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Community meeting set to discuss bond Sep. 28

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

With all three school campuses brushing up against their student capacities of 400 each, Salado ISD Trustees will meet with the community 7 p.m. Sep. 28 at the Salado Civic Center to discuss calling a bond election for Feb. 19, 2005.

The board will share information on estimated costs of building a new school, as well as the impact on the tax rate during the meetings.

It is likely that the board will decide in October what projects to call for the February bond election. Although the district will not select an architect or construction manager until October, three firms have been contacted by administration for rough estimates of projects: Wallace Group, Michael Marris Architects and Best Construction.

Estimated costs of building a 77,000 square foot high school that would serve 550 students range from \$8 million to \$13.5 million, not

including an auditorium or athletic fields. A high school auditorium to seat 350 people may cost as much as \$2 million. A football stadium to seat 3,000 people would cost \$2 million to \$3.5 million. Baseball stadium has been estimated from \$200,000 to \$1 million, while softball stadium estimates range from \$150,000 to \$500,000.

These athletic facility costs do not take into consideration sharing such things as parking, concession stands or field houses.

Administrators and members of the capitol improvements committee members have visited school districts, such as Academy, Cameron, Hutto, Liberty Hill, and Jim Ned ISD, that have recently completed construction projects for information and ideas.

While the district has considered building a new elementary and renovating the other existing campuses, it is most likely that it will propose a new high school, following the suggestion

of Marris Architects in its facility needs assessment conducted for the school district in 2003. The needs assessment recommended building a new high school and shifting grade levels at the current campuses.

Thomas Arnold Elementary would become a primary campus for Pre-K through second grade. Salado Intermediate School would become a third through sixth grade campus. Salado High School would become a junior high for grades seven through eight. Ninth grade might be housed with grades seven and eight.

At the current property wealth levels, the district would have to increase its debt service tax rate by \$0.1561 to pay for a \$10 million bond. To fund \$15 million in bonds, the district would have to increase its tax rate by \$0.2545. This does not include the additional cost of operating a separate campus.

An increase of 15 cents on the tax rate would bring Salado's overall tax rate SEE SCHOOL, PAGE 15A

Salado's Christmas in October offers something for everyone

For those who love antique cars, there will be an antique car show on the grounds of the Salado Civic Center during Christmas in October Oct. 8-9.

Ron's Vintage Auto Restoration will have several cars in the show, as well as other privately owned cars. Anyone who owns an antique car that they would like to show can call Carol Strong at 947-4835.

For those who prefer fashions, models will show the styles of Christy's, Chameleon Clothiers, Papagayo at Southern Comforts, Alice's and Bundle of Joy in the tent on the grounds of the Salado Civic Center.

Everyone attending Christmas in October will also enjoy the refreshments by Salado bed and breakfast inns. The following bed and



Ron Harrison is shown in his antique car with Carol Strong. Also pictured are Lorraine Beckwith, Debbie Harrison, Frances T9E Cooper and Dorothy Dentry.

breakfast inns will provide refreshments: Baines House, Bit O' Country, Brambley Hedge, Halley House, Inn at Salado, Inn on the Creek, Levi Tenney House, Red Barn Hideaway, Rose Mansion, Royal Street Provision, Southern Comforts, StoneCreek Settlement, Suites at Old Mill, The Timbers at Salado Sawmill, and Weatherstone.

Tickets are now on sale at the Salado Civic Center for the Oct. 7 Preview Party. Tickets are \$10 if purchased early, and \$15 if purchased at the door. Tickets can also be obtained from Pat Wanzor, 947-5084.

Admission to Christmas in October will be free Oct. 8-9 on the grounds of the Salado Civic Center.



(PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)

Salado Senior Stella Butts was crowned 2004 Homecoming Queen prior to the Salado Eagles game against Troy Trojans Sep. 17. Senior Devon Dunn was crowned Homecoming King during the ceremony. Salado went on to win their game against Troy, 27-23.

PALS Under the Stars wine tasting Sep. 27

"A Wine Tasting Under the Stars" will be produced by PALS (the Public Arts League of Salado) at Salado's Inn on the Creek on 6-8 p.m. Sep. 27.

Admission is \$25 for this second annual wine tasting/fund raising event to benefit the arts and artists in Salado. The purpose of PALS is to promote the arts, benefitting artists as well as Salado's economy.

This year's event is being co-chaired by Patsy and Ronnie Tynes, along with Fran Harris, who chaired last year's event. Clinton Harwell, of Pignetti's Italian Restaurant, selected the wines.

Wines featured from the "Old World" are Italian (LaVilla; Dievoel; Il Bastardo; Renzo Masi) and Spanish (Zumaya; Abrazo; Esperanza; Albada). "New World" wines are Australian (Cockatoo Ridge) and Californian (Toad Hollow; Esser; Rutz Cellars).

Hors d'oeuvres by Inn on the Creek include Savory Cheesecake with



(PHOTO BY MARGARET WILLIAMSON)

Clinton Harwell, of Pignetti's Italian Restaurant, has selected Old World and New World wines for the Sep. 27 wine tasting.

Fresh Fruit and Crackers; Artichoke Dip with spinach; Roasted Pork Loin with rolls; Smoked Salmon Dip with Dill; Red Onions; and Cucumbers; Roasted Eggplant Dip

with Pita Triangles; and Meatballs with Mushroom Wine Sauce.

For Reservations, beginning Monday, September 13, call 254-947-8300.

FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas



W the Bold

"He wants to take away your Social Security." John Kerry hasn't uttered these words about President Bush yet -- but he will as his campaign inevitably sinks to the lowest common denominator of Democratic demagoguery.

Bush has made himself more vulnerable to the charge than the average Republican by endorsing Social Security reform in his acceptance speech at the GOP convention. Bush dares to imagine something other than a 70-year-old New Deal model for dealing with retirement.

The current Social Security system is on its way to becoming the WorldCom of entitlements. The Social Security Trustees estimate the program will begin running a deficit in 2018. The red ink will amount to \$16 billion that year and will climb every subsequent year. Within the constraints of the status quo, there are only two solutions: cut benefits (which Kerry, of course, rules out) or hike taxes (which everyone rules out, right up until the point the taxes are hiked).

Most reform plans would leave the current system for older workers, but give younger workers a choice: Stay in Social Security as it exists now, or opt to keep some amount of their payroll tax to invest and save in personal retirement accounts, in exchange for reduced benefits from Uncle Sam. The transition to this new system in the near term would be financed either by debt or (preferably) spending restraint. But the government wouldn't be incurring any new expenses in the long run, since it is already obligated to pay for the retirement of current workers (young people opting out of the system, in effect, take their retirement benefits early through reduced payroll taxes).

Liberals have screamed in recent years that Bush has only cut income taxes and

Rich Lowry



not the regressive payroll tax (which funds Social Security and Medicare), but now that Bush supports an idea that amounts to a payroll-tax cut, liberals will attempt to demagogue it into extinction.

Too bad. Roughly 75 percent of Americans pay more in Social Security taxes than in income taxes, according to the Heritage Foundation. From 2 percent 50 years ago (split between employer and employee), the tax has jumped to 12.4 percent now. In 1971, it applied to only the first \$7,800 of income; now it applies to the first \$84,900. This burden squeezes the ability of people, especially low-income people, to save.

Personal retirement accounts will give people an asset that they themselves own and that government can't take from them. Depending on how the transition is financed, they might well boost national savings, something economists consider key to an economy's health. They will deliver a rate of return to retirees higher than that of Social Security. And they will create a citizenry less dependent on government entitlements and more self-reliant, in the finest American tradition.

To all this, a John Kerry fearful of change and wedded to the status quo will have essentially one response: "He wants to take away your Social Security."

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Judge nullifies school finance law; Perry and his "No-Tax" gang now have no place to hide

September 15, 2004, could well become an historic date in the annals of Texas education, because it was on that day State District Judge John Dietz dropped a "wake-up bomb" on Governor Rick Perry and his gang of "No Taxers," when he ruled that the State's current school finance law was unconstitutional!

Some 300 school districts had challenged the so-called "Robin Hood" plan of reshuffling school property taxes and Judge Dietz, after hearing extensive arguments and reading mountains of briefs - opined properly and with absolute clarity - that the schools of Texas are woefully underfunded, and gave the Legislature exactly one year to correct the problem, or he would stop the flow of all state dollars assigned to the public schools - thereby forcing lawmakers to do something positive for a change.

PERRY ET AL. BOXED

Governor Rick Perry and his GOP confederates are now in a box with no place to hide, as the spotlight of judicial review is focused squarely on their past failures. This comes in large part from their near-crazed devotion to "no new taxes" which they got away with (once again) two years ago, but cannot repeat in 2005 because there's no "fat" left in the state budget to cut. Unless they arbitrarily close down half the State Government - which many conservatives believe would be a great idea!

Perry and House Speaker Tom Craddick (R-Midland) - are aided and abetted by way-too-many fellow GOPers in the legislature, all of whom having successfully conspired for years to reduce the state's share of education dollars, and thereby forcing local districts to pony up the difference.

