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PALS' Wine tasting Under the Stars Sep. 27

Public Arts League of Salado (PALS), is producing the second annual wine tasting event: "Under the Stars" at the Inn on the Creek in Salado Sep. 27.

For reservations, call 254-947-8300. Admission is \$25.

This year, a special feature of the Wine Tasting Auction will be a number of Food Items contributed by restaurants and private citizens; Mike and T9E Cooper - A Ladies High Tea for 12 gentlewomen valued at \$150; Micki and Don Ellis, A Mexican Supper at their home off Pace Park for six valued at \$60; Bill and Dottie Kyle, A Barbecue Ribs Supper for eight valued at \$100 on the back deck of their home; Bill and Shirley Pinkston, A Dinner in their dining room for six valued at \$100; Allen and Rita Rice, An Elegant Picnic in their back yard, fountainside, for six valued at



Nancy Light and Charles Allen are laden with Silent Auction gifts from Salado's merchants.

\$100; Royal St. Provision, A Picnic Lunch for four valued at \$80; The Salado Mansion - Dinner for two valued at \$40; A Dinner at Stone Creek Settlement for four valued at \$100; Merle and Karen Stalcup, A Cocktail Party in their home on Indian Trail for fifteen valued at \$150; Knox and Betsy Tyson, A Dinner in their Darwin

Britt designed home for eight valued at \$140; A Breakfast Coupon for two at Uncommon Grounds valued at \$30; and Gil and Pat Wanzor - Dinner for Two at Inn on the Creek valued at \$68.

Salado merchants contributing items at the event's silent auction are these: Accents of Salado, Alice's of Salado, Arch-

angels, Ambrosia, Angelic Herbs, Baines House (Lodging), Barnards., Janzy Beckers, Jim Sim Benton, Bird in Hand, Chameleon Clothier, Cardens, Christy's, Charlotte's of Salado, Classics on Main Street, Holly Dunn's Art Song Gallery, First State Bank, The 1860 Shop, Fletcher's Books, Wilbur Foster, FSG's, Garden Secrets, Horsefeathers, Ings, Chuck Jennings.

Also Janelle's, Main Street Place, Matters of the Heart, Merle Norman, Mill Creek Country Club, Mud Pies Pottery, Patty Thomas, Prellop Fine Art Gallery, Rosanky's, The Sawmill (Lodging), Seasons of Salado, Serenity Spa, Skin Deep, Southern Comforts, Stagecoach Inn, Strawberry Patch, Sweet Nut Things, Texan by Design, Three Dogs or a Quilt, Miz Tilliwigger's, Uniquely Europe, Village Pharmacy, and Wells Gallery.

Comedy of Errors accents Fantasy Faire

Salado's Tablerock Amphitheater and walking trail will be transformed into a land of legend and myth on Sep. 18 and 19. Gates open at 10 a.m. and close at 6 p.m.

Tablerock's tree-lined walking paths will host artisans and performers from across the state.

Historical demonstrations and lively characters from ancient imaginations promise to provide fun for all ages.

The gathering's entertainment of skits, plays, songs, stories, fire eaters, jugglers and demonstrations such as weaving and blacksmithing will inspire

and awe visitors

Merchants will provide food and drink, medieval clothing, weapons and tools, fanciful trinkets and homemade items of the highest quality.

All day tickets of \$5 for adults and \$3 of children may be purchased at the gate. Parking is limited.

For more information, call 947-9205.

Tablerock Festival will also bring William Shakespeare's play *A Comedy of Errors* to the outdoor stage Sep. 18, 19, 25 and 26.

The play will be directed by David Dunlap. Admission is \$10 per person, children \$5.

Mill Creek Springs annexation, budget top Sep. 16 agenda

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Salado aldermen will consider the annexation request of residents of Mill Creek Springs II and III following a public hearing 6:30 p.m. Sep. 16 at the Salado Civic Center on Main St.

The public hearing will be the third on the matter, which was brought before the board by Pete Stebbins, a resident of the subdivision requesting annexation into the city limits of Salado.

Stebbins and other volunteers took a vote of the residents of Mill Creek Springs II and III. Of the approximately 50 residents, more than 40 voted in favor of being annexed into the city limits of Salado.

Stebbins took these results before the board of aldermen in August. The board has conducted two public hearings on the matter and will consider annexing the subdivisions Sep. 16.

Aldermen will also consider adopting the 2004-05 general operating

and hotel/motel budgets following public hearings at the same meeting. The aldermen are set to adopt a general operating budget of almost \$500,000.

The \$491,100 budget will be funded this year with no property tax, relying mostly on sales tax revenues and utility franchise fees.

The hotel/motel budget is estimated at \$140,063, coming from the four percent local levy on stays in area lodgings.

In other business, the board will further discuss a voluntary contractor registration system for the Village.

Aldermen will consider the following new business items:

- Sign variance request from Jerry Johns for a sign on Main St.
- Tourism grant approvals (\$28,000) for 2004-05.
- Year-to-date financial report.
- Ordinance renumbering.

The meeting is open to the public. Anyone wishing to comment during the public hearings can sign up at the meeting to do so.

Night Before Party set Oct. 7

Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary will kick off Christmas in October with The Night Before Christmas Preview Party 6:30-8:30 p.m. Oct. 7 in the big tent behind the Salado Civic Center.

A number of local establishments will be providing snacks and hors d'oeuvres for the gala, including: Browning's Courtyard Cafe, Cathy's Boardwalk Cafe, Cowboy's Barbecue, El Rancho Grande, Essengee's, Johnny's Steaks and Barbecue, Mud Pies, Old Mill Pizza, Robertson's Hams, Salado Creek Grill, Stagecoach Inn, Strawberry Patch, Subway, Sweet Nut Things, Sweet Smells, The Range at the Barton House, The Salado Mansion and Uncommon



Carol Walls demonstrates the golf package and Melonie Stringer models the faux fur coat that are silent auction items. Carol and Melonie are co-chairs of the Preview Party.



Pictured above are the five nominees for Salado High School homecoming queen. Seated, l-r: Lauren Hogwood, Jenny Goode and Brittany Boydston. Standing, l-r: Stella Butts and LauraLee Young. Homecoming King nominees are Barrett Brasher, Travis Clark, Devon Dunn, Nick Everett and Tim Hodgkin. Princesses are Juniors Brittany Dixon, Shae Janda, Kirsten Singleton, Kelsey Smith, Sophomores Brandi Boydston, Sara Moffatt, Molly Rooney, Freshmen Lauren Culver and Zoni Perry. The 2004 homecoming queen and king will be crowned in a 7 p.m. ceremony prior to the football game versus Troy. (PHOTO BY CHRIS MCGREGOR)

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No one who is filing a Salado annexation petition is doing so hoping that history will remember them kindly, but sign on or not; future historians, local school children, tourists, and your own descendants will take great interest in reading about your role in a hundred years.

Many of our citizens will be known as leaders and activists who worked tirelessly to preserve the integrity of their community and to formalize their connection to our lovely Village.

People, like Karen Duerr who sounded the early alarm along with the *Salado Village Voice*, and the Hills who knocked on over 100 doors never letting their age slow them down, will be fondly remembered. All who sign on, large and small property owners alike will be known as ordinary, but heroic citizens who took action against larger, more dominating forces - Killeen and Belton.

I don't dare speculate on how future historians will depict those who choose to sit this one out. We are less able to control their legacy because that story may well be beyond our control and in the hands of Killeen.

Unfortunately it could also become our unhappy story. If Killeen moves to take their property and ends up in our back yard, we may lose the slow, rural country life that attracted us here in the first place. Worse yet, the unwillingness of a few to join the "great annexation movement of 2004" may make our efforts moot. Fortunately, nothing will splinter the relationships that have been established. Still, it is frustrating to know that we are at the mercy of a few who do not share our goal to be citizens of the Village of Salado.

Whatever the outcome, this grand effort is a story that will be told in the Bell County history books. I just hope this story has a happy ending - we join with the Village of Salado and win our efforts to remain a rural, close-knit community. Should we lose, at least those of us who tried will look heroic.

And I now feel part of a REAL community made up of people who are bonded by a common cause and not just a group of strangers who are simply linked by a subdivision plat or a postal address. That's no small blessing!

Taylor L. (another "other") Willingham,
Founder of Texas Forums,
www.texasforums.org
(Note to future historians - "other Willingham" means "relationship to Archibald unknown"!)

Due process overdue in US tax courts

Business in Focus

by Jack Faris

The words are old, rarely heard in public and often buried in long and overly-wordy legal documents that interest only lawyers, historians or government officials. But the phrase "without due process of law" is one of those ancient challenges to the basic freedoms of Americans that set liberty-loving peoples' blood to boiling and raise cries for fairness and honesty from their government.

While many of the nation's small-business owners may not be able to pinpoint the location of the phrase, which is tucked away in the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, they instinctively understand that their continued economic survival is dependent upon a properly-functioning system that recognizes and holds sacred the rights it implies.

That's why the NFIB Legal Foundation, upon learning that the U.S. Tax Court recently refused to disclose information in a case involving a small-business owner, has taken up this challenge before the U.S. Supreme Court. The tax court's refusal to allow access to special trial judges' reports, the Foundation asserts, is a clear violation of a taxpayer's right to due process.

The issues under review in the case of *Ballard v. Commissioner of Internal Revenue* are of considerable importance to all taxpaying Americans, especially small-business owners. Similar to many other tax cases, the underlying case started in the U.S. Tax Court where a Chief Judge appoints a special trial judge (STJ) to conduct the trial. At the conclusion of the trial, the STJ submits a report to the Chief Judge who can then accept, reject or modify the report. However, due to a change of direction by the Tax Court in 1983, the STJ reports are no longer disclosed to the parties, nor are the reports included in the court record.

Currently, the tax court is the only forum in which a small-business owner or an individual (nearly 85 percent of small businesses file taxes as an individual) can contest an income tax without first

paying the deficiency in full. Therefore, many small businesses choose to try their tax disputes in tax court. But denied the ability to review the STJ reports, a taxpayer's ability to appeal the court's decision is severely hampered because they have no way of knowing why the decision was made.

In its friend-of-the-court filing, the NFIB Legal Foundation points to that ancient language contained in the due process clause claiming that the case is founded upon two simple principles of democracy: fairness and transparency. These are true hallmarks of the judicial process.

It's bad enough that these entrepreneurs must face an increasingly complex federal tax code that bleeds them of time and money that they could be investing to make their businesses bigger and stronger. Requiring full-disclosure and transparency for all records is essential to ensuring that small-business owners have the ability to properly challenge decisions by the tax court or any other office of our nation's legal system.

