

# Salado Village Voice

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## Aldermen race has 3 for 2 spots

Three candidates are vying for two two-year terms on the Village of Salado Board of Aldermen. They are Michael Cooper, Dr. Robert Cortes, Jr. and Suzi Epps.

### Michael Cooper

Michael Cooper has served on the Board of Aldermen since its inception. An attorney, he holds a B.A. from the University of Texas at Austin, L.L.B. from the University of Texas School of Law.

He and his wife Frances "T9E" have lived in Salado for about six years. They have three adult children: Lucy, Michael and Stephen.

In addition to serving on the Salado Board of Aldermen, Cooper has served as a member of the vestry of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Belton and Treasurer for the Episcopal Church.

He and his wife T9E have been married for 42 years.

### Dr. Robert Cortes, Jr.

Dr. Robert Cortes, Jr. has lived in Salado for 11 year, the first two residences in Mill Creek and now in the Carriage Hosue Estates.

Dr. Cortes, Jr. practices medicine at Scott & White for 16 years until May 2003. He is now Senior Medical Science liaison with Schering-Plough Labs, working out of his home.

## Four candidates run for 2 slots on SISD board

Four candidates have filed for two three-year terms on the Salado I.S.D. Board of Trustees. They are: Ronnie L. Heller, Dr. Cheryl Huckerby, Lynn Renfro and Chris Seaton. None are incumbents to the board.

### Ronnie L. Heller

Ronnie Heller was born October 9, 1960, in Temple, the son of Bobby and Arlene Heller. Ronnie grew up in Heidenheimer. He has been married to Sandy for 19 years, and has two sons, Blake, 14 and Brandon, 12.

Ronnie and his family

He and wife Lisan L. Havens-Cortes have four sons: Robert Alexander, a seven-year old who attends Thomas Arnold Elementary School; Brandon, who is 15 and attends Salado High School; Stephen, who is 20 and a senior at University of Texas at Austin and David, who is 23, a senior at Baylor University and married to Audrey.

### Suzi Epps

Suzi Epps has served for two years on the Salado Board of Aldermen. She serves as the Village building representative, working with applicants for building permits. She was also a member of the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee.

Epps has lived in Salado almost 20 years. She is registered architect and interior designer, as well as a partner in Inn on the Creek, one of Salado's oldest bed and breakfast inns.

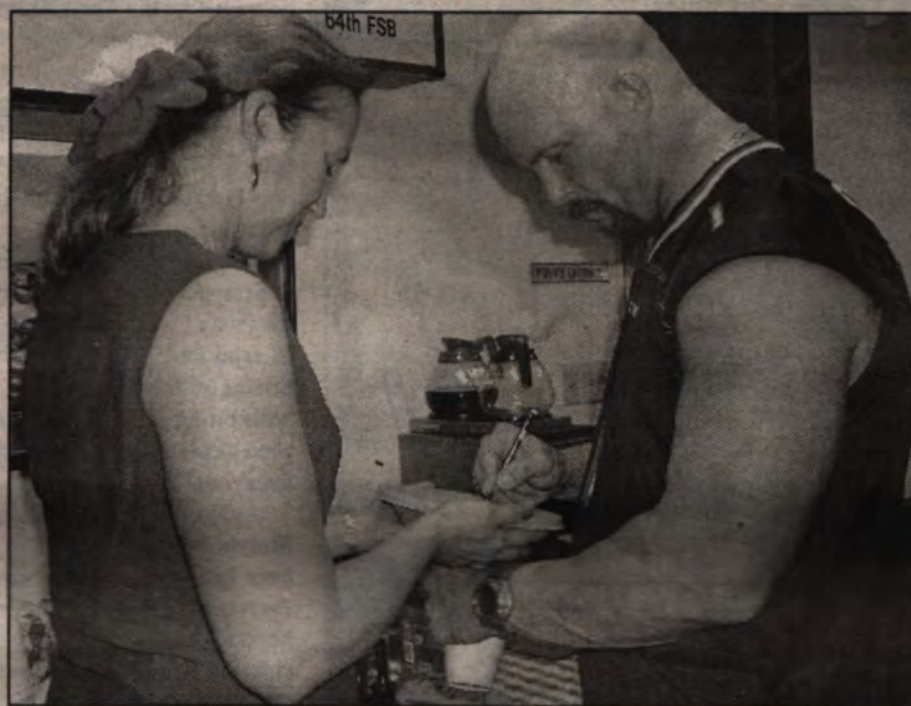
She and husband Lynn have one son, Austin, a senior in high school.

She attends Salado Methodist Church, where she has served on the Architectural Review Committee, Construction Committee and Demographics Committee. She is a past director of the Salado Chamber of Commerce and served as the chair of the Salado Business Association, as well as chairing the Christmas

have lived in Salado for almost five years and are members of St. Stephen Catholic Church.

Ronnie graduated from Academy High School in 1979. Ronnie attended Tarleton State University in Stephenville where he majored in physical education with a minor in biology. While in college he played football for the Tarleton Texans, lettering three years. He went on to earn his Bachelor of Science degree in 1983 where he graduated Cum Laude.

While attending college, Ronnie was employed at Pair's Nursery where he



"Just sign here" Salado's Titia Arledge told some very famous people during the April 22 celebration welcoming back Fort Hood's Fourth Infantry Division. Wrestlers such as Stone Cold Steve Austin and actor Gary Sinise were among the signed bowls collected by Arledge during the day. The bowls will be auctioned to benefit the Salado Family Relief Fund.

(PHOTOS BY SCHUYLER KUYKENDALL)



## Early voting begins today

Early voting begins today and continues through May 11 in a handful of local elections for Salado voters.

Voters can cast early ballots weekdays at the Salado Civic Center in the Salado I.S.D. Board of trustees, Salado Public Library District Board of Directors and Village of Salado Board of Aldermen elections.

developed his knowledge and appreciation of plants and trees. After graduation, he moved to Round Rock and opened his own company, Heller Landscapes, in 1984. As President, Ronnie has continued to handle the daily operations of the company which incorporated in 1999 and is now in its 20th year of business.

Ronnie was instrumental in bringing youth football to Salado. He has been the coordinator and head coach of the team since its inception in 2000. He has also been involved

Two three-year terms on the Salado ISD Board of Trustees will be decided. Candidates are Randy Heller, Dr. Cheryl L. Huckerby, Lynn Renfro and Chris Seaton.

Three two-year terms on the Salado Public Library Board are also up for election. Candidates in that race are incumbent Hulda Horton, and Connie Cryar, Paul Letourneau

and Ben Willingham. Two positions on the Village of Salado Board of Aldermen will be elected. Vying for that office are incumbents Michael Cooper and Suzi Epps and Dr. Robert Cortes.

Early voting in the \$46 million jail and courts bond election will be weekdays at the Bell County Annex in Belton.

land in New South Wales, Australia. While attending school, she worked in a variety of environments, from fast food to running her own small business in heritage consulting. This required skills currently honed today in her position with the Army at Fort Hood as Manager of the Cultural Resources Program. These skills include vision development, goal setting, developing Standard Operating Procedures to implement procedures to meet the goals, setting short and long-term bud-

## Four hoping for 3 seats on library

Four candidates are vying for three two-year terms on the Salado Public Library Board of Trustees. They are: Connie Cryar, Hulda Horton, Paul Letourneau and Ben Willingham. The following is a brief introduction to each candidate for the Library Board.

### Connie Cryar

Connie Cryar has lived in Salado for a decade, having been in Central Texas for 15 years.

She is married to Dr. A. Keith Cryar and have three teenaged daughters. She and her husband are the owners of Las Res Hermanas ranch on FM 2268.

She is a volunteer for the Salado Public Library and is the Salado Library lay representative to the Central Texas Library System.

She is a board member of the Friends of Temple Public Library and a member of the Friends of Austin Public Library.

Cryar is a former board member and librarian for the Bell County Christian Home Educators Association. She was also Managing Editor of the Henry Ford Hospital Medical Journal and volunteered for the Henry Ford Hospital Medical Library before moving to Cental Texas.

### Hulda Horton

Hulda Horton is the SEE LIBRARY, PAGE 4A

### Lynn Renfro

Lynn Renfro has lived in the Salado school district for the past six years, Bell County for the past 17 and Texas all his life.

He and his wife Betty started their own corporation, Renfro Utilities, Inc., over 10 years ago. The primary business is the development of commercial lease properties.

They have two children: Faith, seven years SEE SCHOOL BOARD, PAGE 5A



# FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas



## The Silly War Against Wal-Mart

Sam Walton, the founder of Wal-Mart, died in 1992. Little did he know he would be remembered in certain quarters as a kind of corporate criminal. His offense? Starting a business that has brought convenience and low prices to the countless millions of Americans who roam Wal-Mart's deliriously overstuffed aisles.

If that seems innocuous enough, you aren't familiar with the political, economic and cultural fault line of post-millennium America. Wal-Mart, an unabashedly capitalist and bourgeois "red state" institution, is on the wrong side of that divide for self-styled progressives.

The latest front in the Wal-Mart Wars was in Inglewood, Calif. Activists screamed about a Wal-Mart proposal to build one of its superstores on 60 barren acres. Replacing barren acres with almost anything short of smut shops or crack houses would seem to be a good thing by definition, but not by the twisted logic that obtains when Wal-Mart is involved. The City Council, then voters in an April 6 referendum, stiffed the store.

In response to Wal-Mart's broader plan to build 40 new supercenters in California, opponents are mobilizing a coalition that includes the Nation of Islam and the once-grand civil-rights group the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. How everyday low prices violate civil rights is a mystery.

In the latest issue of National Review, writer Jay Nordlinger undertakes a spirited defense of Wal-Mart, which is the nation's first politically incorrect discount retailer. As he writes, Wal-Mart is a standing affront to the Left, partly because it is so "gloriously, unabashedly, star-spangledly American." Nordlinger knocks down the canards on which the anti-Wal-Mart case is built, most importantly that the store is a ruthlessly exploitative employer.

More than 90 percent of Wal-Mart

## Rich Lowry



employees have health insurance. Half of those get their insurance through the company, and the rest through other means, whether their parents or spouse or Medicare. Many Wal-Mart employees are young people or semiretired, and thus aren't supporting families. Employment there can be an escalator to success. Two-thirds of the stores' managers are former hourly employees.

Meanwhile, the competition howls about Wal-Mart for good reason -- because it almost invariably gets out-hustled, out-discounted and altogether out-retailed. Yes, the killer store snuffs out charming local retailers, but most consumers simply value convenience and low prices more than charm.

All across America, shoppers have voted with their cash and charge cards. Almost a third of all disposable diapers are purchased at Wal-Mart. No other store sells more groceries, toys or furniture. This is a boon for lower-income Americans who spend a disproportionate amount of their income on retail goods. As a Federal Reserve economist has said, "Wal-Mart is the greatest thing that ever happened to low-income Americans."

If Wal-Mart seems unstoppable, there is one force that will be its undoing, and it's not angry protests. Eventually, some retailer will be more nimble and cunning than even Wal-Mart, and it will get -- as all businesses in America do -- its own capitalist comeuppance.

