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Salado will remain in 2A

According to a release from the University Interscholastic League, Salado High School will remain in Class AA, and will stay put in District 25, Region IV for the next biennium period, running 2004-06.

With the exception of the import of Lago Vista, District 25 will look exactly as it is now. The

district will consist of Salado, Florence, Jarrell, Lexington, Rogers, Academy, Somerville and Lago Vista.

The UIL also raised the Class AA enrollment cut off to 389. Numbers provided by superintendent Dr. Robin Battershell reflect that, without any more growth and with the

incoming 2004-05 freshman class factored in, Salado High School's enrollment will hover between 370-375.

Battershell commented that it is unusual for the UIL to increase top ranges for two consecutive realignment periods, so Salado's long stay in Class AA may soon end.



Ropers from around the country are ready for the Open to the World.

Wildfire Ranch Open to the World team roping slated this weekend

By CHRIS MCGREGOR
STAFF WRITER

When the Wildfire Ranch Arena was built six years ago, it was intended to be nothing more than a place for local kids to hone their roping skills without fear of rain-outs.

That being said, a lot has happened in the past six years. The mammoth arena is now 200,000 sq. ft. in size, and regularly hosts some of the biggest events, both in money and prestige, in the team roping world.

One such event is coming up this weekend, Feb. 7, when several hundred of the best ropers in the business converge on Wildfire to battle for the over \$200,000 offered at the Wildfire Ranch Open to the World, an event that has mushroomed in notoriety since first being held six years ago.

Not bad considering how it got started. When owner Billie Pipes' oldest son, Donnie, was a freshman at Salado, he competed regularly on the high school rodeo circuit. Or should we say, tried to compete.

"We went to 10 events

that year, and seven of them were rained out," says Pipes in his office on the Wildfire grounds, which also include the Wildfire Saddlery and Western Store and Bloomer Trailers next door. "I built the place so the high school kids would have a place to rodeo with a roof over their heads."

Even though he had no grand designs for it at the time, the appeal of what he had built was not lost on those in the roping world. Events were scheduled, and they went well. More events were slated, more people started showing up, and things grew from there.

Which brings us back to this weekend. Pipes expects around two dozen former world champs to show up, about the same number as last year. All told, there will be between 300 and 400 teams, mens and womens, and all of them pros.

"This event is for professionals. The best guys in the world will be here," says Pipes. Formatted as an open event, Pipes explains that anyone can register, but the \$1,000 entry fee tends to dissuade those less-serious

competitors, which, for this occasion, is just fine with the host. "Everyone in the industry will be here...It's the best of the best. Period," he says.

An event that is as much a celebration of the sport as anything else, admission is free to the public (some 2,000 showed up for 2003's Open), and top competitors are well-rewarded for their efforts. Many teams travel hundreds of miles to come to Salado, and for good reason. The fact that the Professional Rodeo Association's season begins in Texas in February is one reason, but certainly not the only one. The men's payout at the Wildfire Open is the second highest in the nation, while the lady's features the single biggest payday.

How's this for incentive? First place men's team will receive, as a little bonus money, \$100,000 in cash, fronted not by deep-pocketed corporate sponsors like Wrangler and Justin Boots, but by Wildfire. And we're not talking about those oversized novelty checks here. Neatly stacked hundred dollar

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MaryBelle Brown, shown with husband Tom and son Tim, was recognized as the Salado Citizen of the Year.

Chamber honors volunteers

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Salado Chamber of Commerce at its annual banquet Jan. 27 honored a long-time volunteer, retiring business owners and a man whose life was spent as an ambassador of Salado.

"Being married is wonderfully humbling," Commissioner Tim Brown said before announcing the Citizen of the Year. "When my wife saw Citizen of the Year and my name on the program she leaned into me and whispered 'You can't be the Citizen of the Year!'"

No, it wasn't Tim Brown to receive the honor, but he does share a last name with the 2003 Citizen of the Year. And for a large chunk of his life, he shared a home with the recipient.

"This person moved to Salado about 50 years ago, which makes her one of the old timers," Brown said of the Citizen of the Year.

Since moving to Salado, the Citizen of the Year has been active in just about every organization in the village, ranging from the Salado Historical Society to Chamber Ambassador to "starting an adult literacy program."

She is active in her church and the Republican Party, having served many years as precinct chairman for the party. History is a love of hers, that she

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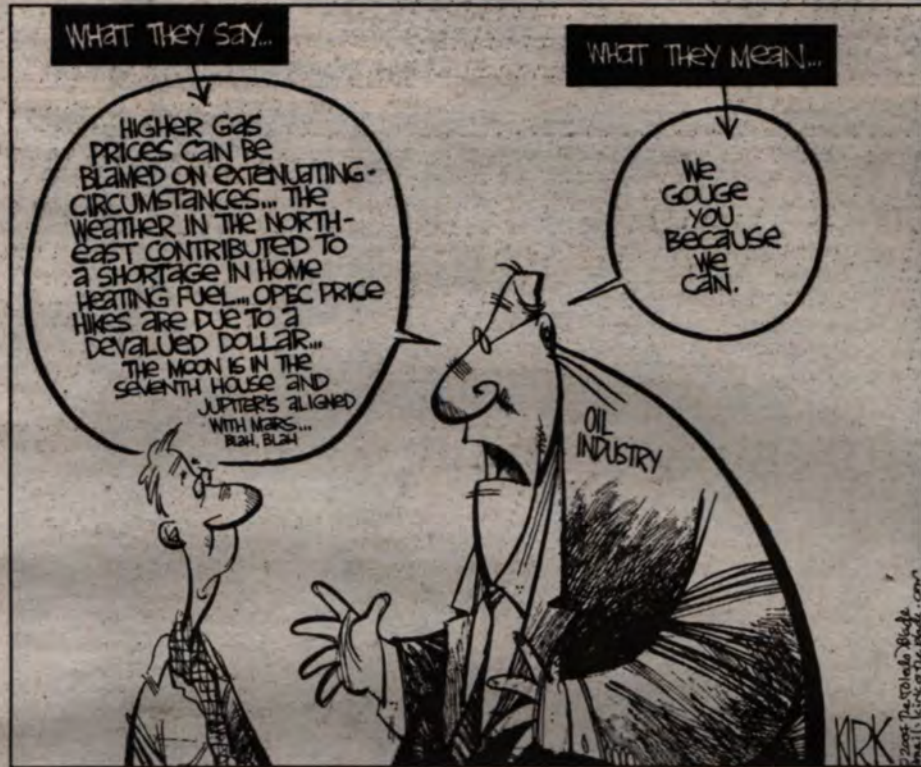
The Store at Old Town Salado was honored as the 2003 Business of the Year by the Salado Chamber of Commerce. Shown are George and Becky McAulay.



C.B. Hodge was given the Salado Chamber's Hall of Fame award for his lifetime of work. Fred Fuller is shown presenting the award to C.B.'s widow Mary Hodge. (PHOTOS BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)

FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas



The Bush Tax Increase?

It's unclear why Howard Dean is so upset by the Bush tax cut, since he maintains that there wasn't one -- at least not for the middle class.

"There was no middle-class tax cut," Dean declared at the Democratic debate in Iowa. "There was a Bush tax increase with tuitions, with property taxes, with health care premiums, and most middle-class people in this country are worse off because of the president's so-called tax cut."

Where to start? With Dean, it's not the gaffes that are most damning and ridiculous, but what he says every day.

First, Dean maintains that "60 percent of us got a \$304 tax cut" that was swallowed up by all the other Bush "tax increases." But this is a misleadingly puny figure for the effects of the Bush tax cut -- because it includes in its average low-income people who pay no income tax and so got no benefit from it.

According to The Boston Globe, 31.5 percent of married couples got a cut of between \$2,001 and \$5,000, and another 18 percent of married couples got a cut of between \$1,201 and \$2,000. Among families with children, 40 percent got a cut of between \$2,001 and \$5,000, and another 30 percent a cut between \$1,201 and \$2,000.

To maintain that the benefit of these tax cuts has been wiped away, Dean has to blame everything bad in the country -- up to, but not including, tooth decay -- on the Bush tax cuts. If the price of anything is increasing, it must have been caused by the Bush tax cut.

Some perspective: The price for almost everything has been remarkably steady

Rich Lowry



recently. Inflation, even including volatile food and energy prices, is 1.8 percent. So, Dean latches on to the things that are, in the exception to the rule, increasing in price -- college tuitions, health care premiums and property-tax bills -- and blames them on Bush.

College tuitions have been growing at a rate exceeding the rate of inflation for years. So, how can the Bush tax cut be responsible?

The cost of health care has been increasing at twice the rate of inflation since about the mid-1960s. The Clintons were complaining about rising health care premiums back when they first took office.

Finally, whether property taxes have gone up in localities has to do with how states and localities have managed their finances. States that went on a spending binge during the boom years of the late 1990s have found themselves in fiscal crises requiring tax increases. Bush can't be blamed for the profligacy of governors.

So, why is Dean so reckless in his anti-Bush charges? In his world, where all evil traces back to a single source, there can only be one explanation: The Bush tax cut made him do it.

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Newly appointed Ed Commissioner angers School Superintendents; Apology "too little, too late"

Here's an item that comes under the heading of "Wish I hadn't said it," and which, incidentally, was completely missed by the media last week in Austin. It was a major blunder made by Governor Perry's most recent appointee - Shirley Neeley, Commissioner of Education.

Shirley's first outing as a top State official was nothing short of a disaster. She was addressing the State's school superintendents at their annual mid-winter meeting in the capital city.

These school chiefs have been grouching (and rightfully so) over the questionable plans being floated by Perry concerning how to reform the fiscal mess we call School Finance. Guv "Goodhair" promised a special session this Spring to resolve the matter once and for all.

However, he has shown little leadership concerning the equalization of funding for schools, or the means of securing new state dollars for a growing student population. And, nothing but vague talk about easing the property owners growing tax burden.

OOPS

Commissioner Neeley told the assembled superintendents that they needed to get behind the Governor's initiatives and be more supportive and positive or (and here it comes) just go across the street to the TRS!

For the uninitiated - TRS is the Teacher Retirement System and what Neeley was actually telling the superintendents was: "Get on board with the Guv or retire!"

Nice shot, right? Duh! The Superintendents were furious and the rest of the meeting went downhill fast. So much rancor that Neeley went back the next day and apologized. Too little and too late. The damage was done.

GOVERNOR WAFLING

Perry is waffling over the special session. Says he will not call it unless lawmakers agree, in advance, on a plan he likes. Part of his plan includes no new taxes that would hurt business (sales or franchise); a revenue neutral shifting of current taxes to flow a modest amount of money to the schools; nothing in the way of a pay raise for teachers; and a push for gambling taxes plus a-buck-a-pack for cigarettes.

The Republican controlled Legislature is tied to the "less government, more tax refunds and the same old no-new-tax" fixation that spells doom for any improvement in education, social services or help for the helpless.

More on this next week along with Perry's reelection problems two years hence, by Mesdames Kay Hutchison and Carole Strayhorn - who are gunning for him daily.

LABOR OR BUSINESS DEPARTMENT?

This column does not wish to bore readers with a lesson in government this week - but with your forbearance we'll briefly share several historical facts about one of our federal departments. Talking here about the Labor Department which was established by Congress (1913) in order to: "Promote the welfare of the wage earners of the United States, improve their working conditions and advance their opportunities for profitable employment."

Sounds reasonable and over the years is just what the Labor Department has done - with special emphasis on Wage and Hour enforcement; minimum and overtime pay and of course protection of children under the Child Labor statutes.

OK - so what has taken place in the Bush administration to change all this and

Off the Record

by Ken Clapp



Labor Department violates its charge by helping businesses get around overtime pay at expense of workers.

allow today's Labor Secretary to issue helpful rules to business (that's right business - not the laboring end of the equation) on how to keep from paying overtime to millions of workers

The Department of Labor - under its basic charge, should be advising workers on how to secure their proper overtime pay, now that business and industry are forcing employees to work longer hours in order to avoid hiring additional staff.

However, the Labor Department regulators - with the help of high-powered business lobbyists have found ways to avoid overtime pay through recent rule and regulation changes in the 1938 Labor Standards Act.

We need to be reminded constantly that regulations are not laws but interpretations of how "regulators" believe the laws should be enforced. It has often been noted that regulators need to be watched even more carefully than lawmakers.

So, Mr. Businessman - here's what you do to avoid paying overtime (according to the "labor" department). First, figure how close your top hourly wage earners are to \$11.00 per hour and change them from hourly to an annual salary of \$22,100. This, or any higher annual amount can make them ineligible for overtime.

Next - cut the hourly rates for the rest of the workers and pay them the overtime as required. This would give a net "neutral total pay level" even with overtime added. You can't do this to minimum wage earners - but that's a small cost since these folks don't get a crack at much overtime work.

In other words - work your employees longer hours for less money. That's the result of the new rules. And it's all perfectly legal. At least under the current administration's labor rules from their Department of Labor that is supposed to protect America's workers.

CLASS WARFARE?

Some protection! And additional proof that the Bush "compassion" apparently does not extend to the working class and lends credence to the suspicion that there is an ever widening gulf developing between classes in America.

Class warfare historically comes about when wealthy citizens as a class, control an imperial style government and its leadership, at the expense of the middle class (which soon disappears) and leaves only a bottom class that works for a minimum with few benefits or opportunities.

God forbid that we destroy our well trained, professional and working middle class that is the basic strength of our nation. Once destroyed it rarely returns, as history has taught us.

The industrial giants in our nation - with Bush in tow - need to leave the Labor Department alone to do what it was set up to do - protect the interest of America's working men and women - even if it chops a little off what is becoming an obscene bottom line secured from greedy profiteering.

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Texans talk about safety in skies

Capitol Comment



Kay Bailey Hutchison
U.S. Senator



The 2003 holiday season saw a boost in nearly every sector of our economy, including aviation. The increase is not only a reflection of our improving economy, but also an indication of growing passenger confidence. Since September 11, 2001, Congress has been working hard to make sure that when Americans travel the skies, they are safer than ever.

A few months ago I asked the citizens of Texas about their comfort level when it comes to air travel. Your remarks provided insight into the progress of our aviation security system as seen through the eyes of the traveling public. Texans were almost evenly split on whether they feel safer today than prior to 9/11. Here are some of your comments:

- The small amount of new inconveniences outweighs the possible outcome without these regulations. People need to remember that flying is not a right. If you do not want to deal with the hassles, jump in your car and drive to your destination. Johnny, Odessa
- The TSA should employ passenger profiling to concentrate attention where it needs to be. Joseph, Houston
- The security technology available today should have been utilized long ago... Pilots should be allowed to carry weapons and armed air marshals should be on every flight coming into the U.S. and flying in U.S. borders. Kenneth, Richardson

There is no doubt in my mind the traveling public is considerably safer than we were on Sept. 10, 2001. We have created the Transportation Security Agency under the new Department of Homeland Security, invested heavily in personnel and equipment, and made background checks, training programs and qualifying tests mandatory for all airport screeners. But our work is not done.

While we've enhanced security nationwide, if we do not protect our cargo we are still vulnerable to attacks. For this reason I asked our readers: "Air cargo security remains one of my top priorities. Twenty-two percent of cargo that is shipped in the United States travels

on passenger planes. Yet, only a tiny percentage is inspected. While we have employed rigorous screening procedures for baggage and passengers, the belly of the plane is still exposed to the threat of terrorism. Twice the Senate has unanimously passed legislation I introduced to close this dangerous loophole, but the House of Representatives has failed to act. What is your opinion on shipping air cargo with passenger flights?"