All the while mandating schools to live under the nonsensical "Robin Hood" plan that takes from the rich and barely gives to the poor, rather than **collecting a statewide tax and redistributing those dollars on a per student basis - as it should do, and which would immediately equalize taxing and funding of our massive education system.**

Cost to correct this dereliction of duty - as of today - \$4 billion bucks! Why no one has talked about impeachment is because we have been brainwashed by the corporate lobby's anti-tax gibberish of "what's good for business is good for everyone." A senseless lie that has cost the kids of Texas immeasurable harm.

NEXT STOP: GOP TOP COURT

Actually, if the truth were known, Perry and his followers are hoping the Supreme Court will ixnay the Dietz ruling, which might take the pressure off lawmakers and give them another addle-brained shot at raising insufficient "sin" taxes that don't trouble conservatives: i.e. gambling (slots and casino), liquor, cigarettes and tickets to nude public entertainment.

The last thing they want to do is force businesses to pay their fair share of the franchise tax. Nor will these elected paragons-of-reactionaryism fiddle around with a payroll or newfangled production tax.

Or heaven forbid - introduce a dedicated (to education) income tax! **(OK, so I'll wash out my mouth with soap for mentioning that nasty word)**

To these folks who are anti-everything (except tax cuts), any talk of taxation is akin to forcing them to watch a welfare mother drive a Cadillac!

What the Republican State Supreme Court will do with Judge Dietz' ruling is anyone's guess but it's headed that way

Off the Record

by Ken Clapp



according to Attorney General Greg Abbott who came out on the short end of last week's ruling.

OK, GUV - WHAT NOW?

What Governor "Rick the Reluctant" will do now is also anyone's guess. His options include an immediate special session or tagging education as an emergency "fast track" measure in the January legislative session.

Or do nothing - which is what he would prefer, but with legal and public pressure building he will have to produce something. **Or, begin figuring out the amount of his first state retirement check.**

WHY DO THEY RUN??

You have to wonder why anyone in their right mind would want to run for Congress. They get whipsawed by every cockamamie group that can afford a business card - not to mention the big boys who have money to burn when it comes to buying votes and demanding fealty.

Two hotly contested measures currently before Congress - are examples of divergent political demands that must be dealt with by lawmakers on a daily basis in Washington.

CORPORATE WELFARE

The first is purportedly part of the President's "Energy Plan" - so we presume was okayed at one of Vice President Cheney's secret energy task force sessions. It is, in the words of Fortune Magazine - "A bizarre provision that gives a lucrative accelerated tax deduction as high as \$100,000 to small businesses that purchase large SUVs such as Hummers." Supported, incidentally, by auto makers who design these outrageous gas-guzzlers. It'll probably pass.

PRIVATIZATION DUMPED

At the other extreme we noted the nation's largest federal union (AFGE - 600,000 members) strong-armed the Senate into killing an amendment to the Homeland Security Appropriations bill that would, had it passed, privatize the jobs of 1400 immigration employees. Something President Bush had demanded.

The Homeland Security Council (part of AFGE) also helped kill this measure and after a late night vote on September 8, the unions prevailed 49-47.

PAY-TO-PLAY

The congressional battle lines are so closely divided between Republicans and Democrats, that elected officials no doubt feel tussled and pummeled most of the time. So again we raise the question "why run for such a job?"

And the answer is - a few are "Statesmen" and want to serve despite the chaos. The rest more easily adjust to the frenzied nonsense because they are well paid, by the influence peddlers, for their discomfort.

ANSWER?

The answer to this folderol is simple and straightforward - "Term Limits," which could be accomplished through a national referendum that will become law one day, when citizens reach a thoroughly disgusted level over the gyrations of our elected class and say - enough!

We believe that time is rapidly approaching.

That's -30-

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Texas free-range crow – a Democratic taste

Your Voice

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Since everything is bigger in Texas, crow is fair game. Texas free range crows are bigger, plumper, uglier and fouler smelling than all the competition combined.

Favoring Mastiff puppies with wings, Lone Star feathered crows come with hemi's, the only known species of its kind one can either ride or eat. Free range crows are kept in a controlled environment. Hand fed by ex-governor Ann Richards, crow has become big business. And due to Democratic demand with an unquenchable taste for mud, the poor ex-gov is exhausted. Between dishing crow and abetting Dan Rather's treasonous scheme to overthrow the government, Ann's plate is full and one can only hope, rewarding.

The client list is extensive, however, including such notables as: Terry McAuliffe who considers crow a daily staple, Al Gore as evidenced by his girth, Howard Dean who believes that kumbayah Vermonters appreciate its gritty texture, US traitor Mikey Moore who will, obviously, eat anything. Robert Reich, Susan Estrich and James Carville recently placed an order. No word yet as to whether it stuck in their craws.

John Kerry loved it but changed his mind. Claimed it was too reminiscent of his Viet Nam days when one had to eat dirt just to stay alive. Of course, after dining on crow, the senator from Massachusetts decided to wind surf which did nothing for his reflux. Goes to show it is dang hard to keep a jock with an itch down. John (Tort King) Edwards received the bird from his wife as a Happy Anniversary gift.

So, why has crow become such a fad among Dems and media when it is truly akin to toad sucking? A four year investigation and alchemist convention concurred: The resemblance of eater and entrée was just too close to call.

I'm Pat Broecker from Salado, Texas and I approved/wrote this message.

Dear Editor:

I understand that the report from the Corps of Engineers on the post "clean-up" condition of the Salado Creek was absolutely favorable.

Nothing done wrong - nothing damaged - and in fact, more could be done with their blessings! Assuming my information is correct, I believe a comprehensive report is due the citizens of Salado - from the Corps of Engineers visitors, or, from those who felt compelled to call the Corps to our village - to state their opinion unequivocally so all concerned can rest easy.

And...hats off to a Salado original...Betty Bunker...who rightly lamented the day when we villagers could take care of Salado Creek as we saw fit without all this fuss and bother and controversy. I AM glad we have persons watching out for the well-being or our little creek, but come on folks - lighten up!!!

And again hats off to the people who cleaned up ...and to all who weren't afraid to take a stand, pro or con.

And once again I challenge the Baptists to "gather the river" and do their part without fear!!!

The Other
Karen Kinnison
(Mrs. Bill),
Salado

School finance plan ruled unconstitutional

In 1993, the current school finance system passed the Legislature after the State Supreme Court ordered lawmakers to devise a plan guaranteeing poor school districts equal access to funds.

On Sep. 15, that \$30 billion system was declared unconstitutional. The judge ruled he would issue an injunction ceasing state education within a year if the Legislature did not find an equitable solution.

Reasons for the decision centered on (a) the disparity between low and high property wealth districts; and (b) adequacy on funding. Thus District Judge John Dietz addressed both equity and adequacy. Lawmakers say that this decision will be appealed.

Nearly two-thirds of the State's education budget comes from property taxes. The plaintiffs in the case, some 300 poor and wealthy school districts, say a cap on local property tax

Superintendent's Corner

By Robin Battershell

limits the local authority to fund education and that because one-third of all Texas school districts are at the \$1.50 maintenance and operations cap, that this constitutes a state property tax.

Lawmakers are going to have to bite the bullet. Appeals will only lead to a delay in overhauling the current system. With the next Legislative session coming up in January, a delay invariably would create more special sessions, which have proven to not be very effective.

Lawmakers are going to have to find a long-term, reliable source of revenue for school funding. When the oil market plummeted in the late 1980s, property taxes emerged as the next viable source of funding. Now property taxes have reached their limit. It is time for legislators to find another long-term, viable revenue source.

Lawmakers also must address increased costs associated with accountability and special programs.

Districts must look at their budgets. I agree with a radio commentator yesterday who spoke on cutting mid-management. However, the announcer indicted all Texas school districts for being plush in mid-management positions. Salado ISD has no mid-management. Districts can tighten budgets, but along with this, priorities must be established.

In summary, revamping school finance requires a concerted effort on everyone's part. Both revenue and expenditures must be addressed.

Questions may be addressed to Dr. Battershell at P.O. Box 98, Salado, TX 76571 or rbattershell@saladoisd.org, or 947-5479, Ext. 7000.

Texans should be taxed on our taxes no more

It was the year of the Challenger explosion, the Chernobyl disaster, and the return of Haley's Comet. President Ronald Reagan was in the White House and the Communist leadership was firmly entrenched in the Soviet Union.

Movie screens were dominated by box office hits such as Top Gun, and Crocodile Dundee and series like Dallas, The Cosby Show, and Cheers filled television sets. Here in Texas, the Houston Rockets won the NBA's Western Division and the Lady Longhorns were the NCAA basketball national champions.

Seems like a long time ago, doesn't it? That was also the last time Texans could deduct their state and local sales taxes on federal income tax forms.

This common sense deduction was eliminated in 1986. Unfortunately, for the past 18 years, taxpayers in Texas and six other states have been held to a separate standard by the Internal Revenue Service. Fifty-five million taxpayers - one in five Americans - are shouldering a higher tax burden simply because their states choose to fund local government through means other than an income tax.

