



Sirena Dedication on Nov. 1

Troy Kelley and the Public Arts League of Salado invite you to a dedication of the new Sirena statue and her Magical Catfish at 5:30 p.m. Nov. 1 on the southwest side of the Salado Creek Main Street Bridge. Kelley will tell Sirena's history since he placed her in the creek in 1986 and donors for the recasting of Sirena will be acknowledged. A reception will follow at Praelop Fine Art Gallery hosted by Public Arts League of Salado. To RSVP for the reception, call 947-8386. (PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN)

Safe, fun activities abound for Halloween weekend

The Village of Salado will have plenty of safe activities for families for Halloween weekend.

St. Joseph's Episcopal Church will hold its annual Halloween Carnival, 5-10 p.m. Oct. 31. The public is invited.

Activities included are: duck pond, bean bag toss, go fish, pumpkins race, cookie decorating, and costume contest.

A special addition to the carnival will be the construction of a large maze designed to challenge both adults and children.

Concessions will be available. For further information contact Tyler Fletcher at 947-5414.

The Community-wide

Fall Festival will return to Wildfire Ranch arena 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Oct. 31. There will be fun and games for the kids with booths sponsored by local churches and organizations.

Salado High School Soccer will hold a fundraiser at the football game on Oct. 31. A photo booth with costumes and a coffee bar will raise funds for the Soccer program.

Football fans are invited to gather their friends and meet at the photo booth to take fabulous, funky, or frightful photos using the props provided. Cost is \$2 per person. The only limit is your imagination.

Warm up with a cup of joe at the game. The cus-

tom coffee stand will pour your brew just the way you like it, with special blends and flavorings. Cappuccino, hot chocolate, and coffee. It's a fancy coffee shop right at Eagle Stadium.

Following the last home football game of the season, there will be a Fifth Quarter Celebration Oct. 31 at First Baptist Church of Salado.

Tablerock's Fright Trail will continue 6:30- 9:30 p.m. on November 1. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$3 children 12 and under. Visit a half mile of thrills and chills from classic tales. For more information call (254) 947-9205

Senior tax freeze causes financial crunch for cities that can't repeal, reduce it

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

When then-State Rep. Fred Brown authored the bill that called for a state constitutional amendment to allow Texas counties, junior colleges and cities to adopt a tax freeze on homesteads of those over age 65 and on homesteads of disabled veterans, it passed the state House unanimously. In 2003, the constitutional amendment was approved by 81 percent of the voters statewide. It seemed, at the time, like a no brainer. Freeze the municipal taxes that senior citizens pay, much like the school taxes for seniors have been frozen in Texas for many years.

For many city leaders that were quick to embrace the tax freeze and implement it locally, the idea has backfired as they now face the dilemma of funding their budgets every year.

Many cities have refused to put the tax freezes into place. Others have done so, only to regret it later, especially when they cannot repeal or rescind the tax ceiling.

Now, discussion of the tax ceiling law and other local homestead exemptions have been caught up in the heated debate over the \$10.55 million bond for construction of a sewer system in Salado.

Some opponents to the sewer bond have taken to social media, quoting part

of the property tax code and telling those over 65 that the tax freeze can be taken away by a vote of the board of aldermen.

This is not so.

Roger L. Chesser, deputy chief appraiser for the Bell County Tax Appraisal District (BellCAD), in an e-mail with *Salado Village Voice* on Oct. 24, was asked this direct question: "A municipality — once it has adopted the over 65 tax ceiling — cannot repeal the tax ceiling. It can repeal or lower the tax exemptions. Are those correct statements? Even if the city were to repeal the exemptions (\$50,000 for over 65), it would not affect the ceilings already in place."

His response was this: "To the best of our knowledge those statements are true."

"Once a city passes a property tax freeze, the tax freeze is permanent," stated Heather Mahurin, legal counsel with the Texas Municipal League.

She pointed out the final sentence in Article 8, section 1-b(h) of the Texas Constitution, which states: "The governing body of a county, a city or town, or a junior college district may not repeal or rescind a tax limitation established under this subsection."

The Comptroller's office, in a lengthy paper on property tax, confirms this, as does the Texas Association of Counties. A county, junior college dis-

trict or municipality, once it has adopted the over 65 Tax Ceiling, may not repeal or rescind it.

Apparently, the only ones to refute this are "a couple of really smart guys" on Facebook.

What can be repealed is not the tax freeze, but tax exemptions. If those entities offer a further tax exemption to homesteads of citizens over the age of 65 or citizens who are disabled, those taxing entities may reduce or repeal the local tax exemptions it offers, but not any exemptions established by the state.

If a municipality does so, this action has no effect on property owners who have had their property taxes frozen.

This is one reason that many Texas counties and cities have chosen not to adopt the tax ceilings. Around the state, cities are dealing with the long-term ramifications of those tax ceilings.

Fairview's Mayor Sim Israeloff explained in a letter to taxpayers that "If a senior tax freeze is enacted, the governing body 'may not repeal or rescind' the exemption in the future, not matter what happens.... The issue of a senior tax freeze in Fairview has come up for discussion from time to time. Some cities have adopted them including a few in our area, but most in Texas

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Salado voters flood early voting polls; Election day is Nov. 4

Early voting in the mid-term election has been especially high in Salado as local issues are driving voters to the polls. Through Oct. 29, 1,102 voters have cast ballots in the early voting for Salado. Early voting will continue 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Oct. 30 and 31 at the Salado Civic Center.

Election day, the Salado polls will be open 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Nov. 4 at the Salado Church of Christ Activity Center at 225 N. Main St.

At the bottom of a long ballot are these two local proposals:

- "The issuance of not to exceed \$10,550,000 general obligation bonds for sewer facilities, property and improvements, and the levy of a tax suffi-

cient to pay for the bonds."

- "Local option election to legalize the legal sale of beer and wine."

Also on the ballot this fall are these:

Proposition: "The constitutional amendment providing for the use and dedication of certain money transferred to state highway fund to assist in the completion of transportation construction, maintenance and rehabilitation projects, not to include toll roads."

U.S. Senator: John Cornyn, David M. Alameel, Emily "Spicybrown" Sanchez and Rebecca Padlock

U.S. Rep., District 31: John R. Carter, Louie Minor, Scott J. Ballard

Governor: Greg Abbott,

Wendy R. Davis, Brandon Parmer, Kathie Glass.

Lt. Governor: Dan Patrick, Leticia Van de Putte, Chandrakantha Courtney, Robert D. Butler.

Attorney General: Ken Paxton, Sam Houston, Jammar Osborne, Jamie Bala-gia.

Comptroller of Public Accounts: Glenn Hegar, Mike Collier, Deb Shafto, Ben Sanders

Land Commissioner: George P. Bush, John Cook, Valerie Alessi, Justin Knight

Ag Commissioner: Sid Miller, Jim Hogan, Kenneth Kendrick, David (Rocky) Palmquist

Railroad Commissioner: Ryan Sitton, Steve

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Grants, loans, fees just part of funding picture for major infrastructure

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The Village of Salado, earlier this month, submitted an application for a \$1.5 million economic development grant through the U.S. Department of Commerce, the grant completed by new city manager Kim Foutz at the same time that she completed a much smaller grant for a sidewalk project that will, if approved, link the sidewalk over the overpass on the north side of the I-35 overpass on Thomas Arnold to the Salado ISD school campuses on Thomas Arnold.

Both grants require a local match, something Salado has not been able to do before according to Central Texas Council of Governments executive director Jim Reed. Reed, for the last several months before Foutz was hired by the board of aldermen, has served on a contractual basis as the Village city administrator through an inter-local agreement with CTCOG.

He discussed the potential impact of the \$1.5 million matching grant, as well as other potential and much less likely funding sources during a town hall meeting concerning the proposed \$10.55 million dollar bond for construction of a sewer system that will serve parts but not all of the Village of Salado.

Prior to the Village aldermen voting to call for the bond election, no grants for infrastructure were forthcoming from the state or federal governments, according to Reed, despite claims from some citizens that aldermen were ignoring several different funding streams, programs and/or sources.

After the vote for the bond election, the Austin Region of the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Association contacted the Village to invite Salado to apply for the matching grant program for the sewer project. "These grants leverage existing regional assets and efforts," Reed said, "The federal government does not like to fund \$7 million sewer systems when the locals have no money in it."

State Funds

State funds and programs also come into play, but not in a "free money" method that some have taken to social media to espouse, criticizing the Village for not applying for these so-called grants. In fact, a video posted to a now-defunct Facebook community page quoted an "e-mail from the Texas Water Development Board" about their willingness to work with the Village because it works with communities of all sizes.

Brenner Brown, director of the Brazos Region Planning and Development of the Texas Water Development Board, spoke to the audience at the Town Hall meeting to clarify the TWDB position on funding and financing wastewater projects.

"The Texas Water Development Board is a bank created by the state in the 1950s after the drought of record at that time," Brenner said. "If you trace the history of the TWDB, you can trace major changes to its operations with the significant droughts in Texas."

Following the drought of 1997, the Legislature reshaped TWDB to work from the group up with planning regions from around the state. In 2011, following that record drought, the Legislature and Texas voters through Proposition 6 committed \$2 billion from the Rainy Day to finance water projects through the creation of the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas (SWIFT) and State Water Implementation Revenue Fund (SWIRFT).

The majority of these projects are water supply funds, but TWDB also finances water treatment projects.

"We loan out money to entities around the state," Brenner said. He added that six weeks ago his office received an inquiry into the program, to which he replied in an email that the "TWDB is able and willing to work with the city and that we fund projects throughout the state."

Evidently, that email may have been interpreted to mean that the TWDB

"pays for projects."

"We finance projects. The entities pay for them over the length of their loans, which may be as short as 10 years or as long as 30 years," Brenner said.

The typical interest rate for these projects is lower than many commercial loans at about 3 percent. The current interest rate in the bond market for a AA rated entity is between 1.95 percent for a 10 year maturity and 3.4 percent for a 30 year maturity.

TWDB also has finance programs through the Rural Water Assistant in which there is no ranking of applicants or time lines, but these rates are in the 4-5 percent range, Brenner explained.

In very few cases, there are programs that allow for forgiveness of debt for disadvantaged communities.

Salado, Reed said, is not a disadvantaged community. In fact, while working through CTCOG to try to carve out an application for a grant for other programs in Salado, Reed said that he tried to carve out a geographic area that might be considered economically disadvantaged to compete for grants without any success.

As executive director of CTCOG, Reed works with the 33 communities in the seven counties of the area to qualify those communities for any grants that they might get.

"What do you think is a more plausible situation," Reed asked the audience, "that I would field these questions and face you, if I knew there were these grants and free money... I have been managing regional and state programs for 20 years. If there were money right now, it would be in my best interest to tell you about it."

Local Funds

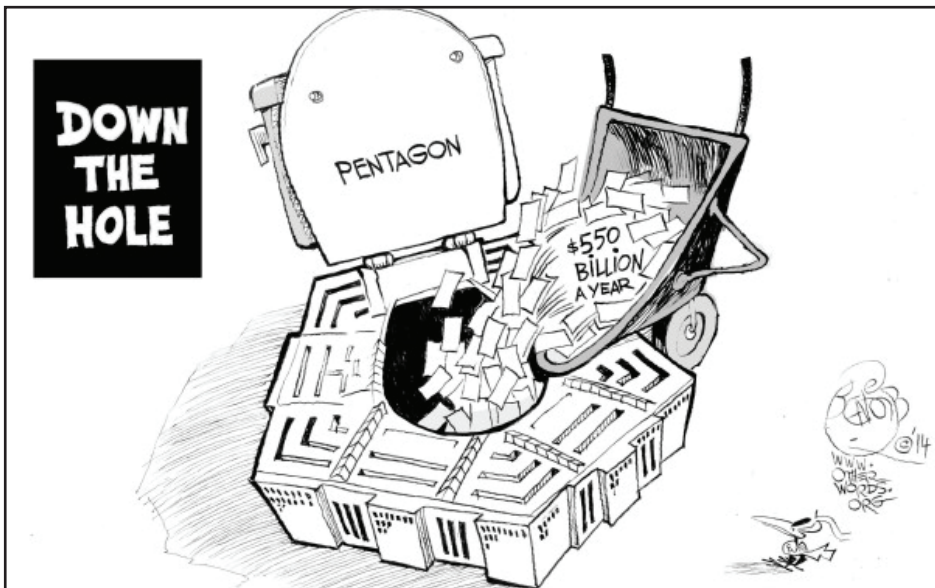
For most Texas communities, the funding for infrastructure such as sewers and roads comes from one source: the local community in the form of taxes and other local revenue streams.

It can come in a variety of ways, including the

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FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas



The Self-Indulgent Triviality of the Ferguson protests

It wasn't so long ago that Ferguson, MO., was supposed to be an American morality tale of racism, the militarization of police and all manner of other evil. For a few weeks in August, the attention of the national media focused on the suburb of St. Louis, and MSNBC practically broadcast nothing else.