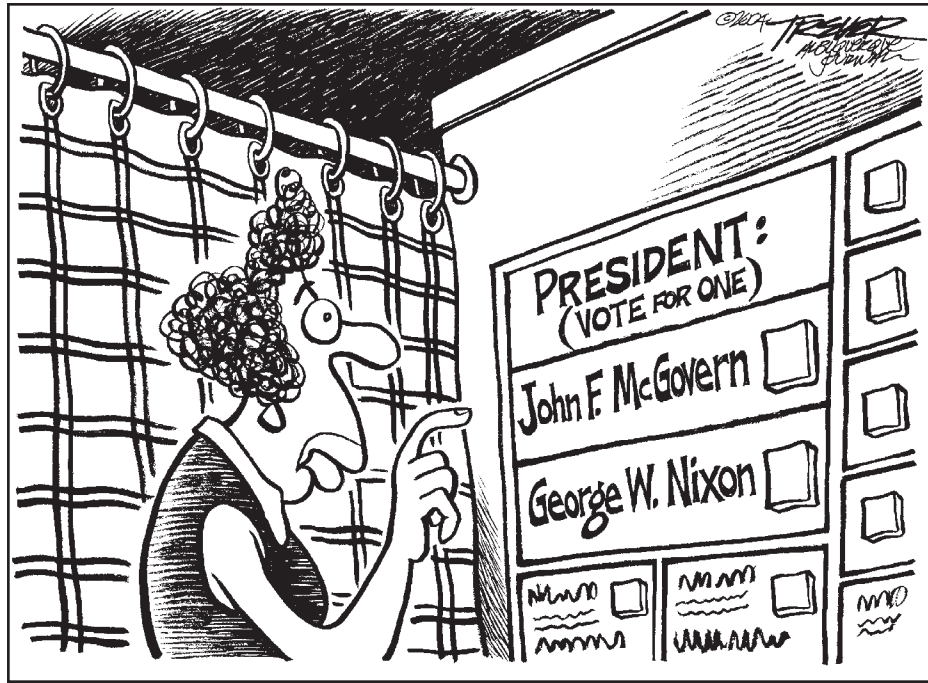
The U.S. Tax Court is long overdue for a refreshment course in due process.

Jack Faris is president of NFIB (the National Federation of Independent Business), the nation's largest small-business advocacy group. A non-profit, non-partisan organization founded in 1943, NFIB represents the consensus views of its 600,000 members in Washington, D.C., and all 50 state capitals. More information is available online at www.NFIB.com.



FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas



Texas defends homeland

By Gov. RICK PERRY

Three years ago, our nation was forever changed by the tragic events of September 11. The events of that day, and the terrorist attacks that have taken place around the world since then, have taught us that our enemies go to great lengths to execute their evil designs.

It is therefore incumbent upon us to take every step we can to protect our homeland and ensure the safety of our citizens, our property and the freedom we cherish. And today, because of the cooperative efforts of federal, state and local leaders, Texas has never been better prepared for any type of emergency.

My first priority as governor of Texas is to secure the safety of our people. Immediately after September 11, my office began working to strengthen our state's ability to prevent and respond to the threat of terrorism. We created the Texas Department of Homeland Security to coordinate efforts between federal,

state and local authorities, and the strategic plan we developed was the first to be approved by the federal government.

As part of our comprehensive strategy to combat terrorism, I set forth three principal objectives to detect, deter and defend against terrorist threats.

Our first priority must be to prevent terrorist attacks in Texas. Our best defense is a good offense of increased security, better risk detection and improved communication. The state and federal governments have provided funding to enhance coordination and communication among law enforcement agencies, increase intelligence, and strengthen facility security. And I established the Texas Security Alert and Analysis Center to coordinate the state's intelligence, response and warning systems.

Secondly, we must reduce the state's vulnerability to terrorism. My office continues to work closely with state agencies and the private sector to identify and assess risks, and we have provided greater protections for critical infrastructure like ports, airports and other key assets.

Finally, we must be able to respond rapidly and effectively to minimize damage if an attack on Texas soil ever occurs. That's why the state and federal governments have provided funding to better train first responders, equip hospitals and healthcare providers with the skills to respond to a bio-terrorist attack, and help communities purchase items such as de-

contamination equipment, hazmat suits and other equipment to support regional response plans.

Since 9-11, the state and federal governments have committed more than \$1.1 billion to help secure the Texas homeland. These funds have vastly improved our communications systems and helped better prepare first responders, law enforcement personnel and health care officials across the state.

With an international border that stretches more than 1,200 miles, hundreds of miles of coastline, numerous petrochemical facilities, and several of the largest metropolitan areas in the nation, Texas is not an implausible target for an attack by terrorist enemies.

But because of our efforts, Texans can feel secure and be safe in their homes and offices, at the airport or in their cars, and at any place they gather to play or worship.

While we cannot prevent every disaster, be it manmade or natural, we can and must take every step possible to prevent and prepare for emergencies. In Texas, we will continue to patrol, monitor, train and take every precaution to detect and prevent terrorist attacks. We will continue to protect our citizens, our homes and places of business, and our natural resources from assault or contamination. And we will continue to work together as a team with government and private leaders to ensure that our way of life and the freedom we cherish is available to all in future generations.

How to play corruption



Jim Hightower

In the category of "The Way Rotten Things Work," consider the case of Rebecca Klein.

She's running for Congress as a Bush Republican in Texas. She's unknown, even in her own district, which happens to be solidly Democratic. Her own supporters acknowledge that Becky, as she is called, won't come close to winning. She's a token candidate put up by such right-wing operatives as Karl Rove and Tom DeLay, who hate the incumbent, Lloyd Doggett - a solid progressive and constant thorn in their side. Rove and DeLay want to annoy Doggett, even if they can't beat him.

Yet, despite being a sure loser, Klein's campaign is awash in money - more than any other rookie candidate in the country. It's not grassroots money from local loyalists, but corporate cash from far-way CEOs and lobbyists. For example, Verizon, BellSouth, Quest, SBC, Time Warner, Qualcomm, and AT&T are eager contributors.

Why this showing of corporate love? Because Bush officials have quietly spread the word that, if George wins the presidency again, Becky is in line to become the next head of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), the regulatory agency that oversees these very corporations. And if not the FCC, officials say she could be named to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. So - lo and behold! - she's also being showered with campaign cash from utility giants.

These hard-nosed business guys are not really investing in her congressional campaign, but trying to establish themselves as "Friends of Becky." As one telephone company honcho puts it: "Washington is all about relationships, also about getting in early. That's the way the game is played."

"The game?" Isn't that a telling phrase? They view government - supposedly the government of, by, and for the people - as nothing but a corrupt, exclusive game for them to play by throwing around tons of corporate cash, buying government officials even before we the People know who the official is.



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People, like Karen Duerr who sounded the early alarm along with the *Salado Village Voice*, and the Hills who knocked on over 100 doors never letting their age slow them down, will be fondly remembered. All who sign on, large and small property owners alike will be known as ordinary, but heroic citizens who took action against larger, more dominating forces - Killeen and Belton.

I don't dare speculate on how future historians will depict those who choose to sit this one out. We are less able to control their legacy because that story may well be beyond our control and in the hands of Killeen.

Unfortunately it could also become our unhappy story. If Killeen moves to take their property and ends up in our back yard, we may lose the slow, rural country life that attracted us here in the first place. Worse yet, the unwillingness of a few to join the "great annexation movement of 2004" may make our efforts moot. Fortunately, nothing will splinter the relationships that have been established. Still, it is frustrating to know that we are at the mercy of a few who do not share our goal to be citizens of the Village of Salado.

Whatever the outcome, this grand effort is a story that will be told in the Bell County history books. I just hope this story has a happy ending - we join with the Village of Salado and win our efforts to remain a rural, close-knit community. Should we lose, at least those of us who tried will look heroic.

And I now feel part of a REAL community made up of people who are bonded by a common cause and not just a group of strangers who are simply linked by a subdivision plat or a postal address. That's no small blessing!

Taylor L. (another "other") Willingham,
Founder of Texas Forums,
www.texasforums.org
(Note to future historians - "other Willingham" means "relationship to Archibald unknown"!)

CHURCH NEWS

Nuse weds Lowery

Adam Nuse and Sarah Lowery were united in marriage on July 24, 2004, at St. Mary Catholic Church in Tulsa, OK, followed with a honeymoon in Maui.

The groom is the son of Jim and Daisy Nuse of Round Rock (formerly of Salado) and the bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lowery of Tulsa, OK.

The couple resides in Corpus Christi, where Adam is employed with the Corpus Christi Hooks Baseball Club.



Mr. and Mrs. Adam Nuse



The McKameys will return to Bell County Oct. 9.

McKameys to perform along with Messenger Quartet Oct. 9

Hailing from Clinton, TN, Southern Gospel musical group The McKameys will perform in concert 6:30 p.m. Oct. 9 in the Mary Marshall Auditorium on the Temple College campus.

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At the door, tickets will cost \$14. Children 12 and under will be admitted free.

For ticket information contact Donnie or Linda Jackson at 947-5100, or e-mail Cymusicministry@aol.com.

Willie Mae Phillips, 89, passes away on Sep. 6

Willie Mae Phillips, 89, of Salado, passed away September 6, 2004 after a long-term illness.

Funeral services were held Sep. 9 at Heartfield Funeral Home, with Rev. Jack Schlater officiating. Burial followed in Cedar Knob Cemetery.

Phillips was born to Jeff and Ada Lane Havens in Coolidge on Feb. 18, 1915. She and her family lived in Jarrell until she was 10 years old, and then moved to the Cedar Knob area.

She married T.A. Phillips in Bell County on Sep. 21, 1933, and they lived in Salado until his death in 1990. She opened a beauty shop in her Salado home, where she practiced as a beauty operator for 35 years before retiring. She was a member of the Cedar Knob Baptist Church.

Survivors include one son, Eddie Doyle Phillips, of Irving; three daughters, Maggie Wyanell Swaim,

of Austin, Wanda Marie Wright, of Belton, and Iris Mae Kendall, of Dallas; six grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; one brother, Cecil Havens, of Belton; and one sister, Myrtle Jones, of Overton.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Alzheimer's Association, 3429 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100, Austin, TX 78731; Sunrise Oaks Health Care, 612 Industrial Blvd., Temple, TX 76501; or Scott & White Hospice, 2327 South 57th, Temple, TX 76504.

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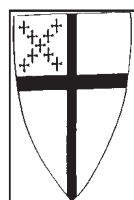
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DATE	OFFENSE	LOCATION
08-02	Public Intoxication	S. Stagecoach Rd.
08-03	Dog at Large	Vanessa St.
08-08	Criminal Mischief	Pace Park
08-09	Theft Over \$1,500	Old Mill Rd.
08-10	Accident (motor to motor)	Salado Plaza Dr.
08-11	Forgery	S. Main St.
08-12	Criminal Mischief Over \$50	Old Mill Rd.
08-12	Driving Under Influence	Salado Plaza Dr.
08-12	Minor Consuming Alcohol X3	Whispering Oaks Dr.
08-12	Public intoxication	Whispering Oaks Dr.
08-12	Accident (motor to motor)	S. Main St.
08-13	Driving without License	Thomas Arnold Rd.
08-15	Public Intoxication	S. Stagecoach Rd.
08-15	Criminal Mischief over \$1,500	Golf Course
08-16	Theft Over \$50 Under \$500	Salado Creek Place
08-19	Sexual Assault of Child	
08-22	Criminal Mischief over \$1,500	Golf Course
08-27	Theft Over \$50 Under \$500	Mill Creek Dr.
08-28	Theft Over \$50 Under \$500	Royal Street

Mulch, water topic Sep. 18

The Garden Club of Salado will present a special program 10 a.m.-noon Sep. 18 on mulching and water issues. The program will be held at the Presbyterian Church of Salado, 105 Salado Plaza. The presentation will be given by John Tolbert, who has been an avid gar-

dener all his adult life and has a great deal of experience in gardening as well as clean water issues. He currently serves on the San Marcos River Authority Board and was instrumental in cleaning up the river. He graduated in the top five percent of his class at Texas A and M

in 1978 with a degree in horticulture. Tolbert lives on the San Marcos River with his wife and daughter. He is the son of Teresa and Al Tolbert, of Salado. The public is invited to attend this free presentation.