Texans feel strongly about improving cargo security, with 70 percent saying people who handle cargo should be subject to criminal background checks. Seventy-nine percent agree that handlers should be trained on how to safeguard cargo tampering and that cargo should be kept in a secure area at all times. Below are a few responses from people across the state:

- Unchecked cargo should not be shipped on passenger planes. James, San Antonio
- I believe that air cargo is an important part of our commerce... Thus I think that cargo handlers, shippers and carriers should have to meet background checks. I do not believe that airlines should have to bear a higher part of those costs however. Carter, Irving
- All cargo should be searched with dogs or x-rayed at least. Bonnie, Comfort

I share your concern, which is why I proposed the Air Cargo Security Act. My bill would create a reliable, known-shipper program, mandate inspections of cargo facilities, direct the TSA to work with foreign countries on securing incoming cargo, create a training program for handlers, and give TSA the power to revoke the license of a shipper or freight forwarder whose practices are unsound. It makes no sense to inconvenience airline passengers with security screening and baggage checks if we do not safeguard the cargo traveling beneath them.

I appreciate your comments and encourage you to continue making your voice heard. The freedom to speak our minds is one of the cornerstones of our democracy, and your opinions help me better serve you in Congress.



Texas' role in energy

The Lone Star State has always been known for its energy prowess. In early Texas settlement, one could hardly travel a distance without crossing an oil derrick or other powerful symbol of Texas' natural ability to produce energy. The landscape of Texas has changed dramatically since that time; where the skyline was once dotted with oil derricks, there are cellular phone towers. As our landscape perpetually alters and our population continues to increase, so does our demand for energy resources and the economic benefits they provide our state.

This evolution has brought our state to a key turning point in the oil and gas industry. The Texas and U.S. economies have seen a recent rebound and the energy sector's success is critical to this improvement. As our nation's oil imports currently exceed 50 percent, Texas must do her part to ensure the vitality of this industry. The Texas energy industry creates jobs and provides energy to our nation and revenue for our economy. The oil and gas industry initiated much of Texas' original school funding and continues to be a driving funding source for our education system. Our state provides over a quarter million employees in the oil, gas and chemicals industries, combined accounting for nearly 10 percent of state economic output.

Texas has long been one of the largest producers of energy resources not only in the U.S. but in the world. This state remains the nation's leading producer of oil and natural gas, providing 20 percent of U.S. oil and 25 percent of U.S. gas. We are the leading producer of refined products and chemicals from petroleum feedstock and have the nation's largest pipeline industry and infrastructure. Texas also produces one-third of all the propane in the U.S. and we are the nation's fifth largest producer of coal. In 2002, oil was produced in 199 of 254 Texas coun-

Capitol Update

by State Representative
Dianne WhiteDelisi



ties with a value of \$25 billion and leaders expect that value to be even higher for 2003. Drilling permits and exploration activity are up from last year, particularly in the areas of clean burning and natural gas. Texas also boasts its own power-grid while other states rely on each other and even Canada for power. Our planning and ability to provide this resource will protect Texas from shortages and blackouts such as those that recently plagued the Northeast.

With figures and statistics such as these, it is hard to miss the impact of the energy industry on both our state and the nation. However, even as the energy sector is strong and continues to show progress, we must be proactive in planning for our future economic growth and prosperity. Texans must be mindful that although we have an abundance of natural resources, oil and gas production has steadily declined from its peak in the early 1970's. Natural gas production has remained fairly stable since the mid 1980's, but has required a growing number of wells and completions just to maintain status quo. These declines in production have increased our reliance on imported energy resources, which are unstable in our present world.

In addition to this decline, we must add the ever-increasing energy needs of our society and its consumers. Both state and national trends reveal increasing energy consumption and decreasing production of traditional domestic fuels such as oil and gas. As the Chairman of the Texas Railroad Commission stated in his

recent State of the Industry address, "Our nation in general, and Texas in particular, has a voracious appetite for energy; and for better or worse, we have become increasingly reliant on energy."

Faced with these realities, Texas must look to expand and diversify its supply mix of energy resources. As member of the House Committee on Energy Resources, I am continually monitoring our present production as well as keeping an eye on the horizon for initiatives to attract and accommodate new production and forward-looking products. Coupled with innovation, we should seek enhanced energy efficiency and expand our renewable energy resources. While time and money often create barriers to solutions, a number of concepts are on the table. For example, Texas has the potential to secure several liquefied natural gas terminals and regasification facilities along our coast. Such facilities would assist in stabilizing energy prices and reducing volatility. There is also ongoing development of efficient wind turbine technologies, biomass projects, fuel cell development and clean coal technologies. In past legislative sessions, I have filed tax-exemption legislation to promote these industries.

Even though the service economy continues to dominate the business landscape, it is the oil and gas industry that keeps Texas' engines running. Energy has long been the backbone of our economy and we must ensure that place into the future. Faced with this charge, I agree with President Bush that, "America must have an energy policy that plans for the future, but meets the needs of today."

Would you like some toxins with your lettuce?



Jim Hightower

Not only is pollution nasty and deadly, but it's also a spoiled-brat kind of substance that just won't stay put. You dump it over here and - oops! - it pops up over there, or way out that way...or maybe even in that bag of organic baby lettuces you just bought.

Indeed, organic baby lettuce is one of the surprising places that the Environmental Working Group recently found perchlorate, having run scientific tests on 22 types of lettuce being sold in California supermarkets. Perchlorate is not something you want to find in your salad or on your BLT. It's a rocket-fuel ingredient. It's known to cause brain damage and other health problems, especially in children, even when they're exposed only to trace amounts.

The tests found way more than traces, however - one-fifth of the lettuces tested contained at least five times the amount of perchlorate that's considered safe.

How did perchlorate end up in our lettuce? It came from a former rocket-fuel factory located down at the tip of Nevada. The toxic chemical leached from the factory into the nearby Colorado River, which then carried it miles away through farmlands in Arizona and California - where 70 percent of our country's winter lettuce is grown. The farmers draw their irrigation water from the contaminated Colorado, and the lettuce sucks up both the water and perchlorate. Then the lettuce is harvested and shipped hundreds of miles to supermarkets, where you buy it and take it into your home to serve to family unaware that it comes pre-dressed with toxic rocket fuel.

Pollution is like that - it just keeps going, ultimately into us. You'd think the powers that be would learn this lesson. Yet these geniuses are saying it's perfectly safe to dump high-level nuclear waste in Nevada, claiming that it's too far away to hurt us.

Jim Hightower is the best-selling author of "Thieves In High Places: They've Stolen Our Country And It's Time To Take It Back," on sale now from Viking Press.

Salado UIL team places second at Round Rock Invitational

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Salado High School sent 42 students Jan. 31 to the Round Rock High School Invitational Academic and Speech contest where they placed second overall. Individual results are as follows:
 Poetry Interpretation: Garrett Askins, third;

Prose Interpretation: Dixie Darling McCollough, second;
 Computer Applications: Brandon Peters, third; Kate Marshall, fourth;
 Literary Criticism: Kirsten Singleton, first; Tim Hodgkin, third;
 Literary Criticism Team: Singleton, Hodgkin, Grant Boston, first;
 Spelling and Vocabulary: Brinn Newman, first;

Johnny Kendall, fifth;
 Spelling and Vocabulary Team: Newman, Kendall, Jenny Goode, first;
 Calculator: Matt Brown, first; Brinn Newman, second; Rebekah Quick, third; Kirsten Singleton, fifth;
 Calculator Team: Brown, Newman, Quick, first;
 Number Sense: Matt Caskey, fourth;
 Number Sense Team:

Caskey, Goode, Joseph Shumate, second;
 Mathematics Team: Brown, Scott Williams, Caskey, second;
 Computer Science: David Farrow, Shumate, Jason Heuer, third.

In Spelling and Vocabulary, Newman posted a perfect score for the second consecutive meet. Salado finished second to Round Rock Westwood in the race for Sweepstakes. A total of 55 schools, 2A-5A, participated in the meet.

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School Board workshop Feb. 5

The Salado School Administration is sponsoring a Future Board Member Orientation session 6 p.m. Feb. 5 at the Civic Center.

The session will cover the process of being a school board member. This session is provided free of charge by the District.

The first day to file an application to run for the Board is Feb. 16. The last day to file is March 15. The election is later this year and will be held on May 15.

Two seats on the Salado ISD Board of Trustees will be filled. Board member Jackie Burson told *Salado Village Voice* that he will not run for re-election. Board member Frank Carlson said that he is undecided whether he will seek a third three-year term to the board.

Also, the Texas Association of School Boards is hosting a two-hour workshop in Waco, at the Region 12 Education Service Center on 7-9 p.m. Feb. 19.

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shares through the Daughters of the Republic of Texas among other groups.

"Some years ago, she took on the glamorous job of the Salado Cemetery," Brown noted. She is vice president of the Cemetery board and sits on the historical research and marker committee. She heads research and historical preservation for the Salado Historical Society and has secured a number of historical markers in Salado and throughout the county.

She patrols with husband Tom as a member of the Citizens on Patrol (COPs) and acts as their secretary.

"You've probably figured out who it is by now," Brown said. "For those of you who haven't figured it out yet, I am proud to introduce my mom -- MaryBelle Brown -- as the 2003 Citizen of the Year."

The audience rose to their feet in applause for MaryBelle, who was taken by surprise with the announcement and visibly moved by the honor.

MaryBelle Brown joins Mayor Charlotte Douglass in being named as a Citizen of the Year.

Business of the Year

Mayor Douglass presented the Business of the Year award to George and Becky McAulay, who retired from owning their retail business in Salado after more than 12 years.

As owners of Creekside of Salado (which was moved and later renamed The Store at Old Town Salado when the McAulays purchased the Double Eagle Center), the McAulays have taken on many jobs in the village to promote business and tourism.

They opened Creekside of Salado along the banks

of Salado Creek on Main Street (where Accents of Salado is now located) and moved it north after purchasing and expanding the Double Eagle Center and renaming it Old Town Salado.

Their involvement has included church work and civic work through the Chamber of Commerce. Becky served as President of the Chamber when an exploratory committee was formed to investigate renovating the old red school house on Main Street.

Becky has also chaired the Christmas Stroll five times... "an amazing feat," according to Douglass, the Bluebonnet Antique Show, the Wildflower Art Show and the Salado Art Fair.

"One thing about the McAulays... if you are in a group where someone is needed to raise their hand to take on a job no matter how big or small, you don't have to worry about it, they will raise their hands and take on the job," Douglass said.

George also contributes his share. He is a past chairman and treasurer of the Salado Business Association, among other jobs he has taken on in the village.

"When they first announced that they were selling their business to retire to Georgetown," Douglass said, "my first thoughts were, 'What are we going to do without them?'"

The Store joins the Salado Village Voice as recipients of the award.

Hall of Fame

The Hall of Fame award is given to recognize a lifetime of contributions to Salado. Fred Fuller presented the award to the late C.B. Hodge, who lived his life in Salado.

C.B. was a character

study of the Texas cattleman and rancher. Big, boisterous, bold and maybe a bit brash, C.B. was the mold of a dying breed of Texan.

More than that, he loved his little town like few others have ever felt. "He was Salado's best and proudest ambassador," Fuller said. "Anywhere he went, whatever part of the country... if he met someone who had never heard of Salado before, well, they got a lesson in the geography and history of Texas and Salado."

Fuller said that he was C.B.'s "second son who happened to grow up in Ray Fuller's house across the street." Fuller spent a lot of time at the Hodge home growing up. When he was asked as a little boy what he wanted to be when he grew up, Fred was quick to answer: "I wanted to be C.B. He gets to drive around all day in his pickup truck."

Truth is, C.B. did a lot more than just drive around in his pickup truck all day... a heck of a lot more.

He was deeply involved in Cattleman's Associations at the state and national level. He was also deeply involved in local organizations. C.B. was a school trustee, an early President of the Chamber of Commerce, a charter member of the Salado Youth Fair Boosters and a director of the Bell County Expo Center.

And C.B. was one to always raise his hand... usually at an auction.

Anyone who has been to one of the multitude of benefit auctions for Salado organizations rang-

ing from the Fire Department to Pace Park to youth organizations has seen C.B. there, ready to buy an item and contribute to a good cause. Many times C.B. would donate the item so that it could be sold again.

C.B. was generous with his money, his time and his property, which he gave to Little Leaguers and evangelicals alike.

His love for his hometown was only exceeded by his love for his family, which was attested by the number of children and grandchildren in attendance at the banquet for the honor.

When Fuller asked the family members in attendance to stand up, they clearly took up a large portion of the Tenroc Event Center where the banquet was held.

Their love for C.B. was as evident as the love and respect for C.B. given by Saladoans in the form of a standing ovation when Fuller presented the Hall of Fame award to C.B.'s widow and lifelong partner Mary Hodge.

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Adult Choir Rehearsal	5:00 p.m.	Youth Choir	6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Service	6:15 p.m.
		Team Kid (Age 3 - 6th grade)	6:00 p.m.
		Bible Drill (4-4th/6th)	7:00 p.m.
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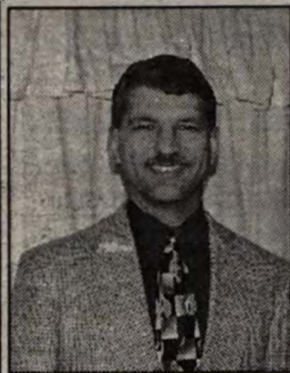
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Dempsey Stripling, 58, passes away

Dempsey N. Stripling, 58, of Salado, died on Jan. 27, 2004.

Funeral services were held Jan. 31, 2004 at the Belton Church of Christ with interment at Salado Cemetery.

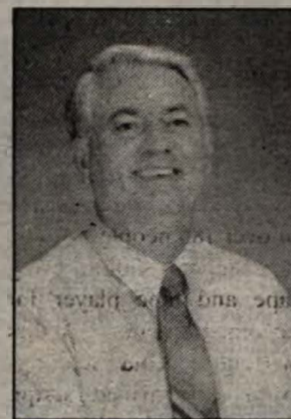
He was born in Carlsbad, N.M. on March 3, 1945. He graduated from Carlsbad Senior High School in 1963 and from Abilene Christian College

in 1967. He spent his life's energy serving as a minister for over 30 years in Churches of Christ in Texas and Arizona. He also taught middle school for several years and was pursuing a graduate degree in counseling.

He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Beverly; daughter and son-in-law, Rochelle and Sean Palmer, of Houston; sister, Ila Jean

Willmore of Percy, IL; brothers, Ray Chilton Stripling of Simi Valley, CA; and O'Dean Stripling of El Paso; numerous nieces and nephews and in-laws, and the great joy of his life, granddaughter, Malia Rose Palmer.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be sent to "Families In Crisis," 18010 N. Tatum Blvd., Phoenix, AZ 85032.



Dempsey Stripling

Services held for J.B. Seaberry, 92

John Byron Seaberry, 92, passed away in Ft. Worth, Jan. 22, 2004. Graveside services were held Jan. 27 in Greenwood Cemetery, Ft. Worth.

J.B. was born Nov. 25, 1911 in Pooleville to John B. Seaberry, a Christian Advent preacher, and Lucy Taylor Seaberry. He was one of eight children. J.B. was a member of the Second Advent Church of Grapevine and the

Masonic Lodge.

