



Three of 4 local incumbents earn their seats back

In a low turnout election in which more votes were cast in early voting than election day voting, Salado voters overwhelmingly re-elected three incumbents: Melanie Kirchmeier was re-elected to the Salado ISD Board of Trustees and Fred Brown and Michael McDougal were re-elected to the Village of Salado Board of Aldermen.

Salado ISD Board of Trustees met on May 12 to canvass election results, give the newly elected members their oaths of office and reorganize the board.

Kim Bird was elected as the President of the Board, Rodney Bell was elected Vice President of the Board and Kristi Jarvis was elected Secretary of the Board.

Kirchmeier received 388 votes from among the ballots that were cast by 481 voters in the school board election. She had 238 votes in early voting and 150 votes on election day, when 185 voters cast ballots.

Chris Seaton was elected to the Salado ISD Board of Trustees with 238 votes, including 153 in the early vote.

Brad Bolick received 162 votes. Michael Matthews, who unofficially

withdrew from the race before early voting began, received 59 votes.

In the school board election, 296 ballots were cast in early voting and 185 ballots were cast on Election Day.

Fred Brown was re-elected to the Village of Salado Board of Aldermen, receiving a total of 237 votes from among the ballots cast by 355 voters. In early voting he received 147 early votes and 90 votes on Election Day.

Michael McDougal was also re-elected to the Board of Aldermen receiving 234 votes, 144 votes in early voting and 90 votes on Election Day.

David T. Williams was elected to the Board of Aldermen with 210 votes. He received 149 in early voting and 61 on election day.

Hans Fields lost his bid for a third term on the Board of Aldermen with 191 votes. He received 121 early votes.

Salado aldermen will meet 6 p.m. May 18 to canvass election results in a called meeting because the regular meeting is after the deadline to canvass results. The board may also administer the Oaths of Office to those newly-elected or re-elected aldermen who are present.

Latest DPS report includes narrative on I-35 bridge accident

An updated Texas Department of Public Safety crash report includes a narrative of the investigators opinion of what happened in the March 26 fatal accident in which cross beams of the I-35 overpass at FM 2484 fell onto the highway, killing one man and injuring three other people.

The accident made national news as it backed up traffic on the interstate and then diverted traffic to Killeen for several hours in an effort to get drivers around the snarl in Salado.

The DPS crash report was recently updated to include a narrative of the investigator's opinion of what happened.

In it, the investigator stated that the northbound truck driven by Valentin Lara Martinez had "an oversized, illegal and unpermitted load."

Trooper Harpin Myers, public information officer for this region of the DPS, told Salado Village Voice on May 12 that the added narrative was the only change to the original report released 10 days after the accident.

"The accident is still under investigation," Trooper Myers stated. "No charges have been filed at this time."

Myers stated that DPS investigators are looking into several factors surrounding the case, including the marked bridge heights and the actual heights.

The narrative states further that due to driver inattention, the driver failed to heed warning signs and drove under the concrete beams causing the load on the trailer "to strike three engineered concrete beams that were part of a bridge that was under construction at that time."

The first and second engineered concrete beams shifted causing them to break up and fall, according to the report. The third beam shifted two feet, but did not fall or break.

Portions of the first and second beams fell on the northbound lanes and were struck by another northbound 18-wheeler and a northbound vehicle.

The other portions of the first and second beams fell onto the southbound lanes, where one beam fell onto and crushed the cab of a southbound pickup truck, killing the driver. The other fell onto the front of the cab of a southbound 18-wheeler, crushing it and causing some of the load it was carrying to come through the wall of the trailer. The southbound 18-wheeler also struck the southbound pickup truck.

The northbound 18-wheeler that struck the bridge was carrying a hydraulic lift from United Rentals in San Antonio. The truck was owned by Einer Julian Lares, of Grand Prairie and driven by Valentin Lara Martinez of Dallas.

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The Texas MG Register returned to Salado May 7-10 and the weather was perfectly British (meaning foggy and wet) for these fans of the British-made car. See more photos on page 6A. (PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)

Firefighters quickly douse blaze at Mill Creek golf cart shed

Salado Volunteer Fire Department responded to a structure fire in Mill Creek early on May 6, bringing the fire under control in less than 30 minutes.

The fire started when a maintenance worker was welding in the service area of the golf cart shed at Mill Creek Country Club. A spark ignited and caught overhead insulation, spreading up into the roof of the shed.

Fortunately, no one was injured and the 58 golf carts were not seriously damaged by the fire.

Belton Fire Department also responded to the call, which went out about 8:30 a.m. May 6, but by the time of their arrival, Salado units had the fire well under control.



Alan Goodnight was one of the Salado volunteer firefighters to respond to a morning structure fire at Mill Creek on May 6. Firefighters quickly brought the blaze under control and there were no injuries. (PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)

Aldermen reject changed Site Plan for Hidden Glen affordable living

BY TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

After two former mayors and two former aldermen voiced their objections, Salado aldermen rejected a Site Plan for Hidden Glen Senior Living Community in the Extra Territorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) of Salado after developers presented a plan that changed the layout of the streets in the 50-unit affordable senior housing development.

In presentations at town hall meetings and board of aldermen meetings seeking community support for JES Development Company's 2014 application from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs Competitive Housing Tax Credit, drawings of the layout of the development showed a single entrance into the gated community and the units arranged on the inside and outside of a large circular road.

That was changed by JES Development in the Site Plan which shows the 50 units arranged in a curving cul-de-sac road.

"They have submitted an alternative plan that

wasn't consistent with the Chapter 380 grant agreement that we submitted earlier," City Manager Kim Foutz told aldermen at their May 7 meeting.

In addition to the change in the layout of the road, Foutz told aldermen that the site plan's "building plans will be incongruent with what was submitted as far as building facades."

Mark Feaster asked the board for consideration of the site plan because, "What we found with bid process is that the majority are engaged in I-35 construction. Increased construction in the area resulted in bids that were coming in at a significant increase in the cost of the project."

Fairway Construction announced March 26 that it was seeking proposal from all subcontractors and suppliers for the construction of the single story apartment complex in Salado. Proposals were due April 6, according to the call for bids that appeared in the March 26 edition of *Salado Village Voice*.

"Nothing about the

quality of the project is going to change other than the layout of the site plan," Feaster said.

Vic Turley of Turley Associates engineering firm in Temple addressed the aldermen about questions of drainage and design, telling them that the new design would not add water onto adjacent properties.

"That area is prone to flooding," alderman Amber Preston-Dankert said, addressing Turley, "Next time you're in town you should see the flooding and familiarize yourself to it."

"I have been here for 30 years," Turley replied adding that he had been in the area "many, many times."

During public comment on the agenda item, two former mayors and two former aldermen both spoke against the changes in the site plan.

"When I was mayor, we worked with them to get this (original) design," former mayor Danney McCort said. "I would have never supported this design," he said of the new site plan.

"It looks like section 8

project," he added. "This doesn't look like Salado."

McCort added that he does cost estimating for all sizes of jobs and the explanation that bid costs were too high for the original design "is ridiculous."

The costs would have been lower, he said, "if they had done it when they said they were going to do it."

McCort said that the changes in the design made him feel like "they are coming in here like a used car salesman. If this is the third design, what is the fourth one going to look like?"

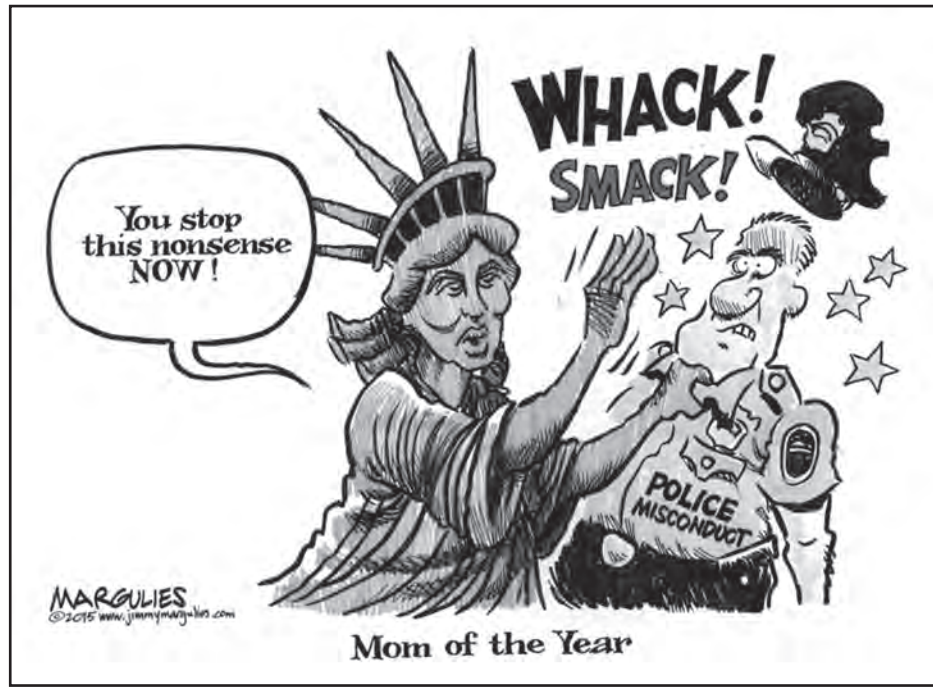
Former mayor Merle Stalcup agreed. "Two years ago, we were presented with this project and we fought a number of questions concerning it. It took a lot of soul-searching to approve the project as it was presented to us then."

"Now they come back with a one-street development with a semi-ten-degree curve," he said. "Even though it has the same number of units, it does not have the same aesthetic value as the original.

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An Open Exchange of Ideas



Mom of the Year

Baltimore, a Great Society Failure

President Barack Obama responded to the Baltimore riots with a heartfelt bout of self-righteous hectoring.

Supposedly, we all know what's wrong with Baltimore and how to fix it, but don't care enough. Not only is this attitude high-handed, it rests on a flagrantly erroneous premise.

President Obama doesn't have the slightest idea how to fix Baltimore. His solutions fall back on liberal bromides going back 50 years. Dating back to the Kerner Commission after the riots of the 1960s, the left's go-to solution to urban problems has been more social programs. Since then, we've gotten more social programs -- and just as many urban problems.

Exhibit A is Baltimore itself. The city hasn't been "neglected." It has been misgoverned into the ground. It is a Great Society city that bought fully into the big-government vision of the 1960s, and the bitter fruit has been corruption, violence and despair.

This is a failure exclusively of Democrats, unless the root causes of Baltimore's troubles are to be traced to its last Republican mayor, Theodore Roosevelt McKeldin, who left office in 1967. And it

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is an indictment of a failed model of government.

The city has been shedding jobs and people for decades, including in the 1990s when the rest of the country was booming.