State and local governments have various alter-

Capitol Comment



Kay Bailey Hutchison
U.S. Senator



natives for raising revenue. Some levy income taxes, some use sales and property taxes, and others use a combination. My contention is that the federal government should not select only one type of state revenue for special, favorable treatment. There is no logical reason to discriminate against states that have the wisdom to avoid a state income tax. As your Senator, I have fought against this disparity for years and sponsored legislation to correct it since I came to the U.S. Senate.

This year, we have our best chance to end that inequity in the tax code. Earlier this month, Congressman Kevin Brady (R-Woodlands) and I organized a rally of 30 members of Congress, Democrats and Republicans from all over the country, to support our efforts to reinstate the deduction as part of broader tax legislation in final negotiations between the House and the Senate.

It's not often that a Dallas Republican and a Seattle Democrat see eye to eye but, in this case, the reason for agreement was obvious: People should not pay taxes on their taxes.

Fixing this discrepancy could have a significant economic impact across the Lone Star State. The Texas Comptroller estimates that more than \$740 million would stay in the hands of state taxpayers. The average Texas family would save \$310 annually and the average family of four would save \$928.

Some wonder how this plan could be administered. No, you wouldn't have to keep track of your receipts all year. When the time comes to file, taxpayers could use tables compiled by the Secretary of the Treasury to determine the amount of the deduction, taking into account the taxpayer's state of residence, filing status, number of dependents, adjusted gross income, and state and local sales tax rates.

Texans, along with every other U.S. citizen, should not be taxed on their taxes. Correcting this inequity is a matter of simple fairness and could provide an enormous boost to the Texas economy. The status quo is not acceptable and I am committed to achieving this tax fairness now.

Wal-Mart buys respectability



Jim Hightower

Wal-Mart has a problem. People all across America and the world are learning that it's a beast of a corporation that - among other things - pays poverty wages, engages in massive sexual discrimination, routinely exploits sweatshop labor, bullies its own suppliers, muscles local competitors out of business, and tries to buy its way into cities that don't want it.

So, with its reputation sinking and sales slipping, Wal-Mart is finally taking action! Not to reform itself, of course - but to try to put a thick coat of PR polish over its brutish tactics. A few months ago, it launched a multimillion-dollar advertising blitz to paint itself as the Mother Teresa of global corporations.

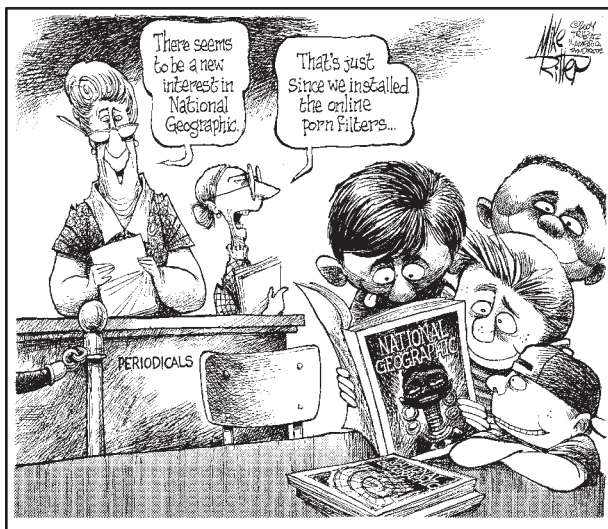
And now, Wal-Mart has made the ultimate reach for media respectability - it has become a sponsor of NPR. Yes, for some \$30 million in corporate funds, it gets to present itself on public radio as a paragon of virtue in a series of underwriting ads.

For example, in one, an NPR announcer solemnly intones that Wal-Mart is "bringing communities job opportunities, goods and services, and support for neighborhood programs."

Also, to curry media favor, Wal-Mart has suddenly become a benefactor of journalistic studies, putting up half a million bucks for journalism scholarships at 10 universities. These Wal-Mart "scholars" will be the future reporters covering the company (or choosing not to cover it), so the corporate benefit of this "philanthropy" is obvious. But why would the universities go along with such an obvious cash-for-favoritism ploy - especially since Wal-Mart is notorious for censorship, literally banning certain publications from its stores?

Because money talks louder than principles. After all, said the head of journalism at Arizona State, Wal-Mart is "not the American Nazi Party."

Well, at least we learn that journalism has some standards! Apparently, any sleazeball outfit better than the Nazis is OK.





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Aldermen annex, set budgets

Salado aldermen voted to annex Mill Creek Springs residents into the Village, adopted a \$491,100 operating budget and a \$187,350 hotel/motel budget following public hearings on the matters Sep. 16.

No input was given on the request from residents of Mill Creek Springs to be brought into Salado's city limits. Aldermen voted unanimously to annex approximately 50 parcels of property in the Mill Creek Springs subdivision into the city limits.

No one spoke on the 2004-05 operating budget or the 2004-05 hotel/motel budget, which were also adopted unanimously.

The hotel/motel budget calls for an increase in the occupancy tax of about \$12,000, to \$137,000 in income. Additional income will include interest of \$800 and a state grant of \$2,263 for total income of \$140,063.

The hotel/motel budget will have a total of \$187,350 in expenses. Of that, \$70,850 in overhead costs will include salary for the tourism director (\$36,000).

The budget will have \$86,800 in sales and marketing expenses, including an increase of more than \$36,000 in advertising to \$74,500.

Grants will increase by more than \$8,000 to \$28,500. The following grants were approved: Salado Chamber of Commerce, \$8,000; Salado Business Association, \$3,325; Tablerock, \$4,975; Institute for Humanities, \$500; Studio Tours, \$1,000; Public Arts League of Salado, \$1,500; Ladies Auxiliary, \$1,200 and Advertising, \$8,000.

The deficit hotel/motel budget will dip into the hotel/motel reserve of \$140,063.

Village of Salado 2004-05 Budget

	03-04 (THROUGH SEPT. 15, 2004)	04-05 BUDGETED
Beginning Balance		\$254,584
INCOME		
Tax Receipts	\$303,644	\$294,000
Franchise Fees	\$168,997	\$171,900
Development Fees	\$7,686	\$13,000
Municipal Court Fees	\$8,484	\$7,000
Burn Fees	\$380	\$400
Miscellaneous Income	\$826	\$1,000
Tourism Admin.	\$1,800	\$1,800
Interest Income	\$1,971	\$2,000
Total Revenues	\$498,843	\$491,100
EXPENSES		
Administrative	\$126,443	\$129,730
Salary	\$30,436	\$31,430
Overtime	\$784	\$600
Hourly - Admin	\$1,400	\$1,800
Benefits	\$1,521	\$2,800
Payroll Taxes	\$873	\$1,400
Dues & Fees	\$5,218	\$5,600
Election Exp.	\$472	\$500
Insurance	\$10,558	\$11,200
Training & Travel	\$4,927	\$2,900
Office Supplies	\$3,506	\$4,500
Printing Exp.	\$589	\$500
Meeting Exp.		\$300
Postage	\$1,759	\$2,000
Telephone	\$4,492	\$4,600
Professional Fees		
Planning/Misc.	\$29,478	\$10,000
Engineering	\$4,651	\$16,000
Subdivision		\$1,000
Auditor	\$3,540	\$8,000
Inspections	\$1,543	\$5,000
Legal	\$14,465	\$15,000
Public Notice	\$1,235	\$1,500
Equipment Leased	\$3,076	\$3,100
Equipment Purchased	\$1,920	\$0
Municipal Building	\$7,255	\$7,200
Maintenance/Repair	\$1,953	\$2,000
Building Supplies	\$686	\$800
Utilities	\$4,616	\$4,400
Fire Department	\$25,300	\$25,300
Marketing	\$808	\$1,000
Municipal Court	\$8,221	\$12,700
Salary - Judge	\$5,100	\$5,100
Payroll Taxes	\$654	\$600
Supplies	\$2,467	\$7,000
Police Department	\$180,232	\$202,525
Salary - Chief	\$41,803	\$43,000
Salary - Officer	\$87,774	\$97,575
Salary - Overtime	\$6,243	\$8,000
Salary - Part Time	\$560	\$0
Payroll Taxes	\$2,824	\$5,600
Benefits	\$19,076	\$23,500
Officer Equipment	\$4,733	\$2,500
Training & Travel	\$838	\$5,000
Equipment & Forms	\$4,283	\$1,050
Cell Phones	\$2,348	\$3,600
Fuel	\$5,028	\$7,000
Repair/Maintenance	\$2,348	\$2,400
Reserve Officers	\$62	\$700
Jail Expenses		\$600
Crime Prevention/COPS	\$2,000	\$2,000
Street Maintenance	\$62,264	\$81,400
Resurfacing	\$18,079	\$26,000
Pot Holes	\$14,143	\$18,000
Other	\$2,961	\$7,000
Signage	\$8,141	\$8,000
Utilities	\$6,954	\$7,400
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Contingency	\$1,843	\$8,000
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TOTAL EXPENSES	\$413,154	\$469,455
Capital Outlay Budget		\$18,000
Future Facilities		\$12,000
Police Auto		\$6,000
EXPENSES & OUTLAY		\$487,455
Ending Balance		\$258,229

FBC of Salado brings voter registration rally Sep. 25

First Baptist Church of Salado will host a iVoteValues.com Voter Registration Rally beginning 2 p.m. Sep. 25, in the Brookshire Brothers parking lot.

