. \$25 for two ladies night adult beverages, a manicure and a selection of appetizers. Call 254-947-3828 to book your appointment. Space is limited.

SECOND THURSDAY

Sip and Knit, 5 p.m. at Salado Wine Seller, informal gathering of needle artists for fellowship and wine. Bring a project to work on.

SATURDAYS

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

SATURDAYS

Jazz on the Creek, 9-11 p.m. at Alexander's Distillery at Inn on the Creek.



Tony Blackman sings Jazz every Saturday night upstairs at Alexander's Distillery.

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Furry Family Festival June 14 will see return of Duck Race down Salado Creek

The Salado Chamber of Commerce will host the Furry Family Festival on June 14 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in beautiful Pace Park along Salado Creek.

The event will conclude with the return of the Duck Race to Salado Creek. Tickets will be \$5 each (six for \$25) for a cash prize to the top winner. Tickets will be available from the Salado Chamber of Commerce.

The Furry Family Festival will host an array of animal themed vendors, as well as treats for the pups and humans. Admission to Pace Park is free to all animals, humans cost \$1.

Returning again this year will be the Military Dog Demonstration Unit from Ft. Hood. The crowd will be wowed by the strength, agility and command of these military police dogs as they perform their "take-down" techniques.

To add to the enjoyment of Dog Daze, the Pace Park Pet Parade returns! This time, the Parade will be a Costume Contest as well. Entry is free for the costumer contest.

A portion of the Furry Family Festival proceeds will go to the Wounded Warrior Project.



Specialist David Triste with his bull mastiff service dog.

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Lincoln and Continentals will be in Salado April 18-20

Lincolns gather here April 18-20

The 26th Anniversary Lincoln and Continental Owners Club meet will be held in Salado April 18-20, 2014.

A quarter of a century ago, the three Texas Regions of the Lincoln & Continental Owners Club joined for the first time to put on a car show in Salado.

Don and Micki Ellis, longtime residents of Salado from The Lone Star Region, Sonny Gray and Ron Stein from the Gulf Coast Region and Ed Green from the North Texas Region organized the show.

Doc Ellis made arrangements with the historic Stagecoach Inn. For the first few years, the group shared the hotel on the first weekend in April with the Packard Club, but they soon grew so large they had to have the Stagecoach all to themselves.

“We then moved to the second weekend in April and partnered with the Buick Club and that tradition continued until 2009,” according to the group’s secretary Dean Forbes.

The Lincoln group then began meeting on the third weekend of April here in Salado so that it could accommodate holding the Mid-America meet in Salado for the National LCOC. The regional LCOC clubs have continued to meet together the third weekend



Lincolns will gather in Salado April 18-20 at City Garage (shown at top) and Stagecoach Inn. A public display of cars will be at Stagecoach Inn (shown above) on April 19.

in April at the Stagecoach Inn ever since.

The welcoming party on Friday began in the hospitality suire at Stagecoach Inn, but now gathers at the City Garage, owned by Don and Micki Ellis. The City Garage houses the Ellises collection of vintage automo-

biles and memorabilia from the golden era of the roadside garage.

While there is judging and awards presented, the cars are also on display at the Stagecoach Inn for the public to view on Saturday, April 19.



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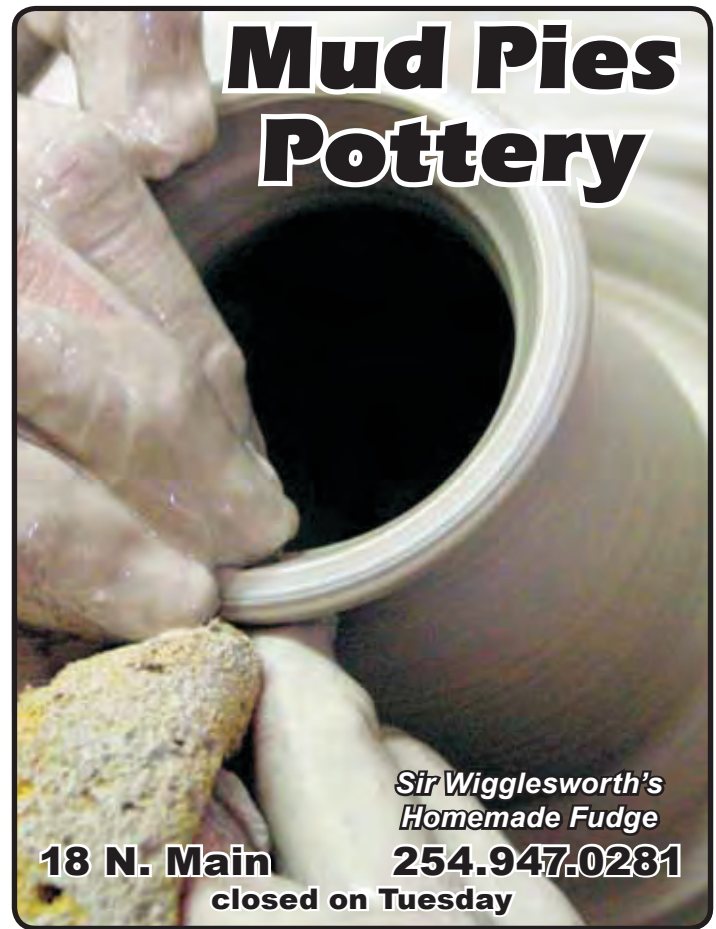
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Mill Creek returning to excellence

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

"It is hard to find a great piece of land and Mill Creek has just that," J.L. Lewis said of the golf course where he now serves as the full-time Golf Pro. "You don't see that kind of natural roll of land and undulations. Add the water running through it and you have the potential for Mill Creek to become one of the premier courses in the state."