Baltimore is a high-tax city, with malice aforethought. "Officials raised property taxes 21 times between 1950 and 1985," Steve Hanke and Stephen Walters of Johns Hopkins University write in *The Wall Street Journal*, "channeling the proceeds to favored voting blocs and causing many homeowners and entrepreneurs -- disproportionately Republicans -- to flee. It was brilliant politics, as Democrats now enjoy an eight-to-one voter registration advantage."

To counterbalance the taxes, they note, developers need to be lured to the city with subsidies, and the developers, in turn, contribute to politicians to stay in their good graces. This makes for fertile ground for the city's traditional corruption.

At the same time, the city has failed at the basic functions of government. Mayor Kurt Schmoke, in office for three terms be-

ginning in the late 1980s, was notoriously soft on crime. As urban experts Fred Siegel and Van Smith write in *City Journal*, "During the '90s, tolerant Baltimore's crime rate, much of it drug-fueled, rocketed upward (75 percent of the city's murders were drug-related); tough-on-crime New York's plummeted."

Under Mayor Martin O'Malley's subsequent, more strenuous policing, the crime rate dropped. But it is still a violent city. Baltimore has the fifth-highest murder rate among cities with a population of 100,000 or more.

The schools, predictably, are a disaster, run by and for the teachers unions. On top of all this, two-thirds of births in the city are out-of-wedlock.

What is Obama offering in response to this deep, decades-long decline? Among other things, more pre-K education and job training, even though these programs have a long history of ineffectiveness.

The imperative in Baltimore should be to think and act anew. But the left's takeaway will be that there's an urgent need for more of the same, as Baltimore and places like it continue to rot.

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What the property tax lending industry is doing to consumers

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Imagine, it's tax time and a family is faced with losing their home because they can't pay their property taxes.

They receive what they think is a godsend from a property tax lender — a letter with a promise: "We will quickly get your taxes paid so you'll no longer incur the large penalties, interest and attorney collection fees charged by your county. It's simple. We pay the taxes. You pay us back over time."

Unfortunately, for many families across the state, the process is anything but simple. One such victim is Pastor Josue Lopez of Pharr. Desperate to

pay his delinquent taxes, he obtained a \$19,000 loan from a property tax lender. The interest rate: 18 percent. At the end of the 10-year note, Lopez will owe a total of \$45,000. Of that amount, \$25,000 is interest. Lopez told state lawmakers he was shocked to learn he would be paying that much and had no idea what he'd gotten himself into.

Lopez is not alone. In testimony before the House Business and Industry Committee last year, Texas Consumer Credit Commissioner Leslie Pettijohn reported the number of property tax loans steadily increased from 12,078 in 2008 to 15,738 in 2013.

There were \$201 million in property tax loans

written in Texas in 2013, up from \$119 million in 2008. More than 8,100 loans totaling nearly \$81.5 million were at least 90 days delinquent.

The reason for the almost 70 percent increase in property tax loans written is a no-brainer. The property tax lien lenders have nothing to lose—and quite a lot to gain. The property tax lender has lien priority, so if the property goes into foreclosure, the property tax lender is paid first, regardless of whether there is an existing mortgage on the house.

Pastor Lopez told his story at a February press conference held by Rep. Rene Oliveira (D-Brownsville) when he introduced HB 1936, which would
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Emulating Washington's strengths here in Salado

"First in war, first in peace, first in the hearts of his countrymen," said Major General Henry Lee about George Washington, after his death. He was surely that and more. How, can such greatness be embodied in one person? After all, he was surrounded by a host of other courageous leaders, brilliant thinkers, passionate orators, and gifted writers — Franklin, Jefferson, Patrick Henry, Mason, John and Samuel Adams, Hamilton, Madison — almost all of whom were better educated than he.

While much has been said of Washington's physical stature (6'2" and 200 pounds when the average man stood 5'7" and weighed far less), his courage, charisma, energy, vision, and calm demeanor; there was something else



Mayor Skip Blancett

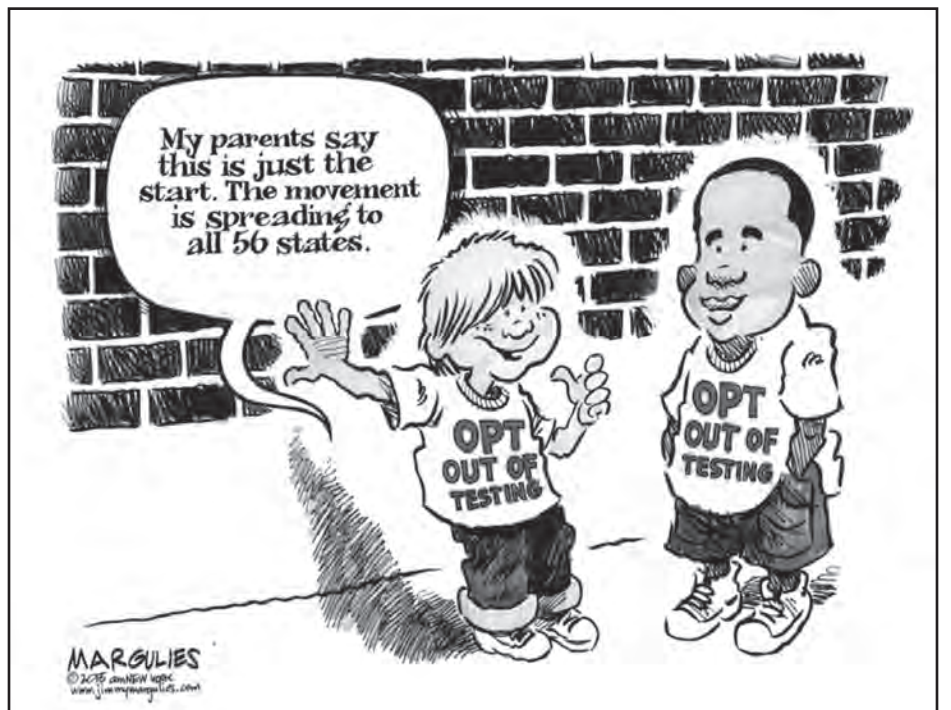
that made him a gifted person who could be trusted implicitly for long periods of time in the course of extraordinary difficulties.

It was his selfless character that put others first over his own desires and ambition. Abigail Adams, wife of John Adams said of Washington, "he was possessed of power, possessed of extensive influence, but he never used it but for the benefit of his country."

Reviewing the last

12 months, there have been many who led with Washington's spirit -- putting others above themselves, taking ownership and making a difference, throwing themselves into the fight with no personal gain, not giving up, and spending themselves for a worthy cause. Thank you. Each deserves the "Citizen of the Year" award. Whatever has been accomplished, you deserve the credit.

As a result, progress is being made. The roads are being repaired, negotiations going forward, construction issues being raised to the next level, ordinances being updated, and change is being managed. Looking through the whole tenure of Salado's life, history will not produce a parallel. And, we will win.



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The Real Drug Racket

Some Big Pharma wiseguys cornered the market on life-saving heart drugs and immediately jacked up the price.

Al Capone, the infamous mob boss and bootlegger in Chicagoland during the 1920s, always maintained that he was just a businessman.

The only difference between him and others, he insisted, was that the law criminalized his business while legalizing the criminality of so-called "legitimate" businessmen.

Of course, big business bosses today would find their comparison to mob bosses distasteful. Yet it's not that far from a true fit for many of their corporate "enterprises." After all, we regularly see shameless racketeering schemes from the establishment peers of Wall Street, Big Oil, Big Food, etc.

Then there are the Big Pharma wiseguys. Their business model is based on



Jim Hightower

legalized price gouging.

On February 10, for example, Valeant Pharmaceuticals stunned heart patients, doctors, and hospitals by suddenly jacking up the price of two essential life-saving heart drugs. Valeant tripled the price of a single vial of Nitropress, from \$260 to more than \$800, while sextupling the price of Isuprel from \$215 a vial to over \$1,300.

Had the drugmaker improved the medicines? No, they were exactly the same

formulations as before.

The only thing that changed was ownership: Valeant had bought the rights to the medications from another company on the very day if its announcement. It arbitrarily used its monopoly control to exact a rip-off price from those who have no choice but to pay it.

A spokeswoman for Valeant was unrepentant: "Our duty is to our shareholders and to maximize the value" of their investments, she declared.

By "duty," the lady from Valeant didn't mean a moral duty, but a "duty" manufactured by corporate lawyers and lobbyists to extract profits from vulnerable people.

Al Capone would approve of that business model.

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Giving Landowners the Power

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High-voltage transmission lines are needed to meet evolving energy needs. Engineers estimate that seven billion dollars of investment is required to properly maintain and update the electric grid.

But building lines isn't easy. Developers will need to acquire thousands of acres of land from landowners across the country.

Typically developers attempt to purchase easements through negotiations. They are often provided eminent domain authority if negotiations fail. This authority has been used for years to build highways and railroads. However, there are

problems with its use that create frustrations for landowners and developers alike.

Many feel eminent domain erodes property rights and removes liberties. It is expensive, requiring administrative and legal costs that are ultimately paid for by electric users. Compensation fails to consider personal preferences, family history, and community bonds.

Solutions are available to address these problems. In our new report Giving Landowners the Power (<http://www.cfra.org/giving-landowners-the-power>), we outlined key strategies to use while improving the transmission development process. We consider how

compensation is calculated, problems with public use, and how project need is determined.

The report suggests that eminent domain alternatives adopt two solutions—promoting public involvement during planning and approval, and creating a way for landowners to share information with each other and other stakeholders.

The report also details existing and new structures for compensating landowners.

To ensure that transmission is built in a way that works best for all involved, this report shows that landowners must be fairly compensated and local and communities must be involved.

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Tax loans

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require property owners to notify their mortgage lender 10 days before entering into a property tax loan. The bill has now passed the House and was referred to the Senate Business & Commerce Committee last week.

The bill would go a long way toward curbing the abuses of the property tax lending industry by requiring homeowners to notify their mortgage lender 10 days before entering into a property tax loan. This "cooling off" period helps the property owner in a couple of ways:

First, it gives property owners time to fully consider their options. Entities, such as county tax assessors and banks, can offer to lend the money needed to pay the delinquent taxes at much lower interest rates and minus the exorbitant fees. Currently, lenders do not have the ability to pay off a property tax lender until the property tax note is delinquent for 120 days or the borrower is 90 days delinquent on the underlying mortgage loan.

Second, the notice alerts lenders to possible violations of the mortgage agreement. Property owners may not realize they are breaching their agreements with their lenders when they take out property tax loans using the financed property as collateral.

The bill doesn't prevent property owners from getting the needed funds from the property tax lenders—even at the higher interest rates and tacked on fees—if they still want to move

forward. What it does do, however, is give property owners the opportunity to investigate better and less costly alternatives.

The concept is similar to that of home equity loans, which in Texas require a 12-day cooling-off period after an application is made. During that time, the borrower can research other alternatives and either move forward with the loan or pull out.

