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Aldermen shelve Noise Ordinance, help Rotarians

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Salado aldermen shelved the proposed Noise Ordinance during an Aug. 7 meeting and told concerned Rotarians that the Village would work within the law to continue to allow golf carts on city streets during festivals, such as the Art Fair.

"Do we really need a noise ordinance," Alderman Michael Cooper asked the board.

The Noise Ordinance was drafted after the Comprehensive Plan steering committee addressed the issue of home occupations. Mayor Charlotte Douglass explained that the Village did not want to discourage home occupations, but wants to be sure that home occupations are not a nuisance to neighboring residents.

The board decided that home occupation issues could be adequately regulated through the proposed Zoning Ordinance, which provides for performance standards including noise emissions from properties.

The Development Standards and Use Regulations section has performance standards for smoke, particulate matter, odorous matter, fire, or explosive hazard material, toxic and noxious matter, vibration and glare.

The performance standards of the proposed Zoning Ordinance outlines the decibel limits allowed, ranging from 65 decibels to a maximum of 86 decibels at the property line.

With the regulations of the performance standards in reference to noise, Aldermen decided that the Noise Ordinance itself was unnecessary at this time.

Aldermen may revisit the Noise Ordinance if nuisance type noise, such as stereos and parties, becomes a problem.

In other business, aldermen told Salado Rotary Club representatives that the Village would work to ensure that the club could continue to provide golf cart transportation on village streets to festival attendees.

Salado Rotary Club, with the help of Fairway Golf Carts, has provided rides in golf carts to and from the Salado Art Fair. They have taken Art Fair goers from Pace Park to their vehicles and to stores in the business district.

Rotary member Dale Gore said that "the goodwill engendered is good for Salado. Since we carry ads from local merchants on the golf carts, we often take shoppers to a store or a restaurant after helping them unload their Art Fair purchases at their cars."

Gore added that the golf cart shuttle services was appreciated by those going to the Art Fair, as well as by the shops in town.

Rotary members sell ads that are attached to the top of the golf carts to local businesses. They also accept donations from riders. Funds raised benefit Salado through scholarships to local students and other activities.

It is a substantial fund
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Lions update phone book

The Salado Lions Club is in the process of gathering information for their next phone directory, set to hit the stands in December.

The phone book is published bi-annually, and as such, the club would like everyone who resides in Salado to be included in the white pages, including those who are recent move-

ins to the area.

Additionally, anyone who would like to change a phone number, address or name from their previous listing is encouraged to notify the club of their change.

All new information should be directed to Lion Hulda Horton at the Salado Civic Center, 947-8300, as soon as possible.



Salado Volunteer Firemen responded to a vehicular fire Aug. 8, off the southbound side of I-35. On arriving at the scene, they encountered flames rising nearly 10 feet. No injuries were reported, and it is believed the car succumbed to an electrical malfunction. (PHOTO BY CHRIS MCGREGOR)

First day of school Aug. 18

Salado teachers and administrators are preparing for an estimated 1,050 students for the first day of the 2003-04 school year Aug. 18.

Teachers return to school for three days of professional development Aug. 13-15 to prepare for students at Thomas Arnold Elementary, Salado Intermediate and Salado High Schools.

Students will have 180 instructional days with the final day of school May 27, 2004.

The following are student and teacher holidays: Sept. 1, Oct. 13, Nov. 26-28, Dec. 22-Jan. 1,

March 15-19, April 9 and April 12.

Students will also have the following days off, while teachers have professional development days: Jan. 2 (students return to school on Monday, Jan. 5), Feb. 8, Feb. 13 and May 28.

The following days are noon release days: Sept. 26, Nov. 7, Dec. 19 (to begin Christmas break), Feb. 20, April 8 and May 27.

Students will be released at 2:55 p.m. on these days: Sept. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 12, Dec. 10, Dec. 17, Dec. 18, Jan. 14, March 10, March 14, May 12, May 25 and May 26.

If school days have to be made up due to bad weather absences, Feb. 13 and/or April 12 will become regular school days. School closings due to weather will be announced on KCEN, KWTX, KXXV television stations and WACO-FM, KCKR-FM, KWTX-FM, KBRQ-FM, KWTX-AM, KRZI-AM, KEYR-FM and KBCT-FM. Also, school closings will be posted on the school district's website www.saladoisd.org.

The following days mark the end of six weeks grading periods: Sept. 26, Nov. 7, Dec. 19, Feb. 20,

April 9 and May 27.

The TAKS test will be given to students on the following dates:

Feb. 24: Writing grades four and seven; Reading grade nine, ELA grades 10 and 11.

March 3: Reading grade three.

April 27: Mathematics grades 3-8 and 11; Social Studies grade 10.

April 28: Reading grades 4-8; Mathematics grade 10; Science grade 11.

April 29: Science grades 5 and 10; Social Studies, Grades 8 and 11; Mathematics, Grade 9.



Bridge Work

Pictured are Department of Transportation workers putting the finishing touches on a new guard rail that will take the place of the old walking bridge, near Rock Creek Dr. on the east side of Main St. Now, all foot traffic at that point will have to be routed through the Green Bridge across the street.

(PHOTO BY CHRIS MCGREGOR)

FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas



The Saudi Cover-Up

Saddam Hussein never got it. He didn't realize that personal schmoozing in Washington and spreading lots of money around to former and soon-to-be U.S. government officials were the keys to realizing his geopolitical ambitions. He, in short, never learned the Saudi lesson.

How else to explain the differing treatments of the Iraqi and Saudi governments?

The Bush administration included a line in this year's State of the Union address about Saddam's alleged efforts to acquire uranium in Africa that was defensible, but hardly bulletproof -- prompting an (overblown) national scandal. Now the administration is withholding from a congressional report sections dealing with Saudi support and financing for terrorism -- which should prompt a (long-overdue) national scandal.

The only apparent reason to keep the Saudi section under wraps is that it will embarrass Riyadh. If so, President Bush should have, at the outset, announced an important codicil to the Bush Doctrine that foreign governments have to choose between supporting us or supporting the terrorists -- unless it discomfits the Saudi royal family.

Riyadh created a worldwide Islamic extremist network that provides the sea in which al-Qaida swims. Saudi "charities" have pumped funds to terror groups. Saudi-funded Islamic schools promoted the radicalization of Islam in Pakistan and provided the recruits for the Taliban terror regime in Afghanistan.

According to a report in Newsweek, the 9-11 report documents how a Saudi who might have been a government agent had ties to two of the suicide hijackers living in San Diego prior to the attacks.

But Saudi flack Prince Bandar has extensive personal relationships with top Washington policy-makers -- he used to

The Rich Lowry Column

play racquetball with Colin Powell -- and knows the way to official Washington's heart: cash. The Saudis make a practice of buying former U.S. ambassadors to Saudi Arabia. "If the reputation then builds that the Saudis take care of friends when they leave office," Bandar once said, "you'd be surprised how much better friends you have who are just coming into office."

So, when a terrorist conspiracy with Saudi links murders 3,000 Americans, the Saudis are treated very gently. The Bush administration does not usually skimp on tough rhetoric, but has hardly said a discouraging public word about the Saudis, and now is actively keeping such words from being published.

The U.S. government has a moral obligation to give the American public as much information as possible about what forces led to the mass murder of 9-11. And embarrassment is something the Saudis need more of. The Saudis will respond to public pressure, so long as the United States doesn't keep them from feeling it.

The Democrats have been flailing for most of the past two years, attempting to find some way to criticize Bush's handling of the war on terror. The overly solicitous attitude toward Saudi Arabia is a ripe and legitimate target. Here's hoping that Democrats fix on it in earnest. It's not just in their partisan self-interest -- it is their patriotic duty.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

Amendments address jury size; uncontested elections; Permanent School Fund earnings

(WRITER'S NOTE: THIS IS THE THIRD IN A SERIES DEALING WITH THE 22 PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS THAT WILL BE PRESENTED TO VOTERS ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13. DUE TO THE COMPLEXITIES OF SOME OF THESE AMENDMENTS, AS WELL AS THEIR IMPORTANCE TO EACH OF US PERSONALLY, WE WILL DEVOTE THIS WEEK'S ENTIRE "OFF THE RECORD" SPACE TO THE ANALYSIS OF PROPOSITIONS SEVEN, EIGHT (PLUS ATTENDANT AMENDMENT 18), NINE, AND TEN WHICH DEAL WITH SUCH MATTERS AS REDUCING THE SIZE OF CERTAIN JURIES; UNCONTESTED ELECTIONS; THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND AND ALLOWING STATE PROPERTY TO BE DONATED.

OVER THE PAST TWO WEEKS THIS COLUMN HAS OUTLINED AMENDMENTS ONE THROUGH SIX PLUS ITS CARBON COPY #16. WE PLAN TO COVER THE BALANCE OF THE PROPOSALS DURING THE NEXT THREE WEEKS LEADING UP TO THE SEPTEMBER 13 ELECTION - USING EITHER ALL OR PART OF EACH WEEK'S COLUMN SPACE.)

AMENDMENT SEVEN JURY SIZE CHANGE

Amendment Seven, if approved by voters, would reduce the size of district court criminal misdemeanor juries, from 12 members to six.

Trimming district court juries to six members would bring them into conformity with the county court's criminal misdemeanor juries and would, according to those favoring such a change, result in time and money savings without "sacrificing the merits of a 12 person jury."

The Bell County District Attorney's office noted that this amendment would have little local impact since very few criminal misdemeanor trials are held at the district court level - most going before county juries except in rare cases that involve the possible removal of an elected official.

The only argument presented against this amendment complains that reducing the size of a jury might weaken the procedural protection of a 12 member jury.

Recommend passage of Amendment Seven.

AMENDMENTS EIGHT & EIGHTEEN-UNCONTESTED ELECTIONS

Amendment Eight and its "look-alike" amendment "Eighteen" - immediately raises the puzzling question of: "Why have two indistinguishable amendments on the same ballot when one would have sufficed?" Answer (naturally) is: "Impossible to logically explain the legislature and its actions or inactions!"

The two amendments, if either passes, would provide that unopposed candidates, in any election, would be listed at the end of the ballot under the heading "Unopposed." County clerks would not be required to deal with them when votes are tabulated.

Under current law - unopposed candidates are counted just like contenders in races that are contested - thus adding time and money to the process for no legitimate reason.

County Clerk Vada Sutton praised the proposed amendments although she was also at a loss to understand why there were two redundant amendments concerning the same subject. She further noted that with unopposed candidates excluded from the counting process, the savings will be considerable and certainly more efficient with less chance of ballot tabulation error.

Opposition to the amendment notes that the new type ballot (with unopposed candidates listed together): "Deprives voters of their right to vote for the candidate of their choice." An argument that is specious at best since no one is "deprived" of a choice when there is only one candidate for a given office.

Off the Record

by Ken Clapp



Recommend that Amendments Eight and Eighteen be approved.

AMENDMENT NINE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND

Amendment Nine, if approved by voters on September 13, would allow the State Board of Education to distribute both interest and capital gains from the Permanent School Fund (PSF) to the Available School Fund (ASF). Adding capital gains would increase the flow of dollars to the ASF, in the next biennium, by an estimated \$287 million for a grand total (counting normal bond appreciation) of nearly \$1.8 billion as compared to the current biennial income from bond interest only, of \$1.4 billion.

Passage of this amendment would create a new fiscal policy of "total return" of interest from all assets of the PSF and mirror the policy used by the Permanent University Fund (approved by voters in 1999).

Passage of Amendment Nine would allow both bond interest and capital gains from stock equities (plus stock interest) to be distributed to the public schools, rather than interest from bonds alone, as is currently the case. The obvious advantage being to increase the dollar flow to the schools of Texas at a time when local property owners are having to pick up more of the cost of education each year.

On the other hand - taking some of the stock equity and interest from the fund during sharp market declines as we have experienced in recent months, could affect the "principal" of the fund. The Permanent School Fund is unique among the nation's governmentally controlled endowment funds in that it conservatively restricts use of income only from bond interest and as a result is considered one of the most stable funds in the country.

Weighing the pros and cons of taking bond interest and interest (plus capital gains) from stocks and other asset equities, it is evident there is risk involved. Since we are dealing here with trust monies that go directly to the public schools, even the slightest danger to this great endowment fund must be avoided.

Therefore, it is recommended that Amendment Nine be defeated.

AMENDMENT TEN SURPLUS PROPERTY

Amendment Ten, if passed, would remove the Constitutional prohibition concerning the donation of state property, even if the items are termed "surplus" and no longer in use.

Specifically, the amendment was designed to allow municipalities to donate "surplus" fire-fighting equipment and/or supplies to rural volunteer fire departments within the State.