Lewis knows good and great golf courses. The potential for Mill Creek to return to being a premier course in the state is one reason he accepted the position here. "I am hoping this is my last job," he said.

He is a lifetime golfer and a two-time winner on the PGA Tour and has over \$8.5 million in career earnings since 1989 on the PGA and Champions Tours.

He brings a great deal of experience to Mill Creek, both as a traveling pro tour player when he represented Horseshoe Bay Resort and Golf Club for five years and as a course golf pro.

He was the assistant golf pro at Berry Creek Country Club in Georgetown, Las Vegas Country Club in Nevada and Live Oak, Yaupon & The Hills of Lakeway, a 54-hole semi-private golf resort.

He was the head golf pro and general manager of the 18 hole Forrest Creek Golf Club in Round Rock from 1990 to 1993. There, he implemented a junior golf program that grew to more than 100 participants and sold 50 events per year with 50-200 players per event. He also implemented member-related activities for the Men's and Ladies' Golf Association there.

He was Director of Golf for the Ben White Golf Center in



(PHOTO BY HUNTER MARTIN/GETTY IMAGES)

J.L. Lewis hits his tee shot on the 8th hole during the first round of the Athens Regional Foundation Classic at Jennings Mill Country Club on April 16, 2009 in Athens, Georgia.

Austin for two years, an active driving range with more than 100 players per day. He taught an average of seven lessons per day and worked to promote and instruct weekly clinics for golfers of all ages and levels. He worked with staff to develop good golf instructors.

These are some of the things he looks forward to developing at Mill Creek in the coming months and years as the course is rehabilitated to bring it back to what he calls, "one of the best courses in the state."

"We've got work to do," Lewis said, "but we're going to get there. The owners are all good people and have the right train of thought for the future of the course."

As the creek holes are restored and the full 27 is brought back in to play, Lewis said that the ownership will be able to pursue a wider range of players, from the stay-and-play packages to tournaments, without slowing down the daily club members.

"A 27-hole course has as much flexibility in terms of play and being able to perform maintenance on it as a 36-hole course," he said.

Finishing the work on the

pond will be a tremendous help for the daily maintenance of the course. The ownership is also currently expanding the 19th hole and grill and the pro shop areas in preparation for spring.

But, Lewis added, you couldn't tell it was slower when the sun came out and the temperatures reached the 70s.

"It looked like as soon as the temperature got up," he said, "everyone was getting out and hitting the course."

Lewis wants to build on the momentum started by the new ownership group by fully de-

veloping a junior golf program. Lewis said that in addition to the local Salado families, the course would reach out to all of the communities in the area to develop junior play. "That's where the future of golf is."

Lewis led a five-week junior golf camp that began Feb. 15. Other golf camps will be planned throughout the year to teach the game to the next generation of golfers. "We will be teaching all aspects of the game, including etiquette and the rules," he said.

Lewis also works directly with beginning adult golfers with sessions every Thursday.

To find out more about these programs, call the Pro Shop at 947-5698.

Now is the time to join Mill Creek before initiation fees go into effect.

Several levels of membership are available, including Corporate (\$250 per month for first two employees, \$50 per month for each additional), Family (\$225 per month), Twilight (\$125 per month) and Junior (\$165 per month).

The course is reasonable even for non-members. Off-season rates are \$40 weekdays and \$50 weekends for shared cart and green fees.



The new owners of Mill Creek are working on a three-year plan to return the Robert Trent Jones II designed golf course to a full 27 holes.