While the media long ago moved on, the protests have persisted, entering their late, decadent phase of self-indulgent triviality. Cornel West got arrested last week, and Al Sharpton is heading back to Ferguson at the end of the month to pump up attention for what styles itself a movement, although it is more tinny by the day.

A hallmark of August was pointlessly destructive civil disorder, and it's only gotten more pointless. In late September, the make-

Rich Lowry



shift memorial to Michael Brown on the street in Ferguson burned down. This set off minor rioting, including the vandalizing of a beauty salon that has been hit multiple times for the offense of operating a business in a town where protesters are so committed to justice.

In nearby St. Louis a few weeks later, an off-duty cop working as a private security guard shot to death a teen who had fired at him with a Ruger 9 mm. It turned out the gun had been stolen two weeks earlier, and the teen, monitored with an ankle bracelet, had been awaiting trial on a felony concealed-weapon charge.

Protesters took the streets to demonstrate against what would strike most people as a legitimate act of self-defense, chanting the inapt "Hands up, don't shoot!"

A grand jury is still considering the evidence in the shooting of Michael Brown, which protesters long ago concluded is a case of murder in the first degree. It's not possible for anyone who wasn't there to know what happened on that day, when Brown's friend said Brown was attacked by Officer Darren Wilson and shot while running away.

An anonymous witness who saw the entire incident from beginning to end told the St. Louis Post-Dispatch that after an initial scuffle in the car, Officer Wilson didn't shoot Brown until he turned back toward

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Salado is bubbling with excitement

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(1) Monday, 20 Oct, Robert Sulaski, unveiled development plans for "Sanctuary" which now includes WildFire Roping Arena. Citizens asked great questions. Two were: "Is this really going to happen?" and "will you be in the city limits?" Answers: "Yes".

After the meeting, Robert Young, College Station Broker, was asked if there was a contract on the Robertson Ranch acreage. He answered: "yes, it is not a secret."

And, Stage Coach remains under contract.

All three developers expressed the importance of the downtown historical businesses.

The Village has received briefs by all three developers, but no negotiations; just listening.

Mayor Skip Blancett



All are watching the bond election.

(2) The roads are top Priority. Monday 27 Oct, the City Administrator and Alderman McDougal will receive a road repair demonstration. The specific road plans presented to the last Board of Aldermen/lady are under cost and schedule review. A Town Hall will be held when this is completed. Depending on weather, work may begin early next year.

(3) Ordinances are being revised. This is a tedious project that demands focus and hours of work.

However, it is being done in a timely manner.

(4) Events like Christmas in October, Fright Night, and the Catholic Fall Festival have been very successful and brought many visitors to town. All signs are pointing to a good Christmas Season.

By December, answers will be received on two submitted grants. A third is being written for a major spring grant.

It is important to stay informed of all Village happenings. The Village Voice is a good, informed source. Salado Village Mayor Blog.Blogspot.com is another away to daily stay informed.

Please stay excited about Salado. We are preserving the past; managing the present; and designing the future. You deserve our very best.

Sticking Texas-Sized Hurdles on the Path to Polls

Communities of color simply can't afford to sit this election out.

By MARC MORIAL
Marc Morial

Supporters of the right to vote just suffered a huge setback.

On October 9, voter ID laws that could have disenfranchised nearly a million voters in Wisconsin and Texas were ruled unconstitutional. The timing of these rulings — one by a Supreme Court majority and the other by Nelva Gonzales Ramos, a Corpus Christi-based federal judge — is critical. This year's midterm elections are just around the corner.

A few days later, a federal appeals court blocked the lower court's decision in Texas. That move struck a low blow to voting rights across the nation, and the conservative U.S. Supreme Court majority then issued an order of its own allowing the ruling to stand for now.

Collectively, these judicial actions cleared the way for Texas to enforce its suppressive voter ID requirements this November.

Texas has required voters to present a photo ID for years. This most recent law dramatically narrowed the range of acceptable documentation, so only a small number of documents are now permissible at the polls. Gun permits, for example, are valid credentials for voters seeking to cast ballots — but not student IDs.

In striking down the law, U.S. District Judge Gonzales Ramos ruled that it would require over 600,000 Texans to undertake the difficult and expensive effort to obtain photo IDs to exercise their right to vote. Furthermore, she found that the measure

amounts to an unconstitutional poll tax on a disproportionate number of poor and minority voters.

Ramos also debunked the Texas law's bogus claim of preventing voter fraud by pointing out that over the decade prior to its passage, only two cases of voter impersonation fraud had led to convictions.

The latest Texas ruling couldn't be more disheartening. The three-judge panel in the federal appeals court didn't find the lower court's ruling wrong or unlawful. Instead, they chose to delay consideration of whether the ruling should permanently stand, citing concerns about potential confusion from last-minute changes.

"We should be extremely reluctant to have an election take place under a law that a district court has found, and that our court may find, is discriminatory," Judge Gregg Costa — who sided with the majority ruling to keep the restrictions for now — admitted in a concurring opinion.

I agree. While the Supreme Court served up a setback in Texas, it at least did the right thing in Wisconsin, where — over the objections of conservative Justices Samuel Alito, Antonin Scalia, and Clarence Thomas — it blocked implementation of a similar voter ID law.

Previously ruled unconstitutional because of its disproportionate impact on African American and Latino voters, the Wisconsin law could have disenfranchised up to 300,000 people.

Voter participation typically slips in years with-

out a presidential election. The non-partisan Voter Participation Center forecasts an even steeper decline this year among what it has termed the "Rising American Electorate" — namely, people of color, unmarried women, and youth. More than a third of the members of this group who voted in 2012 won't show up at the polls in November, the center predicts.

With so much at stake — from police shootings of unarmed black men to rising income inequality and the equitable implementation of the Common Core standards in schools — communities of color simply can't afford to sit this election out.

"No right is more precious in a free country than that of having a voice in the election of those who make the laws under which, as good citizens, we must live," Supreme Court Hugo Black wrote for the majority in a 1964 ruling. "Other rights, even the most basic, are illusory if the right to vote is undermined."

That basic principle stands today. Voter suppression and disenfranchisement far outweigh any trumped up and spurious claims of Election Day confusion. The first step in ensuring our voices are heard is to clear a path for all voters. Don't let anything keep you from the polls on November — even if you're a Texas voter.

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Wal-Mart Scrooges Us All

THE NATION'S LARGEST RETAILER IS PASSING THE COST OF HEALTH CARE ONTO YOU.

Gosh, time flies when it's pushed along by a jet stream of greed.

It seems like only yesterday that Wal-Mart announced, with much self-congratulatory fanfare, that the super-rich retailing colossus wasn't a scrooge after all.

Indeed, while the world's largest purveyor of stuff was not about to raise its poverty-level wages, it benevolently decided to provide a barebones health insurance plan for some of its 600,000 part-time employees, who make up nearly half of its total workforce.

But quicker than you can spell avaricious, the \$476 billion-a-year giant has now decided to renege, saying that as of January 1 it will terminate coverage for employees who work less than 30 hours a week.

Why that particular cutoff? Because that's when those workers can



Jim Hightower

employees. They say they're engaging a "health coverage specialist" to guide workers through the process of finding an insurance "alternative."

Of course, that option will be the one financed by you and me.

Once again, the Waltons — the exploitative multibillionaire heirs to the Wal-Mart fortune — get the goldmine, while workers and taxpayers are stuck with the shaft. As Stuart Appelbaum, the head of the Retail, Wholesale, and Department Store Union said of this latest rip-off, it's "shameful."

But shameful is one of Wal-Mart's core values.

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YOUR VOICE

Letters to the Editor

Residents sound off on local sewer bond election

Dear Editor:

I have noticed that recent issues of *Salado Village Voice* have articles and letters full of plans for Salado's growth...including quotes from people who see all the potential for growth -- and all the "undeveloped land available for annexation." My question to all who are eager to see Salado grow is this: Since Texas and other states are full of towns of varying sizes -- from small to large -- why don't those who want to live in larger towns move to larger towns... instead of moving to small towns and then trying to make them grow?

There are many of us who don't see "undeveloped land" as something that should be changed ... but see it instead as wildlife habitat, pastures for livestock, and fields for cultivation. I think that the word "annexation" is one of the ugliest words in the English language... especially since it often refers to forced annexation of land from those who would prefer to remain in rural areas.

One of Salado's main strengths is the fact that it is so small, so quiet, without the traffic, the larger population, and the problems of more congested areas. After the IH35 construction work is completed, tourists will again be drawn to Salado for its small town atmosphere.

Many of the people who come here as tourists or as residents are looking to get away from the hustle and bustle of larger towns and instead want to relax and enjoy a small and quiet setting. It seems logical to me that those who prefer the conveniences and amenities of larger towns -- could have chosen larger towns as home instead of settling here.

As an earlier consultant once told Salado planners years ago when they were asking for advice on ways to promote the town's growth, we had better be careful or we may be guilty of "killing the goose that laid the golden egg." Towns grow naturally and gradually on their own without efforts to accelerate that growth. The population of Salado is currently ten times larger than it was about fifty years ago. Efforts to speed that inevitable process may prove more harmful than helpful.

Linda Cawthon
Lifelong Salado
resident

To the Editor:

The question of the Village bond election is soon to be decided by the voters so I seek to finalize my understanding of the matter as follows.

Salado finds itself in a tremendous growth area. We are aware of developers who seek to construct large residential subdivisions on both the East and West sides of our Village which also attracts the attention of ambitious neighbors such as Belton, Temple and Killeen. Indeed, Killeen has stated that they intend to have a presence on I-35 and Belton is already at our northern Village limits. So, like a small north Texas town called Frisco we are faced with some very aggressive growth opportunities from which we can either ben-

efit if managed properly or suffer if not. A Village sewer system can be connected to these subdivisions which will compel them to be annexed into Salado and that, in turn, can grow Village revenue while reducing individual taxpayer cost. Further, Salado does, in fact need to begin the inevitable conversion from rural septic systems to a central sewer system and this could be the best possible time to do so for these subdivisions will be built with or without our participation. So, Salado's future is to be decided now and our sales tax revenue stream can be sustained in the near term if we choose to move forward.

On the question of cost, Salado is far too prosperous to qualify for government grants. Jim Reed just reported that average annual incomes in Salado exceed \$160,000 while those of us who are exempt have incomes that are a third of that amount, or even less. Indeed, the Senior Low Income Housing project presently under development was approved by the government based on a demonstrated need which is to say that the exempt residents cannot afford the cost of a central sewer system while the non-exempt can. For the most part, the exempt have paid property taxes for fifty years or more while the non-exempt are just beginning to pay their fair share and the proposed total tax is still competitive with our neighboring cities and towns. So what is fair is fair.

All options are on the table as Salado is faced with a fork in the road ahead. One way we take charge and manage our future prosperity. The other direction places Salado's future in the hands of outsiders. There are no simple, short term answers here, only carefully considered long term solutions. And, before deciding, let me respectfully remind us all of how the Village once came together to raise a half million dollars to rehabilitate a boarded up old red schoolhouse to become our present day Civic Center. I respectfully invite us all to revisit that initiative except today the stakes are much higher so let's think this through based on the facts, not uninformed emotions and then vote and support our convictions with conviction.

Jack Schrock
Salado

To the Editor:

This is the second time in my life I have been compelled to write a letter to the editor -- the first was two weeks ago. Overnight last Saturday (Oct. 25) the statewide and local political signs were stolen out of my yard. So was our "Pray for Our Nation: sign. Various neighbors of ours had their signs removed as well; it appears that all of Mill Creek was systematically raided. Aside from the obvious illegal trespass on private property and theft, I can only surmise that it was a poor attempt to influence votes.

Too late -- we already voted.

This childish shenanigan just reinforces the need for adults to act their ages, learn to get along with those with whom you

disagree and allow others the right to their own opinions. And if you think that people don't need to be reminded that our country needs prayer, you are very mistaken.

Just in case the thief didn't get the message, from my yards signs (which have been replaced with a few extras): I am a Christian, an American, a Republican, I voted FOR the Salado sewer and I will exercise my First Amendment right to free speech.

If anyone knows who the thief is, please call the Salado Police Department. Sincerely,
Bobi Anderson
Salado

To the Editor:

To paraphrase Mark Twain, there are liars, damn liars, and politicians.

Lately, some Village politicians, backed by a well-funded Political Action Committee and various out-of-town corporate interests, have tried to convince us that Salado has a fever, and the only prescription is a sewer.

And also a taxpayer-funded \$10.55 million dollar sewer bond. Appropriately named, this sewer bond should be flushed by the voters on November 4.

It's laughable to even consider that a village founded in 1859 will die unless a sewer is installed, taxes are raised, and corporate welfare instituted. Salado has survived the Civil War, two World Wars, the (not so) Great Depression, and disco. It will continue to survive, and thrive. Even without a sewer. Even without \$10.55 million taxpayer dollars.