## Strayhorn: Perry's school finance plan would put State in \$10 Billion hole; Salado's loss modest (so far)

The fourth special session of the 78th Legislature's biennial term began last week with instructions to "fix" the dismal (and broken) school finance system. To date few have come forward with anything resembling even mild support of Governor Rick Perry's hazy ideas to resolve the age old conundrum of how to adequately pay for the state's massive public school program. Actually, discontent began just hours before the April 20 conclave opened, when Comptroller Carole Strayhorn fired her opening salvo against the Governor's program, with the shocking news that his reform package would put the State back into a \$10 billion deficit hole, like the one lawmakers faced at the start of the 78th session in 2003.

The Governor's office reacted angrily to Strayhorn's analysis, by noting (nastily) the feisty grandma's not-so-hidden agenda to send Perry packing in 2006. Not surprisingly, the Comptroller held her own with biting rejoinders including "Perry's plan replaces Robin Hood with robbin' everyone" (cute, right?).

Again, on the defensive, Perry blasted Strayhorn's pre-legislative session numbers last year as also being "off - by a factor of 100%!" Proving once again he doesn't do well with numbers, considering the dollars and services the Guv and lawmakers took away from the most needy of our citizens, including the youngest - whose indigent health insurance was shredded.

### SALADO WOULD LOSE \$\$

The session's rocky start turned even shakier when the Comptroller's Office released some startling (albeit preliminary) statistics on the impact that Perry's ideas would have on individual school districts.

Salado ISD, for example, would lose \$78,156 in local tax revenue, according to Strayhorn, which would be partially replaced by \$51,322 in new state funds for a net shortfall of \$26,834.

School officials statewide aren't too worried (yet) about these numbers, since few think Perry's initial ideas will ever see the lawmaking "light of day."

### DON'T MESS WITH GRANDMA!

Word to the wise and also Governor Goodhair - "Don't mess with the Comptroller!" She may be a bothersome gadfly to the Perry-tribe, but in the final analysis, all spending bills passed by the legislature must be certified by Strayhorn in order to become law, ergo - she holds the "biggest pen" - even mightier than the Guv's "veto quill."

Best guess now is that there will be much furor about "sin taxes" and their inability to replace reduced school property tax rates and capped appraisals. Eventually it will be discovered (even by our die-hard conservative friends) that a new tax is the only viable solution - at which point the session could end abruptly and unsuccessfully with lawmakers blamed for the failure - at least by the Governor.

He won't get away with it - not while Strayhorn has a mimeograph machine capable of putting out hard hitting news flashes - that the press loves to print and the public greedily devours each morning.

### VOUCHER PLAN TOUTED

Remember that trip old Rick took to the Bahamas? It is now being reviewed by the State's Ethics Commission since funds used were questionable - perhaps even illegal. The junket's passenger list included Perry, his wife, staff several anti-

## Off the Record

by Ken Clapp



Governor plans to add "vouchers" to the already under funded and poorly designed school finance reform package. Just another nail in the special session's coffin and Perry's re-election dreams.

tax experts from Washington and several large campaign donors, including the State's leading proponents of using tax dollars to pay for private school tuition - the so called "Voucher Plan."

Perry admitted that he favors vouchers - "Always have" he boasted last week. This diversion of state dollars, when there aren't enough funds for even a down-payment on a truly equalized minimum school finance reform program, is unacceptable at best and at worst - a collusive scheme by the affluent to privately educate their own at public expense.

### LADIES-IN-WAITING

Governor Perry would do well to remember that this "extra" special session may well be remembered as the start of the 2006 gubernatorial campaign. Comptroller Strayhorn is but one of three "Ladies-In-Waiting" who are undecided, but very interested candidates for the State's highest office.

The other two include current U.S. Senator Kay Hutchison and Bush's right-hand confidante Karen Hughes, who thus far is the only "inside" author to give the President a clean bill of health for his first three years in office.

Many think another potential replacement for Perry would be Lt. Governor David Dewhurst, who has shown (to date) the only leadership potential among the State's top elected officials. Dewhurst is politically astute and might figure he'd have a hard time beating the popular (and well financed) Hutchison, and therefore opt for her Senate seat.

This writer doesn't believe Strayhorn would ever consider Dewhurst's job - as a stepping stone. Grannie knows best where the "real" political power is located and would stay put if the Governor's Office appears unobtainable.

### NOT A DEMO IN SIGHT

We note with amazement that all the "hopefuls" mentioned above are Republicans. Nary a Demo on the political horizon (thus far) for any statewide office. "Amazing" because, not too many years ago, GOPers were holding their county conventions in the same telephone booth that Democrats are using today (more or less!)

### PERRY IN TROUBLE

Failure of the current special session would hurt Perry the most since he cannot shift the blame (as he intends) for botching the school reform on lawmakers. The lame "I tried - but the legislature failed" excuse is faulty at best, and dumb at the other extreme.

Many observers of the Austin political scene feel Perry is not just a lame duck - but a dead one as well, thanks to the growing erosion of his business community base, plus a general lack of connection with Main Street citizens - especially in his own party.

Even a cheerleader, as Perry once was at A&M, reaches a point (especially in politics where personality and success are paramount) when it is impossible to get fans happy enough to "stand up and holler," - or vote!

That's -30-

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# Your Voice

## Readers Opinion

Dear Editor: The *Salado Village Voice* gives me very much pleasure. I look forward to every week. I lived in Salado for 19 years, my husband, Jim is buried there.

We built a lovely home on Mill Creek Dr. I've always regretted I allowed my children to persuade me to "sell my home." I am telling old people, "Don't sell your home - live in it!"

I always had wonderful help and lovely friends there. I love Salado, Texas!

Patt Borom

AKA Patt Widener, Attny at Law, for 50 years in Texas

### A Poem by Patt Borom

There's always something wrong with me, never one but usually three. But when one goes away another starts the very next day?

If one thing heals, it's scars erase. There's always two to take its place.

There's still a few thing wrong with me, not so bad for 103. But suddenly I fade away, my 104th comes in May!

### To the editor:

Once again it is Child Abuse Awareness month. The statistics for 2003 have been published. Most people in our community are probably not aware of the very high incidence of child abuse in Bell county. There are only six counties in Texas that had more child deaths. Bexar and Travis County reported seven, Cameron county reported nine, Tarrant County reported 12, Dallas county reported 14 and Harris County reported 34. Bell County, Hidalgo County and El Paso County each reported six deaths. The citizens of Bell County should be saddened and alarmed at our statistics. Our child population is 72,963. There were 2,080 abuse and neglect investigations that involved 3,356 of our children. Further, 168 children were placed in foster care due to unsafe conditions in their own homes.

Please be aware of child abuse and get involved. There are opportunities to volunteer and make a difference. The hotline number to report suspected child abuse or neglect is 1-800-252-5400. To volunteer your services, call The Children's Advocacy Center, 939-2946; or volunteer to be a Court Appointed Special Advocate by calling 939-1346.

Barbara Keetch, Chair Bell County Child Welfare Board

### To the Editor:

Spring has sprung!

What a beautiful night on Main Street. When we stroll across the Green Bridge, we admire all of the blooming plants and beautiful foliage. We should be proud of such a gorgeous display for all of Salado to enjoy.

Thank you, Les McCullum and Richard Teeler, for all of your hard work. Your green thumbs are appreciated and make us proud.

Cathy Sands, Salado



Richard Teeler watering plants at the bridge.

### To the Editor:

When the news first broke that Pat Tillman, a professional football player, walked away from a \$3.6 million contract to join the Army Rangers, my heart was touched.

In the world today we often see people who sell their soul for that kind of money, and frequently for much less. It is for this reason that Pat's monetary sacrifice is considered rare. But let us not forget that the men and women of our armed forces have made this same sacrifice. They sacrificed opportunity, and in our great country the value of opportunity is always infinite.

When the news first broke today (April 23) that Pat Tillman gave his life for our country, my heart bled. It is often said that this is the ultimate sacrifice, but I do not agree.

I think the ultimate sacrifice is what every man and woman does in serving our country in the first place. I believe that the death of a soldier should be viewed as the final sacrifice in a life lived, not for itself, but for all of us.

Bumper stickers adorn every other car with the slogan "We will never forget." They are, of course, speaking of the tragic events of 9/11/01. I hope that we can adopt a different meaning for them. That 'we will never forget' in war or peace time the sacrifices that these brave Americans make every single day for all of us.

In the spirit of remembrance, tell every veteran or active duty soldier 'thank you,' include them and their families in your prayers, and never take for granted the freedom they have provided to all of us.

Allen Mantanona

# FORUM



## Healthy Downsizing

They say everything's bigger in Texas. Unfortunately, according to the latest obesity study by *Men's Health* magazine, so are the people in Texas. Five of the ten fattest cities in America are located in Texas. This is one contest no city is proud to win - obesity is not a laughing matter.

Poor diet and physical inactivity are becoming a leading preventable cause of death in the United States. The U.S. Surgeon General has even gone so far as to call obesity an epidemic. One third of adults in the U.S. are overweight and another third can be classified as obese. These statistics mean that fewer than half of America's adults are living at a healthy weight.

The costs associated with excess pounds and obesity are enormous. Diabetes, high blood pressure, heart attacks and cancer are just a few of the health risks more prevalent in overweight individuals. Health care costs are at an all time high, not to mention the economic costs due to lost productivity, which recently totaled \$117 billion.

Why are so many Texans overweight? The answer can be summed up in one word - lifestyle. In general, people spend more time sitting in front of computer and television screens than they did 30 years ago. Suburban sprawl has not helped our declining level of inactivity either. Today we spend more hours in our cars because there are fewer places within walking distance of our homes. People are simply not getting enough regular physical activity.

To make matters worse,

### Capitol Comment



Kay Bailey Hutchison  
U.S. Senator



our dietary habits have deteriorated. We eat more saturated fat, sugar and processed food products. Fast food diets combined with sedentary lifestyles are a recipe for disaster. To make healthy changes, aim to eat foods that are low fat and lean, increase your consumption of fruits and vegetables and, most importantly, keep a close eye on portion sizes. If you have school-aged children, pack wholesome lunches and encourage them to eat healthy snacks. Texas schools are actively taking part in the "battle against the bulge." Our state's Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs recently unveiled a plan to limit the availability of junk food and fatty snacks in public school cafeterias. If her plan is implemented, our children will learn to eat right at an early age. I applaud her leadership.

Change is not easy, but this is more than your health we're talking about here; it could be your life. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recently released a study finding that by next year obesity will be the leading preventable cause of death among Americans. Currently, tobacco is the number one cause of preventable deaths, but the growing obesity epidemic will soon claim as many as 500,000 American lives each year. That's an astounding number of people dying before their time.

There are several things you can easily alter in your daily routine to help you and the ones you love live a more healthy lifestyle. I have a rule that I always take stairs at the Capitol, rarely using the elevator. At work, walk over to your coworkers' desks periodically instead of using e-mail or the telephone. You might try parking toward the rear of a parking lot and slightly increasing the distance you walk to get to wherever you're headed.

Establish a regular program of physical activity three or more times per week, but take it slow. Start with one day a week and go from there. Also, make sure to check with your physician before making any drastic changes in your exercise routine. For further motivation, sign up to participate in a walk or race for a charity or non-profit organization. To help children stay physically fit, enroll them in activities that get them off the couch and on the move, and encourage schools to increase physical education requirements.

The growing number of people who are overweight and obese is alarming. Fortunately, it's a problem we can work together to address. For more information on healthy living, visit [www.texasroundup.org](http://www.texasroundup.org) and [www.agr.state.tx.us/foodnutrition](http://www.agr.state.tx.us/foodnutrition). Your life may depend on it.