In the early 1960's J.B. retired from General Dynamics, Ft. Worth as a development department manager. He and his wife, Frances, moved to a Weatherford farm where they farmed and raised cattle before moving to Salado in 1980, where they restored the Baines House on Royal Street. They obtained a Texas Historical Marker for this 1866

house as well as a listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Seaberry's generously shared their home with the community and state as it was part of the Salado Historical Society Historic Tour of Homes on several occasions. They returned to Weatherford in 1992.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Frances Connor Seaberry and nieces and nephews.



J. B. Seaberry

Salisbury named Distinguished Student for Fall semester 2003

The Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Science has released its Distinguished Students List for the Fall 2003 semester. The list is announced to honor those students with an

outstanding record.

Kyle Salisbury, a 2003 graduate of Salado High School, was named to the list. Salisbury, a freshman, boasts a 3.66 GPA.

He is the son of Larry and Marilyn Salisbury.

Keller named to Dean's List

Texas Tech University conferred over 1,500 degrees to students at its fall commencement.

Over 5,000 Texas Tech University students made either the President's List or the Dean's List for the Fall 2003 semester. To be on the President's List or

the Dean's List, a student must have taken 12 quality hours during the semester and maintained either a 4.0 or a 3.5-3.9 grade point average, respectively.

Among those named to the Dean's List was Kasey Lynn Keller, of Salado.

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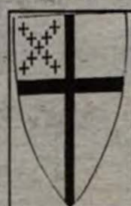
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Fletcher to speak at St. Stephen's

Tyler Fletcher, well known historian of Salado, Bell County and Texas, and owner of Fletcher Books and Antiques on North Main St. in Salado will be the featured speaker at the Feb. 9 meeting starting at 6:30 p.m. with program at 7 p.m. sponsored by the St. Stephen Women's Society.

Everyone is invited to

hear his interesting presentation to be held in the St. Stephen Parish Hall, located behind the church, on Holland Road, just past the Wildfire Ranch.

Coming events include a Valentine's Weekend Bake Sale, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Feb. 14 and 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Feb. 15 at the church entrance in the Marian Room.

St. Stephen women bake sale Feb. 14-15

The St. Stephen Women's Society will host a Valentine Bake Sale on the grounds of the church, located on Holland Road, just east of Wildfire Ranch Roping Arena.

Hours for the Bake Sale will be 5:30-6:30 p.m. Feb.

14 and 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Feb. 15. All baked goods will be prepared and donated by women of the Parish.

For more information call Bobbie Reihsen at 947-3901

Legends auditions begin Feb. 7-8

Auditions for the 2004 season of the outdoor musical drama, *Salado Legends*, will be conducted 3 p.m. Feb. 7-8 at Tablerock Amphitheater's indoor stage located on Royal Street.

Salado Legends requires singers, actors, dancers and crew of all ages. Last year's cast, crew and workers consisted of over 180 people.

Singers should bring tape and tape player for accompaniment. Actors will give cold readings from a furnished script. Dancers need only to list experience.

Rehearsals begin 7-9:30 p.m. June 7, weekday evenings. Performances will be on July 24, 31, and Aug. 7.

Call Tablerock Amphitheater at (254) 947-9205.

Burdette reports for Marine duty

Marine Corps Pfc. Joshua G. Burdette, son of Sandra G. and Ronald G. Burdette, of Salado, recently reported for duty with 2nd Tank Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Burdette is a 2003 graduate of Salado High School and joined the Marine Corps in May 2003.



The following women attended a Leadership Conference held in Austin Jan. 24, sponsored by the Texas Federation of Republican Women. Shown above (l-r) are Wilma Butler, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, Deni Johnson, Nancy Mayer and Shirley Gwyn. Lt. Gov. Dewhurst was one of the conference's speakers.

PALS asking for sponsors

The PALS-sponsored week of Artist's Workshops, scheduled for Feb. 23-28, is seeking financial help for a small booklet. This souvenir publication will include an introduction to Salado and its seven artist workshop leaders for 2004, a map of the area and a ticket for the studio tours and drawing to be held Feb. 28.

Everyone going on the studio tours will receive this booklet, as will all workshop participants.

Donations begin at \$25

and are tax deductible. Corporate sponsors giving \$100 or more will receive a free ticket to A Taste of Salado. Sponsors will also receive advertising space in the booklet, a sponsor badge, and recognition at A Taste of Salado.

If you wish to make a donation of \$25 or more and become a sponsor of the Artist's Workshops, call one of the following: Jill Shipman, 947-9099; Debbie Harrison, 947-1974; or Cathy Sands, 947-1000.

MCCA elects officers for 2004

The Mill Creek Community Association recently elected new officers. The newly elected 2004 Officers for MCCA are as follows: President Larry Freeman, Vice-president: Jack Schrock, Treasurer: LaNora Miller, Secretary: Bobbie Reihsen. Directors are: Will Lowery: Membership chairperson, Sandy Schneider: Beautification chairperson, and Bill Wende: Government Chairperson.

Other committee chairpersons include Welcome Packet co-chairs: Patti Miller and Trish Stebbins. Publicity: Bobbie Reihsen. Quarterly: Andy Olsen, and Streets and lighting: Cathy Sands.

If you would like to volunteer for a committee let MCCA know by calling (254) 947-3901.

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factor. It began on the old ranches in the 19th century, when it took two cowboys to handle some of the larger steers.

It's now a big-bucks business, and one Saladoan has his eyes on a share of that cash. Veteran roper Ryan Dunlap will be competing again this year after placing fourth with partner Zane Bowers in 2003. That finish netted Dunlap and Bowers over \$7,000. "They had a good finish against the best in the world," says Pipes.

As the biggest facility of its kind in the nation, Wildfire Arena has a reputation among ropers. But Pipes also donates the arena to just about any youth organization that asks. Salado's football and baseball teams have both

made use of it in the past, when the weather outside was a bit too forbidding. "If it involves the youth, I don't have a problem donating the arena," Pipes says.

But for the time being, the crew at Wildfire is readying themselves for a busy weekend. In addition to the free admission, concessions will be open during the Open, and Pipes welcomes everyone from the community to attend. Roping will begin at 9 a.m. and will last all day. For more information about the Open, call Wildfire at 254-947-9988.

Music Fest now accepts entries

Entries for the juried Tablerock Invitational Music Festival are being accepted through March 12. The March 20 Invitational Music Festival will begin at 4 p.m. and end at 10 p.m. at the Goodnight Amphitheater on Royal Street.

The divisions in Jazz and Blues, Country, Gospel, Barber Shop Quartet, Classic and Classical and Young Talent will have competition from many talented Central Texas amateurs and professionals.

Nominal entrance fees in each division. Cash prizes and plaques will be awarded. Food and drink booths will be open for refreshments. Tickets may be purchased at the gate. Admission: \$3 for adult and \$1 for children 12 and under.

On March 20, the Preliminary Competitions will start at 4 p.m.

Grand Prize Competitions will begin at 7 p.m. and Evening Performance will begin at 8 p.m. and close at 10 p.m.

To obtain entry forms and information contact Director Robert Combs at Tablerock Invitational Music Fest's e-mail timfest@vvm.com or call Tablerock at (254) 947-9205.

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SPORTS

Cox named Academic All-State

By CHRIS MCGREGOR
STAFF WRITER

As a three year starter at tackle and defensive end for the Salado Eagles football team, Cale Cox made some big plays on the field. But in a recently released list by the Texas High School Coaches Association, the senior was rewarded for his efforts in the classroom.

From a nomination submitted by head football coach and athletic director Jeff Cheatham, Cox was named to the first team Academic All-State squad for football, an acknowledgement that combines both athletic and scholarly accomplishments.

"Cale is the epitome of the great student athlete," said Cheatham. "He works hard in the classroom, and always goes the extra mile athletically. He's the kind of kid that you love to coach."

In order to qualify for the Academic All-State team, a student-athlete must first meet the pre-



Cale Cox (photos courtesy Beverly Wallace)



Chase Simpson



Ben Marsh

scribed criteria. They must have an overall grade point average of 92 or higher, including grades nine-12, they have to be a member of the team in good standing, must be a senior and must possess strong moral character. Cheatham says Cox exemplifies all these attributes.

In a previous awards list released in December, coaches of District 25AA named Cox to the first team as a defensive end and second team as an offensive tackle.

Additionally, the Texas Sports Writers Association named two other Eagle

seniors to its list. Chase Simpson landed on the third team as a punter, and Ben Marsh found a spot on the honorable mention squad as an offensive lineman.

Simpson, another three year letterman, punted 28 times for 1,188 yards in the 2003 season, netting an average of 42.43 yards per punt. A two-way starter playing wide receiver and defensive back, as well as handling kicking duties, Simpson was a first team District 25AA selection at wideout, cornerback and punter, and made the second team as a kicker.

He was also named Salado team MVP by his teammates. His long punt of the season traveled 64 yards.

Anchoring the other end of the offensive line opposite Cox, big offensive tackle Ben Marsh (6'3" 275 lbs.) was a fixture on Cheatham's line for three seasons. He was also a first team District 25AA all-district selection at tackle.

"Having coached these guys for awhile, and knowing the kind of kids they are, I'm proud they were given the accolades for their accomplishments," Cheatham said.

Tablerock schedules annual golf tourney

The Tablerock Festival of Salado/Denver Mills 2004 Open Golf Tournament will be March 15 at Mill Creek's Robert Trent Jones II Golf Course.

Entry fee is \$75, which covers green fees, cart, sodas, snacks and prizes. Grill foods will be available for lunch prior to play.

Format will be a four-person scramble. Players may choose their own four-

some, or the tournament directors will place players. Golfers' home course handicaps will be used, and an awards ceremony will immediately follow the tournament.

The grand prize will be \$5,000 cash for a hole-in-one at Creek 2, Hole 7, plus a \$5,000 donation to the Tablerock Endowment Fund in the winner's name.

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Boys continue district assault, team ranked 8 in state poll

Moving closer to a district title, the Salado Eagles easily dispatched Academy and Florence in games held Jan. 27 and 30, respectively. With the two wins, the Eagles' season record improved to 25-3, and 8-0 in District 25AA.

The boys have not lost since late December, when they were defeated on the road by Liberty Hill, ranked 15th in Class AAA. A few days prior to that, Salado had beaten Liberty Hill at home.

Their only loss to a AA opponent came very early in a tournament in Hutto, when they were bounced in the championship game by a hot-shooting Peaster squad.

Coach Tom Long's team is ranked number eight in the most recent Texas Association of Basketball Coaches poll.

Salado 60
Academy 38

As has been the case in recent games, a flurry of three point baskets in the game's opening minutes - two apiece by Josh Wright and Matt Jennings - set the stage for a convincing Salado win over the Bees of Academy.

Salado led by eight points at the half, 28-20, but Academy closed the gap in the third to 40-34.

The Eagle defense came alive in the fourth, however, as Salado held Academy to only four points in the game's final frame. Point guard Matt Caskey's 10 points in the fourth helped Salado pull away.

Wright, who is 42-of-98 on the season from three-point range (42.8 percent), and Jennings both had 15 points on the night, leading all scorers.

Caskey, the only other Eagle in double-figures, finished with a dozen points. Also scoring were Travis Clark, eight; Devon Dunn, six; Joseph Shumate, three; and Ben Marsh, two.

Salado 60
Florence 35

Scoring the exact number of points as they did versus Academy, and allowing nearly the same number of points, Salado's win over Florence was actually quite different than the score would indicate.

Hot shooting in the first half gave the Eagles a comfortable 46-10 half-time lead, and with that safe margin, Salado slowed the game down in the second half, scoring just 14 points.

It's hard to beat a team that drains eight three

pointers in the first half, as Salado did. The strong start put the game out of reach for Florence, as they were forced to play catch up for the entire game. No Florence player reached double-figures in scoring.

Devon Dunn had a strong game offensively, finishing with a game high 18 points. Clark had 13 points in the first half on his way to 14 for the game.

Wright totaled eight points on the night, while Scott Williams contributed six. Jennings and Nick Everett both finished with three points. Caskey had seven and Kris Stineman had one to round out the scorers.

Salado plays only one game this week, Feb. 3 in Jarrell.

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JV boys rout Florence Jan. 30, JV girls win one, lose one

Salado JV 58
Florence JV 36

A total of 10 Eagles contributed points in the 22 point win over the Buffaloes. James Gregurek paced Salado with his 17 point performance, all coming in the first three periods of play.

Ryan Clark scored nine; Barrett Brashier had eight; and Justin Whitfield scored six. Also scoring were Slayt Ebling, two; Garrett Askins, one; Justin Konzen, two; Cody Gobin, four; Curtis Converse, five; and Anthony Pierson, two.

Salado girls JV 28
Academy JV 48

A 10-point effort from Chelsea Ervi was the high-

light in Salado's loss to Academy Jan. 27. The Lady Eagles were not helped by their poor free throw shooting. In the second period alone, Salado missed 14 free throw shots.

Behind Ervi's 10 points, Kelsey Gobin had five; Natalie Cantrell scored four; and Brittany Gilchrest had four points, also. Also scoring were Brittany Harvell, Cortney Dunna-hoo, Brandi Boydston and Mary Runyon, who all had two points.

Salado girls JV 25
Florence JV 16

In a game that didn't feature much offense, the Lady Eagles confined Florence to a handful of points to pull out a defensive win.

Salado was led by Gobin, who scored eight points. Boydston had seven, Ervi and Cantrell had four and Sara Moffatt contributed two points.

Salado boys 7th 28
McGregor 7th 32

Garrett Ward scored 12 points in Salado's narrow

loss to the Bulldogs. Also scoring were Bryce Dunks, two and C.J. Little, five; and Whitmire, six.

Salado girls 8th 32
Lexington 8th 35

The two top teams in the district faced off, with Lexington coming away with a close win. Kristen Smith's nine points led Salado. Also scoring were Kamyille Palomino, eight; Brandi Lott, five; Lauren Culver, four; Lauren Haire, four; and Tamra Stanish, two.

"Unfortunately, this game was for the district championship," said Coach Erica Meyer. "Like last year, we ended up on the short end. The girls fought hard and did some really good things, but our mistakes hurt us."

Salado girls 8th 44
Academy 8th 11

In the first round a tournament in Rogers held Jan. 24, the Lady Eagles clobbered Academy.

Haire had 15 points, Palomino scored 13 and Smith had seven. Round-out the scorers were

Lauren Culver, four; Stanish, three; and Karleigh Goodnight, two.

Salado girls 8th 51
Bruceville-Eddy 12

Salado Lady Eagles witnessed production from seven different players in their championship game rout of Bruceville-Eddy.

Kristen Smith's 11 points led Salado. Close behind were Stanish and Haire, who each scored nine. Culver scored eight; Palomino had six, Goodnight had five and Brandi Lott scored three points.

"I almost hate putting individual scores down because it was a total team effort," said Meyer. "Everyone played great defense and our presses were very effective. Our guards had numerous assists and our big girls were ready to receive the ball. Where we made mental errors on Thursday, we were about as close to perfect as we could get on Saturday. Everyone did their job and the girls brought home the championship title."

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Lady Eagles in thick of playoffs

The Lady Eagles, in the late stages of the regular season where every game counts, picked up two very important wins in games last week over district foes Academy and Florence.

The victories put Salado in the driver's seat for a return to the playoffs with three district games remaining, which would mark the 11th straight season Salado made the postseason under Coach Larry Salisbury. His mark of nice consecutive district titles, however, will likely come to an end.