Does HB 1936 go far enough to curb the abuses of these predatory lenders? Probably not, but it at least gives property owners an opportunity to look at options. For Pastor Lopez, that cooling off period could have steered him away from a product he calls "deceptive and predatory."

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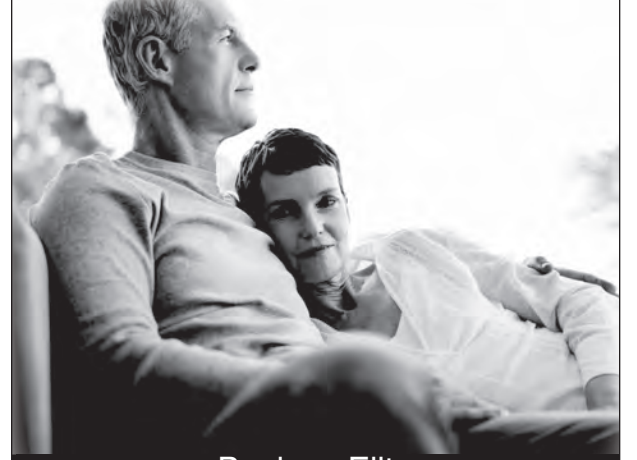
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Steven Lastovica

Lastovica named to Texas Beef Council board

Cattleman Steven Lastovica has been named to the Texas Beef Council (TBC) and the Beef Promotion Research Council of Texas (BPRCT) board of directors. This is his first term on the board and he serves as an at-large member representing Texas beef producers. Board members' terms coincide with TBC's fiscal year that began October 1.

The checkoff boards establish the budget and ultimately decide which demand building programs receive checkoff funding collected under the national and state Beef Checkoff Program.

The board consists entirely of beef producers providing representation of the state through or-

ganization affiliation. In addition, the board may elect two directors at large, without nomination by a qualified organization, to round out the board with equitable geographic and sector representation.

As a member of the two checkoff boards in Texas, Lastovica serves on the beef resources committee. This committee approves and evaluates checkoff-funded beef quality assurance programs, producer communications, issues and reputation management, research projects and export programs conducted in partnership with the U.S. Meat Export Federation (USMEF). Directors can serve up to six consecutive one-year terms on the checkoff boards.

Lastovica is the owner of Milano Livestock Exchange, Lastovica Cattle Company, Lastovica Angus Farms and Supreme Genetics. He is a member of the Texas Angus Association, American Angus Association and Livestock Marketing Association of Texas. Lastovica and his wife, Sandra, have two children and reside in Salado where they are involved in numerous community activities and organizations.

Senior Activity Center holds beading class and dance

Belton Senior Activity Center will be having a Beading Class from 10-11:30 am. May 18.

Cathy Scribner, Instructor, will be teaching a class on making earrings and rings with beads. All supplies for the project will be provided. This activity is open to all area seniors. Cost for the class will be \$5. Advance registration is required.

A Country & Western Dance 6:30-9:30 p.m. May 21, with music by Larry Burgin & the Texas Traditions Band. The dance is open to all area seniors. A \$5 donation per person is requested. Guests are asked to bring snacks or finger food to share.

Come out and enjoy the fun and fellowship at the Belton Senior Activity Center, 842 S. Mitchell Street, Belton, Texas. For additional information, contact the Belton Senior Activity Center at 254-939-1170 or the Activities Director at 254-718-1859. Check their website for the other scheduled events at BeltonSeniorCenter.org or follow them on Facebook.



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The Five Reasons You Should Use a Travel Agent

In a time when the internet is making the need for many professional services obsolete, I am often asked, "Why would I pay for a travel agent instead of booking a trip myself?" Having the ability to handle a task on your own doesn't necessarily make it the best use of your time and money. My answer to that question is simple, "You could try installing a new roof yourself, but is it worth the risk?" Let's take a minute to talk about the cost and benefits of using the services of a professional travel agent.

1. Travel agents are FREE.

The reality is, there is rarely an additional cost to the traveler for utilizing the services of a professional travel agent. Travel agents have relationships with vacation suppliers who pay them directly for providing travel planning services to you. Travel agents are paid by the vacation suppliers on a commission basis, the same way online brokers are paid.

2. Travel agents are THE Industry Experts.

Browsing destinations, resort properties and cruise ships can be a lot of fun, but how can you be sure what you see online is an accurate representation or the product? Travel agents are knowledgeable and have visited many of the destinations they offer vacations to. Agents also receive feedback from hundreds of customers who have visited destinations all over the world who provide accurate feedback from the perspective of a traveler. Travel agents are given opportunities to tour resort properties and cruise ships to conduct inspections which allows them to ensure that your experience will exceed your expectations.

3. Travel agents save time and money.

Studies show that more than 20% of travelers who book online dedicate over five hours to planning a vacation. In an age when time is money, why not allow your travel agent to handle planning your perfection vacation? Travel agents can do the research and then present you with the best options based on your individual wishes. Travel agents can also save you money due to exclusive promotions that include: room upgrades, onboard ship or resort credits and complimentary spa services. Those promotions translate into hundreds of dollars in savings and credits that stay in your pocket. Your travel agent will also ensure that your resort or cruise line choice is the perfect match for your travel style.

4. Travel agents provide the *whole* package.

Many vacations involve more than just a flight and a hotel, however online retailers often fail to offer or prompt travelers to include those services. Examples of additional products include excursions, transfers to/from the airport when you reach your destination and travel insurance to protect your vacation

investment. Travel agents have the best information on exciting excursions and can recommend reputable vendors that will be available at your destination. Travel agents are also available to assist with the small details such as information about passports and travel documents, luggage tags for cruises and the customs/immigration processes in foreign countries.

5. Travel agents accompany you throughout your vacation.

Flight delayed or canceled? Luggage lost? Hotel overbooked? For a traveler these situations can ruin an entire vacation; especially if you have to solve the problem on your own. If you book with a travel agent, you will have an expert in your back pocket throughout your vacation. Your travel

professional is always available to help resolve any issue that arises during your vacation. Travel agents have relationships with vacation suppliers, hotels and airlines, and are more easily able to resolve issues than a consumer. Travel agents are a valuable extension of vacation vendors, and as such they receive higher priority when attempting to resolve an issue. Booking through online brokers usually means that when an issue arises you will be routed to a call center staffed with customer service representatives **not travel professionals**. Having a dedicated professional to handle your vacation from the planning stage until you return provides a high level of comfort and security when making a travel investment.

Many travelers assume that travel agents disappeared with pay phones and VCRs, but travel agents are still providing a valuable service that the internet cannot replace. Travel agents are often located in your community and offer another opportunity to support the local economy. Next time you are thinking about taking a vacation, reach out to a travel professional for some advice. Remember, a travel agent is **your personal expert** to assist you with navigating the travel industry. Start your vacation early by leaving the planning to the experts.



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Community Life

Welcome home, Dean Keith Stanley

Dean Keith Stanley was born at 9:37 a.m. April 20, 2015 at Baylor Scott & White Hospital in Temple weighing 8 lbs. 10 oz and measuring 21 inches in length. His parents are Kevin Keith and Anna Kate (Mackie) Stanley, both of Gatesville and formerly of Salado. Grandparents are Earl and Wanda Stanley and Bob and Sara Mackie Shull and the late Don Mackie, all of Salado



UMHB spring commencement awards 493 students

The University of Mary Hardin-Baylor spring Commencement was held May 9, in Crusader Stadium. This was the university's 158th graduating class. 493 students were awarded degrees. Of those, 341 students received baccalaureate degrees, 136 received master's degrees, and 16 earned doctoral degrees.

Student awards given during the ceremony included the Provost Medal for highest overall GPA,

which was split between 13 students who each graduated with perfect 4.0 grade point averages: Kelsey Belcher of Belton, Joshua Bradshaw of Pipe Creek, Erin Buerschinger of Copperas Cove, Alanah Domangue of Liberty, Chandler Hansen of San Antonio, Caitlin Hyer of Brazoria, Anastasia Lowe of Houston, Drew Roicki of San Antonio, Jennifer Sellers of Salado, Elizabeth Stefanski of Katy, Kyle White of Lake Jack-

son, Sarah Whitson of Burlison, and Xiaoge Xiu of Belton.

Saladoans who graduated from UMHB were these: Jyllian Sierra Chambers - B.S.N. - Nursing; Alexandra Noel Grace - B.S.N. - Nursing; Brandon Joseph Heller - B.S. - Engineering Science; Jennifer Renee Sellers - B.S.N. - Nursing; Braxton Shea Tucker - B.S. - Sport Management; Samuel Douglas VanHoozer - B.S. - Exercise Science.

The Loyalty Cup for the student who is most representative of the ideals, traditions and spirit of the university was given to Alec Lloyd of Conroe. The President's Award for meritorious service went to Erin Prica of Belton.

UMHB President Randy O'Rear stated that this the students in represented the largest undergraduate class, graduate class, and the largest number of international students graduating in university history.

Miles graduates from Southwestern Assemblies of God University

Waxahachie, Texas – Audley Odell Miles of Salado, Texas, graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Intercultural Studies during Southwestern Assemblies of God University's 107th commencement ceremony, held on May 1, 2015.

Southwestern Assemblies of God University is a private, Christian uni-

versity located 30 minutes south of the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex in Waxahachie, Texas. The university was established in 1927, and now offers more than 70 associate, bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees on campus or online. More information is available at www.sagu.edu or by calling 1-888-YES-SAGU.

Republican women gather May 28 at Civic Center

Salado Area Republican Women will meet 11 a.m. May 28 at the Salado Civic Center.

The program will be Marie Martch discussing the Republican Women's organization. She will speak 11-11:30 a.m., followed by Michael Johnson who will speak on "Why I am a Republican."

A buffet lunch will be provided free of charge.

Colonial Dames to meet May 16 BC Museum

The Gov. Samuel Mathews Chapter Colonial Dames XVII Century will meet at 10:30 a.m. May 16 at the Bell County Museum in Belton.

Jane Debenport will present the program, "Women of Property."

Certificates awarded by the Texas Society CDX-VIIC will be presented.

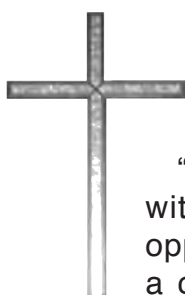
Marilyn Covington will install the new officers for the 2015-2017 years.

Reservations are requested for food and seating.

Make your reservations to Deborah Roberson via email at dkroberson115@gmail.com or phone at 281-787-1073 no later than May 22. Guests are encouraged to attend.



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Johnny Gimble, famed western swing fiddler passes away



Texas MGs were on display on the grounds of The Venue by Inn on the Creek on May 9. The Texas MG Register gathers in Salado every year on Mother's Day weekend. This year the TX MG Register members celebrated their 40th Anniversary.

PHOTOS BY MARILYN FLEISCHER

Famed fiddler Johnny Gimble of Dripping Springs and formerly of Salado passed away on May 9, 2015, having suffered several strokes in his final years, according to his daughter Cindy.