Bell County Sheriff's Report, August 2004

Date	Incident	Location
8/1	Theft over \$500 under \$1,500	Crows Ranch Rd.
8/1	Theft over \$500 under \$1,500	Brewer Lane
8/4	Natural Death	I-35 S. and FM 282
8/6	Civil Matter	N. Stagecoach Rd.
8/8	Criminal Trespass	Wells Lane
8/9	Burglary of Habitation	Salado Springs Cir.
8/18	Criminal Mischief, damage unknown	Thomas Arnold
8/18	Dog Bite	Yellow Rose Lane
8/19	Criminal Mischief, under \$50	Rita Bend Dr.
8/23	Theft, value unknown	Rita Bend Dr.
8/24	Theft over \$50 under \$1,500	Stagecoach Rd.
8/25	Runaway Juvenile	Rose Lane
8/29	Criminal Mischief, over \$50 under \$500	Lonesome Dove Lane
8/29	Criminal Mischief, amount unknown	Oak Tree Dr.
8/30	Disorderly Conduct	Thomas Arnold

Bell Democrat women to meet

The monthly meeting of Bell County Texas Democratic Women will be held Sep. 18 in the courtroom of County Court at Law #2, 550 E. 2nd Ave. in Belton.

Refreshments will be served at 9:30 a.m. and the meeting will begin at 10 a.m. All Democratic Women and friends are invited. For information, call the Club President at 933-0801.

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Cross Country boys and girls dominate field at Shoemaker

It was a double-dip for the Salado Eagles cross-country teams at the Killeen Shoemaker meet. Both teams took home the gold in the Class 1A-3A division, despite the fact that the boys were without defending state champion Nick Everett, who was nursing a knee injury incurred during a football game.

The boys totaled a team score of 40 points, which placed them nine points ahead of second place Rogers, and 26 in front of third place Florence.

Making up for Everett's absence, the duo of Travis Clark and Johnny Kendall crossed the finish line first and second, respectively. Clark clocked

a time of 18:16.25, while Kendall finished at 18:47.54.

Other top individual runners included Sterling Martin (eighth, 20:02.15), D.J. Hampton (14th, 20:55.51) and Ryan Clark (15th, 21:01.72). Also running were Greg Faber, Clay Sharum and Michael Spinks.

On the girls side, the Lady Eagles dominated, posting five of the top seven finishing times. Sophomore Chelsea Ervi took home first with a time of 13:49.11. Leah Martin was the second place finisher, clocking in at 14:02.54, while Tamra Stanish earned third place with her time of 14:13.32.

Valerie Clark (fifth, 14:56.07), Rachel Blodgett

(seventh, 15:17.97) and Brittani Goodnight (ninth, 15:51.38) rounded out Salado's top-10 runners.

Previously, Salado competed in the Belton Cross Country Meet, with the girls taking home first place and boys finishing eighth.

The girls, led by another winning performance from Ervi, dominated the pack. Salado's 57 points far outdistanced second place China Spring's 98 and third place Robinson's 109 both Class 3A schools.

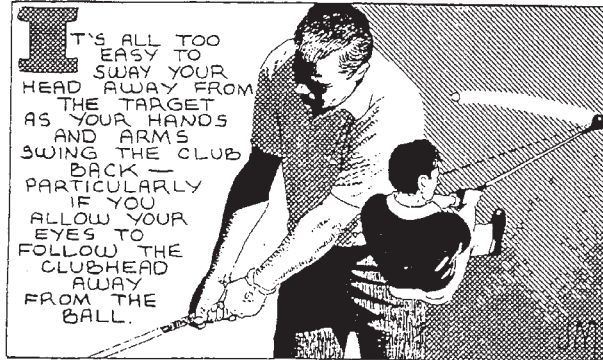
Ervi came in at 12:56.91, just ahead of Franklin's Hannah Cox, who finished at 12:58.56.

Slightly behind was Leah Martin, who came in

fourth with a time of 13:24.65. Tamra Stanish was seventh at 13:45.29, Brittani Goodnight finished 20th at 14:31.38, and Rachel Blodgett came in 25th with a time of 14:43.51. Also running for the Lady Eagles was Brittany Gilchrest, who finished at 16:21.93, good for 58th in the field of 80.

Travis Clark was the top finisher for the boys, coming in at 18:03.56 to earn seventh. Sterling Martin placed 43rd at 20:29.67, D.J. Hampton was 49th at 20:54.94 and Clay Sharum came in 64th with a time of 22:11.74. Greg Faber (69th, 22:32.12) and Michael Spinks (81st, 25:48.08) also ran for the Eagles.

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Lady Eagles drop district opener in five tough games

After a strong start to the season, the Lady Eagles volleyballers experienced some rough times last week, losing their first

opening district match in five sets to a seasoned Lago Vista squad.

After dropping the first two games 13-25 and 20-

25, the girls rallied to take the next two by scores of 25-10 and 25-22. With the game count knotted at two apiece, the Lady Eagles dropped the fifth and deciding game by a score of 10-15.

"This was a tough loss for us," said first year coach Stacy Lisenbe. "Right now we are hurting over the loss, but we do not plan to give up. Last year, Lago Vista was fifth in state, so the girls have to be proud."

The Junior Varsity Lady Eagles won their match against Lago Vista, taking the victory in two straight, 25-15 and 25-18. The win gave the JV a 8-5 season mark, 1-0 in district.

The freshmen lost their match to Lago Vista in two straight.

Both seventh grade A and B teams faced off against Lago Vista, as well. The A-Team lost 17-25, 19-25, while the B-Team was victorious, winning 25-20, 25-12.



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Faber attends Tech thanks to scholarship

David Faber was one of six Salado High School seniors who received a Salado Education Foundation scholarship in 2003. David is the son of Ann Faber, of Salado, and the grandson of Paul and Mary Jean Boston, of Belton.



Texas Tech student David Faber, of Salado.

"This year I am a sophomore at Texas Tech University," David commented. In his freshman year, he was invited to attend the Red Raider Leadership Conference. He made a 4.0 GPA in summer school, and in the fall semester of 2003 David was named a Presidential Scholar. In the spring of 2004 David was invited to join Phi Eta Sigma and Alpha Lambda Delta, the two freshmen honor societies. Currently, he is enrolled in the Honors College at Texas Tech and is living in the Honors Apartment/Dormitory complex.

"I am majoring in accounting with the long term goal of attending Jerry S. Rawls School of Business for my Master's Degree. Rawls will give me the courses I need for hospital administration, and that is what I'm interested in. My short term goal is to spend the fall semester of my junior year in Seville, Spain," he said.

This past summer, David worked at Sallie Mae, the student loan company located in Killeen. "It was an invaluable learning experience," David commented. "I ran background checks on applicants and ran loan disclosures to see if employees of Sallie Mae were behind in their student loan payments."

"I had to type a lot and I worked with confidential employee documents. At the end of the summer I had to make suggestions on how to improve the peak hiring season, which runs for three months before college begins each year. Sallie Mae employs about 650 people during it's busy season, June, July and August. I plan to work for Sallie Mae again this year during Christmas vacation," said David.

"While I enjoy Texas Tech intramural football and basketball, my studies come first and foremost," said David. "Although when I'm home for the summer and for Christmas vacation I try to spend as much time as possible with family."

This year's "Chisholm Trail Cattlemen's Ball, Salado Education Foundation's fund-raiser, will be 6 p.m.-midnight Oct. 23 at Tenroc Ranch in Salado. Proceeds from this event will support the Salado Education Foundation in providing student scholarships, and grants to teachers for educational programs. If an SEF scholarship recipient wishes to attend Temple College their scholarship is matched.

Attendees of the October third Chisholm Trail Cattlemen's Ball are invited to dress in western gear while enjoying a night of fun under Texas stars. In concert will be Fred Fuller and his band. Dinner will be served by Johnny's Steaks and Bar-Be-Que. Casino gambling, a live auction, a "Funny Money" auction and a "Mercado," (blind bid auction) are planned.

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The armadillo is a rather interesting and unusual animal that has a protective armor of "horny" material on its head, body and tail. The head is small with a long, narrow, pig-like snout. The track usually appears to be three-toed and shows sharp claw marks. Characteristic sign of armadillo activity is shallow digging one-to-three inches deep and three-to-five inches wide,

which is done in search for food.

The armadillo is active primarily from twilight hours through early morning hours in the summer. In winter it may be active only during the day. The armadillo is a burrowing animal, usually digging a burrow seven-to-eight inches in diameter and up to 15 feet in length. Burrows are located in rock piles, around stumps, brush piles, or terraces around brush. Armadillos will have a number of dens in an area to use for escape.

The armadillo has poor eyesight, but a rather keen sense of smell. In spite of its cumbersome appearance, the agile armadillo can run well when in danger. It is a good swimmer and also is able to walk across the bottom of small streams.

The most notable armadillo damage occurs as a result of their rooting in lawns, golf courses, vegetable gardens and flower beds. The armadillo prefers to have its burrows in areas that have cover, so the removal of brush or other such cover will discourage them from becoming established. There are no repellents currently registered or known to be effective.

Armadillos can be captured in 10x12x32 inch live or box traps such as Havahart, Tamahawk, or homemade types. The best locations to set traps are along pathways to their burrows and along fences or other barriers where the animals may travel.

This set does not need baiting. If bait is desired, use over-ripe or spoiled fruit. Other suggested baits are fetid meats or meal worms.

Since most of the damage armadillos cause is a result of their rooting

for insects and other invertebrates in the soil, an insecticide may be used to remove this food source and make areas less attractive to armadillos.

The second common call this week was concerning bees. This year starting in June, our office has had more than 200 calls about bees, usually hives in trees, old barns, walls of a house and even old abandoned tractors.

Dickens and Garza counties were added to the state quarantine restricting the movement of commercial bee operations following the detection of Africanized honey bees.

These additions make 154 counties in Texas now quarantined for Africanized honey bees, according to the Texas Apiary Inspection Service, a unit of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, and Bell County has been in the group for a number of years.

When people call our office, the first question is: "Do I have Africanized bees?" And the second question is: "How can I get rid of them?"

I simply say first "Bee Safe." Protect yourself, your family, home and property.

Africanized honey bees are well established in the wild population of honey bees in Texas. The Africanized bee is a hybrid (mixture) of African and European honey bee subspecies. Both are not native to the Americas. As a hybrid the Africanized bee appears identical to European honey bees. Individual foraging European and Africanized bees are highly unlikely to sting. A swarm rarely stings people when in flight or temporarily at rest. However, established Africanized colonies are more highly defensive toward perceived predators

than European colonies.

Africanized and European honey bees look the same and protect their nests from predators by stinging. An individual bee can sting only once and then dies. They have the same kind of venom, and pollinate flowers, produce honey and wax.

Yet Africanized bees respond quickly to disturbances by people and animals 50 feet or more from the nest. They sense vibrations from power equipment 100 feet or more from the nest and then sting in large numbers. They will chase an enemy up to a mile or more. In addition, they have a higher rate of reproduction (swarm more frequently) and nest in smaller cavities, sometimes underground (e.g. water meters and animal burrows).