On-site will be the customized Mobile Voter Registration and Event Center, a 67-foot long tractor-trailer loaded with digital capabilities, online voter registration, multimedia screens, interactive games and nonpartisan voter information and materials on value-based voting will be available free of charge.

At 6 p.m., a Battle for Marriage simulcast event will take place at the church. This is a nonpartisan event and is

sponsored by the Family Ministry of First Baptist Salado.

Keynote speakers for the simulcast will be Dr. Richard Land, president of The Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission; Dr. James Dobson, founder and chairman of Focus on the Family Organization; Janet Parchall, host of "Janet Parchall's America;" Chuck Colson, founder of Prison Fellowship Ministries and Prison Fellowships International; Tony Perkins, president of Family Research Council; and Ted Haggard, president of National Association of Evangelicals.

A grassroots voter education and registration assistance initiative,

iVoteValues.com was designed to encourage Americans to vote according to their values, rather than just their wallet of their political party. The objective of the initiative is to assist in registering previously unregistered but eligible Americans to vote and to promote awareness of the importance of values-based voting.

Also part of the initiative is the website itself, designed to facilitate voter participation. Constituents can determine the candidates' positions on the issues, educate themselves about the issues that are critical to the culture and begin the voter registration process on the interactive site.

For more information contact Barbara Pipes, 947-1156; Cathy Sands, 947-0034; or Samantha Phifer, 947-0403.

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Deputy Voter Registrars registered eligible voters at Salado High School Sep. 16. The last day to register to vote in the Nov. 2 general election is Oct. 4. Deputy Voter Registrars will have a table at the upcoming Salado High School home football game Sep. 24. Those wishing to vote may also register at 411 E. Central Avenue in Belton. Pictured are Austin Rogers and Marie Jackson.

Fall Fling approaching for Mill Creek I, II & III residents

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Reservation checks may be mailed to LaNora at MCCA, Box 562, Salado, TX 76571.

Josie Cearley passes away Sep. 17 in Temple hospital

Josie Cearley, 76, of Belton, died Sep. 17 in a Temple hospital.

Graveside services were held Sep. 20 in Salado Cemetery, with Rev. Andy Davis officiating.

Cearley was born to Ausie and Bertie Mae Capps Watson in Salado, on March 18, 1928. She was a lifelong resident of Bell County. She was a graduate of Belton High School. She married Howell Otis Cearley, Sr. in Belton on Feb. 25, 1949. Cearley was a member of First Baptist Church of Belton and the Golden Agers.

Survivors include two

sons, Howell Otis Cearley, Jr., and Ausie Cearley, both of Belton; one daughter, Kay Thornton, of Belton; one sister, Lois Shepperd, of Belton; and seven grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband of Aug. 22, 1985.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are requested to the Salado Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 21, Salado, TX 76571, or the Building Fund of First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 5, Belton, TX 76513.

Heartfield Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

PALS Wine Tasting

Second Annual Wine Tasting An Evening Under the Stars Monday, September 27, 6-8 pm, at Inn on the Creek

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Traditional Worship/Bible Study	10:30 a.m.	Jr. High Halftime	5:15 p.m.
Orchestra Rehearsal	4:45 p.m.	Fellowship Meal	5:30 p.m.
Adult Choir Rehearsal	5:00 p.m.	Youth Choir	6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Service	6:15 p.m.
		Team Kid (Age 3 - 6th grade)	6:00 p.m.
		Bible Drill (4th - 6th)	7:00 p.m.
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The Salado Church of Christ welcomes you to our services this week

Sunday Morning Service • Sep. 26, 2004



Joe Keyes
Minister

For a couple of months this spring, people were so engaged in the movie "The Passion of the Christ," that by the end of its theatrical run, a full one-third of the adult population in America had seen it. Question is, do we have that much passion for Christ and his church? Joins us this Sunday as we discuss this issue.

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Evening Worship • 6 p.m.

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Salado Methodists lend a hand in continuing disaster relief efforts

Salado United Methodist Church has joined churches in the Central Texas conference in responding to the hurricanes that have battered Florida and surrounding states.

Flood Buckets containing much needed cleaning supplies were assembled and taken to the United Methodist Committee on Relief for distribution.

Prior to Hurricane Charley, flood buckets were in place for the people of Florida. During the past weeks, they have been replenishing the UMCOR Depot at Sager-Brown in Baldwin, Louisiana. Cur-



Miriam Oliver is pictured with flood buckets, which will be taken to the United Methodist Committee on Relief located in Baldwin, LA. to assist with victims of the recent hurricanes in Florida and other states.

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Saxophonist Cliff Hackler brings Christian-inspired tunes to Salado

Christian saxophonist and recording artist Cliff Hackler will perform a free concert 6 p.m. Sep. 26 at First Baptist Church of Salado. Hackler's recordings will be available to purchase and a love offering will be taken to help defray his expenses

Aiming straight for the heart of the listener, Hackler says he shares more than notes from his horns. He shares stories from his own life; some serious, others humorous, but all with "a strong

message of the good news of God's love."

Like many, Hackler started playing the saxophone in sixth grade band. "It was the most expensive investment my parents had ever made in me, to that point in my life. In fact, I remember my mother saying all the way home from school, after committing fifteen dollars per month to pay for my whimsical pre-teen desire, 'You had better learn to play that thing.' None of us ever dreamed it would pay my way through college or that I would actually earn a living with it," Hackler said.

"I don't really consider myself a performer," he says. "For me the saxophone is really just a tool to express what is on my heart and mind."

Of playing his music for a living, Cliff says there are many ups and downs. "Initially I found it difficult to lay out for a group of listeners something that was so personal between God and me. For one thing, it opens the door for criticism, and I wasn't really certain how

I would handle it. After four years in full-time concert ministry, though, I've come to realize that I really play for an audience of One—God. Pleasing Him is what matters most to me. Of course I hope the listeners enjoy the songs and stories, but for me the real focus is on God."

With three CD's to his credit and two more due for release early in 2004, there's a vast diversity in what he plays. From the same horns flow classic hymns and gospel tunes as well as current chart-topping praise and worship songs.

Hacker lives in the Dallas suburb of Midlothian, with his wife of 13 years and their five-year-old son. He travels all across the country playing concerts. His recordings have received airtime on eight radio stations around the country and two overseas. To learn more about his ministry and listen to samples of his music, visit his website at www.cliffhackler.com.

For concert information, contact the church office at 947-5465.

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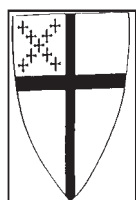
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"40 Days of Purpose" campaign kicks off Oct. 6

Eighty-four weeks on the bestseller list and counting. Over 17 million copies sold. One of the most successful non-fiction hardbacks of all-time, **The Purpose Driven Life**, by Rick Warren, is coming to Salado, compliments of the "40 Days of Purpose Campaign" sponsored by First Baptist Church.

With the question, "What on earth am I here for?" - author Rick Warren has kindled the interest of millions worldwide. People are embarking on a spiritual journey and finding meaning in their lives. Over 12,000 churches representing 60 denominations, from all 50 states and 19 countries have participated in "40 Days of Purpose" and the results are astonishing.

Pastors report that this program has brought spiritual renewal and revival to their congregations and communities. Church attendance and small group attendance are flourishing. People are experiencing positive and purposeful changes as a result of this program.

Focusing on priorities and commitment to what really matters is not only of interest to individuals, but corporations and organizations, such as Coke, Nascar and PGA are using this study to motivate and challenge people.

Rick Warren, pastor of Saddleback Church in Lake Forest, CA, based the principles for purposeful living on Biblical foundations, defining God's purposes for our lives of worship, fellowship, discipleship, ministry and evangelism. But the author goes beyond defining the principles by encouraging commitment to new practices that help people live out God's purposes from day to day.

The book emphasizes centering your life on God while connecting with other believers in genuine fellowship. The program fosters spiritual growth and maturity, incorporating the principle of giving back by using your God-

given talents, all the while sharing God's love with others.

In discussing his book, Warren states that most people are just barely getting by, operating at 'survival level.' Others reach the 'success level,' but are still unfulfilled. Why is that? "We were made for more than success. We were made for significance and that's the level people should strive," says Warren.

Just recently, Brian

Dunks, pastor of First Baptist Church of Salado, introduced the campaign to his congregation. Pastor Dunks stated that he wanted to give everyone an opportunity to be exposed to what God is doing through this campaign. He envisions people aligning with God's purpose for their lives and therefore affecting change throughout the community of Salado.

The kickoff for the

campaign is 5:30 p.m. Oct. 6, with dinner and featuring a simulcast with Rick Warren. From Oct. 10-Nov. 21, the church will provide different venues for individuals to participate in the study of **The Purpose Driven Life**.

These include:

- Weekly messages from Pastor Brian Dunks
- Personal family daily devotional readings
- Weekly small groups held in host homes, featur-

ing a taped video session with author Rick Warren; and

- Sunday school lessons.

