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Some of the door prizes to be given away during the Salado Chamber of Commerce banquet Jan. 27 are shown above.

Subdivisions, zoning top agenda

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Salado aldermen Jan. 8 set a subdivision plat fee schedule and formally appointed members of the Planning and Zoning commission to two- and three-year terms on the board. Aldermen also discussed the international property maintenance code and heard from a builder who said that building regulations were not being applied equitably.

The board set the following fees for filing subdivision plats in the limits and extra territorial jurisdiction of Salado:

- Minor Plat: creation of a single lot subdivision or division of an existing lot, \$50.

- Construction Plat: multi-lot subdivision prior to staff review. Preliminary may be used for general lot line prior to submission of construction drawing: \$300 plus \$10 per acre plus \$5 per lot.

- Final Plat: Multi-lot subdivision after staff review and modification, Final must include all construction drawings "certified" by a registered engineer: \$100 plus \$10 per acre plus \$5 per lot.

- Replat: Minor change to an existing subdivision lot: \$50.

In other business, Mayor Charlotte Douglass presented aldermen with the International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC), telling them that much of the Village's Health and Sanitation Ordinance adopted in 2003 came from the code, but added that the IPMC addressed many other con-

cerns for a municipality.

The IPMC is an approximately 40-page document that concerns upkeep of buildings and grounds within a municipality. It provides for a condemnation of buildings, demolition of buildings and unsafe structures.

It also provides regulations for property maintenance issues, such as exterior structure, interior structure, handrails and guardrails, rubbish and garbage and extermination.

The IPMC has sections devoted to light, ventilation and occupancy requirements; plumbing facilities and fixture requirements; mechanical and electrical requirements and fire safety requirements.

Mayor Douglass told aldermen that they might want to consider adopting the IPMC "as a whole, or parts of it or none of it." Aldermen took no action on the IPMC.

Aldermen set the terms of Planning and Zoning Commissioners as follows: Jack Herrington and Lloyd Parks, two years; Jerry Johns, Darlene Walsh and Ronnie Tynes, three years each. The P&Z Commissioner held its first meeting Jan. 13 to consider the plat of the Mill Creek Springs, Phase IV subdivision.

Aldermen heard from Darrell Voigt, with Russell Allen Homes, who said that building regulations are not being applied across-the-board. Voigt told aldermen about his company being stopped for 12 days on construction of a home on Mill Creek

Drive because of issues dealing with setbacks from property lines.

Vogt explained that the home was being built close to the back line of the property in order to save several 100-year old oak trees. He further told aldermen that the company bought the adjoining property so that it would not violate the setback rules. He explained that with the change in building plans, the septic plans were changed, but Bell County health officials still approved the plan.

"I see houses in other areas of town that are not meeting the setback rules," Vogt said, "but they aren't being shut down."

Alderman Suzi Epps said that the other property he referred to had been awarded a variance by the Village.

Mayor Douglass said that as soon as the Village received formal approval on the septic system, that the building permit was issued the next working day. Douglass added that the Village cannot operate on assumptions about septic systems or other issues, but "must operate in writing."

Aldermen adopted an interlocal agreement with the Bell County Sheriff's Office to allow Salado Police Department to issue traffic citations on West Village Road, which is a county road.

Chief Rogers introduced the new officer to Aldermen. David Buchanan is the fourth full-time officer to join the Salado Police Department.

Flynn will tickle your funny bone at Jan. 27 banquet

Texas writer Robert Flynn will tickle your funny bone during the Salado Chamber of Commerce Banquet Jan. 27 at the banquet facility on Tenroc Ranch in Salado.

Tickets are \$25 per person and can be purchased at the Salado Chamber of Commerce office in the Salado Civic Center.

Robert Flynn is professor emeritus at Trinity University and a native of Chillicothe, Texas.

He is the author of 12 books, including seven novels: *North To Yesterday*; *In the House of the Lord*; *The Sounds of Rescue*; *The Signs of Hope*; *Wanderer Springs*; *The Last Klick*; *The Devil's Tiger*, co-authored with the late Dan Klepper, and *Tie-Fast Country*.



Robert Flynn

His dramatic adaptation of Faulkner's "As I Lay Dying" was the United States entry at the Theater of Nations in Paris in 1964 and won a Special Jury Award.

He is also the author of a two-part documentary, "A Cowboy Legacy," shown on ABC-TV, a non-fiction narrative, "A Personal War in Vietnam," an oral history, "When I Was Just Your Age," two story collections, "Seasonal Rain" and "Living

With The Hyenas," and a collection of essays, "Growing Up a Sullen Baptist."

Flynn is also a columnist for *The Door: The World's Pretty Much Only Magazine of Religious Satire*.

North to Yesterday received awards from the Texas Institute of Letters and the National Cowboy Hall of Fame, and was named one of the Best Books of the Year by the *New York Times*. *Seasonal Rain*, was co-winner of the Texas Literary Festival Award. Flynn is a member of The Texas Institute of Letters, The Writers Guild of America, Marine Corps Combat Correspondents, and P.E.N.

In 1998, he received the Distinguished Achievement Award from the Texas Institute of Letters.

Sales tax rebates to Salado continue upward

Salado's sales tax payment of \$23,328.83 on Jan. 9 showed an increase of more than three percent over last year's January payment, according to the Texas Comptroller's office. Last January, Salado received \$22,625.52 in sales tax rebates. The Village of Salado levies a one-cent sales tax.

The Salado Public Library District received a check of \$14,828.82 for January, an increase of almost six percent over

last January's payment of \$14,021.96. The Library District levies a half-cent sales tax.

Bell County levies a half-cent sales tax and received \$714,401.10, which is eight percent higher than last January's payment \$660,796.81.

"The state collected \$1.25 billion in sales tax revenue in December, a remarkably robust 8.7 percent increase compared to December 2002," Texas Comptroller Carole

Keeton Strayhorn said when issuing the checks.

"This is the highest sales tax growth rate in 35 months--since January 2001, when I first warned Texans that the state's economic furnace would soon cool," Strayhorn said. "An economic turnaround is now underway, and Texas has seen four consecutive months of sales tax growth."

Since state fiscal year 2004 began on September 1, state sales tax revenue

is up 4.7 percent compared to the same period in FY 2003.

"State sales tax collections hit a low point last summer, when July collections shrank 4.6 percent compared to the same month of the previous year," Strayhorn said. "But in August, the decline was only half a percent. In September, sales tax collections grew by 2.1 percent. They grew by 3.6 percent in October, by 4.3 percent in November, and by an

amazing 8.7 percent in December."

Local sales tax revenue also continues to rebound. The Comptroller on Jan. 12 sent Texas cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts January sales tax allocations totaling \$303.2 million, up 7.1 percent compared to January 2003.

Strayhorn sent sales tax payments of \$203.9 million to Texas cities, up 6.9 percent compared to Jan-

uary 2003. Texas counties received January sales tax payments of \$17.5 million, up 6.9 percent.

Eighty-two special purpose taxing districts around the state received \$8 million in sales tax, up 1.3 percent compared to last January.

State sales tax revenue for December, and January sales tax allocations to local governments represent sales made in November and reported to the Comptroller in December.

FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas



The Amnesty Mistake

So much for once bitten, twice shy. The Bush White House floated an amnesty proposal for illegal immigrants in the summer of 2001, roiling its political base among conservatives and getting nowhere before the Sept. 11 attacks buried the idea. Now, the White House is back again, considering another amnesty proposal that is likely only to produce the same results.

There has never been popular backing for the current, historically high levels of immigration into the United States. But the high-immigration policy has rolled on, with the support of a political establishment eager to pander to pro-immigration special interests. Democratic candidates for president have been playing for the Hispanic vote with various amnesty proposals, and the White House now wants a piece of the action.

Bush is reportedly considering broadly endorsing a plan that would: 1) allow guest workers into the United States to take jobs advertised by the Department of Labor; 2) create a new visa for illegal workers already here to allow them to live in the United States legally for three years before starting the process of getting a green card. The guest-worker program will inevitably be abused and create more permanent immigration, while the three-year proposal is just a slow-motion amnesty for illegals. Congressional conservatives will resist the changes, likely handing Bush a defeat and a black eye with his political base in an election year. Good.

"Every guest-worker program in history has failed," says Mark Krikorian of the Washington, D.C.-based Center for Immigration Studies. "It always results in permanent immigration." This one would be no different.

An amnesty will inevitably present a

Rich Lowry Column

security problem. The U.S. immigration system is already overwhelmed. Putting aside the reliability of Mexican documentation, who is going to do the background checks on hundreds of thousands of new immigrants coming here? During the last amnesty in 1986, there were thousands upon thousands of cases of fraud. One plotter in the 1993 World Trade Center bombing gained amnesty under the 1986 law as a farm worker. "There is no way that a new amnesty program won't give green cards to terrorists," says Krikorian. "I can guarantee it."

So what should we be doing with an illegal population that numbers at least eight million? First, stop adding to it, which means no guest-worker program or amnesty to reward people for coming here illegally. Then, we should squeeze the illegal population, which will reduce through attrition -- mostly from voluntary returns -- if it is made harder to be an illegal alien here. Employers should be required to make better checks of the legal status of new hires, documentation should be made more fraud-proof, and agencies of the federal government should cooperate more in identifying illegal workers.

All of this is very achievable. But the political establishment, in the form of the Democratic Party and George W. Bush both, wants to go in the opposite direction. May Bush be twice bitten, and the harder the better.

Edwards opts to run in 17th District; Political power shifts to Williamson; No Demo primary candidate yet in 31st

Bell County's Congressman Chet Edwards made the not surprising announcement last Thursday that he would file for reelection this week as a Democratic candidate for Congress from the newly-created 17th District, with the campaign headquartered in Waco, his hometown.

At year's end, Edwards will have completed 14 years of service in the current 11th District - a district that was split in half - creating the 17th and 31st. Bell County was assigned to the 31st and McLennan the 17th. Edwards made his plans known to voters last week at the same store where he first announced for Congress back in 1990 - Modern TV and Appliance on Avenue C in Killeen, with owner Tommy Joe Mills at his side, as he was the day the initial Edwards' campaign began.

Mills is the Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army and a strong supporter of Edwards, who he noted had: "Served the 11th District with distinction. He brought great things to Bell County's medical community and of course provided Fort Hood with funds that created a military-civilian complex that is today a great place to live, work and train - for both the soldiers and their families - all of whom are high in their praise for this good man."

Mills concluded: "We shall miss Chet beyond measure, but know we can always count on his help as a good neighbor and friend - next door in the 17th District."

The Congressman currently serves as the ranking member of the powerful Budget Committee and Appropriation's Military Construction sub-committee.

NOT A SURPRISING MOVE

The decision to move to the 17th Congressional District rather than Bell County's new 31st District was not unexpected. In fact, this column noted weeks ago that a study of voting patterns plus the distribution of registered Democrats and Republicans in both new districts indicated only one fairly reliable road to victory - that being a move to the 17th.

McLennan County has always been Edwards' power base and coupled with Demo voters scattered throughout the rural counties from Hood south to Brazos there is no doubt that Edwards will be the overwhelming favorite, especially since there is no GOP incumbent as in the 31st (John Carter, R-Georgetown).

The Congressman is reported to have a hefty campaign war chest on hand and that plus the always carefully planned campaign by the seasoned Democratic campaigner, it would appear that a victory for Edwards in November is certainly attainable.

Ready to file for the 17th Congressional District's Republican primary, now set for March 9, is Dot Brown, former Waco school board member and Arlene Wohlgemuth, a Republican hard liner and member of the Texas House from Burleson.

BELL POWER HEADS SOUTH

Bell County, now part of District 31, will lose its strong political leadership position, which shifts to the larger Williamson County, that is also home (Georgetown) to incumbent Republican Congressman John Carter. Carter will face Wes Riddle (R-Belton) in the GOP primary.

With the new January 16 filing deadline looming and no Democrat yet filed for the March primary, it would appear Saladoans will not have to wait until November to discover who their new Congressman will be for 2005-7.

Off the Record

by Ken Clapp



"Every political party has its day. Some days just seem longer than others."

Winston Churchill

VOTER JUDGEMENT FINAL

Now that nearly everyone, who has even a smattering of political clout in Texas, has had a say in how the Congressional Districts in our State will look, at least for the next six years, there is only one decision left to be made. That in November by voters - concerning their views on the new districts - a decision that cannot be overridden by gerrymandering or other distressing actions by the party in power.

The Republican-led state legislature designed and passed the current redistricting map - under the dictatorial oversight of White House "Svengali" Carl Rove & Tom (Bugsy) Delay (R-Sugarland) and toadied by Governor Rick Perry, Lt. Governor David Dewhurst and Speaker Tom Craddick.

The Justice Department quickly found no fault with the new districts (surprise, surprise) and finally on January 6, a three judge federal panel in Austin decreed that there was no "legal" problem with the remapping bungle.

NOVEMBER MIGHT SURPRISE GOP

Ten incumbent Democrats have been in the sights of the big GOPguns for several years - and now with an approved map designed to knock most of them off and create a 22-10 GOP majority in the Texas delegation (currently divided equally 16-16) - things look rosy for the Repubs.

Two central Texas lawmakers - Lloyd Doggett and Chet Edwards have been prime Republican targets throughout the process of creating a jerrybuilt map especially designed to delete "problem Democrats" - problems to the Bush administration and the GOP House.

Imagine the shock if both these Democrats actually win reelection! And this could happen since Doggett is well known and respected in his new district that runs from his base in Austin to the Mexican Border. Mexican American's call this gerrymandered outrage a "fajita strip" that looks like just what it is - a way to get rid of a "bad old liberal" incumbent.

Edwards - will run for reelection in the new District 17, has an even stronger chance of winning due to his popularity, experience and leadership roles on key House committees including Budget and Appropriations.

GOOD OLD PEOPLE POWER

If voters decide they will have no part in the Republican master plan (that of knocking off Democrats simply because they are Democrats) and reelect the Demo incumbents regardless of how the districts were messed with, it would prove once again that despite the shenanigans of any majority party, the power of our Republic remains firmly in the hands of the people.

That would be a great thing for all of us to proudly proclaim - from sea to shining sea. And it should even make Republicans feel good although they traditionally don't trust voters with having too much authority.

That's -30-

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Failing Iraq

Heritage Forum

By Edwin Feulner

"You're either part of the solution or you're part of the problem," goes a popular military axiom. That's especially true in Iraq, where for years the United Nations refused to help solve problems. Because of that, it ended up making the situation there much worse.

For example, when Saddam Hussein ignored U.N. disarmament resolutions in the late 1990s, the world body refused to enforce its own orders. First it opened talks with the dictator. When those predictably failed, the U.N. ended up pulling its weapons inspectors out entirely. Saddam would still be in power today, tyrannizing his own people and posing a threat to the rest of the world, if the United States hadn't assembled a coalition to depose him.

The fall of Saddam gave the U.N. another chance to join the right side of history. But even in today's post-Saddam era, it's choosing to remain irrelevant in Iraq--which means it remains a big part of the problem there.

Iraq's acting foreign minister recently traveled to U.N. headquarters to make this very point. Hoshiyar Zubari had harsh words for the Security Council. "The U.N. as an organization failed to help rescue the Iraqi people from a murderous tyranny that lasted over 35 years," he said. "The U.N. must not fail the Iraqi people again."

Zubari wants the U.N. to pitch in by providing more humanitarian aid, and by advancing the electoral and political process. But the best thing would be to get its members--especially those on the vaunted Security Council--to forgive Iraq's Saddam-era debt.

During his decades in power, Saddam ran up more than \$120 billion in debt to foreign governments and private lenders. Russia holds about \$4 billion of that, while France holds \$2 billion. In an interesting coincidence, both nations opposed the coalition's efforts to oust Saddam last spring. And keep in mind

where more than half the money Saddam borrowed went. Not toward building a better country--that's what Iraqis are struggling to do today. No, it was invested in Saddam's military and his gilded palaces.

"The past is the past," intoned France's ambassador after Zubari asked for U.N. support. "We should not look at the past but look forward." But how can Iraq possibly build a future with billions of dollars in debt hanging over it? If its new democratic government inherits a crushing debt, it's likely to fail. And in Iraq, the failure of democracy could mean a return to dictatorial rule, and a government friendly to terrorists.

"Old Europe" has done virtually nothing to help Iraq, politically or financially. But it still expects to profit from the rebuilding effort. Its representatives howled when the Pentagon announced that only countries which took part in the coalition to oust Saddam could win contracts under an American-financed \$18 billion Iraq rebuilding effort.

"This is a gratuitous and extremely unhelpful decision," huffed European Union commissioner Chris Patten. What we need, he said, is "for the international community to work together for stability and reconstruction in Iraq."

That is indeed what we need. And the logical place for that cooperation to start would be at the U.N. As Zubari told the Security Council, today Iraq enjoys "the most representative and democratic governing body in the Middle East." That government, of course, was put in place by the U.S.-led coalition, over the objections of the U.N.

The United Nations again faces a choice: It can become involved in the critical process of rebuilding Iraq, or it can remain on the sidelines. If it does, it will be irrelevant again. By choice.

Feulner is president of The Heritage Foundation, a public policy research institute.

FORUM

Texas: a state of science

Texas was born out of a drive for adventure and a desire for independence which compelled our forebears to make the last stand at the Alamo, drill for oil at Spindletop and continues to lead our modern-day push for scientific discovery. Our Texas ancestors valued education, even setting aside state land to endow both secondary and higher education for future generations.