Authors of this amendment reasoned that many of the State's rural fire fighters do not receive sufficient funding to purchase such equipment, so allowing large city fire departments to re-cycle unneeded but workable pieces of equipment, is cost effective and certainly provides for the common good.

The only argument against such a change in the law comes from those who feel the amendment should have included a "finding of fact" to be certain there is a proven need shown by the receiving fire department.

This proposal has definite merit and it is recommended that voters approve Amendment Ten.

That's -30-

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Labor position is lonely job for former Heritage member

By Ed Feulner

When she left The Heritage Foundation more than two years ago, I felt certain Elaine Chao was heading off to one of the loneliest jobs in the country: Labor Secretary for a Republican president.

During her tenure, the Bush administration has reached out to labor leaders, but it's a tough sell. Despite her overtures, the big unions remain staunch supporters of more liberal candidates.

But that hasn't stopped Chao from trying to make life better for low-income laborers. For example, the Labor Department is trying to update the laws governing overtime - laws first written during the Great Depression. Clearly, the job market has changed since then. When's the last time you saw a classified ad seeking a "leg man" or "straw boss," terms that remain in the current law?

Unfortunately, labor laws haven't kept up. Today, companies can classify employees who make just \$8,061 per year as "exempt," meaning they would be ineligible for overtime. Chao has proposed raising that threshold to \$22,000, a step that would immediately make an additional 1.2 million workers eligible for time-and-a-half.

While that change would help the poorest laborers, it wouldn't hurt most blue-collar workers. Union members who work under collective bargaining agreements would make at least as much under the new proposal as they do today. This includes most firefighters, nurses and police officers.

Who's leading the opposition to the changes? Another group that traditionally lines up behind liberals: Trial lawyers.

Because current law is so confusing, many companies struggle to determine which jobs are eligible for overtime, and which are not. Trial lawyers exploit this confusion: They pore over work roles until they find groups that seem mislabeled, and then file class-action lawsuits.

It's a booming business. In 2001 there were more suits filed over overtime

pay than suits alleging discrimination in the workplace. And why not? If a lawyer can convince a court that a company has made a mistake, he can force that company to shell out millions of dollars in back pay.

For example, two years ago, the Farmers Insurance Exchange of California was slapped with a \$90 million judgement because it hadn't been paying overtime to its claims adjusters. More recently, Radio Shack and Starbucks surrendered without a fight. Those companies coughed up \$30 million and \$18 million, respectively, to settle out of court with store managers.

Under Chao's changes, those white-collar workers who make more than \$65,000 would lose their right to overtime under the new laws. But keep in mind the original reason for such laws: To benefit poor laborers. Middle-class managers and professionals were never supposed to be covered.

Besides, these laws might well make life better for many in the middle class. The new regulations would allow companies to create a modern work force with more, better-paying white-collar positions. They also would allow companies to create more flexible work schedules. That means many of the new executives, who are now mostly hourly workers punching in at nine and punching out at five, would be able to spend more time with their families. As long as they remained productive, they could do their work any time they chose.

Trial lawyers and union leaders have never been eligible for overtime. Sadly, they are working hard to make sure that our poorest employees aren't, either.

Chaos probably does feel lonely sometimes. But if she can succeed in her attempt to reform our outdated labor laws, it will all be worth it. She'll have earned the gratitude of millions of working Americans.

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Readers on good & bad of Salado

To the Editor:

As I make my two mile power walk/run each morning in Mill Creek, I never cease to be amazed by the quantities of trash and litter that accumulates and is strewn about, lining the streets and drainage ways of our fair village. This cancerous growth of wrappers, cartons, food containers, plastic bags, containers, paper and polystyrene is proliferating itself at such a rapid rate that, if let alone, would cover the entire planet Earth under an eight foot thick layer of debris in five years or less.

I am greatly disturbed that there is such a blatant disregard for our environment and the image our community projects to others by Salado.

Five years ago when we bought land to build our house in Mill Creek, we were led to believe that it was a really upscale neighborhood where people proudly maintained their property and investment. For the most part that is true.

Howbeit, there are some thoroughfares handling a lion's share of the construction traffic that are not good stewards of the environment and use the streets of Salado for trash cans. Perhaps two or three citations for littering with stiff fines might get their attention. A couple of well placed officers during construction rush hour might do it. This is not to say that construction workers create the whole problem. There are other groups who contribute to the problems. They shall go unnamed, but they know who they are.

Some months ago the Mill Creek Community Association called a one day "work-a-thon" to collect trash in Mill Creek. You would be astonished at the quantity...several truck loads of full, large bags.

The amazing thing was that when I walked the next morning, trash was already beginning to accumulate! BAH HUMBAG!!! Is there no justice?

Your Voice

Letters to the Editor

Come on folks! Where is our spirit of civic pride?
Allen Rice
Salado

Note: Parts of the following letter have been edited to protect the identity of the business involved. The letter was sent to the business, the Salado Chamber of Commerce and the Salado Village Voice.

To the Editor:

On Aug. 3, my family and I took a weekend vacation in the Austin area. On our way home we made the decision to stop in Salado to do a bit of shopping.

We have always enjoyed the nice shops and friendly people that we've encountered. This shop was the first one that we came across. We walked in and found many fine and exquisite pieces. Many were museum quality.

Now to the point of my letter. I came in and was fascinated by one of the roll top desks there. I've been searching for one to put in my home office.

As I was looking at it, I began to open one of the drawers to further examine the quality of the piece. At this time, I was met by a gentleman who very rudely said, "If you're not planning to buy the desk, don't touch it!"

He also continued by saying, "If we let everyone touch our furniture it would get ruined."

At that point it made no difference how fine a desk I thought it was, I definitely would not be buying it from this store.

I immediately stepped away from the desk and bought a book that I planned to use for my classroom research and left.

I have been to several antique shops and own many fine pieces as well. I have never encountered such rudeness in a place of business in all my life.

I've always heard and

found to be true that "word of mouth" advertising from customers is the best form of advertising. I will make sure that this shop is no exception. I plan to tell anyone interested in visiting Salado to avoid this store if at all possible.

Mrs. C.L. Brock,
A disappointed customer from Crowley, Tx.

Dear Editor:

Tuesday's "National Night Out" was special in Pace Park. A lot of folks came together for hot dogs and the works, cooked and served by our police, fire department, EMS and C.O.P.'s.

The emergency air-lift helicopter flew in to let us see another service we have in Salado. The children enjoyed games and rides on the fire trucks.

After almost 29 years in Salado, I am always pleased and surprised by the work of our volunteers who live here and nearby.

Year after year, events in the spring, summer, fall and winter are carried out successfully by all the people who give so unselfishly of themselves.

May we never tire of doing what makes our Village of Salado so great.

Doris Denman,
Salado

To the Editor:

Thank you Salado! The Back-to-School clothing drive, sponsored by the Salado Family Relief Fund, has been a success.

The generosity of the people provided a new outfit and new school supplies for more than 75 children on the important first day of school.

Steven and Mary
Catherine Ervin
Salado

We don't need this pal



Jim Hightower

Would you like to have a PAL - someone who shares your comings and goings, knows you about as well as you know yourself, can help you remember and understand what's going on around you, and becomes your lifelong buddy?

Well, good news - the Pentagon, using a few million of our tax dollars, is developing a PAL for you, me, and everyone! PAL is Pentagonese for "Perceptive Assistant that Learns." It's a small, super-sophisticated, wireless computer that you wear without others knowing about it. Your PAL has sensors that see, hear, read, taste, touch, collect, and store all that you experience. It becomes a secret part of your apparel and existence, allowing you to keep not merely a record of your every encounter, but to have any detail of your experiences instantly retrievable and made comprehensible.

PAL is the gathering device that assembles a little digital "you" through its sensors, plugging this "you" into a centralized database and a cognitive computer system that the Pentagon calls: LifeLog. The total package is some combination of cyber-scrabbler, Harvey the Rabbit...and an Orwellian nightmare.

Oh, don't be alarmist, assert the Dr. Strange-likes pushing this system at the Pentagon, insisting that it's all voluntary. The official description of LifeLog says: "The goal of the data collection is to 'see what I see,' rather than to 'see me,'" noting that the user's privacy is assured since said user can click off PAL's sensors at any time.

Do they think we have suckerwrappers around our heads? Maybe the user can switch off PAL, but the unsuspecting people that the user encounters, records, sniffs, and otherwise experiences can't. We'll all have PALs, silently snooping on each other and dumping this whole load of personal data into the Pentagon's LifeLog computer that will provide total recall for whoever has access to it.

With a PAL like this, who needs enemies?



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New driver points system could be more hassle than help

A provision hidden in a massive bill signed into law by the recent legislative session will mean a significant increase in costs to traffic offenders and intoxicated drivers, as well as likely increase in the workload of the County Attorney's Office, said Rick Miller, Bell County Attorney.

House Bill 3588, signed into law June 22 and effective Sept. 1, established significant changes to State procedures in planning for transportation needs. To help pay for some of those needs, the bill adopts a "driver responsibility program" that creates certain surcharges paid to the state by traffic violators and persons convicted of driving while intoxicated.

The drivers license of persons convicted of moving traffic violations in Texas or other states will incur "points" arising from each violation.

For a conviction of a moving violation, two

points will be assigned. If an accident is involved, three points will be assigned. However, no points will be assigned to speeding violations where the person was exceeding the speed limit by less than 10 percent, except in school crossing zones.

Each year, the Department of Public Safety shall assess a "surcharge," payable to the state, on the license of each person who accumulated six or more points in the previous 36-month period.

Motorists who have accumulated five points will receive notice from the DPS that they are flirting with a surcharge. The surcharge will be \$100 for the first six points and \$25 for each additional point. This surcharge will be in addition to any fine and costs assessed upon conviction of each violation.

Intoxicated drivers get whacked a little harder, said Miller. Each year the DPS will assess a surcharge of

\$1,000 on the license of anyone who was finally convicted during the previous 36 months of operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated; i.e., a total of \$3,000 for one conviction, payable at \$1,000 annually. If it is a second or subsequent conviction, the annual surcharge for three years will be \$1,500. There will be a \$2,000 annual surcharge if the person took a breath or blood test at the time of arrest and the test resulted in an alcohol concentration level of 0.16 or more.

In addition, Miller stated, a person convicted of driving without a valid license will have an annual \$100 surcharge for three years.

If a person fails to pay the surcharge within 30 days when notified by the DPS, his or her driver's license will be automatically suspended until the surcharge and any related costs are paid. The DPS is authorized by the legislation to set up installment payments, as well as to accept credit card payments.

On receipt of the surcharge payments from around the state, the DPS will turn over those funds to the State Comptroller, of which 49.5 percent will be deposited into the state's general revenue fund. Another 49.5 percent will be deposited into a trauma facility and emergency medical services account to help fund such facilities throughout the state. One

percent of the money will go to the DPS for administration of the "driver responsibility program."

In addition to the surcharges, the legislation also tacked on a \$30 court cost, to be remitted to the State Comptroller, with five percent retained by the city or county as a "service fee" for collection, Miller said.

Miller stated that he anticipates that this legislation will translate into fewer suspected intoxicated drivers taking a breath test and more persons charged with DWI opting for a trial rather than pleading guilty, which means an increase in the workload of his office.

In addition, there will likely be a startling increase in the number of people driving on a suspended license, which is a Class B Misdemeanor itself, punishable by a fine of up to \$500 and a six-month jail term.

"There's a whole lot of folks out there who won't be able to afford the surcharges in addition to the fines, court costs, and lawyer fees involved in the original case itself," Miller said.

"That will translate into more suspended drivers licenses and uninsured motorists. I wish the legislature would think these things through. It ends up being another unfunded mandate on the county, and no real answer to the terrible problem of drunk drivers."

For the year, a total of 644 DWI cases had been filed with Miller's office through the end of June.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Salado Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:00 p.m., August 25, 2003 in the Salado Civic Center

601 N. Main, Salado TX. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.3850	\$ 0.1850 *	\$ 1.5700	\$ 4,875	\$ 1,804
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.5049	\$ 0.1908 *	\$ 1.6957	\$ 5,219	\$ 1,439
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.4100	\$ 0.1700 *	\$ 1.5800	\$ 5,489	\$ 1,443

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 153,984	\$ 157,324
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 129,702	\$ 138,556
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.5700	\$ 1.5800
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 2,036.32	\$ 2,189.18
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 152.86

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.7719. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.7719.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 913,843
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 23,048

Salado School Menus

August 18 - 22

Breakfast Menu

August 18: Waffles, Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk

August 19: French Toast, Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk

August 20: Glazed Donut, Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk

August 21: Sausage Rolls, Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk

August 22: Biscuit, Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk

Lunch Menu

August 18: Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes, Texas Toast, Peas, Pears, Chef Salad, Hoagie, Milk

August 19: Steak Fingers, Oven Fries, Mixed Vegetables, Pineapple, Chef Salad, Hoagie, Milk

August 20: Pizza, Corn, Breadstick, Chef Salad, Hoagie, Chocolate Cake, Fruity Freeze, Milk

August 21: Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Pinto Beans, Carrot Sticks, Peaches, Hoagie, Chef Salad, Milk

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The online change of address process is simple. License and identification holders only need infor-

mation from their current driver license or identification card to complete the transaction. Address changes may be made separately or in conjunction with a driver license renewal. The online change of address service costs a total of \$11. If you renew at the same time, the total cost is \$25.