## THIS IS AN ECONOMIC BOOM!?



Jim Hightower

Despite George W's recent cheerleading effort to convince us that - sis-boom-bah, the economy is surging and The Boom Is Back! - most Americans are shaking their heads and saying, a boom for whom?

With the mass offshoring of both blue-collar and white-collar jobs, and with the Wal-Martization of wages and benefits here at home, it's no longer just the unskilled, down-and-out, abject poor who are left out by our "boom boom" economy, but also skilled, formerly middle-class workers.

There's a quiet crisis spreading in the America that Washington and Wall Street either never visit or ignore. I'm not talking about the inner cities, but the middle-class suburbs, where even hunger is a growing problem. "Food insecurity," as the jargonists label it, is up by 15 percent in the last four years. That's 1.5 million new people now struggling to put food on their tables. One soup kitchen serving 11 Connecticut suburbs says 80 percent of its clients have jobs - mostly low-wage, no-benefit, Wal-Martized jobs.

Likewise, both government and commercial developers have long ignored affordable housing needs, so 94 million of our people now have "significant" housing problems.

That's one-third of the population of the richest country on earth. Worse, 40 million of us now have housing problems ranked as "severe," meaning our housing is either severely substandard, severely unaffordable, or both. Housing prices go up, while most people's incomes stay flat or go down ... and the affordable housing crisis mushrooms.

Meanwhile, the richest among us get the bulk of federal housing subsidies. Not only do multimillionaires enjoy full mortgage deductibility on their main mansions, but also on their Park Avenue condos, their Aspen getaway homes, and the summer places at the beach.

If the elites continue to ignore the hard realities faced by a growing majority of us, they'll need to build mighty high fences around all those compounds.



# Library

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manager of the Salado Civic Center and is completing her second term on the Salado Public Library District Board.

Hulda and her husband Donnie moved to Salado in 1977. Her husband passed away in 1990 and in 1995 Hulda went to work in the Salado Chamber of Commerce office and the

Salado Civic Center.

She is active in many civic organizations. She served on the board of directors of the Salado Historical Society and the Salado Chamber of Commerce. She is a member of the Mill Creek Community Association and has been a director of the Salado Lions Club.

Active in the Salado Community Chorus, Horton has also served three years as chairman of Salado Art Fair.

She is a member of the Salado Church of Christ.

### Paul Letourneau

Paul Letourneau has been a resident of Salado for over 11 years. Paul has recently retired from a Fortune 500 company after 34 years of service.

He has a daughter in Austin and a son who also resides in Salado. Letourneau has four grandchildren, one of whom attends Thomas Arnold Elementary. Three generations of his family actively use the Salado Library.

He and his wife Kathleen have been married 36 years. They profess their love for Salado and are active in many organizations in the community.

### Ben Willingham

Ben Willingham is the founder and senior quality specialist of Willingham Technologies, a firm that provides consulting, training and software to small-to medium-sized companies who wish to improve their productivity and quality through manage-

ment training and implementation of ISO 900. Willingham Technologies also provides web hosting and information management services.

Willingham has more than 30 years experience in technical and executive positions with major corporations and served as President/CEO of an electronics company in California. He has installed and managed quality management systems for both military contracts and commercial products.

Willingham received his B.S. degree in Industrial Engineering from Texas Tech University. He is recognized as a certified QMS Auditor/Lead Auditor in ISO 9001. In addition, he is a member and officer of the American Society for Quality (ASQ) and the Syn-Aud-Con group of audio engineers.

He also holds a Federal Communications Commission First Class Radiotelephone Operator Licence.

Willingham is an active member of First Baptist Church in Salado and has served on a number of civic and non-profit board in various communities.

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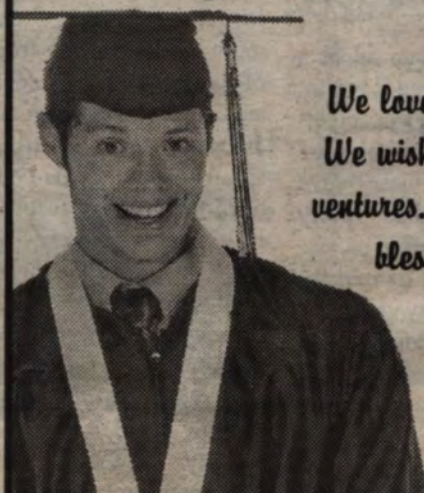
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**Congratulations Alex!**

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Mom, Dad & John

**Class of 2004!**



# Public meeting on jail April 29

By TIM FLEISCHER  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Bell County citizens are invited to a public meeting 7 p.m. April 29 at the Bell County Expo Center to discuss the \$46 million jail and courts bond election which begins early voting April 28 and election day voting May 15.

County commissioners set the meeting to give citizens a chance to question the Citizens' Task Force about the proposed bond election to construction a new jail and courts complex on Loop 121 in south Belton.

The Citizens' Task Force was assembled following the September defeat of a \$61 million bond issue to build a larger jail and courts complex on the Loop 121 property.

The committee, in an eight page report presented to the county commissioners in December, gave its support to a scaled back \$46 million bond package.

Dr. David Yielding chaired the Citizens' Task Force and presented the eight-page report and recommendation to the county commissioners.

In February, county

commissioners voted unanimously to propose the \$46 million bond as supported by the Citizens' Task Force.

It calls for the construction of a new district courthouse with five court rooms, expandable to six court rooms by 2025. "The current district courthouse is outmoded, lacks any remote resemblance to an adequate security system and currently operates well beyond its intended capacity for duration," the Task Force report states.

The Task Force recommends that the Bell County jail be expanded by adding a new facility that will have an initial capacity of 438-480 prisoners, expandable with an additional 438-480 unit.

"The number of prisoners in Bell County has grown much faster than experts previously anticipated," Dr. Yielding stated, "Leasing jail space in another county is an infinitely more expensive option and one ill-suited for Bell county taxpayers," the Task Force reported.

The Task Force further recommends that the existing district courts building be remodeled to accommodate the administrative

offices of the Bell County Sheriff and other related county functions. Other functions that may be housed in the downtown location include Child Protective Services and Child Support divisions.

Building facilities for county courts, county attorney and county clerk will not be a part of the May 15 bond issue. "This temporary courthouse facility is adequate for the short term and addressing this need may be deterred to a future date," Yielding told commissioners.

If approved by voters May 15, the proposed facilities will be constructed on the 76-acre site located on loop 121.

"Determining that this location is the single best choice for achieving task force objectives required diligently searching and evaluating many other possible sites in and around Belton," the Task Force report states. "In the final analysis, the Loop 121 location represents the one piece of property most appropriate for solving the short-range and long-term needs studied by the task force," Yielding stated.

Gary Kimble, of First Southwest, informed the

county that the \$46 million bond will require a tax rate increase of one cent. The \$61.1 million bond election would have required a 2-1/2 cent tax increase.

Because the county will retire debt service for the current Bell County Jail and the Bell County Expo Center, that amount of the local tax rate will be rolled over into the new bond.

Approximately two cents of the county's current 5.35 cent debt service tax rate are tied to the current jail and expo bonds that will be paid off.

Kimble told *Salado Village Voice* "I don't want taxpayers to assume that if they vote down the bond, they will be getting lower taxes by two cents."

Instead, Kimble said that local taxpayers would be paying more to house prisoners, if prisoners had to be housed in leased space.

If approved by voters in May, the impact of the bond on a homeowner with a \$100,000 home would be \$10 per year for the increase in taxes to pay for the bond. The total cost to retire the \$46 million debt is three cents, the other two cents coming from the rolled over amount.

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# School board

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old and a first grader at Thomas Arnold Elementary and Lane, who is four years old.

They are active members of the Salado United Methodist Church, where Lynn serves as a trustee.

### Chris Seaton

Chris Seaton was born in Lubbock, graduated from Corsicana High School in 1980 and attended Texas Tech University on a full academic

scholarship.

He graduated with a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from Tech in 1984.

He and wife Terri have been married for 15 years. they have three children: Megan, a seventh grader at Salado Intermediate School; Hannah, a fourth grader at Thomas Arnold Elementary, and Parker, who will be in Kindergarten next year.

They are members of St.

Stephen Catholic Church.

The Seatons have lived in Salado for almost six years. Chris has been involved in many community organization, including the Salado Education Foundation, the Salado 4-H Club, Bell county 4-H Club, Salado Youth Fair Boosters, Salado Youth Baseball and Knights of Columbus, where he will serve as President in the coming year.

Seaton has been

employed by Electronic Warfare Systems in Fort Hood for the past three years. Before that he worked for Superior Chair for three year, Poco Graphite in Decatur, Enserch/Lone Star Gas and Texas Instruments.

He is a member of several organizations, including the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and the Society of Manufacturing Engineers.

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Orchestra Rehearsal	4:45 p.m.	Fellowship Meal	5:30 p.m.
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 (4th - 6th)	7:00 p.m.
		High School Halftime	7:00 p.m.

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**The Salado Church of Christ**  
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**Sunday Morning Service • May 2, 2004**



This Sunday, our series on the Sinai Summit continues when we look at a principle with which man has struggled since the beginning of human history - the sanctity of human life. You may be surprised to hear all the implications involved in keeping the sixth commandment: "You shall not murder" (Ex. 20:13).

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## Niko to perform at First Baptist Church May 2

World Renowned Violinist Dr. Margaret Niko will appear in concert at: First Baptist Church of Salado, 6 p.m. May 2. Admission to the concert is free.

Born into a pastor's family in communist Bulgaria, Margaret Nikol learned firsthand about anti-Christian religious persecution at a young age. Her father was jailed because he preached the Gospel, and Margaret's family suffered greatly during those difficult times.

Before Margaret was born, her mother prayed for seven years that she would be blessed with a child who would be musically talented and serve the Lord with that gift. In time, God honored her mother's heart-felt desire. In spite of the anti-Christian persecution endured by the family, God placed Margaret Nikol in some of the best schools behind the Iron Curtain training professional musicians.

After studying in Bulgaria, she enrolled at the

University of Moscow, where she earned her Doctor of Musicology degree and studied violin with David Oistrach.

After winning a European violin competition, Dr. Nikol was officially assigned to work in East Germany as a concert violinist.

Because of her determination to stay faithful to her Christian commitment, Margaret Nikol was forced in 1981 to make her dramatic escape to the West. Since then, she has lived in the United States. Margaret is the only living member of her entire family. Both of her parents and her brother, all pastors in Bulgaria, gave their lives for the Lord.

Today Margaret Nikol devotes her life to serving the Lord, as she ministers to churches and Christian



Dr. Margaret Niko

organizations with her outstanding music and powerful testimony of faith.

A love offering to purchase bibles for the people of Bulgaria will be taken at the concert. For

more information about Dr. Nikol and her ministry, go to [www.intl-impact.org](http://www.intl-impact.org).

This concert is free to the public. For further information call the church office at 947-5465.

## Grace Baptist Church to host revival May 9-12

Grace Baptist Church, located two miles west of I-35 on FM 2484, will host a guest evangelist and his family for revival meetings May 9-12.

Each nightly service will begin at 7 p.m. Prior to the service, a light meal provided by the church will served at 6:15 p.m.

Leading the revival will be Mike Anderson and his wife Karen, from Brownwood.

Mike holds bachelors and masters degrees in Music Education and Vocal Music from Howard Payne University and the University of Texas, respectively. He has been involved in church music ministry since 1984, and has served on staff in several churches in central and west Texas.