Taxing the citizens of Salado, and redistributing the money to benefit business owners (and out-of-town property owners) is simply corporate welfare. It's funny how the "capitalist" and "free enterprise" types oppose government regulation, but they don't mind benefitting when the government sticks its hands in other peoples' pockets. Ronald Reagan, that darling of self-reliance and deficit spending, must be rolling-over in his grave.

Rather than blindly following the yellow-brick road, we should focus on the environmental impact. Unfortunately, our leaders have yet to fully explain the potential environmental impact of a sewer, and waste treatment facilities. Salado may have survived the Johnson, and (both) Bush administrations, but it may not survive environmental damage.

Do you live in Salado because it has a Super Wal-Mart? Because it has a Starbucks? Do you love Salado's urban sprawl? Its low-income housing? Did you move to Salado because it has a high crime rate? Because it smells like Belton?

Most of us love Salado because of its natural beauty, friendly citizens, and premiere quality of life.

Like most Saladoans, I could not imagine living anywhere else. Let's preserve our quality of life.

Let's keep Salado natural.

On November 4, 2014, vote NO to higher taxes, NO to corporate welfare, and NO to environmental danger.

Otherwise, let us consider the following future slogans for the Village of Salado:

Salado: Waste-fully Yours; or

Salado: The Best Sewage Waste Town in Texas; or

Salado: At Least We Smell a Little Better than Belton.

Duane Miller
Salado

To the Editor:

Friends and fellow Saladoans we are on the 50-yard line. We have a decision to make. To me the choice is simple, Vote Yes for a prosperous, growing, thriving economically stable Salado.

Facts:

- Salado must increase sales tax revenue and/or property taxes must increase further to continue meeting our desired levels of service.

- Salado has before it an opportunity to increase our developable real estate. By embracing our infrastructure goal of providing sewer services to the west side of I-35 and Main Street, we improve our ability to expand our taxable service area.

This concept has been spoken about and agreed upon conceptually for over 10 years in Salado. Saladoans have had study after study commissioned producing volumes of information regarding possible costs and alternatives. It has been acknowledged and agreed upon by both the "pro" and "against" camps for the sewer that the Village needs infrastructure for continued improvement. Questions regarding the details of the final system will be answered after it has been established whether our Village is prepared to cooperatively support this investment in our future. I state this not to provoke, but to point out that this is intentional, as our current Village leadership does not wish to spend taxpayer dollars on more studies prior to our vote. This is powerfully representative of good stewardship.

The fundamental question is do you want our elected leaders to pursue building a cost-effective, well-researched sewer treatment system to support Salado's future? This is what you are being asked to vote on. Understanding that the devil is in the details, we must acknowledge that the best-laid plans require ongoing adjustment. This plan is being developed and negotiated for the best possible results. We should trust and hold accountable our elected leaders to follow through on their commitment to deliver this system as cost effectively as possible.

The current proposal provides services to a limited service area, and these areas are the most probable "sales tax revenue" producing areas and commercial real estate areas poised to be developed. This increases the property value of these parcels of real estate and effectively increases the taxes on these properties as well as the ability for these parcels to increase sales tax revenue for Salado. This is a true Win/Win for the entire community, a double dip for increasing tax dollars to our Village.

With increased and im-

proved sales tax revenue rolling into the Village of Salado, less tax burden is placed on future property taxes. Additionally developed properties equates to more taxpayers sharing the load. The more prosperous and thriving Salado's business community is, the more services Salado can afford without further increasing property taxes.

What's in it for me? My take on it is that every Salado resident and business owner wins from improved infrastructure and an improved business climate, which results in improved property values. An overall improved quality of life in Salado benefits us all.

Moving forward from the 50-yard line requires risk. We must choose to 'run a play' - if we don't run a play we don't give ourselves a chance to improve our position. When you are afraid and don't try to improve your position, you are going backwards, beaten. Defense is of course important, as is due diligence. The caveat is that we must act on our due diligence, studying and planning. Do we need a sewer and improved infrastructure for Salado? Yes we do. Have we studied and reviewed options? Yes we have. Are we in a better position to acquire economic grant money and low-interest financing? Yes we are. Are we ready to 'run the play' and support our elected leaders to carry out what they committed to accomplishing during their campaigns? I hope we are.

I believe Salado chose this leadership team with a vision in mind to improve Salado. I believe we may stumble, and even have an incomplete pass or two along the way. That is okay and part of the natural progression and growth cycle. I'm sure there will be plenty of future opportunities to look through the rearview mirror and say, "We should've done_____". Friends, life is not about the rearview mirror. Let's move forward together, united in taking care of our business. Let us take into account our past and let us focus on the view through the windshield. Vote to take care of what we all know needs to be done for Salado's future and work through the process together as a team, a community, a united Salado.

We have a responsibility to keep Salado as Salado. Salado is not just a place of rich history; Salado is a vibrant community of extraordinary people, filled with incredible thinkers, professionals of all types, artists, memory creators, volunteers and lots of good folks proud to call Salado "home". Salado is perfectly positioned to be the premier destination in Texas for a myriad of reasons ... weddings, beautiful outdoor retreats, family adventures, wineries, music, and life experiences galore. We are entrusted to take care of our community and to share it with others. Our I-35 presence is primed to absorb sales tax revenue from interstate travelers; it behooves us all to set Salado up for success.

Most importantly Salado is our home. We have the opportunity to continue building on the past successes and greatness of

the visionaries who founded Salado, those who built up Salado, those who have uplifted Salado, those who have enriched Salado. We all chose Salado; we must take care of Salado.

Dave Hermann
Salado

From the Editor:

This local election has spurred a great deal of discussion, civil and not-so civil, in traditional media as well as on social media outlets. I made clear long before early voting began where I stand on the issue.

Perhaps because I made that stance, there are some in this community who have said one thing about me and my newspaper that is not true.

To be clear: I have not used my position as owner/editor of the *Salado Village Voice* to thwart ANY discussion on this issue, or any other for that matter. To those who have said that about me, you owe me a personal apology. I won't hold my breathe waiting on it nor lose much sleep over the lack of it.

In this election, and on every issue there has ever been at the local, county, state or national level, I have always printed as many letters to the editor as possible, typically without editing them beyond spell check and correcting a few grammatical errors. Furthermore, I print them in the order that I receive them. In fact, this week, the usual deadline did not apply and I took letters right up to the final hours before sending pages to the printer.

Here is what I won't print and why:

1. Unsigned letters. If you lack the courage of your convictions, don't ask me to find it.

2. Personal attacks on a private citizen. Elected officials and those who are in the public eye -- including government staff -- do not have this protection. They sought the public eye in one way or another. When a writer sends in a letter, they have opened their opinions to scrutiny as well by other readers -- and sometimes -- by me. This is my home, too. I have a right to my opinion, even if it makes you uneasy or angry.

3. Chain letters. If I shared with you the amount of chain letters I get on this issue or that issue, about Obama, about Bush before Obama, about Clinton before Bush and about George H.W. Bush before that, there would be no room for anything else. This applies to local committees of correspondence and writers who send me the same letter that they send every other newspaper in Bell County. If you haven't the time to send me an original letter to the editor, I haven't the space for you. Period.

4. Openly libelous letters or threats on anyone, including myself. No explanation needed.

Word limits: I have a suggested word limit of 300 words, but have rarely, if ever, enforced such on any letter writer, especially when it comes to a local issue.

Finally, after this election passes, I look forward to my hometown coming back together. The fact that *Salado Village Voice* Forum pages are "an open exchange of ideas" contributes to that ideal.

SUMC Garden Guild holds Style Show Luncheon Nov. 1

Time is quickly approaching for the Salado United Methodist Church Garden Guild's 19th annual Style Show and Luncheon which takes place at noon Nov. 1 at the church 650 Royal Street. Tickets are \$25 and it is not too late to make your reservation by calling 254-947-5434 or 254-368-4486. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door.

The show will feature the very latest fashions by Christy's, Howling Wolff, Magnolias of Salado and Susan Marie's along with the freshest and best of salads and desserts prepared "from scratch" by the members of the Garden Guild.

Each shop will be showing their own specialties and favorites along with fashion tips in accessorizing to make shopping more fun. A few "must haves" for this year include:



Annual style show will feature must-haves.

Layering separates in easy care and easy to wear fabrics designed for travel as well as daily, career, casual or dressy occasions.

One of the latest trends this year is the big time return of dresses for a more feminine look; some are fitted, some flowing, with all styles from knee length to maxi.

Something basic in grey, the hottest of the neutral colors to blend beautifully with the very popular fall tones of teal, purple, orange, and many shades of green.

All of these "looks" along with jewelry, handbags, and fabulous "after 5's" will be on exhibit at this year's show.

Why not join your friends for a fun event, get inspiration for a new fall and/or holiday wardrobe, support local merchants and help with charitable causes within the community?

Each person in attendance, at no extra charge, will have the opportunity to go home the winner of the \$100 cash door prize donated by the Garden Guild.

Funding

older, more traditional method of going to the voters for a bond election, or issuing certificates of obligation. A county or city may issue Certificates of Obligation and raise its tax rate in order to retire those Certificates as did Bell County when Commissioners issued more than \$61 million in Certificates in 2003 for the construction of a new jail and courts complex and other projects.

Certificates may be rejected by a community through a petition and election process.

Another way to pay for major infrastructure is through the creation of a Municipal Utility District (MUD) or Municipal Management District (MMD), which are similar to MUDs but allow for some influence from the local municipality.

MUDs

Municipal Utility Districts (MUD) are an easy way for developers to fund major developments on open pieces of ground. Typically, a major developer draws the boundaries for the proposed MUD over vacant, rural ag property and receives approval from the TCEQ to form the MUD, dependent upon "voter approval" and the issuance of bonds.

In the suburbs surrounding major metropolitan areas such as Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston, San Antonio and Austin, this has led to the creation of thousands of these MUDs, each with their own tax rates and governing bodies, separate from that of the local county and community officials.

In some areas, it has worked, but some residents have found themselves in a MUD that does not maintain streets, provide fire or police protection or service the wastewater system adequately as the developers finish out the project. Developers often reach agreements with municipalities nearby to annex the subdivisions with hundreds if not thousands of homes. The municipalities, in some cases, have been left stuck with a failing infrastructure, inadequate streets and property values that are dropping rather than increasing.

Houston area MUD-represent more than 470,000 single family residences, according to the scholarly article "Wres-

ting with MUDs To Pin Down the Truth" by Sara C. Galvan published in 2007 in the Fordham Law Journal.

On the ballot this November is Bell County Municipal Utility District #2, which is being proposed for the issuance \$177,795,000 in water bonds and \$60,115,000 in road bonds for the installation of water pipes and roads for a development by WB Development for the construction of 3,750 new homes outside of Killeen. Three voters will decide whether that MUD is formed and will set a tax rate "not to exceed \$1.50 per \$100 evaluation."

Sonterra MUD to our south was decided by about a dozen voters and has led to the explosive growth just outside the city limits of Jarrell. In fact, the city of Jarrell and the Sonterra MUD recently agreed to the deannexation of City of Jarrell property so that the property can be incorporated into the Sonterra MUD to expand its financial ability. The property tax rate for the Sonterra MUD is \$0.95 per \$100 evaluation. The property tax for the City of Jarrell, which also provides sewer services, is \$0.44 per \$100 evaluation.

The formation of a MUD outside the boundaries of Salado could be particularly troublesome to the Village financially and administratively.

Even without the property taxes of the development property, the Village would have to provide emergency services due to mutual aid agreements with the county. "If the call comes in our ETJ, first we want the county to serve it, but if they aren't available, we will respond," City Manager Kim Foutz said.

In addition to providing emergency services to MUDs outside the city limits, it is unlikely those MUDs will ever annex into the Village.

Salado has been very unsuccessful in having properties voluntarily annex into it. Without providing a utility service of some sort, it will never be able to annex properties, either.

And while a city must "approve" the formation of a MUD within its ETJ, if the city turns one down, the voters in that MUD can petition the city to provide the services (sewer, water, etc.) for which it was forming the MUD. If the city fails to reach an agreement within 120 days to provide those services, then state law considered refusal (or inability) to provide those utility services as consent for the formation of the MUD.

Local Financial Participants

The Village of Salado contacted other local entities in order to reduce the overall burden on the property owners in the Village of Salado.

According to Reed, the Village is in negotiations with the developers of The Sanctuary, a planned use development that is proposed for 300 acres that sit almost entirely outside of the current city limits of Salado. Reed said that the Village is in discussions with The Sanctuary to accept a donation of 10 acres of land in that development that may house the eventual sewer treatment plant, if the bond is passed by voters. The Village may also accept the donation of the permit granted by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to the developers for the construction

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of a wastewater treatment plant.