The church will also provide copies of **The Purpose Driven Life**

for those joining a small group.

If you would like to participate in "40 Days of Purpose," contact the church office at 947-5465 or email kenny@fbcsalado.org.

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'The Interception' secures Homecoming win for Salado Eagles over perennial nemesis Troy

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Twenty years from now -- at the Salado High School Class of 2005 Reunion -- they'll be talking about it. The Interception, it will likely be called.

Less than a minute left on the clock, Salado's perennial opponent Troy drove deep into Eagle territory, hoping to negate the Homecoming team's 27-23 lead. Eagle defenders on their heels, chests heaving with the weight of the night, they line up for the last stand of the night. Troy had taken advantage of a snap over the head of Eagle punter Devon Dunn and pushed the ball from the Salado 39 to the Eagle 25-yard line.

Facing third and 13 to go, Troy set out for a pass to the end zone. Salado's Dunn leaps up to snatch the ball from the air at the end zone to seal the victory for Salado in a tough, smash-mouth exhibit of Friday Night Lights.

With Dunn's interception, Salado took a narrow 27-23 win for their second of the year.



(PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)

Devon Dunn cuts back towards a pass during Salado's 27-23 win over Troy last week. Salado opens district at home 7:30 p.m. Sep. 24 against Somerville.

The Eagles also took a character lesson or two from the Sep. 17 game: coming from behind and staving off a determined opponent.

Trailing by as many as 10 points, Salado closed the gap to four at the half before scoring two

unanswered touchdowns in the third quarter to go ahead 27-17 at the 5:20 mark in the third.

While Dunn's interception at the goal line saved the night, another goal line interception by Slayt Ebeling resulted in a Troy touchdown midway through the fourth

quarter.

Troy faced a fourth down and 15 to go at the Eagles' 39 yard line with 9:39 left in the game. Ebeling picked off the pass and brought it to the Salado eight-yard line. The Troy defense shut down Salado's offense deep in Eagle territory and Chance Davis fell on a Josh Jacobsen fumble at the Eagle six yard line with 8:24 in the fourth. Three straight hand offs to James Wilkinson gave Troy its touchdown with 7:08 left to play. The PAT went wide left and Troy would need a touchdown for a win.

The evenly-matched squads fought throughout the night with both teams coming from behind and establishing 10-point leads over their opponents. Salado scored first after Tucker Wilhite fell on a fumbled Troy snap when the Trojans punted on fourth at their own 45 yard line.

Taking over at the Troy 23 yard line, Salado took just three plays to find the end zone. Two of those were carries by Jacobsen, including the 15-yard touchdown run with 2:45 left in the first. Jacobsen carried the ball 19 times for 149 yards, two touchdowns and a fumble.

Troy took advantage of an Eagle mistake on the next play from scrimmage (a defender was late to get to his position at the line) when Shawn Dawaghrh

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JV moves to 3-0

The Salado JV Eagles ran their record to an unblemished 3-0 Sep. 16, with a four-point, 16-12 victory over Troy. The Trojans were also undefeated entering the game.

In the first quarter, Salado's Adam Patton picked off a Trojan pass, halting a scoring opportunity for the home team. Troy was able to push across a TD early in the second quarter, but the two-point attempt was spoiled by another big play from Patton.

Salado responded quickly as Stephen Quick hit Chad Tumey on a long pass down to the Troy four-yard line. Joseph Clinard found the end zone two plays later on a one-yard plunge to tie the game 6-6.

Going with a deception play on the two-point try, Tanner Meyers took a reverse and earned Salado an 8-6 lead.

Troy struck first in the third quarter, but the Eagles defense stepped up again on the two-point try, stopping the Trojans short.

In the fourth quarter the Eagles took the lead for good when Clinard followed his blockers to score on a 10-yard lead, making the score 14-12. The Eagles defense then got in on the act, scoring a safety on Troy to bring the game to its 16-12 final.

On the defensive side of the ball, Patton and Justin Powell made big plays all night. "The defense played physical and made big plays when needed," said Coach Jerod Womack.

Offensively, Justin Whitfield and Tumey had key catches to help move the ball. Quick had seven completions and Josh Bush had some big blocks from the fullback position to open holes for Clinard.

"The kids played hard and did what they had to do to win the game, the coaching staff was proud of the effort and physical play on both sides of the ball," Womack commented.

As Somerville does not field a JV team, the Eagles will take a road trip to Whitney Sep. 23. Call the High School, 947-5429, for game time details.

Freshmen

While the JV was involved in a close game all the way to the end, the freshmen Eagles man-handled Troy 27-0.

Marty McLaughlin ran for two touchdowns in the game, one from 22 yards out and the other from 12.

Blake Heller capitalized on a fumbled snap on a Troy punt, picking up the ball and returning it 52 yards for the score.

Kevin Jackson then caught a short pass and

did the rest himself, scampering 35 yards to set up a Matt Fritsch quarterback sneak from the one yard line.

Special teams also played well, as Jon Nix was successful on two point after attempts, and Nick Mohammed was successful running in a two-point try.

"The defense played outstanding, and did not allow more than two first downs until late in the game," stated Coach Tom Long.

McLaughlin, Jackson and Heller all had strong games in contributing to the win.

The win improved the freshmen to 2-2. They will travel to Robinson Sep. 23 to take on the Class 3A Rockets, with kickoff scheduled for 5 p.m.

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Football FROM PAGE 8A

ran for 55 yards to bring the ball to Salado's 12 yard line. Troy could not convert the jaunt into a score as the Salado defense stiffened and forced a fourth down and 16 to go at the Eagle 18 yard line. Ebeling broke up a Javier Sustaita pass to Chris Sparks in the end zone to prevent the touch down.

But the Eagles would give up two points as Wilkinson blocked Dunn's punt out of the end zone for a safety. Troy took the lead after receiving Salado's kick from their own 20 yard line and driving from the Trojan 47 yard line. Wilkinson rambled up the middle for a five yard touchdown with 7:30 left in the half for Troy's lead. Sustaita kept the ball for a two-point conversion to bring the score to 10-7.

Troy forced Salado to punt from their own five yard line and took advantage of the 22

yard kick out of bounds. Sustaita hit Hank Mayes for 23 yards before Wilkinson pushed through from the Eagle two yard line with 1:11 left in the half.

Down but not out, Salado moved the ball 62 yards in exactly 30 seconds for a half-ending touchdown. Wesley Ruth threw to Brandon Peters for 13 yards, then kept the ball for seven more yards to bring the ball to the Troy 28 yard line. Jacobsen ran up the middle and threaded the Trojan defense backs for a 28 yard touchdown at :33 left in the half. Troy's Mayes got his hand on the point-after kick to stop it, leaving Salado trailing 13-17 at the half.

The Eagles changed that in the first two minutes of the second half, driving the ball 75 yards in five plays. Jacobsen dashed through the Troy defense before he was caught at

the Trojan one yard line. An illegal block call at the Troy 20 brought the ball to the Trojan 30 yard line. Salado was whistled nine times for 70 yards in penalties on the night. Jacobsen carried twice more for 11 yards on the drive and Ruth ran twice for 18 yards and a one yard touchdown dive at 9:52 in the third. The point-after gave Salado it's second lead of the night 20-17.

After shutting down the Troy offense, Salado ground 84 yards of turf in seven plays, including a misdirection belly bump that had Wilhite going left when the rest of the team went right for a 38 yard touchdown run. A 31 yard pass from Ruth to Blake Newman also highlighted the drive. At 5:20 left in the third, Salado held a commanding 27-17 lead.

Salado had 202 yards on the ground on 27 rushes. In the air, Salado



Wesley Ruth tries to evade the grasp of a Troy Trojan during Salado's 27-23 win for Homecoming Sep. 17. (PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)

was five of 15 for 66 yards. Troy carried the ball 38 times for 221 yards rushing and was three of 12 passing for 37 yards and two interceptions. Jacobsen led all rushers with 149 yards on 29 carries, two touchdowns and a fumble.

Troy's Mayes carried the ball nine times for 106 yards.

In the closing quarter, the opponents swapped possession a couple of times before Troy took advantage of a Jacobsen fumble at the six for a touchdown to bring the score to 23-27 midway through the fourth.

Momentum – a fickle lover at her best and a cruel one at her worst

– swung to the visiting Trojans when a snap went over Dunn's head on fourth-and-forever to go at the Troy 37 yard line. Troy took over at the Salado 39 yard line and was threatening when momentum again swung to the home team in the final seconds as Dunn made The Interception that will be remembered and embellished upon until it takes on an identity of its own.

Lady Eagles stumble through early games of district volleyball

The Lady Eagles volleyballers have managed to turn, over the course of a few weeks, from an attacking, forward moving team to one that seems like it's stuck in mud.

They dropped all three district matches they played last week, to Rog-

ers, Academy and Jarrell, respectively. The girls failed to win a set in any of the matches, losing them all in three straight.

Against Rogers Sep. 11, Salado lost 25-8, 25-18 and 25-16. Head Coach Stacy Lisenbe remarked that Salado played "as if we were a completely different team than we have been," referring to Salado's strong start to begin the season.

The JV defeated Rogers in straights, while the freshmen went down in two.