Salado 43
Academy 32

Laramie Jackson from the paint, and Jenny Goode from the perimeter, both came up big offensively to lead Salado in its Jan. 27 win on the road, avenging a home loss to Academy earlier in the year.

trailing 11-7 at the end of one. Jackson picked up her game in the second, dropping in nine of her game-high 15 points in that period. Jackson's scoring put Salado up 23-20 at the half, a lead they would not relinquish.

With the score 32-28 entering the fourth, in favor of Salado, Goode hit a three pointer and sank a trio of free throws, while Academy managed just four points total. Goode finished the game with 11 points.

Amanda Tumey contributed six points on two three pointers; and Brittany Boydston and Elizabeth Dunlap both scored four. Jo Washburn scored three points to round out the scorers.

Salado 63
Florence 37

The Lady Eagles followed up their crucial win at Academy by handling the Lady Buffaloes Jan.

30. This was a game that was never really in doubt, as Salado opened up a 19-7 lead after one, on the strength of eight points by Jackson. She would finish the game with 20 points.

With the score 30-17 going into the third, the Lady Eagles kept the pressure on, dropping in 19 more to put the game well

out of reach for Florence.

Elizabeth Dunlap and Tumey both had productive nights offensively. Dunlap finished with 15, while Tumey scored 10.

Brittany Boydston, Kate Marshall and Washburn each scored four. Goode and Hogwood both scored three points to round out the scorers.

Salado now has a 16-12 overall record, 6-4 in district.

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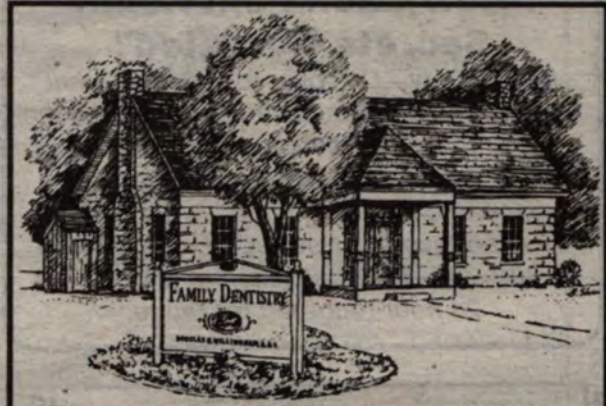
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The program will broadcast nationally on The Outdoor Channel. For specific dates and times log on to www.keithwarren.net.

BOOK READING

Salado Public Library to host Gary Holthaus

The Salado Public Library will host "An Evening With Gary Holthaus" 7:30 p.m. Feb. 16. Holthaus, who is a former director of the Institute for the Humanities at Salado, will be reading from his new book about farming in Minnesota.

The book is composed of interviews with owners of small farms. It touches on the ideas and ideals of sustained farming and on concerns about large corporate farms coming into Minnesota. This topic has larger concerns for all of us. Holthaus may read also from his other published works of essays and poetry.

Seating at the library is limited to 25-30 people. Reserve your space by calling the library at 947-9191.

Young, Roberts, Janda win divisions

The Salado girls powerlifting team competed in Wimberley Jan. 31, dominating the field with a score of 37 points and coming away with the team championship. Second place Smithville finished a distance behind with 19 points. The Salado B team finished eighth out of the 11 teams competing.

Johnna Konzen placed

third in her weight class with a total of 580 lbs., a 20 lb. improvement from the last meet, including a 255 lb. deadlift. Jamie Burson placed sixth in the same class with a 515 lb. total, setting three personal records in the process.

Also in the same class, Justine Ferrell-Raborn placed seventh with a similar total of 515 lbs. Britany Dixon rounded out the Salado entrants into that class by finishing in eighth place. Dixon improved 20 lbs. from her previous meet and set personal records in squat and deadlift.

Shae Janda won her weight class with a total of 650 lbs., and was also awarded the lightweight outstanding lifter for the meet. That award is based on a formula that calculates who the strongest pound-for-pound performer is, according to Coach Travis Ling. This was the first

time a Salado competitor, boy or girl, to win one of these awards.

Denise Jasso, competing in her first meet, placed second in the same weight class with a 540 lb. total.

LauraLee Young placed first in her class with a total of 705 lbs., a 20-pound improvement from the last meet. Young also was named outstanding lifter for the higher weight classes. "LauraLee has come close to winning this at several meets, but it was nice to see not one, but two of our kids get this. They deserve these type of rewards due to the time and effort they put into the sport of powerlifting," said Ling.

Jacki Welsh placed second in the same weight class, finishing with 570 lbs., highlighted by personal records in all three lifts. Close behind, Kristen Womac placed third in

the same class with 565 lbs., including a 255 lb. deadlift. Also in the same class, Stella Butts came in fourth with 565 lbs., setting three personal records.

Heather Winter finished fifth, totaling 550 lbs., also setting three personal records. Larissa Ingalsbe placed fifth in her class with 565 lbs. Lastly, Jessica Roberts won her class with a 645 lb. total. Roberts set personal records in squat (235 lbs.), bench (145 lbs.) and deadlift (265 lbs.).

"The girls all did a great job of competing and pulling for each other," Ling commented. "Most all the girls set personal records in all three lifts, which is the goal every week. All their hard work is really becoming apparent at each meet. We're real proud of them. They have come a long way in two short years."

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name, and 3) number in your party. Admission is \$5.

The play won first prize of \$1,500 at last June's Judy and A. C. Greene Literary Festival. It's a dark comedy with adult language.

Allen, a Fort Worth native, entered the Greene Festival contest for the first time in 1999, placing as a finalist; then, she entered again in 2002 and failed to place. Proving her persis-

tence and seriousness-of-purpose, she wrote another script for the 2003 Festival and, *Shazam!*, she won first prize.

Dates and hosts for performances at 7 pm each night are Feb. 11, Joan and Ben Ward's home at 102 Royal View, Salado; Feb. 10, home of Jean Moran, 912 Hillcrest Dr., Salado; and Feb. 11, Bettye and Bob Kennedy's home, 2980 Hellums Rd. #105, Belton.

Outer space a short drive away

By CHRIS MCGREGOR
STAFF WRITER

With the first anniversary of the Space Shuttle Columbia disaster making headlines, Steve Schmidt, director of the recently opened Mayborn Planetarium and Space Theater, addressed the Salado Lions Jan. 28 in defense of space exploration, while also presenting an overview of the Planetarium's programs.

"Why should we send spacecraft to Mars," Schmidt asked. "Because Mars has always fascinated humans. It's a naked eye object, you don't need a telescope to see Mars. And also it's cheaper to send robots, you don't have to bring them back."

Schmidt went on to explain just why it is that, outside of imagination, scientists have such an interest in the red planet. "We know that there was water there in the past," he said. "We have found volcanic rock and layered, sedimentary rock, which was formed in the presence of water. At some point in the distant past, or maybe the recent past, water was there."

Mars, Schmidt continued, is also the planet most like Earth, and explained that it takes Mars some 24 hours and 40 minutes to

rotate, only slightly more than our planet. Its surface is scarred with multiple dry river beds, a sure indicator that something liquid was present at some point.

Atmospherically, though, Mars seems to be rather inhospitable. "The atmosphere is so thick, that a simple glass of water would boil," he said. "It's very heavy."

Expanding out a few million miles beyond Mars, Saturn is also in the crosshairs of explorers. "Most folks don't know that we have a giant, two-ton spacecraft on its way to Saturn," he said, referencing the Cassini-Huygens craft that is scheduled to land on the surface of Titan, one of Saturn's moons, in Jan. 2005.

"And we have no idea what the planet's going to look like," he said. "There may be entire lakes of liquid methane, we don't know. We do know that it will be very alien and primordial."

Transitioning his talk to the Mayborn Planetarium, which opened for business in August of 2003, Schmidt was quick to point out that the facility itself is not an observatory, but rather more like a theater. It features a 60 foot dome and can seat 184 guests, making it the third largest

planetarium in the state. It is also the closest, as there is no other planetarium around this side of Dallas or Houston.

"The Chancellor of CTC wanted a facility that would be an outreach to not only the community, but the region," he said. As a part of that goal, the planetarium makes it a point to host school field trips at discounted rates, an effort to keep interest in science alive in students as young as kindergartners and as advanced as seniors.

Among its programs, the planetarium boasts a Minolta star projector which displays, according to Schmidt "more colors than the human eye can discern." Broadcast over a 60 foot hemispheric screen, the projector can precisely place the positions of 15,000 stars, at any point in history. "It's like a time machine," says Schmidt. "There's lots of experiments you can do with an instrument like this."

The planetarium also

makes use of its large dome to present IMAX and large format films, such as "Bigger Than Texas" and "MarsQuest." They also have some programs that are pure entertainment. Case in point: the laser light shows set to the music of Pink Floyd, Nirvana, The B-52's and R.E.M. that give the rock and roll experience in an unlikely setting.

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Schmidt says he would like to dispel people's preconceptions of what a planetarium should be. It can be, he said, an entertaining, informative and affordable way to spend an afternoon or evening. "The goal here is to turn people on to a subject, especially kids, that they might otherwise be intimidated by," he said.

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The program for the meeting will be music performed by Dominique Deprez, violinist, accompanied by pianist David Kaulfus. The two make up the group Musica Universalis.

Dominique and her husband, Eric, left their native Belgium with their three sons a year ago to begin a new life in Salado. They now own and operate Le Beffroy Bed and Breakfast and Belgian Restaurant, located on Center Circle.

For Dominique, music remains one of life's necessities. She first began playing the violin at age 14 and fell in love. She advanced quickly, becoming an instructor at age 18. She also taught at the university level, mastering, in addition to violin, the flute, piano and viola.

Her peers quickly recognized her abilities. She has been first violinist in the national orchestra of Belgium, the symphonic orchestras of Brussels and Liege and the Royal Conservatory in her home city

of Mons.

David Kaulfus is an experienced musician in his own right. He has played with Harold Strand's Polka Band and Hal Spencer's Reminiscence Band. He now plays full time with the Crossed Timbers Gospel Quartet, First Baptist Church of Salado and Nolan Valley Baptist Church.

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Feb. 6: Cheeseburger, Fries, Burger Salad, Pineapple Tidbits, Fruity Freeze, Chef Salad, Hoagie, Milk
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Out on a Limb

WHERE THE BUFFALO ROOM

CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?



R.F.D.

by Mike Marland

I HEARD THE FLU'S GOIN' AROUND UP THERE SIM!

YUP, WE'RE OKAY, THOUGH, WE HAD FLU SHOTS.

GOOD! SO EVERYBODY'S STAYIN' HEALTHY?

UH, SORT OF...

UNFORTUNATELY THEY'VE YET TO COME UP WITH A SHOT THAT PREVENTS YA FROM SLIPPIN' ON THE ICE!



The Spats

JEFFY, IF I CATCH YOU USING THAT WORD AGAIN I'M GONNA WASH YOUR MOUTH OUT WITH SOAP!

GEEZ GRANDPA, ALL I SAID WAS @!!*9&!!

I'M SORRY, I THOUGHT YOU SAID #%&##!



Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

OK, OK, I GET IT! THERE'S A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN DISHWASHER & DISHWASHING DETERGENT!



HUBERT By Dick Wingert

DEPOSITS

Oh-oh! Too late! Hello dear!