To be eligible, the license or identification card must not be expired, the applicant does not currently hold a provisional driver license, is over 18 years of age and their

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Evangelist Randles crusades Aug 17-20

The First Baptist Church of Salado has scheduled a crusade with evangelist Jon Randles 8:15 a.m., 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. Aug. 17, and 7 p.m. nightly Aug. 18-20.

Randles is the founder and president of the Jon Randles Evangelistic Association and Randles, Inc.,

located in Frisco, Texas. Through JREA, Randles is involved in evangelism, church growth conferences and evaluations, discipleship, student ministry, and missionary endeavors worldwide through speaking engagements, books, and tapes.

Through the medium of Randles, Inc., Randles provides non-religious motivational concepts of excellence and success to universities, public and private secondary schools, government agency personnel, and private sector business and industry through speaking engagements and conferences, as well as books and tapes. Randles is also a sought after speaker for motivating collegiate athletic teams including the football programs at the universities of Texas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Texas A&M, Texas Tech, Baylor, and Tulsa.

As a speaker for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), he also speaks regularly at FCA student camps and events that include national leadership camps from 1996-2001.

Randles has also been the key note for state-wide collegiate retreats in Texas in 1996 and 1997 and for Oklahoma athletes 1995-1998 and 2000. Other FCA events include hundreds of high school assemblies and rallies nation-wide. Since 1996

Randles has been called upon to address conventions of government agency personnel and private sector industry personnel on changing trends in society.

One of his video presentations is used in a number of Texas counties to train Department of Human Resources employees. Prior to forming JREA, Randles was the pastor of Indiana Avenue Baptist Church in Lubbock. Indiana Avenue was one of the nation's fastest growing congregations during his tenure there, 1988-1993 (26th in North America according to *Church Growth Magazine* - 1991). He was also the pastor of churches in Abilene and Graham.

While pastor of Indiana Avenue Baptist Church in Lubbock, church membership increased from 657 to 3,463. Exactly 620 persons were baptized and 2,702 were received in other ways. Worship growth increased from an average of 130 to 1,800.

Since forming JREA, recorded professions of faith in Christ have exceeded 1,000 each year as Randles conducts revivals, camps, conferences, and events in local churches.

Randles is a graduate of Hardin-Simmons University (1980), where he earned his BA in history.

He received his M.Div. degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (1986). He has also done work toward a Ph.D. in history at Texas Tech University.

Randles has been a trustee of Hardin-Simmons University since 1993, teaches periodically as an adjunct instructor of Old and New Testament history at the Lubbock center of Wayland University since 1991, and presently speaks in over 100 churches and 50 school districts a year coast to coast.

He also conducts in-service training events in conjunction with his motivational assemblies.

Randles is married to the former Kelly Dennis of Lubbock. She is also a graduate of Hardin-Simmons University (1979) and is currently working toward an MA degree at Texas Tech University. The Randles' have three children: Zack, Sam, and Hayley. Their son, Zack, is a graduate of Oklahoma State University, Sam is a freshman at Hardin-Simmons University, and Hayley is a junior in high school. They are active members of First Baptist Church in Frisco.

For crusade information, contact the First Baptist Church of Salado at 947-5465 or visit www.fbcshalado.org.

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SUNDAY

Worship	8:15 a.m.
Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Worship	10:45 a.m.
Adult Choir	5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Jr. High Halftime	5:00 p.m.
Fellowship Meal	5:30 p.m.
TeamKID (Preschool - 6th)	6:00 p.m.
Youth Choir	6:00 p.m.
Prayer Service	6:15 p.m.
Bible Drill (3rd - 6th)	7:00 p.m.
High School Halftime	7:00 p.m.

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St. Stephens women learn about xeriscaping

The St. Stephen Women's Society meeting on Aug. 11 provided an opportunity for members to learn more "Xeriscape Gardening for the Parish Grounds." Carlinda Rex, Master Gardener was the guest speaker and shared her expertise

with the society. A question and answer session followed for anyone who has landscape or planting questions for the dry Texas climate. Hostesses were Maurine Bluntzer, Carolyn Milliser and Mary Catherine Ervin.

Last month, the program was "A Lay Missionary's Experience in Guatemala by Mary and Andy Schnaubelt of Temple. Hostesses were Vicki Welsh, Sandy Gromacki, Sylvia Michalewicz and Phyllis Johnson.

Bible study classes begin Sept. 8 in Belton

The Temple/Belton Community Bible Study (CBS) night class will hold its first class meeting 7:30 p.m. Sept. 8 in the old sanctuary of the First Baptist Church in Belton. This year, the class is studying the Gospel of John. Anyone interested in joining the class is welcome to attend the introductory class Sept. 8.

There are more than 455 CBS adult classes in the country, as well as 44 teen classes.

The Temple/Belton CBS class will meet every Monday night from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Belton. Each week, participants received a reading commentary on the previous week's topic and a set of questions to work on each day covering the next week's reading.

These questions are discussed in small groups of about 15. Couples can

choose to participate together in a couple's small group or individually in a men's or women's small group. Following the small groups, there is a short lecture over the same section of scripture.

The class will break for several weeks at Christmas and finish at the end of April 2004.

To register or to receive additional information, please call Kathie Kimes 773-1842 or Richard Erickson 771-0237 in Temple or Curtis Gibson 526-9128 in Killeen.

Free concert held at St. Josephs Chapel

At 6:30 p.m. Aug. 16, there will be a free concert at St. Joseph's Episcopal Chapel (behind Fletcher's Books and Antiques), featuring local flutist, Denise Thomssen and recent graduate of Plano High School, Todd Cope.

As a young performer, Cope has already had many music opportunities and recognition as a fine clarinetist. He received a Merit Award in clarinet from the National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts; won the second annual Greater Dallas Youth Orchestra-Wind Symphony concerto competition and performed with the GDYOWS at the Majestic Theatre in Dallas; won the grand prize at the Dallas Symphonic Festival performing a movement of a concerto with Southern Methodist University's Meadow School of the Arts Orchestra.

He was also selected to play clarinet on the nationally televised radio show, 'From the Top' and was chosen as the grand prizewinner of the Collin County Young Artist Com-



Musicians Denise Thomssen and Todd Cope

petition. In addition, Cope has participated in the Texas All-Region Bands, Orchestras, and Jazz Bands. Furthermore, he earned a place in the 2002 and 2003 Texas Music Educators Association All-State Concerts.

He also received a Trustee Award of Excellence for his success during the 2001-2002 and 2002-2003 school years from the Plano School District. Cope was the recipient of the John Phillip Sousa Outstanding Band Award for the 2002-2003 school year as well as a finalist in the 2003 Oklahoma Clarinet Symposium Young Artist competition and the International Clarinet Association's High School Young Artist competition where he took second prize. In the fall, he will be majoring in Clarinet Performance at the College Conservatory of Music at the University of Cincinnati.

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UMHB registration opens Aug. 25-26

Registration for fall classes at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor is scheduled for Aug. 25-26.

Day classes at the UMHB campus begin Aug. 27. Night classes begin Sept. 2. The university will be closed Sept. 1 for the Labor Day.

Registration is based on the student's last name. Students with last names beginning with Q through Z and A through B only will register on Aug. 25. Students with last names beginning C through P will register on Aug. 26. Registration will close between 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. and between 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. Night registration will be from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on the same dates.

UMHB campus registration will be held in the Sanderford Administrative Complex. Fort Hood personnel and dependents may register at the Fort Hood UMHB office, room 256, G Wing, Building 3201. The UMHB office number at Fort Hood is 287-0615.

The UMHB Bookstore will be open during registration allowing students to purchase textbooks and supplies. For more information, contact the UMHB Admissions Office at 295-4520.

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Lankford age 93 passes away

Funeral services for Ima Brown Lankford, 93, of Salado, were held Aug. 11, 2003 at Dossman Funeral Chapel in Belton with Rev. Bobby Ellis officiating. Burial followed at Resthaven Cemetery.

Lankford died Aug. 8, 2003 at her home.

She was born Nov. 26, 1909 in Corn Hill to David and Ider Hicks Brown. She married Rev. Thomas J. Lankford on Dec. 4, 1926 in Georgetown. She was a life long resident of Bell County. She was a member of Cedar Knob Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband on Jan. 8, 1986; one son, T.J. Lankford in 1998 and grandson, Kenny Lankford in 1976.

Survivors include one son, Doyle Lankford of Salado; six grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

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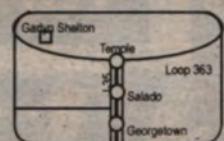
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07/01	9:54 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
07/02	6:37 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
07/04	8:25 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
07/04	9:27 p.m.	False alarm, false call, other
07/05	4:36 p.m.	Grass fire
07/06	8:51 a.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
07/06	11:41 a.m.	Dispatched and cancelled en route
07/07	10:56 a.m.	Vehicle accident with injuries
07/08	9:29 a.m.	Alarm system sounded, unintentional
07/08	5:05 p.m.	Vehicle accident with injuries
07/08	7:08 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
07/09	8:30 a.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
07/10	1:02 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
07/10	4:39 a.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
07/11	4:46 p.m.	Vehicle accident with injuries
07/11	12:23 a.m.	Electrical wiring, equipment problem
07/13	11:21 a.m.	Grass fire
07/13	7:26 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
07/14	6:40 a.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
07/15	5:28 a.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
07/15	9:46 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
07/16	1:21 a.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
07/18	9:00 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
07/19	9:57 a.m.	Vehicle accident with injuries
07/02	5:14 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
07/22	10:54 a.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
07/23	9:03 a.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
07/24	6:05 a.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
07/24	6:45 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
07/25	9:11 p.m.	Unauthorized burning
07/26	7:28 a.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
07/28	2:23 p.m.	Dispatched and cancelled en route
07/28	11:06 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
07/29	5:50 a.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
07/29	9:01 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS

Edwards to hold fundraiser

A barbecue fundraiser for Congressman Chet Edwards will be held 6 p.m. Aug. 29 at the Goodnight Ranch, located seven miles west of Salado on FM 2484.

The two hour event is being hosted by Ronnie and Nancy Goodnight. The public is invited to attend.

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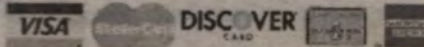
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Burdette graduates Marine basic training

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Burdette and other recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values -- honor, courage and commitment. Burdette and fellow recruits ended the training phase with The Crucible, a 54-hour team evolution culminating in an emotional ceremony in which recruits are presented the Marine Corps Emblem, and addressed as "Marines" for the first time in their careers.

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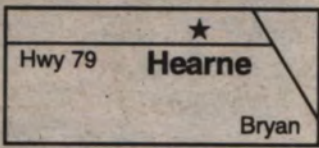
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As a young performer, Cope has already had many music opportunities and recognition as a fine clarinetist. He received a Merit Award in clarinet from the National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts; won the second annual Greater Dallas Youth Orchestra-Wind Symphony concerto competition and performed with the GDYOWS at the Majestic Theatre in Dallas; won the grand prize at the Dallas Symphonic Festival performing a movement of a concerto with Southern Methodist University's Meadow School of the Arts Orchestra.

He was also selected to play clarinet on the nationally televised radio show, 'From the Top' and was chosen as the grand prizewinner of the Collin County Young Artist Com-



Musicians Denise Thomssen and Todd Cope

petition. In addition, Cope has participated in the Texas All-Region Bands, Orchestras, and Jazz Bands. Furthermore, he earned a place in the 2002 and 2003 Texas Music Educators Association All-State Concerts.

He also received a Trustee Award of Excellence for his success during the 2001-2002 and 2002-2003 school years from the Plano School District. Cope was the recipient of the John Phillip Sousa Outstanding Band Award for the 2002-2003 school year as well as a finalist in the 2003 Oklahoma Clarinet Symposium Young Artist competition and the International Clarinet Association's High School Young Artist competition where he took second prize. In the fall, he will be majoring in Clarinet Performance at the College Conservatory of Music at the University of Cincinnati.

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Registration for fall classes at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor is scheduled for Aug. 25-26.