It was more of the same for the Varsity against Academy and Jarrell, with Salado losing both. "The girls played well both times," said Lisenbe, "But we are up against teams that are ranked very high in state."

The JV defeated Academy, but lost to Jarrell. The freshmen lost to both Academy and Jarrell.

The Lady Eagles will try to get back on the winning track and salvage something from the first round of district with games this week against Somerville and Florence.



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CAC bringing stage adaption of "Corduroy" to Temple Sep. 26

The Cultural Activities Center will present the Theatreworks USA production of *Corduroy*, 2:30 p.m. Sep. 26.

Don Freeman's ever-popular book *Corduroy* tells the story of a lonely bear who lives in a department store. *Corduroy* sits on the shelf each day just wishing someone would buy him, take him home and be his friend. When yet another possible friend passes over *Corduroy* because he is missing a button, he sets out on an adventure to replace his missing button and win the heart of a friend. *Corduroy* is a perfect story for anyone who has ever wanted a friend.

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Theatreworks USA will present "Corduroy" Sep. 26.

The performance is the second show in the Cultural Activities Center's HEB Family Fun Series, a series of shows throughout the year designed for families. The third Family Fun Series show, Jack Yardley's Magic, will be held April

9. Tickets for *Corduroy* are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. For more information or to purchase tickets, call (254) 733-9926 or visit the Cultural Activities Center Box Office.

Salado Creek Preservation Committee Test Results for September 2004

Site Number And Name	H2O Temp. (Celsius)	pH	Conductivity Dissolved Solids (part per million)	Dissolved Oxygen (mg/liter)	Phosphates (mg/liter)	Nitrates (mg/liter)	Fecal Coliform Colonies per 100 mL
#1 Chisholm Trail	20.73	6.47	0.438	n/a	0.44	2.47	20
#2 Sirena	21.82	6.12	0.432	n/a	0.19	2.529	190
#3 Pattersons Crossing	21.76	6.57	0.328	n/a	0.47	0.06	40
#4 Stagecoach Dam	21.58	5.86	0.434	n/a	0.104	2.235	200

Texas cattlemen urged to keep herds TB-free, says Ag Comish Combs

Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs Sep. 7 reminded cattle producers to have their herds tested for cattle tuberculosis by Dec. 31, the first step towards regaining Texas' TB-free status.

Texas' TB plan, developed in 2002 by a joint industry and regulatory working group, originally called for testing at least 2,400 purebred beef and seed stock herds by the end of August, 2004. The U.S. Department of Agriculture recently announced that it was extending the testing deadline until Dec. 31, 2004, to allow for more tests to be

completed.

"Testing these herds is a vital step towards our long term goal of regaining TB-free status for the Texas cattle industry," said Combs. "Since the deadline does not fall until the end of December, not only can cattle owners test their herds for free, they can take advantage of cooler fall months to work their cattle."

If the 2,400 herds are not tested by the end of December, the USDA could revoke a temporary waiver that allows shipments of feeder cattle to go out of the state without restrictions.

Since 1983, cattle TB

has been detected in 19 Texas dairies and eight purebred beef herds. In 2000, Texas attained the TB-free status under the National Tuberculosis Eradication program, but list it in 2002, after two newly-infected herds were detected.

To test a herd, producers should contact an accredited, private veterinary practitioner and make an appointment. Testing is free. The Texas Animal Health Commission maintains lists of veterinarians who can conduct the test, and can be contacted at 800-550-8242, or www.tahc.state.tx.us for more information.

Salado School Menus

Mon.- Fri., Sep. 27-Oct. 1

Lunch Salado Intermediate School

Sep. 27: Chili mac, corn dogs, pizza, chef salad, baked potato, tater tots, cornbread, pinto beans, carrots, frsh fruit, pears, milk.

Sep. 28: Steak fingers, hamburger on bun, pizza, chef salad, frito lay, mashed potatoes with corn, fresh fruit, pineapple tidbits, green beans, Texas toast, milk.

Sep. 29: Pizza, grilled chicken on bun, chef salad, roasted red potato, baked potato, corn, burger salad, breadstick, fresh fruit, peaches, milk.

Sep. 30: Salisbury steak, nachos, pizza, chef salad, peas and carrots, fresh fruit, mixed fruit, rolls, potato salad, oven fries, milk.

Oct. 1: Hamburger on bun, fish on bun, pizza, chef salad, pinto beans, fresh fruit, applie slices, burger salad, oven fries, milk.

Lunch Thomas Arnold Elementary

Sep. 27: Steak fingers, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, pears, Texas toast, chef salad, hoagie, milk,

Sep. 28: Chicken and noodle, carrots, fresh fruit, rolls, chef salad, hoagie, milk.

Sep. 29: Pizza, yogurt and fruit plate, hoagie, corn, breadstick, peaches, milk.

Sep. 30: Fish strips, chef salad, hoagie, garlic bread, broccoli with cheese, sugar cookies, fresh fruit, milk.

Oct. 1: Cheeseburger on roll, oven fries, burger salad, chef salad, hoagie, applesauce, milk.

Breakfast Both Campuses:

Sep. 27: Breakfast on a stick

Sep. 28: French toast

Sep. 29: Biscuit and Sausage.

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Oct. 1: Bagel and cream cheese

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These investment moves can help fight inflation

Not too long ago, inflation was low enough to spur concerns about the possible effects of deflation. But that was then - and this is now. Today, we're seeing signs that inflation may be picking up. As a consumer, you can adapt your purchasing habits to cope with higher prices - but, as an investor,

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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Interested in "interest only?"

Buying and Selling

by Ryan Hodge

With so many mortgages out there these days, have you ever heard of paying "interest only"? It sounds pretty enticing at first, but consider whether this type of loan would benefit you.

Like traditional loans, the monthly interest payments are tax deductible - but much lower than normal, because you're just paying interest. How-

ever, if you plan to stay most of your life in the home you purchase - and you want to eventually eliminate your mortgage debt - an "interest only" loan can be a real disadvantage.

All that principal you could have paid early on will have to be paid at some point down the road, since most interest only loans convert to traditional mortgages (usually after ten years or so). Your monthly payment will go way up at that point, too.

But what might happen if you sell your home in a few years? In many cases, your equity increases faster from the home's appreciation in value than it would from making principal payments. You might make only interest payments for a few years and still sell your home for a profit before the loan converts.

You'll find real estate agents are savvy about helping you determine an appropriate loan. An "interest only" mortgage may not be right for you, but ask the agent to explain your options and recommend a strong local lender for your needs.



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Not all about politics

Away from mic, Woolley talks book writing

By CHRIS MCGREGOR
STAFF WRITER

Lynn Woolley makes his living discussing, from a conservative perspective, the political issues of the day. His talk radio program airs weekday mornings on 1400 KTEM, but he's also a published author, with three books to his credit.

Politics aside, it was the subject of book writing that brought him to the Rotary Club of Salado Sep. 14.

His most recent work, **Clear Moral Objectives**, was published in 2003, but his literary output stretches back to the 1970s, when he and two friends got together to write a history of the Warner Brothers television studio.

Inspiration can oftentimes spring from unlikely sources, and such was the case, Woolley found, with **Warner Brothers Television**. Along with a group of buddies, Woolley spent one evening in 1975 watching 16mm reruns of **Business Fair**

set at UMHB

The University of Mary Hardin-Baylor will hold the 2004 Fall Business Career Fair Oct. 7, in the Lord Conference Center of the Parker Academic Center located on 10th Street. The College of Business and University Career Services will sponsor the event from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Some of the recruiters from area employers that will be attending include Scott and White, Central Texas Work Force, Performance Food Group (PFG), Social Security Administration, AT&T, Capital Choice Financial Services, Don Ringler Chevrolet, HEB Grocery Company, H&R Block, Jen-Weld, Incorporated, McLane Company, Professional Data Solutions (PDI), Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Texas Department of Public Safety, Job Gusher, United Parcel Service, Patillo, Brown & Hill, Spherion, Primerica Financial Services, First Community Bancshares, Incorporated, Trugreen-Chemlawn, Universal Computer Systems, U.S. Army, U.S. Government Civil Service of Fort Hood, Vector Marketing, Wells Fargo and Z-Options.

For additional information about the career fair, contact the University Career Services Center at 295-4691.

the program "77 Sunset Strip" - a Warner Brothers production.

This piqued the interest of not only Woolley, but friends Robert Malsbary, and Robert Strange, Jr. Soon after, the trio began collaborating on a book intending to cast light on an era they viewed as being one of television's finest.

Originally written over a short period in the 70s, the book wasn't published until 1985, due to a shake-up at the A.S. Barnes publishing house, which had originally agreed to take on the book. They eventually did find a publisher for **Warner Brothers Television** in McFarland and Company, and the book turned out to be a niche-market success.

"We went through a number of printings with that book. It was a very good deal for me," said Woolley.

In the early 1990s, Woolley got the itch to write again, only this time he wanted to keep it a one-man project. "The first thing you have to do when writing a book, is you have to have an idea. With the second book, my idea was to write a memoir on radio," Woolley explained.