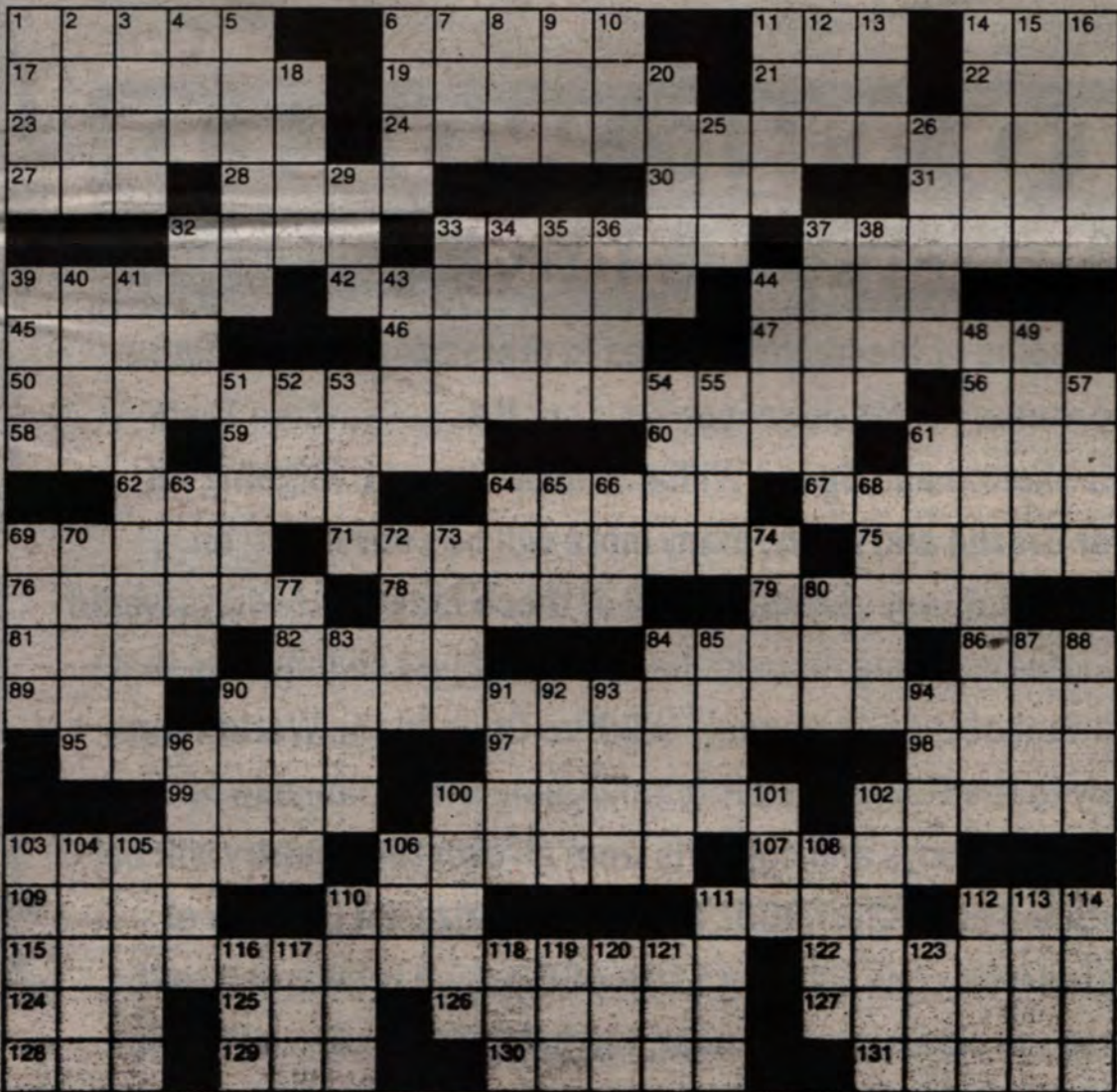


CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- 1 Plot
 - 6 Philanthropist
 - 11 Send out a page
 - 14 Highlander's headgear
 - 17 Vision-related
 - 19 Likes a lot
 - 21 Barcelona bravo
 - 22 "I — Rock" ('66 song)
 - 23 A few words
 - 24 Start of a remark by Laurence J. Peter
 - 27 Itch
 - 28 Loaf part
 - 30 Dram
 - 31 Emcee
 - 32 Swiss sharpshooter
 - 33 Like feta
 - 37 Feta
 - 39 Oscar or Tony
 - 42 Fragrant plant
 - 44 Mets' milieu
 - 45 Isolated
 - 46 Spud state
 - 47 97 Across singer
 - 50 Part 2 of remark
 - 56 Seal school
 - 58 Actress Massen
 - 59 TV's "The — Limits"
 - 60 Animosity
 - 61 Nimble
 - 62 Printer's proof
 - 64 Be buoyant
 - 67 Hindu duty
 - 69 Word form for "milk"
 - 71 Invalidated
 - 75 City on the Allegheny
 - 76 Storm
 - 78 Bounded
 - 79 Smiley's "A Thousand —"
 - 81 Medical suffix
 - 82 Spirit
 - 84 Gogol's "— Bulba"
 - 86 Jack of "Barney Miller"
 - 89 Ocasek of The Cars
 - 90 Part 3 of remark
 - 95 Principles
 - 97 "Here You Come —" ('77 hit)
 - 98 Hellman's "The Children's —"
 - 99 Duel tool
 - 100 Desk accessory
 - 102 On edge
 - 103 Stick-in-the-mud?
 - 106 Free tickets
 - 107 Pavarotti piece
 - 109 Third-rate
 - 110 Halloween decoration
 - 111 Yogi or Smokey
 - 112 Political abbr.
 - 115 End of remark
 - 122 Dolphin Dan
 - 124 Kind
 - 125 Flagon filler
 - 126 Proof-reader's list
 - 127 Leisurely, to Liszt
 - 128 Singer Brenda
 - 129 Literary pseudonym
 - 130 Solti's stick
 - 131 Wharton or Sitwell
 - 10 Word with carpet or cabbage
 - 11 Racing legend
 - 12 Boxing legend
 - 13 Makes one's mark
 - 14 Resort lake
 - 15 Pile up
 - 16 Lusterless
 - 18 Virginia —
 - 20 Alaskan city
 - 25 Italian greyhound, e.g.
 - 26 Bread ingredient
 - 29 Wee one
 - 32 "— bien!"
 - 33 Chest material
 - 34 Get wind of
 - 35 Tennis legend
 - 36 A roaring success?
 - 37 Rubbed the wrong way?
 - 38 Juno, in Greece
 - 39 Plus
 - 40 Troubles
 - 41 Penguins' place
 - 43 Ready to eat
 - 44 Detect
 - 48 Tyranny
 - 49 With 101 Down, '79 Sally Field film
 - 51 Subject matter
 - 52 "Ben—" ('59 film)
 - 53 School founded by Henry VI
 - 54 Siamese
 - 55 Fill to the gills
 - 57 Actress Cannon
 - 61 Mall event
 - 63 Homeric characters
 - 64 So. state
 - 65 Mouth piece?
 - 66 Habitually, to Herrick
 - 68 Neigh-sayer?
 - 69 Den
 - 70 Upstairs basement?
 - 72 — Bator
 - 73 Singer Horne
 - 74 Irritated exclamation
 - 77 More enthusiastic
 - 80 Scoundrel
 - 83 — majesty
 - 84 Ridicules
 - 85 Superior
 - 87 Burden of proof
 - 88 Brute
 - 90 "— the mornin'"
 - 91 Guys' counter-parts
 - 92 Corporate clashers
 - 93 Bank statistic
 - 94 Big bird
 - 96 Indira Gandhi's father
 - 100 Enjoy the beach
 - 101 See 49 Down
 - 102 Diatribe
 - 103 "To fetch —"
 - 104 Clavell's "— House"
 - 105 Alistair or Sam
 - 106 Part of PST
 - 108 Sita's husband
 - 110 Dylan's colleague
 - 111 Fiber source
 - 112 Leslie Caron role
 - 113 Step — (hurry)
 - 114 Cry of contempt
 - 116 Check
 - 117 Jeff Lynne's grp.
 - 118 Sphere
 - 119 Singing syllable
 - 120 It may be tipped
 - 121 WWII area
 - 123 "Great!"

DOWN

- 1 Duplicate
- 2 Want badly
- 3 Overdo a tan
- 4 — carte
- 5 Tied tightly
- 6 "The Witches" author
- 7 Horatian creation
- 8 Neither's partner
- 9 Vein contents



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Wildfire Ranch welcomes some of the biggest names in professional rodeo Saturday, February 7th to its indoor arena. Professional cowboys such as seven-time Team Roping World Champions Rich Skelton and Speed Williams as well as the reigning All-Around World Champion Trevor Brazile and many, many more will be converging on Wildfire Ranch in Salado. There is only one reason why all of these famous cowboys would be gathering in Central Texas... team roping for cold, hard cash! It just so happens that Wildfire Ranch is offering just that at the 6th annual "Wildfire Open to the World Team Roping." Second in payout only to the George Strait Team Roping Championship in South Texas, local and World Champion cowboys and cowgirls from all over the country will be team roping for a prize line totaling over \$200,000! Topping the prize list is a pair of custom inlaid brief cases stuffed with cash totaling \$100,000, which is awarded to the winning team. Admission is free, so clear your calendar and bring the family to Wildfire Ranch Saturday, February 7th for a day filled with team roping excitement rain or shine! Wildfire Ranch is located at Exit 283 on I-35 just South of Salado. "Burn a trail to Wildfire Ranch and rekindle the cowboy inside."

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Artists' Studios open for workshops, tours

Local glass artist Melissa Paxton will give one of seven workshops during the Artist's Studio Tours Feb. 23-27, sponsored by the Public Arts League of Salado (PALS). The largest project glass Paxton ever produced was 80 ft. long and six and a half ft. tall. It is a part of the public library in Glendale, AZ. It depicts the plants and animals native to Southern Arizona, and brought the artist much acclaim.

After graduating from high school in Phoenix, Paxton began working for a plant nursery. Soon she was designing landscapes for Sun City. Having made and saved enough money for college, she attended art classes for two years in Los Angeles.

Coming home on a break, she and her mother and sister decided to take a short course in stained glass. With that course she was hooked on glass art.

By experimentation and working with other glass artists, she developed her expertise to a high level of skill and artistic merit.

She once owned her own sales show as well as a working studio, but now she is able to leave the sales to big city galleries and showrooms. Bowls, table tops, windows, walls and sinks are all a part of her repertoire.

Paxton will be showing her glass sinks at the Kitchen and Bath Show in Chicago this April.

Paxton moved Coyote Glass Design to Salado because her husband, Joe, asked her to. Escaping the summer sun in Ari-

zona and moving closer to family were his reasons. Joe Price is project manager for Embree Construction in Georgetown. Paxton credits him with keeping her organized.

She also employs Margaret Hughes as her colorist and Judy Szafranski as office manager.

Participants in her glass art workshop will be designing and sandblasting a mirror, tabletop and wine glasses. Some knowledge of drawing and design is suggested.

Joan Hoffman Workshop

Salado artist Joan Hoffman will be teaching a workshop on watercolors as part of the Salado Artist's Workshops.

Hoffman's students will learn a lot about color in her class. They'll be mixing paints and producing a color wheel as one of their first exercises. Later on in the week they'll be graduating to painting Texas wildflowers and primitives.

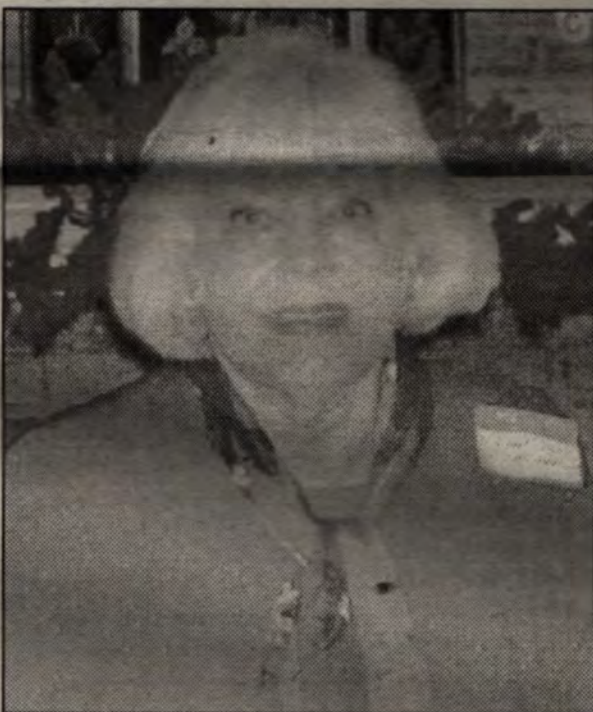
Hoffman's preference is painting still lifes. Almost anything that evokes a feeling of home or life in West Texas appeals to her. She is a native of San Angelo, and enjoys cooking and homemaking.

She began painting about 20 years ago and joined the Salado Village Artists. Since then her interest in watercolor has led her to take classes at the Hill Country Art Foundation in Kerrville, and the Cloudfcroft Summer Art Classes.

She has substantial experience in teaching watercolors as well. She regularly gives workshops for the Village Artists.



Glass work by Salado artist Melissa Paxton.



Watercolor artist Joan Hoffman

Presently, Hoffman is in the process of compiling a cookbook.

For information or to register for any of the workshops, call 947-8300.

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What's happening around the Village of Salado?

FEBRUARY 4 OR 5
10-week Precept Upon Precept Bible study course on the "Sermon on the Mount," begins 6-8 p.m. Feb. 4 at FBC of Salado or 9-11 a.m. Feb. 5 at Stone Creek Settlements. Info: 947-1974 or 718-2030.

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 5
Spaghetti Supper at Salado Intermediate School Cafeteria. Benefits Salado Band Boosters.

FEBRUARY 5
Future Board Member Orientation workshop sponsored by Salado ISD, 6 p.m., Salado Civic Center.

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 6
Introduction to Pastels, a Salado Village Artists' Workshop featuring Denise K. Nichols.

FEBRUARY 14
Valentine's Day

FEBRUARY 14
Bo's Barn Valentine Dance with Dave Jorgensen. Info: 947-8111 or www.bosbarn.com.

FEBRUARY 14-15
St. Stephen's Women's Society Bake Sale at the Church. 6:15 p.m. Feb. 14 and 10-11:30 a.m. Feb. 15.

FEBRUARY 15
First Day to File in local races, including Salado ISD Board of Trustees, Salado Public Library District Board of Trustees and Village of Salado Board of Aldermen and Mayor.

FEBRUARY 19
"Spring and Summer Hors d'oeuvres" cooking class with Dave Hermann at The Range. Call 947-3828 or e-mail therange@vvm.com for reservations or more information.

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 26
Empty Bowl Project bowl making class 6:30 p.m. at Mud Pies Pottery. Dinner provided. Info: 947-0281.

FEBRUARY 26
"Pasta, Pasta, Pasta" cooking class with Dave Hermann at The Range. Call 947-3828 or e-mail therange@vvm.com for reservations or more information.

FEBRUARY 26
Empty Bowl Project bowl making class. At Mud Pies on Main Street. Dinner is provided. Come and enjoy company while

getting your hands dirty for a good cause.
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 2
Salado Public Library hosts lecture on Birds of Bell County, 7 p.m., given by Dr. Randy Pinkston. Birdwatching field trip will follow **March 6.** Attendance limited to 25. Free admission, all ages. Info: 947-9191.

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
"Brunch Party Ideas with Chris Morton" cooking class at The Range. Call 947-3828 or e-mail therange@vvm.com for reservations or more information.

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

MARCH 15
Final Day to File in local races, including Salado ISD Board of Trustees, Salado Public Library District Board of



The Packard Club will be coming to Salado this spring, as they have done for several years, gathering at the Stagecoach Inn April 2-3. There will be a display of the cars in front of the Stagecoach Inn Lobby April 3.

Trustees and Village of Salado Board of Aldermen and Mayor.

MARCH 18
"Vegetarian" cooking class with Dave Hermann at The Range. Call 947-3828 or e-mail therange@vvm.com for reservations or more information.

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. Home-run 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 21
"An Elegant Dinner Party with Andy Locklear" at The Range. Call

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MARCH 25
"Spring and Summer Desserts" cooking class with Dave Hermann at The Range. Call 947-3828 or e-mail therange@vvm.com for reservations or more information.

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

APRIL 1
"Party Items- Take it with you to the Party" cooking class with Dave Hermann at The Range. Call 947-3828 or e-mail therange@vvm.com for reservations or more information.

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 8
"From the Sea" cooking class with Dave Hermann at The Range. Call 947-3828 or e-mail therange@vvm.com for reservations or more info.

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

APRIL 15
"You don't need a wok-Asian Cookery" cooking class with Dave Hermann at The Range. Call 947-3828 or e-mail therange@vvm.com for reservations or more information.

APRIL 22
"Spring and Summer Soups & Salads" cooking class with Dave Hermann

at The Range. Call 947-3828 or e-mail therange@vvm.com for reservations or more information.

APRIL 24
Salado Yard & Garden Tour Tickets \$10 each available at the Salado Civic Center. For more information call 254-947-8300. Sponsored by the Public Arts League of Salado (PALS) for the beautification of Salado.

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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 15
Local elections, 7 a.m.-7 p.m. for Salado ISD Board of Trustees, Salado Public Library District Board of Trustees and Village of Salado Board of Aldermen and Mayor. Salado Civic Center.

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.

MAY 31
Salado Cemetery Association Memorial Day Service, 9:30 a.m. Info: 947-5402.

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

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JULY 3

6 p.m. **Salado Historical Society Annual Fourth of July Picnic** at Pace Park Pot Luck

JULY 24

Salado Legends 12th Annual Performance dinner 7:15 p.m., Theater 8:15 p.m. at Tablerock Amphitheater For more information call 254-947-9205 or

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JULY 26-31

Public Arts Lecture Series sponsored by Public Arts League of Salado. For more information call 947-3104.

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AUGUST 7-8

8th Annual Salado Art Fair in Pace Park For more information call the Salado Chamber of Commerce 947-5040

SEPTEMBER 4-5-6

Salado Businesses Salute Educators More information TBA

SEPT. 10-12 & 17-19

World Team Roping Association Finals at Wildfire Ranch. Info: 947-0291 or 947-8080.

SEPTEMBER 11

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

SEPTEMBER 18-19

10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Tablerock's Fantasy Faire & Shakespeare Play 8: 15 p.m. at Tablerock Amphitheater for more Faire information call 254-947-1339
Faire Tickets adults \$5, children \$3 Shakespeare tickets \$10 adult, \$5 child. For more information on play call 254-947-8933

SEPTEMBER 20

Wine & Wildflower Festival sponsored by Public Arts League of Salado. For more information call 9473429

SEPTEMBER 25-26

8:15 p.m.
Shakespeare Play at Tablerock Amphitheater For more information call 254-947-893

OCTOBER 8-9

Christmas In October at the Salado Civic Center Free. Sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary.

OCTOBER 23

6 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.
3rd Annual Chisholm Trail Cattleman's Ball at Tenroc Ranch For more information call 254-947-0827

OCTOBER 30-31

7 p.m. - 11 p.m. **Fright Nights Family Halloween Fun** at Tablerock's Trail. Adults \$5 Children \$3

NOVEMBER 1

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NOVEMBER 5-6-7

10 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Chisholm Trail Days Shops, Shoot Outs, eat at a campfire, cowboy poets and songs. Admission adults \$10 children \$5 For more information call 254-913-0366

NOVEMBER 12-14

Gathering of the Clans at Robertson Plantation & College Hill.