Karen, a singer and pianist, has earned bachelors and masters degrees for Howard Payne University

and Tarleton State University. She has served as choral director at the Brownwood Intermediate School for 14 years.

The congregation invites the whole community to join them for the meal and worship service.

For more information contact Sally Riddle at 947-0992, or Pastor John Warden at 512-746-5265.


## Monday Club to meet May 3

The Monday Club will meet 2 p.m. May 3 at the Salado United Methodist Church.

The program will be "Central Texas Work Force," presented by Susan Kamas. All ladies in the community are cordially invited.

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## Baptist Church opens doors for Day of Prayer

First Baptist Church of Salado will be open 6 a.m.-6 p.m. for those who want to come and pray for the nation as part of the National Day of Prayer May 6.

In addition to the local church being open during the day, a county-wide gathering is planned at the Bell County Expo Center 7

p.m. May 6. Involving many groups and individuals, the "Let Freedom Ring" program will begin with a posting of the colors by the Fort Hood Color Guard.

Robin Durham will lead the Call to Repentance, followed by scripture readings of Joel 1:13-15, 2 Chronicles 7:14 and Acts 3:19.

Danny Kohl will sing "Amazing Grace," followed by a prayers for our government, the media, education, the church and the family.

Music will be interspersed between the prayers and include singing of the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" and "God Bless America" by the Central Texas Choir.

Rallies are planned in area communities, including Salado, Temple, Belton, Killeen, Copperas Cove and Lampasas leading up to the May 6 National Day of Prayer.



Hunter Langston Voitier was born April 1, 2004 at College Station Medical Center to Martial and Kimberly Voitier, of College Station. He weighed 7 lbs. 2 oz. Proud grandparents are Vernon and Cindy Claburn, of Salado, and Robert and Vicki Voitier, of Carencro, LA.

## Bell County students chosen to attend water camp July 11-15

The Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District (CUWCD) is looking for high school students in Bell County that are interested in attending the Texas State Youth Water Camp in Monahans.

The camp will be held July 11-15 at the George and Opal Bentley 4-H Center. The purpose of the camp is to help older youth become aware of water issues, including

water quality and supply. Application forms are available at the Bell County Extension Office (254-933-5305) in Belton. Application forms must be submitted to the Ward County Extension Office by May 28.

A total of 30 students will be selected from across the State--15 boys and 15 girls.

For information call the Clearwater District at 254/933-0120.

## Who's Who published in 37th edition

Nineteen local students were included in the 37th Annual Edition of *Who's Who Among American High School Students, 2002-2003*.

Among those listed were Matthew C. Brown, Paige Cameron, Tiffany L. Dixon, Robert A. Epps, Nathan Grigsby, Le Ann M. Hildebrand, Angela Hogwood, Laramie D. Jackson, Stephanie Kinsey, Aaron McGregor, Pamela B. Newman, Heather Perry, Devon R. Rex, Mallory Snelson, John R. Stanczak, Olga Urquiza, and Sofia S. Willingham.

Also listed was Michelle Houston, of Salado.

Who's Who students also compete for \$200,000 in scholarship awards and participate in the publication's Annual Survey of High Achievers, an annual opinion poll of teen attitudes. The book is distributed on a complimentary basis to up to 15,000 high schools, colleges, universities and public libraries throughout the country.

## UMHB concert held May 2

The University of Mary Hardin-Baylor choirs will present its Spring Concert 3 p.m. May 2 in Hughes Recital Hall on campus.

The choirs will present a variety of music, including choral classics by Johannes Brahms, Ralph Vaughn Williams, Antonin Dvorak and others along with hymns and spirituals.



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# Methodist worship center approved

By TIM FLEISCHER  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Salado United Methodist Church received approval from the Village of Salado to build a new 13,880 sq. ft. worship center and a new 2,880 sq. ft. administration building. The building permit was approved by the Village and signed by building official Suzi Epps April 22.

The church applied for the permit to build the two new structures on 13.472 acres of property on Royal Street on Feb. 24.

The worship center will be a pre-engineered steel structure on concrete foundations. The administra-

tion building will be a wood frame construction on concrete foundations.

Construction will begin this spring on the buildings. When the new construction is completed, the church will move its present sanctuary on Thomas Arnold Rd. to its new location on Royal St.

The Methodist Church is selling its property on Thomas Arnold in order to reduce the amount of the debt incurred by the congregation to fund the project. Pisces Foods, out of Austin, offered a contract in November 2003 on the property to build a drive-through Wendy's restaurant. Last month, Pisces Foods backed out of the

purchase of the property during a contingency time period.

Last year, members of the Methodist Church requested that the Comprehensive Plan committee change the zoning on the church property from Historic District to Commercial to allow for a wider range of uses for the property to be vacated when the church sold.

The committee took no action on the request, which was opposed by the Salado Historic Society as well as adjacent property owners on Church Street.

The Village of Salado has approved a building permit to move the old sanctuary to Royal St.,

where it will be within a Single Family Residential zone, which allows construction of churches and places of worship. No other permits have yet been applied for or approved by the Village for the Methodist Church.

"Members of the church cherish their heritage and wish to take the sanctuary with them to the new site; selling the church sanctuary for an antique shop or restaurant is not an option," Brittain stated in November.

The construction for the church, which includes moving the historic sanctuary, will cost nearly \$2 million.

# Grants bring broad band to rural communities

By TIM FLEISCHER  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

County commissioners approved grant submission by BELLNET during their April 26 meeting.

The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program will connect Coryell, Hamilton, Lampasas, Mills and San Saba to BELLNET in Bell County. Participants in the RUS program include Coryell

Memorial Hospital, Hamilton General Hospital, Rolling Brooke and San Saba Medical Center. Each participant is contributing \$25,000 in matching value towards the program. Bell County's contribution will come from personnel, equipment, consulting fees and other in-kind services that are already budgeted, according to Mary Ann Smith, with BELLNET. The RUS Program will provide wireless broadband internet connections to the par-

ticipating entities.

Similarly, the Labor Department's Telecommunications and Information Administration, Technology Opportunities Program will bring wireless broadband internet to several rural community entities in Bell County. Participating communities will contribute \$5,000 in matching cash over the grant's three-year period.

The Salado Volunteer Fire Department has committed to participating in

the program, according to Smith. Other entities committed to the program include these:

Harker Heights Fire Department, Bartlett police and fire departments, the City of Rogers, Rogers fire and police departments and the emergency medical services department in Rogers, Holland police department, Justice of the Peace office in Holland and Troy city, police and fire departments.

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## Rotary Club flag program renewal time

Salado Rotary Club will continue its successful Flag Program in 2004 for local residents and businesses. Subscribers to the Flag Program pay \$25 for the Rotary Club to fly the American Flag in front of their home or business on five holidays.

The holidays for the

Flag Program are Memorial Day in May, Flag Day in June, Independence Day in July, Labor Day in September and Veterans' Day in November.

Proceeds from the Flag Program go primarily to Salado High School student scholarships. "If we exceed our goal, additional

proceeds will be applied to worthy local or Bell County projects," said Jack Cooper, Flag Program chairman.

"As always, additional monies can be added to your check for the flag program subscription," Cooper said. "These addi-

tional funds will be applied to the worthy projects."

Letters with response cards were mailed recently to last year's subscribers as a reminder of the Flag Program.

For more information about the Rotary Club Flag Program, call Cooper at 947-8032.

## Texian DRT visits Robertson plantation with family members

A gathering representing the Robertson family members, Village of Salado Daughters of the Republic of Texas (DRT) and the Texian Chapter of DRT from Austin toured the Robertson Plantation in Salado on April 17.

Re-enactors dressed in 19th Century costumes assisted the hostesses Cile Robertson Ambrose, of Salado and her cousin, Liz Sutherland Carpenter, of Austin in the home of their births and early years.

Following lunch at the Stagecoach Inn, some members of the DRT toured the Central Texas Museum and the Wee Scots Shop. A highlight for others was accompanying former White House Press Secretary Liz Carpenter to College Hill where she

has placed a fossilized bench honoring her parents. Carpenter's parents met while attending school there when it was Thomas Arnold High School.

Although her parents are buried in Gonzales, the place of their deaths, Carpenter has planned her own memorial service to include scattering her ashes to be mixed with wildflower seeds on College Hill near her bench and the bronze statue of her prominent Robertson ancestor.

On many occasions, she has said of her "great departure to that Home in the Sky" -- with a twinkle in her eye -- "Everyone's invited!"

Reported by Doris Kemp, Salado DRT President.



Liz Carpenter and Doris Kemp visit with each other at the Robertson Plantation in Salado.

THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF DANCE

## Tickets on sale now for Salado Strutters spring show May 1

The Salado Strutters Dance/Drill team is pleased to present the Spring Show, "The Wonderful World of Dance," 7 p.m. May 1 at the Salado Intermediate School. Close to 100 Salado students will

be participating in this year's event.

Featured in the dance extravaganza are the 2003-2004 and 2004-2005 Strutters, Elizabeth Taylor's Creekside Studio of Dance, Gloria Hodge's

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April 29: Sausage Rolls, Cereal, Toast, Fresh Fruit, Juice, Milk  
April 30: Biscuit, Sausage Patty, Cereal, Toast, Fresh Fruit, Juice, Milk  
May 3: Breakfast on a Stick, Cereal, Toast, Fresh Fruit, Juice, Milk  
May 4: French Toast, Cereal, Toast, Fresh Fruit, Juice, Milk

**Lunch Menu**  
April 28: Pizza, Corn, Breadstick, Applesauce, Hoagie, Chef Salad, Milk  
April 29: Steak Fingers, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Green Beans, Pears, Garlic Bread, Hoagie, Chef Salad, Milk  
April 30: Cheeseburger, Burger Salad, Oven Fries, Pineapple Tidbits, Fruity Freeze, Milk  
May 3: Spaghetti, Green Beans, Garlic Bread, Mixed Fruit, Hoagie, Chef Salad, Milk  
May 4: Bean & Beef Burrito, Mixed Vegetables, Yougurt & Fruit Plate, Carrot Sticks, Hoagie, Chef Salad, Milk

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# SHS UIL students place 1st

Adding to an already impressive list of accomplishments, the Salado High School UIL Academic team participated in the Region IV AA meet April 24, and for the seventh consecutive year, came away with first place. A total of 24 Salado students competed.

Results are as follows:

Current Issues and Events: Jared Brank, second;  
Ready Writing: Grant Boston, fifth;  
Number Sense: Matt Caskey, first; Joseph Shumate, second; Jenny Goode, fourth; Ines Min, sixth;  
Number Sense Team: Caskey, Shumate, Goode, first.  
Calculator Applications: Brinn Newman, first; Matt Brown, third; Scott Williams, fourth;  
Calculator Team: Newman, Brown, Williams, first;  
Spelling and Vocabulary: Jonny Kendall, second; Jenny Goode, third; Brinn Newman, fourth;  
Spelling Team: Kendall, Goode, Newman, first.  
Literary Criticism: Ariel Simpson, first; Grant Boston, second; Kirsten Singleton, fourth;  
Literary Criticism Team: Simpson, Boston, Singleton, first.  
Mathematics: Jenny Goode, third;  
Mathematics Team: Goode, Brown, Shumate, first;  
Poetry Interpretation: Garrett Askins, second;  
Computer Science: Jason Heuer, sixth;  
Headline Writing: Grant Boston, sixth.

Individual contestants that placed first, second or third, and first place teams, all qualified for the State Academic Meet, which will be held May 6-8 at UT Austin.