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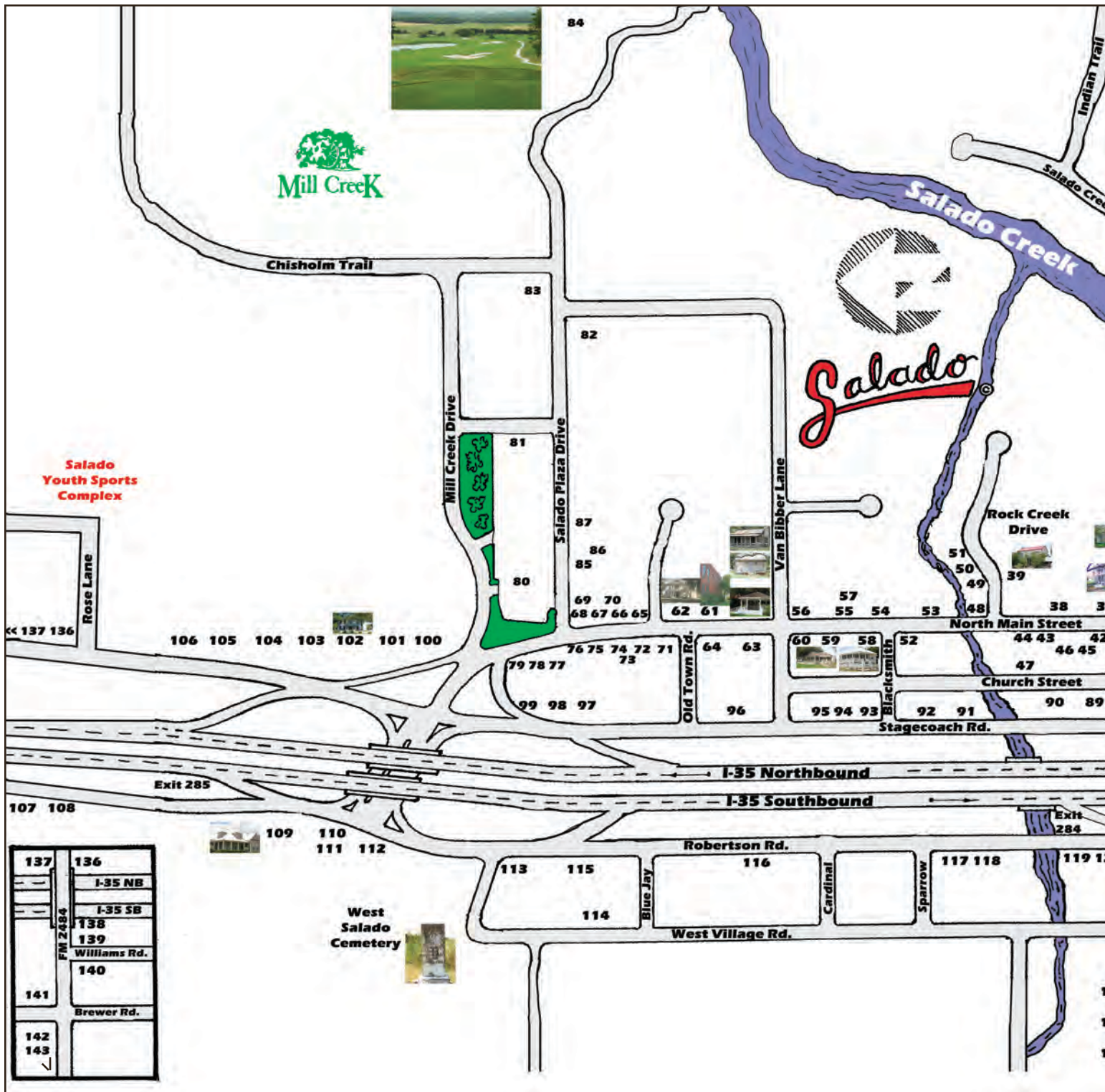
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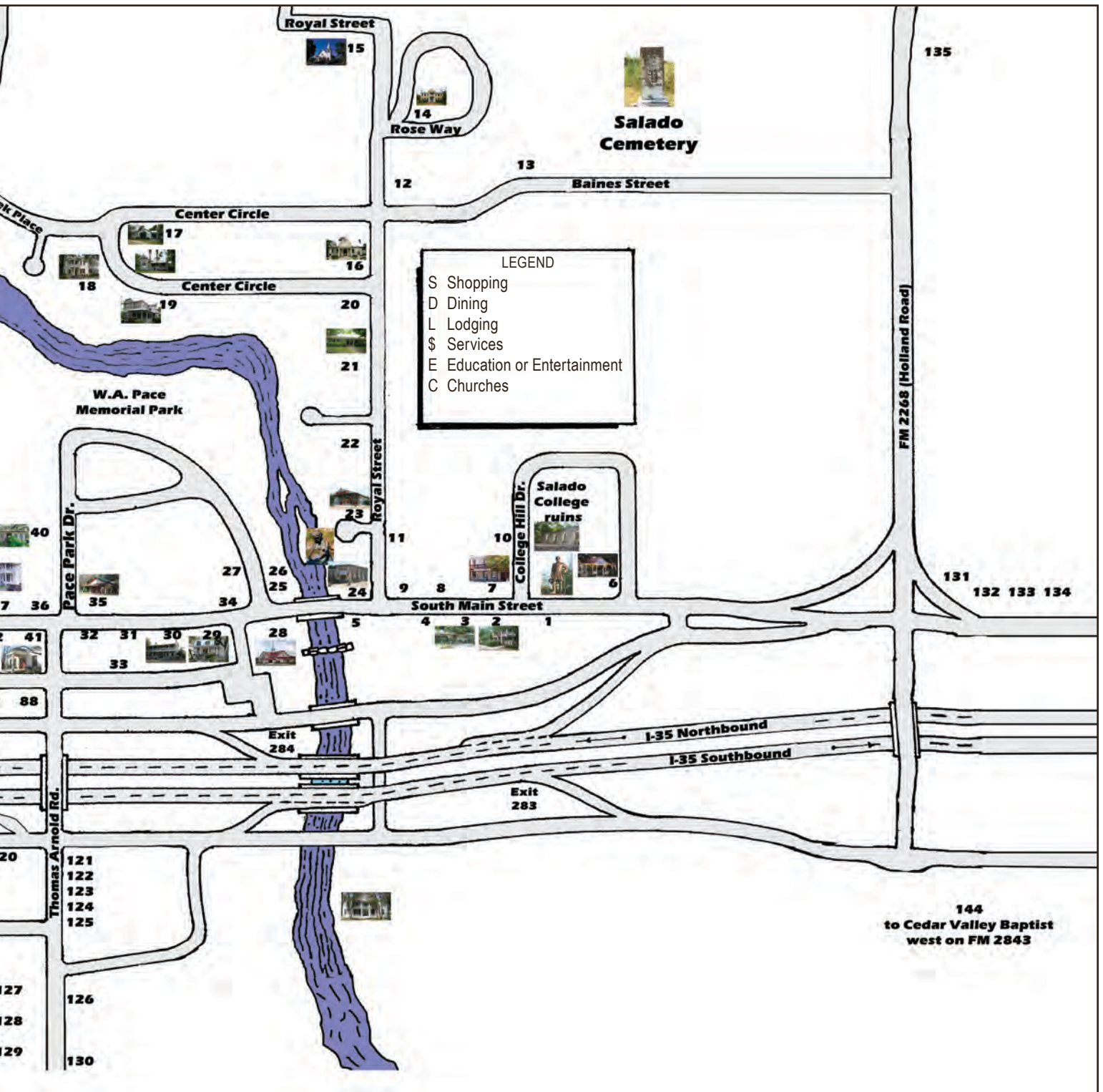
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The Chisholm Trail Chapter of the American Business Women's Association 19th annual style show and benefit luncheon will be 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursday, May 15 at The Venue, 212 Royal Street in Salado.