The Wildflower Art Show will be on the grounds of the Salado Civic Center, sponsored by the Salado Chamber of Commerce, April 3. For more information, contact the Salado Chamber of Commerce at 254/947-5040.

NOVEMBER 18

7 p.m. **Salado Historical Society Annual Chili Supper**, Salado Civic Center

NOVEMBER 23

Noon deadline for Salado Village Voice newspaper Dec. 1 publication

NOVEMBER 25-26

Salado Village Voice office closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

DECEMBER 3-4

A Christmas Carol 7 p.m at Tablerock Amphitheater Tickets Adults \$5 children \$3 6:30 p.m. Sandwiches and drinks available For more information call 254-947-9205

DECEMBER 3-4-5

Salado Christmas Stroll

Salado Historical Society Annual Christmas Homes Tour TBA

DECEMBER 10-11-12

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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.

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

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.

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.

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Thursdays

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

Village of Salado Board of Aldermen: Regular meetings on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of month, 6:30 p.m. at Salado Municipal

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Chisholm Trail Chapter ABWA: 1st Thurs. 6 p.m. at Stagecoach Inn. 947-0173.

Salado Ladies Auxiliary: 2nd Thurs., 10 a.m., Salado Civic Center

Salado Water Corporation Board of Directors: 3rd Thurs., 4 p.m. Corporation office.

Salado Historical Society: board of directors, 3rd Thursday, 7 p.m. Salado Civic Center.

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.

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Saturdays

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A script from a Radio Netherlands reporter covering the United States Civil War on July 2, 2076:

"I'm in Kansas City, the center of the United States. Battle elements from the East have been hammering the area for days, trying to break through the strong Western defenses.

"This is a part of the country that once served as the nation's bread basket. The mid west supplied wheat, vegetables, fruits and meats to all parts of the US. Herds of cattle used to roam these plains, now strewn with missile fragments and bombed out plane and automobile bodies. The scene is reminiscent of the middle east 72 years ago.

"The war has taken its toll on every aspect of American life.

Communication, transportation, education, utilities and security are practically non-existent. The US is

by:
Tumbleweed Smith



now a nation of desperate souls.

Professional sports arenas, once the great symbols of prosperity and leisure time, have been turned into poorly equipped and understaffed hospitals. Nuclear weapons have destroyed some of the nation's greatest cities. The ineffective government has left Washington, DC and is operating in undisclosed locations.

"The war's origin is no different from the elements that start most wars. It's a matter of differing points of view as to how to run a country. Spirited competition between the two major political parties, Democrats and Republicans, erupted into riots at political rallies. The two groups kept squaring off against each

other in several cities until a full-scale, nationwide war broke out. Republicans have taken over the western part of the country while Democrats headquarter in the east.

"And as it was during America's first civil war 215 years ago, families have been divided. Brother is fighting against brother.

"The chasm between the two parties was widened in the early part of the century by zealous radio talk show hosts who criticized the opposition parties. It is no wonder that some of the first buildings to be destroyed were broadcasting stations. The comments heard on radio helped develop a hatred so fierce that it led to fighting. In defending their beliefs and plat-

forms, party loyalists have nearly destroyed the country. If the war continues, there won't be much of a country left to govern.

"Both parties have created chaos in the military, turning service personnel into mercenaries, who brought with them dangerous arsenals.

Terrorists from traditionally enemy nations have come to the US to join in the fight. While their paychecks come from Democrats or Republicans, I can't help but believe they have designs of taking over the country.

"This war can't last much longer. There are just a few bombs and missiles left in the world.

"On the eve of this country's 300th anniversary, the United States' experiment in democracy seems to have been brought down from within.

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By DEBBIE LAUER
MASTER GARDENER

Well do you have it yet? You know, that got to get outside and start planting things bug? The days are getting longer and the mild weather in between the cold spells has you itching to get started on this year's projects. Before getting all fired up, remember that we are still officially in winter and that our last average freeze date is around March 10. Don't forget that we can have some really bad killer freezes later than that. With that in mind, here are some things that you can do to satisfy that urge to get things going.

If you have not done so already, get all the leaves off your turf grass. My preference is to run my mulching mower over them and catch the remnants in the "grass" catcher and add them to my compost pile. Leaves left on turf grass can promote unhealthy conditions especially when we get rain as it creates good conditions for growth of fungal diseases. If you thought you were done with leaves, you can get

Master Gardener

by Debbie Lauer

started on raking up the live oak leaves as they start falling in February and March. Even though we have had a relatively mild winter, do not fertilize your turf grass this month. Late February to March is the time to put down a pre-emergent weed control for warm season weeds on your turf grass. Be sure that the one you choose is safe for your type of grass.

That last heavy rain brought up the fire ant mounds. It is too early to apply bait as the soil is not warm enough for them to be actively foraging and taking back bait to the mound. Instead use the second part of the Texas "two step" method and treat mounds near high traffic areas or near home foundations with contact type ant killers. Be sure to follow the directions and to wear protective clothing.

If you do not have the trees you wanted planted, do it now. This is the last month to plant bare root trees. The ideal time for planting container or burlap ball trees and shrubs is over in March. Planting now

gives them a head start on getting established before the hot weather gets here. You can plant container grown trees and shrubs any time of the year but after March they require much more care and need to be watched closely. Do not fertilize newly planted shrubs and trees until you see new growth on them, and then apply only light amounts of fertilizer.

February is the month to plant roses in your landscape. Plant them where they will get plenty of sun and in beds with good drainage. If you have a sprinkler system, avoid planting roses where the leaves will be wetted by the sprinklers. Also plant where there is lots of air circulation. February is also the month to prune your roses. Cut hybrid teas, floribundas, and grandifloras back to a height of two to three feet or at least to one third or one half of their height. Old garden roses and shrub roses are not pruned back as severely. Cut out dead and diseased canes and cut them back to stay

in bounds of where you want them to grow. You should wait until after the spring flowering period to cut back any climbing roses or once blooming shrub roses. If you have any roses with blackspot on the leaves, collect and get rid of the leaves as they yellow and fall. Continue to do this all year.

If you have not fertilized your cool season annuals since you planted them, February is the time to do it as they should reach peak bloom in March and April. Pansies especially may need a boost of Nitrogen at this time. If you use pre-emergent granular weed control products, this is the time to get them down in your established annual beds.

Since we can still have some bitterly cold weather in February, make sure that shrubs are well watered before a freeze if the ground is dry. Prune summer flowering shrubs now. For spring blooming shrubs wait until after they have bloomed to prune. Here are some general guidelines to use when pruning shrubs. First cut out any dead, diseased, or damaged wood. Then thin the shrub removing up to one third of stems at the ground level and finally shape the plant as desired. When shaping, do not cut off all branches at the same height.

February and March are major months for planting perennials. Although fall is preferred for most spring and early summer blooming perennials, you can still put in perennials such as canna, daylily, daisy, and blue phlox. Beds should be prepared several weeks before planting. Be sure to work into the soil a four to six inch layer of organic matter when preparing the bed. You may mulch the bed until ready to plant in it.

To read other articles published by the Bell County Master Gardeners Association go to our website, bcmga.org. Questions for Master Gardeners can be asked on that website or you can send in questions to the Bell County Extension Office at bell-tx@tamu.edu. For people who like to do it the old fashioned way, send in your question with a stamped and self addressed envelope to Master Gardener Questions, Bell County Extension Office, 1605 N. Main, Belton, TX 76513.

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Last remaining thread

By CHRIS MCGREGOR
STAFF WRITER

A cluster of large, solitary oaks lord over the middle of the property like celestial sentinels. Planted in the center of the grounds, they seem to have their roots encircling every aspect of the cemetery, silently drawing in the unrecorded history of a nearly forgotten landmark.

The West Salado Cemetery, taken in and of itself, is a somewhat nondescript parcel of land, neat and well-maintained for the past decade, but hardly a vision to inspire awe. It is tucked caddy-corner between Country Boy's and Harold's Piano, easy to miss, almost as if it's playing hide-and-go-seek with the 21st century.

Located scant yards from the interstate, thousands of motorists pass by the cemetery each day, but at 70 miles per hour the full breadth of its unassuming story passes like the white and yellow stripes of the highway, unheard and barely seen.

It is, however, important, because it is one of the few active black cemeteries in the area. A cursory glance around Salado shows that not much remains of the African-American culture that helped clear and settle the village many generations ago. A fact that is either



Wilkinson family funeral circa 1914. (PHOTO COURTESY OF THE BELL COUNTY MUSEUM)

unknown or conveniently forgotten, the history of the black community in Salado stretches back as far as that of the whites.

Largely scattered by the time the Depression hit, at one point the number of blacks residing in Salado totalled between 150 and 200, a population only slightly less than that of the whites, and this stoic little cemetery seems to be one of the few remaining threads of their legacy.

Where It All Began

In private hands since 1991, when current owner Earnest Wilkinson purchased the property, the one and four-fifths acre plot was originally deeded in 1879 by Colonel E.S.C. Robertson to the freedmen of Salado. In a diary entry dated Christmas day 1875, Robertson writes, "Went up after dinner to see John Sanders f.m.c. (freed man of color) about hiring a cook and wash woman.

Will let me know tomorrow. The freed men want a piece of land for a school house and church-have promised it to them."

It would be another four years before the freedmen and women got their land. Common tradition tell us that the land was donated to the black community in town by Robertson, however there are other, more quietly whispered rumors that suggest otherwise, that the black community had raised the funds amongst themselves to purchase the land. The fact that four years had taken place between the time the land was promised and the time the land was deeded does raise an eyebrow. It is also recorded, however, that Colonel Robertson was considered a fair man who treated all his neighbors, both white and black, with respect, so the particulars might never be resolved.

A Place of Personalities

In any case, the land was deeded on the first day of the year, 1879, for the aforementioned use of school, church and graveyard purposes. Another persistent little rumor that cannot be verified, that the purchased land had been used as a burial site in antebellum times, is almost certainly true. In fact, the oldest legible headstone in the graveyard, that of Jozie Fullbright, is dated 1877, two years before the land was deeded. This suggests that the land had been used for burial for some time

prior. The oldest area of the cemetery, the northwest corner, whose maintenance was taken over by the Salado Historical Society in Oct. 2003, is home to many simple, unmarked stones, whose origins are unknown. But it is not unsafe to assume that these markers are contemporaneous with, or predate the Fullbright grave, given that slaves lacked the means of producing ornate headstones, and often times, as Earnest Wilkinson explained, they used whatever was at hand, which was generally a large stone, to mark a location of burial. Some unfortunate, anonymous souls never received a marker. According to Wilkinson, this practice continued into the 20th century.

Recent labors undertaken by the Historical Society to clear portions of the cemetery that contained the heaviest overgrowth revealed stones that appeared to be grave markers, substantiating the oral tradition passed on to Wilkinson from his family. Also said to be buried on the grounds of the West Salado Cemetery is a man named Mtesa Unction, a former slave who followed his master to Texas after the Confederate surrender at Appomattox. Unction is a story all his own. According to the book, **Tales of Old Salado**, by

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West Salado Cemetery — From 8B

E.M. Hutchens, Uction worked on the grist mills and over the years his hands "became inlaid with minute steel splinters," eventually becoming magnetized, and on several occasions, he was called to Salado College to demonstrate the principles of magnetics to students in natural philosophy class.

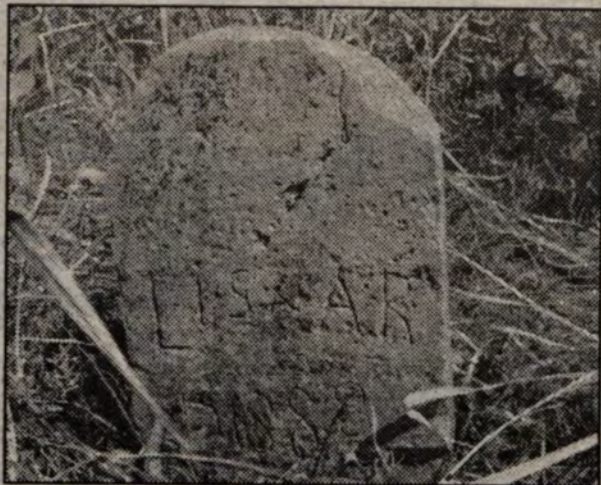
Also said to have enormous physical strength, Uction "carried in his arms up the stairway the College chapel's first organ," according to Hutchens. Sadly, it will likely never be known where this character was laid to rest.

A Personal Interest

Wilkinson, in addition to his old duties as caretaker, also has a strong historical connection to the cemetery. His grandfather, the patriarch of his family, Finn Wilkinson, was a native born Texas slave who became free after the Civil War. His master was one Melville Wilkinson, who is said to have donated land after the war to all of his slaves. This again, is a matter of debate, but however he obtained his land, Finn settled in Salado and several generations of his descendants have been reared here as well. Finn was yet another interesting man whose unique life is rarely mentioned when the history of old Salado is discussed.

Standing six feet tall and possessing what is said to have been a considerable intellect, Finn could read and write, unusual for a man of slave derivation. He was also a cowboy who participated in many drives, keeping the spirits of the other cowhands high with his affability and light-hearted sense of humor.

Finn, however, never forgot slavery. He would take a turn to the serious when explaining to his children and grandchildren about the "peculiar institution" of human bondage. He explained to his family



Obscured by a century of overgrowth, a roughly hewn headstone, worn down from years of neglect, reveals a barely legible last name and the date of death, 1888, for the unknown individual at rest below. (PHOTO BY CHRIS MCGREGOR)

that one particularly diabolical and popular method employed by slave traders was to throw a feast a short distance from the ship.

Shortly thereafter, another celebration would take place, this time a little bit closer to the ship than the last. Finally, a third would be held, this time however, in the ship itself. Once secure on board, the ship would set sail with its unsuspecting passengers in tow, who were now trapped and resigned to their unenviable fate.

Wilkinson's other grandfather, Finn Fullbright, was a stonemason whose mark of F.F. could be read on some of the older headstones.

A Vibrant Settlement

Once the land for the cemetery had been legally acquired from Robertson, two churches and a school were erected, of which no traces remain. For such a small community, the presence of two churches is indicative of the importance religion played in the black community. One church was Baptist, the other Methodist; however, no clear congregational lines were ever drawn, and most folks attended both regularly.

The school served children grades one through six only, the high schoolers attending Harris High School in Belton. Because, up until relative recent his-

tory, Central Texas was a pastoral farming area, and children did not attend school until early November. Their hands, apparently, being needed more for field work than academic pursuits.

During the 1920s, approximately 18 children attended the school, with teachers using textbooks donated from nearby Salado College. But again, no buildings remain. It is deserving of note that by 1920, Salado College had been closed for 35 years. That's a lot of old textbooks.

Unfortunately, when times got tough in Salado, as happened in other small communities, most of the black families moved off to the cities or other towns such as Taylorsville, where they sought better job opportunities and less discrimination.

As is well-known, the South has a long memory, and the humiliation of losing the Civil War had yet to part itself from public consciousness. Salado was certainly no different than other towns in this respect. Working to Save History

Efforts to recognize and renovate the cemetery, which is still an ongoing process, did not get off the ground until the mid 80s when a group of Saladoans developed an interest in its history.

The Salado Historical Society, through the efforts of Fred and Dale Springer and the late Thelma Fletcher, exhaustively researched the existing records, including deeds, diary entries and oral histories, and then submitted their findings to the Texas Historical Society. Work done by the Bell County Historical Commission also helped to bring attention to the cemetery.