Bees will choose a nesting site in many places where people may disturb them. Nesting cavities may include: buckets, cans, empty boxes, old tires, or any container ranging in volume from as little as two-to-10 gallons and more. Bees will also choose infrequently used vehicles, lumber piles, holes and cavities in fences, trees, and the ground, in sheds, garages, and other outbuildings. Simply remove POTENTIAL NEST SITES AROUND BUILDINGS, before bees nest there.

If you find bees, call an exterminator! Do not attempt to exterminate them yourself.

Everyday precautions include:

- Listen for buzzing and look for bees entering or leaving the same area indicating a nest or swarm of bees.
- Carefully enter sheds and outbuildings where bees may nest.
- Examine work areas prior to using noisy power equipment such as lawn mowers, weed cutters, and chain saws.
- Examine areas for bees before tying up or penning pets and livestock.
- Watch for bees when outdoors.
- Never disturb a swarm or colony of bees - contact a pest control company or our office at 254-933-5305.

- Teach children to be cautious around and respectful to all bees.
- If you know you are allergic to bee stings, check with your doctor about a sting kit.
- Have a bee safety plan in place for your family.

I encourage those of you with access to the internet to check-out the new extension website: <http://honeybee.tamu.edu>.

This site is the most complete and concise location for the true facts.

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Date	Time	Type
8/2	00:44	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
8/2	09:23	Passenger vehicle fire
8/3	19:39	Vehicle accident with injuries
8/4	07:45	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
8/4	12:51	Self-propelled motor home or recreational vehicle
8/4	20:25	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
8/6	19:47	Vehicle accident with injuries
8/6	23:33	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
8/8	12:46	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
8/10	19:58	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
8/12	00:39	Vehicle accident with injuries
8/12	09:05	Vehicle accident with injuries
8/12	13:52	Grass fire
8/13	05:16	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
8/13	05:44	Vehicle accident with injuries
8/13	14:49	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
8/14	12:59	Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire
8/15	09:13	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
8/15	10:35	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
8/15	22:53	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
8/16	07:57	Building fire
8/16	13:49	Vehicle accident with injuries
8/17	12:44	False alarm or false call, other
8/17	14:02	Road freight or transport vehicle fire
8/17	22:54	Vehicle accident with injuries
8/18	09:18	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
8/18	11:52	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
8/19	16:11	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
8/19	19:00	Vehicle accident with injuries
8/19	20:58	Authorized controlled burning
8/20	16:10	Grass fire
8/21	07:07	Vehicle accident with injuries
8/21	10:28	Self-propelled motor home or recreational vehicle
8/26	16:45	Mobile property (vehicle) fire, other
8/27	06:32	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
8/28	20:49	Vehicle accident with injuries
8/30	10:20	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
8/30	13:38	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
8/30	16:01	Vehicle accident with injuries

Sixth annual Ethics Symposium slated at UMHB college of business

The University of Mary Hardin-Baylor will hold the sixth Annual Ethics Symposium through the College of Business 8 a.m. -3 p.m. Sep. 16, in the Lord Conference Center of the Parker Academic Center on campus.

The symposium is free and open to the public. Time will be provided for attendees to get lunch on or off campus.

The first session, "Diversity Issues: A

Contemporary Perspective" will be conducted by Dr. George Harrison, UMHB director of student relations and community services and Robert Gamboa from Texas State Technical School. Session two, entitled "Ethics and the Political Campaign" by Nancy Boston, chairperson of the Bell County Republican party. The final session, conducted by Judge Jon Burrows, Bell County Judge will address

"Perspectives in Government."

According to ethics instructor Harry Sweet, the symposium is geared for anyone in the community who deals with ethical questions in their daily lives.

"Although rooted in the academic arena, the focus of the symposium will be on the practical application of ethics in the areas addressed. This will be an excellent opportunity

for both professionals and non-professionals to further their understanding of what has become a very ambiguous subject in the American lexicon. Moreover, it is an occasion which allows student, wage-earner, and manager to present their own views and learn the views of others," says Sweet.

For more information contact Harry Sweet at 295-4655.

Army Jazz Ambassadors headed to Belton

The U.S. Army Field Band is the U.S. Army's official touring musical organization. One of its most entertaining subgroups, the Jazz Ambassadors, will be performing at 7:30 p.m., Oct. 22, in the W. W. Walton Chapel at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor.

The Jazz Ambassadors tour annually throughout the United States and travel abroad as directed by the Secretary of the Army. This 19-member big band, formed in 1969, has received great acclaim both at home and abroad.

Concerts by the Jazz Ambassadors are designed to entertain all types of audiences. From the big band sounds of the forties to the contemporary hits of today, the members of the Jazz Ambassadors frequently present a musical program that appeals to all ages. Their unique sound and versatility have earned them international recognition. In addition to formal public concerts, the Jazz Ambassadors frequently present clinics for high schools and colleges and perform on local and network television.

In recent years, international touring has become an important part of the Field Band's mission. The Jazz Ambassadors completed a month-long tour of the Republic of India in 1989. In 1989, the band toured six countries in Europe and had the honor of performing at four of the world's most prestigious jazz festivals. The Jazz Ambassadors were the first military band to perform on the main stage at the famed Montreux Jazz Festival in Switzerland. In 1990, the Jazz Ambassadors appeared at the

world-famous Newport Jazz Festival in Rhode Island. They performed in Tokyo, Japan, in 1993 for the grand opening of the Glenn Miller Birthplace Society. In 1995, the band was invited to perform at the New York-Brussels Jazz Rally with Jean "Toots" Thielemans as guest artist.

The concert will be part of the university's Homecoming festivities and will be free admission, but due to limited seating, tickets are required. Call 295-5150 for tickets.

Salado School Menus Mon.- Fri., Sep. 20-24

Lunch Salado Intermediate School

Sep. 20: Beef and bean burrito, corn dogs, pizza, chef salad, tater tots, corn, mixed vegetables, fresh fruit, pears, condiments, milk.

Sep. 21: Fried chicken, hamburger on bun, pizza, chef salad, baked potato, rolls, mashed potato, corn, frito lay, green beans, fresh fruit, pineapple tidbits, chocolate chip cookie, condiments, milk.

Sep. 22: Pizza, chicken fillet on a roll, chef salad, roasted red potato, baked potato, burger salad, corn, breadstick, fresh fruit, peaches, condiments, milk.

Sep. 23: Fish strips, nachos, pizza, chef salad, baked potato, oven fries, pinto beans, carrots, fresh fruit, applesauce, garlic bread, condiment, milk.

Sep. 24: Hamburger on bun, grilled chicken on bun, pizza, chef salad, pinto beans, fresh fruit, apple slices, burger salad, oven fries, condiment, milk.

Lunch Thomas Arnold Elementary

Sep. 20: Beef Taco, chef salad, hoagie, mexicali corn, pears, milk.

Sep. 21: Corn dogs, pinto beans, chef salad, hoagie, carrot sticks, fresh fruit, milk.

Sep. 22: Pizza, yogurt & fruit plate, hoagie, corn, breadstick, peaches, milk.

Sep. 23: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, rolls, peas and carrots, chef salad, hoagie, fresh fruit, milk.

Sep. 24: Cheeseburger on roll, chef salad, hoagie, burger salad, oven fries, pineapple tidbits, condiments, milk.

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Make these investment moves to help fight inflation

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Financial Focus

by Allen Mantanona



how should you respond to inflation?

For starters, don't get too alarmed - we aren't anywhere near the inflationary levels we saw in the late 1970s and early 1980s. Nonetheless, even a gradual increase in inflation may be enough for you to consider making some investment moves. Your fixed-income investments, such as bonds and certificates of deposit, are particularly vulnerable to higher inflation. Consequently, you may need to consider investments that offer rising income.

Where can you find such investments? Start by looking at stocks that may pay dividends - particularly those high-quality stocks that increase their dividend payouts, year after year. Of course,

companies that have historically paid - and increased - their dividends may not always do so, but those businesses with good track records of paying dividends are typically well-run firms, capable of adjusting to different market environments and determined to reward their investors.

Furthermore, from a tax standpoint, it's a good time to invest in dividend-paying stocks. If you're in a tax bracket of 25 percent or higher, you'll only have to pay 15 percent for most types of domestic stock dividends you receive. Before tax laws were revised last year, these dividends would have been taxed at your individual tax rate. (The new rate is scheduled to expire at the end of 2008, after which divi-

dends will again be taxed at your personal tax rate.)

Other inflation fighters

To combat inflation, you don't have to rely solely on stocks that can increase their dividends. Here are a couple of other investment possibilities:

- **TIPS** - When you invest in Treasury Inflation Protected Securities (TIPS), your return will be linked to inflation - specifically, the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U). So, if inflation rises three percent, the value of a \$1,000 TIPS bond also rises by three percent, to \$1,030. And this type of "indexing" will continue until your TIPS bond matures. Every six months, the principal value of your TIPS bond will be adjusted for inflation - and your interest payments are based on that rising principal. However, you will have to pay federal income taxes on this interest and on the inflation adjustment - even though

you don't really receive this adjustment until your bond matures. To avoid being taxed annually on this "phantom" income, you may want to put your TIPS in a tax-deferred instrument, such as an IRA.

- **REITs** - As inflation increases, the value of real estate usually rises as well; as a result, real estate is considered a good "hedge" against inflation. You might want to consider investing in a real estate investment trust (REIT), which buys, operates and sells residential and commercial real estate.

Look beyond inflation

By investing in dividend-paying stocks, TIPS and REITs, you can help your portfolio stay ahead of inflation. But, don't forget that inflation is just one factor to evaluate when you're reviewing your holdings. Don't forget about growth, diversification and tax management - they're all important elements of successful investing.

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Understanding the art of the deal

Buying and Selling

by Ryan Hodge

Whether you are the buyer or the seller, negotiation skills are crucial to a successful real estate transaction. You'll find that a real estate agent provides the experience, tools, and skills necessary to "strike a deal" with the other party, other agents, and other professionals who are all involved in

such a transaction.

Every negotiation should follow a step-by-step formula, beginning with preparation and ending with a proposal that has been accepted by all. It's best to spend most of your time on the "preparation" phase, since this will greatly reduce the time and stress involved in the "bargaining" phase down the road.

The proposal, or Offer To Purchase, is produced when the buyers have done their "prep work" and the sellers can now begin bargaining if they choose. This is where it's very important for both sides to have a clear understanding of all the aspects involved, and you'll want to be sure to have the experience and training of a real estate professional to promote your best interests.

Bargaining or negotiating is all about gains and concessions, and the more educated you are about both sides of the transaction, the better your chances are to reach a nice, smooth, mutually acceptable conclusion. While all the decisions are ultimately yours, doesn't it make sense to have a real estate professional on your side?

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Republican women give books

Third graders at Thomas Arnold Elementary School will be presented with their own personal dictionary at a ceremony Sep. 21, according to Salado Area Republican Women President, Barclay McCort.

This is the second year the Republican Women have purchased dictionary

for the third graders, and it is part of a wider Bell County effort by Republican Women to provide a dictionary to each third-grade child in the county. The dictionary is the students to keep, so that they can take it with them into the fourth grade and use it throughout their school career.

"Third grade students are at an age when learning and understanding new words are crucial to the rest of a child's education. They are interested in words," said McCort. "Learning to read a new word gives them a sense of satisfaction. Building vocabulary ultimately helps students develop

reading, writing and creative thinking abilities."