# Member-Guest golf scheduled for May 14-16

The 2004 Mill Creek Men's Golf Association Member-Guest Golf Tournament will be held May 14-16.

Players will be divided into two-man teams, with one player being a member of the Mill Creek Golf Association (MGA) and the other a guest. High school or college golfers are ineligible.

Those who are members of Mill Creek, but not of the MGA, are eligible to play if they pay a \$20 MGA dues fee along with their entry, which has been set at \$450 per team.

The event is not staged as a fundraiser for the MGA, therefore all of the entry fees will be applied to prize money and tournament activities. All participants will receive a free pair of Callaway golf shoes.

In addition to three days of golf, a prime rib dinner will be held 7-10 p.m. May 15, at Stagecoach's Longhorn Room. A lunch and awards ceremony will be held at Mill Creek following the conclusion of golf May 16.

Anyone wishing to participate is asked to register by May 1.

For information on how to register, or to obtain a form, contact Tournament Chairman Robert Ray at 947-8087.

"This is the showcase event for the Men's Golf Association, and we hope to have everyone's participation," says Ray.

# Job Fair to be held April 28

The Central Texas Community Job Fair will be held 10 a.m.-3 p.m. April 28 at the Killeen Civic and Conference Center. Over 60 companies will be in attendance.

"We are excited about hosting the Job Fair again this year," said Elaine Riley, CTC Career Planning and Placement Director. "This is a great opportunity for individuals seeking employment to meet with recruiters who are looking to fill positions with their companies. It's a one-stop job search."

This year's Job Fair is sponsored by the CTC Career Center, Central Texas Workforce Centers, ACAP and Tarleton State University-Central Texas.

The Killeen Civic and Conference Center is located at 3601 W.S. Young Drive in Killeen.



Nana Puddin Productions presented award winning ventriloquist Dennis Lee with his monkey companion to Thomas Arnold Elementary students. The performer had students clapping, laughing, singing along and learning that what they do counts, matters and makes a difference. Dennis Lee and puppet explain, "Good manners are important because they help uplift others and not tear down." Tie all this in with the upcoming TAKS test and you have one great pre-test pep rally. PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER

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# SPORTS

## Boys move on to State Tourney, girls denied chance for 3-peat

On April 19-20, the Salado High School boys golf team traveled to San Marcos to compete in the Regional Tournament.

After a first round which saw sophomore Wes Dowell shoot a field-low 73, the Salado team of Dowell, Michael Harvell, Matt Jennings, Lucas Martin and Clint Permenter stood in third place behind Three Rivers and Boling.

With bad weather marking the second round of play, the regional title was up for grabs, as three teams were within striking distance of the title.

At a point when Permenter, Harvell and Jennings had finished their second rounds, play was stopped due to lightning with Martin on the 18th green and Dowell set to tee-off on 18.

When play resumed a short time later, Martin was able to finish his round, while Dowell chipped a birdie shot on 18 that caromed off the flag and bounced out of the hole.

At the finish of the tournament, Salado was in second place behind Three

Rivers, which was good enough to earn them a trip to the State Tournament, May 10-11 in Austin.

Dowell was the low-man for the Eagles, coming in with a two-day total of 153. Dowell took the individual bronze in the field of 80 golfers. Martin shot a 168, Permenter a 180 and Harvell a 183. Jennings finished Regionals with a 189.

Salado outshot such schools as Lago Vista, Rogers and Comfort in the tournament.



On the strength of round one 73 from sophomore Wes Dowell, the Salado boys golf took second place at the Regional Tournament held in San Marcos. They are, l-r: Travis Kemp, Coach Peschal, Michael Harvell, Wes Dowell, Matt Jennings, Lucas Marting and Clint Permenter.



The Lady Eagles golfers just missed out on the State Tournament, coming in third at Regionals. Ashley Peschal, at left, led the way with a two-round 163. Also pictured are, l-r: Coach Peschal, Leah Griffin, Nicole Weatherly Lacey Bartlett and Katie Harris. Bartlett, in just her second year of golf, shot a round one 85.

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**Playoff hopes down to final game**

The Salado Eagles baseball team dropped their only game last week, 5-1 to Jarrell. The loss dropped them into a tie for third place in district and the final playoff spot, with Lexington.

Jarrell got on the scoreboard first with two unearned runs in the bottom of the second. A one-out double, an error and a single accounted for the runs.

After Jarrell had increased their lead to 3-0 with their only earned run of the night in the fourth, Salado had a mini-rally to put a run on the board in the sixth. Scott Bates had a two-out double and scored on an error by Jarrell off the bat of Blake Spence.

Jarrell added two more unearned runs in the bottom of the sixth for the final 5-1 score.

The Eagles collected only three hits on the night. Bates was 2-2 and Jesse Rodriguez had the other hit.

Bates absorbed the loss on the mound. He pitched the complete game, allowing six hits and striking out three.

Salado took on Somerville in the final game of the regular season April 26, in a contest that took place after spring time.

If the Eagles win this game, then they are in the playoffs. However, if Lexington defeats Florence in another April 26 game, and Salado loses, then Salado and Lexington would have a one-game playoff to decide

which team will be the third place representative in District 25AA.

The playoff, if necessary, is tentatively scheduled for 7 p.m. May 3 in Rogers.

The district championship was also decided April 26, coming down to Jarrell and Rogers. Jarrell entered the game with a one-game lead over Rogers, but their only district loss came at the hands of Rogers.

If Rogers defeats Jarrell, then despite them having the same win-loss record, Rogers would win the title based on the head-to-head record.

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**Needing a win Lady Eagles fall short**

Needing a win in the final game of the regular season to sew up a spot in the postseason, the Lady Eagles softball team was held in check by Jarrell ace Mallory Cantler in Jarrell April 20, losing 6-1.

After going down in order in the top of the first on two backward K's and a groundout to second base, Salado surrendered three consecutive singles, followed by an error in left field, to begin the bottom half of the first. The Lady Cougars would send their entire lineup to the plate that inning, eventually scoring three runs off Salado starter Shae Janda.

The last time the two teams met, Janda outdueled Cantler in a 2-1, 10-inning pitching gem. This time around, it was all Cantler, as the freshman struck out six of the first nine Lady Eagles she faced, en route to a 12 strikeout night. The Lady Eagles were held to just three hits on the game, and collected two base-on-balls.

Salado was able to make the game close in the fourth

inning, however. With one out and the bases empty and the score sitting at 3-0, Kelsey Smith drew a walk. Janda then reached on an error to third base and was followed by senior Kim Dillon, who lined a single into right field.

Smith eventually scored, but Janda was thrown out at the plate. Smith's run was all Salado would muster on the evening, as Cantler dominated Lady Eagle hitters.

Jarrell would score two more runs in the bottom of the fourth, and another in the fifth to bring the scoring to a close. Collecting hits on the night were Dillon, Kristen Womac and Heather Winters.

Although Coach Doug Harrigan's team came up short on their quest to make the playoffs, the season panned out almost as he predicted it would in the preseason, with four teams battling down to the wire for the three postseason spots. But the Lady Eagles stayed competitive all year, and despite losing such strong players as Michelle Houston and Dillon to graduation, Salado will likely be improved in 2005.

For the season, the sophomore workhorse Janda finished with a 9-11 record, but had only a 2.28 ERA. Putting in 118 innings on the mound, Janda fanned 122 batters and gave up 55 runs in 24 games.

Janda was also Salado's top hitter, finishing the season with a .492 average, including 31 hits, 24 RBI's and 31 steals. Hitting out of the cleanup slot most of the season, Dillon had a productive senior campaign, hitting .418 with 28 hits and 19 RBI's.

Michelle Houston, another senior, finished her career with a .373 season. Houston scored 22 runs and was second on the team in steals, with 30.

The Lady Eagles had a 12-14-1 overall record.

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Just how high are the costs of higher education? Consider these figures from the College Board: In 2003-2004, the average annual total charges (tuition, fees, room and board) at a four-year public institution is \$10,636, while the corresponding figure for a four-year private school is \$26,854. And if college expenses continue to rise faster than the general inflation rate, you can expect much higher costs in the future.

Fortunately, you've got some attractive college savings vehicles available - and one of the best of these is the Section 529 plan, named after that part of the Internal Revenue Code authorizing these accounts.

You can choose from two types of Section 529 plans: a pre-paid tuition program or a savings plan.

In a pre-paid tuition plan, you buy future tuition credit - at today's prices - at an in-state, public school. If your child or grandchild decides not to attend your state college, you can transfer the value of your contract to private and out-of-state schools.

In a Section 529 savings plan, you put money in specific investments. All withdrawals will be free from federal income taxes, as long as the money is used for a qualified college or graduate school expense of the beneficiary you've named - typically, your child or grandchild. (However, the money will appear as income on the child's tax return.) Withdrawals for expenses other than qualified education expenditures may be subject to federal, state and penalty taxes. This tax benefit is effective through 2010, unless

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### Section 529 plan benefits

Of the two types of 529 plans, the savings plan is far more popular. In many ways, it offers more freedom than the pre-paid tuition plan, and, of course, it has tax advantages. But the 529 savings plan also offers other key benefits, including the following:

- High contribution limits - Section 529 plan contribution limits are typically quite high - more than \$200,000 per beneficiary in many state plans. Special gifting provisions apply. As with many investments, before investing in a 529, you should consult your tax professional.

- No residency requirements - You can generally contribute to the Section 529 plan of any state you choose, even if you don't live there. However, if you participate in your own state's plan, you may receive additional tax benefits.

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 Katie Kyle  
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 Rachel Ray  
 Kase Spears  
 Lacey Dusek  
 Daniel Rosenau  
 Kegan Owen  
 Sierra Armstrong  
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 Clayton Cole  
 Casey Frazier  
 Dane Hankamer  
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 Davis Little  
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 Zachary Guana  
 Anissa Peralta  
 Jaylee Sebek  
 James Svadlenak  
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 Lexis Warren  
 Vincent Yalch  
 Dakota Parsons  
 Ivan Torres  
 Brandon Walker  
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 Marshal Clinard  
 Malachi Cyphers  
 Nathan Briscoe  
 Thomas DePrez  
 Derrick Fitzpatrick  
 Clayton Kolls  
 Tristan Montgomery  
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 Justin Cowan  
 Cassidy DePriest  
 Sommer Sloan  
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 Liza Spurlock  
 Patrick Murray  
 Tom Kyle  
 Barton Cheatham  
 Aron Fraire  
 Coby Giniewicz  
 Luke Cooper  
 Ryan Flores  
 Sean Moore  
 Dillon Passage  
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 Jacob Hoimer  
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 Morgan Van Winkle  
 Hunter Ward  
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 Baylee Bell  
 Billie Bell  
 Camryn Bintz  
 Sarah Boysen  
 Bernie Briggs  
 Kelsea Briscoo  
 Jared Bryant  
 Kathryn Clark  
 Courtney Colacino  
 Jessica Conner  
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 Paige Zulauf  
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 Grant Hancock  
 Brandon Heller  
 Haley Kemp  
 Joshua LeBove  
 Yessica Lara  
 Alex Lincoln  
 Rebecca Petro  
 Zoe Simpson  
 Jordan Svadlenak  
**A/B Honor Roll**  
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 Ashlee Arnold  
 Shelby Beam  
 Mindi Dunnahoo  
 Reed Farr  
 Jessica Ferrell-Raborn  
 Brittany Finger  
 Sarah Foster  
 Isabel Garcia  
 Robert Hendrick  
 Katelyn Lankford  
 Ashley Lincoln  
 Caleb Little  
 Chelsea Lomprey  
 Lindsay Martin  
 Sindel McDaniel  
 Mallory Ming  
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 Lupe Perez  
 Rachel Phillips