Day classes at the UMHB campus begin Aug. 27. Night classes begin Sept. 2. The university will be closed Sept. 1 for the Labor Day.

Registration is based on the student's last name. Students with last names beginning with Q through Z and A through B only will register on Aug. 25. Students with last names beginning C through P will register on Aug. 26. Registration will close between 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. and between 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. Night registration will be from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on the same dates.

UMHB campus registration will be held in the Sanderford Administrative Complex. Fort Hood personnel and dependents may register at the Fort Hood UMHB office, room 256, G Wing, Building 3201. The UMHB office number at Fort Hood is 287-0615.

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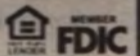


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Lankford age 93 passes away

Funeral services for Ima Brown Lankford, 93, of Salado, were held Aug. 11, 2003 at Dossman Funeral Chapel in Belton with Rev. Bobby Ellis officiating. Burial followed at Resthaven Cemetery.

Lankford died Aug. 8, 2003 at her home.

She was born Nov. 26, 1909 in Corn Hill to David and Ider Hicks Brown. She married Rev. Thomas J. Lankford on Dec. 4, 1926 in Georgetown. She was a life long resident of Bell County. She was a member of Cedar Knob Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband on Jan. 8, 1986; one son, T.J. Lankford in 1998 and grandson, Kenny Lankford in 1976.

Survivors include one son, Doyle Lankford of Salado; six grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

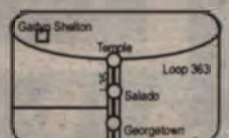
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raiser for the small civic club, which also has a flag subscription service to raise funds.

State law prohibits golf carts from driving on streets, except when traveling "to and from the golf course."

Cooper said that the Village has to consider how it will enforce the law when it comes to "10 year olds driving golf carts to Brookshire Brothers" if it doesn't enforce the law on Main Street during the Art Fair.

Mayor Douglass told Rotary members that the village will work with them to continue the service fund raiser.

"It is a good thing," she said. "We just need to work within the law to continue to do it."

The Village will

research solutions such as slow moving vehicle signs or relaxed restrictions during the festival so that the shuttle service is legal.

In other business, the board discussed how the village handles complaints concerning overgrown lots.

The board directed village secretary Dianna Zulauf to implement a complaint form that requires the complainant to include the physical address and name of the property owner who is in violation of the Health and Sanitation ordinance.

Zulauf told aldermen that she gets at least one complaint a week about property being unkept in the Village.

She said that she gets the address from the complainant and has one of the police officers go to see if

the property is in violation. Typically, it is not. Only three times, Zulauf said, she has sent notice to the property owner to address the situation.

The ordinance regulates weeds to be no taller than 18 inches and defines dangerous weeds as those that are taller than 48 inches.

The board also examined new budget worksheets for the 2003-04 fiscal year.

Aldermen are considering a 2003-04 fiscal year budget that may leave a deficit of at least \$23,000 and as much as \$47,000. The latest budget worksheets presuppose the Village paying off its \$83,000 mortgage for the municipal building before the end of the fiscal year. The board would have to do that by a budget amendment before Oct. 1. If it does so, the Village is expected to begin

2003-04 with a balance of approximately \$143,000.

The Village anticipates \$475,900 in revenues from sales tax, franchise fees and other sources. The budget proposals call for either \$499,151 in expenses or \$523,151.

Aldermen are considering taking out \$24,000 in capital outlay for two emergency sirens in the village, after taking input from community members who said the sirens were not a necessary item.

Aldermen will take their own budget areas and look for costs that can be eliminated or cut to bring expenses closer to the anticipated revenues.

The board will adopt the budget during a Sept. 18 meeting.

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07/01	9:54 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
07/02	6:37 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
07/04	8:25 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
07/04	9:27 p.m.	False alarm, false call, other
07/05	4:36 p.m.	Grass fire
07/06	8:51 a.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
07/06	11:41 a.m.	Dispatched and cancelled en route
07/07	10:56 a.m.	Vehicle accident with injuries
07/08	9:29 a.m.	Alarm system sounded, unintentional
07/08	5:05 p.m.	Vehicle accident with injuries
07/08	7:08 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
07/09	8:30 a.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
07/10	1:02 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
07/10	4:39 a.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
07/11	4:46 p.m.	Vehicle accident with injuries
07/11	12:23 a.m.	Electrical wiring, equipment problem
07/13	11:21 a.m.	Grass fire
07/13	7:26 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
07/14	6:40 a.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
07/15	5:28 a.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
07/15	9:46 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
07/16	1:21 a.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
07/18	9:00 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
07/19	9:57 a.m.	Vehicle accident with injuries
07/02	5:14 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
07/22	10:54 a.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
07/23	9:03 a.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
07/24	6:05 a.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
07/24	6:45 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
07/25	9:11 p.m.	Unauthorized burning
07/26	7:28 a.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
07/28	2:23 p.m.	Dispatched and cancelled en route
07/28	11:06 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
07/29	5:50 a.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
07/29	9:01 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS

Edwards to hold fundraiser

A barbecue fundraiser for Congressman Chet Edwards will be held 6 p.m. Aug. 29 at the Goodnight Ranch, located seven miles west of Salado on FM 2484.

The two hour event is being hosted by Ronnie and Nancy Goodnight. The public is invited to attend.

Anyone planning to attend is asked to RSVP to the Goodnights, 947-5121, as soon as possible for planning purposes.

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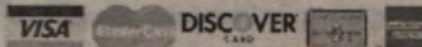
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Burdette graduates Marine basic training

Marine Corps Pvt. Joshua Burdette, son of Sandra and Ron Burdette of Salado, recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego. Burdette and fellow recruits began their training at 5 a.m. by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, Burdette spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and asso

Burdette and other recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values -- honor, courage and commitment. Burdette and fellow recruits ended the training phase with The Crucible, a 54-hour team evolution culminating in an emotional ceremony in which recruits are presented the Marine Corps Emblem, and addressed as "Marines" for the first time in their careers.

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Comprehensive Plan committee bring zoning to aldermen Sept. 18

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Salado's Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee will present the proposed Zoning Ordinance to the Board of Aldermen Sept. 18 for approval.

The Steering Committee has finalized changes to the 140+page document after a June 17 public hearing on the ordinance.

The Village of Salado will mail postcards to all property owners in the incorporated boundaries to notify them that Aldermen will consider the proposed Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map during the Sept. 18 meeting.

"We have taken the input from the public hearing and made changes to the Zoning Ordinance," Mayor pro tem Vic Means said. "The last changes were reviewed this week."

Some of the changes included relaxing parking restrictions and setbacks in the retail districts, deleting a list of approved plants for landscaping new construction in the business district and changes suggested by the Temple Area Builders Association (TABA).

Means told aldermen that the committee has been meeting regularly to

draft the document to meet the needs of the village. "We've spent months on it," Means said.

The Zoning Ordinance, coupled with the Subdivision Ordinance already approved by aldermen, regulates construction, zoning and land usage within the boundaries of the Village of Salado. Regulations in the Subdivision

Ordinance also apply to the extra territorial jurisdiction of Salado.

The Zoning Ordinance includes a Zoning Map of the Village of Salado, as well as establishing permitting and zoning processes for the Village.

The Zoning Map can be viewed at the Village of Salado municipal office on Stagecoach Rd.

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New commander takes over Ft. Hood's 1st Cav Division

Nearly 1,000 soldiers representing every unit within the 1st Cavalry Division welcomed their new commander at a change of command ceremony held Aug. 8, on Cooper Field in Fort Hood.

Maj. Gen. Joseph F.H. Peterson relinquished command to Maj. Gen. Peter W. Chiarelli during the ceremony, which included a pass in review and concluded with a traditional charge by the 1st Cavalry Division's Horse Cavalry Detachment. III Corps and Fort Hood commanding general Lt. Gen. Thomas F. Metz was the reviewing officer of the ceremony and the keynote speaker.

Maj. Gen. Peterson led the division for nearly two years. During his tenure the First Team deployed

to Kuwait in support of Operation Desert in 2001, and maintained its training and readiness posture through numerous training exercises and rotations to the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, CA. He leaves a unit prepared and ready to deploy when called upon. He and his wife, Anne, move to their new assignment in Washington, D.C., where Peterson will serve as the Vice Director for Operations, J3, Joint Staff in the Pentagon.

Hailing from Honolulu, HI, Peterson was commissioned a Second lieutenant of Armor in Nov. 1972. His education includes a bachelor of science degree in economics from the University of Santa Clara and a master's degree in business administration from

Chaminade University of Honolulu. He's a graduate of the Armor Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the Command and General Staff College and the Army War College. He has held a variety of command and staff positions in his career, from scout platoon leader to division commander.

Chiarelli is no stranger to the First Team. He has served twice previously with the division, first as the division operations officer and later, as the assistant division commander (support). Chiarelli most recently served as the director of Operations, Readiness and Mobilization at Headquarters, Department of the Army.

Chiarelli hails from Seattle, WA, and is a Distinguished Military Graduate of Seattle University,

with a bachelor of science degree in political science. He also holds a master's of public administration degree from the University of Washington and a master of arts in National Security and Strategy from Salve Regina University.

He's a graduate from the Armor Officer Basic Course, Infantry Advanced Course, Naval Command and General Staff College and the National War College. He has served in various command and staff positions at the squadron/battalion, brigade, division and Army staff levels, as well as with the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

Chiarelli and his wife, the former Beth Kirby, have one daughter, Erin and two sons, Peter and Patrick.

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The 2003-04 CAC Performing Arts Season is funded in part by the Texas Commission on the Arts, the City of Temple, The Heartland Arts Fund and CAC member support. To receive a season brochure, order tickets, or learn more about other CAC programs call (254) 773-9926 or visit the website at www.cacARTS.org.

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Rowell made presentation to Village Artists Aug. 5

At the Aug. 5 general meeting of the Salado Village Artists, a presentation was made by Sandra Rowell, Chapter coordinator of the Temple/Killeen chapter of Project Linus. Project Linus is truly "A Work of Heart," "Providing security through blankets" to ill and traumatized children.

Salado Village Artists, quilters and guests listened as Rowell explained how hundreds of quilts and blankets are made, donated and packaged individually and then grouped in ten packs for delivery to area hospitals and crisis centers.

A part of a National Project Linus founded in 1995, the Temple/Killeen Chapter began in April 1999 and has donated 4,900 blankets. Nationally, Project Linus has given over 700,000 security blankets to children in need of special hugs.

Any type of quilt can be donated, fleece with edge ties, quilts, crocheted or knitted blankets -- all about the size of a baby bed are appreciated, as blankets are given to preemies through older teenagers.

The chapter is always in need of yarn, batting, and any quilting materials that anyone might be able to donate. Gift certificates to Walmart, Hobby Lobby and Hancock Fabrics are also appreciated. Gifts are tax deductible.