The dictionary project, according to the SARW, also fits in with the President's No Child Left Behind Law that was passed in Jan. 2002. "We are pleased to assist locally in the effort to help our children," McCort stated.

Sheriff's Posse Trail Ride Sep. 25

The 17th Annual Sheriff's Posse Trail Ride is scheduled for Sep. 25, and will begin at Pace Park in Salado. The ride will cover 10 miles, returning to Pace Park for a barbecue lunch and concert by Brian Gowan.

Other activities include door prizes, auction and a

raffle.

The Harley portion of this event will be sponsored by the Bell County Chapter of the H.O.G. (Harley Owners Group). Motorcycles will leave the Harker Heights Harley Davidson at 10:30 a.m. for a one-hour ride through the countryside before

joining the group in Pace Park at 11:30 a.m.

For information about the motorcycle ride contact any H.O.G. chapter member or the Harley Davidson stores in Temple and Harker Heights. For information about the horse trail ride, contact the Bell County Sheriff's

Office or Sheriff's Posse member Mel Curtis at 718-1612.

There is a \$10 entry fee which covers the cost of lunch. Negative Coggins Test required for all horses.

Funds raised will benefit the Children's Miracle Network.

Western collectibles show set

The Chisholm Trail Bit, Spur, Western Collectibles and Fine Antiques Show will be held Sep. 17-19 at the Bell County Expo Center, in conjunction with the American Cut-

ting Horse Association World Finals.

The show will be open to the public 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sep. 17-18, and 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sep. 19. Admission is \$5. All active

duty military personnel will be admitted free.

Included in the show's offerings will be saddles, chaps, holsters, hats, clothing, cowboy and western collectibles, an-

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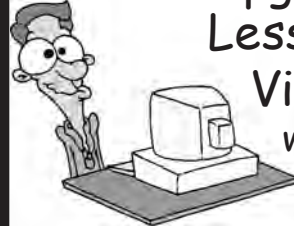
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Representing the Salado Public Library, Patty Campbell presents a check to Salado Education Foundation president Bill Kyle Sep. 9. The \$950 donation represented one-half of the revenues from the library's two major book sales. The Education Foundation's Third Annual Chisholm Trail Cattleman's Ball will be held Oct. 23 at Tenroc Ranch.

Car wash, bake sale Sep. 18 to benefit Project Graduation

Fresh baked goods and clean cars will be available for Salado residents Sep. 18, at the shopping center next to Brookshire Brothers, compliments of the Salado Senior Class of 2005.

Class members will be holding a car wash and bake sale that day from noon-3 p.m. to raise money for Project Graduation. Salado residents are encouraged come out and stock up on home baked goodies, just in time for tailgate parties, while getting their cars washed at the same time.

In addition, the Coca-Cola fundraiser is also still going on. From now until Sep. 24, members of the Class of 2005 will be selling Coca-Cola prod-

ucts to the general public at a reduced price to raise money for the year-end event.

Seniors are selling cases of 24, 20-ounce bottles for \$17 per case. Coke products available include Classic Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite, Mr. Pibb and Dasani bottled water. Senior class members will be taking orders through September 24. Delivery will be Oct. 4.

The Texas Department of Public Safety started Project Graduation several years ago, statewide, as a way to reduce traffic and alcohol-related death of teenagers by promoting safe, alcohol-free and substance-free graduation celebrations. Salado

has held its own Project Graduation celebrations in the past several years.

For additional information, contact Project Graduation Coordinators, Ruth Caskey at rcaskey@saladoisd.org, or Heidi Phillip at hef Phillip@na.cokecce.com.

Lions plan tourney on Oct. 25

The Salado Lions Club will host its Annual Golf Tournament Oct. 25 at Mill Creek Inn and Golf Club.

The four person scramble will begin at 1 p.m., and the \$65 per player entry fee will include green fee, cart, complimentary course beverages and a fajita buffet after play.

Hole-in-one prizes include a Toyota Tundra Limited Edition Truck at Hole 12 on MC II, a Vacation Package at Hole 16 on MC II, a Bosewave Radio/CD Player at Hole 8 on MC III, and a \$500 Visa Travel Money Card at Hole 3 on MC III.

Other prizes featured will be \$200 cash to the first place team, \$100 to second place, and a dozen golf balls per player for third place. Also included will be longest drive and closest to the pin contests.

The funds raised by the golf tournament benefit the many Lions Club charities, such as the Eye Bank of Texas, Texas Lions Camp, and a myriad of other locally-based charities such as the awarding of scholarships to Salado High School students.

For questions or reservations contact Lion Hulda Horton at 947-8300.

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Historians gather for Symposium Sep. 18

The Central Texas History Symposium will be held Sep. 18 at the Old Commissioner's Court Building, located behind the County Clerk's office in Belton.

The Symposium is organized with the goal of enlarging and preserving the historical and genealogical knowledge of Central Texas during the War Between the States. This year's theme is "Central Texans Defend the Frontier." Admission to the Symposium is \$5.

David Paul Smith, Civil War author, will speak 9:30 a.m. on "Defending the Texas Frontier." Smith is the author of "Frontier Defense in the Civil War: Texas' Rangers and Rebel," published by Texas

A&M Press.

He is a contributing author of "Lone Star Blue and Gray: Essays on Civil War in Texas," and "Guerillas, Unionists, and Violence of the Confederate Home Front," which was a selection of the History Book Club in 1999. He also edited a two-volume collection of essays, "Perspectives on American History."

In Oct. 2003, a game that he designed was published: "Battle Cry of Freedom: A Civil War Card Game."

Smith recently retired from 27 years of teaching at Highland Park High School. He now lives in Nacogdoches.

Following a 30-minute break for refreshments at

10:30 a.m., Brad Johnson will speak on "Leonard Gee of the 5th Texas Infantry."

Johnson is considered to be one of the most in-demand lecturers on the Republic of Texas and of Texas' role in the Civil War.

Born and raised in Temple, a graduate of Temple High School and Texas Tech University, Johnson is proprietor of "Texas Dreams," a company dedicated to the exploits and accomplishments of Texans during the years of the Republic and the War Between the States.

Speaking to genealogical societies, schools, civic groups and historical organizations all over

the state, Johnson will re-create on of his most requested roles - a first person account of Central Texan Pvt. Leonard Gee of the 5th Texas Infantry. Gee was an eyewitness to one of the more memorable moments in Texas history during his service in Gen. Robert E. Lee's army at the Battle of the Wilderness in 1864. This dramatic recreation offers insight into the lives and times of those who came before us in Central Texas.

As part of the Symposium, a drawing will be held for a Civil War print donated by Johnson's company.

For more information contact Rocky Sprott at 939-6137.

Cowboys to be inducted in Feb

The Texas Rodeo Cowboy Hall of Fame has announced the 19 cowboys and cowgirls who will be inducted into the Hall of Fame in February 2005.

Contesting Cowboys are: Monte Elms, Hico; Raymond Hulin, Port Neches; Ralph Senn, Kingsberry; Bill Williams, Clarksville; R.B. Wilson, Driftwood and Edd Workman, Graham.

Contesting Cowgirl is Sue Miller, Lott.

A.L. (Duke) Gibbs, of Youngsport, will be inducted as Rodeo Producer.

Dan Taylor and Berva Dawn Sorenson Taylor, of Doole, will be inducted as Outstanding Rodeo Husband and Wife.

Also, Rodeo Clown-Barrelman-Specialty Act: Snuffy Chancellor, of Azle.

The following have passed away but will be remembered by the Hall of Fame: Freddy Lynn (Gomer) Greer, Dallas;

Tony Gale Haberer, Plainview; George Paul, Del Rio; and Richard (Dick) Walker, Cotulla.

Others to be inducted in February, include: Dan O. Coates, Weatherford, Announcer; Hazel Turner, Houston, Rodeo Secretary; Red Steagall, Gainesville, Special Recognition and Roger Langford, Weatherford, Honorary.

Induction ceremonies are slated for Feb. 11-12 at the Frank W. Mayborn Convention Center in Temple. A Reception will be held Feb. 11 for old and new friends to meet. The induction will be 10 a.m. Feb. 12.

In 1975, founder Johnny Boren and Bert Bounds, of Belton, and a group of Bell County business persons had the vision for

the Central Texas Rodeo Cowboy Hall of Fame as it was called in earlier years. It was formed to showcase the outstanding rodeo athletes in the public eye by way of a non-profit, all volunteer association that is known now as the Texas Rodeo Cowboy Hall of Fame. The name change represented its growth and development within the entire State of Texas.

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Money management starts early

By LINDA FUCHS
 EXT. AGENT - FAMILY AND
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Saving money is a life long habit, and one usually picked up at first within families. Even children as young as three or four years old can be taught to put coins into a piggy bank, according to Dr. Joyce Cavanagh, Texas Cooperative Extension Family Economics Specialist.

But real lessons in saving money begin as the child's understanding grows. It depends on how old the child is, and what he or she is able to understand about the concept of saving. At six or seven, it's hard to grasp much about very far into the future. Children that young are not going to understand the importance of long-term financial goals, such as saving money for college, and parents must keep that limitation in mind when guiding their children into a savings habit.

By about eight or nine, children are old enough to understand that some gratification is not instant, and that saving money for a specific purpose like the purchase of a new computer game is a good way to reach that goal. This is a good age for children to learn about savings accounts, too. By age 12, they should have their own savings account. Older children are better able to

understand the principle behind saving money to reach a specific goal.

Children also learn by what they see. "Parents have to set an example," Cavanagh said. "The best teaching tool is having kids see their parents exhibit behavior that they are trying to teach. For example, she said, "how can a child learn to save money for something he wants to buy when his own parents are running up credit card charges?"

Saving money is a life-long habit, but money must be available for children to save. And that's where that childhood institution known as the "allowance" comes in. "There are two schools of thought when it comes to allowances," Cavanagh said. One theory is to pay children an allowance and make them responsible for spending that money on specific things - for example, a child might be expected to purchase his or her own school lunches.

If the child wishes to make money beyond what the allowance provides, he/she could do extra chores around the house, outside the everyday chores expected of him/her as a member of the family.

The other theory of allowance-giving is that children should be paid an allowance that is tied to their chores at home. Cavanagh sees one problem with this theory in that

a child might not care if he has any money and so might choose not to do any chores.

"If the main purpose (in getting an allowance) is to help kids understand money and learn how to manage money, one way is to make sure they have some money to learn with," she said.

One rule of thumb is giving the child \$1 per week per year of age. In other words, a 10-year-old might receive \$10 a week for his allowance, while his 15-year-old sister gets \$15. When it comes to allowances, one size does not fit all.

What works for one family might not work for another family. When setting the amount of a child's allowance, parents should keep in mind what the child will be expected to purchase with the money. When children are younger they might be responsible for purchasing school supplies such as paper, pens and notebooks. As they get older and more financially experienced - and have bigger allowances - they might also be in charge of buying their own clothes from their allowance money.

Cavanagh stated that, "As children get older, their allowances increase and so does what they are expected to get with that allowance. While parents can give advice with that process, they don't want to

exercise too much control over it, she added. "Some of the most powerful lessons we learn about money are when we make mistakes. Kids learn from their mistakes. Helping them see what they might do differently is a more powerful tool than punishing them for making mistakes with money."