This alone would save the Village approximately 12-18 months for the permitting process.

The Village has also contacted Salado ISD about its participation in the possible connection of the Salado High School property to the sewer system. The anticipated cost for a line to connect the two hotels in the Village Extra Territorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) and the High School is almost \$500,000.

If all three parties participate, that segment will be built without substantial cost to Village of Salado property owners, according to Reed. If they don't participate, Reed said that it is very unlikely that the line will be built at this time.

Salado school trustees voted 5-1 on Oct. 20 to approve "an expenditure up to \$150,000 to be spent on a wastewater treatment line that would connect Salado High School to the proposed main wastewater treatment line of the Village of Salado." The motion was made by Darrell Street and received a second from Jeff Kelley. Trustees Kim Bird, Kristi Jarvis and Melanie Kirchner joined Street and Kelley in voting for the motion. Rodney Bell voted against the motion.

Reed, who is president of the Salado ISD Board of Trustees, stepped away from the board table for the discussion and the vote on the matter.

The Village has also proposed that without participation by Brookshire Brothers and the owner of Salado Plaza Shopping Center, a connection line on Mill Creek Dr. will not be built.

These two segments comprise \$918,000 of the total \$10.55 million bond proposal.

The removal of the additional lines or the payment of them through local participation other than bond proceeds would lower the total bond price to \$9.65 million, Reed told the audience. However, because of truth-in-taxation laws, the Village had to publish the highest amount, along with the highest possible impact on the tax rate of \$0.47 per \$100 evaluation.

Tax impacts Published & Potential

At 47 cents, the impact on a median home value of \$227,225 would be \$854.48 per year. Salado offers a local homestead exemption of \$5,000 or 20 percent. A median home of \$227,255 would have a taxable value of \$181,804. At a \$0.47 per \$100 rate, the cost for retiring the debt for the bond would be \$854.48 per year.

Business properties do not have any tax exemptions, so the cost to a non-homestead, non-agriculture property valued at \$227,225 would be \$1,068.10 per year.

Reed said that the \$0.47 tax rate is the highest possible tax rate, but that he thinks a more realistic tax rate is \$0.32 per \$100 evaluation.

He explained that with the savings of the \$918,000 for segments A and H (by requiring other participants or taking the lines out), \$1 million in participation from the local developer of The Sanctuary (through land, permit and financial participation) and a possible cost savings of \$1 million for excavation due to the participation of a local construction

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Tickets sales going fast for Salado Shopping Spree

Tickets for the Salado Shopping Spree are selling quickly. They are available from the Salado Visitors Center and from the following shops in Salado:

One lucky person will win \$2,500 in gift certificates as the first place prize. The second place prize is \$1,000 and the third place prize is \$500 in gift certificates from Salado area merchants.

Tickets are now available for \$5 each or half a dozen for \$25 at the Salado Visitors' Center as well as The Howling Wolff, 21 Main, OoLaLa and Springhouse. The drawing will be held on December 14, 2014. You do not need to be present to win the prizes.

For more information about the Salado Shopping Spree, which is sponsored by the Salado Chamber of Commerce, call 254-947-5040.

Among the Salado area businesses that have donated gift certificates and baskets for the Salado Shopping Spree are these: A Sewing Basket Accents of Salado Ambrosia Tea Room Angelic Herbs Anytime Fitness B. Herd Gallery Baines House Brazos Collection Cathy's Boardwalk Cafe Central Texas Area Museum

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When early voting started last week, four Salado High School students have participated as student election clerks. To qualify each student had to be at least 16 years of age, have the consent of the student's parent/guardian and principal. In addition, each student must complete the mandatory early voting training by the Bell County Election Administration. Each of the students will work half a day and will receive pay. It is hoped that each student will have a greater understanding of the election process by seeing the voting in progress. "We are grateful the 83rd Legislative Session passed this important legislation in 2013," stated Barclay McCort, coordinator of the project through Salado Area Republican Women. The students will have the opportunity to work with a seasoned Election Judge of Precinct 203, Eldon Miller, she stated. Shown above, from left: Elizabeth Garcia, Kaitlynn Wadford, Roddy Noonan, Keshei Bridges.

Impacts

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company that will commit to doing the excavation "at-cost," the total price for the project is closer to \$7.5 million than \$10.55 million.

Of course, the contractor who has committed to doing the excavation "at-cost" will have to compete with other contractors because the project will go through the legal bid processes for government entities.

Reed said that there may be other cost-savings found through valued engineering. However, none of that can be considered in the truth-in-taxation requirements for publishing the estimated tax rate.

These savings could lower the debt tax rate to \$0.32 per \$100 or less. This would cost the median home of \$227,255 about \$581,755 per year in property taxes. The possible cost for a similar-valued property without any exemptions would be \$727.26 per year.

Other Costs to Businesses

The Village will recoup additional expenses through tie-in fees, as well.

Properties in the service areas (see map on www.saladovillagevoice.com) will also be charged a tie-in fee, although the Village has not adopted those fees or payment structures and all properties within the service area will be required to tie in to the sewer system when it is

completed.

This will require the decommissioning of current septic systems, an additional cost to businesses.

One business owner told Reed that the Village was not considering these other hidden costs when it called for the election. He said that these costs could be hundreds or even thousands of dollars and would result in higher rents in the business district.

Exodus or Influx

He said that this might lead to an exodus of businesses from Salado rather than an influx.

"What happens to property values and assessments when these once-commercial properties are again returned to being residences because of the higher rents and costs?" he questioned.

Another business owner told the audience that the cost to his business would be about \$90,000. Despite that, he said he favored the bond because it would improve the whole business climate for the Village in the long run. "It will bring new business to Salado that has chosen to go elsewhere because we do not have adequate infrastructure," he said. "We need this for our future."

Voters will decide that future on November 4. Salado polls will be open 7 a.m.-7 p.m. at the Salado Church of Christ Activity Center at 225 North Church St.

Election

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Brown, Martina Salinas, Mark A. Miller

Chief Justice, Supreme Court: Nathan Hecht, William Moody, Tom Oxford Justice, Supreme Court, Place 6: Jeff Brown, Lawrence Edward Meyers, Mark Ash

Justice Supreme Court, Place 7: Jeff Boyd, Gina Benavides, Charles E. Waterbury, Don Fulton

Justice Supreme Court, Place 8: Phil Johnson, Jim Chisolm, RS Roberto Koelsch

Judge Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 3: Bert Richardson, John Granberg, Mark W. Bennett

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nal Appeals, Place 9: David Newell, George Joseph Altgelt, William Bryan Strange, III

Chief Justice, Third Court of Appeals District: Jeff Rose, Diane Henson

Running unopposed are these: State Rep. Dist. 54 Jimmie Don Aycock; 169th District Judge Gordon G. Adams; 264th District Judge Martha J. "Janie" Trudo; County Judge Jon H. Burrows; County Court at Law Judges: Judge Jeanne Parker (#1), John Mischtian (#2), Rebecca DePew (#3); District Clerk Joanna Flores Stanton; County Clerk Shelley Coston; County Treasurer Charles E. Jones; County Commissioner #2 Tim Brown, Justice of the Peace #2 Don Engleking.

Freeze

have elected not to enact one."

"The main concerns with a tax freeze involve perceived tax fairness, lack of flexibility, and whether the needs of low income seniors can be better addresses through other approaches," Israeloff stated.

Israeloff referred to several arguments against the senior tax freeze, including these: "1. A senior tax freeze does not reduce the cost of operating municipal government, only shifts the burden from one taxpaying group to another. 2. Older taxpayers do not use few city services and can be bigger users of some services like EMS. 3. Age and lower income are not necessarily correlated. Younger couples often have less income and ability to pay taxes than seniors. Nor is everyone over age 65 retired or living on a low fixed income. 4. A tax freeze can lead to uneven tax burdens even among those taxpayers under the freeze.... Two identical houses, both owned by seniors, would pay very different taxes. 5. Once a senior tax freeze is enacted, it cannot be canceled or rescinded no matter what happens."

Salado is one of five municipalities in Bell County to adopt the tax ceiling (often referred to as a tax freeze) for over homeowners over the age of 65. The Village did so when it first adopted an ad valorem tax by ordinance in 2008. At that time, village aldermen also adopted the most generous property tax exemptions in Bell County and the lowest property tax in the county at a rate of \$0.0492 per \$100 valuation. According to Marvin Hahn, chief appraiser for Bell CAD, Killeen adopted the freeze in 2008, Nolanville in 2005, Temple in 2005 and Troy in 2007. In addition to the tax freeze for over 65, Killeen offers a \$20,000 tax exemption, while Temple offers a \$10,000 tax exemption for those homesteads. Nolanville and Troy offer the tax freeze only.

Salado offers homeowners over 65 and those who are disabled, both the tax freeze and a further \$50,000 tax exemption.

Temple and Salado are the only two municipalities in Bell County to offer a tax exemption for homesteads. Both offer a \$5,000 minimum or 20 percent exemption from the taxable value of the homestead. Additionally, the local homestead tax exemptions of 20 percent are stacked with either the over 65 exemption and freeze or the disabled homeowner exemption and freeze.

So how does it work? For example, in 2008, when the Village first adopted its tax rate at \$0.0492, a homeowner over the age of 65 whose home was appraised at \$250,000 and who claimed the tax exemptions could have their taxes frozen at \$73.80 per year, regardless of how high the Village might increase its property tax rate in future years. This is based on the following formula: \$250,000 - \$50,000 (20 percent of appraised value for homestead) - \$50,000 (over 65 exemption) = taxable value of \$150,000. That amount is divided by 100 and then multiplied by \$0.0492 for a total due of \$73.80.

Between 2008 and 2011, when Village aldermen raised the property tax to \$0.121 per \$100 evaluation, 403 properties were already frozen at the lower rate. Since the Village increased the property tax rate to \$0.121 per \$100 evaluation and 2014, another 134 over 65 homeowners had the taxes frozen on their property.

All told, the appraised value of homes that qualify for the over 65 exemption is \$77,874,216. Of that amount, \$42,167,419 is taxable. Those properties, 366 of them in 2014, generate a total of \$26,754.56

in property taxes, according to Bell CAD's 2014 Certified Appraisal Rolls for the Village of Salado. As long as they remain frozen, they will never generate more tax revenue to the Village.

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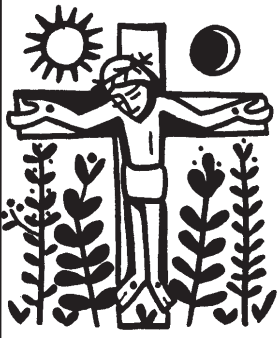
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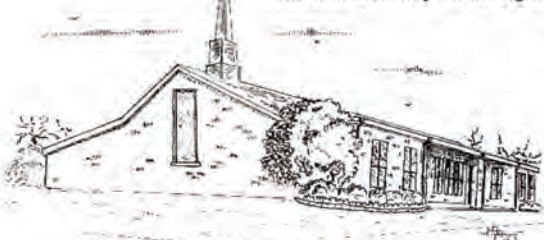
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Community Life

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Historical Society Chili Supper happens Nov. 3

Salado Historical Society invites you to its annual Chili Supper general membership meeting 6 p.m. Nov. 3 at the Salado Church of Christ. Guests are asked to bring a covered side dish, salad or dessert. The Historical Society is providing chili.

A musical program will be followed by the election of directors and officers for 2015. You may also join for the 2015 program year for \$20 per family.

Proposed officers for 2015 to be elected at the meeting are: President Bill Kinnison, Vice President Hulda Horton, Secretary Hans Fields and Treasurer Stephanie Hood. New Directors proposed for election are Joe Oliver, James Seaton, Nancy Kelsey, Pat Anderson and Sandy Wicker. Those continuing as directors are: Miriam Jordan, Mary Hodge, Charlene Carson, Dave Broecker, Sheryl Russell, Dr. Wallace Davis.

Finishing their year

as officers are President Hans Fields, Vice President Bill Kinnison, Secretary Nancy Kelsey and Treasurer Dave Broecker. Pete Stebbins and Dena Parks are completing their terms on the board.

The purpose of the Salado Historical Society is to bring together those people interested in the history of Salado (Bell County), Texas. The Society's major functions are to discover and collect any material which may help to establish or illustrate the history of the area; its exploration, settlement, development, and activities in peace and war; its progress in population, wealth, education, arts, science, agriculture, manufacture, trade and transportation and to help preserve the historic legacy of Salado by assisting in the preservation of its historic homes and sites. The Society collects printed materials of all types and archives it at the Salado Public Library

for anyone interested in Salado history to view.

One of the ongoing projects is to identify historic buildings and sites in the community that do not qualify for Texas Historical Commission markers and designate them with a "Salado Landmark

Award". Several individuals have contacted the Historical Society concerning their properties receiving this designation. Sheryl Russell is committee chairman for Salado Landmark Awards.