Gimble lived in Salado in the 1980s when he wasn't touring with Willie Nelson, or appearing on television as member of The Million Dollar Band on Hee Haw and with a variety of musical acts on Austin City Limits.

He was also a frequent guest on A Prairie Home Companion with Garrison Keillor.

Gimble began his musical career alongside two of his brothers as the Rose City Swingsters. After moving to Louisiana he began performing with the Jimmie Davis gubernatorial campaign.

After serving in World War II, Gimble played fiddle on local east Texas radio.

Gimble is best-known for his years playing the fiddle for Bob Wills in the late 1940s and 1950s, where he played fiddle and electric mandolin with Will's Texas Playboys.

In 1960, he left the Bob Wills Band and moved to Waco, where he had a TV show Johnny Gimble & the Homefolks, on KWTX-TV for three years. He also cut hair during this time and played weekends at local dances.

He and his wife Barbara moved to Nashville



Johnny Gimble with his daughter Cindy in Salado.

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in 1968 at a time that interest in traditional swing fiddle playing was increasing among chart-topping country music performers.

In the Nashville part of his career, Gimble recorded with Merle Haggard, Conway Twitty, Connie Smith, Lefty Frizzell, Marty Robbins, Ray Price, Chet Atkins, Willie Nelson and George Strait, among others.

He was named the Instrumentalist of the Year by the Country Music Association in 1975, the first of six times he was to receive this award. The Academy of Country Music named him Fiddler of the Year nine times.

Gimble earned a Grammy award in 1994 for his arrangement "Red Wing" on the Bob Willis tribute album by Asleep at the Wheel and again in 1995 for Best Country Instrumental Performance for "Hightower" with Asleep At The Wheel.

He was honored by the

National Endowment of the Arts as a 1994 NEA National Heritage Fellow.

His last album, Celebrating with Friends features duos with long-time collaborators Merle Haggard, Willie Nelson, Vince Gill, Dale Watson, son Dick Gimble and grand daughter Emily Gimble.

John Paul Gimble was born in Tyler, Texas on May 30, 1926. He grew up in the east Texas community of Bascom. He died in a Marble Falls nursing home on May 9, 2015.

Arrangements for a musical, memorial celebration in Austin are pending for some time in June.

Cards & Letters to family can be sent to Johnny Gimble Music, P.O. Box 347, Dripping Springs TX 78620

In lieu of flowers, a contribution to the Health Alliance for Austin Musicians would be most appreciated by the family.

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FROM PAGE 1A

DPS officers measured the load of the truck after the accident at 14'7" in height, making it an over-height load which state law requires be permitted by the Department of Motor Vehicles.

How did a 14'7" truck clear the Thomas Arnold bridge, which is posted at 14'0" in height?

"I don't know," Trooper Myers said. "That's one of

the things they are investigating."

The DPS stated in the report that the truck was not permitted.

It struck the new construction beams that had been placed at the overpass of FM 2484 and I-35 just a few days before. The warning sign on those beams read 13'6" the day of the accident, but later read 14'0".

Texas Department of Transportation officials stated that the bridge was measured at 14'0.5". TxDOT later stated that the overpass was measured by James Construction Company.

Since the accident, James Construction Company, owned by Primoris Services Corporation, has moved traffic off of those northbound lanes as those lanes are now being lowered and surfaced.

All of the beams on the northbound side were also removed after the accident. Closings of interstate

mainlanes at that location have been postponed since last week due to the recent rains. Those closings were set to allow for "to allow for the Median Detour S Pavement Placement" and to allow for "median work from North Main Street to FM 2484.

TxDOT also announced the permanent closing of entrance and exit ramps in that construction area.

The Entrance ramp to I-35 northbound mainlanes north of north Main Street in Salado (MM 285) will be closed permanently starting later this week," a recent announcement from TxDOT public information officer Jodi Wheatley stated.

"The Exit ramp from I-35 northbound mainlanes to FM 2484 in Salado (MM 285.5) will be closed later this week until further notice, when the permanent exit ramp is constructed in the same location," Wheatley stated in the announcement.

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The Book of Everything

Salado's state-bound UIL one-act play, *The Book of Everything*, will perform for the public at 7 p.m. May 14 and May 21 in the high school cafeteria. They compete in the state meet on May 26. Shown above are (from left): Kaydee Free, John Post, and Kimberly Clay. (COURTESY PHOTO)



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Salado UIL Spellers

Duos' perfect scores in practice meets might predict state gold

Seven seconds per word, 100 words per test, 1500 words total. What would seem challenging to even the most diligent of students is the daily routine of the Salado High School state-bound spelling team. Vocabulary words such as immuno-deficiency, syzygy, and zabaglione are included on the list that competitors are given at the beginning of the year in order to successfully compete at the district, regional, and state levels.



Katie Kendall



Kayla Manning

Coached by Kyra Mann, the spelling team consists of Kayla Manning, Katie Kendall, and Luke Miller.

"The spellers have to be self-motivated in order to be successful," Mann said. "There is a lot of memorization, which means a lot of independent study techniques that the students use which are unique for them personally."

The team's daily dedication is shown through their individual preparation for competition.

"At school, I write the words repeatedly in a spiral notebook of mine," Kendall said. "And when I go home, I use a computer

program designed for pronouncing and defining the words off the list."

The test consists of three different parts: editing, vocabulary, and spelling. Overall, the test lasts for one hour.

"The editing part is usually the most difficult for me," Miller said. "But with Ms. Mann's training, it's become easier for us."

Manning and Kendall have placed 1st and 2nd respectively at every meet thus far. Although registering a perfect score is almost unheard of, the two have accomplished the feat multiple times.

"I have gotten a perfect score twice out of the


times we've competed," Manning said. "Without the help and support of my team and coach, I wouldn't have been able to achieve this."

The spellers have dominated the competition, defeating Giddings and Bastrop, the top two teams in the 4A division, at previous tournaments.

"I have high expectations for this team," Mann said. "At such a young age they show so much potential and I feel that they could go all the way and bring home the gold."

The UIL state academic meet is May 26 at the University of Texas in Austin.

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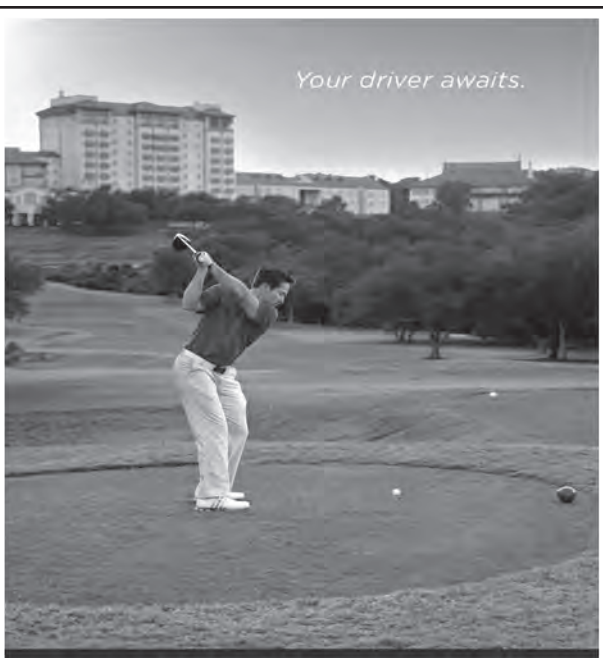


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Former alderman Bryan Fritch said that the new plan, “Does not resemble what was presented to the board. I don’t see them on here.”

Fritch also said that he “would like to know the relationship of Mr. Brown to this since he had to recuse himself.”

At the beginning of discussion on the agenda item, Aldermen Fred Brown stepped down from the dais to sit in the audience. He told *Salado Village Voice* that he had been asked by JES Development to “pick up a letter of support for one of their other projects from a state representative while I was at the Capitol. After doing that for them, I did not feel like I should be voting on their business coming

before the board of aldermen.”

Former alderman Stephen Peters said that he had been a staunch supporter of the project when he served on the board. “I don’t think this site would have been approved by the board I served on,” he said.

Jim Markel of JES Development addressed the concerns of aldermen and public commenters.

He said that the design was “a more efficient site plan to reduce costs. We are not reducing the size of the club house or the size of the units.”

He added that some of the cost savings was due to the amount of underground pipe required in the original design.

“If you do not want to

go this route, we are not trying to cram this down your throat,” he added. “At the end of the day, we can do and will do the original concept if that is what you want.”

“This is not a bait and switch,” he said. “We are a highly reputable company and that is not our intent. If you don’t want it, we won’t do it. We are not here to not be wanted.”

“If there is some middle ground and you would like to suggest some alternatives, we will consider them,” he added.

JES Development Company Inc. was awarded the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs 2014 Competitive Housing Tax Credit for a proposed 50-unit senior affordable living project in the Village of Salado Ex-

tra-Territorial Jurisdiction, the company will receive \$580,000 in tax credits per year for the next 10 years.

According to the project description, the project requires a minimum capital investment of \$6.4 million for construction of the nine multi-family buildings for a total of 50 units on a 20 acre complex.

The project description states that masonry construction will be used in a Hill Country design.

Each apartment unit will include two or three bedrooms.

Hans Fields gave the motion to “disapprove the second plan on the board,” receiving a second from Michael McDougal.

“I was on the board at the time these people came to us. At the time they came to us it was a beautiful site,” Fields said. “Even after that, I was against the project. I still today do not like the fact that it is low income housing.”

Dankert said, “I am of the opinion that we would be willing to come to the table and maybe we can come up something that is really beautiful and still potentially save you some money as well. We can look at it together.”

The board voted 4-0-1 against with Fields, Dankert, McDougal and Frank Coachman voting against. Brown abstained from the discussion and the vote.

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Bell Co-op for Exceptional Children will destroy its out-of-date records

The Bell County Cooperative for Exceptional Children plans to destroy out of date records. To be destroyed are all out-of-date Special Education records contained in eligibility and diagnostic folders of students who last received services through any program for students with disabilities during the school year of 2007-2008.

These records are maintained by the Bell County Cooperative for

Exceptional Children at 502 Josephine Street Holland, Texas 76534, and may include referral information, assessment reports including educational, psychological, and speech reports, individual transition plans, and observational data. Parents should be aware that these records might be needed by the student or parents for Social Security benefits or other purposes.

Parents of former stu-

dents who received special education services, or former students who are over the age of 18, who do not want their records destroyed should contact the Bell County Cooperative for Exceptional Children at 254-657-8155 before July 1, 2015. Written requests may be addressed to the Bell County Cooperative for Exceptional Children at P.O. Box 188, Holland, Texas 76534.

The Bell County Co-

operative for Exceptional Children is a shared services arrangement working with the special education programs in the Academy Independent School District, Holland Independent School District, Rogers Independent School District, Salado Independent School District, and Troy Independent School District.