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 Vonnie Rodriguez  
 Audrey Roe  
 Zachary Shumate  
 Jayni Sierra  
 Kurstyn Sundberg  
 Gregory Tischler  
 Trenton Wagnon  
 Boomer Wells  
 Heather Williams  
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**A Honor Roll**  
 Ashlee Cantrell  
 Sarah Cleveland  
 Lindsey Coffey  
 Jordan Dunn  
 Abby Frazier  
 Morgan Kelly  
 Maegan Kincheloo  
 Nicole Melde  
 Kaleigh Rank  
 Zanna Shafer  
 Jon Spinks  
 Garret Ward  
 Preston Watkins  
**A/B Honor Roll**  
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 Beau Benoit  
 Wesley Buchele  
 Reta Buckley  
 Tyler Collins  
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 Danielle Hazzard  
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 C.J. Little  
 Amanda Mattson  
 Matthew Ming  
 Skyy Moore  
 Caitlyn Oyler  
 Taylor Reed  
 Josh Rodriguez  
 Kaitlyn Ruth  
 Marissa Saucedo  
 Dara Schiller  
 Megan Seaton  
 Jacob Spurlock  
 Mathew Walker  
 Clayton Whitmire  
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**A Honor Roll**  
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 Alex House  
 Kevin Jackson  
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 Gene Drake  
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 Taylor Johnson  
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**A Honor Roll**  
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 Jamie Burson  
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 Jacob Brown  
 David DePrez  
 Brittany Dixon  
 Wesley Dowell  
 Jacquelin Drake  
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 Michael Spinks  
 Heather Stevens  
 Michael Tracy  
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**A Honor Roll**  
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 Benjamin Carder  
 Matthew Caskey  
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 Lauralee Young  
**A/B Honor Roll**  
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 Barrett Brashier  
 John Cook  
 Devon Dunn  
 Brian Fetterman  
 Rachel Foster  
 Sarah Gentry  
 Brittani Goodnight  
 Dewayne Hampton  
 Hilary Haynes  
 Jason Heuer  
 Lauren Hogwood  
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**A Honor Roll**  
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### GOP women talk homeland security April 22

David Hall, Deputy City Manager of Killeen, gave a dynamic speech about homeland security to the Salado Area Republican Women members and guests April 22 at McClure's Financial Services Building in Salado.

Hall said that the main goal of the new Department of Homeland Security is to prevent additional terrorist attacks in the United States. It has programs to support first responders (local police, fire, and emergency teams), defend against bio-terrorism, and secure our borders. The Coast Guard and Secret Service are both now part of the Department. Much focus is on developing technology to more effectively to check for threats.

Hall supports President Bush in his belief that complacency and defeatism have no place in America. The rest of the world is counting on the spirit, courage, and determination of the United States to defeat terrorism. Hall assured the audience that Texas has one of the most effective homeland security and emergency response teams of all the States.

Next month's Salado Area Republican meeting will be 11:30 a.m. May 27 at Mill Creek. The guest speaker will be Donna Davidson on Elections. Please RSVP Barclay McCort at 947-3617 or DeniSARW@vvm.com

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## Concert Gigs in Private Digs Series Musicians

Denise Thomssen (flute), and Esta Hansen (piano) will be the first performers in the Concert Gigs in Private Digs series. The duo will perform 7:30 p.m. May 1 at the home of Dr. Doug Willingham, located at 9 Church Street, in Salado.

Hansen was the pupil of Leota Stilwell, Wesley Coffman and Beverly Terrill, all of Houston. She is a graduate of the University of North Texas, and has held several positions as organist and choir director in Lutheran, Episcopalian and Roman Catholic parishes.

She has taught piano and voice privately, and has participated in several community chorales and oratorio societies in Texas and other states. Presently she holds the position of organist/choirmaster at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Belton.

Thomssen has been playing flute since the fourth grade. She was the pupil of Amy Brown and Linda Kessler in Pittsburgh, PA, as well as Megan Meisenbach in Austin. She was involved with the adult music programs at the Austin Chamber Music Center for a few years and continues to play with a number of those same musicians.

She currently plays at the services at St. Joseph's chapel in Salado and is a member of the Temple Symphonic Band. She also plays with a flute/violin/cello trio that performs at weddings and receptions.

A dessert reception will follow the performance. This concert will be a half benefit for St. Joseph's Chapel, and a freewill offering will be accepted at the door. For more information call 947-3917.



Denise Thomssen (flute), and Esta Hansen (piano)

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## MAY 1

Salado Area Republican Women garage sale, 8 a.m.-? in Brookshire Bros. parking lot. Info: 254-947-8556.

Concert Gigs in Private Digs performance, featuring Denise Thomsen (flute) and Esta Hansen (piano), at the home of Dr. Doug Willingham, #9 Church Street. Info: 947-3917.

Ing's hosts artist meet-and-greet with gourd-artist Dana Miller. Info: 947-4336.

## MAY 2

St. Stephen Church annual Cinco de Mayo fajita dinner, 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the church parish hall.

Bell Plains Cemetery Association meeting, 2 p.m. at the home of Paul and Mary Jean Boston, 8535 Armstrong Rd. Info: 939-8365.

Violinist Dr. Margart Niko in concert at FBC of Salado, 6 p.m. Admission is free. Info: 947-5465.

## MAY 3-4

Professional storyteller Elizabeth Ellis performs at TAE May 3, 7 p.m. at Civic Center May 3, 11 a.m. May 4 at Salado Public Library and 7 p.m. May 4 at Civic Center, with guests Tim Tingle and Doc Moore. Events are free. Info: 947-5040.

## MAY 3

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## MAY 6

National Day of Prayer. FBC of Salado open for prayer 6 a.m.-6 p.m. County-wide church gathering 7 p.m. at Bell County Expo Center.

## MAY 8

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



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

**Open Team Bass** tournament benefitting SHS senior class at Rivers Bend Park, Stillhouse Hollow Lake. Entry fee: \$125 per team. Info: 947-5148 or 832-236-3474.

**MAY 9-12** Grace Baptist Church revival, 7 p.m. nightly. Light meal preceding services at 6:15 p.m. Church is located on FM 2484, two miles west of 1-35. Open to the community. Info: 947-0992 or 512-746-5265.

**MAY 11-13** Tennis Camp for sixth graders and up, 3:45-5 p.m. daily at Stagecoach tennis courts. \$45 per person. Info: Melissa Hyer, 947-6900 ext. 2075, or Brit Coleman at 939-6500.

**MAY 14-16** Mill Creek Men's Golf Association tournament. Info: Robert Ray, 947-8087.

**MAY 14 & 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.

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

**MAY 22-23** World Team Roping Association at Wildfire Ranch. Info: 947-0291 or 947-8080.

**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 27** Salado Area Republican Women regular meeting 11:30 a.m. at Mill Creek. RSVP to Barclay McCort at 947-3617, or e-mail DeniSARW@vvm.com.

**Mud Pies Pottery** make a bowl for the Salado Family Relief Fund. Dinner is provided. Bring your own drink. Free, but limited to 10 people. Reservations accepted, call 947-0281.

**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, or 512-499-8914.

**JUNE 12** Annual Salado Reunion, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at Salado Intermediate School cafeteria. All former Salado students, teachers and friends welcome. Catered lunch. Info: 947-5783 or 939-3187.

**JUNE 23** Mud Pies Pottery make a bowl for the Salado Family Relief

Fund. Dinner is provided. Bring your own drink. Free, but limited to 10 people. Reservations accepted. For reservations call 947-0281.

**JUNE 26** First ever Salado Dog Daze, featuring dog parade, games, contests and prizes. Registration: 9 a.m. in Pace Park. Free admission. Bring your dog(s). Info: www.salado.com.

**JULY 3** 6 p.m. Salado Historical Society Annual Fourth of July Picnic at Pace Park Pot Luck

**JULY 22** Mud Pies Pottery make a bowl for the Salado Family Relief Fund. Dinner is provided. Bring your own drink. Free, but limited to 10 people. Reservations accepted. For reservations call 947-0281. SEE CALENDAR, PAGE 3B

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## JULY 24

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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 2

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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. Tickets adults \$5, children \$3 Shakespeare tickets \$10 adult, \$5 child. Call 254-947-8933

## SEPTEMBER 20

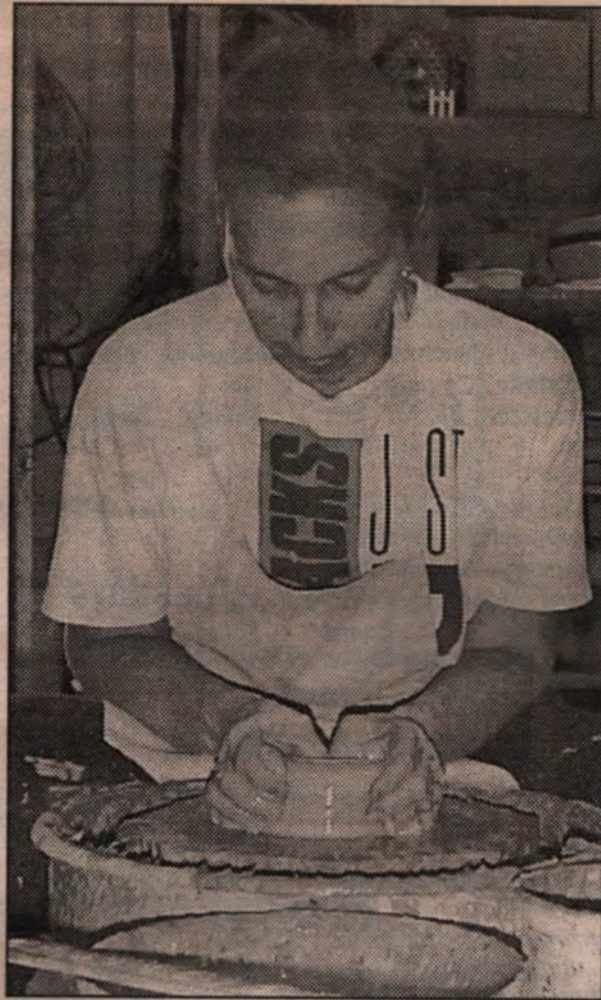
Wine & Wildflower Festival sponsored by Public Arts League of Salado. For more information call 947-3429.

## 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.



MAY 27 - Mud Pies Pottery make a bowl for the Salado Family Relief Fund. 6:30 p.m. Dinner is provided. Bring your own drink. Free, but limited to 10 people. Reservations accepted. For reservations call 947-0281.

## OCTOBER 23

6 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. 3rd Annual Chisholm Trail Cattleman's Ball at Tenroc Ranch. For more information call 254-947-5479.