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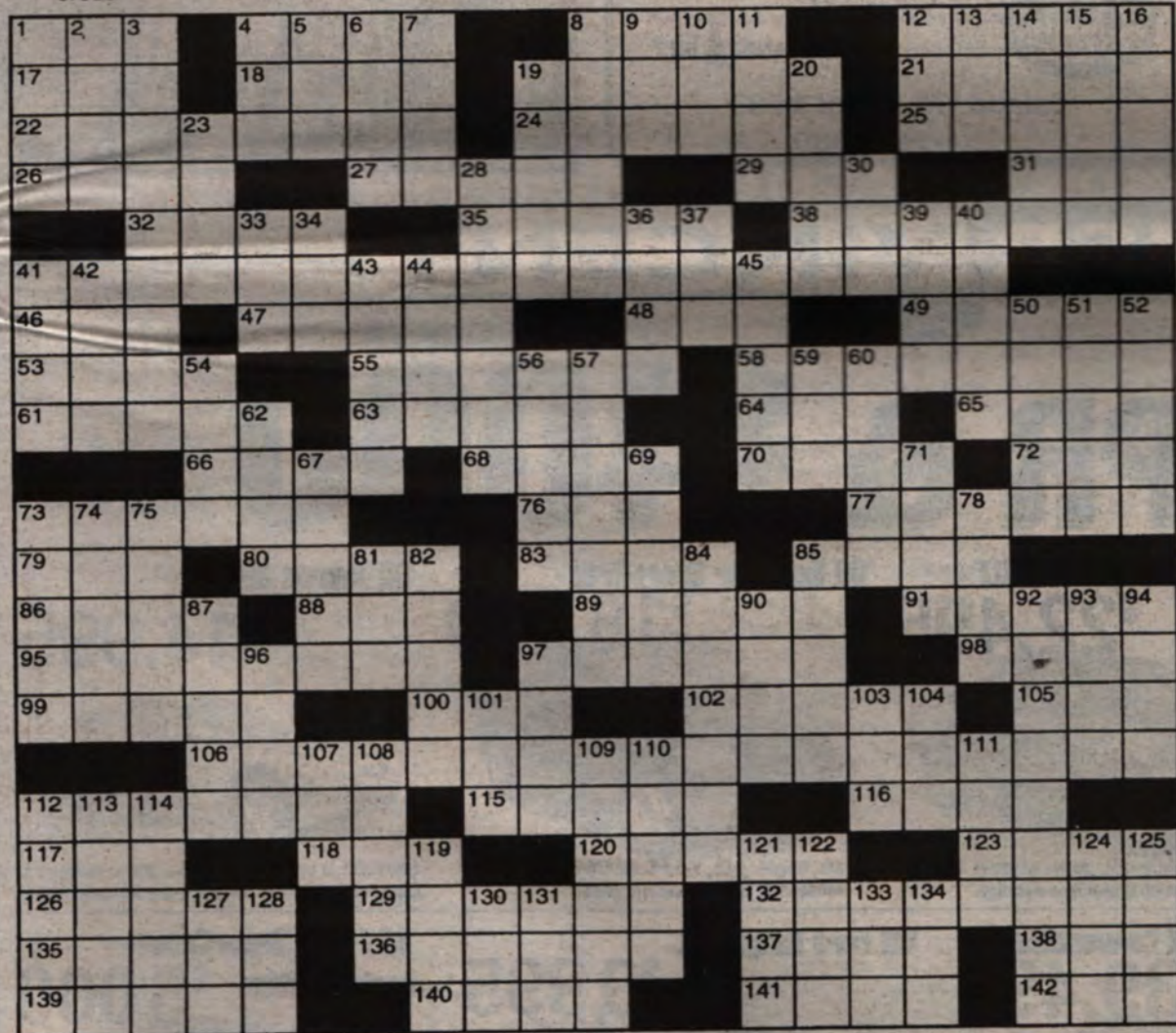
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The Bell County Texas Democratic Women will hold their monthly meeting Aug. 16 in the County Court at Law courtroom #2, 550 East 2nd Ave., in Belton. Refreshments will be served at 9:30 a.m., with a 10 a.m. meeting following.

Plans for future activities will be discussed. All Democratic women and guests are invited. Women and men members are welcome. Dues are \$20 per year.

For more information call the treasurer at 939-1083 or the president at 933-0801.

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Date	Offense	Location
06/30	Domestic disturbance	Paradise Ln.
06/30	Criminal mischief over \$50 under \$500	FM 2268
07/03	Criminal mischief over \$50 under \$500	Southshore
07/11	Harassment by communication	Lyndal Ln.
07/11	Criminal mischief over \$50 under \$500	Hodge Field
07/12	Burglary of a habitation	Horned Frog Rd.
07/18	Burglary of a motor vehicle	Salado Springs Cr.
07/21	Burglary of a building	Hester Way
07/21	Prostitution solicitation	IH-35 South
07/21	Criminal trespass	IH-35 South
07/21	Criminal trespass	IH-35 South
07/23	Criminal mischief over \$50 under \$500	Blackberry Rd
07/24	Illegal dumping	FM 2843
07/29	Burglary of a habitation	Prairie Dell Church Rd.
07/29	Assault by contact	FM 2484
07/29	Assault with bodily injury	Hill Rd.
07/31	Burglary of a habitation	Salado Springs
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Sizzling summer country sounds at the Bell County Jamboree

Freddie Fuller's Slough Creek Productions of Salado will present another Bell County Jamboree, a traditional country and gospel musical show, 7 p.m. Aug. 16 at Salado Intermediate School. The event is held in a smoke-free, alcohol-free, family friendly environment.

Plenty of chairs are available, you can also bring lawn chairs for personalized comfort and concessions will be offered and door prizes raffled at intermission.

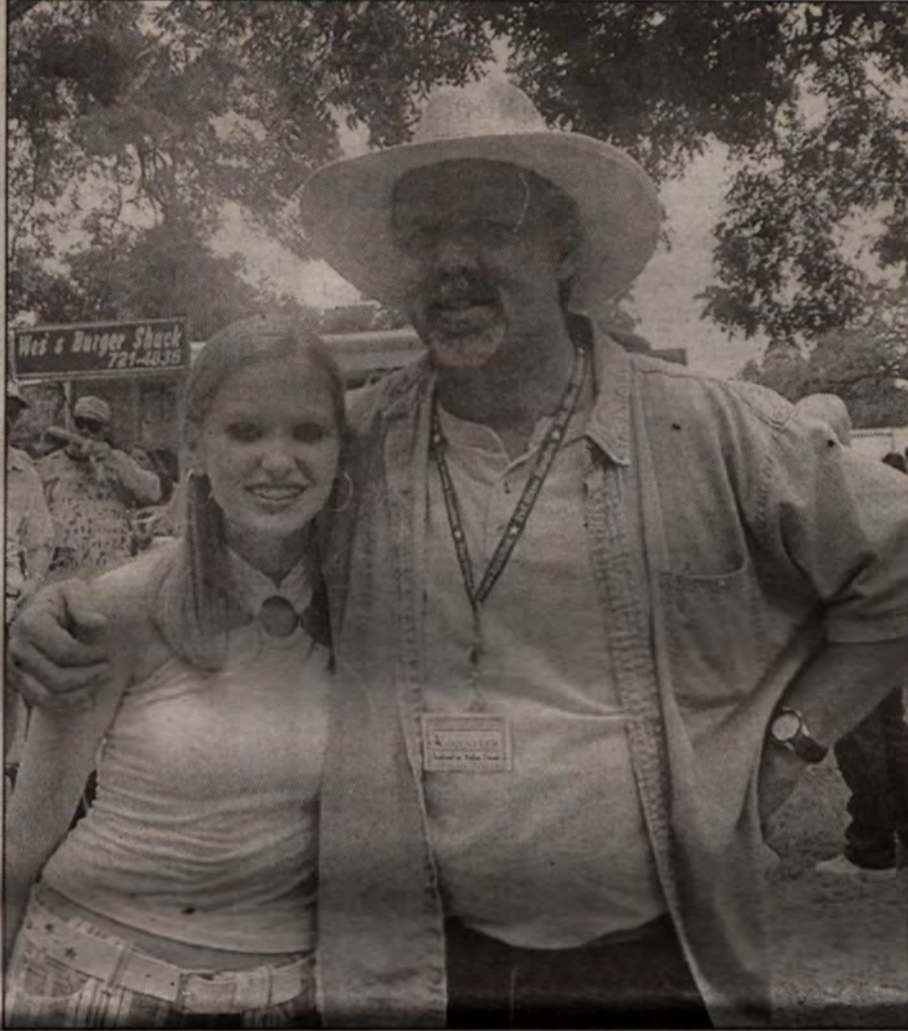
"We have a full menu of talented performers from all over Texas for the August show," says producer, Freddie Fuller.

Salado sponsors for the event are Garlyn Shelton Autos, Charlotte's of Salado and Salado ISD.

The August Bell County Jamboree will feature the following entertaining performers: Madlyon Oppermann, of Temple; Esther Nichols, of Houston; Rance Norton, of Morgan; and J.C. Holloway, of Killeen.

Also, performing will be Lacy Miller from Deer Park, Texas. Fuller describes Lacy as "an extremely versatile and talented 14 year old singer with a mature voice."

She has performed in and around Deer Park in various stage productions, rodeos and oprys for the past four years. She sang



Lacy Miller and Fred Fuller

this year at the Festival on Nolan Creek, held July 4th in Belton. Her website is www.lacymiller.com.

The vocal performers will be backed by The Bell County Jamboree Band, with TerryLynn Schrimsher on guitar and vocals, Roy Robbins on lead guitar and vocals, Sharon Murrah on keyboards and vocals, Don George on fiddle,

Richard Schrimsher on drums and vocals, Don Sowersby on steel guitar, Shorty Grisham on bass and Freddie Fuller on guitar and vocals.

"This is truly an event for the whole family to spend a wonderful evening listening to music that you just do not hear much any more and certainly will

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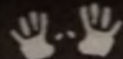
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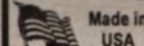
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Salado Chamber of Commerce Board: 2nd Mon., 6 p.m., at Civic Center.

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 p.m., at Salado Public Library Building.

Salado Public Library: Summer reading program for Pre-K through fifth grade, 11 a.m.-noon during July. Call 947-9191.

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

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

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

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

Exercise Class: June 9-Aug. 11, 8:30-9:30 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 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.

Salado FFA Meeting: First Tuesday at 7 p.m. at SHS ag shop.

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

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

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

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

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

Salado Community Chorus: 5 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center.

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

Wednesdays

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

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

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

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

Mill Creek Community Association Board: 3rd Wed., 6 p.m., at Civic Center.

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Moms Club walking at the High School track, 8:45 a.m. Every fourth Wednesday, monthly meeting 10:30 a.m. at SUMC. Call 947-5507.

Thursdays

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

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.

Saturdays

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

What's happening here?

AUGUST 13
First day of school for teachers.

AUGUST 16
Bell County Jamboree event, for specifics call 254-939-8560, or visit www.allcentex.com/jamboree.

AUGUST 17-20
First Baptist Church of Salado evangelical crusade with Jon Randles. For info: 947-5465 or www.fbcshalado.org.

AUGUST 18
First day of school for students.

AUGUST 26
Public Forum on proposed Bell County Jail/Courthouse, 7 p.m. at the Civic Center.

AUGUST 29
Fundraiser barbecue for Chet Edwards at Goodnight Ranch, 6-8 p.m. Public invited. RSVP at 947-5121.

AUGUST 30
Salado Salutes Texas Educators, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. at various Salado businesses. For info: www.SaladoTex.com.

SEPTEMBER 1
Salado Village Voice office closed. Advertising deadline for Sept. 3 issue: 12 noon Aug. 28.

SEPTEMBER 5
Salado Lions Club Lasagna Supper, preceding first home football game, 5:15-game-time at SIS.

SEPTEMBER 11
Central Texas Poetry Prose Reading 7 p.m. - Readings, 9 p.m. - Open mic.

SEPTEMBER 13-14
Fright Trail Auditions 3 p.m. at Tablerock's backstage room.

SEPTEMBER 15
Eleventh Annual Thomas Arnold Elem. PTO Golf Tournament, 1 p.m. at Mill Creek. Deadline for entry is Sept. 8. For info, call Kathlyn Smith at 947-8239.

SEPTEMBER 20
Bell County Jamboree event, for specifics call 254-939-8560, or visit www.allcentex.com/jamboree.

SEPTEMBER 20-21
Fantasy Faire & Shakespeare Festival \$5 adults, \$3 children

SEPT. 20, 21, 27, 28
A Midsummer Night's Dream 8:15 p.m., \$10 adults, \$5 children.

SEPTEMBER 22
PALS presents First Annual Salado Wine Tasting Festival 6 p.m. at Tenroc Ranch. For info call Fran Harris, 947-3429.

SEPTEMBER 27
Chisholm Trail ABWA Style Show, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Celebration Center. 947-9000 for info.

OCTOBER 2
6th Annual Story-

telling Festival 1st through 4th grade, \$1 per person. 10 a.m.

OCTOBER 4-5
Christmas Carol Auditions 2 p.m.

OCTOBER 10-11
Christmas in October. Free admission, Salado Civic Center. Call 947-5040 for information.

OCTOBER 10-12
First annual teddy bear making class and retreat at the Baines House. Call 947-8885.

OCTOBER 11
Salado Education Foundation's Chisholm Trail Cattleman's Ball at Tenroc Ranch. Call 947-5479.

OCTOBER 17-19
Second annual Titanic Texas Weekend: Gathering for anyone interested in the Titanic. For info: willingham@vvm.com, or www.encyclopedia-titanica.org.

OCT. 25, 31, Nov. 1
Fright Trail Nights at Tablerock 7-11 p.m., \$5 adults, \$3 children under 12.

NOVEMBER 22
Empty Bowl Project benefiting Salado Family Relief Fund, 1-6 p.m. at SIS auditorium. Call 947-5321 for info.

DECEMBER 2
Mill Creek Community Association annual Christmas Party at Creekside Restaurant. Happy hour, 6-7 p.m., dinner 7 p.m. Call 947-3901 for info.

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 Tahuaya Rd. 7:13 a.m.
 Smith Dairy Rd. 7:18 a.m.
 FM 1670 7:25 a.m.

Route 2 Greg Wolf
 IH-35 Service Rd. 6:40 a.m.
 Prairie Dell 6:45 a.m.
 Solana Ranch Rd. 6:50 a.m.
 Hill Road 6:55 a.m.
 Linderman Rd. 7:05 a.m.
 Wagon Wheel RV Park 7:10 a.m.
 FM 2115 7:15 a.m.