By that point, he was already an experienced

radio man. He had spent many years in the Dallas market in radio, starting out small but working his way up to becoming a drive-time announcer. Throughout his time in Dallas, he was privy to many situations and stories that, upon reflection, he thought would make for an interesting read.

The culmination of nearly a year's worth of nights spent writing was **The Last Great Days of Radio**, a work in which Woolley wanted to demonstrate "what it's like on the other side of the microphone." Published by Republic of Texas Press in 1994, the book is still around, and can be ordered through Woolley's website, www.belogical.com.

That aforementioned website came about through Woolley's growing frustration with some traditional media outlets. "Sometime in 1999, I started writing political columns. Nobody was getting to read them, so I started a website," he said.

Then came a break in the clouds. "One day, I wrote a column called 'Clear Moral Objectives.' It was 15 things, 15 values that I thought were important for America," he continued.

The *Dallas Morning News* picked up the column, but wanted Woolley to trim it from 1,500 words to a more lithe 700. A compromise was reached: Woolley, doing his own editing, nixed three of the objectives, and cut 600 words from the original.

His editorial ran shortly thereafter, and became the foundation of what would be his latest full-length book, bearing the same title as the editorial which inspired it.

In it, Woolley presents 12 ways in which the nation as a whole has misstepped, and follows with what America can do to regain solid footing.

Examples of his objectives include: maintaining the sanctity of life, keeping government small, declaring English the official language, dispensing with the tax code, declaring traditional family values indispensable and declaring the U.S. to be a nation under God. The last, Woolley said, was the most trying to complete. "That was a difficult chapter for me, because I don't believe in a theocracy. However, I do believe in guiding ethical principles."

To find further information about Woolley, his program and his books, visit belogical.com.



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Lemon Law saved Texans almost \$6 million in 2003

Consumers purchasing or leasing new vehicles proven defective have received more than \$72 million in relief in the last decade. Lemon Law savings for consumers totaled almost \$6 million in 2003.

The 2003 Lemon Law report, released by the Texas Department of Transportation's Motor Vehicle Division, lists number of complaints filed, defects reported and complaint disposition.

Of complaints closed last year, almost 67 percent of consumers received some form of measurable relief from defective vehicles – approximately 29 percent had vehicles repurchased, replaced or traded by the manufacturer and an additional 37 percent received repairs, extended service contracts or other remedies.

"The numbers indicate the Lemon Law continues to do what it is intended to do – help consumers with defective vehicles to get relief," said Brett Bray, Director of TxDOT's Motor Vehicle Division.

To determine whether a particular model has received more or less than its "expected share" of complaints, the report calculates an index based on number of complaints filed and the model's market share.

According to the report, the five most popular selling vehicles with the highest complaint index ratings are (from highest

to lowest) Dodge Dakota Pickup, Volkswagen Jetta, Chrysler Town and Country Van, Dodge Ram Series Pickup and the Dodge Stratus.

The report also lists the most popular selling vehicles with the best complaint index rating. From this group, the top five vehicles with the fewest numbers of complaints are (from lowest to highest) Toyota Corolla, Toyota Sequoia, Buick Century, Mazda Protégé and Toyota Camry.

Consumers complained most frequently about engine performance or emissions. Other defects included engine mechanical, electrical, body and trim, suspension and steering, automatic transmission, brakes and air conditioning and heating.

Under the Lemon Law, TxDOT's Motor Vehicle Board can order a vehicle replaced, repurchased or repaired by the manufacturer. Some manufacturers choose to settle complaints rather than contesting them at a formal hearing. The report shows DaimlerChrysler Motors Corporation and General Motors Corporation continued their trend of resolving more complaints prior to hearing.

The Texas Lemon Law covers new or leased vehicles, including cars, trucks, vans, motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles,

motor homes, towable recreational vehicles and neighborhood electric vehicles. The Motor Vehicle Board amended its rules to require that a manufacturer, distributor, or converter re-title a vehicle reacquired under the Lemon Law. The re-titling requirement will facilitate enforcement of disclosure requirements and hinder what is known as "lemon laundering" or "title washing."

State law also requires manufacturers to issue a disclosure statement and affix a disclosure label to the front window of vehicles ordered repurchased, replaced or reacquired to settle a Lemon Law complaint. The disclosure requirements are also mandatory for vehicles reacquired under another state's Lemon Law and transferred to Texas for resale. Disclosure statements were required for 326 vehicles in 2003.

Methodist Church announces photo workshop

The Salado Methodist Church will host a photography workshop titled "Color Your World," 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Oct. 16 at Royal Street Provision in Salado.

The workshop, taught by Nancy Haddad of Pine Cone Ministries, is described as an opportunity for women of all ages to learn, have fun and to celebrate their faith in Christ. Haddad will speak on "how Christ adds color to our world."

Haddad received a degree in Occupational Therapy from Colorado State University, and practiced in that field for several years. She and her husband, John, have served in full-time ministry through Young Life for 16 years. They spent most of those years in Germany, working with military teenagers in the Young Life Overseas Ministry.

The workshop will concentrate on colorizing black and white photos. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own photos, although samples will also be provided.

Registration fee is \$40, and includes lecture, workshop, supplies and lunch. For additional details or to register contact the Salado United Methodist Church at 947-5482.

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Annexation, expansion on minds of Bell cities

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Transportation.
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These topics lay unspoken but on the minds of the Bell County city managers, attorneys and other officials who gathered at the Salado Civic Center Sep. 20 to discuss annexation and expansion of extra-territorial jurisdiction (ETJ) within the county.

Central Texas Council of Governments (CTCOG) spearheaded the workshop that brought together representatives from Killeen, Temple, Belton, Harker Heights, Nolanville, Troy and Salado.

CTCOG executive director Jim Reid discussed the changing boundaries of the Killeen-Temple Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) and its potential impact on federal funding mechanisms and programs. Reid said that when the MSA is examined again following the 2010 census, it will likely change classifications as the population density in the area increases.

A recent report by Ray Perryman shows Bell County's population at 330,000, with the population expected to surpass 500,000 within 28 years.

Bell County is one of the faster growing urban counties in the state, behind Harris and Dallas Counties.

City managers discussed their annexation plans. Killeen city manager D.A. Blackburn told the others that his city is likely to annex two donut areas on the southwestern portion of its city limits. After that, he said that he will have a "more robust annexation plan" that will

probably be to the south of the current city limits.

With a five-mile ETJ, Killeen's extends into Salado school district considerably. In fact, it crosses Crows Ranch Road at one area. If the city were to annex south, the ETJ would move accordingly.

Belton has announced a study of annexing eight one-mile strips of property within its ETJ. Belton will conduct public hearings on the annexation on Sep. 28 and Oct. 12.

The last day for sub-

mission of written protests by residents within the proposed annexation is Sep. 27.

A site hearing will be required if 20 adult residents of tracts protest within 10 days after the first newspaper notice.

The announcement by Belton spurred residents in the northern portion of the Salado school district to begin requesting the Village of Salado to include them in its ETJ. Residents gathered at the Cedar Valley Baptist Church Sep. 21

to discuss a plan of action on being brought into the ETJ of Salado.

The Village has already approved the inclusion of 113 properties into its ETJ and has more than 200 requests pending action by the board of aldermen.

Those requests are coming from almost all directions as citizens realize that as Bell County becomes more and more an urbanized county, the chances of not being in a city's ETJ some time in the future decreases.

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to about \$1.75 per \$100 evaluation, which is what Academy and Belton tax rates are after recent successful bond issues.

Next month, the district will make requests for proposals and qualifications for hiring an architectural firm, as well

as a construction agent. The district will decide in early October whether to use a construction manager at-risk or a general contractor.

The board will have estimated costs on projects in November and call for the election by Dec. 19.



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ABWA inducts two into Hall of Fame

The Central Texas Area American Business Women's Council celebrated American Business Women's Day at its Sep. 9 meeting at Grace United Methodist Church, in Copperas Cove. The event was hosted by Five Hills Charter Chapter of Copperas Cove.

As part of the activities, two new members were inducted into the Central Texas Women's Hall of Fame for outstanding accomplishments in their chosen fields, and for service to the community.

Jennifer Oliver has worked for the government for 18 years, and has lived with profound hearing loss her entire life. She is active in numerous programs for individuals with disabilities and conducts workshops. Oliver is also a mentor for deaf

college students, and a feature writer for several publications, including "Chicken Soup for the Soul." She is the author of Four Ears: Works of Heart," and is currently working on a contemporary romance novel.

In 1997, she was honored by the Department of the Army as Outstanding Employee of the Year with a Disability and is the recipient of the Jennifer Phillips Award for Spirit and Courage. Oliver has an associates degree and is working on her bachelor's degree.

She was nominated by Judy Brady, a member of the Dynamis Chapter of Killeen, for the Hall of Fame "Government" category, and was presented with a plaque and a yellow rose.

The other inductee

was Paula Ann Noonan Quindlen. After joining the U.S. Army Nurse Corps in 1969, she spent her nine years of active duty in four posts, including South Vietnam from 1970-1971.