## OCTOBER 30-31

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

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**Mondays**  
Salado Community Chorus: 5:00 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center.  
Boy Scouts: Each Monday, 6:30-8 p.m. at the Methodist Church.  
Monday Club: 1st Mon., 2 p.m., Salado United Methodist Church.  
Salado Chamber of Commerce Board: 2nd Mon., 6 p.m., at Civic Center.  
Salado FFA Meeting: First Monday of the month, 7 p.m. in the elementary school cafeteria.  
Salado I.S.D. Board of Trustees: 3rd Mon. at 6 p.m., at Salado Civic Center.  
Salado Library District Board: 4th Mon. at 5:30 p.m., at Salado Public Library Building.  
Salado Masonic Lodge #296: 8 p.m. on the Mon. on or before the full moon.  
Salado Village Artist Quilters: 1-4 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Mon. in the Salado Village Artist Building.  
Storytime: 11-11:30 a.m. every Monday at the Salado Public Library (ages 3-5).  
Salado 4-H Club: 1st Mon. through May, 7 p.m. at Thomas Arnold Elementary.  
Exercise Class: Aug. 18-end of school year,

9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. except first Monday of the month, which will begin at 10:30 a.m. Class includes stretching, strengthening and Pilates. Held at Salado Civic Center. Class is FREE to public.  
Salado Democrats: 6:45 p.m., first Monday of each month at the 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**  
Salado Creekside Cloggers: 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
Salado Youth Baseball Association: meetings 7 p.m. at Civic Center.  
Salado Presbyterian Church: Friends meet second and fourth Wednesday, 10 a.m.-noon. All women welcome. Info: 947-5982.  
Lions Club: 2nd & 4th Wed. at 11:30 a.m., Creekside. Board meets 2nd Wed. 8 a.m.  
Mill Creek Community Association Board: 3rd Wed., 5 p.m., at Civic Center.  
Scottish Country Dance Lessons: 8-9:30 p.m. at the Scots Hall of the Clans. 947-0325 for info.

**Thursdays**  
Salado Area Republican Women: 4th Thursday of month. Times vary. Call 947-3617 or e-mail denisarw@vvm.com, 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 Building unless otherwise posted.  
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.  
Salado Moms, play-group, contact Amanda at 947-5507.

**Saturdays**  
Food Pantry: 2nd and 4th Sat. at First Baptist Church. 9 a.m.-10 a.m.  
Salado Church of Christ Ladies Devotional Prayer Breakfast: 3rd Sat. of month, 9 a.m.. Location varies. Info: 947-5241 or 947-3533.

**ATTENTION: Churches, Civic Organizations, Secretaries**  
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# Winning ways of Jackpot Jan

Jan Bland's house in Mount Vernon is a mess. I don't mean it's not clean. I mean there are stacks of stuff all through the house. It looks kind of like she's getting ready to move. The stacks reflect a variety of interests. You could say the house is colorful.

"I guess you might say I'm colorful, too," says Jan. "I try to be."

She collects everything from antique dolls to live chickens. The colors of red, white and blue are on all kinds of things in her house.

"I'm very patriotic. My forefathers helped settle this country. They fought in the Revolutionary War. One of the wives was a spy and carried secret messages in the lining of her coat. My father served in World Wars One and Two."

Jan is a student of both American and Texas history. She earned BA and MA degrees after her sons left for college.

"I enjoyed it tremendously. I studied at the University of London, went to Madrid to the University of Spain, and to a girls' agricultural school in Florence, Italy.

Jan taught school seventeen years. In her

## by Tumbleweed Smith



spare time she sold clothes at Canton's First Monday Trade Days.

"It was not expensive clothes. It was clothes primarily for school teachers and people who worked, fun kind of things. In two days I used to sell twenty-eight thousand dollars worth of clothes. I did go down there to have a good time, but I was a walkin' talkin' machine."

She worked at Canton 25 years. Jan spent her extra money on gaming boats in Bossier City, Louisiana. Last year was a good year.

"I went three times in April and won four jackpots which totaled \$27,747. I had played blackjack all day long with a hundred dollars and I was only forty-five dollars ahead, so I decided I'd better go play the slots a little if I was going to win some money. I just walked up to a machine, did not sit

down, and put a hundred dollar bill in. It was a ten dollar machine and I pressed the button once and that was twenty dollars and I pressed it again and that was forty dollars and then I hit \$19,600."

Thirty minutes later, she was at another slot machine on the opposite side of the ship.

"I played that machine and hit \$2,800. I had a lot to show for

thirty minutes of playing. Then I went back to Bossier City when Willie Nelson was there and hit the jackpot again. On that machine where I won the nineteen thousand dollars, I've hit three other jackpots on that same machine."

When someone wins a jackpot, the casino takes a picture of the player standing by the slot machine, which shows the amount won. Jan has stacks of those pictures. She giggles when she shows them to guests.

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# From software to sawdust: Pascoe turns lifelong hobby into career

By CHRIS MCGREGOR  
STAFF WRITER

All things considered, Bob Pascoe is pretty content with where his life is right now.

Taking what had been for the past four decades nothing more than a hobby and converting it into a livelihood does lend a sense of self-satisfaction, though. His hobby was woodworking, and in particular furniture crafting.

The precise challenge of making something from nothing, in this case blocks of lumber into tables or china cabinets, was something that drew him in. Ultimately, that passion has culminated in his opening the Salado Sawmill, a workshop where he designs and builds fine custom furniture, from concept to completion.

In a way, his previous career prepared him well for his new enterprise. Pascoe was a mainstay with the IBM corporation, amassing over a 30-year career, 13 U.S. patents and earning nine IBM Invention Achievement Awards. He says the process of funneling his creativity into woodworking is not altogether different from doing the same in regards to computers. They're both outlets for the imagination, and are hemmed only by self-imposed limits; i.e. if you can dream it, there's a good chance it can be

accomplished.

His workshop, located at 409 Salado Plaza Drive, is also the first and largest advertisement of his handiwork. Pascoe, along with wife Diane and a few friends and family, built the Sawmill from the ground up, completing the structure in time to open for business in February of this year. Previously, while working out of his Salado garage, Pascoe retailed his works in Southern Comforts, on Main St and for a time maintained a shop in downtown Belton. But then, as his reputation as a craftsman climbed, he found the need to expand.

Hence the Salado Sawmill, a two-story building specifically constructed to fit the style of a century-old workshop. "Our goal was to make the building a reflection of our extraordinary woodworks theme," says Pascoe. "We worked hard for that motif."

And those woodworks that Pascoe speaks of, all crafted on-site, bear the signature of someone that puts not only his energy, but his pride into his pieces.

He employs only solid lumber, no press board or fiber board. As an homage to the ancient craftsman tradition, Pascoe uses traditional, time-honored joining techniques, and rarely makes use of mechanical fasteners. It



Bob Pascoe at work. (photo by Chris McGregor)

lends his pieces an identity that transcends era, combining classic styles with modern, durable finishes.

And because he's a custom shop, what he builds is completely in the hands of the customer. In the past, he's matched pieces with furniture sets with only a catalog photo to go by, and sometimes even just a sketch. "I can match just about anything," he says.

Preferring to work with cherry wood because of the quality of its finish, Pascoe can and does work with almost every type of lumber available, and in a variety of styles. Foremost among those is his "General Store Collection," which features themes reminiscent of the late 19th century, complete with bead-board detail and glass doors. He also has an Arts and Crafts line and a line done exclusively in

Country Pine, among several others.

And challenging the notion that custom furniture serves a strictly deep-pocketed clientele, Pascoe asserts that he can often match or beat prices offered by large-scale manufacturers. "Custom furniture is very affordable," he says. "And with traditional building techniques, a custom piece will last for generations."

Also in the works at the Sawmill is his wife's labor of love: an upper-story, full service bed and breakfast apartment called The Timbers at the Sawmill, set for completion this summer.

For more information call 254-947-0137. To view some of Pascoe's work on-line visit [www.saladosawmill.com](http://www.saladosawmill.com), or drop by the shop. His hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tues.-Sat.

## Local girl Stanish selected for program, needs sponsors to raise funds to attend

Salado eighth grader Tamra Stanish has been selected to participate in a three-week summer program at Wellesley College, near Boston, Massachusetts.

The Explo summer program will help Stanish prepare for high school and college. She will be taking

classes during the week on marine biology or business planning.

"I am enthusiastically looking forward to attending Explo's summer program," Stanish said. "However, the tuition is \$3,450 not including airfare and without some

kind of financial aid, I will not be able to attend."

Stanish is asking local civic organizations, businesses and residents for scholarships and/or donations in order to make her trip possible. "I am hoping to raise \$4,000," she said.


The deadline for her

tuition payment is May 1.

Anyone interested in helping Stanish to attend the Explo, can contact her at 947-5408, or via e-mail at [kstanish@peoplepc.com](mailto:kstanish@peoplepc.com).

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# STUFF

## Tarantino cooks up crazy delight with Kill Bill 1 & 2

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

Quentin Tarantino is some kind of mad chef, combining dissimilar spices into a surprisingly unique dish. And with Kill Bill Vol. 1 on DVD and video and Kill Bill Vol. 2, the filmmaker proves his talent and vision are one-of-a-kind and endless.

Simply, you either love Tarantino films or you hate them. Seldom are movie watchers in a neutral camp when it comes to the filmmaker who has written and directed only a handful of movies over the span of more than a decade.

But his passion and dedication to making movies that stand as landmarks in the popular culture of America make his movies worth the wait. And with the theatrical release of Kill Bill, Vol. 2 at the same time that Vol. 1 is released to home theaters, Tarantino puts his mark on filmmaking.



Uma Thurman in Kill Bill Volume 1.

A story of revenge, Kill Bill piecemeals the story of The Bride/Black Mamba (Uma Thurman) and Bill (David Carradine) over a span of more than four hours. In Vol. 1, Tarantino delivers an overdose of martial arts as his Bride begins her rampage of revenge after coming out of a four year coma suffered at the hands of Bill, her mentor and lover who guns her down at the church where she is supposed to be married.

In fact, Bill and his cohorts kill all nine members of the wedding party, including the preacher and his wife.

A trademark of Tarantino's movies is his non-linear storytelling. He feeds the viewer a tiny piece at a time, leaving the moviegoer wanting more, anxious for the next morsel. Kill Bill is no different. However, Tarantino uses his chapters within the story to switch film-making styles, combining the

splashing blood and snapping limbs style of martial arts movies that he grew up on with the anime form of ultra-violent animations best known in Japan.

He mimics the epic-story telling of Japanese-style martial arts movies, where the main characters are mere degrees more evil than each other. The heroine, Thurman, is no saint, but the lead assassin of the Deadly Viper Assassination Squad (DiVAS), who recants her violent lifestyle and disappears when she discovers she is pregnant.

"The baby is yours," are the last words out of her mouth as Bill pulls the trigger on her as she lays bloodied and battered on the floor of the Texas wedding chapel. From that powerful scene, Tarantino builds an epic story of revenge and love.

On her way to kill  
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**Salado Dog Daze coming June 26**

The Salado Dog Daze, sponsored by the Salado Business Association, will kick off June 26 with registration for games and competitions at 9 a.m. Admission and participation in the competitions is free.

A Dog Stroll will start the day's events. Prizes will be given for a variety of categories.

A petting zoo, a storytelling corner at the Salado Public Library are other attractions for little owners.

For more information on Salado Dog Daze contact the Salado Chamber of Commerce at (254) 947-5040.

**Ing's to host gourd artist**

Ing's, located in the Shops at Stagecoach on Main Street, will host gourd-artist Dana Miller for a meet-and-greet the day of May 1.

Miller is a skilled artist, having worked in a variety of mediums over her lifetime, but her gourd-art is a relatively recent addition to her artistic repertoire. The meet-and-greet is open to everyone. For more information, contact Ing's at 254-947-4336.