This year will have fashions from Springhouse, Susan Marie's, Howling Wolff and Christy's of Salado.

There will also be many silent auction items for attendees to bid on as well. Some of the items include jewelry, gift certificates, home décor items and gift baskets.

Tickets for the style show are \$25 from any member or at Christy's, Howling Wolff, Springhouse, or Susan Marie's. Tables of 8 are available. For raffle tickets or other questions contact Barclay McCort at 947-3617.



Springhouse will take part in the ABWA Style Show on May 15 at The Venue by Inn on the Creek. Owners Charlotte Guthrie (left) and Delores Marshall are shown above.



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For several years after the town was laid out, the citizens of Salado crossed the shallow creek by stepping from rock to rock, or on logs laid across the wider places. These logs were chained to the rocks and would sink down stream during freshets and be replaced when the flood subsided. But when in 1866 a dam was thrown across the stream at the lower end of the village, the water was backed up over the rocks. Then for a time "foot-logs" raised on legs standing in the water and chained to the rocks below were used; but they were narrow, rickety and unsafe, and pedestrians not infrequently tumbled off into the water. A general demand arose for a bridge. To meet this problem as well as others, it was decided to incorporate the village. Application for incorporation was made under the general law and the county court in January 1867, authorized an election for town officers. On February 23, Judge O.T. Tyler was elected mayor and a board of aldermen was chosen. These officials appointed the other officers, among the Colonel Thos. H. Jones as treasurer. The town officials first tried to raise funds for a bridge by voluntary donations, but finding they could not raise enough by this means, on December 3, 1868, they ordered an issue of bonds...

The bonds were purchased by the citizens of the town. With the proceeds and subscriptions amounting in all to some \$2,500, the municipal authorities proceeded to build a wire cable suspension foot-bridge of substantial construction of unique design and graceful proportions. Two large galvanized rope-wire cables, anchored at each end in strongly built stone abutments, were carried over two double-turreted dressed-stone piers or towers. From these suspended cables wire cords extended down to catch and support the ends of sawed cedar cross bars or joists on which the plank floor was laid. It was one of the first of its kind in the Southwest and was designed, engineered



This photo, courtesy of the Salado Historical Society, shows the walking bridge over Salado Creek. In the background is Salado College.

and constructed entirely by home talent—Judge Tyler, Colonel Thos. H. Jones, Judge Wm. H. Garrett, Wm. A. Davis, John Hendrickson and others. It swung some twenty feet above the water and although it could be made to sway enough from side to side to frighten timid souls—especially groups of squealing girls when mischievous boys chose this method of teasing them—it served the people well for more than thirty years. After the county built a combination wagon and foot bridge a few yards upstream the suspension bridge gradually fell into disuse. In 1913 it was finally swept away when a cloud burst in the upper water-shed of Salado Creek sent down a terrific flood that carried away the county bridge as well. The latter was promptly rebuilt, only to be carried away again in the still greater flood of September 9 and 10, 1921.



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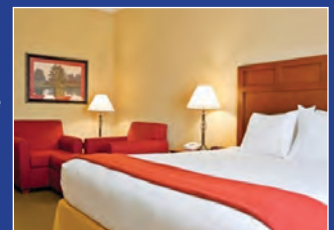
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Gallery Weekend slated May 10-11 with events throughout Village

Salado will entice your palate and palette during its Gallery Weekend May 10-11 throughout the Village with events at several different galleries and other locations.

Tickets for each event can be purchased in advance at www.saladoevents.com or by calling the Salado Tourism office at 254-947-8634.

Start the weekend with a breakfast tour of Thomas Kinkadee Gallery on South Main Street at 9 a.m. May 10. Tickets are \$8.95 per person.

Gail Allard II and Aaron Gist will help you to create a glass work of art to take home with you at Salado Glassworks in Peddler's Alley at 10 a.m. Tickets are \$38.95 per person.

Larry Prellop will be your host at Palette and Paint at his gallery on Main Street. En-

joy lunch while watching this Keep Texas Beautiful artist work on one of his signature landscapes. Tickets are \$16.95 per person.

Enjoy Port and Paint at Salado Creek Winery at 2 p.m. May 10. Tickets are \$16.95 per person.

Sip, Swirl and Tour begins at 4 p.m. stopping at all three wineries in Salado: Salado Creek Winery, Salado Wine Seller and Rising Star Vineyard. Embark on a journey that will take you from one winery to another while sampling their finest wines and taking in the sight and sounds of Salado. Get a behind the scenes look at our wineries, while the wine making process is explained and some of the secrets of the trade revealed. If you love wine, this is the event for you!! Transpor-

tation will be provided. Tickets are \$18.95 per person.