Willingham Springs Baptist Church 100 years old

Willingham Springs Baptist church will host a Centennial Celebration on Nov. 1 - 2. The old fashioned celebration will remind attendees of the revival weekends once held at the 100 year old church.

Saturday evening will begin with singing, fellowship and refreshments at the Willingham Springs Baptist Church grounds on FM 2843 in Salado. Music lovers will join with central Texans interested in local history to talk about the century old building and the community that was among the first in Bell County.

Sunday will feature a morning church service and lunch on the grounds. The morning service, led by Jack Burks will begin at 10:30 a.m. and will include other former pastors, music leaders and singers from the historic fellowship. Burks will be joined by Mellus Lawson, Bobby Van Dyke and Elton Lawson as well as representatives of the Freddie White family.



In the spirit of the old fashioned Baptist revival, families are encouraged to bring a picnic pot luck lunch for a community meal at 12:30 p.m., congregational signing, old hymns, quartets, soloists, testimonials and memories of the Willingham Springs Baptist Church will begin at 1:30 p.m..

Attendees are encouraged to bring photos of past events at the Church along with memories of the building which has served as both church and country schoolhouse since it was completed by community volunteers in 1914.

Restoration efforts continue on the Willingham Springs Baptist Church building which was chosen an an example of what the book *Pioneer Buildings of Texas* calls "the simplicity of the western pioneers' Protestant churches. Like this one, the early western Protestant churches generally had no steeple and little or no ornamentation. Church was not a fancy affair in this place and that time." The building was granted a Texas State Historical Marker in 1999.

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O DELIA HERRING

Funeral services for Odelia Herring, 82, of Belton, were held at 10 a.m. Oct. 29., at the Crossroads Assembly Of God Church in Belton with Rev Harry Thrasher officiating. Burial followed at the Rest Haven Cemetery.

The family received friends for visitation Oct. 28. at the Dossman Funeral Home Chapel.

Mrs. Herring died Saturday, October 25, 2014 at her home.

Mrs. Herring was born March 26, 1932, the daughter of Jack and Dolly (Hamilton) Sellers. She married W. L. "Frog" Herring, December 3, 1948 in Belton. She was a homemaker and a longtime member of the Belton Assembly of God.

She was preceded in death by one son Kenneth Lee Herring in 2002.

Survivors include her husband W. L. "Frog" Herring of Belton, one daughter Janice Sheril Martin and husband Mark of Salado; two grandchildren; Jana Lynn Herring and DJ Fuller and wife Audrey; four great grandchildren; Anthony Herring, Brettney Fuller, Mea Fuller and Sam Fuller.

Memorials may be made to the Crossroads Church 500 South Interstate 35 Belton, Texas 76513



ESTHER RUTH PAPPAS

Services for Esther Ruth Pappas will be private.

Esther Ruth Pappas died on Sunday, October 19, 2014 at her residence. She was 96 years old.

Esther was born in Modesto, California, December 24, 1917 to Emile and Marie Brehm. In 1962 she met Tom Pappas. They were married shortly thereafter in Presque Isle, Maine.

Lt. Col. Pappas and Esther lived in many locations but retired in Salado.

She was President of the officer wife club at Holloman AFB.

Esther Ruth Pappas was noted for her volunteer work, particularly

with children placed in emergency shelters. Many youth are placed at The Williams House in Lometa, Texas. These children receive enormous love, compassion and care through many volunteer citizens who help and the dedicated staff. At a recent emergency shelter Board meeting Esther Pappas of Salado, Texas was respectfully recognized for her care and concern for providing many beautiful hand-crocheted afghans to the children at the shelter. Through her dedication to the children, youth receive their own afghan that they cherish and keep as their own personal belonging. The children expressed many times that having their very own afghan helped them feel loved and cared for and helped them personally.

Esther was an avid golfer as well as bowler in her youth.

She is preceded by her mother and father, 2 sisters, Ruby Jack, Arnold, CA and Margaret Metzendorf, Sacramento, CA and 1 brother, Don Brehm, St. Helena, CA.

She is survived by her 2 sons, Thomas and Dr. Robert Pappas and grandson Hunter.

Donations may be given to the Williams House, Mr. Glenn McKenzie, President, 2105 Clover Lane, Cedar Park, TX. 78613

Services are in the care of Broecker Funeral Home, Salado.



STAFF SGT. BRYAN PHILLIP PITNEY

FORT HOOD, Texas -- Fort Hood officials have released the name of a Soldier who died October 19, 2014 from injuries suffered in a motorcycle accident in Burnet County, Texas.

Staff Sgt. Bryan Phillip Pitney, 33, whose home of record is listed as Deerfield, Michigan, entered active duty service in June 1999, as an AH-64 attack helicopter repairer. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 227th Aviation

Regiment, 1st Air Cavalry Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, since June 2008.

Pitney deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom from March 2003 to August 2003 and April 2009 to April 2010. He also deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom from January 2002 to April 2002, March 2005 to March 2006, June 2011 to May 2012 and January 2014 to October 2014.

Pitney's awards and decorations include seven Army Commendation Medals, two Army Achievement Medals, five Army Good Conduct Medals, National Defense Ser-

vice Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal with three campaign stars, Iraqi Campaign Medal

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Both Salado High School Cross Country teams place third in District and qualify for the Regional competition. The Region IV-4A Cross Country Championship will be held Nov. 1 in San Antonio COURTESY PHOTO

Varsity Cross Country Teams advance

Varsity Boys

Salado varsity Eagles cross country team qualified for the Regional cross country meet by placing third in the District 25-4A cross country championship in Lampasas Oct. 22, placing behind Liberty Hill and Llano.

Preston Kimbrough led the team by taking second place overall in the race, running the course in 17:16.1, a few second's behind Drew Kiser, of Burnet, who won the race with a time of 17:10.3.

Salado scored 72 points, while Liberty Hill won the team competition with a low score of 63 and Llano followed with a team score of 66.

Peyton Kyburz earned eight points for Salado, eighth in team standings with his pace of 17:48.4.

Manual Magadan was 12th in team standings with a time of 17:56.9.

Luke Markham ran the race in 18:41.8 to place 24th in team standings.

Wade Woods completed the team score for Salado with his 26th place run of 18:44.4.

Also running for the

Eagles were Brandon Rodriguez, 18:53.8 and Austyn Giocomozzi, 19:31.5.

The team will run in the Region IV Championship Nov. 1 at the National Shooting Complex, 2 Gass Road, San Antonio, Texas 78253, hosted by the University of Texas at San Antonio.

Junior Varsity Boys

The junior varsity boys team placed second at the District 25-4a Cross Country championship in Lampasas, behind Liberty Hill, which had all five of its runners place in the top 10,

The boys scored 54 points, led by fourth-place finisher Chase Harwell, who completed the race in 19:40.1 Teammate John Michael came in behind him in fifth place at 19:46.4.

John Dawson finished in the top 10 with an eighth place finish of 20:03.2.

Daniel Magadan and Seth Neil rounded out the team score for Salado with their respective places of 17th (20:43.7) and 20th (20:53.6).

Also running in the JV

race for Salado were these: Camden Lacanne, 21:51.4, Ryan Trenholm, 21:56.2, Cristian Martinez, 21:56.3, Jacob Sellers, 22:05.1 and Owen Merriman, 24:45.6.

Varsity Girls

Salado varsity girls cross country team qualified for the Region IV-4A Cross Country Championship Nov. 1 in San Antonio by placing third in the District 25-4A behind Liberty Hill and Burnet. Liberty Hill ran away with the race with all five runners placing in the top 10 and scoring just 21 points. Burnet followed with 56 points and Salado was third with 65 points overall.

Liberty Hill's Danielle Rimann won the race with a pace of 11:52.9, followed by teammate Mckynzie King at 11:58.4.

Katey Ewton led the Salado girls by placing in the top 10 with her 10th place finish of 13:10.7. Katie Kendall followed in 11th place with a time of 13:16.4.

China Saxton placed 13th at 13:39.0. Annie Ew-

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Gabe Kane catches a pass from quarterback Parker Seaton and runs for 40 yards in second half against the Jarrell Cougars.

Football teams face opponents from across Central Texas as varsity takes the week off

SHS JV 6 SHS Freshmen 36
Jarrell 48 St. Dominic Savio 0

Tate Hill put in the Eagles only touchdown against the Jarrell Cougars. Hill also figured heavily in the Eagle defense.

Dakota Volk, Chase Kunz, Zack Garmong, Ryan Cook, Tanner Van de Plas and Wrenn Bagley performed well defensively in a game plagued by interceptions.

Scoring for the Eagles were Cutter Hudgens and Trey Sheppard with one touchdown each and Drew Dobbins with three Touchdowns.

Coach Ringo said "It was a solid performance by everyone. The team has a good chemistry!"

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Salado 7th & 8th B Combined team shut out Troy Oct. 23.

7th & 8th A Comb. 26
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Salado 7th & 8th A combined team bested Waco Reicher Oct. 23.

Salado varsity will face La Grange at home on Oct. 31. JV will combine with the Varsity for the remainder of the season. Freshmen will play La Grange on the road Oct. 30

Four junior high teams will play La Grange in Salado on Oct. 30. Games begin with the 7th grade B team at 4:30 p.m. followed by 8th B, 7th A and 8th A.

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Volleyball team places third in district

Salado Lady Eagles volleyball team is headed to the playoffs after beating Llano on Oct. 28 to secure a tie for third place with Lampasas. Salado will face either the first place team or second place team from District 26-4A in the first round of the playoffs to be played Nov. 3-4. Salado Village Voice will announce the opponent and game times on its Facebook page and at its website www.saladovillagevoice.com.

The Lady Eagles lost to the #13 Liberty Hill Lady Panthers in three straight sets, 10-25, 10-25 and 16-

25 at home Oct. 21.

The girls had just 13 kills in the match with Taylor Atwood and Cheyenne Vaca each having six kills. Malory Schattle had one.

Vaca and Meagan Hill each had a serving ace.

The girls blocked six shots in the match, led by Schattle, who had three. Atwood had a block and an assisted block, Vaca had a block and Averil Fischer had an assisted block.

Vaca and Schattle led the squad with 10 digs each. Also scoring digs were Hill, seven, Kierstan Osborn, four, Katy Croft-check, three, Atwood, Fischer and Tori Laughland, two digs each and Carmella Perez, Sydney Wright and Taylor Valeriano, one dig each.

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Cross Country

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ton was 15th at 13:46.8 and Ariana Rangel rounded out the scoring in 16th place at 13:48.5.

Also running for the team were Cassidy Brown, 13:52.8 and Rebecca Gonzales, 13:54.0.

Junior Varsity Girls

Salado junior varsity girls cross country team was second behind Liberty Hill at the District 25-4A meet Oct. 25. Liberty Hill swept the meet taking the top five places for a perfect score of 15.

All five Salado girls placed in the top 20 of the field for a team score of 51.

Ellie Phelps led the squad with an eighth place finish of 14:47.6. Emily Ritch followed in ninth place, running 15:08.2. Emily Patrick took 10th place overall with a time of 15:11.7. Julie Craig was 11th with a time of 15:57.9 and Olivia Sula was 13th with a time of 17:13.1.

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K-8 Lunch	Cheeseburger Sweet Potato Fries Ranch Style Beans Peaches w/Topping	Steak Sandwich Beef Sheppard's Pie Blackeyed Peas Ranch Salad Cup Mixed Vegetables Roll Apricots w/Topping Pudding	Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce Chicken Quesadilla Roll Green Beans Pineapple Mashed Potatoes Gravy	Salisbury Steak Breadstick Hot Dog Corn Peas Broccoli-Vegetable Mix Peaches w/Topping Pudding	Grilled Cheese Sandwich Chips Mini Corn Dogs Ranch Style Beans Lettuce & Tomato Ranch Rosy Applesauce
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Tonja Rojas placed first in Novice Congressional Debate during the Oct. 25 Tournament that Teaches in Burnet.



Rachel Evans placed first in Domestic Extemporaneous Speaking at the Oct. 24 - 25 St. Mary's Hall TFA and TOC qualifier in San Antonio.

Eagle Speech competitors soar at competitions

Tournament That Teaches

The Salado Speech and Debate Team competed at the "Tournament that Teaches" at Burnet High School Oct. 25. Twenty nine schools participated in the tournament.

Tonja Rojas placed first in Novice Congressional Debate out of twenty competitors. Ellie Phelps placed 7th and Grace Rhoads placed ninth.

In Novice Extemporaneous Speaking Lucas Miller placed 3rd and Trenton Niedert placed 4th out of sixteen competitors.

The Salado Speech and Debate Team will compete Nov. 1 at the Pflugerville Pfall Pfling UIL Meet.

St. Mary's Hall

Rachel Evans competed in the 6th Annual St. Mary's Hall TFA and TOC

qualifier held October 24 and 25 in San Antonio. Twenty one schools participated in the tournament.