Senate Bill 149 immediately affects the graduation requirements for Texas schools in terms of the STAAR end-of-course exams.

SB 149 immediately affects Texas high school graduation requirements

Governor Greg Abbott signed Senate Bill 149 (Segler, R-Amarillo) into law to become effective immediately this week.

The new law will allow a student who has passed three or four of the five end-of-course exams under the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) exam to graduate if other requirements are met.

The STAAR includes end-of-course exams in English I, English II, Algebra I, U.S History and Biology.

Salado ISD Superintendent Michael Novotny told *Salado Village Voice* that only one senior met the requirement of the new law, but that may change when the results of the Spring STAAR end-of-course exams become available.

The English end-of-course exams were administered in March, but the other end-of-course exams were held just recently. Results will be available just a few days before graduation, Dr. Novotny said.

In cases in which a senior has not passed all five end-of-course exams leading up to graduation, then an Individual Graduation Committee can be formed composed of the cam-

pus principal or designee, the teacher or teachers in whose subject the student failed the end-of-course exam, the school counselor and the parent or student if the student is aged 18 or older.

That committee will consider documentation of proficiency in the course subject. What that documentation might be may vary from student to student, Dr. Novotny said.

After reviewing the proof of proficiency, if the committee is unanimous in favor of graduation, then the student can graduate.

"Things will have to move fast," Dr. Novotny said.

Salado ISD Trustees will consider a resolution at their May 18 meeting to bring local policy in line with the new state law.

Texas Association of School Boards will write new policies for school boards this summer for further implementation of this new law.

"I will continue to work with the Legislature to create and maintain standards of excellence for our schools so that our shared goals for public education can be accomplished," Gov. Abbott said when he

Local genealogists to consider use of primary, secondary sources on May 19

"Primary and Secondary Genealogy Sources" will be presented at the Bell County Genealogical Society meeting May 19 at the Temple Public Library.

The Presentation and discussion will be lead by Bell County Genealogical Society members Ginny Parsons and Nancy Kelsey.

"Everybody should be able to learn something at the May meeting, whether you are just beginning to put your family tree together, or if you are a sea-

soned researcher," Crystal Galbreath said. "We're all working for the same goal - to find our ancestors - and we will all share our knowledge."

The Bell County Genealogical Society's meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month, 6:30-8:00 p.m., in the boardroom, 3rd floor, Temple Public Library, 100 North First Street, Temple TX.

Meetings are open to the public.

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Navarro's Trey Ripke proved to be the undoing of the Salado Eagles as he contributed heavily to the two wins the Panthers took from Salado in their best-of-three series May 7-9. Ripke closed the third game and pitched for the win in the second game, as well as getting crucial hits in the two wins.

Salado ends its season with a District Championship and 20-7 record.

Navarro will face Sealy in the Area round, playing games in Shiner this week.

Only one other 25-4A team remains in the playoffs. Taylor beat Cuero in two games, 4-0 and 14-2 and will face Sweeney in the Area Round. Wimberly beat Burnet 0-3, 8-6 and 6-1 and La Vernia beat Liberty Hill in three games 2-3, 7-3 and 18-3. Wimberly faces El Campo and La Vernia faces Brazosport in the Area round.

Navarro 5
Salado 2

Through six innings, Salado could only get two runners into scoring position and trailed Navarro 5-0 going into the final frame of their season-ending loss to the Panthers May 9 in Leander.

Meanwhile, Navarro scored two unearned runs in the fourth inning and another in the seventh inning, handing the 5-2 loss to Cody Wolf, who pitched three innings, striking out two and allowing two hits.

With back-to-back singles in the sixth inning, Navarro scored two runs thanks to three hits in the inning.

With their backs to the wall in the bottom of the seventh, Salado finally got on the board, but it would not be enough.

Jacob Wilk led off with a single and went to second on a single by Cody Gilpin. He went to third on a fielder's choice that sent Mims to first and put Gilpin out at second for the first out in the bottom of the seventh.

An error by the shortstop allowed Wilk to score and Kyle King to go to first. He advanced on a wild pitch and scored on a single to deep right by Preston Payne. Ripke was called in to close the game for Navarro forcing a fly out and a strikeout to end the inning, game and season for the Eagles.

Navarro 6
Salado 1

Navarro scored three runs in the first three innings while Salado could manage just one run in the first as the Panthers won the second of the best-of-three series 6-1 in Leander May 8 in Troy.

Cody Wolf walked and stole second base, scoring on a single to deep left by Chase Basham with two outs in the top of the first. Basham went to third on a looping double to left by Garrett Lightfoot, but both runners were left stranded.

Wolf added a double to deep right in the third inning, but was the only batter to reach base until the sixth when Jacob Little singled and Wolf walked. Both runners were left stranded again as Navarro pitcher Trevor Ripke was able to get Eagle batter to fly-out, foul-out and strike out to get out of the inning.

The Panthers scored a run in the second and two runs in the third. Sean Walter walked and the courtesy runner went to third on a double by Ripke, scoring on a passed ball. Ripke scored on a sacrifice bunt.

Ripke singled in the fifth on a shot deep to right for a single. His courtesy runner Ashton McCurry stole second, went to third on the attempted throw and scored on an error by the shortstop for a 4-1 lead.

In the seventh, Sean Walter was hit by the pitcher and Jake Wright tripled to deep left, scoring Walter. Wright scored on a single to left by Ripke for the final score of 6-1 when McCurry retired Salado's side in order.

Ripke got the win for Navarro, pitching 5-2/3 innings and striking out four batters. He gave up three hits.

Salado 1
Navarro 0

Preston Payne's homer over the left field fence in the top of the fourth inning was all that Salado needed to get past the Navarro Pirates in the first game of a best-of-three series of the Bi-District round of the 4A baseball playoffs. Salado won 1-0 on May 7.

Chase Basham got the win for Salado, pitching the entire game and throwing seven strikeouts. He allowed just two hits and no walks. The hits were singles in the first and fifth innings. No runner got past second base.

Basham also had the second hit for the Eagles. He hit a one-out double to deep right in the seventh, stretching it to third on the attempted throw. He was left stranded when Navarro got the next two outs.

Basham and the Eagle defense ended the game by not allowing a base runner in the seventh inning. Basham struck out

the lead-off batter in four at first for the second out and Rightfielder Kyle King Deal grabbed a grounder to throw the runner out caught a fly to end the game.



Chase Basham pitching May 7 vs. Navarro.
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Preston Payne hits a home run May 7 vs. Navarro.



Peyton Kyburz begins the May 9 game pitching against Navarro



Jacob Little slides back to first during the May 9 game.

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Wells gather collectors to celebrate a lifetime of art, friendship



Ronnie and Patricia Wells recently welcomed some of their devoted art collectors from around the country for a special weekend to celebrate the new gallery that the couple have opened after a quarter century on south Main St. The weekend included a special party on the patio and throughout their gallery and tours of other Salado galleries. Above, the Wells along with daughter Tressa Wells McCabe are shown with Jerry and Georgiann Wilmont, who has been collecting Ronnie's for four decades. The Wilmonts were at Ronnie's first art show, when Tressa was only three years old. The Wells celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary this June. The couple has traveled the country to show Ronnie's sculptures and paintings in the finest art shows in the nation.

Above, Barbara Schantz and Dr. John E. Schneider of Easton Maryland traveled the longest distance. They are shown above putting their touch on the patina of a Ronnie Wells sculpture that has been cast by Pogue Foundry in Marble Falls. (PHOTO BY TIM AND MARILYN FLEISCHER)

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Sales taxes up 10%

The sales tax rebate to Salado increased by more than 10 percent in May, but sales tax revenues to the Village are still almost 2 percent less through May than through May 2014.

The Village received \$42,284.66 when Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar sent cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts their May local sales tax allocations totaling \$759.8 million, up 6.1 percent compared to May 2014. In May 2014, the Village received \$38,369.05. For they year, the Village has received \$159,684.03 while it received \$162,261.58 paid through May 2014.

The Salado Public Library District received a sales tax rebate check of \$29,954.84 for May, up almost 12 percent over last May's payment of

\$26,845.74. For the year, the Salado Public Library District is down almost 2 percent as well, having received \$118,722.00 compared to the \$121,085.31 paid through May 2014.

Bell County sales tax revenues is up by almost 4 percent to \$1.58 million last May. For the year, the County is more than 6 percent ahead of 2014. Bell County has received \$7.24 million thus far in 2015 compared to \$6.81 million paid through May 2014.

The May sales tax checks are for taxes that are collected in March and reported to the Comptroller's office in April.

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar said last week that state sales tax revenue in April was \$2.3 billion, up 1.1 percent compared to April 2014.

"As we predicted in January, state revenues have grown at a moderate pace. April is the second consecutive month of relatively slow growth in sales tax revenue, and I remain cautiously optimistic about our economic progress," Hegar said. "Growth in total sales tax revenues collected this month was muted by the significant slowdown in the oil and gas mining sector; however, collections from other major economic sectors - including retail and wholesale trade, restaurants, construction, and manufacturing - continued to grow. This marks the 61st consecutive month of growth in sales tax collections."

The next sales tax rebate will be June 3 for April collections.

Val Verde Baptist Church hosts Evangelist Larry Sturm May 17

Internationally-known evangelist Larry Sturm will be at Val Verde Baptist Church 5 p.m. May 17. Val Verde Baptist Church is located on FM 2268 nine miles east of Holland. Following the concert, refreshments will be

served. Sturm has ministered for more than 30 years in 34 nations around the world in full time music evangelism through music, mission trips, musicals, sermons and numerous other avenues.

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Village of Salado Calendar of Events

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Salado Ladies Auxiliary Meeting, 9:30 a.m. at the Stagecoach Inn Robertson Room.

MAY 14
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MAY 14
Chisholm Trail American Business Woman's Association annual fashion show and luncheon at The Venue. Tickets are \$25 per person. Info: 254 947-3617 or barclaymccort@gmail.com.

MAY 16
Salado Lions Club Pancake Breakfast, 7:30 - 10 a.m. at the Church of Christ Activity Center.

MAY 16
Hatha Flow Levels 1 & 2, 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. at The Yoga Room. Info: (254) 681-7623

MAY 17
Hatha Therapy, 3 - 4 p.m. at The Yoga Room. Info: (254) 681-7623

MAY 18
Salado Village Artists Stitchers & Knitters, 1 p.m. at Salado Village Artists Building. New artists welcome

MAY 18
Better Than Ever - Getting old is inevitable, feeling old is optional, 5 p.m. at Salado Civic Center. Free geriatric wellness presentation by Dr. Alice Cooper, PT, DPT. (refreshments provided)

MAY 18
Salado ISD Board of Trustees meeting, 6 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center.

MAY 18
Team Roping, 7 p.m. at 3C Cowboy Fellowship. Arena line: 947-7214.

MAY 19
Salado Rotary Club, 11:30 a.m. Johnny's Steaks & Barbecue.