Finally, after much sweat and tedium, on May 5, 1991, the West Salado Cemetery was designated with an historical marker, which stands outside the cemetery to this day.

It is a testament to many things, among them a family's link with its past, and of the hard work done by a small group of Saladoans to bring an overlooked cemetery its rightful distinction.

But what it doesn't speak aloud is something that is heard only in the soul, how as generations pass and memories are buried like caskets, we, like magnets, are drawn to our history for the sake of our future.

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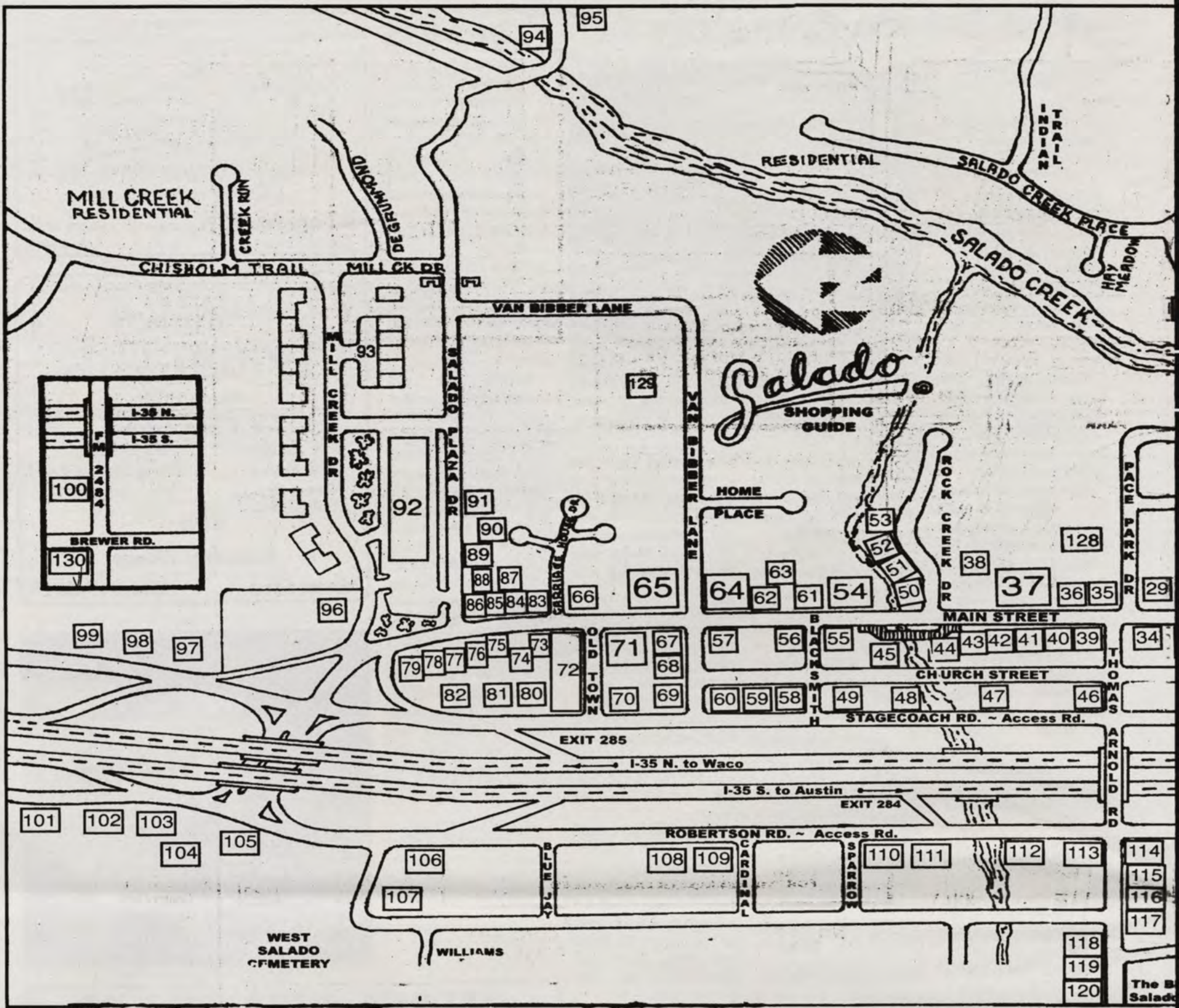
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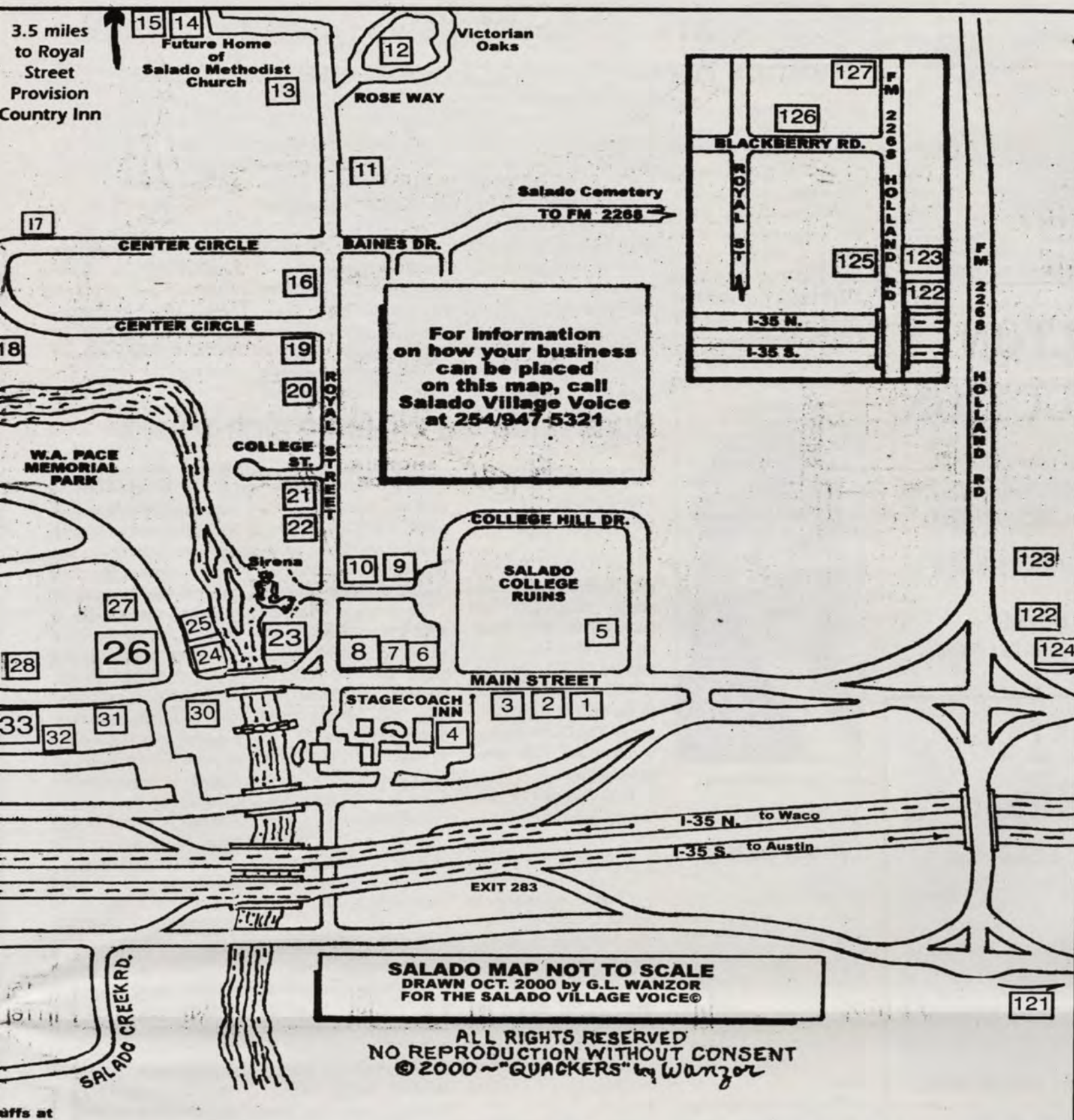
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Nine fourth grade students chosen to open Thomas Arnold Annual Fourth Grade Melodrama

Nine students have been chosen by their fourth grade teachers to open Thomas Arnold Elementary's Tenth Annual Fourth Grade Melodrama. They are Kelsey Palomino, Kori Norman, Laurna Payne, Kaycie Davidson, Taylor Marburger, Amandalyn McCall, Kyle Bradley and Nickolas Castillo

The young playwrights are meeting at school one

hour each day with Jackie Mills to write their play. In mid-March the playwrights, cast and crew will begin rehearsals 3:15-5 p.m. at Tablerock.

The fourth grade students write their play, and make the programs, flyers and posters. They also man the concessions stand and assist in parking, taking tickets and ushering. The cast and crew learn how to run the lights

and sound. The children are instructed in make-up techniques, costuming, directing, back stage management, props, music, dance and acting under the direction of Mills.

For the past 10 years Tablerock Festival of Salado, Inc. has sponsored the Fourth Grade Melodrama for a writing contest.

This year's historic topic for the melodrama is

the story of the Middle-buster Railroad, the rail line that was to pass through Salado, but was never completed.

The play will be presented 7 p.m. May 8 at Tablerock's Goodnight Amphitheater on Royal Street. All proceeds derived from the melodrama will be banked for the fourth grader's senior class trip.

Rural Initiative will bring high-speed connections to small police, fire depts.

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Bell County Network for Educational Technology (BellNET) will request \$306,000 in funding from the Central Texas Council of Governments (CTCOG) to link 18 sites to the Bell County Communication Center through wireless and high speed connectivity.

Bell County Commissioners endorsed the project, which will receive most of its funding from CTCOG's Inter-Operability Funds. According to BellNET program manager MaryAnn Smith, the project will connect rural fire and police departments to the centralized Bell County Communications Center, where information can be shared over the high-speed wireless network.

"This would give these departments the same capabilities that the Temple, Belton, Harker Heights and Killeen departments already have," Commissioner Richard Cortese said.

The Real Access Initiative would link rural fire and police departments from Bell County com-

munities including Salado to the Bell County Communications Center utilizing both existing and new BellNET infrastructure.

According to Smith, the \$306,000 in CTCOG funds would be used for equipment. The installation of the technology infrastructure and programming would be funded by \$25,000 in BellNET TIF money and payments made by the local entities participating. She estimated the cost for an entity to participate at \$500 to \$600 for start-up expenses and \$800 to \$1,000 for yearly program maintenance.

Salado police and fire departments are among the anticipated participants in the Rural Access Initiative. Other communities that may participate in the Initiative are Academy, Bartlett, Harker Heights, Holland, Morgan's Point Resort, Nolanville, Rogers and Troy.

Each site that connects would sign an interlocal agreement and pay the one-time installation fee and the annual maintenance contract.

In addition to continuing education benefits, local police and fire departments would have

access to information from the Bell County Communications Center.

In other business, commissioners approved a budget amendment to fund upgrading the 9-1-1 recording system at the Communications Center. The cost to upgrade from tape recording system to a digital recording system at the Communications Center is approximately \$75,000. Of that amount, \$20,000 is already designated in the budget for the project with an additional \$40,000 coming from the fund balance and \$20,000 from maintenance budget.

"The digital device requires less room for storage," County Judge Jon Burrows said, adding that it gives "quicker access" to emergency personnel when they need to retrieve the recorded 9-1-1 call.

Commissioners also met Shannon Mattingly, the new Director of Planning and Regional Services for CTCOG. Mattingly will oversee Transportation Planning, Economic Development, Homeland Security, 9-1-1, Resource Conservation, Criminal Justice and Physical Planning.



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All about Girl Scouts, as told to Rotary Club

By SCHUYLER KUYKENDALL
STAFF WRITER

Beth Vivio, Executive Director for the Girl Scouts - Bluebonnet Council, gave an overview of Girl Scouts to the Rotary Club of Salado, Jan. 27.

"We are helping girls grow strong," says Vivio. "This is a program based movement. We want to develop the individual, help them to relate to others, develop values, and contribute to society."

Girl Scouts has been around for more than 90 years. "Our mission has always remained the same, but the way of doing things has changed over the years," she said.

When you think of Girl Scouts, you think of the three C's: cookies, camping, and crafts. There is more to Girl Scouts than that, in 2004 we are going to focus on teaching girls to be better people, she says.

The Girl Scout Promise and Girl Scout Law are at the core of all the programming. Week long camps are also offered to the girls. The Bluebonnet Council owns and operates two - Camp Kachina, on Lake Belton and Camp Howdy in Bryan.

There is a High Adventure Group for older girls that allows them to research their activities and to raise the funds needed.

"Each year more than 1,600 people volunteer with Girl Scouts in many different areas," said Vivio. "These volunteers go through an extensive screening and training process."

"Baby Think It Over, is a computerized baby that does everything a real baby would do - cries, needs to be fed, wants to be held, and naps," says Vivio. "The girl keeps the baby for 72 hours and then comes in and we can print out a report. It will tell us how the girls did with



Beth Vivio

the baby." They currently have 12 babies on hand, each costing about \$500 with accessories.

In 2003, Girl Scouts - Bluebonnet Council served 13 1/2 counties and more than 6,100 girls. "We would like to reach 10,000 girls," she said.

Vivio finished up by telling the group about a girl named Kanisha. "Kanisha was a Girl Scout at the local intermediate school. She developed a relationship with her leader, Angela. The years came and went and they would lose contact and then run into each other later on," she stated.

One day, Angela, got a call from the high school

counselor, who was having problems with a group of girls in school and asked if she would come visit with them. After meeting with the girls, Angela realized one of them was Kanisha.

Kanisha convinced the other girls to become part of Senior Girl Scouts. These girls for a year par-

ticipated in weekly activities. Then again Angela lost contact with Kanisha.

Later on Angela ran into Kanisha at Wal-Mart holding a baby. Angela asked, "Is that your baby?" Kanisha responded with, "Of course not, this is my sister's, she was never a Girl Scout."

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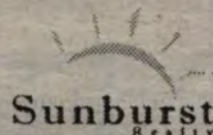


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Flynn causes audience to erupt with laughter

By **TIM FLEISCHER**
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"I grew up in Chillicothe, Texas, a town so small that you had to go to Quanah in order to see a coincidence."

Texan, Baptist, and Funny, Robert Flynn had the more than 200 folks attending the Jan. 27 Salado Chamber of Commerce Banquet in tears.

The good kind of tears. The kind of tears that roll down your face from laughing so hard because you've heard spoken aloud what you have thought to yourself but kept quiet in order not to be struck by lightning... or at the very least struck by a Sullen Baptist.

Flynn, himself a Southern Baptist minister, an award-winning author and a professor at Trinity University, talked about his youth spent in the small Baptist Church situated across the street from the Methodist Church and Church of Christ in the town of Chillicothe.

"There are three kinds of Baptists," he explained, just in case those in the audience might be confused. "A Conservative Baptist

believes that only conservative Baptists have souls. A Moderate Baptist believes that all Baptists have souls, even liberal Baptists. A Liberal Baptist believes that all Christians have souls, even Methodists...."

"It's the conscience they lack."

The so-called rift between Baptists and Methodists and even the Church of Christ, at least in Chillicothe, may have had its roots in music.