An after hours tour of all of Salado's art galleries with refreshments and foods will be 6-9 p.m. Tickets are \$29.95 per person. Embrace the vast collection of artwork that will be presented before you as you travel from gallery to gallery. This event is heaven for an experienced art connoisseur or a novice observer. This event is sure to please all guests. Transportation will be provided for this event.

On May 11, you can enjoy brunch with Texas State artist Ronnie Wells. Tickets are \$35.95 per person for this event at The Venue in Salado. It will begin at 11 a.m. and reservations are necessary. Enjoy an exquisite brunch prepared for you by the chefs at Alexander's

Distillery while taking in the art that is around the room at The Venue. This is a meal that will leave your palette wanting more and will have you thinking about this for weeks. To view the menu, please visit www.saladoevents.com but be sure to purchase your tickets soon as this is a limited event. Menu coming soon.

There will be two sessions that will allow you to create your Masterpiece in an Hour. Tickets are \$39.95 per person for this event at Prellop Fine Art Gallery. Larry Prellop will teach you the basics in creating your own masterpiece. You will be able to pick up on a few hints and tips that are only known to the professional artists. Both classes are limited to 15 people. Class times are 1-2 p.m. and 3-4 p.m. May 11.

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Memorial Day program at Cemetery

By MARYBELLE BROWN

Every Memorial Day, Salado Cemetery Association hosts a ceremony to honor the men and women buried in Salado Cemetery who have served their country during war-time and peace time. The Roll Call of Honor is an important part of the Memorial Day ceremony that includes the Bell County Sheriff's Posse color guard, an honor guard, soloists on trumpet and bagpipe and a missing man fly-over. This year, the service will be 9:30 a.m. May 26 at the Cemetery on Baines Street. Visitors are invited to bring lawn chairs. Light refreshment are shared afterward. The graves of veterans are marked by small flags.

The Texas Historical Commission (THC) has designated Old Salado Grave Yard as a Historic Texas Cemetery. This section of Salado Cemetery has been referred to as the "Old Original" part of the cemetery; however, a search of old deed records reveal that the original name was "Old Salado Grave Yard."

The designation, reserved for cemeteries that are at least 50 years old and deemed worthy of preservation for their historic associations, means an "Affidavit of Designation for Cemetery purposes" has been issued to Salado Cemetery Association, Inc. and has been recorded in the Bell County Clerk's office.

"The designation is a tool that will increase public awareness of these important cultural resources. Such awareness and education are among the best ways to guarantee the preservation of a cemetery," said Larry Oaks, THC Executive Director.

Cemeteries hold valuable historical information. They are often the last reminders of early settlements' historic events, religious beliefs, lifestyles and genealogy. Teachers are using this resource in their classes on Texas and local history.

According to Oaks, "Historic cemeteries serve as directories of early residents and reflect the cultural influences that helped shape our state's communities. The Historic Texas Cemetery Designation program helps bring attention to these communities' treasures and the importance of their preservation."

While the Texas Cemetery Designation encourages cemetery preservation, this designation cannot guarantee that a historic cemetery will not be damaged or destroyed. Communities must support the efforts of THC and assist in the care of a community-owned cemetery. Urban expansion and vandalism often threaten historic cemeteries. In some rural areas, historic cemeteries are threatened by the absence of fencing, which allows cattle and other grazing animals to topple and disturb headstones in the cemeteries.

Sometimes, these cemeteries gradually disappear, one headstone at a time, others disappear overnight. Bulldozers have plowed over neglected cemeteries to clear land for development projects. Cemeteries have also been victims of vandalism and



Members of the Bell County Sheriff's Posse display the colors during a Memorial Day program at the Salado Cemetery. The Memorial Day program will be 9:30 a.m. May 26. Please bring lawn chairs. Refreshments follow the program.

long-term deterioration from forces of nature, such as weathering and uncontrolled vegetation.

The Historic Texas Cemetery designation was developed to address the destruction of historic cemeteries and the illegal removal of cemetery fixtures. Bell County Sheriff's Deputy Tom Brown coordinates and heads the committee for safety and security for Salado Cemetery. According to Brown, Penal Code 28.03 makes an offense under this section a state jail felony if the damage or destruction is inflicted on a place of human burial or a public monument.

Salado Cemetery is a community-owned cemetery and residents of the Village of Salado have done an outstanding job in maintenance and care of the cemetery. Friends of Salado Cemetery is a well-organized group of people who have personal interest in or who have committed themselves to the preservation and beautification of the cemetery.

The Texas Historical Commission is the state agency for historical preservation. The agency administers a variety of programs to preserve the archaeological, historic resources of the state of Texas.



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First Baptist celebrates 150th

By CHARLENE OCHSNER CARSON
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

The year was 1864. President Abraham Lincoln was steering the country through the third year of the Civil War. The Confederate flag flew over Texas; and Sam Houston, the Governor of Texas, had recently been replaced for his refusal to take the oath of loyalty to the Confederacy.