Seventy four students competed in Domestic Extemporaneous Speaking. Rachel Evans placed first, earning 8 Texas Forensics Association points and a Tournament of Champions bid.

Evans has earned a total of twenty nine TFA points

(12 are needed to qualify for state). The Texas Forensic Association State Meet will be held March 5-7 at Franklin High School in El Paso.

She needs one more TOC bid to qualify for the prestigious Tournament of Champions in Extempo held at Northwestern University May 1-4.

Donkey Basketball Tournament benefits Salado Basketball teams and FFA programs

Salado FFA and the SHS Basketball teams will sponsor a Donkey Basketball Tournament Nov. 13 at Salado High School Gym.

Advanced Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased at the Salado Ag Science Building, from any SHS Basketball player or FFA officers. Proceeds from the event will benefit the SHS Basketball and FFA programs.

The first 75 tickets for kids under the age of 12 will receive a free donkey ride pass. Donkey rides will happen during the intermission. For ticket

information contact Tara Beaty at 947-6982.

The four teams who will compete are Team FFA, Boys and Girls Basketball Team, Team Administration and Team Faculty.

Faculty and administration team members include Superintendent Michael Novotny, High School Principal Ross Sproul, Coaches Kory Craddick and Diane Konarik, Teacher Denise Van Winkle, FFA Advisor Tara Beaty and Joe Arnold.

Donkeys will be provided by Dairyland Donkey Basketball Show.



The SHS Donkey Basketball Tournament will feature teams of students, teachers and administrators. Advanced tickets are available from members of the boys and girls basketball teams, Salado FFA officers or by calling the Salado Ag Scienc department at 947-6982.

Volleyball

Hill had 12 sets and Wright had one.

After winning the first two sets, Salado Lady Eagles lost the next two against the Burnet Lady Bulldogs and then fell in a sudden death match on Oct. 24 on the road.

Salado won the first set handily 25-17 and eeked out a 26-24 win in the sec-

ond before falling 23-25 in a tightly fought third set. The girls fell 17-25 in the fourth and Burnet took the momentum into the fifth set to win 15-9 for the victory.

The Lady Eagles had six serving aces against Burnet with Schattle recording four of them.

Wright had one and Croftcheck had another for the girls.

Atwood led the girls to 48 kills on the night by recording 15 kills at the net. Schattle followed with 14 and Vaca had 12 kills. Also recording kills were Fischer and Hill, three and Wright, one.

Salado had 11.5

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blocks, led by Schattle's five blocks on the night. Also blocking shots were Wright and Hill, two each, Atwood, one, Vaca, one and Fischer, an assisted block.

Vaca made 22 digs to lead the defensive effort, followed by Croftcheck's 20 on the night. Also recording difs were Schattle, 17, Hill, 15, Laughland, eight, Wright and Valeriano, five each, Fischer, four and Atwood, two.

Hill set the ball for 45 assists.

The junior varsity girls lost to Liberty Hill in two straight sets 25-17 and 25-12 last week. The beat Burnet in three sets: 10-25, 25-16 and 25-21.

The Freshmen girls lost to Burnet in straight sets, 21-25 and 19-25. They lost to Liberty Hill 9-25 and 14-25.

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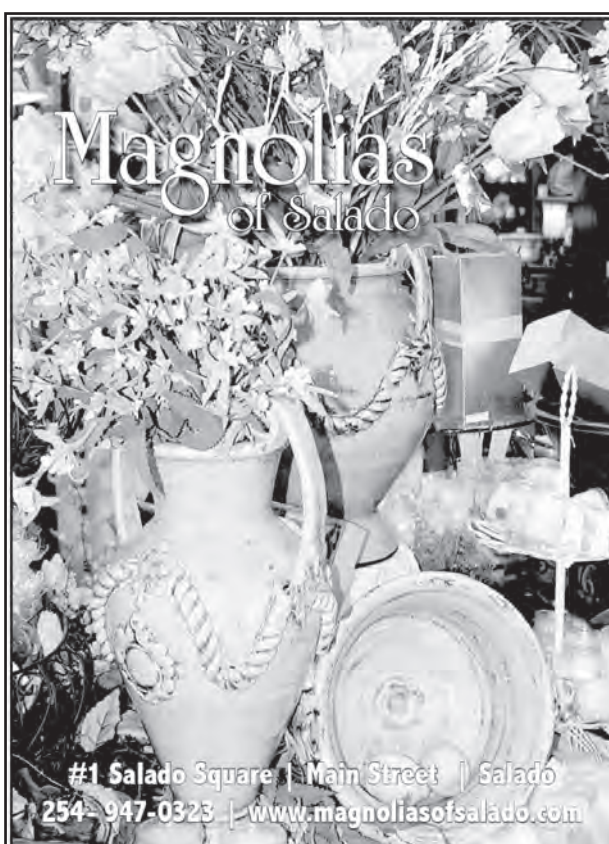
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Oliver home featured on Salado Historic Society tour in December

The sweeping lawn and formal garden entry welcome visitors to the Oliver home. Reminiscent of a 19th century manor house, the home, located at 615 Quail Hollow, was renovated by the current owners, Joe and Dottie Oliver. It is one of the elegant Salado homes that will be open during the 2014 Historical Society's Christmas Tour of Homes December 5, 6, and 7 in association with the Village's traditional Christmas Stroll.

The Olivers' purchased the house in 2000 completely transforming the home's dark interior and exterior. The house was brightened and updated, infused with light colors, unfettered windows and a general feeling of openness, highlighting its obvious architectural assets.

A hand-forged rail assists guests to the large leaded glass front door. The grand arched openings of the foyer lead to the great room and dining room adorned with a collection of cut glass rose bowls, sparkling with lighted votive candles. Christmas greenery provides a lush contrast to the glowing bowls.

The L-shaped great room features a 9.5 foot Christmas tree nestled in



The home of Joe and Dottie Oliver is just one of many Salado Homes featured on the Salado Historical Society's Annual Christmas Tour of Homes. Tickets for the event are available at the Village of Salado Visitors Center on Main Street.

the room's bay window. The tree is adorned with a treasure of heirloom ornaments accumulated throughout the years, reminiscent of special events and beloved people. A twenty-five piece collection of Waterford crystal ornaments, sent annually from dear friends, gleams amongst the branches of the tree.

The great room fireplace warms both the living and dining spaces. Flanking the fireplace are two large inviting wing-back chairs with crewel upholstery. The built-in shelves and cabinets display treasured family keepsakes, and add to the old-world English charm of the space.

The dining room furniture was purchased by Joe's parents for \$100 early in their marriage. The set includes table and chairs, grounded by a period rug. The Olivers' wedding china is formally set for a grand Christmas dinner. A large gold-framed standing mirror and an early 20th century player piano complete the room.

A hall leads to two guest

bedrooms. The first of the rooms is their grown daughter's (now living elsewhere) decorated to her taste and preferences. A bathroom connects the two bedrooms, featuring a bright red ceiling and wall papered with whimsical monkeys and palm trees. The adjoining bedroom is furnished with a bed and a dresser from the late 1800's. A golden oak buffet provides space for displaying a Santa collection.

The master bedroom boasts a grand four-poster bed, dressed in soft aqua and emerald green. The attached bath is coordinated with the bedroom, boasting two large mirrors in gold baroque frames over a two sink vanity.

The kitchen walls are covered with a soft green grass cloth. Amber, cranberry and aqua are used throughout the home, and combine beautifully in the kitchen. These rich jewel tones are reflected in the stained glass windows hanging in the breakfast nook where the table is dressed in Christmas china.

Joe's den includes a fine old roll top desk used not only during his early career as a high school football coach in Waco, but also during his business years in a hand-tool equipment company. A large collection of his grandfather's watches and clock, fill the desk's cubby holes.

The walled garden located in the back yard is terraced with many plantings and trees, surrounding a shimmering pool and a large patio with seating.

This unique home offers an ambiance of a country estate of baronial style with a down-home welcome.

The Christmas Tour of Homes hours: Friday, Dec. 5: 5-8 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 6: 10-5 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 7: 1-5 p.m. Tickets (and reservations for tickets) for the tour are available at the Salado Visitors Center at 831 N. Main St., Phone 254-947-8634. Tickets purchased before Thanksgiving (11/27) are \$12 while children 11 and under are free. After Thanksgiving the ticket price will be \$15.

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Village of Salado Calendar of Events

THRU OCTOBER 31
Early Voting, 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. at Salado Civic Center.

THRU OCTOBER 31
Registration for Glory to God Bull Riding to be held Nov. 8-9 at 3C Cowboy Fellowship. Junior Bull Riding, 6 p.m. Saturday, Open Bull Riding, noon Sunday. info: 3ccowboyleftship.org

OCTOBER 30
Beginner's Golf clinic at Mill Creek by golf pro J.L. Lewis, 5-6 p.m. \$20 per person. 947-5698

OCTOBER 30
Martinis and Manicures at The Lounge at The Range, \$25 for 2 ladies night adult beverages, a manicure and a selection of appetizers, space is limited. appointments: 254-947-3828.

OCTOBER 31
St. Joseph's Episcopal Church Halloween Carnival, 5 - 11 p.m. The public is invited. Activities: Duck Pond, Beanbag Toss, Go Fish, Pumpkins Race, Cookie Decorating, Costume Contest and a Maze to challenge adults and children. Concessions. Info: 947-5414.

OCTOBER 31
Fall Festival, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Wildfire Ranch Arena. Fun and games for the kids with booths sponsored by local churches and organizations.

OCTOBER 31
Salado High Soccer Photo Booth and Coffee Stand Fundraiser, 6:30 p.m. at Salado Eagle Stadium before the last home football game of the year. Continues through the game. Get your photo taken with friends for just \$2 each. Coffee stand will have hot coffee for you!

NOVEMBER 1
'Why Books' - A Poetic Presentation by Thom the World Poet, 1 - 2 p.m. at Salado Public Library. info: 947-9191

NOVEMBER 1
Trudy's Closet, 8 a.m. at Grace Baptist Church

NOVEMBER 1
Salado United Methodist Church Garden Guild Style Show and Luncheon, 12:30 p.m. at the Salado United Methodist Church. Theme: Glamour, Glitter and Glitz Tickets \$25.

NOVEMBER 1
Dedication of the new Sirena and her Magical Catfish, 5:30 p.m. on the southwest side of the Salado Creek Bridge. Reception following at Larry Prellop Fine Art Gallery presented by the Public Arts League of Salado. Call to RSVP for the reception, 254-947-8386.

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 1
The Judith Miller Band, Live in The Lounge, 7-10 p.m., The Range at the Barton House

NOVEMBER 1
Jazz on the Creek, 9-11 p.m. at Alexander's Distillery at Inn on the Creek.

NOVEMBER 1 - 2
Willingham Springs Baptist Church 100th Anniversary Celebration. Music Saturday evening at 7 p.m., Sunday service and celebration begins at 10 a.m.

NOVEMBER 2
Open discussion Al-Anon Meeting, 6 p.m. Salado United Methodist Church Youth Activities

Center.

NOVEMBER 3
Story Telling in Tablerock Woods with local elementary schools. Reservations required, info: (254) 947-9205.

NOVEMBER 3
Salado Historical Society Chili Supper, 6 p.m., at the Salado Church of Christ Activity Building. This is a community-wide event. Guests are asked to bring a covered dish, salad or dessert and the Historical Society will provide the chili. A musical program is scheduled which will be followed by the election of directors and officers for 2015.

NOVEMBER 3
Salado Youth Fair Booster Club meeting, 6:30 p.m. SHS Cafeteria. Parents of Salado 4-H, FFA and FCCLA students who show at the Bell County Youth Fair are encouraged to attend. info: SYFBClub@gmail.com

NOVEMBER 3
Salado Athletic Boosters Club meeting 7 p.m. at the High School Library. info: saladoathleticbooster.org.

NOVEMBER 3
Team Roping practice, 7 p.m. at 3C Cowboy Fellowship, 16258 Gooseneck Road. \$15 Info: (254) 485-6530 or (254) 493-2082

NOVEMBER 3
Salado Masonic Lodge stated meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the Lodge Hall, 90 S. Church St.

NOVEMBER 4
Election Day, 7 a.m. - 7 p.m., Salado Church of Christ Activities Center at 225 North Church Street.

NOVEMBER 4
Salado Village Artists, Village Art Building, 9:30 a.m. Portrait Painting Group 6 p.m.

NOVEMBER 4
Adult game day at Presbyterian Church of Salado, 10 a.m.

NOVEMBER 4
Salado Rotary Club lunch meeting, 11:30 a.m. at Johnny's Steaks & Bar-Be-Que meeting hall.

NOVEMBER 4
Prix Fixe menu at The Range Restaurant. Two courses and adult beverage for \$14.95.

NOVEMBER 4
Salado 4-H Club meeting, 6 p.m. at Salado Intermediate School.