This commitment, along with the support for research and technology, has produced an environment that attracts some of the greatest scientists in the world. Two decades ago Dr. Julio C. Palmaz, of the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, created a stent, the first to be approved by the FDA to treat diseased blood vessels. Dr. Michael DeBakey, at Baylor Medical School, invented an artificial heart pump for transplant patients. Drs. Robert Curl and Richard Smalley, at Rice University, uncovered new forms of the element carbon, called fullerenes, for which they jointly received the Nobel Prize in chemistry in 1996, and became the fathers of nanotechnology.

Knowing the immense depth and breadth of our state's scientific talent and the immeasurable benefits of such expertise, I have made it one of my top priorities in the United States Senate to elevate the profile of Texas research institutions, and increase federal research and development dollars to our schools. In 1997, I discovered we were sixth in the receipt of these funds, behind Maryland, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, New York and California. Since then we have moved up to fifth place and increased funding from Texas' participation in federal research projects to over \$1.26 billion, through hard work, greater attention to research opportu-

Capitol Comment



Kay Bailey Hutchison
U.S. Senator



nities, and the convening of annual higher education summits in Washington, D.C.

The summits have focused on bringing Texas schools to the table with government agencies that do the most research, NASA, the National Institutes of Health, the Department of Homeland Security and the National Science Foundation, to match federal needs with Texas' expertise. At the summits we've encouraged schools to create centers of excellence based on their capabilities and combine their efforts to go after bigger projects. When more research is conducted on our campuses, students gain access to more sophisticated educational tools and world-class training. And each dollar spent in this endeavor is a boon to our economy. In fact, research has a \$4.4 billion impact on our state's economy and for every \$1 invested, Texas gets a \$5 return. Our efforts thus far have paid off handsomely.

Earlier this year the University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB) was awarded one of two National Biocontainment Laboratories, which will discover ways to protect our nation from the threat of biological terrorism. UTMB will receive \$110 million in grants from the National Institute for Allergy and Infectious Diseases to establish the lab. In addition to this growing expertise in bio-defense, Texas is already an internationally recognized powerhouse in nanotechnology, a science measured in billionths of a meter. The Strategic Partnership of Research in Nanotechnology, or S.P.R.I.N.G., is a consortium of schools including Rice University, UT

Austin, UT Dallas and UT Arlington, among others, that have joined forces to explore this promising field to form stronger, lighter, and more efficient materials that will revolutionize healthcare, transportation and defense.

Now we are taking the next step in elevating Texas' profile as a science state. This January, at the suggestion of several academic research leaders, I launched the Texas Academy of Science, Engineering and Medicine. The Academy commenced with a conference in San Antonio, featuring our Nobel Laureates and members of the National Academy of Science, the National Academy of Engineering and the Institute of Medicine. Two of our state's Nobel Laureates, Drs. Michael Brown and Rick Smalley, are co-chairs of the scientific advisory committee.

The Academy will bring greater recognition to the stellar researchers working at our institutions and provide them a forum to discuss their research, exchange ideas, identify potential areas of collaboration, and foster the future generation of scientists. Industry leaders will also be an important component to this effort reminding them of the rich resources they can utilize in their own endeavors. Our industry advisory committee, led by Ernest Cockrell, Chairman of Cockrell Interests; Thomas Engibous, Chairman, President and CEO of Texas Instruments; and Michael Dell, Chairman and CEO of Dell Inc., will help ensure an open dialogue between Texas academia and industry.

By creating the Academy and bringing local and national recognition to our members, we hope to attract and retain researchers, increase the federal resources coming into Texas, and shine a spotlight on the cutting-edge discoveries that are made daily on campuses across the Lone Star State. It is my hope this Academy will help place Texas in the top tier of scientific preeminence and further enhance the depth and quality of life in our great state.

Federally induced poverty



Jim Hightower

Here's a novel concept: If you work full time and do a good job, you shouldn't be paid so poorly that you live in poverty.

Try to tell that to the federal government, though. An independent study released by ACORN, the grassroots advocate for the working poor, finds that corporations enjoying fat, tax-paid contracts from the feds are paying poverty wages to the people actually doing the contract work. The same federal government that sets precise standards for, say the tensile strength of screws that it buys, sets no standards for the fair pay of people working under its contracts.

The study, conducted by the Economic Policy Institute, revealed that 11 percent of federal contract employees receive less than a "living wage," which is to say their paychecks are too low to lift them and their families above the poverty level. In this period when Congress annually raises its own pay, in this period when federal contracts routinely cover the million-dollar paychecks of the corporate CEOs getting the contracts, it's absurd that our tax dollars would be used to subsidize sub-poverty pay.

Ironically, while the companies profit on the backs of these workers, many of the workers themselves have to turn to food stamps, housing assistance, and other federal poverty programs just to make ends meet. This means that we taxpayers are hit with a double whammy: First, we're subsidizing low-wage companies, then we have to provide services to assuage the poverty of their workers.

Better that the contractors themselves be required to pay fair wages from the start, which is why the Living Wage Responsibility Act has been introduced in Congress, sponsored by Representative Luis Guitierrez of Illinois. It requires big businesses that get federal contracts to pay their employees a wage no less than the federal poverty level. For more information, contact ACORN: 202-547-2500.



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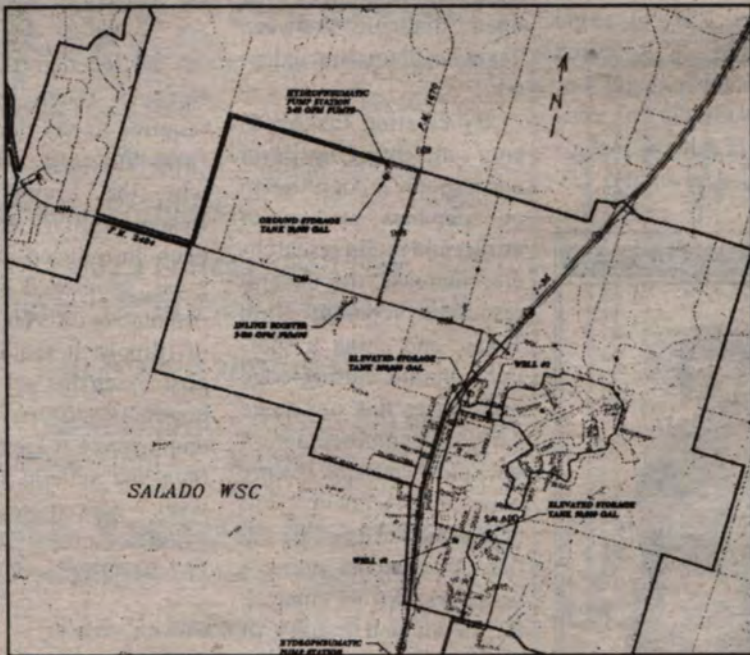
Notice of the Availability of an Environmental Assessment

The USDA, Rural Utilities Service has received an application for financial assistance from the Salado Water Supply Corporation. As required by the National Environmental Policy Act, an Environmental Assessment has been prepared which evaluated the potential environmental effects and consequences of the proposed project. This notice announces the availability of the Environmental Assessment for public review and comment.

The proposed project consists of the construction of a 0.2 million gallon elevated storage tank, 0.25 million gallon ground storage tank, 10-inch waterline, pump station and 12-inch water line, all along FM 2484. The alternatives considered to the proposed project include installing the pipeline cross-country through multiple properties, as well as a longer route along I35 and around the northern side of the City. To avoid or minimize impacts to environmental resources, the following mitigation is proposed:

1. Prime Farmlands - The WSC will develop a system map which identifies areas that have been designated as planned growth corridors.
2. Floodplains/Wetlands - The WSC will adopt a resolution prohibiting service to be proposed to be built in 100-year floodplains. Also, requirements of U.S. Corps of Nationwide Permit 12 will be complied with during construction.
3. Cultural Resources - If cultural materials are encountered during construction, work will cease in the immediate area and the State Historical Preservation Officer, the Texas Historical Commission, the Secretary of the Interior and the Rural Development State Environmental Coordinator will be notified.

Copies of the Environmental Assessment are available for review at the USDA Rural Development Office located at Hillsboro, Texas. For further information contact Terri Blevins, Community Development Specialist, 1502 Highway 77 North, Hillsboro, Texas 76645, telephone (254) 582-7328, Ext. 4. Any person interested in commenting on this proposed project should submit comments to the address above by Feb. 12, 2004



Dear Editor:

We wanted to briefly respond to the recent letter by Ann Stanislaw of Cameron regarding our coaches. Salado ISD has already personally responded to Ms. Stanislaw.

There was a Cameron junior varsity player injured at the recent Salado basketball tournament. Her injuries did turn out to require a physician's care. The extent of her injuries was not immediately known. When she was injured, her coach went onto the court to assess the situation and then took her to the sideline and the referee immediately resumed play. Our coaches were not immediately aware of her needs but as they learned about her situation, they got ice for her and helped move

Your Voice

Letters to the Editor

her to a waiting vehicle for transportation.

In the heat of the moment, it certainly may have appeared to an onlooker that we did not readily respond; however our coaches did assist with her care when it was realized that she had a more serious injury. Larry Salisbury called the head coach at Cameron High School to express our apology for not attending to the Cameron player in a more timely manner based upon Ms. Stanislaw's letter. The Cameron coach stated that we did all that was needed and more concerning helping their injured player.

Several variables effected response time in this situation. Firstly, we do not employ a full-time trainer, such as larger districts like Cameron.

Secondly, since the

tournament used both gyms, our staff was stretched thin.

Thirdly, there is an unwritten rule among most coaches that the opposing teams' coaches do not treat the other team's players except in an emergency.

And fourthly, due to the referee immediately resuming play, it was assumed that the player was not seriously injured. Our response time perhaps was not as quick as it would have been had there been different variables.

Good coaches are hard to find and harder to keep. We commend all coaches, including the Cameron coaches, on the extra time spent for the benefit of our students and spectators.

Sincerely,
Robin Battershell,
Superintendent

Jeff Cheatham,
Athletic Director
Larry Salisbury,
Girls Athletic Coordinator

Dear Editor:

"No legal ruling can change the fact that this map splits apart historic communities of interest and dilutes the voice of rural and minority voters in our democratic process.

Bell and McLennan counties will be separated for the first time in 128 years, and our present 11th District will be divided into three new districts stretching from the New Mexico border to the suburbs of Ft. Worth to south of College Station.

Unless the U.S. Supreme Court overturns this split decision, the new map will be in effect for the 2004 elections.

For the next 12 months my first responsibility will be to continue fighting hard for the present 11th District. Whether it is protect-

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ing the quality of water for Central Texas, defending the Waco VA hospital or supporting our dedicated soldiers and families at Ft. Hood, I intend to do my job and do it well.

I want to thank the hundreds of constituents in my present district who have urged me to run for reelection in the new 17th or 31st District. In the days ahead, my family and I will continue listening to supporters, and we will make a final decision by next week."

Rep. Chet Edwards

Ed. note: Since this statement, Rep. Edwards announced that he will file in District 17, which includes McLennan and Brazos counties, among others.

Dear Editor:

Along with a handful of other Saladoans, Joan and I toured the Salado High School Jan. 10 as guest of Dr. Robin Battershell and her very capable staff. As you may (or may not) know, this is a continuation of several public meetings she has conducted in connection with a probable bond issue for a major construction and renovation program of the SISD facilities.

To better put this in perspective, Saladoans joined together about 20 years ago to pass a bond issue to fund the development of the present facilities and those bonds have all been retired. Further, projecting future growth, they correctly over-sized here and there and that facility has served the community very well over the past two decades. However, time marches on and who could have guessed the dynamic growth of Travis, Williamson, Bell and Coryell counties, much less the fact that Salado has appeared on the wish list of more and more retirees. To make a long story short, Salado and SISD have begun to grow at the rate of six per-

cent or greater per year and there's not an end in sight. Therefore, the once spacious facilities of SISD are now cramped and overcrowded, resulting in the addition of even more temporary (portable) buildings again this year. But, adding more and more such portable classroom buildings doesn't deal with restrooms, food service, performing arts, industrial arts, athletics, music and much, much more. No, we've already got a field full of temporary buildings so we're beyond that.

And, this is no longer a question of "nice" but rather a matter of "necessity." Clearly, Dr. Battershell and her staff have done a great job of planning around available space and the school system presently functions marginally well under the circumstances. But, the future growth can be readily confirmed in the increasing numbers of lower grades(s) registrations together with new home construction and planned land development within the school district. Too soon, doubling up and shuffling students from one campus to another will no longer be an option as we are fast approaching gridlock in every quarter of the system.

Have we waited too long? No, but it is time to move forward and that is precisely what today's visit was all about. Engineers have already made a professional assessment

of our present facilities and submitted several options for our consideration. Whether you like plan A, B, C or whatever is immaterial. Truth is, any will take time followed by a bond issue to fully implement, so we need to move forward now and Saladoans have been known to join together to support important projects such as this.

So my call to arms to all is "please get involved." Whether you're a local merchant or have retired to the golf course; whether you live here and work elsewhere; whatever your personal circumstances, it is time for all of us to get involved for we cannot afford to let this terribly important matter fail for lack of community awareness and support.

The schedule for the remaining school tours and public forums appears regularly in the *Salado Village Voice*. Please take the time to be there and participate, as this is a quality of life issue of the highest order that affects us all and will be decided only by those that choose to show up and participate. Dr. Battershell, our School Board and outside consultants have devoted a great deal of time studying this matter, but it's now time for the community to get behind it. Remember, whether you are a parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle or even none of the above, there is no other matter more important to Salado than the education and development of our children.

Jack Schrock
Salado

To the Editor:

To my great disappointment, it is now clear that Chet Edwards will not be my representative in the Congress after Jan. 2005.

I want to take this opportunity to publicly thank Chet for his service to our community.

Many things have changed in Bell County over the past few years, including the majority political party. One that has not changed in that arena has been Chet Edwards.

There has never been the slightest hint of any scandal nor any conduct unbecoming a representative of the people. Whether or not we agree with his political views or his voting record, he has stood firm and--to me--very tall. He and his family have represented the very core of what an American family should be.

Chet has fought some tough races in this district since I moved back to Salado in 1994, but they were always "issue based" races and to the credit of Mr. Mathis, Mr. Farley and others, Chet and his opponents never let it turn very ugly as we saw in other races. They debated and took swipes at each other but nothing like we saw on TV.

So, for many of us: "Thanks Chet, good luck and may God continue to bless you and your family."

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Baptists celebrate 140th anniversary

The First Baptist Church of Salado, having been around for quite a while, will formally celebrate its 140th anniversary and abundance of history with a series of dinners, receptions and worship services May 14 and 16.

Celebration of the anniversary will begin with a 6 p.m. May 14 family supper at the Salado Intermediate School.

From 9-10 a.m. May 16 there will be a combined Sunday School service, followed by a 10:30 a.m.-noon combined worship service.

After the services, from 2-4 p.m. the church will host a reception in the Fellowship Hall focusing on

the church's heritage and its past. The newly published book covering the history of FBC of Salado, titled "Building His Kingdom," written and researched by Saladoan Charlene Carson, will be available for signing at this time.

Concluding the anniversary events will be a 4:30-6 p.m. Homecoming Worship Service, focusing on children, youth and the future of the church.

Everyone is invited to attend these engagements.

For more information about the anniversary or to purchase a copy "Building His Kingdom," contact FBC of Salado at 947-5465.



Stacy Nicole Krueger and Courtney Richard Dodge

Stacy Krueger to wed Courtney Dodge

Scott and Susan Krueger, of Salado have announced the engagement of their daughter, Stacy Nicole Krueger to Courtney Richard Dodge, of College Station.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Agnes Bohac of Granger and

Tommy and Sheila Krueger of Schwertner.

The prospective bridegroom is the son of Richard and Iris Dodge of Salado. He is the grandson of Merle C. and Anna Dodge of Copperas Cove.

The couple plans a March 13 wedding at Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

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Advocacy training begins Feb. 9

CASA of Bell County (Court Appointed Special Advocates) has set its next training session beginning Feb. 9, at the First Christian Church in Belton, at the corner of Main Street and Water Street. CASA of Bell County is an organization committed to advocating for foster children in the district courts where the fate of their lives is determined.

CASA is in need of loving, caring individuals willing to stand up and speak on a child's behalf. This requires attending a 30 hour training session,

where volunteers will learn about the dynamics of child abuse and the foster care system. Volunteers will also learn about the district courts and how they can help foster children, parents and any individuals that can provide them with information in order to report to the district judge regarding the child's best interest.

Anyone interested should contact CASA of at (254) 939-1346.

Ft. Hood holds prayer breakfast

The Installation Chaplain will host The National Prayer Breakfast 6:30- 8:30 am. Jan. 21, at the Phantom Warrior Center.

The guest speaker will be Dave Roeber, a Vietnam Veteran who recently returned from Iraq and has an interesting story to tell today's soldiers. There will be a suggested donation at the door of \$5.

For more information contact the Installation Chaplain's Office at 254-288-6545.

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Cedar Valley Ministries presents The Isaacs, The Messenger Quartet in concert at Temple College

The Isaacs and The Messenger Quartet are two southern gospel groups that will perform in concert 6:30 p.m. Jan. 17 at the Mary Alice Marshall Auditorium on the Temple College Campus.

Cedar Valley Music Ministries is bringing the performers to Bell County. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$14 at the door.

Advance tickets can be purchased at Thomas Kinkade Stagecoach Gallery in Salado; Fire House Ranch Restaurant in Little River; Lifeway Christian Store and Holze Music Store in Temple, RMK Gallery in Belton, Family Christian Store and the Greater Killeen Chamber of Commerce in Killeen, Family Christian Store in Waco, Faith Place Christian Book Store in Georgetown.