On May 28th of that turbulent year a group of eleven men and women, under the leadership of Elder W. W. Harris, met in the Chapel of Salado College for the purpose of organizing a Baptist church. One of the three men present was James Lowry Smith formerly from the Independence Baptist Church of Independence, Texas. Professor Smith had moved to Salado in 1863 to become principal of Salado College, a position he held for several years. This small group of believers named the church Salado Baptist Church of Christ. It was later named First Baptist Church. The Sunday School was organized on October 20, 1878, fourteen years after the organization of the church. Seventy-seven people enrolled on that first Sunday.

The church met in the Salado College building for a number of years. In May 1877, a committee was named for the purpose of selecting a building site for the erection of a permanent place of worship. The search ended when church member Judge O.T. Tyler donated a choice plot of ground on the north bank of Salado Creek. Another member, Dr. Welborn Barton, purchased and then donated the adjoining lot on the west. Upon the donation of those two lots, church members agreed to move the church to the corner of Salado Creek and Main Street.

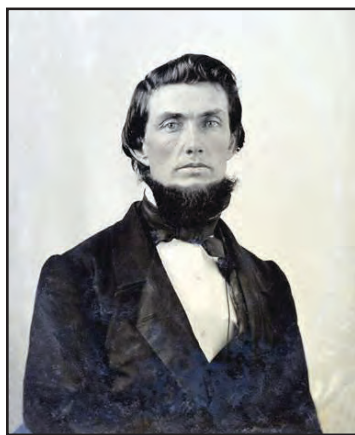
A year later, 1878, the first building of Salado Baptist Church was ready for occupancy. It was a wooden, two-story building that had been built jointly by the church and the Masonic Fraternity of Salado. The lodge used the top floor as their meeting place, and the church used the bottom floor. This humble structure would be the first of three sanctuaries that the church would build.

The second sanctuary, a yellow brick building designed to seat 250 people, was constructed in 1958. The third, a large, beautiful worship center designed to seat over five hundred people, was completed in 2001. In addition to building three worship centers, the church has also built two education buildings. The first building was completed in 1962 and the latter in the early 1990s.



First Baptist Church, 2001- Present. The congregation invites you to join them in the celebration of the church's 150th anniversary on May 4, 2014.

(COURTESY OF MAURICE CARSON.)



Prof. James Lowry Smith, Principal of Salado College and charter member of First Baptist Church 1864.

(COURTESY OF THE SMITH FAMILY.)



The original structure of the college building was the ell shaped structure to the right. The college chapel was located on first floor on the far right side of the building.

(DRAWING BY THE LATE BILL SHAW)

In July 2013, the congregation voted to purchase the property formerly owned by the Salado United Methodist Church. The Methodist church had occupied this choice piece of property, located at the corner of Thomas Arnold Road and Church Street, since 1890. In 2005, the Methodist congregation moved to their new location on Royal Street, taking their historic chapel with them. In 2013, the Baptist church purchased the property and converted the buildings remaining on the property to a youth center. The First Baptist Church Youth Ministry Building provides an adequate and comfortable meeting place for the youth of the church and the community.

Church history shows that from the very

beginning Salado Baptist Church has been blessed, chosen, and privileged to do God's work in Salado and around the world. During the past 150 years, the congregation has grown in membership from its original eleven members to over eight hundred members. The church has also grown in the ways in which it serves the community. The Sunday School which began with 77 members now reaches over 300 people each Sunday. In order to accommodate even more people, the church began conducting dual worship services in September 1992.

Recently, the church adopted a strategic plan called Imagine FBC Tomorrow. The

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First Baptist congregation celebrates 150 years

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first concept of this plan calls for church members to make the worship of God their first and greatest priority. The plan also calls for the membership to be a caring fellowship of believers, taking care of both the physical and spiritual needs of the community. The third concept of the plan is to equip or teach church members how to share the gospel with others, and the fourth concept is for the church to be actively involved in sharing and spreading the gospel through local, state, national, and international mission efforts.

As the congregation looks to the future, it is their desire and prayer that the church will continue to be blessed, chosen, and privileged to do God's work in Salado and around the world.

The congregation invites you to join with them on May 4 to mark the 150th Anniversary.

For a complete schedule of events for the May 4 celebration, turn to page 40 of this edition of **Salado: A Jewel in the Crown of Texas**.



Salado Baptist Church with Masonic Lodge Hall on top, 1878 - 1958.

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While the *Salado Village Voice* is not the first newspaper in Salado, it has had the longest life-span, since being founded in 1979. The Fleischer family bought the newspaper in 1988 and mark 26 years in Salado this spring.

When historian Dayton Kelley published the first edition of the *Salado Village Voice* on February 17, 1979, it was the first time in more than 100 years that the village had a newspaper.

The first newspaper known to be published in the village was the *Salado Newsletter*. Published by E.W. Billings, the first edition came out on August 25, 1874. Only one copy of the newspaper exists at the newspaper collection of the University of Texas at Austin.

The Grange published another newspaper, *The Texas Farmer* in Salado, but it was later moved to Dallas.

Reference to a third Salado newspaper has been found on a letterhead in the Rose Papers at the University of Texas at Austin. *The Salado Sentinel* was published by A.S. Hornbeck. No copies of the Salado Sentinel are known to exist today.

Salado Village Voice founder Dayton Kelley was a native of Bell County, a jour-

nalist and a historian. He taught journalism at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor for 12 years before accepting a position as Director of the Texas Collection at Baylor University in Waco. When plans were being made to erect the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame in Waco, Kelley was employed as director.