MAY 19
Salado Community Chorus practice, 6 p.m., Salado Civic Center, unless otherwise noted.

MAY 19
East Bell County Genealogical Society Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at Temple Public Library.

MAY 19
Salado High School Athletic Banquet. info: saladoisd.org

MAY 20
Mah Jongg at Salado

MAY 20
Public Library, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

MAY 20
Bull Riding, 7:30 p.m. at 3C Cowboy Fellowship. Arena line: 947-7214.

MAY 21
Salado Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting, 8:30 a.m. at the Visitors Center

MAY 21
3rd Thursday Music Club, 5 - 8 p.m. at JD's Travel Center. Old time music, acoustic only. Everyone welcome to come play or listen.

MAY 21
Salado Aldermen meeting, 6:30 p.m., Municipal building, 301 N. Stagecoach Rd. Meeting is open to the public.

MAY 23
Learn Double Knit Technique Class (and make a Juffy Bear) with Salado Yarn Co, 10 a.m. - noon inside The Shoppes on Main. \$15 plus materials. Register at saladoyarn.com

MAY 23
Play Day Series at 3C Cowboy Fellowship. info 947-7214.

MAY 24
Penning and Sorting, 1 - 3 p.m. at 3C Cowboy Fellowship. info: 231-1096 or 493-2082

MAY 27
Salado Lions Club, 11:30 a.m., Salado Civic Center.

MAY 27
Bull Riding, 7:30 p.m. at 3C Cowboy Fellowship. Arena line: 947-7214.

MAY 30
Salado High School Academic Banquet, 5 p.m. at SHS.

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Class of 2015 Baccalaureate, 5 p.m. at Salado United Methodist Church

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JUNE 1
Senior Awards Night at Salado High School, info: saladoisd.org

JUNE 1
Salado Kindergarten Graduation, info: saladoisd.org

JUNE 3 & 10
Learn to Knit Class with Salado Yarn Co, 10 a.m. - noon inside The Shoppes on Main. \$30 plus materials. Register at saladoyarn.com

JUNE 4
Last day of classes, Salado ISD.

JUNE 5
Salado High School Graduation, 10 a.m. at UMHB

JUNE 6, 13, 20
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JUNE 6
Play Day Series at 3C Cowboy Fellowship. Leadline, Pole Bending, Keyhole, Flag, Barrels and a mystery event. All age divisions/Open and Novice divisions. info (254)624-9678.

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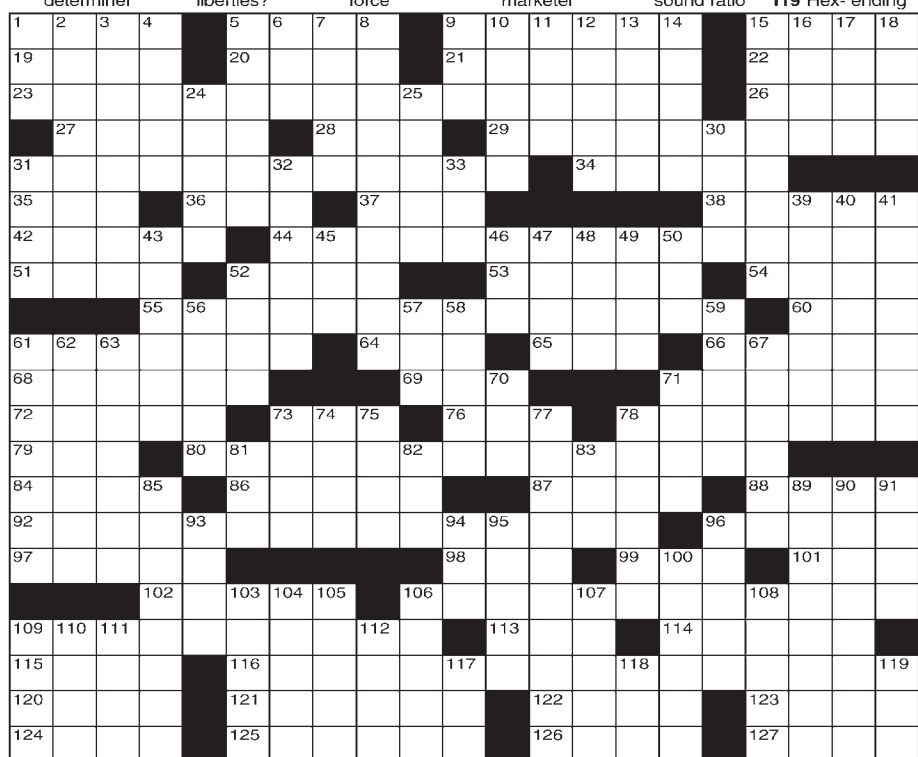
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 97 January, in Spain
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 77 Scorching
 78 "The — Coochi Coo" (1961 hit)
 81 Musicality
 82 Winter hrs. in Wichita
 83 "— iron bars a cage"
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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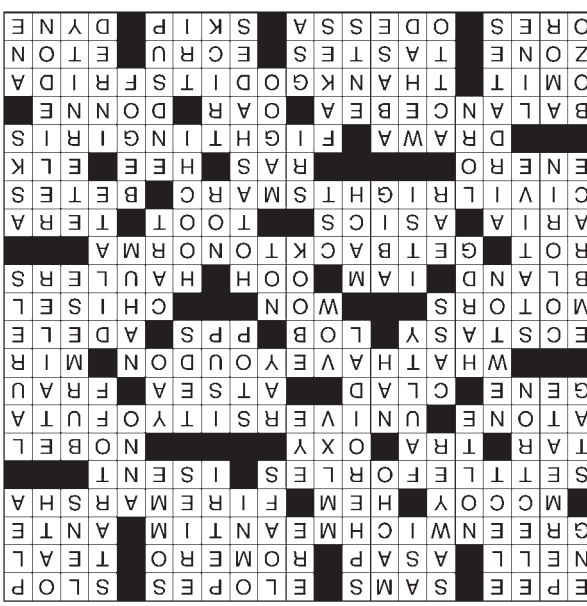
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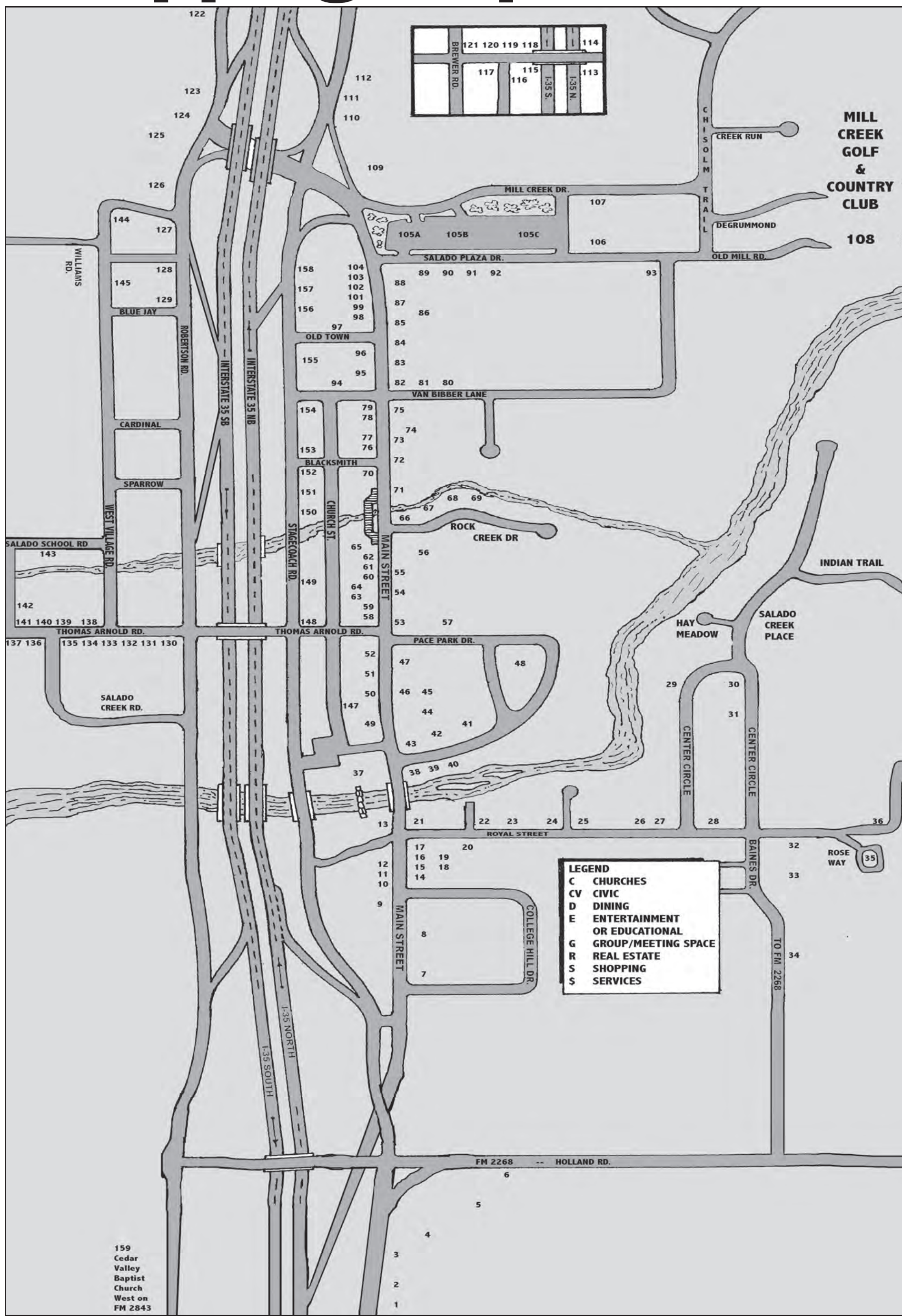
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2. JD's Travel Center 254-947-5228 D	55. SALADO SQUARE 254-947-0323 S	Bruce Bolick, CPA 254-681-7623 \$	131. Johnny's Steaks & Bar-Be-Que 254-947-4663 D
3. The Play Yard Preschool 254-947-1153 \$	A. Magnolia's 254-947-4263 S	The Yoga Room 254-947-8848 S	135. The Play Yard Infant Center 254-947-1129 \$
4. Wildfire Ranch Arena 877-947-9988 E	C. Linda Rountree Pritchard Egg 254-947-4263 S	Stamp Salado 254-947-8098 S	138. Salado Lady Eagles Softball Field
5. St. Stephen Catholic Church 254-947-8037 C	Message Therapist 254-947-3828 D	Upscale Interiors Consignment 254-947-5322 S	139. Thomas Arnold Elementary 254-947-5191 E
6. SALADO COLLEGE HILL PARK	The Range at the Barton House 254-947-5242 S	Salado Post Office 254-947-5050 R	140. Salado Intermediate School 254-947-1700 E
7. Stagecoach Inn Restaurant 254-947-5111 D	Salado Family Dentistry 254-855-5538 S	Century 21 Bill Bartlett Real Estate 254-947-5271 D	141. Salado Junior High School 254-947-6985 E
8. THE SHOPS AT THE STAGECOACH	Salado Creek Jewelers by Kiki 254-935-3580 \$	Subway 254-947-5271 D	142. Salado Eagle Stadium
9. A. Finders Keepers 325-665-5669 S	Passport to Paradise 254-947-0281 S	Old-Fashioned Burgers 254-947-1111 \$	143. Eagle Baseball Field
10. PUBLIC RESTROOMS	Mud Pies Pottery 254-947-0281 S	The Personal Wealth Coach 254-947-1111 \$	144. Village Spirits 254-947-7117 S
11. Central Texas Area Museum	Sir Wigglesworth Fudge 254-947-0888 S	SALADO PLAZA SHOPPING CENTER	145. Broecker Funeral Home 254-947-0066 S
12. SHADY VILLA CENTER	The Shoppes on Main in Salado 254-947-0888 S	B. Sam Teas Dentistry 254-947-4755 \$	147. Salado Masonic Lodge #296 254-458-2643 CV
13. Sofi's 254-947-4336 S	Salado Yarn Co. 254-947-0888 S	B. Salado Village Voice 254-947-5321 \$	148. Salado Baptist Church Youth Activities Center 254-947-3610 D
14. Salado Glassworks 254-947-0339 S	OLD CHURCH PLACE	B. Ace Pest Control 254-947-4222 S	149. Heart Filled Bakery 254-947-3610 D
15. Springhouse 254-947-0747 S	A. The Pizza Place 254-947-0222 D	B. Walt Tollefson Computer 254-291-6354 S	151. Salado Fire Department Station #1
16. The Shed 254-947-1960 D	THE COLONY	B. Finney Insurance 254-947-3599 S	152. Salado Church of Christ 254-947-5241 C
17. Inn on the Creek B&B 254-947-5554 L	A. Griffith Fine Art Gallery 254-947-3177 S	B. Monteith Abstract & Title 254-947-3922 S	153. Village of Salado 254-947-5060 S
18. Alexander's Distillery 254-947-5554 D	SALADO CIVIC SQUARE	B. Anytime Fitness 254-947-1063 S	155. Salado Creek Antiques 254-947-1800 S
19. Tablerock Amphitheater 254-947-9205 E	CORNETT CORNER	B. The Hair Shop 254-760-1990 \$	156. Salado Antique Mall 254-947-3355 S
20. HISTORIC SALADO CEMETERY	A. Salado Creek Winery 254-947-0237 S	Tammy Haire, stylist 254-947-0100 \$	157. Horizon Bank Salado 254-947-8636 S
21. Salado United Methodist Church 254-947-5482 C	Crain Chiropractic & Wellness 254-947-2225 \$	B. Mill Creek Cleaners 254-947-0100 \$	159. Cedar Valley Baptist Church 254-947-0148 C
22. First Baptist Church of Salado 254-947-5465 C	Historic Log Cabins & Aiken Cemetery	B. Integrity Rehab 254-699-3933 \$	
23. CREEKSIDE CENTER	Salado Art Center and Village Artists	C. Brookshire Brothers 254-947-8922 S	NOT SHOWN ON MAP
24. Susan Marie's Dress Shop 254-947-5239 S	Salado Civic Center	108. Mill Creek Country Club 254-947-5698 S	3C Cowboy Fellowship 254-947-7211 C
25. Prollop Fine Art Gallery 254-947-3930 S	Salado ISD Administration 254-947-5479 E	109. Salado Public Library 254-947-9191 E	
26. W.A. Pace Memorial Park	Salado Visitors Center 254-947-8634 S	110. Salado Cleaners 254-947-7299 S	
27. THE VERANDA	Salado Chamber of Commerce 254-947-5040 S	111. Hairitage Barber Shop 254-947-3309 S	
28. A. First Texas Brokerage 254-947-5577 R	Salado Wine Seller 254-947-8011 S	112. Salado High School 254-947-5429 E	
29. First State Bank 254-947-5852 \$	St. Joseph's Episcopal Church 254-947-3160 C	113. Salado Collision & Restoration 254-947-3380 \$	
30. FIRST CENTRE	Presbyterian Church of Salado 254-947-8106 C	114. Salado Fire Department Station #2 254-947-5917 C	
31. A. First Community Title 254-947-8480 R	Troy Smith Financial Services 254-947-0376 \$	115. Grace Baptist Church 254-947-8058 \$	
32. B. Farmers Insurance Zbraneck Agency 254-947-0995 \$	Salado Sculpture Garden	116. Salado Veterinary Hospital 254-947-5700 D	
33. Angelic Herbs 254-947-1909 S	SALADO ARTS COMPLEX	117. Cowboy's Barbecue 254-947-5700 D	
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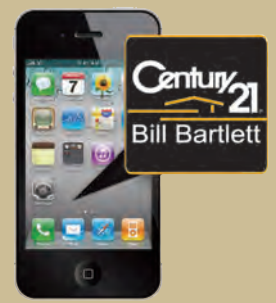