The Isaacs have a unique style that marries bluegrass harmonies and instrumentation with modern southern gospel lyrics. Their musical influences merge from all genres of music including bluegrass,



The Isaacs

rhythm and blues, folk, contemporary acoustic and souther gospel.

They perform frequently at The Grand Ol' Opry, Gaither performances, and travel throughout the year performing nationally.

They have acquired numerous awards and nominations for Song of the Year for Christian

music performances.

Members of The Isaacs are Lily Fishman Isaacs, vocalist and matriarch of the group; Ben Isaacs, vocalist, songwriter and upright bass player; Sonya Isaacs, vocalist, songwriter and mandolin player; Rebecca Isaacs Bowman, vocalist, songwriter and guitar player; and John Bowman, vocal-

ist, guitar, banjo and fiddle player.

The Messenger Quartet will also perform during the evening. The Quartet are a group of local men who minister with harmony, humility and humor.

For more information about the concert, call Cedar Valley Music Ministries, 947-5100.

Diane Marie Mulholland passes away Jan. 11

Diane Marie Mulholland, 68, of Salado, died Jan. 11, 2004 in a Temple hospital.

A private family memorial will be held Jan. 14 with burial in Bellwood Crematory, Temple.

She was born Jan. 1, 1936 in Fort Wayne, IN to the late Lowell Musselman and Mildred Gaskell Musselman.

She is survived by a son, Scott Mulholland, of Kingwood; daughters, Suzan Gough, of St. Petersburg, FL and Heidi Phillip of Salado; mother, Mildred Musselman, of Deltona,

FL; brothers, Dick Musselman, of Palm Harbor, FL and Denny Musselman, of Roswell, GA. She is also survived by six grandchildren.

Womac named to Dean's List

Robyn Christine Womac, of Salado, has been named to the Dean's List at Angelo State University in San Angelo.

Womac has a kinesiology major.

To be named to the Dean's List, students must be enrolled full-time and maintain a 3.25 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Sam Silvers named to honor list at South Plains College

Sam Silvers from Salado has been named to the Dean's Honor List for the fall 2003 semester at South Plains College.

Students named to the Dean's Honor List must maintain a minimum 3.25 GPA while carrying at least 12 semester hours of college-level work with no failing grades.

Financial aid workshop held Feb. 5

A Financial Aid Workshop, presented by a representative of the Texas Association of Financial Aid Administrators, will be held 6:30 p.m. Feb. 5 at

"SPC is always pleased to announce the names of students who have made the college's honor rolls. They are to be commended for maintaining excellent grades and for representing SPC, themselves and their families so well," said Dr. Kelvin Sharp, vice president for academic affairs.

Salado High School.

An overview of the financial aid process will be given.

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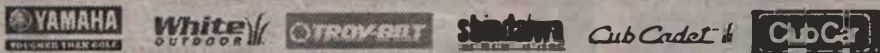
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Jan. 16: Biscuit, Sausage Patty, Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk

Jan. 19: Breakfast on a Stick, Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk

Jan. 20: French Toast, Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk

Lunch Menu


Jan. 14: Pizza, Breadstick, Peaches, Chef Salad, Hoagie, Milk

Jan. 15: Spaghetti, Green Beans, Mixed Fruit, Rolls, Sugar Cookies, Chef Salad, Hoagie, Milk

Jan. 16: Cheeseburger, Fries, Burger Salad, Applesauce, Fruity Freeze, Chef Salad, Hoagie, Milk

Jan. 19: Beef Taco, Mexicali Corn, Pineapple, Chef Salad, Hoagie, Milk

Jan. 20: Chicken Fillet Sandwich, Burger Salad, Peas, Mixed Fruit, Cookie, Chef Salad, Hoagie, Milk



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by Dr. Robin Battershell

I have noticed that some of our fans yell at the referees during athletic events. This concerns me, what can we do to prevent some of this behavior?

I am thrilled that many of you attend our UIL academic, fine arts, vocational, and athletic events.

Of these four categories, athletic events tend to arouse the greatest passion. We all disagree with the officials at times, but I have never seen a referee change his or her call for the better because of an irate fan. All of our fans need to be aware that referees have the right to penalize the team, our children, for adult behavior.

Referees are hard to

come by. They are paid little and receive much abuse. Few people choose to take this on.

I ask our fans to respect these individuals who basically donate their time to a wonderful cause. Agree or disagree, these individuals need to be respected.

Please monitor your behavior and that of your neighbors for the sake of our students.

I am thinking of running for the school board in the future. How can I find out more?

The Salado ISD School Board is hosting an information session for individuals who are thinking about running for the school board in the near

or distant future. This session is scheduled for Thursday, February 5, 6-7 p.m. at the Civic Center. The Texas Association of School Boards will also hold a training session at the Region 12 Service Center in Waco on Thursday, February 19, at 6 p.m. Monday, February 16 is the first day to file. Information packets for individuals thinking of running are available at the Salado ISD Administrative Offices, at 602 North Main after Tuesday February 10.

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gible to be a candidate for, or elected or appoints to, the office of school Board Trustee, a person must:

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Letters

To the Editor:

Jimmie Ferguson's article, "Coping with rape not easy for 3 local victims struggling with KPD" in the *Killeen Daily Herald's* Dec. 28 edition, illustrates some of the issues and obstacles faced by individuals who have been sexually assaulted.

More importantly, the article reminds us that, as a community, we must educate ourselves about the dynamics of sexual assault in order to facilitate recovery for survivors and to encourage victims to report the crime to the police.

Sexual assault occurs any time a person is forced, or coerced, physically or through verbal threats, into any type of sexual contact with another person,

whether the assailant is a total stranger or someone the victim knows. It is an act of violence, is not sexually motivated and has nothing to do with sexual gratification. All acts of violence are committed to achieve power, domination and harm. Individuals who commit sexual assault gain gratification through their victim's suffering and humiliation.

This same humiliation is often what prevents victims from coming forward when they have been assaulted. Therefore, less than one in three sexual assaults is reported to law enforcement, making it the most underreported crime. The intense personal shame of being violated makes the decision to seek medical assistance or to contact the police a dif-

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ficult one. Consequently, by the time some victims reach authorities, it is often too late for effective evidence collection, and the sense of urgency is lost.

It has been documented in numerous studies that immediate crisis intervention is necessary in order to effectively terminate the crisis and facilitate the healing process. For this reason, local law enforcement agencies, health care providers and victim advocacy programs such as Families In Crisis, Inc. work cooperatively to ensure victims of sexual assault receive the support necessary to turn the outrage of the assault into an opportunity for recovery.

We must recognize that, although we may not be aware of it, most of us know at least one person

who has been sexually assaulted. Sexual assault links us all together as a community, either as a survivor, as a friend, or as a loved one of a survivor. Sexual violence will not be stopped until myths about it are recognized as myths, until we understand the real meaning of the motives behind it. Families In Crisis, Inc. provides information and resources to victims and concerned community members. We encourage you to contact us for more information.

Debra Brock,
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Powerlifting teams raise expectations, awareness

By CHRIS MCGREGOR
STAFF WRITER

When Coach Travis Ling says that the sport of powerlifting hasn't always been that big in this area, he's right. But, when he suggests in his next breath that perceptions are changing, and the sport is picking up steam, he's pierced the bullseye again.

Consider this: powerlifting has been around on the high school level since the 1980s, though Salado didn't have a program until Larry Moorhead jump-started it three years ago as a way to keep kids in fighting trim during off-seasons. Now Salado has both a boys and girls squad, each 17-strong.

That's right, a girls powerlifting team. Takes a second to get used to, but rest assured, these young ladies look nothing like a bunch of pumped-up, latter-day successors of the East German Olympic team. Quite the contrary. As a matter of fact, their roster includes a reigning Miss Flame and a Wildflower Belle.

The old adage that you have to crawl before you can walk was borne out with Salado's powerlifting program. Things started slow. A few kids were interested, mostly the big guys who enjoyed lifting weights anyway. Soon, though, others caught wind of what was going on, took an interest, and the labored crawl grew to a steady gallop.

"It really took off for us last year," says Ling, referring to the success both teams tasted in 2003. The boys team advanced to the regional round, while then sophomore LauraLee Young placed fifth in state,

lifting a combined total of 725 lbs. in powerlifting's three events: squat, bench press and deadlift. Three girls that finished ahead of Young have now graduated, leaving clear a path for the junior that could conclude with a gold medal at state in one of powerlifting's 11 weight-classes.

"My main goal is to improve each meet," said Young during one of the team's afternoon workouts. A committed group, the girls team also works out at 6:30 a.m. twice weekly. "But one of my goals is also to finish in the top three this year." Young is among six other returners from a squad that lost only one member to graduation.

Although school size plays a part in powerlifting competition, lines are not as clearly defined as they are in other sports. Schools are classed according to divisions; Division I being Class 4A and 5A schools. When the meets are large enough to command separate classes, Salado competes in Division II, Class 3A and smaller.

There might be some purists out there who chortle or snigger when they hear powerlifting mentioned as a sport. And in truth, it's certainly not as cerebral as baseball, as disciplined as football or as physically demanding as basketball. But according to Ling, technique plays more of a part than the average Joe might realize.

"It does nothing but get the kids more athletic," says Ling, who will be assisted this season by Coaches Brandi Bode and Brandon Greenhaw. "We like to look at it as building blocks for other sports, but there's a lot to the competitive side. There has



LauraLee Young placed fifth in state last year. This year, she's eyeing a state medal. (PHOTO BY CHRIS MCGREGOR)

to be perfect form, perfect technique every time."

And if there's any glitch in the execution, one of the four judges constantly observing the lifter will be sure to catch it--in front of everyone.

"The kids are really out there on their own. They lift on a platform by themselves with the whole crowd watching," Ling explained. At high-profile meets, that crowd can number in the several hundreds. Talk about pressure.

"That's why it's become team-oriented," said Ling. "Even though they lift by themselves, the teammates are always pulling for each other."

In addition to Young, Ling also expects Johnna Konzen and Tiffany Dixon, the only seniors on the team, to have success this season. "They've both gone up a lot in their strength," he says. Juniors Jessica Roberts and Stella Butts should also contend for podium spots.

Josh Jacobson, a junior, qualified for regionals as a sophomore at around 135 lbs., but has since put on more muscle and expects

to be in regionals again this year. Big Jacob Williams, tipping the scales at 275-plus, will compete in the super heavyweight class, with his eyes set on regionals as well.

Also returning will be 123 lb. sophomore Mark Gentry, who lifted in only one meet last year--and won it. "Jack Lucas, who improved on all his lifts, Austin Smith and Michael Tracy should all do well this season," Ling said.

With most folks just getting accustomed to the idea of a powerlifting team in Salado, Ling remains modest about the sport's stature compared to the traditional big three. "We're just trying to let it be known there's a powerlifting team here," he said. "It's a positive experience for the kids as far as the competition and the mental toughness it gives them. Overall, we're glad the program has taken off."

But if the team keeps growing, and the medals keep coming, Ling won't have any worries about the team's notoriety. The trophy case at the High School will tell the story.

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Varsity boys perfect in district

Improving to an unblemished 3-0 in district, and 19-3 overall, the Varsity boys coasted to a pair of wins against Florence Jan. 6 and Jarrell Jan. 9

Salado	55
Florence	28

In a game dictated by Florence's slow pace, the Eagles were four points under their season scoring average, but dominated defensively to take an easy win over the Buffaloes. In fact, Salado had almost as many points in the first half, 27, as Florence did the entire game.

Josh Wright knocked down two three pointers in the first period to start things off for the Eagles, while Salado held Florence

to only six points in the first.

Expanding their lead in the second, Salado entered the third period enjoying a 27-13 lead. The suffocation of the Buffalo offense continued in the game's latter stages, while Travis Clark heated up offensively, scoring 12 points in the second half. Salado hit six-of-eight free throws in the fourth, playing slow-paced offense at the end.

Clark led all scorers with his 18-point effort. Caskey had a double-double, with 10 points and 10 assists. Wright also finished the game with 10 points. Two of Salado's top scorers, Matt Jennings and Devon Dunn, were held to five and six points, respectively.

Salado	79
Jarrell	50

A 29-point win that could have been much larger, tells the story of the Eagle-Cougar matchup Jan. 9 in Salado.

Clark and Caskey were an unstoppable offensive duo, combining for 45 points on the night.

Salado led 21-11 after one, and 47-22 at the half, a score which allowed Coach Tom Long to rest his starters in the second half and work on non-press defenses.

Doing much of his damage from the line, Caskey was a perfect 13-of-13 from the charity stripe on his way to 21 points. Caskey is averaging an impressive 12.7

ppg, 6.9 assists per game, and 4.6 steals per game on the season. Clark led all scorers for the second straight game, this time putting up 24 points, including six-of-six from the free throw line. As a team, the Eagles shot 21-of-24 from the line.

Wright connected on a trio of three pointers and finished the game with 13 points. For the season, he is 34-of-78 from behind the arc, a shooting percentage of 43.8 percent.

Also scoring were Dunn, seven; Ben Marsh, five; Nick Everett, four; Scott Williams, three; and Nathan Grigsby, two.

After taking on Crawford Jan. 13, Salado travels to Somerville Jan. 16.

JV, freshmen cagers put hurtin' on luckless Florence and Jarrell

Salado boys subvarsity basketball teams concluded last week's action with four wins and no losses, with both the JV and the freshmen winning their games against Florence and Jarrell.

Salado JV	31
Florence JV	26

With only four players scoring for Salado, the Eagles used a strong fourth period to stave off the rallying Buffaloes and take the win.

Salado was led by the offensive tandem of Ryan Clark, who had 13 points, including six in the fourth, and James Gregurek, who finished with 10 points.

Also scoring were Slayt Ebling, who had six points,

and Justin Konzen, who finished with two points.

Salado JV	32
Jarrell JV	30

Playing host to Jarrell Jan. 30, the Eagles scratched and clawed and survived the Cougars by the skin of their teeth.

The home team led 26-19 entering the fourth period, but a Jarrell rally closed the gap. Salado was saved by four free throws down the stretch, which was enough to secure the win.

Clark again led Salado scorers, this time notching nine points. Gregurek was close behind, with seven points, and Ebling has six. Garrett Askins contributed five points, as

Salado Freshmen	40
Florence	38

Proving that they, too, can win the close ones, the freshmen squad played a back-and-forth game with the Buffaloes, and had the good fortune of being ahead when the final buzzer sounded.

Distributing the ball all around, four Eagles scored eight points or more, led by Blake Newman's 10. Tanner Myers, Chad Tumey and Justin Pruitt all finished the game with eight points.

Also scoring were Stephen Quick, Clayton Sharum and Josh Caldwell, who all scored two points each.

Salado Freshmen	45
Jarrell	26

For once not playing down to the wire, the freshmen used a partnership of unselfish offense and stifling defense to come away with a comfortable win.

This game, it was Pruitt's turn to lead the offense. He scored nine in the first half on his way to a game-high 14 points.

Also reaching double-figures, Myers scored 11 points. Tumey had nine points, Newman had seven and Johnson and Quick each had two points to round out the scoring.



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Lady Eagles finding groove

Needing victories in a desperate fashion to stay alive in the playoff hunt, the Lady Eagles got their game together and did what they had to do last week, picking up wins over district foes Florence and Jarrell.

Salado 59
Florence 35

The convincing win over the Lady Buffaloes couldn't have come at a better time for a Lady Eagles team that has been plagued by inconsistency and late-game collapses.

Coach Salisbury's squad put together four periods of strong basketball, spreading the offensive production between eight different players.

Jenny Goode came out

on fire from behind the arc, draining two three's in the game's opening period. Another three, this time from Jo Washburn, helped Salado gain an early 11-9 lead.

The Lady Eagles spread the ball out in the second, feeding six different point scorers before half time. Salado took its nine point, 29-20 lead into the third and expanded it down the home stretch.

Goode's 15 points, which included two more three pointers in the third, paced Salado's offense and led all scorers. Laramie Jackson closed out the game with 14 points, while Washburn finished with eight.

Also scoring were Kesley Smith, six points; Elizabeth Dunlap, six points; Kate Marshall, six; Amanda Tumej, two; and Brittany Boydston, two.

Salado 48
Jarrell 26

Again displaying a tenacity that hasn't always been there this season, the Lady Eagles, for the second straight game, pounded their opponent.

A 13-5 lead in the gave Salado a lead they would not relinquish. With the score 19-9 at the half, the Lady Eagles burst out with 16 points in the third, again with six different players scoring points. For the game, eight different players got on the board, with none scoring more than

10. High scorer in the contest was Jackson, the only Lady Eagle to reach double figures with 10 points.

Goode, Dunlap and Marshall all had six points, and Smith, Tumej, Boydston and Washburn all contributed five points.

By beating Jarrell and Florence, the Lady Eagles improved to 2-4 in district, 11-11 overall.

The Lady Eagles will travel to Somerville Jan. 16. A win would put Salado in the thick of the playoff hunt, while a loss would have the Lady Eagles on the outside looking in.

Boys powerlifting takes second in Troy

The Salado boys Powerlifting team finished second at the Troy Classic Jan. 10, impressive considering the field consisted primarily of AAA schools along with a handful of larger and smaller class schools.

Belton won the meet with a total of 24 points, followed by Salado with a total of 20 points.

Ten Salado athletes competed in the meet, the first of the season for the boys, with five placing in the top five. Only those placing in the top five are awarded points.

Mark Gentry finished

fourth in 123 lb. class with a total of 650 combined pounds in the competition's three lifts: deadlift, squat and bench press.

Bryan Corbitt finished with a total of 710 lbs., including a 330 lb. deadlift. Kevin Goodman totaled 705 lbs., highlighted by a 250 lb. squat.