During his years at the helm of the *Salado Village Voice*, the newspaper emphasized the history of the village and the area. Kelley later founded the *Morgan's Point Mariner* and the *Bell County Independent*.

After Dayton passed away, his sons Dennis and Bill ran the *Salado Village Voice*, selling it to the Fleischers in 1988.

In the mid-80s, Salado had two newspapers. But, just like Dallas, San Antonio and Houston, Salado proved to be too small to support two competing newspapers. The late Ken Clapp, executive director to Gov. Dolph Briscoe, opened the Salado Post-Dispatch in the Vickrey-Berry house. The Post-Dispatch, though short-lived, is well-remembered by many in Salado.

Since the Fleischer family purchased the newspaper, a week has not passed that the newspaper has not published. Tim and Mar-

ilyn Fleischer purchased the newspaper outright in the early 1990s.

Salado Village Voice also publishes the quarterly Salado: A Jewel in the Crown of Texas magazine. The newspaper office has a gallery of original pen-and-ink, pencil drawings and watercolors by Ronnie Wells of the historic homes and buildings that were featured on the covers of the early editions of the **Salado: A Jewel in the Crown of Texas** magazine. For information about advertising in the **Jewel** magazine, call Marilyn at 254-947-5321. The deadline for advertising in the third quarter **Jewel** is May 17, 2014. It will be on the stands for July-September. The deadline for the Fourth Quarter 2014 **Jewel** is August 17, 2014 for distribution October through December. The first quarter 2015 deadline is November 17, 2014 for distribution January-March 2015.

Salado Village Voice website (www.saladovillagevoice.com) is a complement to its weekly newspaper and quarterly magazine. Be sure to visit saladovillagevoice.com. Like Salado Village Voice on Facebook for late breaking updates. Follow us on Twitter at [saladovoice](https://twitter.com/saladovoice).

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On Sunday, May 4, 2014, the bell of Salado's First Baptist Church will toll to mark the beginning the church's 150th anniversary celebration. The children of the church will each take a turn tugging on the rope of the original bell to signal the start of the celebration. The tolling of the bell will summons people to gather for Sunday School which will start at 9:15 a.m.

The worship service will start at 10:30 a.m. Since the church was organized as a "Baptist church of the Missionary order," those who have been baptized into the fellowship of the church during the past years will be recognized. A video clip of interviews with former pastors and a video outlining the history of the church will be shown. The music service will consist of hymns of the 1860s and the pastor, Dr. Travis Burleson, will deliver the sermon.

Lunch on the Grounds will be served at 12:00 Noon under a tent that will be set up on the parking lot behind the church offices. The lunch will feature barbeque and all the fixin's from one of Salado's local caterers. Special guests will be introduced during luncheon. These guests will include descendants of early-day church members, government officials, denominational leaders, university presidents, and former staff members.

After lunch everyone will be invited to participate in activities related to the 1860s. Those activities include:

MASONIC LODGE OF SALADO

Tour the Masonic Lodge building, which was formerly the second story of the original 1878 church building. The Lodge building is located on Church St. between the church sanctuary and the church youth building

MUSIC OF THE 1860s

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GAMES OF THE 1860s

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HISTORIC SCAVENGER HUNT

Participants will be directed to various spots located inside the church building and on the church grounds. At each spot, participants will be asked to record information regarding the church's history.

The day will conclude with refreshments featuring a four-tier anniversary cake served under the tent at 4:00 p.m.