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Area Land Listings

- **Creeks of Salado:** Estate-sized lots starting at \$60,000
- **Mill Creek lots:** \$32,000 - \$59,000
- **Hidden Springs lots:** \$47,500 - \$74,900
- **1.25 ac.** Commercial tract in Jarrell at I-35 & Meadow Valley Loop.
- **10.24 acres,** potential for commercial business on FM 1670, just off Hwy 190
- **15 ac.-** I-35 South of Salado
- **59, 65 & 80 ac. tracts** on I-35 S. of Salado, nice views and long road frontage
- **93 ac.,** hilltop homesite in Holland



Classifieds

Privately located on 1.53 acres with beautiful trees and landscaping in Mill Creek. Desirable backyard totally fenced. There are 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, two dining areas, living room with a WBFP, separate utility, 18 X 9 enclosed porch, 21 X 13 multi purpose room upstairs, and 2 storage buildings. 702 DeGrummond Way. \$389,000. Raney & Associates, 254-913-1215. 05/07tfnb

Perfect home overlooking the Texas Hill Country. Hill country flavored home on 5 gorgeous acres with barn for horses \$429,900. More info at www.1349hiddensprings.com Call First Texas Brokerage 947-5577

Private & scenic 10 acres! "Country Living" inspired 3 BR, 2.5 BA home. Mature trees, in-ground pool, 30x60 shop w/ 3 rollup doors plus living quarters. Entire perimeter is fenced, roping arena w/ holding pens, 3 stall barn & tack room, fenced backyard w/ craft house. Home is accented with reclaimed brick floors downstairs & custom carpet upstairs. Large master suite down, Butler's pantry w/ utility sink, garage converted to game room. Carport, circle drive. Salado Schools. NICE! 431 Elmer King Rd., Belton. \$549,921. Century 21 Bill Bartlett 947-5050 2/2tfnf

Fresh, clean & ready for new owners. This 3 or 4 BR home offers a gorgeous view of the Mill Creek Golf Course. The enclosed porch would be ideal for a workout room, play room, office, craft room, hot tub or many other opportunities. For those buyers with allergies, all the flooring is tile or wood laminate. Be sure to check out the spacious master bedroom & large master bath. 1318 Walker Circle, Salado. \$280,000. Century 21 Bill Bartlett 947-5050.

One bedroom, one bath townhome. Large living room with fireplace. Spacious bathroom. Enclosed porch for extra living space. Efficiency kitchen. Laminate flooring throughout. There are a few pieces of Rattan furniture. 1015 Old Mill Road #7 \$68,500 Raney & Associates, 254-913-1215. 05/07tfnb

Escape to your own resort all on 5 pristine acres. As you walk into this home you will be taken by the grand great room with high ceilings, custom wood beams and large windows overlooking the swimming pool. \$599,875. Call Ryan 541-2255. First Texas Brokerage 254-947-5577 9/8tfn

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Elegant Austin Stone Home on tree-covered lot. Large covered back patio overlooking the tropical landscaping and swimming pool. Granite counters, stainless steel appliances. \$499,900 Call First Texas Brokerage 947-5577.

4 BR, 2 BA home on 1/2 acre. Close to downtown Salado. Open living, dining & kitchen area. Large private fenced backyard. Master suite has separate shower/tub with nice walk-in closet. Two car garage. Roof replaced July 2014. Home built in 2004. 1207 Baines St., Salado. \$215,021. Century 21 Bill Bartlett 947-5050 01/23tfnf

3BR-2BA Desirable home on 2.493 acres. Beautiful in ground pool! Plenty of room for a garden. Split bedroom plan. Gorgeous setting with trees galore. Nice fenced in yard and two exterior buildings. 8048 FM 2484 \$209,500, Raney & Associates, call Ann Carroll 254-760-0101 05/07tfnb

4 BR, 2.5 BA home, split floor plan, gourmet kitchen plus Florida room. 2 living/ 2 dining. Gas fireplaces in den & master. Great floor plan with hardwood floors in kitchen, living & dining areas, soaring ceilings & cross beams in den. Private master suite w/ sitting area. Half bath off den. Jack-n-Jill bath at Bedrooms 3 & 4. Central vacuum, security system, water softener, sprinkler system & gutters. New roof in 2014. Corner lot with no neighbors at back. Room for golf cart, \$3000 carpet allowance. 1201 Ambrose Dr. \$349,900. Century 21 Bill Bartlett 947-5050.

A unique place to live. Enjoy the carefree life of driving your golf cart (street safe) to the grocery store and shopping on Main. Friendly village with shops, great schools, many churches, outstanding library and this charming home is located close to all. Home backs up to the Salado Creek and offers an inviting open floor plan. 1201 Mill Creek Drive \$279,000 Raney & Associates, 254-913-1215. 05/07tfnb

Located on a beautiful tree lined street, this renovated home offers 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, sunroom with heating and

air, large living/dining room with wood burning fireplace, floors are tile and engineered wood, windows replaced, plantation shutters on all windows security system and sprinkler system. Pristine condition. 801 Arrowhead Drive \$249,000 Raney & Associates, 254-913-1215. 05/07tfnb

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Salado Police Department Incident Report May 5-9

May 5
 10:45-10:58 a.m., 900 Block Salado Oaks. Fraud, received a call at the above address for a call about a scam via phone call. I then made contact with the victim of the scam and advised him not to do anything. I was given the information he received and cleared scene.
 5:50-5:52 p.m., 000 Block Salado Square. Alarm Business, building secure ground level.
 7:14-7:17 p.m., 2300 Block Chisholm. Alarm Residential, alarm activated accidentally.
 May 6
 7:47-7:55 p.m., 1400 Block Elizabeth Circle. Welfare Concern, caller states deer trapped in neighbor's fence. Deer gone on arrival.
 8:47-8:52 a.m., 2700 Block Chisholm Trail. Injured Deer or Animal, injured deer located by caller. Deer deceased on scene. Two fawns extracted alive by caller. No game warden on duty to give information. Requested contact from BCSO Animal Control to ask for wildlife care phone numbers. Sheriff's Office advised they don't take deer. Residents given only Animal Control company

number available to me.
 Clear.
 9:37-9:41 a.m., 1600 Block Club Circle. Fire, structure fire reported at the golf cart outbuilding. Arrived on scene to find smoke and flame showing. Obtained hazardous material identifiers on scene for fire department. SVFD arrived and extinguished fire. Clear.
 2:05-2:14 p.m., Warrent Service. Subject appearing in court known to have warrants. Warrants confirmed and subject taken into custody.
 3:05-3:07 p.m., 000 Block Rock Creek. Disturbance, caller found snake on property. Gone on arrival. Options explained to caller.
 4:38-4:40 p.m., 300 Block W. Village Rd. Miscellaneous, caller smells foul odor in area. Requests callback. Callback attempted, mailbox full. Drove area, unable to locate.
 10:45-10:58 p.m., I-35 NB MM 285. Crash, 4 vehicle crash, Major, no injuries.
 10:27 p.m., I-35 NB MM 285. Miscellaneous, motorist assist. Vehicle with flat tire. Located vehicle, tire was changed prior to my arrival.