Jack Lucas finished second in the 132 lb. class with 760 lbs., including personal bests in the bench press at 170 lbs. Austin Smith finished eighth out of 38 lifters in the 148 lb. class with 860 combined pounds. According to Ling, his 355 lb. deadlift was one of the most impres-

sive pound-for-pound lifts of the meet. Josh Jacobson finished third in the 148's with 880 lbs.

Michael Tracy, also competing in his first meet, was able to total 860 lbs. in the 165 lb. class to finish 11th out of a 37-man field. Chance Coe finished second in the 165's, with a total of 1,025 lbs., including personal bests in squat (340 lbs.), bench (255 lbs.) and deadlift (430 lbs.).

In his first meet, Trevor

Young finished with 775 lbs., including a 330 lb. deadlift. Lastly, Jacob Williams set personal records in all three lifts to finish second in the super heavyweight class. Williams had a 420 lb. squat, 275 lb. bench and a mammoth 505 lb. deadlift.

The girls powerlifting team will compete Jan. 17 in Llano. The guys next event is Jan. 24 at Belton High School.

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JV girls hoopsters continue to win

Continuing the success they've had all season, the junior varsity girls picked up two wins in games last week.

Salado JV 28
 Florence JV 19

Even without much offense, the JV Lady Eagles, by holding Florence to a paltry 19 points, were still able to take the victory, despite scoring only 28 points themselves.

Nichole Weatherly led all scorers with 13 points. Also scoring were Lacey Bartlett, six points; Kelsey Gobin, four points; Courtney

Dunnahoo, three points; and Chelsea Ervi, two points.

Salado JV 43
 Jarrell JV 22

This time the girls scored a few more points, but the defense was as strong as ever as Salado triumphed by 21 points.

Salado actually led the game 32-10 at the half, but slowed down in the second to keep the game from getting out of hand.

Bartlett scored a game high 11 points, while Dunnahoo was close behind with nine. Ervi and Weatherly both scored six.

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The 3.1-mile race around Metroplex Hospital and Central Texas College promotes community wellness in Central Texas. The annual event offers runners and walkers of all ages a free health screenings, free breakfast, race shirts, goodie bags and door prizes. This year's event will include body fat composition screenings and running shoe evaluations, as well as health information.

Separate divisions are set up for male and female runners and walkers in age groups from 11 and under, 12-15, 16-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-55, 55-59 and 60 and up. Trophies will

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A feature Metroplex is offering Silver Classic participants this year is the ability to register online at www.mplex.org/news/silver.

Each year, numerous volunteers from the community help with the race, including the Killeen Seventh-day Adventist Church, who provides volunteers to help in registration, as race spotters along the race course, at the finish line and at the drink station.

Proceeds from the race

help benefit the Metroplex Community Wellness program, which offers numerous wellness activities, including health classes, screenings and programs throughout the community. These daily classes are offered free or for a nominal charge through the Metroplex Wellness Series. Many of these screenings take place aboard the Mobile Wellness Unit, which provides on-site health screenings.

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However, you can also get income by investing in stocks that have a history of paying dividends - and now, since the tax rate on dividends has been cut, these investments may look even more attractive.

In the short term, most common stocks will typically offer lower income than bonds or CDs. But many high-quality stocks have consistently increase their annual dividends - which means you have the potential for rising income.

That's not to say you should abandon your bonds in favor of dividend-paying stocks. No matter how high the quality of the stocks, they will still carry more investment risk - at least in

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terms of potential loss of principal - than high-quality bonds. So, when you're investing for income, you will likely want to choose the mix of dividend-paying stocks and bonds that best fits your individual risk tolerance and long-term goals.

Income strategies during retirement

You'll always need to know how to get income from your investments. But it's particularly important to make the right choices during your retirement years. At this time of your life, you'll need to look beyond the issue of bonds vs. stocks to a new dimension: Which sources of retirement income should you tap first?

To answer this question, you'll have to take stock on where your retirement income is coming from. You can probably anticipate drawing from three main sources: tax-deferred accounts (such as your traditional IRA and your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored plan); taxable savings and investments; and Social Security.

The exact formula you choose for getting income from these three separate pools will depend on your individual needs and circum-

stances. However, it may be a good idea to spend down your taxable savings before you touch your tax-deferred plans. By following this strategy, you can keep these accounts earning potentially growing on a tax-deferred basis until you must start taking withdrawals at age 70 1/2.

How about Social Security?

When should you start taking these payments? Again, there's no one right answer for everyone; you'll have to weigh a variety of factors, including your other sources of income, your age at retirement and your expected life span. Keep in mind that, although you can start taking Social Security at age 62, your monthly checks will be larger if you wait until your full retirement age, which can be anywhere from 65 to 67. For every year past your normal retirement age that you delay collecting benefits, you'll get "bonus" payments, which can be substantial. Once you reach 70, you'll have earned the largest monthly payment you're going to get.

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THE WEATHERMAN SAYS IT'S GONNA GET COLDER, SIM!
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BRING IT ON! LET THAT OL' MERCURY FALL!
WINTER BRAVADO IS MUCH EASIER WHEN YOU'RE WRAPPED IN A QUILT!!

The Spats

HAROLD, YOU NEED TO STOP WRITING 2003 ON YOUR CHECKS!!
ALOT OF PEOPLE STILL DO THAT.
YES, BUT NOT ON THE "AMOUNT" LINE!!

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

THIS IS DEPRESSING. I'M GETTING DIZZY WATCHING THIS.
"I wish they'd make up their minds!"

CROSSWORD

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 - 19 Deck type
 - 20 Ford or Grey
 - 21 Frolic
 - 22 Poster abbr.
 - 23 Start of a remark by Jack Simmons
 - 26 Distant
 - 27 Expensive appetizer
 - 28 Common contraction
 - 29 Charon's river
 - 30 Wallach or Whitney
 - 31 Moore of "G.I. Jane"
 - 34 Writer Paretsky
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 - 40 Hangs tinsel
 - 42 Command to Fido
 - 45 Cries like a baby
 - 48 Part 2 of remark
 - 53 React to a pun
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 - 55 "Dallas" matriarch
 - 56 Lummoxlake
 - 58 Had a hankering
 - 60 Mister, in
 - Munich
 - 62 Architect's add-on
 - 63 Harness part
 - 64 Radio and TV
 - 65 Duncan's denial
 - 66 — a Song Go Out of My Heart" ('38 tune)
 - 69 — Bank, NJ
 - 70 Part 3 of remark
 - 75 HST's successor
 - 78 On the briny
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 - 86 Business abbr.
 - 88 Starchy tuber
 - 90 Moved like a mouse
 - 92 — del Sol
 - 94 Teatime treat
 - 96 Tachometer meas.
 - 98 Lawn ornament
 - 99 Part 4 of remark
 - 103 Lots of laughter
 - 104 JFK lander
 - 105 Intense
 - 106 Vape letters
 - 107 Tend the garden
 - 109 Pipe part
 - 110 Cry of discovery
 - 113 Spanish dance
 - 116 Allen's partner
 - 120 Passed into law
 - 124 — Baba
 - 125 End of remark
 - 130 — Buddhism
 - 131 Lunar spacecraft
 - 132 Skater Heiden
 - 133 Kovacs or Pyle
 - 134 Actress Caldwell
 - 135 Scrimshaw material
 - 136 Mr. Walesa and Merlin
 - DOWN**
 - 1 Fountain order
 - 2 Nursery furniture
 - 3 Alan of "California Suite"
 - 4 Holmes' creator
 - 5 Reel
 - 6 Take off
 - 7 Tyler or Ullmann
 - 8 Colorado native
 - 9 Saloon
 - 10 Trauma aftermath
 - 11 Spelunker's spot
 - 12 It bakes the cake
 - 13 Alex Haley book
 - 14 Directional suffix
 - 15 Sault — Marie, MI
 - 16 27th president
 - 17 All right
 - 18 Chico or Karl
 - 24 Textbook headings
 - 25 "Ball —"
 - 29 Finn's friend
 - 31 See 91 Down
 - 32 Distinguished
 - 33 Flavor enhancer: abbr.
 - 35 Honest name
 - 36 Durban dough
 - 37 Word form for "study"
 - 38 — Zimbalist, Jr.
 - 39 Rock's — Poneys
 - 41 Ring official
 - 42 Missouri airport abbr.
 - 43 Presque —, ME
 - 44 Dimly illuminated
 - 46 Solitary sort
 - 47 "Wake Up Little —" ('57 hit)
 - 49 Card collection
 - 50 Silverware city
 - 51 From now on
 - 52 Opening remark?
 - 57 Wrap up
 - 59 Place to pontificate
 - 61 Unrefined
 - 67 "Gracious me!"
 - 68 Trinidad's neighbor
 - 71 Voltaire, for one
 - 72 Reagan and Wilson
 - 73 Teachers' org.
 - 74 O'Hara's "From the —"
 - 75 Cal. page
 - 76 Sag
 - 77 Follow
 - 81 "New Yorker" cartoonist
 - 82 Tend a fire
 - 83 Macho types
 - 85 Canada's capital
 - 87 Dovecote sounds
 - 89 Soporific substance
 - 91 With 31 Down, '58 Frankie
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"A" Honor Roll	Coby Giniewicz	Ryan Burden	Chelsea Lomprey	Jamie Burson	Travis Kemp
Morgan Bassa	Aron Fraire	Jacob Cahoon	Jace Maldonado	Brittany Gilchrest	Amanda Koiner
Tryston Blisard	Barton Cheatham	Taylor Caldwell	Lupe Perez	Kenneth Hora	Katherine Marshall
Nick Childress	Morgan Taylor	Shelby Cecil	Cole Raley	Denise Jasso	Federico Ortiz
Taryn Kornegay	Megan Mattson	Kathryn Clark	Vonnie Rodriguez	Westin Koiner	Juan Perez
Samatha Lauerson	Madison Kelley	William Cleveland	Jayni Sierra	Leigh Martin	Rachelle Perry
Rachel Ray	Josh Robinson	Schuyler Dale	Kurstyn Sundberg	Dixie McCollough	Gavin Radebaugh
Kase Spears	Kaci Wells	Kalyn Dunks	Gregory Tischler	Jacob Meritt	Crystal Saucedo
Daniel Rosenau	Courtney Sloan	Brittney Frazier	Boomer Wells	Molly Rooney	Austin Smith
Lacee Dusek	Lani Barton	Hannah Goode	Jessica Williams	Crystal Schoellmann	Kelsey Smith
Sierra Armstrong	Alex DeLeon	Megan Harvell	7th Grade	Roselia Sierra	Michael Spinks
Dennie Barker	Meredith Ward	Jacob Heiner	"A" Honor Roll	Ariel Simpson	Heather Stevens
Trey Berry	Zach Robinson	Raven Hojnacki	Jordan Dunn	Belem Sotelo	Christina Tichenor
Clayton Cole	Anna Buchele	Courtney Lavadia	Timothy Hofmann	Chelsi Thompson	Michael Tracy
Cassidy Depriest	Marcene Grimsley	Kandace Little	Morgan Kelly	9th Grade	Brandi Warren
Casey Frazier	Reece Hoflund	Audley Miles	Nichole Melde	"A-B" Honor Roll	Joshanna Washburn
Kindell Hill	Matthew Holdampf	Shauna Miller	Zanna Shafer	Haley Arnold	Sherry Weatherly
Davis Little	Cameron Masson	Kelsey Ortiz	Jon Spinks	Brandi Boydston	Jessica Whitmire
Amy Manna	Christian Masson	Janson Oyler	Garret Ward	Magan Bradshaw	Lindsey Wright
Sommer Sloan	Josh Oyler	Hailee Pipes	7th Grade	Jessica Byrd	11th Grade
Dane Hankamer	John Pegues	Bailie Reed	"A-B" Honor Roll	Joshua Caldwell	"A" Honor Roll
Chelsea Baggett	Mildred Tonchez	Tyndal Schreiner	Kimberli Barton	Natalee Cantrell	Benjamin Carder
Tristan Bragg	Luke Cooper	Jenna Sebek	Beau Benoit	Ryan Clark	Matthew Caskey
Jordan Drake	Ryan Flores	Connor Smith	Wesley Buchele	Robert Cloud	Valerie Clark
Kyle Heiner	Amber Monk	Rachel Spinks	Reta Buckley	Kyle Floyd	Virginia Ewton
Morgan Hill	Sean Moore	Ryan Suresh	Ashlee Cantrell	Kelsey Gobin	David Farrow
Josie Norman	Dillon Passage	Braxton Tucker	Lindsey Coffey	Maria Gonzalez	Jennifer Goode
Savannah Ortiz	Jaron Sundberg	Morgan Van Winkle	Sarah Cook	Kayla Griffin	Stephanie Kinsey
Jaylee Sebek	Haley Williams	Hunter Ward	Sarah Danek	Jeremy Heuer	Micah Malone
James Svadlenak	4th Grade	Lexy Willis	James Ervi	Keith Hogwood	Jacob Mewhinney
Tyler Tischler	"A" Honor Roll	5th Grade	Jenna Ferrell-Raborn	Larissa Ingalsbe	Alyssa Powell
Drew Van Winkle	Austin Armstrong	"A-B" Honor Roll	Abby Frazier	Jeanette	Rebekah Quick
Reagan Best	Peyton Best	Baylee Bell	Kasie Herrmann	Inocencio-Handorf	Jessica Roberts
Elizabeth Franco	Valeria Licea	Billi Bell	Molly Heuer	Chelsea Jacobsen	Elise Sharum
Michael Hester	Kori Norman	Bernie Briggs	Bradford Hollas	Misael Jaimes	Joseph Shumate
Daniel Lemus	Kelsey Palomino	Kelsea Briscoe	Keun Im	Tanner Johnson	Savannah Slagel
Chase Manning	Chelsea Rank	Courtney Colacino	C.J. Little	Jonathan Kendall	Jonathan Spence
Lexis Warren	Jace Rex	Jessica Conner	Amanda Mattson	Justin Konzen	Sofia Willingham
Taylor West	George Romfh	Andrew Cospier	Matthew Ming	Sara Moffatt	Lauralee Young
2nd Grade	Jacob Svadlenak	Alaura Eagan	Caitlyn Oyler	Andrew Murray	11th Grade
"A-B" Honor Roll	Kyle Bradley	Alyssa Farrow	Gene Radebaugh	Michael Newman	"A-B" Honor Roll
Nathan Briscoe	Helena Carroll	Bobby Golding	Kaleigh Rank	Thomas Pappas	Kristi Billington
Thomas Deprez	Kaycie Davidson	Logan Haire	Taylor Reed	Clinton Permenter	Rachel Blodgett
Mason Charanza	Jada Kornegay	Katrina Huckerby	Josh Rodriguez	Stephen Quick	Brittany Boydston
Clayton Kolls	Colton Meiman	Hadley Joiner	Dara Schiller	Jesse Rodriguez	Barrett Brashier
Morgan Mattson	Teresa Pinkerton	Amy Kendall	Megan Seaton	Alexander Rodriguez	Christopher Campbell
Tristan Montgomery	Austin Silva	Dylan Laurenson	Jacob Spurlock	Thomas Schatte	Travis Clark
Katie Kyle	Cameron Smith	Garret Marburger	Preston Watkins	Clayton Sharum	Nicholas Everett
Mitchell Nazario	Koby Spears	Desiree McDonald	Tyler Wright	Jessica Shumate	Sarah Gentry
Kegan Owen	Cade Benoit	Cody Monk	Kylee Young	Nathan Sitz	Brittani Goodnight
Reese Carrol	Cara Langford	Colton Norman	8th Grade	Madison Slagel	Dewayne Hampton
Justin Cowan	Lorna Payne	Carlos Ortiz	"A" Honor Roll	Brittany Tucker	Lauren Hogwood
Macie Resendis	Stephanie Shuler	Zane Pedersen	Joshua Coleman	Araceli Urquiza	Joshua Jacobsen
Eric Vasquez	Tyler Dale	Rachel Pinkerton	Lauren Culver	Royce Wiggin	Matthew Johnson
Patrick Locke	Cole Goodrum	Shannon Ponder	Matthew Fritsch	Ethan Williams	Ashley Leifester
Keaton Mims	Taylor Marburger	Kristina Ramos	Jonas Goode	Aaron Winters	Cayla Lewis
Bradley Cospier	Rebecca Moffatt	Houston Sloan	Alex House	Jamie Zulauf	Jack Lucas
Anissa Peralta	Stephanie Lastovica	Stephen Sniggs	Kevin Jackson	10th Grade	Ashley Peschel
Mason Price	Rachel Piatt	Brandon Stineman	Cory Langford	"A" Honor Roll	Regy Suresh
Heather Stark	Hannah Seaton	Courtney Wheeler	Kamylle Palomino	Lacey Bartlett	Scott Williams
Raegan Ball	4th Grade	Lucas Wooley	Zoni Perry	Grant Boston	Kristen Womac
Stairla Goad	"A-B" Honor Roll	6th Grade	Tamra Stanish	Jacob Brown	12th Grade
Marshal Clinard	Anthony Finger	"A" Honor Roll	8th Grade	Kristopher Califano	"A" Honor Roll
Malachi Cyphers	Ty Hendrick	Grace Buchele	"A-B" Honor Roll	Justin Cox	Damara Barber
Caitlin Stanley	Sonia Lara	Taylor Cockrell	Joshua Bush	Wesley Dowell	Paige Cameron
Ivan Torres	Elaina Magee	Grant Hancock	Dallas Butts	Jacquelin Drake	Grant Cospier
Brandon Walker	Tori Sellers	Brandon Heller	Seth Collins	Slayton Ebeling	Taundra Heuser
Brandon Wilhite	Ashley Stark	Haley Kemp	Sarah Dowell	Gerald Flynn	Laramie Jackson
Tracy Williamson	David Daniel	Sindel McDaniel	Gene Drake	Kathryn Holdampf	Johnna Konzen
3rd Grade	Maxwell Hazzard	Caroline Payne	Gregory Faber	Taylor Jones	Pamela Newman
"A" Honor Roll	Kenny Ogungbe	Rebecca Petro	James Ferrell-Raborn	Ines Min	12th Grade
Mattie Price	Melanie O'Neal	Zoe Simpson	Karleigh Goodnight	Brandon Peters	"A-B" Honor Roll
Eric McGregor	Abigail Rangel	Jordan Svadlenak	Amanda Hoffman	Joshua Shaw	Amber Agee
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Liza Spurlock	Chellicee Cloud				Evan Smith
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The Bridal Guide will offer two forms of advertising: a traditional display ad or a story ad that can include pictures. The Bridal Guide will have three sizes of ads available: 1/8 page (3 columns by 4 inches) for \$72; 1/4 page (3 columns by 8 inches) and 1/2 page (6 columns by 8 inches) for \$250. Advertisers reserving the 1/4 page or 1/2 page ads may choose to have those ads in the forms of "stories with pictures." The 1/4 page story ad can have one accompanying picture and the 1/2 page story ad can have two



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Boy Scouts: Each Monday, 6:30-8 p.m. at the Methodist Church.