NOVEMBER 4
Salado Community Chorus practice, 6 p.m., Salado Civic Center, unless otherwise noted.

NOVEMBER 5
Flu Vaccine Clinic for SISD students. \$10 fee and registration due by Oct. 31. info: 947-6944 x2030.

NOVEMBER 5
Adult craft group, 10 a.m.-noon at Salado Public Library. Program: Encaustic Art.

NOVEMBER 5
Bull Night, 6:30 p.m. at 3C Cowboy Fellowship on Gooseneck Road. Mutton Bustin, Steers and Bulls - novice and open. No Charge info: (254) 338-0481.


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


NOVEMBER 6
Salado Aldermen meeting, 6:30 p.m., Municipal building, 301 N. Stagecoach Rd. Meeting

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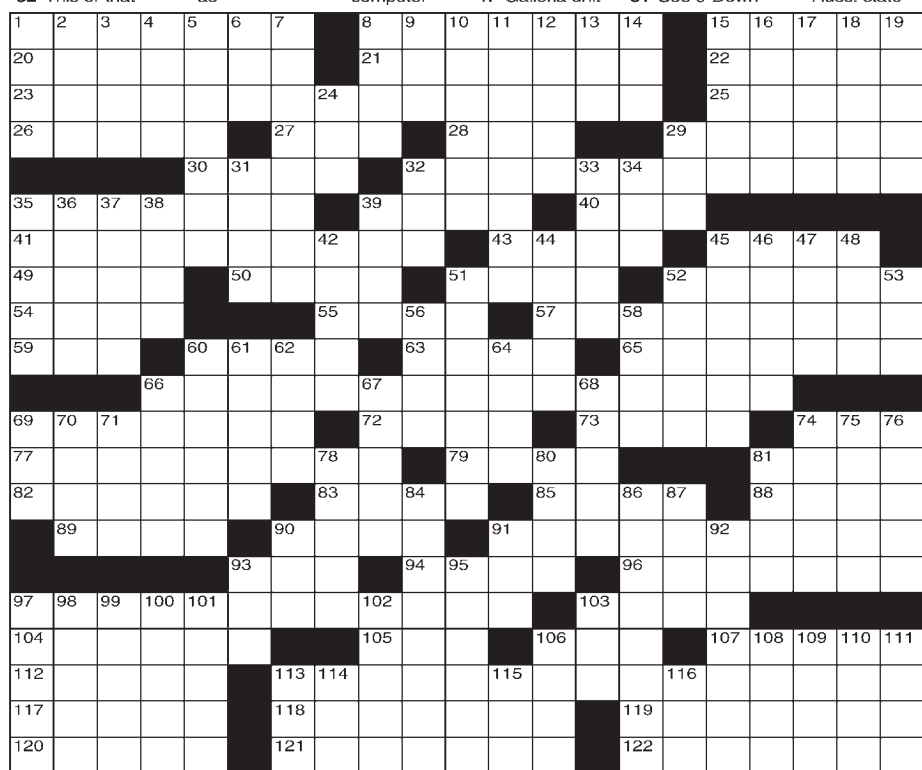
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Stored up
 - 8 Redirects
 - 15 A little off
 - 20 "I was wrong ... big deal!"
 - 21 Single-issue publication
 - 22 First extra inning
 - 23 Place to stay apart from others
 - 25 Aquarium growth
 - 26 Store away
 - 27 Swine
 - 28 X-ray cousin
 - 29 Furrow
 - 30 Cities, informally
 - 32 Schubert's "Trout," e.g.
 - 35 Select for jury duty
 - 39 City near Cologne
 - 40 "Fee, fi, fo, —!"
 - 41 Certain job lineup for a computer
 - 43 R&B legend Marvin
 - 45 Ultimate
 - 49 Cry from churchgoers
 - 50 Robotic rock group
 - 51 Office missive
 - 52 This or that
 - 54 Ten: Prefix
 - 55 Irish New Ager
 - 57 Lifted-out, boldfaced article excerpt
 - 59 — Jeanne d'Arc: Abbr.
 - 60 Ski lift
 - 63 Like some hygiene
 - 65 Appropriated
 - 66 Something often dodged
 - 69 Camp David
 - 72 Brother of Fidel Castro
 - 73 Sidelong look
 - 74 PC screen type
 - 77 Tiara-winning
 - 79 Emmy-winning
 - 81 Catch wind of
 - 82 De-intensely
 - 83 Ascend
 - 85 "The Waltons" actor Will
 - 88 Sleek, briefly
 - 89 Place for GIs
 - 90 Jenny Craig regimen
 - 91 Schoolroom surprises
 - 93 Make mad
 - 94 As blind as
 - 96 Throws from a saddle
 - 97 Spat
 - 103 Puente or Jackson
 - 104 Island greetings
 - 105 Always, in verse
 - 106 Fissure
 - 107 Soprano Tetrastini
 - 112 Less wild
 - 113 Fitting exhortation to someone solving this puzzle?
 - 117 Harsh
 - 118 In the best case
 - 119 Prizes highly
 - 120 Responses of consent
 - 121 Frightful flies
 - 122 Wear
- DOWN**
- 1 Vipers
 - 2 Humorist
 - 3 Oman locale
 - 4 Yukons and Xterras
 - 5 Old Lloyd Bridges TV series
 - 6 911 agt.
 - 7 IBM's old chess-playing computer
 - 8 Illusionist
 - 9 With 81-Down, confused
 - 10 Mice and lice
 - 11 Make hostile
 - 12 Köln's river
 - 13 Rocky peak
 - 14 Rd. crossers
 - 15 Game maker since 1972
 - 16 Casaba, e.g.
 - 17 Gold block
 - 18 Ward (off)
 - 19 Bed cover
 - 24 Sue
 - 25 Grafton's "— for Quarry"
 - 29 Breath mint alternative
 - 31 Not optional: Abbr.
 - 32 "The Raven" writer
 - 33 "Get a Kick Out —"
 - 34 Juan's "what"
 - 35 2010 Apple debuts
 - 36 Citi Field mascot
 - 37 Fragment
 - 38 Fairs of films
 - 39 "— giorno!"
 - 42 Tennis great
 - 44 Plentiful
 - 45 Booze
 - 46 Take — for the worse
 - 47 Galleria unit
 - 48 Head, in Québec
 - 51 Place for movie titles
 - 52 Decorator de Wolfe
 - 53 Like ketchup
 - 56 "Star Wars" guru
 - 58 Guitar's ancestor
 - 60 Rotational force
 - 61 Raise in price by successive offers
 - 62 "As I Lay Dying" father
 - 64 The — Sod (Ireland)
 - 66 Apples and pears
 - 67 Baseballer
 - 68 Doze
 - 69 Cheat beater
 - 70 Curmudgeon
 - 71 — Nostra (Mafia's kin)
 - 74 Gibbons of TV talk
 - 75 Insertion mark
 - 76 Smelting waste
 - 78 Eleniak of "Baywatch"
 - 80 Jim Croce's "— a Name"
 - 81 See 9-Down
 - 84 Eyed intently
 - 86 Accoutered
 - 87 Smallest litter member
 - 90 R&B's — Hill
 - 91 Good buddy
 - 92 Put in solitary
 - 93 High figs. for Einsteins
 - 95 Green gem minerals
 - 97 "Crazy" singer Cline
 - 98 Give a big lift
 - 99 Very big books
 - 100 "Voilà!"
 - 101 Knitting balls
 - 102 Adorée of silent films
 - 103 Road crew
 - 106 Dudes
 - 108 Les — (French for "some")
 - 109 — of March
 - 110 640-acre unit: Abbr.
 - 111 The "A" of PTA: Abbr.
 - 113 "Good Will Hunting" sch.
 - 114 Age-verifying docs.
 - 115 Corrida holler
 - 116 Bygone Russ. state



North dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

- NORTH**
- ♠ A 6
 - ♥ 7 2
 - ♦ A 9 4
 - ♣ A K Q J 8 7
- WEST**
- ♠ J 7 5 4
 - ♥ Q 10 8 3
 - ♦ K 2
 - ♣ 6 5 3
- EAST**
- ♠ Q 10 9 2
 - ♥ A J 9 4
 - ♦ 10 5
 - ♣ 10 4 2
- SOUTH**
- ♠ K 8 3
 - ♥ K 6 5
 - ♦ Q J 8 7 6 3
 - ♣ 9

The bidding:
North East South West
2 ♠ Pass 3 ♦ Pass
4 ♠ Pass 4 ♦ Pass
4 NT Pass 5 ♠ Pass
6 ♦

Opening lead — ?

A highly imaginative lead

This deal occurred in a national team championship more than 50 years ago. The star was Irving Kass, who transformed what appeared to be a sure loss of more than 1,300 points into an unexpected gain.

North's two-club bid was strong and artificial, and South's three diamonds showed a positive response with a good diamond suit. The bidding then continued until South became declarer at six diamonds.

Kass, West, was on lead against the slam. Had he led a heart, South would have made 12 tricks after the diamond finesse succeeded. And if Kass had led a club or a spade, declarer would have taken all the tricks.

But Kass chose the extraordinary lead of the deuce of diamonds! This gave South pause for thought. He could not conceive that the lead was from the K-2 of diamonds, let alone that West had the king. From South's viewpoint, therefore, playing low from

dummy would lead to immediate defeat. East would presumably win the trick with the king, and his heart return would sink the contract.

So declarer put up the ace of diamonds, hoping to drop the singleton king. When the king didn't appear, South still had another string to his bow. If East started with the K-10-5 of diamonds and at least three clubs, the slam could still be made. In that case, declarer could not be stopped from discarding all of his hearts, so he would lose only a trump trick regardless of how East defended.

But when East ruffed the fourth club with the ten and South overruffed, so did Kass. His heart return then did South in.

In finding the opening diamond lead, Kass took advantage of South's five-club response to four notrump, indicating that he had no aces. Kass knew dummy would

have the ace of diamonds and decided to put declarer to the test immediately.

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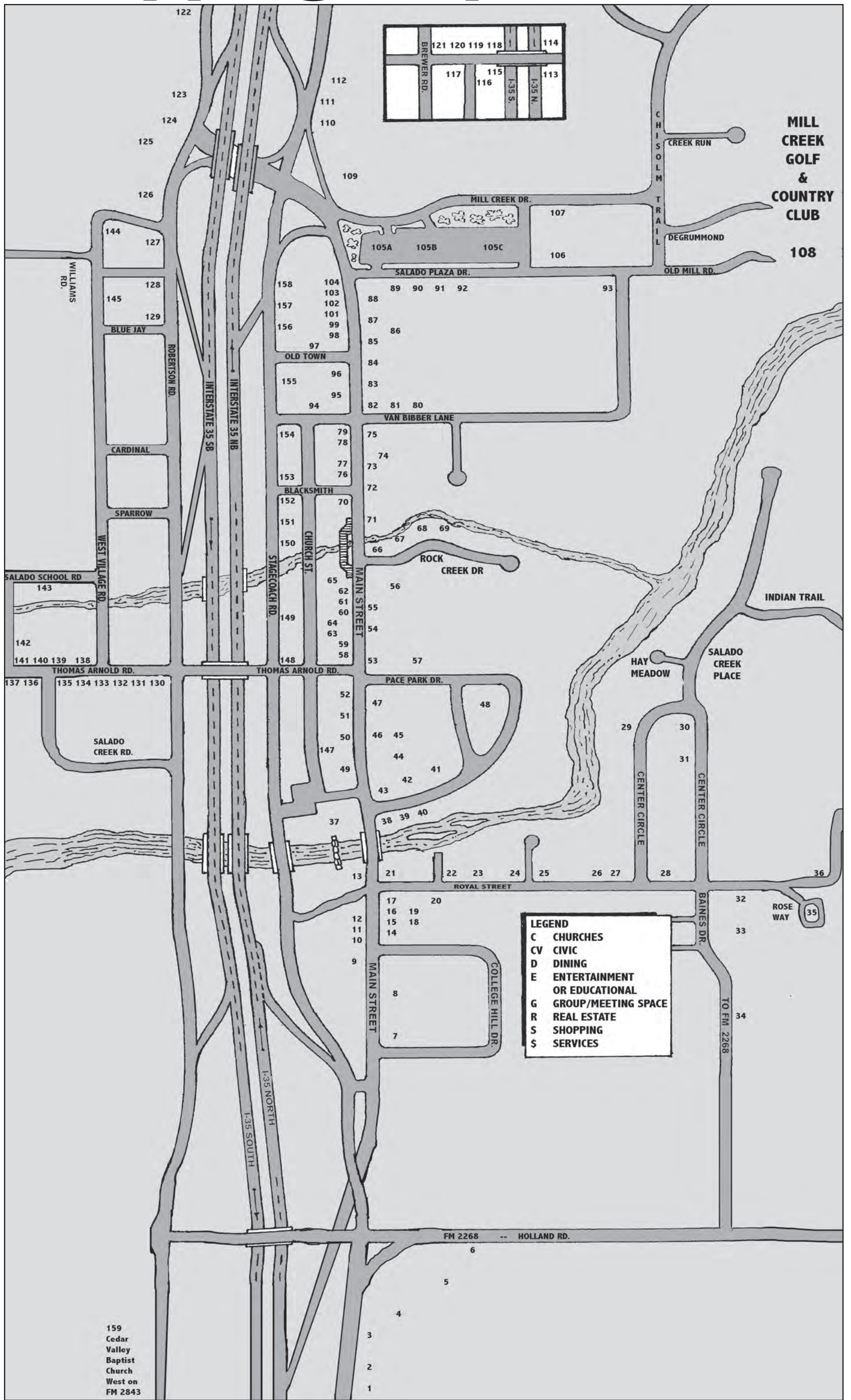
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For Rent clean 2 BR, 2 B duplex, \$700 mo. call 760-4440. 0918tfnb