May 7
 12:53-12:55 a.m., Holiday Inn. Agency Assist, BCSO asked for assistance on a suspicious person call in the parking lot of Holiday Inn. Located and identified subject. He was asleep in his truck. BCSO arrived and took over the scene.
 1300 Block Chisholm Trl. Miscellaneous. Caller stated that her dog has gone missing. Small white male poodle, curly hair. At this time no one has reported finding the dog.
 11:14-11:16 a.m., 213 Mill Creek Dr. Suite 125. Alarm Business, Robbery Alarm. Accidentally set off while changing batteries. Employees Code-4. Clear.
 Police Department. Walk-in complainant believes property was stolen from her at a store. Report.
 May 8
 7:47-7:55 p.m., I-35 NB 285. Traffic Control, assisted 121 Towing with a disabled vehicle- 18 wheeler blocking the right lane of traffic. Vehicle was towed off of the interstate.
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 6:37 p.m., #1 Salado Square (Magnolia's). Alarm Business, checked all window sand doors, all secure.

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Salado Village Voice

Annual Civil War Reenactment Marches into Temple

Temple prepares for battle this weekend at the Seventh Annual Battle of Temple Junction Civil War Reenactment taking place at the Texas Early Day Tractor and Engine Association Show Grounds

(1717 Eberhardt Road) on May 16-17. Although a fictitious battle, The Battle of Temple Junction illustrates how Union and Confederate troops lived, trained and fought during

the Civil War. Throughout the weekend, guests will be able to experience reenactments of infantry and artillery units in battle scenarios, walk through Union and Confederate camps and learn about the daily life of Civil War soldiers. Full-scale battle reenactments showcasing period and reproduction weapons, uniforms and gear, military surgical demonstrations and cavalry competitions will take place each day. Civil War era entertainment, games and food vendors will also be at the location.

"We want everybody to enjoy a weekend full of history and excitement," said Holly Leiferman, Special Events Coordinator, Holly Leiferman. "This is a perfect event for families to experience history up close and learn what life was really like during the Civil War from professional reenactors from all over the state of Texas."

Ticket prices are \$5 for adults, \$3 for children 3-12



years old, and free for children 2 and under. Tickets can be purchased online at www.battleoftemplejunction.com or at the gate. Adult tickets purchased

online will receive a free T-shirt, while supplies last. Gates open at 9 a.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. Sunday. For more information about the 2015 Battle of

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Leaf Spot Disease

Leaf spot diseases are probably the most common types of plant diseases encountered by The Extension Office this week. These diseases are most widespread after

relatively cool, wet spring weather, since free water on leaf surfaces is usually necessary for infection. Most common ornamental trees and shrubs are hosts to one or more leaf-

infecting pathogens. In most cases, leaf spots are considered to be more aesthetic than life-threatening problems, although they can result in significant and sometimes disconcerting premature leaf drop.

Most leaf spot diseases are caused by fungi, although other organisms, such as bacteria and nematodes, can also cause foliar diseases. Leaf spot symptoms vary with the plant host and the causal agent. However, typical leaf spots usually have fairly defined margins and brown, black, tan, or reddish centers. Spots vary from pin-head to several centimeters in diameter and can coalesce to encompass entire leaves. Some spots are raised, some spots drop out and give the leaf a shot-holed appearance and some spots have distinct yellow haloes. Heavily infected leaves turn yellow and brown, shrivel, and drop prematurely. Partial to complete premature defoliation of a tree or shrub may occur under some circumstances.

Although several different genera of fungi cause leaf spots, their disease cycles are similar. In most cases, the fungi overwinter on fallen leaves and plant debris. In spring, fruiting bodies mature to produce fungal spores that are carried by wind-driven or splashing rain to newly emerging leaves. Once on the leaf surface, the spores germinate, penetrate and infect the leaf. Although, infections have occurred, there is usually a time lag before visible symptoms develop. Depending on the fungus, there may be one or several cycles occur with bacterial are often spread throughout the season. Most of the fungi that cause leaf spots are fairly host-specific and do not move casually to a wide range of different plant hosts. However, since they all require very similar environmental conditions for infection, they often appear on different hosts at about the same time. To the casual observer, they all look like the same infection "gone wild."

The presence and severity of leaf spot diseases can vary from year to year. This is influenced by the weather and the amount of inoculum. Leaf spots are most likely to develop when there are

high levels of overwintering inoculum from heavy infections the previous season and when there are extended periods of cool, wet, weather during April, May, and June when leaves are emerging. Leaf spots can be managed using a variety of strategies; they are rarely serious enough to warrant yearly chemical control and are often effectively managed by following good sanitary and cultural practices. In fall, it is important to rake and remove fallen leaves from the vicinity of the tree or shrub since many of the leaf-spotting fungi persist on fallen leaves and in plant debris. This practice reduces the overwintering inoculum and the number of spores available to infect emerging leaves in spring.

It is also helpful to follow sound cultural practices that promote plant vigor. These include proper watering, fertilizing (as needed or as suggested by a soil test), mulching, and appropriately timed pruning. Leaf spots are most severe under crowded and shaded conditions. Leaf spots are especially problematic on new transplants or on weakened or stressed plants. In such cases, chemical control can be helpful, especially in cool, wet springs. However, accurate diagnosis of the specific leaf spot is often necessary to select the most efficacious fungicide for control. The pesticide labels contain information for use including specific plant hosts and diseases, dosage rates, and safety precautions. Since most leaf-spotting fungi infect in spring as new leaves are emerging, the first fungicide spray is usually applied at bud break. Additional applications may also be necessary in unusually wet and prolonged springs. When symptoms are visible on the new leaves, it is usually too late for effective chemical control.

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May 4
6:54-7:14 p.m., 1900 Block N. Stagecoach. Dispatched for a disoriented patient at Holiday Inn. Arrived on scene to find a 31 year old male patient out with Temple PD. Belton EMS arrived on scene and took patient care. No patient contact by Salado VFD. Patient transported to Temple VA by Belton EMS. 1 unit, 2 personnel.

May 5
9:33 a.m. 53 year old female not breathing. Arrived on scene to find patient laying in bed not breathing. Took patient and placed her in living room on floor and began CPR. Did 3 rounds of CPR with AED advised no shock. Scott & White arrived on scene and took over patient care. Scott & White did 3 rounds of meds w/CPR and then called doctor. Doctor advised CPR could be stopped and patient was pronounced. BCSO arrived on scene and stood by until funeral home arrived on scene. All units cleared. 2 units, 3 personnel.

3:35-4:05 p.m., Thomas Arnold and Salado Junior High. Out to a patient with low potassium. Arrived on scene to find patient sitting in drivers seat and was cramped up. Got vitals on patient and charted them. Patient stated she had taken meds 15 minutes prior to our arrival and was feeling better. Scott & White arrived on scene and got a no transport on patient and all units cleared. 2 units, 3 personnel.

8:14-8:50 p.m., FM 1670 and West Amity Rd. Out to a patient with chest pain. Arrived on scene to find patient sitting in passenger seat of vehicle on side of road. Patient was complaining of nausea, chest pain, and heart racing. Patient has a history of A-Fib and said she had it today since 11:00. Got vitals on patient and charted them. Patient was placed on nasal at 2 lpm. Scott & White arrived on scene and took over patient care. Assisted them with

loading patient. Scott & White transported patient to Scott & White ER and all units cleared. 2 units, 2 personnel.

May 6
9:25-9:53 a.m., Windy Hill Ranch FM 2484. Out to possible grass fire. Once on scene it was determined to be a controlled burn and the County had already been notified. All units cleared. 2 units, 3 personnel.

9:36-11:17 a.m., 1600 Block Club Circle/Mill Creek Golf Course. Out to a possible structure at the Mill Creek Club House at the building where carts are stored. SPD arrived on scene and was giving updates and confirmed we had heavy smoke and flames showing. Arrived on scene to find the building with heavy smoke showing from the south end. Pulled 1 3/4" pre-connect and began attack on the fire a couple of bystanders had tried to pull some of the carts out of the building but smoke got too thick to get very many out. A estimated of 100 carts in building all gas powered. Got the fire knocked down and under control in around 30 minutes with around 1,500 gallons of water, fire was contained to the south end of building with heavy smoke damage to the entire rest of the building. BFD arrived on scene and relieved on some mop up. Once there was very little smoke left BFD was released. Found out that a maintenance worker had been sweating a pipe around where the fire had started and was more than likely the cause. Stood by until all smoke was over and no more heat was detected. Once no more dangers were found, all units cleared. 5 units, 5 personnel.

May 7
8:03-8:18 a.m., 300 Block Salado Plaza Dr. Out to a patient that had a medical alarm going off, unknown medical problem. Arrived on scene to find patient laying on floor. Just needed help up. No

injuries. Advised Scott & White they could cancel. Assisted patient in wheelchair and then sat patient in her recliner. Patient needed no further assist and no complaints. All units cleared. 2 units, 2 personnel.

May 8
2:18-2:45 p.m., 3500 Block FM 2484. Out to a patient with chest pain at the Scott & White Clinic. Arrived on scene to find patient with nurses. Relayed patient info to Scott & White EMS. Scott & White EMS assisted them with loading patient. Scott & White transported

patient, all units cleared. 1 units, 1 personnel.

May 9
12:47-1:19 p.m., 5400 Block W. Amity Rd. Out to a man down. Arrived on scene to find 57 year old male sitting on car. Patient was aware with no complaints. Bystander said patient was sitting down and passed out and quit breathing. They indicated they started chest compressions and he woke up. Performed initial vitals and obtained sample. Patient was turned over to Scott & White and transported. 1 unit, 5 personnel.

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