Monday Club: 1st Mon., 2 p.m., Salado United Methodist Church.

Salado Chamber of Commerce Board: 2nd Mon., 6 p.m., at Civic Center.

Salado FFA Meeting: First Monday of the month, 7 p.m. in the elementary school cafeteria.

Salado I.S.D. Board of Trustees: 3rd Mon. at 6 p.m., at Salado Civic Center.

Salado Library District Board: 4th Mon. at 5:30 p.m., at Salado Public Library Building.

Salado Masonic Lodge #296: 8 p.m. on the Mon. on or before the full moon.

Salado Village Artist Quilters: 1-4 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Mon. in the Salado Village Artist Building.

Storytime: 11-11:30 a.m. every Monday at the Salado Public Library (ages 3-5).

Salado 4-H Club: 1st Mon. of every month, 7 p.m. at the Intermediate School.

Exercise Class: Aug. 18-end of school year, 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. except first Monday of the month, which will begin at 10:30 a.m. Class includes stretching, strengthening and Pilates. Held at Salado Civic Center. Class is FREE to public.

Salado Democrats: 6:45 p.m., first Monday of each month at the Village Steakhouse.

Salado Youth Fair Boosters: Third Monday of each month, 7 p.m. at the elementary school library.

Tuesdays

Salado Rotary Club: 11:30 a.m., Stagecoach Inn.

Salado Band Boosters: Second Tuesday at 3:45 p.m. in the Band Hall.

Yoga Classes: 6:45 p.m., at the Halley House.

Salado Village Artists: 10 a.m. at Salado Art Center.

Salado Family Relief Fund: 2nd Tues. 1 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center.

Chisholm Trail Chapter ABWA: 2nd Tues. 6:30 p.m. at Stagecoach Inn.

Salado High School Band Boosters: 2nd Tues. of every month 7 p.m. in the Band Hall.

Salado Area Republican Women: 3rd Thursday of month. Times vary. Call 947-8422 or 947-3617 for information.

Wednesdays

Yoga classes: 7:30-8:30 p.m. at Salado Chiropractic and Massage. 947-2225.

Salado Creekside Cloggers: 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Salado Youth Baseball Association: meetings 7 p.m. at Civic Center.

Lions Club: 2nd & 4th Wed. at 11:30 a.m., Creekside. Board meets 2nd Wed. 8 a.m.

Mill Creek Community Association Board: 3rd Wed., 5 p.m., at Civic Center.

Scottish Country Dance Lessons: 8-9:30 p.m. at the Scots Hall of the Clans. 947-0325 for info.

Thursdays

Salado Area Republican Women: 3rd Thursday of month. Times vary. Call 947-8422 or 947-3617 for information.

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PTC: (SIS Parent Teacher Co-op) meets the 2nd Thursday 3:45 p.m. in Room 101 at SIS.

Salado Education Foundation: Regular Board meetings, 9 a.m. 2nd Thurs. at Salado Civic Center.

Salado Business Association: General meetings, 3rd Thursday 8:45 a.m. upstairs at the Civic Center.

Salado Neighborhood Group of the American Sewing Guild: 3rd Thurs. of each month 5:30 p.m. at The Sewing Basket.

Salado Moms, playgroup, contact Amanda at 947-5507.

Saturdays

Food Pantry: 2nd and 4th Sat. at First Baptist Church. 9 a.m.-10 a.m.

JANUARY 15
Community Meeting about School facilities needs 6:30 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center

JANUARY 17, 24 AND 31
ESL classes for adults at the elementary school. 8 a.m.-noon on above dates. Childcare provided. Info: Basilia Tovar at 947-5191.

JANUARY 18
Salado Youth Fair Booster Club Casino Night fundraiser, 7 p.m. at Wildfire Ranch. Info: 947-1564 or 947-9975.

JANUARY 19
Salado Community Chorus rehearsals resume, 5:15 p.m. at the Civic Center. Open to anyone. Info: 947-5394.

JANUARY 19
Deadline for ad copy for the Bridal Guide to be in the Salado Village Voice office Call 947-5321 for more information.

JANUARY 22
Candidates Forum sponsored by Salado Area Republican Women, 6 p.m. buffet dinner at Mill Creek Country Club. Info: 947-3617.

JANUARY 24
Pete Benz performing at Bo's Barn Dancehall. Info: 947-8111 or www.bosbarn.com.

JANUARY 25
Institute for the Humanities at Salado Harry A. Wilmer, II Lectureship, Drs. John and Kim Van Cura presenting "I Remember It Well: A Lifetime of Music, Memories and Meaning," 3-5 p.m. Jan. 25 at the Civic Center. Free to the public. Info: 947-5729.

JANUARY 27
Salado Chamber of Commerce Banquet, 6:30 p.m. at Tenroc Ranch. Humorist Robert Flynn speaking. The Range catering. Info: 947-5040.

FEBRUARY 2
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FEBRUARY 5
Financial Aid Workshop for students and parents, 6:30 p.m. at Salado High School. Info: 947-6973 or e-mail kwhitis@saladoisd.org.

FEBRUARY 6-8
Wildfire Ranch Open to the World. Info: 947-0291 or 947-8080.

FEBRUARY 6
Salado PTO Moms and Muffins morning, 7-7:45 a.m. at TAE elementary.

FEBRUARY 14
Valentine's Day

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Bo's Barn Valentine Dance with Dave Jorgensen. Info: 947-8111 or www.bosbarn.com.

FEBRUARY 23
7 p.m. Taste of Salado sponsored by Public Arts League of Salado. For more information call 947-3771 or 947-5308.

FEBRUARY 23-28
9 a.m.- 4 p.m. Salado Artist Workshops and Studio Tour. Various locations. For more information call 937-8300 scc@vvm.com.

FEBRUARY 26
Salado Cemetery Association's annual meeting, 10 a.m. at the Civic Center. Info: 947-8230.

FEBRUARY 28-29

Teddy Bear Making Class at M.J.'s Country Corner. Artist Linda J teaching class, jointed 10" mohair teddy bears. Info: 947-8885.

MARCH 4
Salado PTO Open House hot dog/ice cream social, annual basket sale and "Dodge Drive" fundraiser, 5:30-7 p.m.

MARCH 6
Texas Senior Pro Rodeo at Wildfire Ranch. Info: 947-0291 or 947-8080.

MARCH 6

Mill Creek Community Association Spring Fling at Mill Creek Restaurant. 6-7 p.m. happy hour, 7 p.m. dinner. Info: 947-3901.

MARCH 11
Central Texas Poetry and Prose Readings at Tablerock. Info: 947-9205.

MARCH 18
7 p.m. Salado Historical Society General Public Meeting at the Salado Civic Center

MARCH 20
Tablerock's Third Annual Music Festival, 4-10 p.m. \$3/adults, \$1/children 12 and under. Info: 947-9205.

MARCH 20

Annual Salado Eagle Alumni baseball game and fundraiser. Homerun contest, noon, game to follow. Open to any former Salado baseball players. \$10 for game and t-shirt, \$5 for homerun contest. Info: Coach Melvin Bates, 947-5429, ext. 1110, or mbates@saladoisd.org.

MARCH 26
Salado PTO Dads and Donuts morning, 7-7:45 a.m. at TAE cafeteria.

APRIL 2-3
Tablerock's 9th Annual Gospel Festival. Info: 947-9205, or 947-5100.

APRIL 3
9-5 p.m. Salado Wildflower Art Show at the Salado Civic Center grounds. For more information call 947-5040

APRIL 3
11 a.m. - 9 p.m. Tablerock's 9th Annual Gospel Festival at Tablerock Amphitheater. call 254-947-5100

APRIL 9-11
Wildfire Ranch "Shoot-Out" Info: 947-0291 or 947-8080.

APRIL 24
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MAY 8
Tablerock's 10th Annual 4th Grade Play. Proceeds benefit 4th grade class senior trip. Adults/\$5, children/\$3. Info: 947-9205.

MAY 14 AND 16

First Baptist Church of Salado 140th anniversary celebrations. Info: 947-5465.

MAY 15

Mill Creek Community Association Neighborhood Cleanup Day, 8:30-11:30 a.m. Free donuts and coffee before hot dogs and chips after. Info: 947-3901.

MAY 23

Salado High School baccalaureate service, at FBC of Salado.

MAY 25
Salado High School commencement ceremony at Bell County Expo Center. Info: 947-5429.

MAY 28-30

Antique, Art and Home Decor Show and Sale, presented by MWM Ranch. 9-6 Fri., 9-8 Sat., 9-4 Sun. at Wildfire Arena.

JUNE 3-5
Judy & A.C. Green Literary Festival for more information call 947-3104

JUNE 4-6
Writers League of Texas Retreat in conjunction with AC Greene Festival for more information call 947-3104

Local events listed here- call 947-5321

ATTENTION: Churches, Civic Organizations, Secretaries
List your Salado activity each week in this calendar of events. Fax information to 947-9479, email to saladovillagevoice@earthlink.net. Mail info to Salado Village Voice P O Box 587, Salado, TX 76571.

Museum director looks to 2004

By **TIM FLEISCHER**
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Saladoan Vic Means will chair the Bell County Museum Board of Trustees in 2004, after being approved by Bell County Commissioners at their regular meeting Jan. 12.

Museum director Stephanie Turnham gave commissioners the annual report on activities and plans of the Museum prior to approval of the new trustees and officers.

Among the goals for 2004 is administering the \$1 million Capital Campaign to build a new 10,000 square feet wing to the museum. Turnham said that she hopes to move into the new wing by December. Turnham said that the museum also plans to work on a Chisholm Trail monument and connect with the county's AS400 system this

year.

Fundraising activities in 2004 include applying for grants from the Texas Council for Humanities for an April 22 lecture on the Gault Site by Dr. Michael Collins, for In Citizen's Garb, a display to open in September and for El Ojo Fino, a display to open in December. Other fundraisers this year include a grant from Museum for America for an Early Man exhibition, exploring additional items to sell in the museum store and producing the Christmas ornament of Christ Episcopal Church. According to Turnham, there are 17 church buildings in Bell County of historical significance. Each year, the Museum will sell Christmas ornaments featuring one of those historic church buildings. So far, the Salado United

Methodist Church and First Baptist Church of Temple have been made into Christmas ornaments. "They sell like hotcakes," Turnham said.

The Museum will sponsor several educational and special programs this year, including a lecture on the Gault Site, tentatively slated for April 22 at the Cultural Activities Center, and a Feb. 17 program featuring readings of Bell County slave narratives at Temple College. Turnham said that the partnerships with the CAC and TC will help the Museum reach out further into the community. "Our space is not big enough to hold these programs," she said.

Turnham reviewed last year's programs for commissioners, telling them that the museum had 4,225 visitors in 2003 and outreach programs reach-

ing 100,958 people. The Museum also conducted a successful \$1 million Capital Fundraising Campaign for the 10,000 sq. ft. addition. The Museum sponsors 180 special events, including tours and a textile conservation workshop. New exhibits at the Museum in 2003 included one on rodeos, a Ft. Hood exhibit and Del Corazon exhibit.

In 2003, the Museum raised a total of \$56,289.78. A total of \$24,362.79 sits in the Museum Endowment.

Following Turnham's report, commissioners approved the 2004 slate of officers for the board and new trustees. Officers of the board include Vic Means, chair; Dennis Turk, vice chair; John Odom, secretary and Bill Clark, treasurer. New trustees serving through 2006 are Maryette Clifton, of Killeen, Griff Lord, of Belton, Sue Mayborn, of Temple and JoAn Musick Flowers, of Belton.

In a related topic, the museum announced Jan. 6 it will be holding the Big Bell County Garage Sale 9 a.m.-5 p.m. March 13 at the Bell County Expo Center. Turnham explained this event is one of the museum's biggest fundraisers.

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12/08	Juvenile problem	Brewer Rd.
12/08	Criminal trespass warning	Salado Springs Cr.
12/10	Burglary of a habitation	Prairie Dell Rd.
12/13	Criminal mischief	Campbell Hill Rd.
12/15	Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle	S. IH 35
12/17	Harassment and criminal mischief	Triangle Rd.
12/18	Criminal mischief	Spanish Oak Rd.
12/19	Criminal mischief	Berry Dr.
12/20	Burglary of a habitation	Hester Way
12/23	Theft under \$50 and failure to ID (Subject arrested at scene)	Stagecoach Rd.
12/23	Suspicious activity	Robertson Rd.
12/24	Burglary of a motor vehicle	FM 2268/Gooseneck
12/24	Illegal dumping	Gooseneck Rd.
12/26	Harassment by communication	Brewer Rd.
12/27	Assault with bodily injury	Andre Loop
12/29	Criminal mischief	Solana Ranch Rd.

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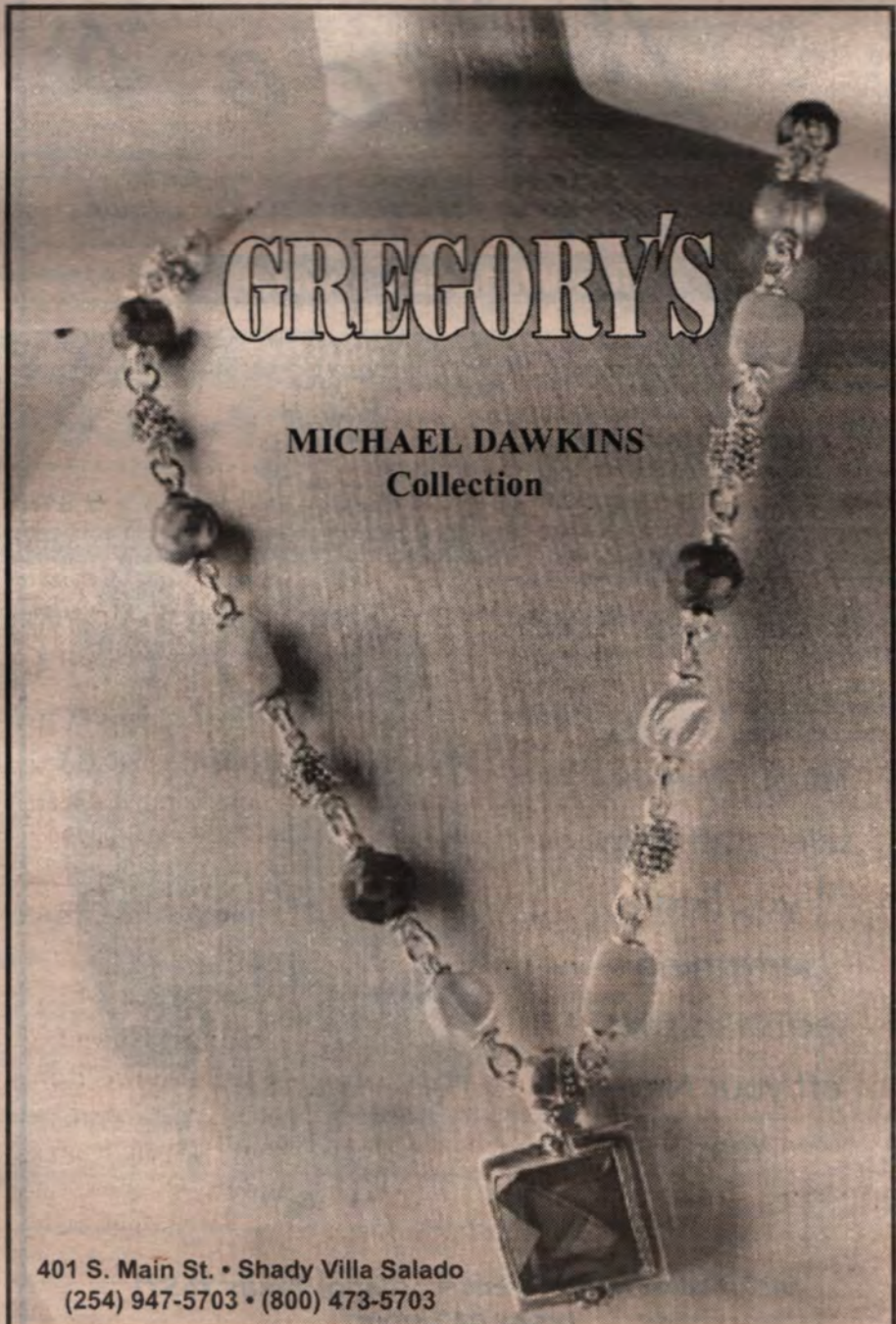


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Wrong side of tracks

Rogers residents address concerns about closing of Neroc Rd. crossing

By **TIM FLEISCHER**
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Talk about the wrong side of the tracks.