Route 3 Clayton Capps
 Kuykendall Road 6:45 a.m.
 FM 2843 Patterson's Crossing 6:55 a.m.
 Cedar Valley Rd. 7:05 a.m.
 Crows Ranch Rd. 7:15 a.m.

Route 4 Jay Killingsworth
 FM 2268 6:45 a.m.
 Armstrong Loop 6:55 a.m.
 Blackberry 7:02 a.m.
 Live Oak Estates 7:05 a.m.
 Armstrong Road 7:10 a.m.
 Sulphur Wells Rd. 7:15 a.m.
 Blackberry Rd. 7:20 a.m.
 Royal St. 7:25 a.m.

Route 5 Danny Agee
 Salado Plaza 6:55 a.m.
 Chisholm Trail 6:58 a.m.
 Mill Creek Drive 7:00 a.m.
 DeGrummond 7:05 a.m.
 Indian Trail 7:08 a.m.
 Old Mill Rd. 7:12 a.m.
 Chisholm Trail 7:20 a.m.
 Salado Intermediate 7:25 a.m.

Route 6 Hillary Goodrum
 FM 2484 6:50 a.m.
 Southshore Dr 6:55 a.m.
 Cedar Knob Baptist Church 7:00 a.m.
 Post Oak Trailer Park 7:03 a.m.
 Cedar Knob Cemtery 7:10 a.m.
 Ebertowski's Trailer Park 7:15 a.m.

Route 7 Robert Hendrick
 Salado Heights 7:00 a.m.
 Irene Street 7:05 a.m.
 FM 2484 Grace Baptist Church 7:10 a.m.
 Salado Springs 7:15 a.m.

Route 8 Dennis Cabaniss
 Center Circle 7:02 a.m.
 Royal Oaks 7:04 a.m.
 Rose Mansion 7:06 a.m.
 Salado Cemetery 7:10 a.m.
 Guess Drive 7:13 a.m.
 College Hill 7:18 a.m.
 Casey Addition 7:23 a.m.

Route 9 Joe Mullins
 Brewer & FM 2484 7:05 a.m.
 Hodge Canyon 7:08 a.m.
 Rita Bend 7:10 a.m.
 Scenic Lakeview 7:12 a.m.
 Rocking H 7:15 a.m.
 Brewer 7:20 a.m.
 Amity West 7:25 a.m.

Special Needs David Peckham
 Salado Springs 7:05 a.m.
 Ridgewood 7:10 a.m.
 Irene 7:13 a.m.
 Salado ISD 7:20 a.m.


On the first day of school, buses may run approximately five minutes earlier than listed. Times and routes are subject to change depending on the number of riders. Route #s are subject to change due to repairs and/or school sponsored trips. For information, please contact Tommy Barkley, transportation director, 947-5023.

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Applications for free or reduced price meals are available at the school. Return completed applications to Gail Valentine, Food Service Director, 550 Thomas Arnold Road, PO Box 98, Salado, TX 76571.

Here are questions you may have about the application process.

Who can get free or reduced-price meals? Children in households receiving food stamps or TANF can get free meals regardless of household income. Also, if your household income is within the limits on the Federal Income Chart, your children can receive free or reduced-price meals.

National School Lunch Programs 2003-04 Income Eligibility Guidelines

Family Size	Annual Income		Monthly Income		Weekly Income	
	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced
1	\$11,674	\$16,613	\$973	\$1,385	\$225	\$320
2	\$15,756	\$22,422	\$1,313	\$1,869	\$303	\$432
3	\$19,838	\$28,231	\$1,654	\$2,353	\$382	\$543
4	\$23,920	\$34,040	\$1,994	\$2,837	\$460	\$655
5	\$28,002	\$39,849	\$2,334	\$3,321	\$539	\$767
6	\$32,084	\$45,658	\$2,674	\$3,805	\$617	\$879
7	\$36,166	\$51,467	\$3,014	\$4,289	\$696	\$990
8	\$40,248	\$57,276	\$3,354	\$4,773	\$774	\$1,102
9	\$44,330	\$63,085	\$3,695	\$5,258	\$853	\$1,214
10	\$48,412	\$68,894	\$4,036	\$5,743	\$932	\$1,326
For each additional Family Member Add						
	\$4,082	\$5,809	\$341	\$485	\$79	\$112

Will my information be checked? Yes. The school may ask you to send written proof of the information you give.

What if I stop receiving Food Stamps or TANF? If your children qualify because you listed a Food Stamp or TANF case number, you must tell the school when you no longer receive Food Stamps or TANF.

What if my household size or income changes? If your children qualify for free or reduced-price meals based on your

income, you must tell the school if your household size goes down or if your income goes up by more than \$50 per month (\$600 per year). call the school at 947-6946. You do not have to fill out another application.

If I don't qualify now, may I apply again later? Yes. You may apply at any time during the school year if your household size goes up, income goes down, or if you start receiving Food Stamps or TANF. If you lose your job, your

children may be able to receive free or reduced-price meals during the time you are unemployed.

What if I disagree with the school's decision about my application? You should talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to Dr. Robin Battershell, Superintendent, PO Box 98, Salado, TX 76571, 254/947-5479, ext. 7000.

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Pre-payment money may be sent to the cafeteria 7:30-9 a.m. any day for elementary students and 7:30-11 a.m. at the intermediate school. Payment may also be mailed to Salado ISD Cafeteria, PO Box 98, Salado, TX 76571.

The system has worked well and pre-payment process speeds service. "The cafeteria's goal is to improve menu selections, serve meals timely, and make mealtime a pleasant experience," said Gail Valentine, Food Service director.

The elementary school cafeteria may be contacted by calling (254) 947-8414 and intermediate school, (254) 947-1706.

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Janda, Smith compete in softball

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Sophomores Kelsey Smith and Shae Janda, both members of the Salado Lady Eagles softball team, participated July 20-26 in the United States Fastpitch Association (USFA) 16 and under Softball World Series in Panama City Beach, Florida.

The girls are members of the Round Rock Crush select softball team.

Competing against teams from across the country, the Crush finished in ninth place out of 44 teams.

The team qualified for

the national tournament by finishing first in five of eight tournaments, playing some 65 games over a three month span.

Before traveling to Florida, the Crush won the USFA Texas State 16U softball tournament held July 11-13 in Ft. Worth, going undefeated in a field of 19 teams. The Crush also recently won the US Pony National Fastpitch Tournament July 31-Aug. 2, held in Round Rock, while playing in the 18 and under Palomino Division.



Shae Janda and Kelsey Smith.

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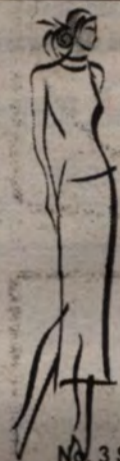
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Salado Volleyball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Teams	Site	Time
Aug. 15	Burnet (scrimmage)	F,JV,V	Here	5 pm
Aug. 16	Copperas Cove & others	F,JV,V	CC	9 am
Aug. 19	Somerville, Thorndale	F,JV,V	Salado	4:30 pm
Aug. 21-23	Cameron Tournament	V	Cameron	FBA
Aug. 23	Llano	F,JV	Llano	10 am
Aug. 26	Holland	F,JV,V	Salado	5 pm
Aug. 28-30	Hutto Tournament	F,JV,V	Hutto	TBA
Sept. 2	Gatesville, Troy	F,JV,V	Gatesville	5 pm
Sept. 9	Liberty Hill	F,JV,V	Salado	5 pm
Sept. 11-13	Moody Tournament	V	Moody	TBA
Sept. 13	Rosebud-Lott Tournament	F,JV	R-Lott	TBA
Sept. 18-20	Burnet Tournament	F,JV	Burnet	TBA
Sept. 20	Evant	V	Evant	11 am
Sept. 23	*Academy	F,JV,V	Academy	5 pm
Sept. 27	*Rogers	F,JV,V	Salado	10 am
Sept. 30	*Florence	F,JV,V	Salado	5 pm
Oct. 4	*Lago Vista	F,JV,V	Salado	10 am
Oct. 7	*Jarrell	F,JV,V	Jarrell	5 pm
Oct. 10	*Academy	JV,V,F	Salado	5 pm
Oct. 14	*Rogers	F,JV,V	Rogers	10 am
Oct. 17	*Florence	JV,V,F	Florence	5 pm
Oct. 21	*Lago Vista	F,JV,V	Lago Vista	5 pm
Oct. 24	*Jarrell	F,JV,V	Salado	5 pm

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Not sneaking up on anyone: Eagles are true playoff threat after surprising run last year

By CHRIS MCGREGOR
STAFF WRITER

About this same time last year, Jeff Cheatham went out on a limb. He said his Eagles, coming off seasons of 0-10 and 2-8, had a more than realistic shot of making the playoffs.

That prediction, to mix sports metaphors, seemed to come straight out of left field. But as it turned out, his confidence was well-founded. Salado did nothing if not surprise people last year. They made the playoffs with a 7-3 record, eventually losing a hard-fought contest to a very tough Blanco squad in bi-district.

So when Coach Cheatham claims again that his club has a strong chance to contend for the playoffs this season, he means it.

And why not? The Eagles return 13 seniors and 11 starters in 2003, eight on defense and six on offense. Dave Campbell's *Texas Football*, considered to be this state's football Bible, gave Salado their playoff endorsement.

The talent is definitely in place. For the first time in Cheatham's four-year tenure at Salado, he has significant size up front. He also has speed in the backfield and at the receiver position, and a veteran roll-out style quarterback in senior Scott Bates.

"From what we're seeing right now," said Cheatham, "we have a good nucleus of talent. Phys-

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Salado Eagles two-a-day practices began in earnest Aug. 8, the first day of contact workouts. Here Coach Jeff Cheatham surveys his first team offense. With talent and experience returning from last year's playoff team, the Eagles are optimistic about another trip to the postseason. (PHOTO BY CHRIS MCGREGOR)

2003 Salado Eagles Football

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Aug. 16	Crawford (Scrimmage)	Salado	TBA
Aug. 22	Liberty Hill (scrimmage)	Liberty Hill	TBA
Aug. 29	Troy	Troy	7:30 pm
Sept. 5	Moody	Salado	7:30 pm
Sept. 12	Thorndale ***	Salado	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 19	Franklin	Franklin	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 26	Rogers*	Salado	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 3	Lexington*	Lexington	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 10	Academy*	Salado	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 17	Florence*	Florence	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 24	Jarrell**	Salado	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 31	Open		
Nov. 7	Somerville*	Somerville	7:30 p.m.

* District ** Senior Parents Night *** Homecoming

Salado JV & SIS Eagles Football

Date	Opponent	Teams	Times
Aug. 16	Crawford (Scrimmage)	JV	TBA
Aug. 22	at Liberty Hill (scrimmage)	JV	TBA
Aug. 28	Troy	JV	7:30 pm
Sept. 4	at Moody	7/8/JV	5/6/7:30 pm
Sept. 11	at Thorndale	7/8/JV	5/6/7:30 pm
Sept. 18	Franklin	7/8/JV	5/6/7:30 pm
Sept. 25	at Rogers*	7/8/JV	5/6/7:30 pm
Oct. 2	Lexington*	7/8/JV	5/6/7:30 pm
Oct. 9	Academy*	7/8/JV	5/6/7:30 pm
Oct. 16	Florence*	7/8/JV	5/6/7:30 pm
Oct. 23	Jarrell*	7/8/JV	5/6/7:30 pm
Oct. 30	Open		
Nov. 6	Somerville*	7/8/JV	5/6/7:30 pm

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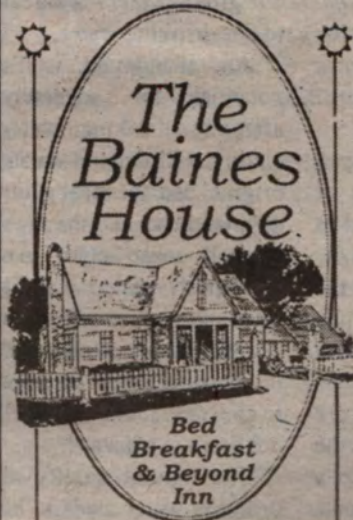
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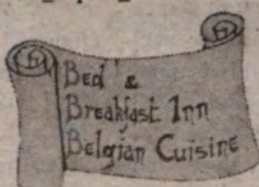
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Potable water supply damaged by abandoned wells

This article is the fifth in a series on a drinking water and protection program to assure a safe, potable supply of drinking water from Lake Stillhouse Hollow for the Central Texas area customers.

Have you ever dropped stones into the casing of an old well and listened to the sound it makes? Maybe you have leaned over the opening to hear the echo of your own voice bounce back from the mysterious darkness below? These are just two examples of the phenomena that arouse a child's curiosity and make abandoned wells as intriguing and as dangerous as a discarded ice box with the door still attached.