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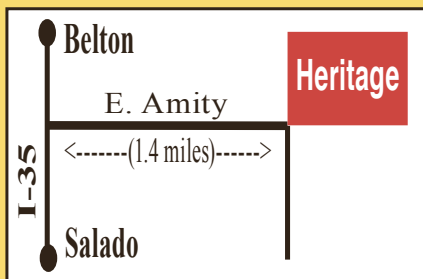
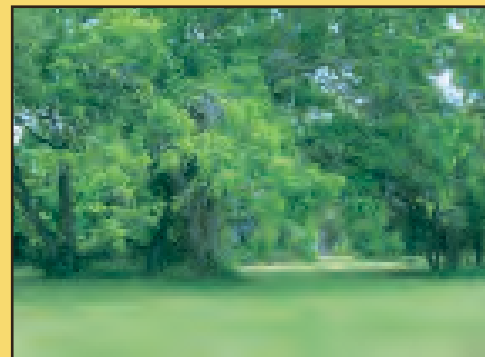
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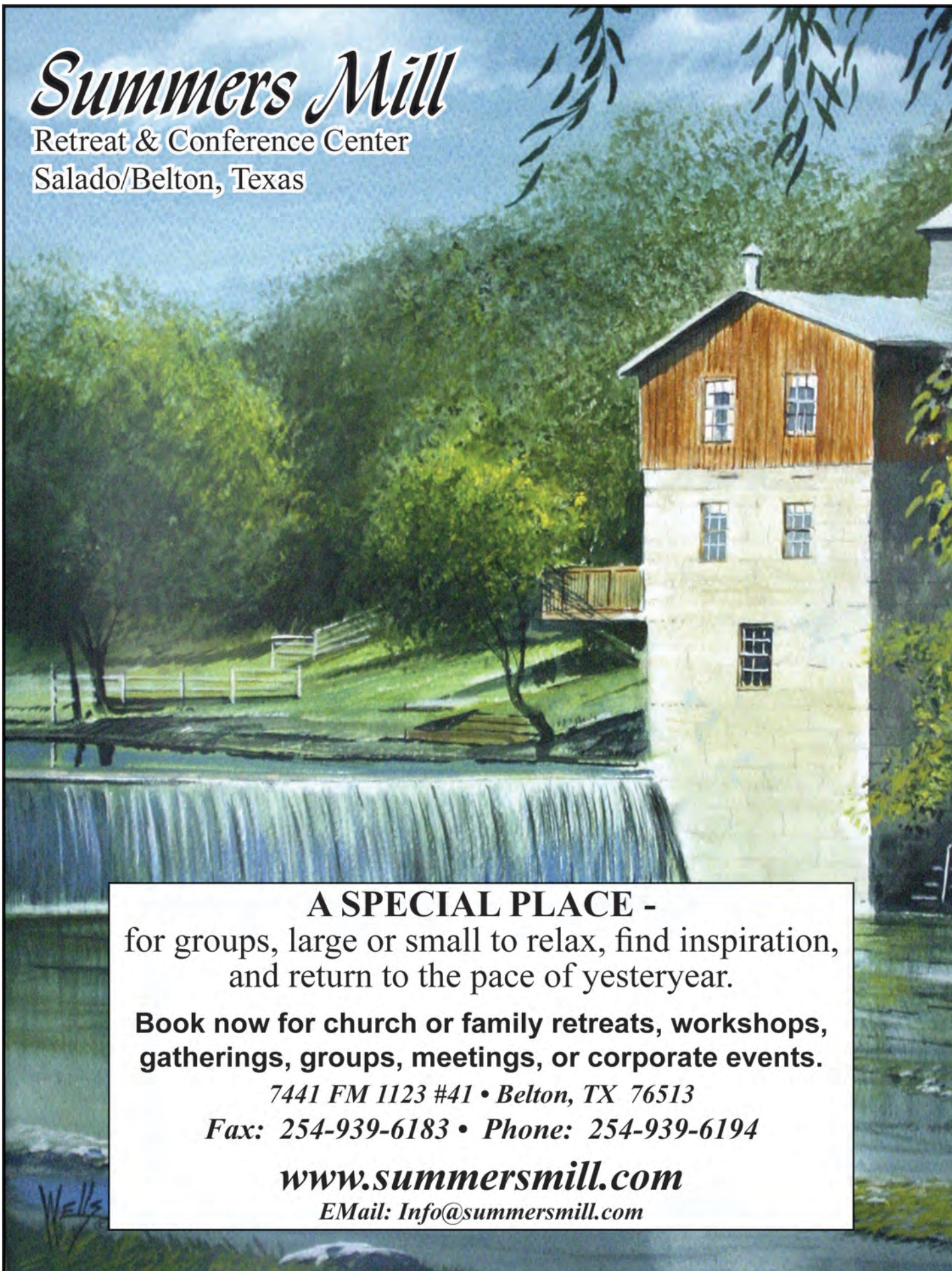
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Keep Salado Beautiful celebrates Earth Day with learning, fun April 26

Keep Salado Beautiful will sponsor an Earth Day event 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on April 26 at Pace Park. The community is invited to the free event.

Speakers will provide programs on Soil Health, Keeping Salado Creek Healthy, Global Warming and the Texas Drought, Bats of our Ecosystem, Bees, Organic Lawn Care and Native Trees and Plants.

Informational Booths on Recycling, Composting and Rain Water Collection Systems will be there as well as a collection station for unwanted electronics.

Children's activities include Creek Critters, angler education, the life cycle of the butterfly and turning a recycled plastic container into a drum.

Kids are encouraged to bring their drum to a 4 p.m. drum session to close out the Earth Day festivities.

Following are the speakers scheduled for the event.

Organic lawn care, 10 a.m., Tracy McCloud. Tracy is the owner of Terra Living, LLC, a landscaping company specializing in Texas natives that uses strictly organic methods. With over 14 years of experience, Tracy's mission is to educate others about sustainable practices that are easy to use, healthy and beneficial for the environment.

Soil Health: What it is and What it does, 12 noon, John Sackett. John has been a soil scientist with the USDA-Natural Resource Conservation Service for twelve years, and is currently the Zone Resource Soil Scientist in Weatherford.

Keep Salado Creek Healthy: How Vegetation Helps, Kenneth Mayben, 1 p.m. Kenneth is a Civil Engineer with the USDA-Natural Resource Conservation Service for twelve years, and is currently the Zone Engineer in Weatherford.

Global Warming/Texas Drought, 2 p.m., John Nielson-Gammon. John is Regents Professor in the Department of Atmospheric Sciences at Texas A&M and the Texas State Climatologist.

Bats as Part of Our Ecosystem, 3 p.m., Charles Pekins. Charles works as a biologist for the Fort Hood Natural Resources Management. He seeks to better understand how wildlife populations interact with each other and their ecosystems, and how these interactions can be maintained alongside the military mission.

The Salado Recycling Center will be open 9 a.m.-noon that day. You will also be able to recycle your electronics by bringing them to Pace Park during the day's activities.

You will learn how to best use native plants for this area from Master Gardeners and Master Naturalists, how to improve your landscape while conserving water, reducing waste and re-using items. There will be information on how to start composting for your garden and yard and how to build your own rain water collection system for your home and garden.

Children will have fun playing with creek crittes, learning about the life cycle of butterflies and decorating recycled materials to make drums. At 4 p.m., everyone is invited to end Earth Day with a parade and drum circle.

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