County commissioners heard stories from several residents of Rogers about their frustration of being cut off from the other side of the community when a train stops and blocks the three crossings in the Rogers city limits. When the downtown crossings are blocked - sometimes for hours at a time according to residents and city officials - area residents cross the tracks at Neroc Road.

Commissioners are considering whether to close the Neroc Road crossing, which has been labeled a dangerous crossing by the Texas Department of Transportation. Because the Neroc Road crossing has been deemed dangerous, a total of \$185,000 in federal, state and railroad funds are available to

improve roads and access to other crossing, namely the Highland School Rd. crossing and the Hunt Rd. crossing. The distance between the Hunt Hill Rd. and Highland School Rd. crossings will be approximately three miles if Neroc Road is closed.

During a public hearing on closing the Neroc Rd. crossing, Rogers city administrator Diane Kates told commissioners that the city opposes the crossing on "safety and health matters." She said that the downtown Rogers crossings are often blocked for long periods of time and the Neroc Rd. crossing is the closest crossing for emergency vehicles and police to get to incidents on the other side of the tracks.

She said that the city might consider supporting the closing of Neroc Rd. crossing "if we could have in writing from the railroad that the downtown crossings would not be blocked for more than the 15 minutes allowed by federal law."

Tim Huay, a railroad representative, told commissioners that his office became aware of the crossing problem on Dec. 22. He said that since then, instructions have been issued to dispatchers to allow the crossings to be blocked only for the passing of one train at a time. "Sometimes they have been waiting for as many as four trains to pass," Huay said.

In addition, trains will stage outside of town, where the distance between crossings is such that a train can park between, Huay said.

Residents and emergency personnel, including Police Chief Kevin Mertz, expressed their frustration that the railroad became responsive to citizen concerns when it wanted to close a crossing.

After listening for an hour and a half to input from citizens, emergency personnel, city administrators and railroad representatives, commissioners put the road closing on its Jan. 19 agenda for action. Leroy Schiller, whose precinct includes Rogers, said that he does not support closing Neroc Road.

"It seems to me the long-term solution is to provide as many points of crossing as possible and the Neroc Road crossing is apparently very important when the downtown crossings are blocked," Commissioner Tim Brown.

Other business

On a split vote of 3-1-1, commissioners approved a City of Temple five-year tax abatement agreement for 15 Main Ltd., for property at 15 N. Main St. in Temple. The City of Temple gave the property owners a five-year 100 percent tax abatement. It is located within the boundaries of Temple's Tax Increment Finance-

ing Reinvestment Zone No. 1. Because it is located in the Reinvestment Zone, Bell County will not receive taxes on the improvements to the property (estimated at \$800,000 to \$900,000) until 2022. Brown voted against the abatement, stating that he was "consistent" in his opposition to tax abatements. Judge Jon Burrows abstained from the vote because he stated that he has other business dealings with one of the principals involved in the 15 Main Ltd.

Commissioners also authorized a cooperative agreement with Lone Star Legal Aid in support of a Violence Against Women Act continuation grant of \$80,000 from the Criminal Justice Division of the Governor's Office. According to Nick Serna, the grant funds personnel and staff to help assist in getting emergency ex parte protective orders issued in domestic disputes.

The court also approved a continuing interlocal agreement with Kerr County to provide legal services for mental health retardation and chemical dependency commitment hearings and psychoactive medication hearings at the Kerrville State Hospital.

The court approved First Southwest Asset Management for arbitrage rebate compliance services for a five-year period.

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Price wins essay contest

Salado third grader Mattie Price recently won the *Temple Daily Telegram's* "Tribute to My Hero" essay contest in the kindergarten-third grade division.

She picked her granddaddy to be her hero and the subject of the essay. "My granddaddy is now 71 years old and my b-mommy and him also

live in Salado. He has had heart problems, eye problems and he wears hearing aids. He still gets up and jogs five miles every morning without stopping. He takes care of my brother and I when my mom and dad are working or have meetings. He plays baseball, card games, Chinese checkers, and helps us with our homework."

Price interviewed her granddaddy and asked if he had a quote that would help out in life. He gave her two: "An idle mind is the devil's workshop." This means that you must use the brain God gave you or you might get in big trouble.... "It is better to wear out than to rust out." I think he uses both of these quotes in his daily life."

There were more than 260 entries into the essay contest in the three grade divisions.

Mattie Price is the daughter of Marvin and Rebecca Price, of Salado. She is the granddaughter of Morris and Barbara Hill, of Salado.

Her third grade teacher is Donna Brown.

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Those of you who have given so much time and energy to our library or are patrons may enjoy looking back over the last year at the many changes the Salado Public Library has experienced. We moved into our beautiful new building on Main Street in April, celebrating with a reception and photo exhibit of Salado scenes by local photographer Margaret Williams. People in attendance were excited to see the new home for the Library, and the staff was delighted at the opportunities for growth and increased service to the community.

And what a growth spurt it has been! The new building increased our space by more than 100 percent, and we have experienced an amazing growth surge since moving in. Since 1998, when the Salado Public Library District was created and our struggling library began receiving support from sales tax revenues, we have grown at a healthy rate, to be sure. Patron visits over that time period increased by 300 percent and as staff grew by that same rate, the circulation per capita grew by 100 percent and our expendi-

ture per capita increased by 400 percent. Those figures are impressive enough, but the big news is how we grew over the last fiscal year, beginning Sept. 1, 2002 and ending Aug. 31, 2003. (remember that the library was closed for eight additional "moving days" during that time as we moved into our new location). A look at the graphic showing the numbers, not percentages, is even more informative.

It is exciting to see that the people of Salado and its neighboring communities like our library and are making it a part of their lives.

A special note regarding our Texas Summer reading Program for children: a whopping 206 children, not including their mothers, attended the 2003 program, which had four special events each Monday in July.

These events included a dazzling program by The Great Magician Rod Foyt and a kite making project and demonstration by Mike Wright. Every child in attendance made a kite and left ready to fly it! In addition, there was a visit from the Cameron Zoo from Waco bringing a mini-menagerie -- all in cages -- for the children to learn about and touch. There were craft projects and take-home goodies such as fancy masks, colorful spyglasses and pretty butterflies. There was also a reading contest throughout July, at the end of which every participant chose a book to take home. The top two readers won five books for first place and three books for second place. The children love coming to the library and the smiles and hugs they give the staff are proof positive that we can expect them to be enthusiastic, long-term patrons.

A vote of confidence also came to us from the Tocker Foundation and has been a very welcome event. The Tocker Foundation is a Texas foundation whose purpose is to help support small Texas libraries. They have given to us generously in the past. This year, we submitted a grant request to them, which resulted in their giving us a grant of \$27,731 to pay for the circulation desk, shelving and tables required in our new location. We greatly appreciate their generosity. In addition, Lone Star Libraries provided a \$2,800 grant, which we used for exterior and interior signage and for new DVDs and books-on-CD. For 2004, we will receive a \$2,105 Lone Star Libraries grant from the Texas State Libraries and Archives Commission.

Other figures, those pertaining to our financial health, are also encouraging. Over and above the regular payments on our building loan, we have been able to make two additional payments to the principal, while maintaining a healthy cash reserve. Remember all of our financial information is a matter of public record and is on file at the Library. Anyone is welcome at any time to look over the information.

We have received many generous gifts from our community. The lovely plants and flowers throughout the library are gifts from our volunteers and patrons. The two benches on our porch are gifts from Salado Republican Women. The antique library table is the result of a generous donation from Susan Krals and the kindness of Diane Woolard of Horsefeathers. And the children's library has benefited from the toys, pictures and other

decorative touches provided by our patrons and Friends. The beautifully-applied banners there are the work of Angela Mathis. Betty Tyson donated a chair in memory of her father. Local businesswoman Vicki Kelley, of Salado Design studio, has provided generous assistance with the purchase and installation of window treatments. Star Tex Propane is due a vote of thanks for its cooperation and assistance. The key word in all of these gestures is "generous," a quality we see often in this community.

The Salado Library also offers the use of its meeting room for the use of small Salado groups. Check with our staff about availability. In addition, we subscribe to the On-Line Foundation Directory, a special resource for groups or individuals who are looking for grant monies for their various projects. These are some of the highlights of the past year, as well as some of the services offered to the community. There are more, but the best "special occasion" we enjoy occurs each time one of our neighbors comes to the Library to check out books, tapes, videos (and now, DVDs!) or to use a computer. And all of it is possible only because of the commitment of our Friends of the Library and the wonderful staff who make the Salado Library a vital part of this exceptional community.

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Education Foundation awards grants

The Salado Education Foundation received 14 quality applications. The recipients of the 2003-04 Salado Education Foundation Innovative Teaching Grants are:

- College Preparation Package, Linda Borchardt, Salado High School, Amount Requested \$150, Amount Awarded \$150;
- Leap Frog ESL, Jayne Cecil, Jennifer Berumen, Lisa Nix, Thomas Arnold Elementary, Amount Requested \$1100, Amount Awarded \$600;
- Spanish Dyslexia Program, Barbara Harper, Salado High School,

Amount Requested \$2,150 (Color) or \$1,350 (Black and White), Amount Awarded \$1,350;

- Small Business (Restaurant), Jill Baumgart, Salado High School, Amount Requested \$400, Amount Awarded \$400;
- Geometer's Sketchpad, Dennis Cabaniss, Salado High School, Amount Requested \$899, Amount Awarded \$899
- Imagination Station, Terri Seaton, Carlinda Rex, Thomas Arnold Elementary, Amount Requested \$1,150, Amount Awarded \$600.



Dennis Cabaniss (left) receives a check from Bill Kyle and Jackie Mills, members of the Salado Education Foundation Board for a Geometer's Sketchpad. (PHOTO BY SCHUYLER KUYKENDALL)

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PALS announces 2004 Salado Yard and Garden Tour April 24

The Public Arts League of Salado (PALS) has announced its 2004 Salado Yard and Garden Tour, to be held 10 a.m.-5 p.m. April 24.

The Salado Yard and Garden Tour is an event for both the mind and the soul, featuring five distinctive and diverse Central Texas gardens. From large to small, rambling to organized, annuals to perennial paradise, desert plantings to waterfalls there's something for everyone to enjoy.

Gardens will be self-guided with volunteers helping to answer questions when needed. Tickets are priced at \$10 for the five gardens

and will be available in advance at the Salado Civic Center, or on the day of the Tour at each of the gardens. Maps will be available leading to each location with a description of each garden.

Tours are conducted rain or shine. Strollers and pets are not permitted. Wheelchair accessibility is limited and car-pooling is encouraged.

For additional information call 254-947-8300.

The Public Arts League of Salado is a not-for-profit organization. All proceeds from this fundraising Tour are used for The Village of Salado beautification and art projects.

MCCA requests membership renewals for phone directory

Mill Creek Community Association requests membership renewals be sent to MCCA Box 562, Salado, TX 76571 as soon as possible. Committees are working on the 2004 Phone Directory and need your help. If you have a change in your address, phone etc. please include that information with your check. If possible, use the form in your Quarterly newsletter.

Dues for 2004 are \$20 per family, and include invitations to all social functions, free litter clean-up activities and snacks, and the benefits of many volunteers helping to keep the community clean.

All members receive a newsletter, as well as the Mill Creek phone directory.

Current members are asked to encourage new residents to become members and help them with a copy of the Quarterly. Welcome packets are available by calling 947-3901.

Mayor Pro Tem of Toyah

TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Some cities refer to their governing bodies as city fathers. It's different in the little Reeves County village of Toyah. With only one male city councilman, the town is run mostly by city mothers.

The City Hall is in a rock building that was once a church. Diana Tollett is mayor pro tem of Toyah, which gets its name from an Indian word meaning running water.

"We can't afford a city manager, we're a poor little town," she told me. "We just all kind of volunteer our time. The city is run mostly on public service."

Toyah has 107 residents, down from the peak of 752 in the 50's. Toyah depends on Pecos for ambulance service, but the volunteer fire department in Toyah has seven members.

"I pump the trucks and drive them all," says Diana. "We work with fire departments in Balmorea and Pecos. When there's a fire, we all show up and do what we can. Same for wrecks. Toyah has no law

enforcement. We depend on the county for that."

Diana has won thousands of dollars in the Texas lotto. One time her husband was out of work and Diana told him not to worry. The next day she won \$20,000 in the lottery drawing. She has won another \$18,000 pot and several one thousand dollar jackpots. She does some unusual things with her winnings. She passes out one hundred dollar bills to people who need money.

Diana has taught kids how to swim in the city swimming pool. She helps with the city's annual Easter Egg Hunt. Her husband works offshore in Venezuela and is gone half the time. She grew up in the little town and loves it. "It's a good little community, real quiet and no crime and good drinking water, no pollution. It's a good place to live. I've lived all over the US and in Europe. But this is home."

Residents of Toyah say Diana is responsible for the

good tasting water, which comes from a canyon spring in the Davis Mountains. In the last six years Toyah has installed a state of the art treatment system, paid for by grant money.

"We've put all new distribution lines in town and we have a grant to put liners in our waste water lagoons. We've also got a grant to build some homes for the elderly and disabled. Our infrastructure is in good shape."

Diana is quick to point out she doesn't do all this by herself. She has a good group of citizens to help her.

Democratic Women meet Jan. 17

The Bell County Texas Democratic Women will hold their monthly meeting 10 a.m. Jan. 17 in the courtroom of County Court at Law #2, 550 E. 2nd Ave. in Belton. Refreshments will be served at 9:30 a.m. prior to the meeting.

Patricia Perkison, treasurer of BCTDW and

She took me out to that water treatment plant, just a few miles out of town. Both of us climbed up ladders so she could show me the water in large tanks. Back on the ground, she opened a faucet and gave me a sample. Delicious.

A Toyah landmark used to be the Youngblood Hotel. The owner tore it down and sold the bricks. The old two story bank building has just sold and it's being made into an antique store, coffee shop and residence.

Toyah has some good hunting. The state record mule deer was killed near the city last fall.

principal of Hay Branch Elementary School in Killeen, will be the speaker for the meeting. Her subject will be "Leave No Child Behind."

All Democratic women, men and guests are invited to attend. New members are welcome. For more information call 933-0801.