It is only natural for a person to assume no one would ever fall into his deserted well, as the odds are high against this happening. But it can and has

happened numerous times in Texas. Abandoned wells are also a direct conduit to our groundwater - a threat to our drinking water.

An abandoned well's potential for adversely affecting drinking water quality will depend on its original use, the local geology, land use, and the type of well construction. An improperly sealed well is often simply covered by a board or a sheet of metal in an unsuccessful attempt to ensure that the well does not become a hazard.

The natural quality of drinking water tends to be degraded by human activity. Wastes that are not discharged into lakes and streams are deposited on or below the land and from there may migrate downward to contaminate groundwater. The problem is compounded because groundwater contamina-

tion and the effects of contamination are not usually recognized until groundwater quality is seriously impaired.

Groundwater normally moves very slowly, from a few feet to tens of feet per year, and is filtered in the process. But an abandoned well will circumvent the natural filtration process, and can transfer large amounts of contamination water directly into the aquifer.

Abandoned wells are found everywhere - on farms, industrial sites, and in urban areas. Well plugging restores the groundwater protection originally provided by soil and rock that were present before the well was drilled. Filling a well also eliminates the possibility of injury, death, or property damage to falls or sudden collapse of an old well. To achieve these

important benefits, however, the right plugging materials and procedures must be used.

It won't be easy to convince everyone to plug or cap their abandoned wells. Proper well plugging takes time and money. The exact costs vary with well depth, diameter, and the geology of the area. Some will say well plugging is like pouring money down a hole. But spending a couple of thousand dollars to plug an abandoned well may prevent contamination of your drinking water. And it might prevent a serious accident involving your family or friends.

To report an abandoned well or obtain information on plugging abandoned wells, contact the Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District at (254) 993-0120

Mulch can reduce manual labor and save money

By **DEBBIE LAUER**
MASTER GARDENER

Are you looking for something that can save you time, reduce manual labor and possibly save some money? How about something that can attract beneficial earthworms, keep your soil cooler, and help improve your soil? If I told you that your plants would be healthier would I get your attention? Now imagine something that can do all of the above in your garden and yard. What is this incredible thing? Mulch.

Mulch can be defined as any material placed on the surface of the soil. Mulches can be organic

(shredded bark, pine needles, straw or even grass clippings) or inorganic (crushed rock, pea gravel or plastic). Organic mulches reap you the most benefits.

A layer of organic mulch placed around your flowers, shrubs and even around your trees can save you time and labor as the mulch prevents weed seeds from reaching the soil and germinating. The ones that do manage to germinate will be easier to pull. Research at Texas A&M University has shown that un-mulched soil may lose as much as twice the water due to evaporation.

As organic mulch ages, microbes in the soil start

to break it down, this increases nutrients available to your plants in the soil. The increased organic matter in your soil will attract earthworms. Once the earthworms arrive you are on your way to a healthier looser and more nutrient rich soil that will keep your plants happy. This transformation will not occur overnight, but it will happen.

You can even mulch your lawn and obtain benefits. Put a mulching blade on your mower. This type blade will chop clippings very finely so that they will fall through the grass and come in contact with the soil. Grass clippings are broken down quickly by microbes and add nitrogen back to your grass with every mowing. You will need less fertilizer to keep your grass green, you will not have to rake and bag clippings, and it will save space in landfills.

Still not convinced? Here are some more reasons to mulch. Mulches break up the torrential flood during heavy rain, they protect the soil below and prevent erosion. They also prevent mud and some disease organisms (fungal spores) from being splattered onto plants, homes and sidewalks. Mulched soils absorb water better.

OK. Now I have convinced you to add mulch to your gardening routine, how much? A layer of two to six inches should be applied. The depth depends on the material used to mulch. Apply more inches of coarser mulch. Four inches of loose fibrous mulch (with pieces up to two inches in size) works well around trees and shrubs. With finer sized mulch (about one inch in size) use less, a two inch layer will be sufficient.

Be careful with very fine mulches (1/2 inch and smaller) the particles can settle and create a mat that will keep air and water from reaching the plants you are trying to benefit, use one inch.

When applying mulch around plants leave a small hole around the base of the plants and cover the entire bed area with mulch. Don't pile mulch up around the trunks of trees. Be sure to apply it as evenly as possible and don't forget to add mulch as those microbes start eating away at your layer of mulch. Once a year your mulch will need topping off. Rake back the large pieces, work the small ones into the soil along with some compost and re-apply mulch to the appropriate depth.

If you prefer to use inorganic mulches, keep a couple of things in mind. You lose the benefits that come from adding organic material to your soil. Also, remember black rock absorbs heat so you will lose the cooling benefit of mulch. White rock reflects heat and could create too much heat for the surrounding plants to thrive or even survive.

For more information on mulch see the article "Mulches for Enhanced, Low-Cost, Low-Maintenance Landscapes" by Malcolm Beck, Jerry M. Parsons and Roland E. Roberts by visiting <http://aggiehorticulture.tamu.edu>.

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Scootin' around on a Cushman

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Martin and Jane Stafford have six restored Cushman motor scooters, which were popular in the 1930's, 40's and 50's. John got his first Cushman when he was eleven years old.

"It was a Cushman Super Eagle and had an eight horsepower engine," says Martin. "That was lots of machine for a boy who weighed around 80 pounds. It had a kick starter with so much compression I could hardly start it. When I finally did get it started I never killed the engine until I ran out of gas. I rode and rode it. I grew up riding Cushmans."

Cushman motor scooters stopped being made in 1964. Japanese imports were cheaper and out-performed the Cushmans. In the sixties a Cushman cost around six hundred dollars, about double the cost of an import.

Jane started riding Cushmans several years ago. Early on, she had a wreck on one and broke some bones. "That was my initiation to Cushmans,"

she says with a chuckle. "I was only going about ten miles an hour."

Martin and Jane are modifying Cushmans. "They used to have a top speed of 45 miles an hour," says Jane. "Now they run up to 85, depending on the motor they have in them." Jane is a school teacher and Martin farms, but they always have time for Cushman activities. Both are directors of the South Plains Area Cushman Club.

"My scooter sat in the barn for years, neglected," says Martin. "One day a friend of mine from Lamesa called me and told me about the Texas Cushman Club and how people were restoring their old motor scooters and riding them again. I just got plumb excited. I got my scooter out of the barn and cleaned it up, overhauled the engine, polished it up and put new tires and seat cover on it. It's like it was when I rode it as a youngster. I started restoring scooters from then on. A good restored Cushman is worth \$5,000."

Every second weekend

in August, Loop has a scooter meet. This year will be the 14th meeting of the South Plains Area Cushman Club. Up to fifty scooters are expected from as far away as San Angelo, Abilene and New Mexico. Next year to mark the 15th anniversary of the club, members plan to ride their scooters from Loop to Andrews. Both the state and national Cushman Clubs will have a joint meeting in Wichita Falls next year.

Cushmans were designed for young people to ride around town. They weren't made for distance or speed, but mostly to enjoy. Kids used to ride them to school. They didn't need to have a driv-

ers' license for a Cushman. The first Cushman scooter rolled out of the factory in Lincoln, Nebraska in 1936. The idea sprang from a youngster who came to the factory riding a scooter with a washing machine engine on it. The Cushman company manufactured small engines for farm machinery and boats, then added the scooter line, producing 10,000 scooters a year. They were used in World War Two.

"Sometimes you'd see stacks of old scrapped Cushmans in cycle shops," says Martin. "Now there's sort of a revival of the old things." The national Cushman club has 5,000 members.

The following recipe was taken from the cookbook "Salado Country Cooking." It was sponsored by the members and friends of the Monday Club from the Salado United Methodist Church.

Elegant Easy Chicken

- 1 (12 oz) jar apricot preserves
- 1/4 c. spicy mustard
- 1 tsp. curry powder
- 4 skinned, deboned & flattened chicken breasts
- 1 c. finely chopped pecans or cashews

In small saucepan, combine preserves, mustard and curry. Cook over low heat, stirring frequently, until preserves are melted. Dip chicken in apricot mixture, then roll in chopped nuts. Place chicken in Pam-sprayed baking dish (single layer chicken). Bake at 375 degree for 20 minutes, or until chicken is done. Bring remaining sauce to boil. Serve over chicken. Yield: 4 servings.

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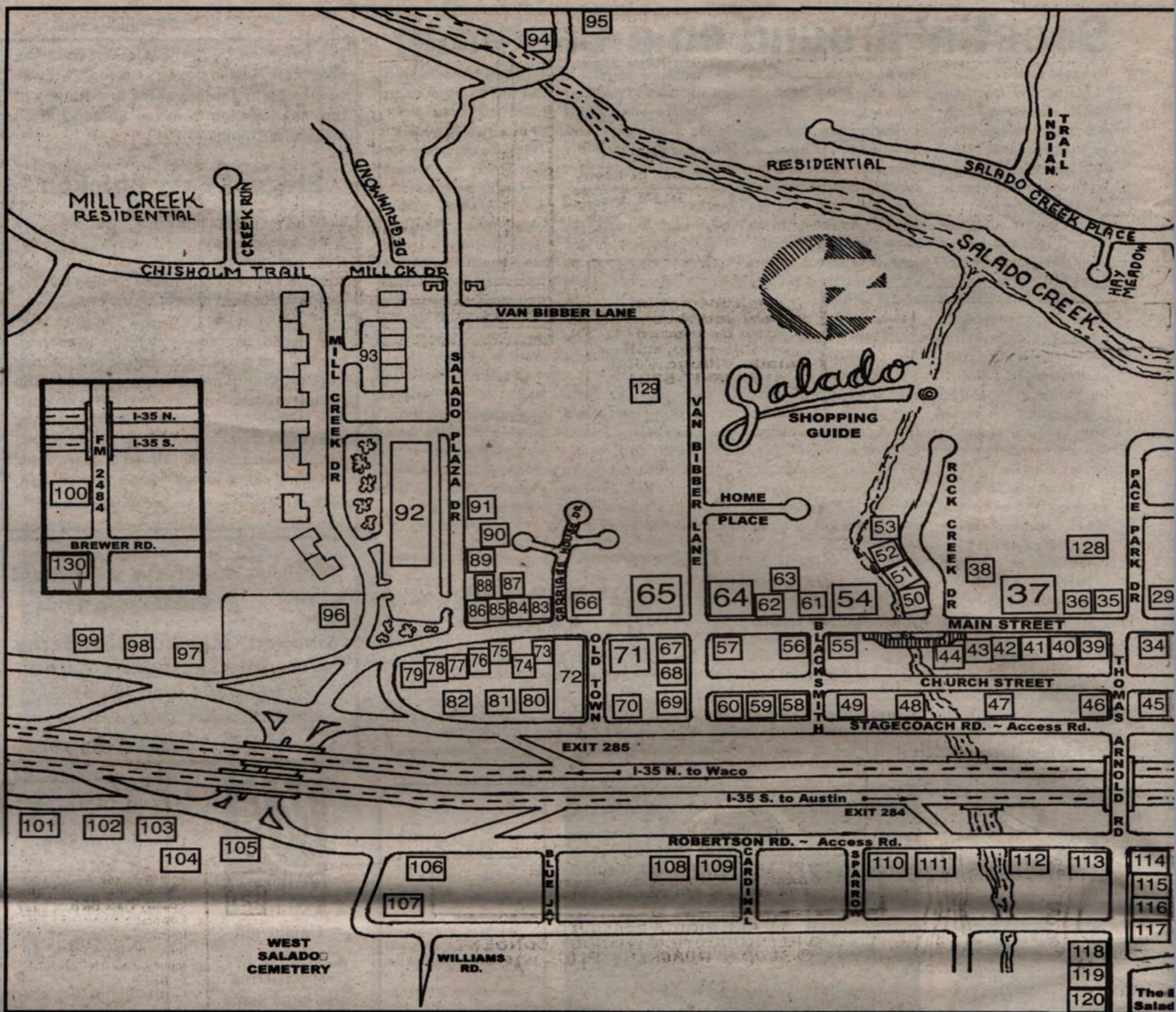
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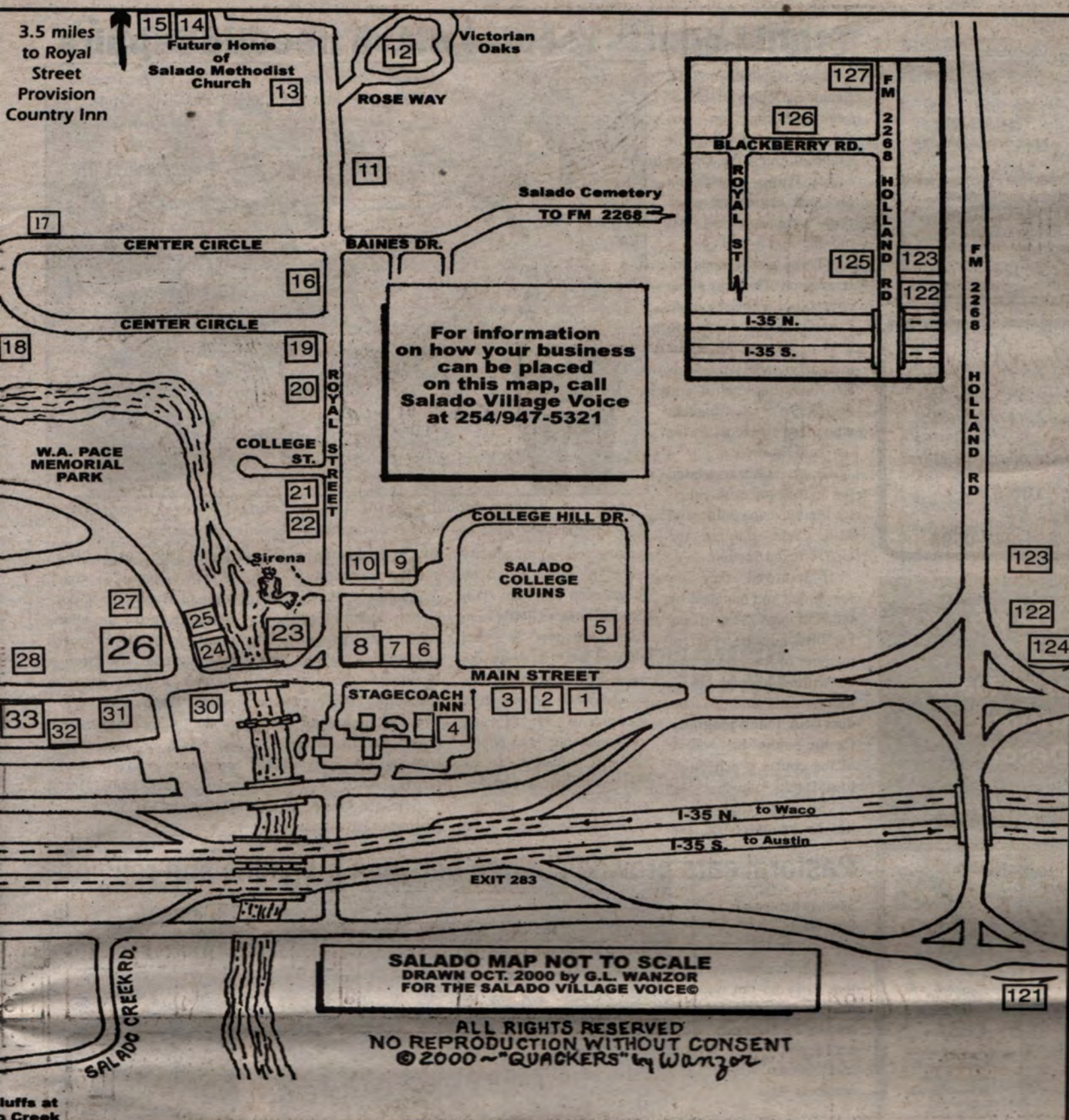