Teaching children these lessons about financial responsibility while they are still young can help prevent them from creating financial and credit chaos for themselves when they are older. Checking accounts can be an extremely useful tool in helping older children learn money management. In fact, Cavanagh suggested that when many teenagers get their first jobs, is the ideal time for students to open their first checking accounts.

Hopefully by this time, they understand the importance of putting money aside for emergencies. As children become teenagers and head toward adulthood, saving money should be a fact of financial life to them. Ideally, you want the child to leave home (for college or work) and have the skills needed to live within his income, and not get over indebted.

Kids who had this kind of learning experience when they were living at home are better prepared (to be financially wise) when they leave home.



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During ribbon cutting ceremonies last week, the Salado Chamber of Commerce welcome the Salado Silver Spur Theater (above) and the Timbers at the Salado Sawmill. Owned by Diane and Robert Pascoe, the 800 sq. ft. Timbers is located above Bob's wood-crafting shop, the Salado Sawmill, on Salado Plaza Dr. It contains room for up to six persons, with separate living, dining and sleeping areas. More info is available at <http://timbers.saladosawmill.com>.

The Salado Silver Spur Theater, located in the Guest-Sanford Granary on Royal St., opened for business on Labor Day weekend. Showtimes and performance lists are available at www.saladosilverspur.com

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SEPTEMBER 16

Village of Salado meeting on annexation, 6:30 p.m. at Salado Civic Center.

SEPTEMBER 17

Homecoming football: Salado Eagles vs. Troy Trojans, 7:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 17-19

Salado Silver Spur Theater presents Buster Keaton's "The General," set to live musical accompaniment. Special guest: Tex Clyde Eddleman. Showtimes: 7:30 p.m. Fri. and Sat., 3 p.m. Sat. and Sunday. Info: 947-3456 or www.saladosilverspur.com.

SEPTEMBER 17

Jim Patterson Memorial Golf Tournament at Mill Creek, benefitting

the Central Texas Baylor Scholarship Fund. 1:30 p.m. shotgun start, 6 p.m. awards ceremony, contests and awards included. Info: Rodney Bell, 254-899-3818, or Tom Brunson, 947-9275.

SEPTEMBER 18

Garden Club of Salado program on mulching and water issues. 10 a.m.-noon at Salado Presbyterian Church. Presentation by John Tolber. Free and open to the public.

SEPTEMBER 18-19

10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tablerock's Fantasy Faire, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Shakespeare's "The Comedy of Errors," 8:15 p.m. Both at Tablerock Amphitheater. Tickets: adults \$5, children \$3. Shakespeare tickets: \$10 adult, \$5 child. Call 254-947-8933.

SEPTEMBER 23

School photos for Pre-K, Kindergarten and third graders at Thomas Arnold Elementary. Info: 947-5191.

SEPTEMBER 24

School photos for first second and fourth grades at Thomas Arnold Elementary. Info: 947-5191.

SEPTEMBER 24

Football, District Opener: Salado Eagles vs. Somerville Yeguas, 7:30 p.m. at home.

SEPTEMBER 25

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

SEPTEMBER 25

Bell County Sheriff's Posse Trail Ride, Barbecue and Auction. Pace Park. 10-mile trail ride leaves at 9 a.m. \$5 per person donation. \$7 barbecue reserved tickets. \$8 at the door. Trailmasters: Sheriff Dan Smith and Andy Anderson, local meteorologist. Info: 718-1612.

SEPTEMBER 25-26

Institute for the Humanities seminar and lecture series, "The Wisdom Within Us." Dr. Dean Radin, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sept. 25 seminar at The Range, "The Outer Limits of Inner Space." 4-6 p.m. Sept. 26 lecture at the Civic Center, "Where Mind and Matter Meet." Info: 947-5729.

SEPTEMBER 25-26

Shakespeare's "A Comedy of Errors" 8:15

p.m. at Tablerock Amphitheater. Tickets: \$10 for adults, \$5 for child. For more information call 254-947-8933.

SEPTEMBER 26

Salado FFA Annual Pig Sale, 2 p.m. Sept. 26 at Bell County Expo Center.

SEPTEMBER 27

PALS Wine Tasting, "Under the Stars" at Inn on the Creek, 6-8 p.m. Open to the public. Reservations until Sept. 23: \$25. Reservations: 947-8300.

OCTOBER 1

Football: Salado Eagles vs. Lago Vista Panthers, 7:30 p.m. away.

OCTOBER 2

Reception for portrait artist Gene Dillard at Mill Creek Country Club. Sponsored by Griffith Fine Art Gallery. Details TBA.

OCTOBER 7

Christmas In October Preview Party, 6 p.m. at Salado Civic Center. Tickets: \$10 presale, \$15 at the door. Tickets available at Salado Civic Center. Info: 947-5040.

OCTOBER 8-9

Christmas In October at the Salado Civic Center. Free parking and admission. Sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary. Featuring a bake sale, live music and entertainment, classic car show and a wide-number of Christmas products from Salado merchants, available for purchase. Info: 947-5040.

OCTOBER 8


Football: Salado Eagles vs. Academy Bumblebees, 7:30 p.m. at home.

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OCTOBER 9

Institute for the Humanities seminar and lecture series, "The Wisdom Within Us." Lecture with writer and journalist John Horgan on "Rational Mysticism: Can Science and Spirituality be Reconciled?" 5-7 p.m. at the Civic Center. Info: 947-5729.

OCTOBER 15

Football: Salado Eagles vs. Lexington Eagles, 7:30 p.m. away.

OCTOBER 16

Living Room Theatre production of a Liz Silverthorne retrospective, featuring famous and infamous men and women; cast of over 30 characters. 7 p.m. at Salado Civic Center. Open to the public. Reception following. Reservations: 947-8300.

OCTOBER 22

Football: Salado Eagles vs. Florence Bufaloes, 7:30 p.m. at home.

OCTOBER 23

6 p.m.- Midnight. 3rd Annual Chisholm Trail Cattleman's Ball at Tenroc Ranch. Event features live music from Fred Fuller, casino and dinner from Johnny's Steaks. Proceeds benefit Salado Education Foundation, a group whose goal is to provide a scholarship for every graduation Salado High School senior. For more information call 254-947-5479.

OCTOBER 23-24

Institute for the Humanities seminar and lecture series, "The Wisdom Within Us." Dr. Harry Wilmer presenting 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Oct. 23 seminar on "Nut and Bolts of Jungian Psychology," in Historical Room at Civic Center. 4-6 p.m. Lecture Oct. 24 titled "The Inner World of Art - The Story of My Yarn Painting," at Civic Center. Info: 947-5729.

OCTOBER 25

Salado Lions Club Annual Golf Tournament at Mill Creek. 1 p.m. start. Entry fee: \$65 per player, including green fee, course beverages and fajita buffet afterwards. Hole-in-one, team, longest drive and closest to pin prizes featured. Info: Hulda Horton, 947-8300.

OCTOBER 29

Football: Salado Eagles vs. Rogers Eagles, 7:30 p.m. away.

OCTOBER 30

Salado Youth Fair Boosters reverse raffle dinner. Info: Brian or Amy Pyle, 947-3268, or Deanna Christian, 947-1564.

OCTOBER 30-31

7 p.m.- 11 p.m. Fright Nights Family Halloween Fun at Tablerock's

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NOVEMBER 1

Deadline for ad copy to be published in Winter 2004 Jewel in the Crown publication.

NOVEMBER 5

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Chisholm Trail Days at Tablerock's Walking Trail. Shops, Shoot Outs, campfire food, cowboy poets and songs. Admission: adults \$10, children \$5. For more information call 254-913-0366 or 947-9205.

NOVEMBER 6

Salado United Methodist Church Garden Guild Annual Style Show and Luncheon. Cost: \$12 per person, tickets available at SUMC office. Info: 947-5482 or 947-5936.

NOVEMBER 7

Institute for the Humanities special public lecture with Dr. Huston Smith, 4-6 p.m. in UMHB's Walton Chapel. LECTURE titled "The Sacred Unconscious." Info: 947-5729.

NOVEMBER 12-14

43rd Annual Gathering of the Clans at Robertson Plantation, College Hill and Central Texas Area Museum. Pipe bands, highland dancing, athletic events, vendors, Ceilidh and much more. Info: 947-5232 or www.ctam-salado.org.

NOVEMBER 13

Bell County Chamber of Commerce Golf Challenge at Mill Creek. 8 a.m. start. Info and registration: Salado Chamber of Commerce, 947-5040.

NOVEMBER 13-14

Salado United Methodist Church Sesquicentennial Homecoming Weekend Celebration, festivities and events planned for the entire weekend. For more information contact the church at 947-5482.

NOVEMBER 18

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

NOVEMBER 19

Salado Haus hosts Tom Fenton, of Fenton Art Glass Company, for a signing event, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Info: 947-1868 or www.saladohaus.com.

NOVEMBER 20

Annual Empty Bowl Project, benefiting Salado Family Relief Fund, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Salado Intermediate School.

Premiere of PALS Pots O'Plenty show, in conjunction with the Empty Bowl Project. Pottery demonstrations and sales. Info: 947-0281.

NOVEMBER 20

Miller Fine Art Gallery artists reception, featuring Bill Worrell and Jim Eppler, 1-5 p.m. Info: 947-0771 or www.cmillergallery.com.

NOVEMBER 23

Noon deadline for Salado Village Voice newspaper Dec. 1 publication.

NOVEMBER 24-26

Salado schools closed for Thanksgiving holiday.

NOVEMBER 25-26

Salado Village Voice office closed for Thanksgiving holiday.

DECEMBER 3-4

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

DECEMBER 3-4-5

Annual Salado Christmas Stroll, featuring a City of Lights in Pace Park. Carolers, live entertainment, nativity scene and shops all decorated in holiday finery. Info: Salado Chamber of Commerce, 947-5040, or visit www.salado.com.

Salado Historical Society Annual Christmas Homes Tour, annually features tours of the Boles-Aiken and Denman historical cabins - the only time of year they are open to the public - as well as tours of private homes.

DECEMBER 10-11-12

Second weekend of Annual Salado Christmas Stroll. For more information call the Salado Salado Chamber of Commerce, 947-5040, or visit www.salado.com.

DECEMBER 10-11

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

DECEMBER 14

Mill Creek Community Association Christmas Dinner at Mill Creek Restaurant. 6-7 p.m. happy hour. 7 p.m. dinner. Info: 947-3901.

DECEMBER 20-22

Living Room Theatre performances of a new script, "The Amazing Self-Cesarean! An Unusual Adventure in

Birthin' a Baby." Open to the public at Salado homes. Reception following. Reservations: 947-8300.

DECEMBER 20-JAN. 2

Salado schools adjourned for Christmas break.

DECEMBER 24

Salado Village Voice office closes at Noon.

JANUARY 10

St. Stephen's Women's Society meeting, Melissa Crawford presenting "Biblical Women of the Old and New Testaments," 6:30 p.m. at St. Stephen Parish Hall. Info: 947-3901.

FEBRUARY 14

St. Stephen's Women's Society meeting, Gwen Morrison speaking on "Celebration of Women, Conversation With God," 6:30 p.m. at St. Stephen Parish Hall. Info: 947-3901.

APRIL 9

Chisholm Trail Chapter of the American Business Women's Association Style Show, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Mill Creek Inn and Restaurant. Details TBA.