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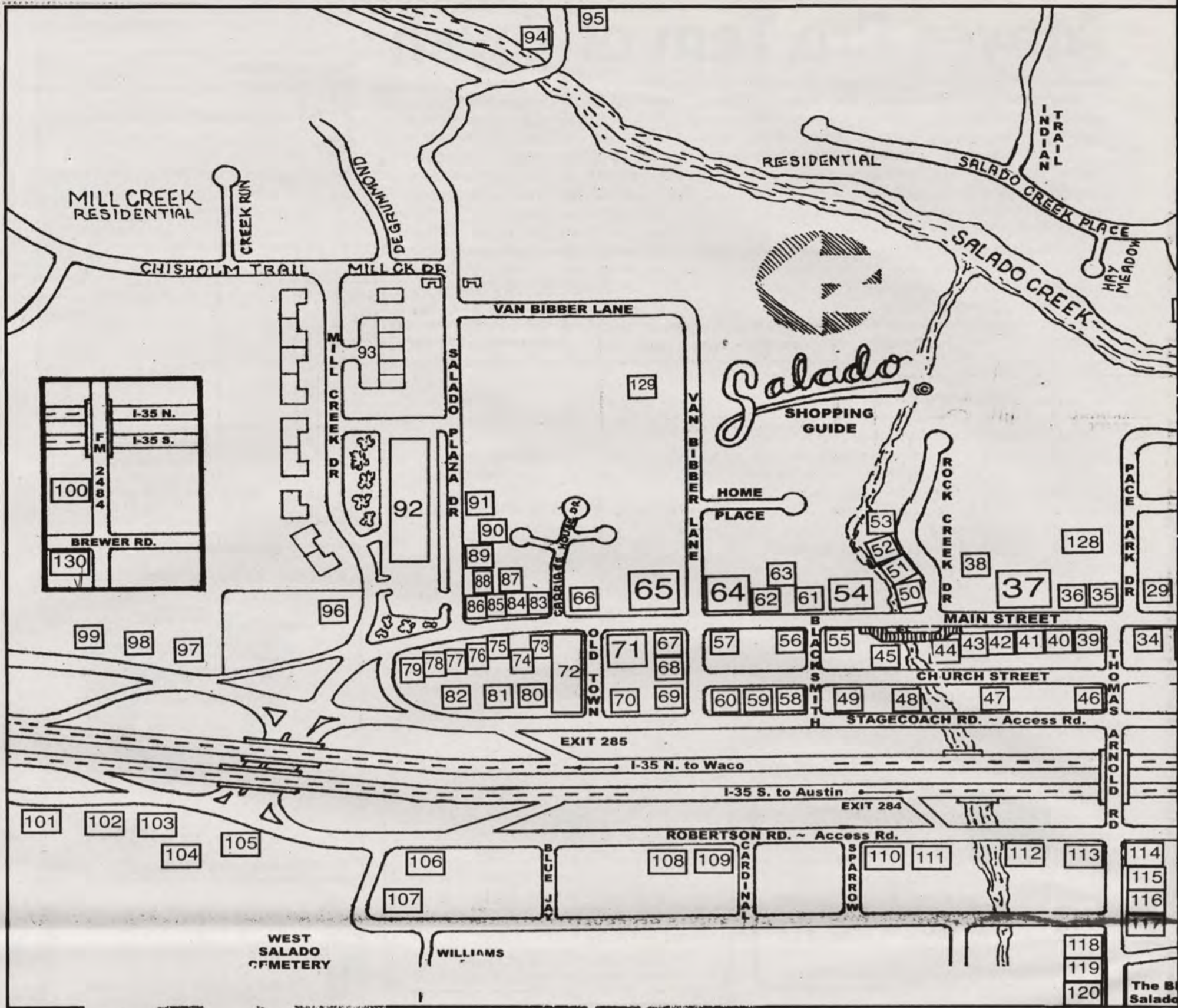
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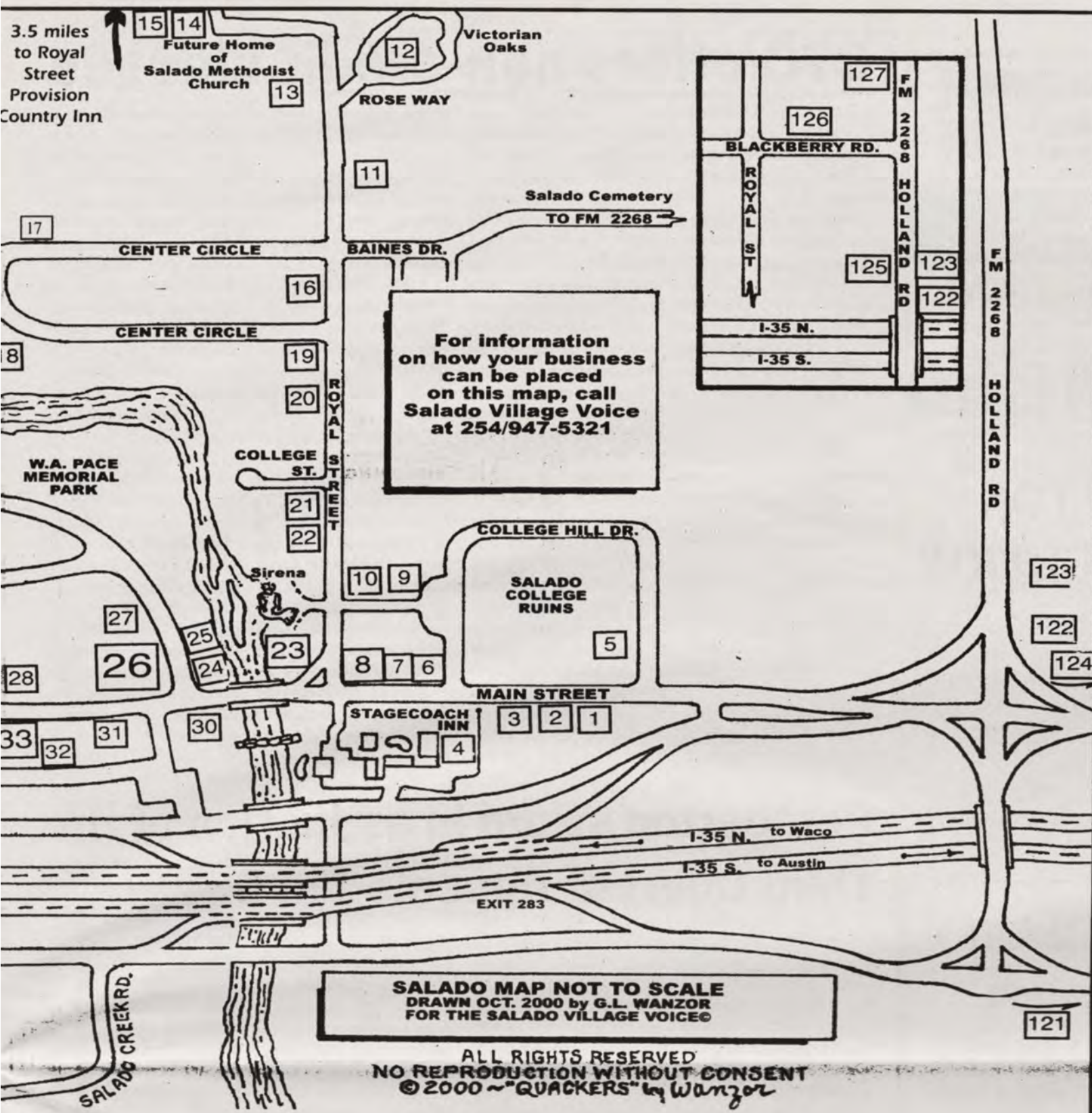
I've chosen to re-visit a favorite artistic place in Blessings of Christmas, which takes a fresh look at the charming cottage of "Victorian Garden II" in its evergreen bower, but now in the snowy grip of winter. The warmth of family life lives in this cozy dwelling, accentuated by the shroud of snow that sits so gracefully wrapped in his red scarf, holding a straw broom, embodies the spirit of the season.

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Stained Glass Mosaic - Make beautiful stained glass mosaic items for your

garden. Learn how to use a glass cutter, mosaic cutter and pliers. Students will get hands-on experience in mosaic application and grout techniques. Students must purchase the kit from instructor (large hanging birdbath kit \$30). Jean Porras is the owner of a local garden ornament business and has been designing and manufacturing mosaic garden pieces and kits for over four years. Class meets 9 a.m.-noon Jan. 24. Cost is \$21.

Managing Everyday Stress - Discover ways to manage everyday stress and lead a healthier life. Participants will learn and experience simple exercises that reduce physical and mental stress. Bring \$1 for handouts. Certification of Attendance for Continuing Education Units (CEUs) is available for \$5 payable to the instructor. Helen Alexander, LPC has

taught university courses in psychology and has had a private practice with national certification in biofeedback and stress-related disorders. Class meets 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Jan. 24. Cost is \$31.

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For more information about these classes, or to request a brochure, contact the Continuing Education office at (254) 526-1586 or visit us online at www.ctcd.edu. Register at least three business days prior to class start date to avoid a \$5 late registration fee.

Pemberton sworn in as Justice of the Third Court of Appeals Jan 5.

Robert H. (Bob) Pemberton was formally sworn in Jan. 5 as Justice of the Third Court of Appeals by Chief Justice Tom Phillips of the Texas Supreme Court. Justice Pemberton was recently appointed by Governor Rick Perry to fill the vacancy created by Justice Lee Yeakelis appointment to the federal bench. He had taken the oath in a private ceremony and begun his service on the Court last month.

Prior to this appointment, Justice Pemberton

was senior counsel at Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld, L.L.P., where he practiced civil appellate law. Before this, he served as deputy general counsel to Governor Perry, where he oversaw trial and appellate litigation on the governor's behalf and advised him on a wide range of legal issues. Pemberton serves on the prestigious Supreme Court of Texas Rules Advisory Committee, is an adjunct professor at the University of Texas School of Law, and is on the board of direc-

tors of the Travis County Bar Association.

Justice Pemberton earned his bachelor's degree summa cum laude in economics and public administration from Baylor University, where he was the top graduate in the Hankamer School of Business. He earned his law degree cum laude from Harvard Law School, where he was named to the Harvard Law Review. He is a native of Temple.

Justice Pemberton was appointed to a term that will run through Nov.

2004. He will be running in the Primary and General Elections of 2004 for the right to serve the remainder of Justice Yeakelis' unexpired term, which runs through 2006.

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Salado ladies recognized at Baylor alumni brunch

The Tenth Annual Baylor Women's Brunch will be held 10 a.m. Jan. 17 at the Wildflower Country Club in Temple. This brunch raises funds for the Central Texas Baylor Alumni Chapter's Endowed Scholarship, given each year to a student from this area.

A Silent Auction is also part of the yearly event. Items for the auction are donated by Central Texas Chapter members and area businesses.

Each year, the Central Texas Chapter selects women from this area as its Distinguished Baylor Women. Wynell Gillen Patterson and Jean Raven Brunson, both of Salado, have been selected as this

year's honorees, with special presentations and gifts to be presented to them at the brunch.

Sassy Jacks Ladies Boutique, from Magnolia's of Salado, will be presenting the Style Show, led by Virginia Cosper, highlighting winter and spring apparel.

Providing music will be Won by One, a ladies trio from First Baptist Church of Belton.

Guest speaker will be Susie Grier Jaynes, president of the Board of Directors of the Baylor Alumni Association. She is a homemaker, community volunteer and mother of four children, all of whom have Baylor degrees. She attended San Marcos public schools and

earned a Bachelor of Arts from Baylor in 1958, with majors in Religion, History and Education.

She earned a Masters in Theology, with additional courses in Greek, Hebrew, philosophy and accounting. Jaynes taught public school in Corpus Christi and Waco. She has served on numerous Baylor boards, including the Ex-Student Alumni Association Board, Women's Athletic Cabinet, the Library Board of Advocates and the George W. Truitt Seminary Board. She has also served on several committees and the Human Welfare Coordinating Board for the State Missions Commission of the Baptist General Con-

vention of Texas.

She has taught Sunday School to all ages at First Baptist Church of Waco, and serves as a retreat speaker and book reviewer. Her civic service includes the United Way Board of Directors, Family Counseling and Children's Services, Woodland Springs Nursing Home and the Historic Waco Foundation. She and her husband of 42 years, Charlie, a 1948 Baylor graduate, have 14 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Tickets are \$25 per person, with \$15 of each ticket going to the scholarship. For more information call Pam Dial Taylor at 254-939-5061, or e-mail ttaylor8@hotmail.com.

State Forum eyeing the future

By LINDA FUCHS
COUNTY EXT. AGENT-FCS

Speak to the Future! Let your voice be heard in the Texas Community Futures Forum.

Providing quality, relevant outreach and continuing educational programs and services to the people

of Texas is the mission of Texas Cooperative Extension, an agency of the Texas A&M University System. Extension's ability to meet educational needs depends on knowing what local residents see as their issues that impact their lives. There is no way to know the answers

to these questions unless they are asked.

Therefore, all local residents who are interested in a better future for themselves, their families, and our community are invited to participate in Bell County's Texas Community Futures Forum 6 p.m. Jan. 27 in the General

Assembly Hall at the Bell County Expo Center.

The goal of our County Forum is to bring together a diverse group of individuals, agencies, and organizations to answer the following questions: What are the critical issues facing people in our community over the next five years, and which entities (agencies, organizations, community groups, etc.) are positioned to best address these issues?

After hearing your views and the views of representatives from local, state and federal agencies and organizations about the future of our County, a prioritized list of actions will be developed. Extension Advisory Committees will use the issues identified at the Forum as a basis for planning educational programs and partnering with other agencies over the next several years.

In fact, similar Forums are being conducted in every county. The information from each County Forum, including ours in Bell County, will be aggregated for regional and statewide planning for the next four years, 2005 through 2008.

The results from the Texas Community Futures Forum will help Extension and our partners to focus our activities on solutions.

Everyone is encouraged to let their voices be heard in the Bell County Forum on Jan. 27. This is your opportunity to speak to the future. For additional information about Bell County's Extension Forum contact the Bell County Extension Office at 254-933-5305.



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Reihsen gives Rotary history

By SCHUYLER KUYKENDALL
STAFF WRITER

What is Rotary? Gerry Reihsen presented an informal "Fireside Chat" to fellow Rotarians at their first meeting of 2004, Jan. 6.

"Fireside Chats" serve as an orientation to new Rotary Club members. Reihsen covered 20 important facts pertaining to Rotary.

Rotary began on Feb. 23, 1905 when Paul Harris, a lawyer in Chicago and three friends - a coal dealer, an engineer, and a merchant started meeting. The men gathered in rotation at each other's places, hence the name Rotary.

In 1910, the first club

outside of the United States was started in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, and by 1921, Rotary was on six continents.

The Salado Club was started in 1995 as a breakfast club and became a lunch club in 1998. They moved to their current meeting location at the Stagecoach Inn in 2002.

"There are four Avenues of Service in Rotary," stated Reihsen. "These are Club, Vocational, Community, and International."

The Salado club's current goals and projects include their flag program, driving golf carts at the Art Fair, and various scholarships, says Reihsen.

The Rotarians set out flags at local homes and

businesses on patriotic holidays throughout the year including the 4th of July, Flag Day, Labor Day, Veteran's Day, and Memorial Day.

Scholarships are awarded each year to graduating Salado High School seniors. These students in turn come and share with the Rotarians where they plan on attending college and what their future plans are.

The Four-Way Test, Service Above Self, Object of Rotary, and He Profits Most Who Serves Best, are slogans and mottos of the organization.

"In Rotary, we don't want quantity, but quality," Reihsen said.

More information about



Gerry Reihsen
(PHOTO BY SCHUYLER KUYKENDALL)
the Rotary Club of Salado can be obtained by visiting www.saladorotary.org. The Club meets 11:30 a.m. each Tuesday at the Stagecoach Inn.

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Originally formed at the Shanghai Conservatory, this versatile ensemble is known for its passionate musically - astounding technique, and multicultural innovations. The quartet's elegant style of melding the delicacy of Eastern music with Western repertoire allows them to travel the world both onstage and in the recording studio.

The program will include Mozart's *Duo for Violin and Viola in G major, K. 423* and *Piano Quartet in E flat Major, K. 493*, as well as Brahms's *Piano Quartet in G minor, Op. 25*.

This recital is free and open to the public. For more information, call (512) 863-1504.

Hours change at Ft. Hood gates

Because civilian guards have now replaced military personnel at Fort Hood entry gates, several access control points on the installation will have new, expanded hours of operation. The access control points at the following sites will now be open for both inbound and outbound traffic 5 a.m.-7 p.m. on weekdays:

- Old Copperas Cove

Road-West, located on the west side of West Fort Hood.

- Old Copperas Cove Road-East, located on the east side of West Fort Hood.

- Tank Destroyer Boulevard and New Railhead Road, located several miles east of the Copperas Cove city limits.

The three gates will continue to be closed on

weekends and holidays. Also, only vehicles with current Department of Defense decals may enter at the three gates.

Vehicles without Department of Defense decals may only enter the Fort Hood installation at either the Clear Creek Gate or the West Fort Hood Gate - both located on U.S. Hwy. 190 - and obtain a temporary visitor's pass.

MLK Day celebrated at post

Ft. Hood's annual celebration of the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. will be conducted 1:30-3 p.m. Jan. 15 in Howze Theater.

Howze Theater is located on Battalion Avenue, near the 75th Avenue intersection. The event is sponsored by Fort Hood's Equal Employment Opportunity Office and Special Emphasis Program Committee.

The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Non-Violent Social Change Inc. chose "Remember! Celebrate! Act! A Day On, Not

a Day Off" as the permanent theme for these celebrations to mark King's life and to show that one person can make a positive difference.

Keynote speakers will be the Rev. J.A. Moland, pastor of Greater Peace Missionary Baptist Church, and the Rev. David G. Reynolds, pastor of Greater Vision Community Church. Both churches are located in Killeen.

The program will also feature combined choirs from Bible Way Missionary Baptist Church in Cop-

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Applications accepted for 2003 Rural Heroism Award thru Feb. 16

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs announced Jan. 8 that the Texas Department of Agriculture is now accepting nominations for TDA's 2003 Rural Heroism Award.

Candidates must have performed a heroic, life-saving act within Texas

during 2003. The heroic deed should be related to farming or ranching and occur in a rural area. Automobile accidents or accidents caused by negligence will not be considered.

Nominations should include a written account of the incident and the names, addresses and

telephone numbers of everyone involved. If available, newspaper clippings and photographs should accompany all nominations.

Nominations must be postmarked by Feb. 16 and mailed to Lola Lemmon, TDA Safety Coordinator, Texas Department of

Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, TX 78711. For additional information on qualifications, contact Lemmon at 512-475-1611.

The 2003 recipient will be announced March 22 at the Texas Safety Association's annual conference at the Omni Hotel in San Antonio.

Herbs for Beginners

By DEBBIE LAUER
 MASTER GARDENER

The best spaghetti sauce I ever made was the result of an experiment of cooking with fresh herbs. To make the experience even better, I had grown the Sweet Basil I used in the sauce on my deck. I did everything wrong for the plant but somehow managed to keep it alive long enough to achieve the crop of leaves that produced the sauce. I have never been able to duplicate that sauce, but I continue to experiment with growing various, culinary herbs in an effort to make an even better one.

Many herbs grow well here in Central Texas and they have many uses. Almost everyone is familiar with culinary herbs. There are also herbs grown for medicinal purposes and herbs grown for ornamental landscape purposes. Some are grown to provide food for butterfly larvae in a butterfly garden. Some do all of the above! Some of the culinary herbs are the easiest to grow. Think about the herbs you cook with and try to grow them.

Most herbs prefer a rich well drained organic soil, but some are tolerant of our sticky, rocky clay. They need six to six hours of sun, usually morning sun is best. You can start with a few containers on your deck or patio; or build a small raised bed. I use

Master Gardener

by Debbie Lauer

containers on my deck. This allows me to experiment with various herbs and to move the containers around to find out what combination of sun and shade the herbs like best. Doing this I found out chives, mint, and parsley like the shadiest place on my deck that has a mix of morning and late afternoon sun. Be sure to choose larger containers; 16 inches or larger work best for me. Smaller pots dry out too quickly during the heat of the summer. If you plant more than one type of herb in a container make sure that they all have the same watering requirements.