As Flynn explained, the Church of Christ was opposed to musical instruments in church.... "They're also opposed to good singing." The Baptists were supportive of music played on the piano, "approved of by King James himself." But the Methodists.... well, they went and bought themselves a pipe organ.

And, to make matters worse, they imported a college-educated organist, which became a point of contention that the Methodists would show such musical vanity.

"It drove three Church of Christ to the point that they had to go hunting on Sunday, instead of going to church," Flynn

said, adding that the hunters took the down from their kills and stuffed them into three sacks. Those sacks of feathers found their way into the pipes of the organ late one night.

When the organist came in to play the next Sunday, it resulted in a miracle of sorts with the angelic feathers floating down upon the uplifted faces of the amazed Methodists.

"We Baptists came to joke that the Methodist Church was where the angels went to molt..." Flynn said.

After teasing the Methodists (as well as what he calls the Sullen Baptists),

Flynn explained that he had been to the Methodist Church on at least one occasion. "The SOB's were playing our music, can you believe it?"

In a small town like Chillicothe (or Salado, for that matter), a fair matter of friendly rivalry is understandable, perhaps even encouraged.

Story got around about one good Baptist boy who was seen in the company of an older woman -- a widow with two children and, to make mat-

ters worse, a member of the Assembly of God -- at the Methodist Church one Sunday. His distraught momma was glad to find out that he was recruiting the widow and her children for the upcoming "Pack the Pew" night at the Baptist Church.

Flynn explained how he packed the pew in his formative years. He just invited a gal who was large enough to "not only pack the pew but for her hip to spill over into the aisle."

Revivals were not the only areas of competition in Chillicothe. It seems the Methodists had stained glass windows in their church which faced the Baptists across the street. Which might explain why the Baptists had Venetian blinds.

While Sullen Baptists may be known for being stiff-necked, they are also known for their diversity, even in small towns like Chillicothe.

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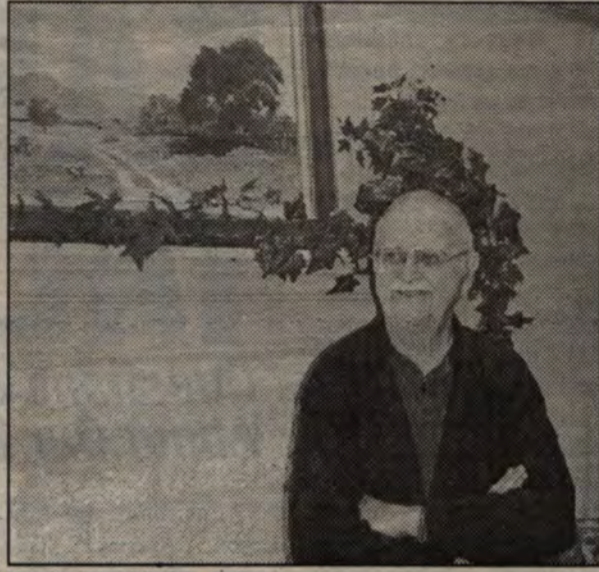
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Library meeting room named after Dr. McConnell

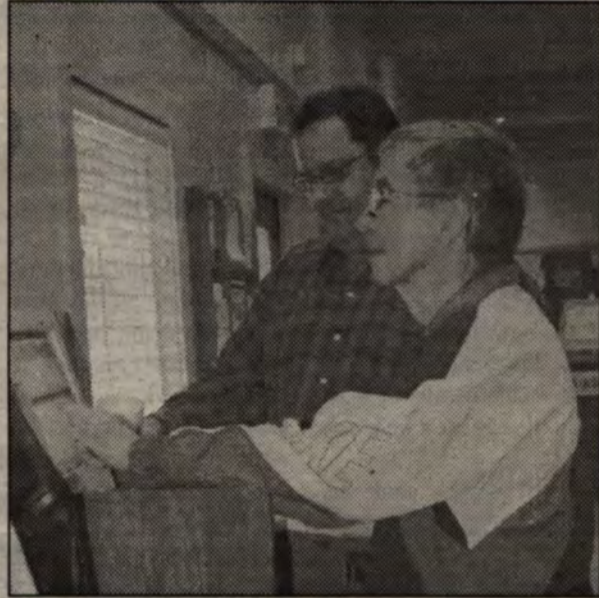
The Board of Trustees of the Salado Public Library District has named the Library's meeting room "The McConnell Conference Room" in honor of Dr. Robert McConnell, the founder of the Salado Public Library. McConnell put together and led a large group of volunteers to establish the Library in 1985. He served as the first president of the Board and played a huge leadership role through the 1990's. In 1998 he directed the successful campaign for the creation of the Salado Public Library District.

Dr. McConnell retired in 1988 after a distinguished career as a radiologist that included service as President and later Chairman of the Board of the American College of Radiology. In 1977 that organization awarded him its Gold Medal "for outstanding achievement and contributions to the field of medicine."

The McConnell Conference Room is available to the public for small group meetings during Library hours and may be reserved by contacting a member of the Library staff.



Dr. Robert McConnell



(PHOTOS BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)

Salado Public Library held a breakfast reception Jan. 29 to thank local businesses whose sales tax collections support the local institution. Connie and Dr. Keith Cryar are shown above left with Vickie Kelley. Above right, Dr. Luther Brewer shows Tim Fleischer how the library's database of titles operates.

Democrats hold dinner & auction Feb. 19

The Bell County Democratic Party will hold a "Move On For Democracy" dinner and silent auction 7 p.m. Feb. 19 at the Bell County Expo Center.

Tickets cost \$25 per person, and dress is casual. RSVP's are requested by Feb. 17.

Present at the dinner will be Jon E. Porter, the Democratic candidate for the U.S. Congressional seat in District 31, and Charles Soechting, the new Democratic State Party Chairman.

"Together we can move into a new Democratic era in Texas," said Bobby Grant, Bell County Democratic Chairman. "Jon and Charles need your support and want to hear from you."

Reservation checks should be made payable to: Bell County Democratic Party, and mailed to Janice Ward, Treasurer/2609 Brook Hollow Circle/Killeen, TX 76542-1917. Items for the silent auction will be collected at Party Headquarters, 121-A North East St., in Belton.

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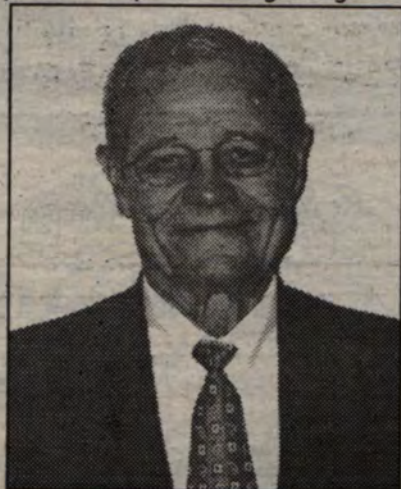
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—Midge Wilson, Utica, NY

Methyl mercury—emitted by smokestacks and released to the environment from common household products like old thermometers—is a persistent heavy metal that ends up in rivers, lakes and oceans and accumulates in the tissues of fish and animals, including people. “Just one seventieth of a teaspoon of atmospheric mercury can contaminate a 20-acre lake for a year,” says Michael Bender, executive director of the Vermont-based Mercury Policy Project.

According to a 2001 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention study, one in 10 American women of childbearing age is at risk for having a baby born with neurological problems due to mercury exposure—this means at least 375,000 babies a year are at risk.

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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, have issued advisories about eating fish that may have high levels of mercury in their tissues. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) says that women can safely eat 12 ounces per week of cooked fish. A typical serving size of fish is from three to six ounces. However, the FDA advises pregnant and nursing women, and women of childbearing age who may become pregnant, to not eat shark, swordfish, king mackerel or tilefish, which contain high levels

of methyl mercury.

In December 2003, the FDA released test results showing that the Albacore “white” canned tuna has three times the mercury levels as the “light” tuna. “FDA’s tests confirm earlier findings that white tuna has far more mercury than light,” says Bender. “Yet inexplicitly, the FDA still refuses to warn women and kids to limit canned tuna consumption—like 12 states have already done—even after their food advisory committee recommended this over a year ago.”

CONTACTS:

Mercury Policy Project, 1420 North Street, Montpelier, VT 05602, (802) 223-9000, www.mercurypolicy.org; U.S. Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville MD 20857-0001, (888) 463-6332, www.fda.gov/bbs/topics/ANSWERS/2001/ANS01065.html; U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Water Science and Technology (4301T), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20460, www.epa.gov/ost/fish/ost.comments@epa.gov.

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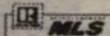
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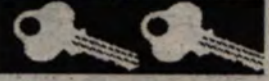
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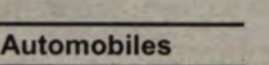
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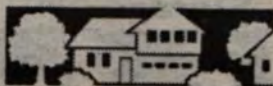


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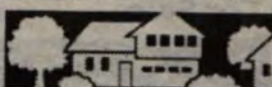
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The most beautiful 15 acre tract available in Salado with all kinds of possibilities! A 2336 SF home with 3BR/2BA, loft and game room. Exposed beams and Franklin stove give this home a lodge feel. Also, 960 SF barn with an additional 320 SF heated and cooled guest area, a 1950 SF RV garage, a tractor barn, sheds and more. City water plus a well. Private location. \$330,000. Call Century 21-Bill Bartlett at (254) 947-5050.

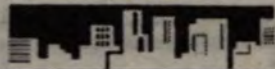
A new Jimmy Wilson Home in the country on 1 acre. Large living room, open to kitchen/dining, separate office. Master BA with garden tub and separate shower and large walk-in closet. Nice covered patio. \$128,800. Call Century 21-Bill Bartlett at (254) 947-5050.

TOWNHOME - beautifully maintained. 3 BR/2 BA with new tile, carpet, and wood floors. View of the Golf Course. \$159,000. George Felix, RE/Max (254) 771-3633. P2/4

Early 1900s home to be moved. 8 rooms, great for gift shop. \$13,500. (254) 527-4000. P2/25

For sale - to be moved. Solid wood frame house, approx. 1100 sq. ft. with vinyl siding and metal roof. \$10,000. Call (254) 770-0841. P2/25

Commercial



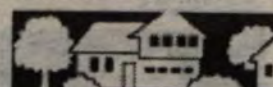
Commercial Bldg. for sale or lease. 1,400 sq. ft., newer CH/AC, electric, roof, \$1,000/month or \$165,000. (254) 947-0405 leave message. TFN

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

Rent or Lease



Charming, spacious 2/2/1 townhome for rent. \$795. 6 closets, vaulted ceilings, w/d closet inside. Walk to shopping center. Lawn care provided. (254) 338-5083. TFN

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.

Stillhouse Lake Rentals - Conveniently located within minutes from Stillhouse Lake. One year lease required/no pets, on site laundry facility, maintenance service available, Salado school district. 2BD/1BA, interior amenities include refrigerator, garbage disposal, fireplace, perfectly efficient, starts at \$440 per month. Call a staff member today to become a resident of our community. Goodnight Homes, Inc. (254) 634-0491. TFNB

Move In Special!! Half off first months rent or \$100 off first 4 months. 1,000 sq. ft. 2BD/2BA duplex, privacy fence, 1 car garage, water paid. 152A Satch Dr. 12 month lease, \$795/month. Call (254) 848-4181 or (254) 289-9536. P2/11

1BD/1BA completely furnished cottage. \$750/month with water paid, yard work and cable. \$400 deposit. (254) 947-7145. TFNB

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. TFN

3BD/2BA, house for rent, 2800 sq. ft., w&d, yard care included, located on 3 acres in Salado, available Feb. 15. Call (469) 547-0933. P2/18

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 800-352-1183. TFNB

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

Corner Beauty! 6.72 AC - \$61,900. Outstanding corner tract near historic Salado. Huge, huge trees, beautiful building site & 10.5 acre park on Salado Creek. Paved county rds, tel, elec. Excellent financing. Call now 1-254-947-5901, x. 998 B2/11

25 Acres, 10/15 Spring Creek, ponds, large trees, wildlife, fish, ancient indian camp (arrowheads), beautiful estate. NW Florence. (512) 388-1778. P2/4

Commercial Rental



Office or retail space on Main Street, Salado. Small retail cottage. \$750/month (254) 947-5933 TFNB

Commercial Space Wanted to Lease: 500-1,000 Sq. Ft. Retail Space on Main St. 800-670-3534. P2/18

For lease - Art Gallery on Main Street. (254) 947-5025. P2/04

Commercial Bldg. for sale or lease. 1,400 sq. ft., newer CH/AC, electric, roof, \$1,000/month or \$165,000. (254) 947-0405 leave message. TFN

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REALTORS® with Results



\$60,000 - Mill Creek townhouse - use as a getaway or as investment property.



\$104,800 - Clean, light & bright! Very well maintained home only 6 years old. The owners upgraded the home thinking they would be there forever. Security system, sprinkler system, water softener, fenced back yard, gutters all around, shed and more.



\$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 & 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.



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



\$330,000 - Country living at its best! The 2,336 SF home with extensive decks & hot tub extend your living area to the great outdoors. You will feel like you are on vacation everyday with the cozy lodge feeling you get from the exposed rafters in the vaulted living room as well as the hardwood floors, Franklin stove, bay window & loft area. The master bedroom has a sitting room & beaded board ceilings & the large bath is complete with an old fashioned claw foot tub. Also, an RV garage, large pavilion, tractor barn & irrigation well all on 15 beautiful acres.



\$189,000 - Wonderful oak trees shade a fully landscaped yard in the heart of Mill Creek. This home has a magnificent sun room that overlooks a lush yard. Welcoming courtyard enhances the front walkway. Large living room accommodates two sitting areas for easy entertaining. Master BR has a view of a wooded back yard with access to a covered porch.



\$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.

Residential

- \$60,000 - Mill Creek Townhouse - getaway or investment.
- \$94,500 - 3 BR, 2 BA on 2 lots in Morgans Point.
- \$104,800 - 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.
- \$199,000 - Secluded home on 2.3 acres with lake view.
- \$199,000 - 3 BR, 2 BA open living area w/vaulted ceiling.
- \$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.
- \$219,000 - 3 BR, 2.5 BA across from Salado Creek.
- \$224,900 - Home overlooking Mill Creek Golf Course.
- \$241,800 - 3BR home has kitchen skylight - UC.
- \$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.

- \$309,900 - 1 year old home on #3 Fairway. Landscaped - UC
- \$324,900 - 4 BR, 3-1/2 BA home overlooking golf course.
- \$324,900 - New 4 BR home with hillside lake view.
- \$325,000 - New home overlooking Mill Creek #4 hole.
- \$330,000 - 15 acres, 3 BR, 2 BA, gameroom, RV garage.
- \$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.

Acreage Available

- 140 acres 7 miles SE of Belton. Secluded, mostly wooded, great view, river frontage, owner finance. \$2,500 per acre - SOLD
- 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.
- 5.2 acres on Salado Creek. Large oaks, good road frontage.

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 - UC.
- 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 \$99,000 - \$129,000.

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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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.**



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.**



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.**

SHOWCASE HOME



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. **\$335,000.**



UNDER CONTRACT
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, decorator colors, large master suite. **\$245,000.**



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.**



REDUCED
Super nice 3/2/2 on one acre in beautiful Salado Oaks. Nice open floorplan, split bedrooms. **\$159,900.**



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

- Nice 2/2 doublewide with large and formal dining. Fenced yard. **\$39,000.**
- Large lot in Belton by Lake. Gated community, many trees. **\$65,000.**