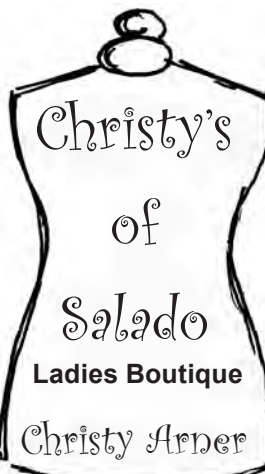


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Salado Youth Fair Boosters: Second Monday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at the elementary school library.

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

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

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

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

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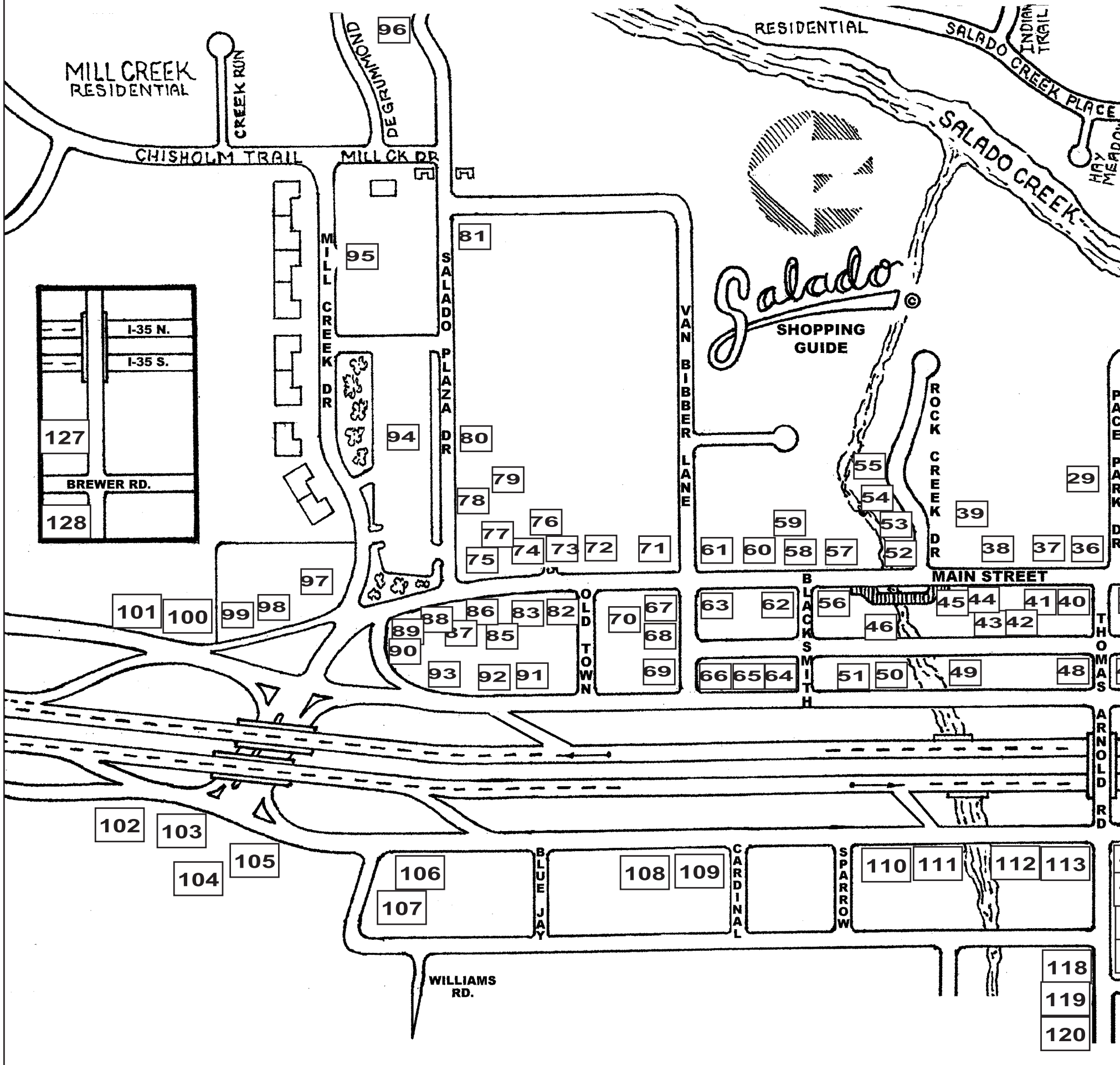
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“Glamour” of newspaper business revealed to Lions

By CHRIS MCGREGOR
STAFF WRITER

Salado Village Voice Editor-in-Chief Tim Fleischer opened his remarks to the Salado Lions Club Sep. 8 with a categorical untruth. “Newspapering is a pretty glamorous job,” he stated. As obvious a falsehood as that was, Fleischer put to bed any lingering misconceptions about the glitz of his profession, telling the Lions that minutes prior to the luncheon, he had been up to his elbows in ink preparing 2,500 newspapers to be distributed and mailed.

Fleischer stated that his attachment to the newspaper industry began in his high school days. “I’ve had the devil’s ink in my blood since I was about 15 years old, when I first saw my byline in print,” he said.

Fresh out of Copperas Cove High, Fleischer was given the editor’s position at the now defunct Florence Free Press. It was during his stint in Florence that he was confronted with a three-forked crossroads.

“I had the choice of either moving to New York to work for the Times, staying in Florence, or moving to Salado to take over ownership of the Salado Village Voice,” he explained. “I realize now what a good decision Marilyn (Fleischer) and I made. I would not have the things I have, had I chosen a different path.” That decision was made in 1988, and the Fleischers have operated Salado Village Voice ever since, not once missing a weekly publication.

His choice was made easier by the nature of small-town, community newspapering, he said. “With what we do, we are much more intimately connected to the community than you would be at a daily newspaper.

“When we began, we were delivering papers out of the back of an Isuzu I-Mark, which is a pretty small car. We were an 8-page tabloid back in 1988, and now we’re a 36-page color newspaper,” Fleischer continued, pointing out that the paper has grown along with the community, and will continue to do so in the future.

Because of his position covering local news stories, from school board to village government, Fleischer found himself fielding several questions from the approximately 50 Lions in attendance.

Foremost among them was the annexation issue. “This is a real crucial time for Salado, almost the same as it was four years ago when we faced incorporation,” said Fleischer. “There’s still a lot of room for growth in Salado. We’re not going to shrink, but I don’t think being encircled by Killeen, Temple or Belton would be good for any of us.”

Although Salado Village Voice has not gone on record in either support of, or opposition to, annexation, Fleischer has penned almost-weekly news stories updating the public on not only the situation in Salado, but also of the moves being made by nearby cities which, unlike Salado, can annex property at-will. Salado property owners



Tim Fleischer speaks to the Salado Lions Club. (PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)

must voluntarily apply for annexation with the Village government in order to be brought in to Salado’s ETJ. “We try to inform the community, without taking a stand, about what’s going on that involves them,” said Fleischer.

This coverage, along with grass-roots community mobilization, has led to literally hundreds of annexation requests filed by residents who identify themselves as Saladoans, as opposed to residents of another city.

Another recent topic of interest Fleischer was asked to comment on is the possibility of a school bond election. Salado ISD recently completed the purchase of 50 acres of land on Williams Road and FM 2484. It is expected that the land will be utilized for a new high school campus, although a definite decision has yet to be announced.

Superintendent Dr. Robin Battershell has commented publicly in recent weeks that she

believes a bond election could be held in March. At an estimated price tag of \$6 million to \$10 million, Fleischer contends the bond “stands a chance of not passing,” due to the reluctance of Saladoans to vote in favor of another tax increase.



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Barry Tubb got bitten by the acting bug when he was in high school in Snyder. He graduated on a Friday and enrolled in acting school in San Francisco the following Monday.

“I got my screen actor’s guild card when I was 18 in a movie called Christine. I haven’t had a regular job since. I’ve been doing this 23 years.”

He has a lot to show for his years in the biz. He

was on Hill Street Blues when he was 19. He has been on Broadway, was in Lonesome Dove, Top Gun and other movies. He lived in Paris, France for awhile

doing a Wild West Show.

Now he’s making movies on his own. His first movie, “Blood Trail,” will be in video stores before the end of the year. When

it premiered in Snyder, a friend of his grandmother told him he should “make a movie for us.”

“Making a movie is a lot like the oil business. You raise the money and have a certain number of days to complete it. You never know if it’s going to hit or miss.”

He hopes his latest movie, “Grand Champion,” will be a hit. It’s a G-rated family movie about a young boy and his show calf. Barry has the right background for it.

His grandfather was a cowboy and Barry grew up rodeoing. He says a G-rated movie is a good investment because you get to sell four tickets instead of 2. The whole family goes to the show.

“I call this movie Free Willy on land. It’s taken about eight years to do. It’s now in nationwide release after a few weeks of sneak previews. It was the first movie shown in Fort Worth’s Bass Hall. It’s my love letter to Texas. I mean it’s about as Texan as you can get.”

He got the idea for the movie while driving to Austin from Snyder.

“I looked out in a field and saw a bunch of rolled hay and it made me think of a friend of mine who won the grand champion at a stock show and he was crying because he would have to sell his steer.”


Barry says it’s a low budget movie. “We made it for what a Hollywood movie spends on potato chips and soda pop. We don’t have much money, but we have lots of friends. It’s kind of the Our Gang type of film making. I’ve got a horse, you’ve got a hammer. Come on, let’s put on a show.”

Some well known names are in the movie: George Strait, Julia Roberts, Bruce Willis, Joe Ely, Larry Mahan, Tuff Hedeman, Roy Cooper, and Willie Nelson. Barry plays a veterinarian.

Most of the movie was shot around Snyder. Some scenes were filmed in Midland, Alpine, Fort Davis, Huntsville and Austin.

“People around Snyder were wonderful. Onetime we needed some extras fast and Julia Roberts went to Wal-Mart, got on the speakers and said we needed 100 people at the coliseum in a hurry. She offered the 100th person to show up the pair of boots she was wearing.”

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How do hybrids get better fuel efficiency

Dear EarthTalk: How do hybrid cars get better fuel efficiency than traditional cars? David Walley, Framingham, MA

Hybrid cars get better gas mileage and pollute less because their highly efficient electric motors run on recycled waste energy generated during normal driving. These cars actually have two engines under the hood--a traditional gasoline-powered motor used for acceleration, and an electric motor that kicks in and out of service when the car is maintaining cruising speeds and when the car is idling or backing up. Excess power generated by the gasoline engine is stored in batteries and used to fuel the electric engine, so owners never need to plug the cars in.

Hybrids have two complex drive trains, so consumers can expect to pay a premium of \$3,500 or more for one, depending upon extra options ordered. But, as with most new innovations, as demand for hybrids rises (there is a long waiting list for the Toyota Prius) and manufacturers increase production accordingly, prices are likely to come down. And the demand will surely rise as long as gas prices continue to soar.

Despite the price premium, owners can expect to earn back the extra investment of going hybrid within three to five years of ownership through savings at the gas pump--especially if their hybrids are replacing gas-guzzlers like big SUVs. Hybrid owners who drive the average 12,000 miles per year can expect to save anywhere between \$600 and \$1,000 each year on gasoline, depending upon their driving patterns. High-mileage commuters will see their savings mount even faster. Also, the federal government currently offers hybrid owners a tax credit of up to \$1,500 for purchasing a "clean fuels" vehicle,

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though this incentive is set to expire after 2006. And several U.S. states--including Colorado, Connecticut, Illinois, Maine, Maryland, New Mexico, New York, Oregon and Utah--offer their own incentives and tax rebates for hybrid owners.