Your containers should have one or more drainage holes. Fill them with a mix of potting soil, amended with about 1/3 by volume of compost; then add some extra perlite or vermiculite to keep the soil loose. When using plastic pots I usually put an inch or two of pea gravel in the bottom for drainage and to keep my herbs from being blown over, or into the neighbor's yard during a storm. Herbs roots are usually shallow and for this reason a layer of mulch should be added to protect them. Now comes the hard part, figuring out what to plant.

Annual herbs such as basil and cilantro, do well in containers. Other annuals such as dill or fennel are tall plants and will do better planted in a bed. Dill and cilantro are cool season herbs and do better in the spring and fall. Basil will go all summer if it harvested consistently and is planted in the correct location. Parsley is a biennial but is usually grown as an annual here and also prefers spring and fall weather and shade. Be sure to plant extra parsley as it is also a favorite of black swallowtail caterpillars.

Perennial herbs that have worked well for me are chives, rosemary, sage, oregano and spearmint. I don't recommend planting mint in a raised bed as it can be very invasive under the right conditions. I am not sure that I could pry my mint out of the pot it currently occupies. I hack at the roots occasionally to try and thin it but it just keeps going. Chives are susceptible to our summer sun, so find that just right spot as I did to keep it going during the summer. I have also had good luck with catnip, but, be prepared for midnight visitors. My cat loved it and so did all his buddies in the neighborhood. Rosemary

can be grown in containers but will also grow into a large shrub if planted in the ground; beware; an extended cold snap could kill it.

When you are ready to use some herbs, harvest a few leaves at a time. Heavy and frequent harvests are OK, but never take more than half of the leaves from the plant at a time. During summer months try to harvest no later than mid-morning. Various sources say that the best flavor for leafy herbs comes just before flowering as some herbs can get bitter after they bloom. Snip off the tops of rosemary and thyme sprigs.

Now that you know what will grow, you have to choose between varieties of herbs, there are lots of them. My favorite basil is lemon basil. It has a sweet lemon taste and the crushed leaves are very fragrant. Siam Queen basil is purple and adds some color and has a great flavor. There are many more varieties of basil and other herbs. Things like apple mint, chocolate mint, lemon thyme; creeping varieties, variegated varieties, you get the idea. Over time you can try them all and find your favorites. Some I don't cook with but grow because I like the scents they produce in the garden. Who knows, some day they may get thrown into a sauce.

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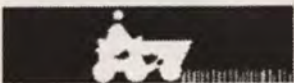
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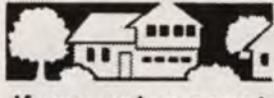
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The most beautiful 15 acre tract available in Salado with all kinds of possibilities! A 2336 SF home with 3BR/2BA, loft and game room. Exposed beams and Franklin stove give this home a lodge feel. Also, 960 SF barn with an additional 320 SF heated and cooled guest area, a 1950 SF RV garage, a tractor barn, sheds and more. City water plus a well. Private location. \$349,800. Call Century 21-Bill Bartlett at (254) 947-5050.

For Sale in Salado: double wide manufactured home approx. 1,800 sq. ft., 3 bedrooms, 2 bath, 2 living room areas on 1/2 acre. Payments on home and land approx. \$600 per month for buyer with good credit. Will require approx. \$1,000 up front 913-7437 7/16p

Exquisite 4/3/2 on .868 acre lot in one of Salado's choice subdivisions. Formal and informals living and dining areas beautiful view, custom landscaping, green house, garden room hot tub, etc. \$337,000 Call First Texas Brokerage 254-947-5577

New home under construction on the golf course overlooking Salado Creek. Absolutely beautiful view. Ten to 14 foot ceilings throughout the home. Priced at \$310,000 Call First Texas Brokerage 947-5577 tfnf

A beautiful hill top 3/2 home, manicured lawn overlooking 3 acre lake on 13.42 acres. Numerous windows and huge covered deck, outstanding views. Foliage and trees enhance the beauty of the home supplying shade from the hot summer sun \$399,000 Call First Texas Brokerage 254-947-5577 tfnf

Early 1900's classic home totally renovated 2/1 living with fireplace,

Homes For Sale



formal, dining, sunroom, 10 ft. ceilings, wood floors, metal roof W/D connections. 309 Josphine, Holland, \$95,000 254-541-8747 tfnb

New Listing - 502 Mill Creek 3/2/2 all birch, large living area with fireplace, fenced, backyard, new carpet. Walk to shopping center. \$149,700 Ronnie Tynes at Tynes Realty, 947-0044. TFNB

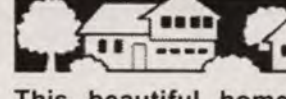
2/2/1 Townhome in Salado. Washer/dryer connections inside, 6 closets, close to shopping. \$87,500. (254) 338-5083. TFNB

Convenient Mill Creek location. 3BD/2.5BA, 2 living, 2 dining. Fenced yard, spacious deck, great tree covered lot, golf cart garage. 1208 Old Mill Rd. (254) 947-0579.

Like new - 4BD/2BA, 2,000 sq. ft. double wide on one acre next to large ranch. Salado schools. 254-947-5697.

For Sale - pick up payments of \$308/mo. 1997 mobile home. 15x56 Sonoma by Clayton. (254) 634-2100 or (254) 289-2496. Credit check. Appliances included. Salado area.

Rent or Lease




This beautiful home features a lg. family room w/ fireplace, covered porch, sprinkler system, fenced yard, and too many extras to mention The owner provides professional lawn maintenance and outside water It is located close to the golf course and shopping. No pets accepted. Call John Reider Properties at 254-699-8300 or 254-681-6622 after hours tfnb

Charming, spacious 2/2/1 townhome for rent. \$825. 6 closets, vaulted ceilings, w/d closet inside. Walk to shopping center. Lawn care provided. (254) 338-5083. TFNB

Great location on #3 Fairway!! This 2BD, 2.5BA patio home is ready for occupancy! Big 2-car garage and room for golf cart. \$1,250/month. Call Larry Sands (254) 947-5580.

Available Jan. 5! 1,000 sq. ft. 2BD/2BA duplex, privacy fence, 1 car

Rent or Lease



garage, water paid. 152A Satch Dr. 12 Month Lease, \$795 per month. Call (254) 848-4181 or (254) 289-9536.

For Rent: 3BD/2BA, 2 living, 1.5 acres in Live Oak Estates, Salado. 30x50 shop with electricity. \$900/month, \$850 security deposit. Pet allowed with \$300 pet deposit. Call Century 21-Bill Bartlett at (254) 947-5050.

1BD/1BA Cottage for rent w/ water paid. \$750/month, \$400 deposit. Will rent unfurnished. Also can be used as office or shop. (254) 947-7145.

Land for Sale



Beautiful tree covered 12-44 acre tracts in the gated, restricted Spear's Ranch Development between Salado and Georgetown. Contact Ronnie Tynes, Broker, (512) 461-3370.

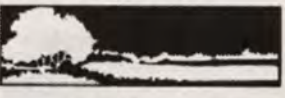
For Sale By Owner. Many WOODED LOTS, Woods of Salado on FM 2484 near Lake Stillhouse. Rita Seghers 254-760-9663. tfnb

Two acre restricted, wooded, lakeview home sites. Salado schools. Call C-21 Bill Bartlett 254-947-5050 tfn

End of Cul-De-Sac 3.2 ac \$43,900 Beautiful tract w large trees near historic Salado. Cul-de-sac backs up to large ranch. County rds, electric telephone, more. Only \$43,900! Call 1-254-947-5901 ext 849

30-360 acres, 15 mi. N. of Georgetown, 6 mi. S. of Salado. Beautiful land, well located, owner finance. Some restrictions. Call Bill at Century 21-Bill Bartlett, (254) 947-5050 or

Land for Sale




800-352-1183. TFNB

Texas Veterans Land from \$162 per mo. Own beautiful 2 to 5 acre country properties in a prime location near historic Salado. Huge oak trees and great soil. Privacy galore! Price: \$26,900, 5% down, bal fin 30 yrs @ 6.5% fixed, WAC. Call now for details 888-973-5263, x. 954, hiddenspringstx.com. B1/14

Two adjacent lots 22.21 acres or 17.71 acres for sale, separately or combined. Beautiful rolling landscape, big oak trees (254) 338-4933. P1/28

2 Acres in Hidden Springs, lots of trees, cleared and home-site ready. \$35,000. (254) 947-9273 or (512) 255-2398. B2/04

Commercial Rental



Opportunity to own Main St. property in Salado. Established business is creating space for a new business to flourish with Main St. exposure. 2090 SF of retail space. Perfect for a new business to reduce cost of ownership & still have established business next door to promote pedestrian traffic. \$224,500 Call C-21 Bill Bartlett 947-5050 tnf

Office or retail space on Main Street, Salado. (254) 947-5933 TFNB

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\$124,900 - New construction on W. Amity. 3 BR, 2 BA. You will love the large living area and oversized kitchen. Master BA has garden tub and separate shower. Nice family room with fireplace. All situated on 1/2 acre.



\$94,500 - Cozy 3 BR, 2 BA home in a great location. Located on two lots, this home provides privacy and room to move around.



\$349,800 - The most beautiful 15 acre tract available in Salado with all kinds of possibilities! A 2336 SF home with 3 BR, 2 BA, gameroom and loft room. Exposed beams and Franklin stove give this home a lodge feeling. Also 960 SF barn with an additional 320 SF heated & cooled guest area, 1 1950 SF RV garage, a tractor barn, sheds and more. City water plus a well. Private location



\$324,900 - Another custom home by Westerfield Homes. Walk into elegance with wood flooring throughout breakfast, kitchen, living room, dining room, entry & study. Double crown molding in main living areas and beautiful custom cabinets in kitchen. Granite kitchen countertops provide an inviting atmosphere for entertaining friends. Spacious front porch overlooks Mill Creek golf course. This home is positioned on a corner lot to enhance privacy.



\$549,000 - Country living with all the city amenities. Plate glass windows across the back of this home on 7 acres allow the view of the pool, valley and rolling country side. Separate 1 BR apartment is attached to the 3 stall barn.



\$224,900 - "Like-new" home overlooking Mill Creek Golf Course. Check out the heated/cooled office located inside the garage. Enjoy the view from the enclosed screened porch. This home is a "must see".



\$259,500 - This beautiful home sits on Salado Creek and Mill Creek Golf Course #13 Green. Features include wood floor entry, built-in entertainment center, study with built-in cabinets, bright kitchen with see-through white cabinets, oversized garage, speaker system wired, including deck area.



\$389,000 - Beautiful live oak trees enhance the view from the wrap-around porch on this home. Large family area opens onto the breakfast room and kitchen. This home contains two living, two dining, three bedrooms, office, three baths, three car garage. Home is completely secluded from neighbors and traffic. Located on 14.5 acres, with a pond and a mixture of heavily treed land and coastal pasture. Only a few minutes from Salado.



\$241,800 - Synergy Builders has done a magnificent job with the landscaping of this new home. They added brightness to the spacious kitchen with a skylight. Room for your golf cart, granite counter tops, tons of crown molding, full sprinkler system.

Residential

- \$83,500 - Nice manufactured home on 5 acres - SOLD.
- \$94,500 - 3 BR, 2 BA on 2 lots in Morgans Point.
- \$106,800 - Clean, light & bright! Well maintained 6 yrs old.
- \$117,900 - Large deck on 2 BR home in country.
- \$124,900 - New construction on W. Amity. 3 BR/2 BA.
- \$128,800 - Jimmy Wilson home on 1 acre, covered patio.
- \$131,800 - New mid-size home, great finishing touches.
- \$139,900 - Mobile home & barn on 10 acres. Beautiful trees.
- \$189,000 - Courtyard enhances the front walkway, lush yard.
- \$194,500 - 3 or 4 BR, apartment/office. 4 car carport.
- \$209,800 - 2 story country style home & shop. 3.5 acres.
- \$214,800 - 4 BR/2-1/2 BA on 1 wooded acre in Mill Creek.
- \$224,900 - Home overlooking Mill Creek Golf Course.
- \$241,800 - Synergy Builders 3BR home has kitchen skylight.
- \$251,800 - New home in Mill Creek. Granite table.
- \$259,500 - 3 BR overlooking Salado Creek & #13 Green.
- \$259,900 - 4 BR home w/ pool & waterfall, landscaped.
- \$267,900 - New 4 BR, 2-1/2 BA overlooking golf course.
- \$297,000 - 3 BR, 2-1/2 BA on Salado Creek Place cul-de-sac.

- \$309,900 - 1 year old home on #3 Fairway. Landscaped.
- \$324,900 - 4 BR, 3-1/2 BA home overlooking golf course.
- \$324,900 - New 4 BR home with hillside lake view.
- \$349,800 - 15 acres, 3 BR, 2 BA, gameroom and loft room.
- \$389,000 - Wrap around porch, oak trees, 14.5 acres & pond.
- \$549,000 - Country living, pool, 7 acres, barn, workshop.
- \$1,249,000 - Executive 4 BR home on Salado Creek.

Acres Available

- 140 acres 7 miles SE of Belton. Secluded, mostly wooded, great view, river frontage, owner finance. \$2,500 per acre.
- 140 acres on Hwy 36 at Temple Airport, all or part.
- 20 to 363 acres 6 mile S. Salado, Lovely view, owner finance.
- 15.796 acres fronting FM 2268 with young trees. \$99,500.

Lots

Mill Creek Lots

- Fletcher Ct. - \$68,000
- O.W. Lowrey - \$70,000

Woods of Salado Lots

- Mountain Dr. - Lot 6A - \$52,000
- Mountain Dr. - Lots 5A & 5B - \$98,000
- Hodge Canyon Dr. - \$52,000

Other Lots

- Salado Heights - 2 acre tracts - \$29,000 each.
- Windy Hill Ranch - 2 acre lots - \$55,000 to \$90,000
- Jeremiah's Well - 10 acre tracts \$50,000 to \$85,000
- Heritage - 1 to 3 acre wooded homesites, near Salado. Well restricted.
- The Overlook - 1+ acre prime lots \$125,000 - \$165,000.

Commercial Property

- \$429,000 - 5.66 acres commercial property off Main Street.
- \$499,500 - 7.65 acres between Belton - Salado with offices, metal buildings & mini storage.

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Lots of room to roam on this appx. four tree covered acres. Large 3/2/2 with many updated features. New carpets and flooring. Large fireplace enhances the family room and house also includes game room and office. 30x40 barn. **\$217,900.**



On golf course. This like new 3/2/2 hosts a beautiful stone patio facing Hole 5 Creek 2. Features include hardwood flooring and formal dining. **\$214,000.**



Beautiful Texas Ranch Home on appx. 5 acres. The huge covered front porch is a great place to rest and relax. Features include master suite, alarm system, stained concrete floors (echoed with one Texas Star), custom kitchen & intercom system. **\$350,000.**

SHOWCASE HOME



Picture perfect traditional-style near schools in quiet neighborhood. Great floorplan for entertaining. Built-ins in home office. High ceilings with crown molding, huge master suite and covered patio. 2+ acres. **\$279,000.**



Country Home on one acre. The large front porch and screened back porch make country living a pleasure. Breeze way connects the two car carport to the house. 3/2/2 two story stone. **\$114,900.**



Many upgrades enhance this 3/2/2 with golf cart storage. Plantation shutters, butlers pantry, tile flooring, decorators colors, large master suite. **\$259,900.**



Easy access to golf course. This 3/2/2 is located on large professionally landscaped corner lot between the old and the new courses. Large kitchen with cabinets galore and oversized serving bar. **\$159,900.**



New Listing: 3/2/2 on more than one acre in beautiful Salado Oaks. Nice open floorplan, split bedrooms. Pretty trees. **\$164,900.**



Completely remodeled home on approximately 2 acre. Lots of privacy! Priced at **\$159,900.**

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Acreage

Lots w/ sewage & water on Shady Lane. **\$10,000/lot.**
 Approx. 2 acres near golf course in Mill Creek. Beautiful trees. **\$38,995.**
 2 acre lot sw of Salado. Beautiful trees. Excellent homesite. **\$28,900.**
 2 acre lot sw of Salado. Beautiful trees. Excellent homesite. **\$27,900.**
 2 acre wooded lot with a great view. Walking distance to tennis court & the park on Salado Creek. Excellent Homesite. **\$32,900.**
 2.7 acres fronting FM 2843. **\$29,900** or 1.35 acres for **\$20,000.**
 3.018 acres on FM 2843. Large Pecabtrees & live water. **\$39,900.**
 4 acres SW of Salado. Beautiful trees. Excellent homesite. **\$56,800.**
 10+ acres in Bell Meadows off FM 1123. Unbelievable views. **\$89,000.**

20 acres sw of Salado on Buttermilk Creek. Heavily wooded. **\$125,000.**
 41 acres with hill country view \$3,500 per acre.
 51 acres Buttermilk Creek, great views, tree coverage, sw of Salado.
 130 acres Rolling hills with great views. **\$4,500/acre.**
 245 acres Beautiful rolling hills with large live oak trees and a 3 acre lake. Outstanding development opportunity.

Salado Lots

Indian Trail at Blaylock, lg corner lot, 90x188 - **\$36,000.**
 Indian Trail - 90x188 - **\$34,000.**
 Mill Creek Lot - **\$39,900.**

Commercial

3 acres commercial property fronting I-35, Phase 3. **\$89,900.**
 Excellent Commercial: Corner of West Village Rd. & IH-35 at exit 285.
 Charming B&B Inn: One of the oldest bldgs in the Village of Salado and is listed in the Nat'l Register of Historic Places. It is a Greek Revival.
 For Lease: 1742 sq. ft. commercial property close to Main St. \$700 per month.

Belton

Large lot in Belton near Lake. Gated community, many trees. **\$65,000.**