**The Land That Never Was**  
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before boarding the ship that would carry them across the sea to tragedy.

The voyage would be arduous, they knew, but it was a small concern, for prosperity surely awaited them.

Instead, they arrived to nothing. No capitol city, no country, no army, no civil service. Nothing. The scam was on.

And that's only part of the drama. The rest Sinclair writes with a commanding prose that reads less like a dry non-fiction account than an engrossing narrative related with

vigor. Extensively foot-noted, **The Land That Never Was** never drags, but occasionally Sinclair makes too liberal a use of extant accounts, such as diary entries, to tell the story. A choice that is somewhat quizzical, given his innate skill at spinning a yarn.

Told equally from both sides, it's evident that Sinclair's main interest is in the complexities of MacGregor himself, a man who traded the lives of others for personal gain with the blitheness of an innocent, and never bemoaned the

damage he wrought. Years after the hoax, MacGregor was laid to rest in a state burial, lauded as a war hero by the Venezuelan people. Forgotten was Poyais, the sins seemingly going to earth with the man.

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## Ellis to tell stories at Civic Center

Stories have more than the power to entertain, they have the power to transform. The transformative power of stories has inspired professional storyteller Elizabeth Ellis for 25 years. On May 3-4 she will come to Salado to share her love of stories in the community's first Storyfest.

As Ellis tours Salado telling stories to children and adults, she will draw on her own life experience and the people she meets. Storytelling connects people by helping them to relate to one another, children to grandparents, neighbor to neighbor, adults to themselves.

Although Ellis will be center stage at the story-

telling events, she encourages the storyteller in everyone. "Storytelling is the most basic of human communication." Conversations around the water cooler, novels, plays, they all have a cast of characters and a beginning, middle and end, she said.

She said past generations told stories to teach children values like compassion, but changing American culture broke that connection between young and old.

"I think of myself as a public grandmother."

In that role, Ellis will tell folktales to students at Thomas Arnold Elementary School, May 3. That night, Ellis will tell stories for young and old

during family storytime 7 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center. "Stories strengthen family," she said.

Through family stories, Ellis encourages adults to remember their childhood. In turn, she encourages the young to recognize the former child in adults.

Young children naturally join in storytelling, she said. "We think in stories. It's hardwired in our genes. We're storytelling animals."

Ellis will tell interactive stories to pre-school children at the Salado Public Library 11-11:30 a.m. May 4. People sometimes think storytime is only for children, Ellis said, but as the success of Garrison Keillor's Prairie Home

Companion demonstrates, adults hunger to hear stories.

Filling that need, Ellis will join two storytellers, Tim Tingle and Doc Moore, at 7 p.m. May 4 at the Salado Civic Center. Quiet, attentive children may also attend.

Moore tells traditional stories from Anglo-Texan culture. Tingle draws on the lore of his native Choctaw Nation.

All events are free and open to the public, except the school event for students. For the family storytime and the storyfest, seating is limited, so call for tickets at the Salado Public Library, 947-9191, or the Salado Chamber of Commerce, 947-5040.

## Writers' Retreat in Salado June 4-6

The Writers' League of Texas will conduct a writing retreat, in conjunction with Salado's Living Room Theatre, featuring author, playwright and screenwriter William Jack (Bill) Sibley.

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"My plans are to do some traveling, fishing, hunting and spending time with Betty, my beautiful wife, friend and partner of 57 years, visiting our two sons and seven grandchil-

dren.

Phillips' last day with Hidden Springs will be April 30. He invites property owners and friends to come meet Roger Grisham, who will assume Phillips' position as project manager.

"Roger has been with us since we opened the doors at Hidden Springs," Phillips said, "and has consistently been our top salesperson every year, I expect Roger will continue that success in his new position."

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## Excellence in Education teacher nominations due

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**Garage Sale**



**Neighborhood Garage Sale - Fri. & Sat. 8 a.m.-noon.** Corner of Old Mill Rd. & Chisholm Trl. R4/28

**Salado Area Republican Women Garage Sale - 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Sat., May 1 - Brookshire Bros. parking lot, Salado.** Many good things. B4/28

**Yard Sale:** 1619 Mill Creek Dr. Sat., May 1, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.. Furniture, home decor, baby items, books, bedding sets, dishes, clothes, and much more. P4/28

**Neighborhood Garage Sale:** mower, furniture, books, dishes, table saw, curtains, bicycles, more items. Mill Creek, 1102-2200 Indian Tr., Sat., May 1, 8 a.m.-noon. R4/28

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## Garage Sale



**Huge Multi Family Yard Sale.** Fri., April 30 & Sat., May 1 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Go south on I-35 to exit 285 frontage road to FM 2843. Go right about 8 miles, turn right on Cedar Valley Road - 1 mile to P.O. Box 13910. Antique Sofa with matching chair, several silver pieces, furniture, bedding, clothes (all sizes), crafts, knick-knacks, glassware, pictures, mechanic tools, woodwork tools, lawn mower & some commercial tools.

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**Location! Location! Location!** Home on the Golf Course. View from Tee to Green, at Mill Creek's #3 hole, on creek 2. Custom 3/2.5, 2 story with 2 Flex rooms, and home office/dining area. Large island kitchen with Corian countertops and sink, and Craftmaid cabinets. Window seats. Large master bath with Jacuzzi tub. Extra large detached garage. Water softener. Security system. Balcony, front, and back porch and patio. Lots of trees on 1/2 acre lot. Built in 2001. For sale by owner at \$269,900. Call (254) 947-0693 or cell (512) 554-4987. TFN

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

**Homes For Sale**



Another custom home by **Westerfield Homes** Walk into elegance with wood flooring throughout breakfast, kitchen, LR, DR, entry & study. Double crown molding in main living areas & beautiful custom cabinets & granite counter tops in kitchen. Spacious front porch overlooks Mill Creek golf course, but is positioned on a corner lot to enhance privacy. \$324,900. Call C-21 - Bill Bartlett, 254-947-5050.

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**\$185,000** - Spacious 4 BR home in Mill Creek. Backs up to bluff with beautiful trees. Great deck on back with privacy, perfect for reaxing or entertaining.



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**\$247,500** - Lots of updates in this spacious 4 BR home, including Kraftmaid kitchen, hardwood floors, bathroom fixtures & carpet. Pool renovated in 2003. Large bonus room. \$5,000 allowance to complete remodeling. 60 acres offer plenty of room for horses.



**\$199,000** - Walk into a large open living area with a vaulted ceiling that is enhanced with a wood burning rock fireplace. The kitchen in this home has custom made cabinets with an eat-in bar. A dining room opens into the kitchen and living area providing a wonderful place to entertain friends. A large master BR allows enough room for a sitting area or office. The other two bedrooms are separate from the master to allow for privacy.



**\$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.



**\$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. \$5,000 decorating allowance.



**\$109,500** - Large covered deck makes this home perfect for the backyard barbecue. Located in the country on 3/4 of an acre, this 2 BR, 2 BA, 2 living room home is ideally located for easy access to I-35 or Killeen. Open living, dining and kitchen gives the home a warm atmosphere for entertaining or spending time with the family. Built in 1996.



**\$325,000** - Watch the golfers tee off on Hole #4 from the large covered porch on this home. Formal DR, formal LR and breakfast area create an open, relaxed environment. The kitchen has a bar that overlooks the family room for easy entertaining. Hardwood floors throughout the formals, granite countertops with beautiful custom cabinets in the kitchen, and wonderful crown molding in main living areas. Located on a corner lot in Mill Creek.



**\$169,900** - Entertain your friends in the backyard of a beautiful lot in Mill Creek just minutes from the golf course. Large trees provide shade from the warm summer sun. This 3 BR, 2.5 BA two story home is made complete with a formal LR & DR, a family room with fireplace, & a large open kitchen.

## Residential

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- \$189,000 - Courtyard entry, 3 BR. Decorating allowance.
- \$189,900 - Spacious home overlooks 18th Fairway.
- \$199,000 - Secluded home on 2.3 acres with lake view - SOLD
- \$199,000 - 3 BR, 2 BA open living area w/vaulted ceiling.
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- \$209,800 - 2 story country style home & shop. 3.5 acres.
- \$219,000 - 3 BR, 2.5 BA across from Salado Creek.

- \$247,500 - 4 BR home on 60 acres in Rogers.
- \$259,500 - 3 BR overlooking Salado Creek & #13 Green.
- \$259,900 - 4 BR home w/ pool & waterfall, landscaped.
- \$267,900 - 4 BR, 2-1/2 BA overlooking golf course - UC
- \$279,000 - 4 BR home on 5 acres with covered porch.
- \$299,900 - 3 or 4 BR home on almost 2 acres - UC
- \$324,900 - 4 BR, 3-1/2 BA home overlooking golf course.
- \$325,000 - 4 BR Home overlooking Mill Creek #4 hole.
- \$328,000 - 73.98 acres with cabin, pool & RV hookups.
- \$330,000 - 15 acres, 3 BR, 2 BA, gameroom, RV garage.
- \$338,500 - 4,000 SF home on 2 acres in Woods of Salado.
- \$389,000 - Wrap around porch, oak trees, 14.5 acres & pond.
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- \$1,249,000 - Executive 4 BR home on Salado Creek.

## Acreage Available

- 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

- 700 Indian Trail. - \$30,000
- Fletcher Ct. - \$68,000 - UC
- O.W. Lowrey - \$70,000
- 1401 Mill Creek Dr. - \$100,000

### Woods of Salado Lots

- Mountain Dr. - Lot 5A, 5B, 6A - \$45,000 each.
- Hodge Canyon Dr. - \$39,500

### Other Lots

- 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 St. - UC
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Approximately 20 acres with Buttermilk Creek. **\$125,000.**



Ready to move? This custom 3/2-1/2/2 contemporary is available for closing. Beautiful upgrades such as tile flooring, plantation shutters, butlers pantry and decorator colors. Split bedrooms with large master suite. **\$245,000.**

SHOWCASE HOME



Located facing Hole 5 Creek 2 of Mill Creek is this beautiful 3/2/2. Features include hardwood flooring and formal dining. Enjoy outdoor entertaining at the stone fireplace just off the covered patio. **\$214,000.**



Close to the village. This midsize 3/2/2 has a great open floor plan with split bedrooms. One acre lot. **\$159,900.**



PRIVATE, PRIVATE, PRIVATE. Many trees surround this large 3/2 log cabin home on approximately 76 acres. **\$440,000.**



Price Reduced A message of attainment enhances this gorgeous brick Traditional style home on country setting. Space aplenty. Covered patio includes hot tub. **\$295,000.**



REDUCED!!! A large fireplace enhances the family room of this 3/2/2 located on approx. 4 acres. Many trees provide a peaceful setting. House has updated features including new cabinets and flooring. **\$207,900.**



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**Acreage**

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Approx. 2 acres near golf course in Mill Creek. Beautiful trees. **\$38,995.**  
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Indian Trail at Blaylock, lg corner lot, 90x188 - **\$36,000.**  
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Mill Creek Lot - **\$39,900.**

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**Commercial**

3 acres commercial property fronting I-35, Phase 3. **\$89,900.**  
Excellent Commercial: Corner of West Village Rd. & IH-35 at exit 285 - **UNDER CONTRACT**  
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**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.**  
5+ acres fronting SH 190 and Boxer Road. Great commercial location. City water available. **\$299,000.**  
Under Construction - Too many features to list priced at. **\$369,000.**