Those ready to take the hybrid plunge have more options than ever at their disposal. The first two hybrids to hit the U.S. market in 2000 were the Honda Insight and the Toyota Prius, both which claim fuel efficiencies of up to 60 miles per gallon and are available today in updated forms. In the meantime, Honda has also introduced a hybrid version of its popular Civic model, and is soon to introduce a hybrid Accord.

American automakers are slated to release new hybrid SUVs this fall, beginning with Ford's hybrid Escape, which boasts 40 miles per gallon. Lexus is also offering a hybrid SUV, and a full hybrid Saturn Vue is coming. Meanwhile, Chevrolet has a hybrid version of its full-size Silverado pickup truck for fleet buyers, though it only gets 10 to 12 percent better fuel economy over its standard GM 1500 pickup. Given all the choices--not to mention the savings at the pump--there's never been a better time to get behind the wheel of a fuel-efficient hybrid.

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Dear EarthTalk: How much land has Congress designated as wilderness since passage of the Wilderness Act 40 years ago? Maureen Langloss, New York, NY

When Congress passed the Wilderness Act in 1964, it designated 9.1 million acres across the United States permanently off limits to development. Since then, lawmakers have added an additional 96.5 million acres--including more than 50 million acres in Alaska alone--for a total of 105.6 million acres, spread over some 662 different areas and constituting roughly five percent of total U.S. land mass.

Only Congress has the power to designate lands as federally protected wilderness. Typically, parcels of land need to be 5,000 acres or larger to be included. The Bureau of Land Management, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the U.S. Forest Service and the National Park Service each oversee different areas of wilderness within their respective holdings.

It was a group of influential policymakers, scientists and outdoorsmen that banded together in the mid-1930s whose advocacy work ultimately led to the passage of the Wilderness Act 30 years later. Calling themselves the Wilderness Society, they included: Benton Mackaye, known as "father of the Appalachian Trail"; Robert Sterling Yard, at the time a National Park Service publicist; visionary ecologist and author Aldo Leopold; and Robert Marshall, then chief of recreation and lands for the Forest Service. Today the Wilderness Society is thriving, with a quarter million dues-paying members and wilderness preservation campaigns running from Alaska to Florida.

Despite protections provided by the 1964 law, wilderness areas face many threats today.

Excessive human recreational activity takes a toll, as do air and water pollution from sources that originate outside wilderness boundaries. Non-native plants and animals that have been introduced over time threaten the native species that have evolved over thousands of years. Wildlife habitat in adjacent "buffer zones" is shrinking as development moves closer and closer to the boundaries of these wild lands. And ill-advised land management practices--such as widespread fire suppression--disrupt naturally functioning ecological systems.

This year, numerous government agencies and non-profit organizations are celebrating the 40th anniversary of the passage of the Wilderness Act and assessing how to best work together to protect wilderness lands in perpetuity. Conferences are exploring the important role wilderness plays in the American psyche, and "walks for wilderness" are scheduled on weekends this fall from coast-to-coast to raise public awareness about the role wilderness plays in the quality of life and the health of our environment. To find an event near you, log on to Wilderness.net.

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
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The afternoon will feature the Temple Symphony Orchestra with Jiracek on the piano performing Chopin's Piano Concerto No. 1 and Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue. Also on the program is Symphony No. 8 by Dvorak.

This will be the third

season that Jan Jiracek has appeared in Georgetown. In 2002-2003 season, he was the featured pianist from the Van Cliburn Competition. Then, last year, he returned to present the "Musical Awakenings" Program to third through fifth graders in Georgetown area schools. Sponsored by the Friends of the Georgetown Symphony Society, the "Musical Awakenings" Program is the Van Cliburn Foundation's educational program allowing students to experience the beauty of classical music.

Tickets to the Sep. 19 performance are \$20 for adults and \$5 for students. They are available at the Williamson County Sun,



Jan Jiracek

the Hill Country Bookstore, both HEB Stores and at the Sun City Community Activities office. Tickets will also be available at the door. The box office will open at 3 p.m. on concert day.

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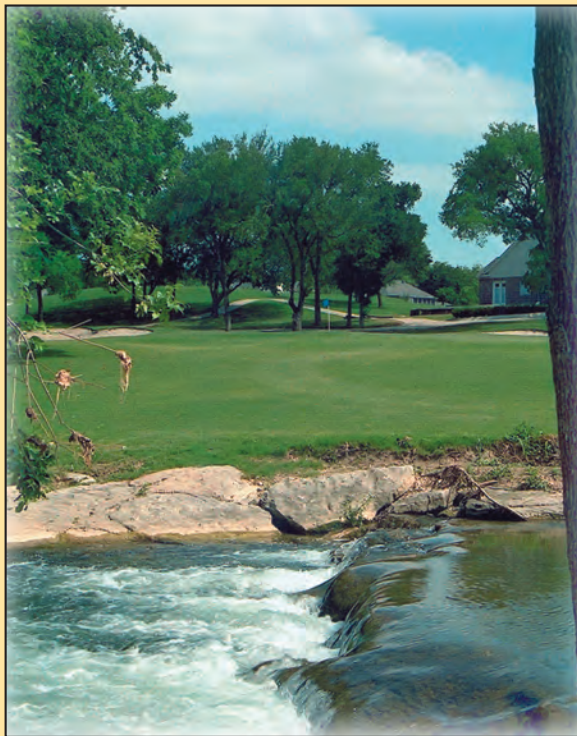
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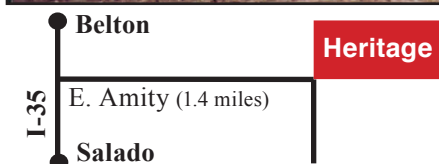
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"I Love You..." will kick off the theatre's 26th season Sep. 24-26 and Oct. 1-3 at the theatre's Main Stage, located at

3401 WS Young Dr. in Killeen. Since its opening run, "I Love You..." has been hailed as "Seinfeld set to music," and "The most entertaining show on or off Broadway."

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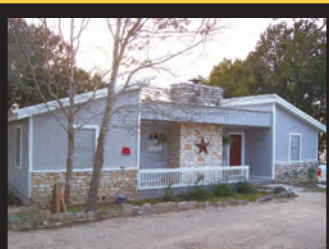
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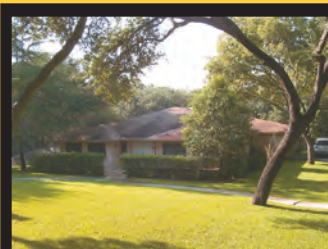
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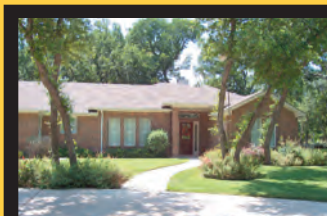
\$325,000: Spectacular views from home on top of a hill with incredible sunsets from the upstairs deck. 23 acres of nature consisting of deer, dove and mustang grapes. Wet weather creek on back of property with 1/2 mile of hiking trail. 3 BR/2 BA, one living, one dining. Close to I-35 for easy access. Salado schools.



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Preparing for abundance of Spring wildflowers

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"If conditions are right, every spring we are blessed with an abundance of beautiful wildflowers on our roadsides and uncultivated lands.

It is possible for you to bring some of that natural beauty to your property, but it involves more than just tossing out a few seeds. In order to get that eye popping bumper crop of spring wildflowers there are several things that you need to take into consideration. The most important is where to plant your wildflower meadow.

Wildflowers need at least eight hours of sunlight every day. Some will tolerate a little shade but will tend to get "leggy" and support fewer blossoms without enough sun. The second most important characteristic

for the selected site is drainage. Wildflowers need well drained soil. Soil that is compacted and does not drain well will produce mediocre results.

Be sure that the site you select already supports vegetation; if it is barren the soil may not have adequate fertility for wildflowers. Finally, you need to have a water source nearby in case there is not enough rainfall.

Now that you have selected a site, the second most important question is when do I plant? My answer to that is right now, although some sources advocate putting out Bluebonnet seeds as early as late August.

Late September and October are the optimal months to plant your wildflowers. Some of the seed will germinate now and will establish a root system over the winter. Other seed will not germinate until next spring and will stay dormant over the winter. When the right combinations of sunlight,

ground temperature and water are present, up they pop!

Wildflowers do not need as much site preparation as flowerbeds, but some is required. A couple of weeks before you want to plant; you can use a herbicide to eliminate weeds and other unwanted plants in the area. You can also pull them up manually.

Next, mow and collect the clippings. Finally, rake or till the area lightly, to a maximum of one inch deep. Over preparation of the soil will disturb dormant weed seeds that will germinate and compete with your flowers for nutrition and water. Now you are ready to spread your seeds.

Be sure that you purchase a seed mix that is made up of native Texas wildflower seed, that is adapted for our area. Since many wildflower seeds are very small mix them with vermiculite, potting soil or sand. This makes them easier to spread evenly.

Add one part of seed to four parts other material and mix thoroughly before spreading. Broadcast one half of this mixture over the prepared area and then go back the other direction with the other half of the seed. Save a small amount of seed for a pot.

Next, walk over the entire area to press the seed into the soil. You can also use a roller to press the seed into the soil. Some of the seed will be visible on the surface. Do not cover the seed. Prepare a large pot and spread a small amount of seed in the container.

The next step is water. For the best results the wildflower area needs to be kept moist for four to six weeks while the seedlings get established. Light and frequent applications (a little once a day depending on conditions) of water that keep the ground moist are especially critical once the seed has begun to germinate. Now you know

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More on Wildflower gardening from page 6C

why fall rain is so critical for a good wildflower season the next spring. Once your wildflowers are about two inches in height, you can gradually reduce watering. After that, water only when the plants looked stressed. If you are lucky Mother Nature will take care of it for you.

So now you ask, why the little bit of seed in the flower pot? Well, for a couple of reasons. First, so you know when the wildflower seedlings begin to sprout and you need to be vigilant about keeping them moist. The seedlings will dry out easily and if they get dry they will die. Second, to help you identify wildflower seedlings from weeds. You should periodically weed your wildflower patch as it gets established. Those in the pot will help you determine who is who.

Keep in mind that some wildflower species are perennial and may not bloom the first year they are planted. Your wildflower patch will come back if you continue to take care of it. Grasses tend to invade and can out-compete native flowers or make the blossoms hard to see. There is an herbicide that can be used to control grasses in wildflowers. Ornamec 170 can be applied to reduce grass problems.

As with any herbicide follow the instructions carefully to prevent injury to wanted plants.

By keeping weeds and grasses controlled, your wildflower patch will reseed it self and the perennials will come back every year. In order to get the best results wait a minimum of two weeks after the peak flowering period and mow your wildflower patch to a height of four-to-six inches.

If you cut it lower you will damage the perennials. There is no need to fertilize wildflowers, if you do they tend to grow lush foliage and produce fewer flowers. If you feel you must fertilize, use a low nitrogen fertilizer that has a 1-3-2 ratio (one part nitrogen, three parts phosphorus, two parts potassium) mixed into the

soil at planting. Finally, don't give up. If your results are not as good as expected, reseed the following fall. Note the flowers that did come up and those that did well. Instead of a general seed mix, plant more of what did well in your selected area. Enjoy the fruits of your labor next spring.

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