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Tennis courts receive much needed repairs

Since September 2002, Saladoan Debbie Dixon has been working on two Adopt-A-Court tennis grants through the United States Tennis Association and was astounded when they were approved last month.

"These were grants for renovation of existing public courts, but without unique situation in Salado, we are able to supply the documentation necessary to satisfy both the Austin and National USTA Chapters who made an exception for us," said Dixon.

Grants were requested for \$5,000 for each court at the Stagecoach Inn and Mill Creek through the USTA Texas Section.

If approved, they are forwarded and matched by the National USTA-office. Facilities must be a current member of the USTA, and be willing to hold USTA tournaments and or conduct USA Tennis programs for the public. Renovation of the courts is scheduled to start mid August.

"Since our High school has no tennis courts, our



Pictured L-R: Kathryn Sedberry (USTA), Anthony Land (Mill Creek), Henry Dominguez (Stagecoach Inn) and Debbie Dixon. (PHOTO BY SCHUYLER KUYKENDALL)

varsity and junior varsity teams use the courts at the Stagecoach Inn and Mill Creek Country Club. These courts are over 20 years old and were in desperate need of repair. Our tennis program has grown from six students four years ago to 26 students. Four courts are still not adequate for that many students and new courts are needed, but this is a start. It's great to be

able to do this for the kids and the community.

"Anthony Land and Henry Dominguez have been very generous in allowing us to use their facilities for the school and are sharing in the cost of the work of improving these courts, as is the school district and Dr. Battershell," Dixon stated.

Summer USTA tennis programs have been con-

ducted by Salado High School tennis coach Melissa Hyer. She is continuing to grow the tennis program locally from the lower grades up through another USTA program called "Happy Ball."

For more information on USTA or other tennis programs available in the area contact Debbie Dixon at (254) 947-0263.

Pastoral care provides bridge between medicine and religion

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"We minister to the parts that can't be put under a microscope or treated with medicine... the body, mind and spirit," Tom Wicker told Salado Rotary Club members Aug. 5.

Wicker is a chaplain at Scott and White Memorial Hospital and gave the Rotary Club an oversight into the Department of Pastoral Care.

The job of the spiritual care and pastoral services department is to provide spiritual, emotional, and psychological care to the patients and their families.

Services are also offered to the staff of Scott and White. They are often the liaison between patient and staff.

"We also care for the community," he said. "This includes the patients, their family members, and hospital staff."

"We act as a 'sounding board' for the patients and family," Wicker said. They are there to listen, support and to counsel. It is a bridge between medicine and religion. "We reach across spiritual boundaries."

They will perform ceremonies or rituals while the patient is in the hospital. Support groups are facil-

itated for those in need. "We are a non-anxious, caring group that has time for the patients and their families," he stated.

The department is committed to health care ethics by serving on committees and by acting as consultants. Guided meditation, a means of relaxing, is provided as a complementary therapy.

Wicker said that they are currently involved in education and research on how spiritual care affects the healing process. They are looking to sustain and expand on current services.

They also deal with the



Tom Wicker

moral and personal issues of health care staff. The things they do are "not in anyone else's job description."

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FROM 6B

ically, for the first time, we'll be big at both ends."

This year's intangible will be depth. The Eagles might have skill where it counts, but it's spread thin. Cheatham will look to a JV squad that finished 7-3 last year for help in that area.

"We don't have much depth, so we're gonna have to get some younger kids ready to step up and fill those holes," he said.

What he does have is size. Tipping the scales at well over 200 pounds apiece is the lineman trio of Ben Marsh, Cale Cox and Jacob Williams. Seniors Marsh and Cox were both second team all-district selections, while Williams, a junior, was an honorable mention selection in 2002. With their speed and size, all three will see playing time on both sides of the ball.

"Cox will be a key player for us both offensively and defensively," says Cheatham. "With the guys we have up front, we're definitely going to establish the run."

In the season's early stages, the Eagles will adopt a running back-by-committee strategy. Senior transfer Andrew Ming (4.6 40 yd. dash), senior Matt

Brown, sophomore Jesse Rodriguez and senior Bill Tubbs, both first team all-district performers defensively, all look to share time in the backfield.

All are tough, smash-mouth type runners, an attitude Cheatham likes to see in his backs. "We're going to move the football on the ground this year, play a lot of ball control and show a multitude of formations," he says.

That's not to say they won't go to the air. A first team all-district selection last year, Scott Bates returns to take the snaps for his senior season. Cheatham says of his QB: "He has a linebacker mentality at the quarterback position. That's a good asset. Scott's just a great, fiery competitor. We're going to throw the football, but it won't be our emphasis."

Having lost their top two receivers from last season in Roland Buckley and Jarrod Whitfield, the receiver position is somewhat in limbo. There are however, a handful of candidates, that, although untested, are prepared to step in.

Senior Chase Simpson, second team all-district as a kicker, will be catching

passes this year. "Chase has good speed. He has shown that he can be a threat," Cheatham said. Senior Shane Pipes is a reliable set of hands, and another senior, Sean Rex, also looks to contribute.

Sophomore Wes Ruth, a JV import, is expected to make things happen. "Wes could be a great player for us. He has great hands and great feet," explained Cheatham.

Defensively, Salado will employ an aggressive, attacking style. "We feel we'll be able to stop the run," Cheatham said.

With the front-line in tact, Tubbs, currently rehabbing an injured knee, and Bates will provide experience and stability at the linebacker position, while Rodriguez, who according to Cheatham, "plays the game like it should be played," will anchor the secondary from his free safety position.

By all appearances, Salado should be very tough on opposing offenses.

Continuity is another aspect Salado has to its advantage. The entire coaching staff, plus new arrival Bobby Peschel, returns for the 2003 season, lending an air of familiar-

ity and cohesion to players and coaches alike.

All in all, if the team stays healthy Cheatham will remain optimistic about their chances. "This team has what it takes to be a playoff team. They work hard and have the confidence to go out and win," he said.

The Eagles will play their first pre-season scrimmage at home Aug. 16 versus Crawford. Kickoff time was not available as of presstime.

The regular season kicks off Aug. 29 in Troy, with a 7:30 p.m. kickoff.

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By SAMANTHA MAZZOTTA

Question: The antique door to our bathroom is solid oak. Unfortunately, it's no longer closing straight, the door latch is lower than the hardware on the frame. It's also scraping the floor when it's opened and closed. How

This is a Hammer

by Samantha Mazzotta

can we repair this?

Answer: Fixing this problem can be as simple as adjusting the hinge pins of the door, or as complex

as resetting them (which isn't too complex; it's just a two-person job).

Sticking, dragging doors, or doors that won't

close completely, can have a number of causes. In newer houses, a door's hinges might have been placed incorrectly, or the mortise of the door might not be deep enough (or too deep). Checking the depth of the mortise is simple: run a finger along the hinge leaf that's set into the door. If the leaf isn't flush with the wood, the trouble may lie there. The new wood may have swollen slightly, as well.

Because you're in an older home, the door probably opened and shut for years with no problem, meaning the hinges are (or were) set just fine. However, the door frames of aging homes typically settle as time passes, and the frame could be slightly warped. The hinges may also have worked loose.

The first (and easiest) fix is to check all the hinges -- tap them down into place if necessary -- and tighten the screws holding the hinges to the door. If a screw won't tighten down, remove it, insert a wooden toothpick (or several) into the hole, and reinsert the screw.

If the door still sags, try putting a shim between the bottom hinge and the door. Remove the door completely from its hinges (this is where that second person comes in handy). Then, unscrew the bottom hinge leaf from the door. Using the leaf (the flat part) as a template, cut a piece of noncompressible cardboard, particle board or sheet brass (available in various pre-cut sizes at the hardware store) to match. Punch out screw holes in the same area as on the leaf. Lay the shim against the door first, then fasten

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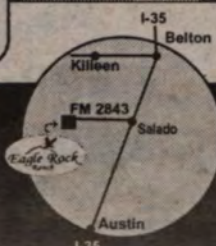
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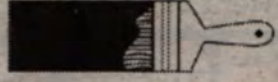
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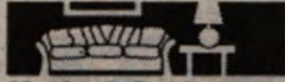
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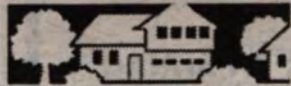
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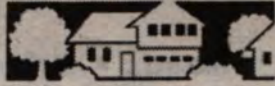


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 - Mill Creek Springs - \$30 - \$75,000
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 - Fletcher Ct. - \$68,000
 - 700 Willow Creek - \$36,000 - UC.
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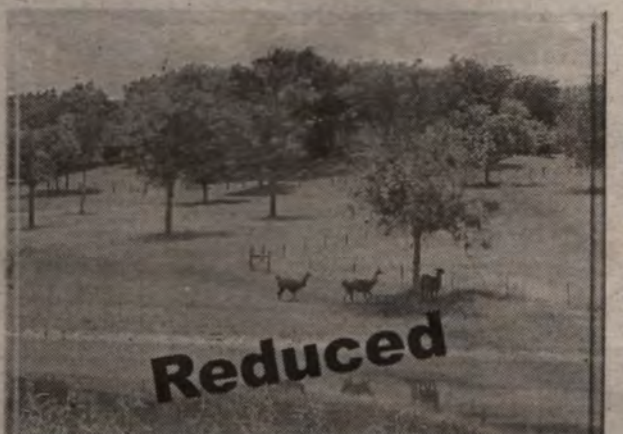
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Salado Lots

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