Charming, spacious, 2/2/1 townhome for rent. Clean!! 6 closets, vaulted ceiling, w/d closet inside. Walk to shopping center. Lawn care provided. 254-338-5083 10/2tfnb

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Nothing else like this on the Salado market! Spacious town home on the golf course with great views. Open floor plan includes great room, gorgeous built-in bookcases. Like-new condition, all new carpet, low-E windows, fresh paint inside and out. \$205,000. 1710 Old Mill Rd., Unit 14. Raney & Associates, 254-913-1215. 01/23tfnb

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Perfect home overlooking the Texas Hill County. 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

3 BR, 2 BA Mill Creek home with office. 2 open living areas & 2 dining. Large master suite with separate shower & tub. Access to back yard via living room & master bedroom. Beautiful landscaped back yard with privacy. Nice 11 x 10.5 workshop attached to garage. 2217 Smith Bluff, Salado. \$269,721. Century 21 Bill Bartlett 947-5050b 2/2tfnf

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4 BR, 3.5 BA, two living, two dining, PLUS a media room & office. The back yard is landscaped to provide privacy, but still have the views of the golf course at Mill Creek. Split bedrooms with Master downstairs & 3 bedrooms upstairs. Large open kitchen with plenty of counter space. Wonderful walk-in pantry. Built-in bookshelves in office. 162 Twelfth Green Lane, Salado. \$429,721. Century 21 Bill Bartlett 947-5050 01/23tfnf

Gorgeous Westerfield custom on the golf course. 4 BR, 2.5 BA, split floor plan, plus Florida room with many possible uses. Gas fireplaces in den & master. Home is very spacious with hardwood floors in living & dining areas, soaring ceilings & cross beams in den. Private master suite, Jack-n-Jill bath at BR 3 & 4. Central vacuum, security system, water softener, sprinkler system & gutters. New roof in 2014. Large corner lot with no neighbors at back, access to golf course. 1201 Ambrose Dr., Salado. \$385,000. Century 21 Bill Bartlett 947-5050.

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Salado Volunteer Fire Department Report Oct. 20-26

Oct. 20

10:21-10:57 a.m., 7000 Block FM 2843. Out to an unknown medical call and medical alarm going off. Arrived on scene with Scott & White and made access to the patient. Patient was sitting in recliner. Patient had accidentally pushed the button, Scott & White got a no transport on patient and all units cleared. 2 units, 2 personnel.

11:19-11:29 a.m., 4800 Block FM 2484. Out to Irene Ln. and Fm 2484 for an unknown fire. Arrived on scene to find a control burn, owner called it in to Burn Control number. All was okay, all SVFD units cleared. 2 units, 3 personnel.

Oct. 22

5:36-6:10 a.m., 2100 Block Chisholm Tr. Out to a patient with pace maker going off. Arrived on scene to find the patient sitting in bed and patient stated that pace maker had gone off 8 times. Got vitals on patient and charted them. Scott & White arrived on scene and took over patient care. Assisted them. Scott & White transported patient to Scott & White ER and all units cleared. 1 unit, 1 personnel.

1:09-1:18 p.m., Sulfur Wells and Armstrong. Hydrant open flowing water. Arrived on scene to find a fire hydrant open flowing water to flush line out. No assistance needed all units cleared. 2 units, 3 personnel.

6:47-7:14 p.m., 1300 Block Walker Circle. Out for a smell of propane at the residence. Arrived on scene to find a large residential structure, complainant outside residence the smell of propane was around the corner of garage where the gas line goes into the house. SVFD shut propane tank off which was empty and all other lines not other hazards. Advised the homeowner to contact propane company and possibly a plumber to get leak fixed, everything secured and all units cleared. 2 units, 4 personnel.

9:25-10:08 p.m., 16000 Block Gooseneck Rd. On scene of an active seizure. Patient had history of seizures and a brain tumor. Patient stopped seizing and patient was unconscious. Placed patient on NRB and got vitals. Stood by and monitored patient until Scott & White arrived on scene. Scott & White arrived on scene and took over patient care. Scott &

White transported patient. 3 units, 5 personnel.

Oct. 24

9:32-10:17 p.m., FM 2484 and Fm 1670. Out to a motor vehicle accident. Arrived on scene to find 1 vehicle with damage to the front end and patient out walking around. Patient had no injuries. Advised Scott & White of no injuries and stood by until DPS arrived on scene. Scott & White arrived on scene and they got a no transport on patient. Assisted getting vehicle out of field and DPS advised we could clear all units. Cleared. 5 units.

Oct. 25

10:30-11:05 a.m., 900 Block Hillcrest. Called by Salado Police Department for an unknown alarm going off. Found a water detector going off below A/C units. A/C units were leaking water and alarm was working. All units cleared. 1 unit, 3 personnel.

5:03-5:54 a.m., 2484 and Salado Heights Dr. Dispatched for a motor vehicle crash at 2484 and Salado Heights Drive. Arrived on scene to find an SUV on all 4 wheels. SUV had rolled over. A male patient was lying on his back in the supine position next to the drivers door. A passerby was with patient and she stated that patient was out of SUV when she stopped. Assessment of patient had good ABC'S. Vitals signs as charted. Patient was not able to answer any questions so he was placed on a NRB. Further assessment found some swelling at the middle of his back at the spine. No other injuries noted. Patient placed in a c-collar and loaded on a long board. Scott & White medic arrived on scene and a report was given to medic who took over patient care. Patient transported to Scott & White by ambulance. 4 units, 6 personnel.

12:46-1:20 p.m., 200 Block Lonesome Dove Ln. Out to the area of Royal Street for a unknown type fire that was putting off black smoke. Arrived on scene to find a small control burn at Lonesome Dove Ln. Homeowner advised he was burning catfish that died at his pond. Homeowner had put them in a tub and poured diesel on them and that had made the black smoke. SVFD advised him about calling it in for control burning and gave him the number no other hazards

found all units cleared. 2 units, 3 personnel.

Oct. 26

3:50-4:20 p.m., 286 NB I-35. Out to 286 NB for a 3 vehicle MVA. Arrived on scene to find 3 vehicles with moderate damage. All patients were out of vehicles. Belton Medic arrived on scene and took over patient care. Belton transported 2 patients, all other patients were no transports. Scene turned over to SPD, all units cleared. 5 units, 7 personnel.

3:51-4:44 p.m., Triple Trail. Dispatched for mutual aid on structure fire with SWBFD. Arrived on scene and provided one load of 2250 gallons of water and was released by SWBFD. 1 unit, 2 personnel.

5:26-6:02 p.m., 500 Block Santa Clara. Out to 500 Block Santa Clara for a male patient with difficulty breathing. Arrived on scene to find patient laying in bed. Patient was aware, but slow to answer. Obtained vitals and charted. Scott & White medic unit arrive don scene and took over patient care. Assisted loading patient to ambulance. Scott & White transported. 1 unit, 3 personnel.

5:35-7:06 p.m., I-35 280 NB. Out to a Major MVC. Arrived on scene to find 3 vehicles 2 with major damage and one with moderate. SVFD along with DPS shut down the entire interstate NB. Took over all patients and checking on injuries. Set up for Air Evac. Found 8 patients total. 5 patients were transported to ER's and 3 patients were no transports. Scott & White along with Belton Medic transported all patients. Air Evac ended up not transporting patient. Washed highway down after all patients and vehicle were removed and DPS advised all units could clear. All units cleared. 8 units, 13 personnel.

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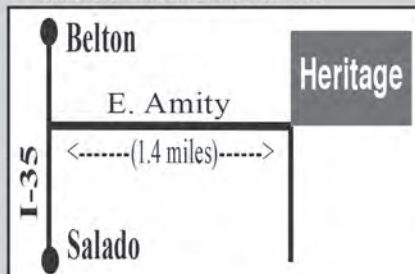


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Oct. 20
12:30-1:07 p.m., IH 35 Near or around Exit 279 South. Intoxicated person on bus. Heard dispatch DPS in the above area and I was the closest unit at this time. I then began to this area and as I arrived Constables were already on scene with the situation under control. Cleared scene.

Oct. 21
9:10 a.m., Smith Branch. Illegal Dumping. I was met by the above person regards to a illegal dumping concern at the

police department. Information was retrieved and CSF was generated. No other information at this time.

6:17-6:24 p.m., 000 Block S. Main. Missing Person. Made contact with white male who stated his adult wife was missing. While getting information and description, a white male drove up and informed the complainant that his wife was eating dinner at The Range restaurant. No report... Clear.

6:30-6:54 p.m., Police Department. Citizen Con-

tact, mother was seeking advice about harassing messages sent to her 16 year old daughter's phone. Clear.

Oct. 23
8:46-9:27 a.m., 600 Block Willow Creek. Caller states deer caught in fence. Arrived on scene and was unable to free deer. Caller given numbers to wildlife services company. Company unable to respond until afternoon time-frame. Contact made with SVFD. who was put in touch with the caller for assistance. Clear.

Oct. 24
8:54-9:02 a.m., 800 Block Park Dr. Animal Disturbance, caller found deceased deer on property. Contact information for an animal control company was provided. Clear.

2:58 p.m., 301 N. Stagecoach (Police Department). Walk-in, walk in complainant with questions on golf carts. Information provided. Clear.

6:40-7:20 p.m., 700 Block Royal. Welfare Concern. The neighbor was

concerned that individual might do harm to herself. While speaking to individual she stated that she was just depressed but did not want to cause harm to herself. She was given information about MHMR in Temple. Cleared.

9:30-10:10 p.m., FM 1670 and FM 2484. Assist Other Agency. Assisted DPS on a 1 vehicle crash. Cleared.

10:10-11:40 p.m., 1022 W. Village. Intoxicated Person. Individual was passed out behind the wheel of a white Ford F-250. While investigating the circumstances it was found that individual was intoxicated. He was arrested and taken to the Bell County Jail. Report.

Oct. 25
12:40-1:00 p.m., Area of 531 FM 2268. Fire Call, dispatched to the above location to attempt to locate a fire. I arrived and was unable to locate in this area. However a control burn was located at Dr. T's Equine Science. No other information at this time.

2:55-3:20 p.m., 2200 Block Highland Dr. Animal Welfare, dispatched to the above location in reference to hurt deer. I arrived on location and located the deer in the front yard. As I exited my vehicle the deer ran into the woods. It was later found that the deer had been shot and Texas Parks and Wildlife were notified. No other information at this time.

10:02-11:00 p.m., 900 Block Hillcrest. Alarm/Residence. Alarm sounding checked all windows, doors, smoke detectors and heat sensors. Called SVFD. Again checked all of the above. Alarm was coming from AC unit. High water alarm. It was turned off. Cleared.

Oct. 26
5:33-5:43 p.m., 2300 Block Indian Tr. Theft Report. Caller stated that an unknown person entered her yard and took political signs without consent. Report on file. Clear.

3:50-5:09 p.m., NB 35 at Holiday Inn. Assist Agency, 3 vehicle crash. DPS worked report.

5:31-6:59 p.m., FD/EMS/DPS. 282 NB. Agency Assist, with a three cars crash. Clear.

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Destroy diseased red oaks. A knowledgeable arborist or forester should diagnose red oaks (i.e., Texas red, blackjack or shumard oak) that die rapidly (2–3 weeks) or in groups (2 or more trees over several years) for oak wilt. Trees suspected to have died recently from oak wilt should be destroyed by burning, burying or chipping. The heat of a fire destroys the fungus and the smoke emitted poses no threat to healthy trees. When planning to do any outdoor burning, be sure and check with local officials to see if an outdoor burning ban is in place for your county and take care not to burn on windy days with low humidity.

Avoid wounding oaks during vulnerable seasons. The general recommendation is to avoid injuries to oaks from February through June. The best times for pruning of oaks are during the heat of summer (minimal spore production) or the cold of winter (minimal insect activity).

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