She served 18 years in the Reserves and retired with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. In her civilian career she spent 25 years in surgical nursing and nursing education. She currently works as Director of Education of the Central Texas Veterans Health Care System and serves on the faculty of two colleges.

She has worked to provide improved health care facilities to serve the medical and emotional needs of female veterans, and attended the opening of the Vietnam Women's Memorial in Washing-

ton, D.C. Quindlen is a member of numerous professional organizations and is involved in several community activities.

In addition to her civilian awards, she is the recipient of eight military awards, including the Bronze Star.

She was nominated by Amanda Krcha, a member of Bell Chapter of Temple, for the "Medicine/Health" category. She was also presented with a plaque and yellow rose.

Past inductees in attendance were recognized and pinned with yellow rose corsages. At the conclusion of the meeting, it was announced that the next council meeting will take place Nov. 4 at the Howard Johnson in Killeen, hosted by Dynamis Chapter.

Keeping chemicals away from children

By LINDA FUCHS
 Co. EXT. AGENT - FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES

Since the week, Sep. 19-25 is designated as National Farm Safety and Health Week, I would like to share information from the National Safety Council which urges parents and guardians of children to make a special effort to keep chemicals in safe storage areas out of the reach of kids.

Poisoning incidents continue to be a

potentially lethal problem when chemicals such as cleansers, disinfectants, and pesticides are not properly stored in their original labeled containers.

Around the home, all chemicals should be kept in secure storage cabinets that can be easily child-proofed and/or locked. It only takes a minute for an unattended child to gain access to chemicals located under bathroom and kitchen sink areas.

In work areas,

chemicals should be kept in locked storage cabinets or buildings that are properly labeled so that workers, visitors and rescue personnel are fully aware of the danger. Always make sure that chemical storage areas have readily accessible fire extinguishers and personal protective gear ready for any emergency.

Teach children that "pesticides are poisons" - something they should not touch. Keep the telephone number of your

area Poison Control Center near your telephone.

In case of an emergency, try to determine what the child was exposed to and what part of the body was affected before you take action, since taking the right action is as important as taking immediate action.

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Series on exploring mind begins at Salado Institute for Humanities

The man who has been called "the most important living scientist engaged in the fulltime exploration of psychic phenomena" is coming to central Texas Sep. 25-26 to open the Salado Institute for the Humanities' fall lectures series.

He will be one of four speakers in the program series entitled, "The Wisdom Within Us -- Exploring the Mind for Meaning and Understanding."

Dr. Dean Radin is an experimental psychologist who has been exploring the mind for more than 25 years, seeking scientific evidence for the link between the human mind and the material world. Using high-tech experiments, he and other pioneering scientists have amassed irrefutable scientific data that prove the reality of psychic phenomena.

Dr. Radin has conducted cutting-edge psi research for AT&T, Contel, Princeton's department of psychology, the University of Edinburgh, the Stanford Research Institute and the U.S. government. He was the founder and director of the Consciousness Research Division at the University of Nevada and is currently the Senior Scientist at the Institute of Noetic Sciences.

Dr. Radin's weekend presentations will concentrate on the research that has been done on the relationship between mind and matter, as explained in his book *The Conscious Universe*. That book shatters myths about the evidence of psychic phenomena, and demonstrates

the surprising extent to which the evidence for psi has already been demonstrated and exploited. He shows how such entities as Sony and the U.S. Army have used and benefited from psychic forces.

His Salado programs will also include a discussion of his current research on the Global Consciousness Project. That experiment involves worldwide random number generators and studies the possible interactions between mind and matter on a grand scale.

Dr. Radin holds a PhD in educational psychology, a master's degree in electrical engineering, and is co-founder and continuing consultant to the Boundary Institute in Los Altos, CA. He is also the editor of the *Journal of International Society of Life Information Science* and associate editor of the *Journal of Scientific Exploration*.

Even though what he is involved with is sometimes referred to as parapsychology, he says he is not a "parapsychologist," because that carries a negative connotation of being a "psychic," which he claims to definitely not be. Dr. Radin considers himself to be "an experimental psychologist who is studying exceptional or poorly understood aspects of human experience." And for that work, in 2000, he was selected as one of the "world's most important thinkers" by the PBS series, *Closer to the Truth*.

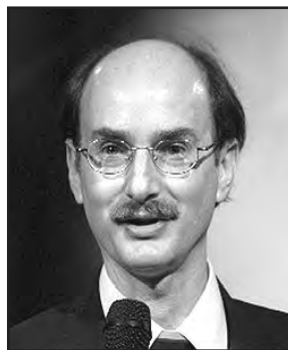
Seats are still available for his two upcoming

presentations. He will be conducting a workshop entitled "The Outer Limits of Inner Space," 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sep. 25 at The Range; and his lecture, "When Mind and Matter Meet," will be 4-6 p.m. Sep. 26, at the Salado Civic Center.

Other speakers in the series include science writer, John Horgan, who will speak Oct. 9; psychiatrist and Jungian analyst, Dr. Harry Wilmer, who will present on Oct. 23-24, and religious philosopher, Dr. Huston Smith, who will speak Nov. 8.

Membership in the Institute for the Humanities is required to attend these lectures, unless attending as a guest of a member. However, Institute membership is open, and everyone is invited to join. The cost is \$50 annually, or \$90 per couple. For more information contact the Institute office at 947-5729, email ifh@vvm.com, or come to the lectures and pay at the door.

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Dr. Dean Radin

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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

Voter registration rally sponsored by First Baptist Church of Salado, beginning 2 p.m. at Brookshire Brothers parking lot. At 6 p.m., a Battle for Marriage simulcast will be held at the church. Info: 947-4156, 947-0034 or 947-0403.

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

Christian saxophonist Cliff Hackler in concert 6 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Salado. Admission is free and public is welcome. Offering will be taken. Info: 947-5465.

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.

SEPTEMBER 28

Public meeting

with SISD trustees to discuss the calling of a school bond election for Feb. 19, 2005, 7 p.m. at Salado Civic Center. Discussion to include info concerning construction costs and impact on tax rate.

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 6

First Baptist Church of Salado kicks off "40 Days of Purpose" campaign. 5:30 p.m.

Oct. 6, featuring a dinner and simulcast with Rick Warren, author of The Purpose Driven Life. For details on the campaign call 947-5465 or email kenny@fbcsalado.org.

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

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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 9

Dedication of an Official Texas Historical Marker for the Willingham Family Cemetery, 10 a.m. Cemetery, in use since 1850s, is located off FM 2843, on Western Trail. Ceremony is open to public. Info: willingham@vvm.com.

OCTOBER 11

St. Stephen's Women's Society meeting, Diocesan Pro-Life program given by Ann Bierschenk, 6:30 p.m. at church Parish Hall.

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 16

Salado United Methodist Church photography workshop, "Color Your World," taught by Nancy Haddad of Pine Cone Ministries; 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Royal Street Provision. Registration: \$40 per person, includes lecture, workshop, supplies and lunch. Info: 947-5482.

OCTOBER 20-22

Salado Village Artists oil and acrylics workshop, taught by Phillip Wade of Laguna Gloria, in Austin. Open to members and non-members. Info: Bobbie Reihsen, 947-3901.

OCTOBER 22

Football: Salado Eagles vs. Florence Buffaloes, 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 one-mile Walking Trail features the classics and information about the authors, including: The Headless Horseman, Macbeth, Wizard of Oz, Edgar Allen Poe, The Mummy, Frankenstein and 15 other stops on the trail portraying the most frightening tales of our times.. Adults \$5, children \$3. Info: 947-9205.

NOVEMBER 1

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NOVEMBER 5

Football: Final regular season game, Salado Eagles vs. Jarrell Cougars, 7:30 p.m. at home.

NOVEMBER 5-6-7

10 a.m.- 10 p.m. **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. LECTURED 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 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 12

St. Stephen's Women's Society Annual Christmas Dinner. Details TBA.

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.



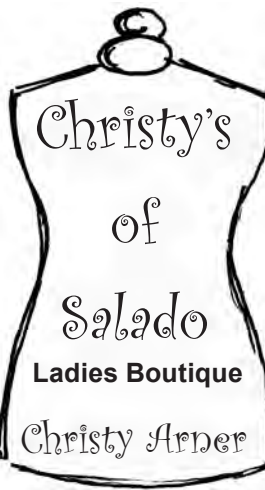
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Boy Scouts: Each Monday, 6:30-8 p.m. at the Methodist Church.
Monday Club: 1st Mon., 2 p.m., Salado

United Methodist Church.
Salado Chamber of Commerce Board: 2nd Mon., 6 p.m., at Civic Center.
Salado FFA Meeting: First Monday of the month, 7 p.m. in the elementary school cafeteria.
Salado I.S.D. Board

of Trustees: 3rd Mon. at 6 p.m., at Salado Civic Center.
Salado Library District Board: 4th Mon. at 5:30 p.m., at Salado Public Library Building.
Salado Masonic Lodge #296: 8 p.m. on the Mon. on or before the full moon.

day, 10 a.m.-noon. All women welcome. Info: 947-5982.
Lions Club: 2nd & 4th Wed. at 11:30 a.m., Creekside. Board meets 2nd Wed. 8 a.m.
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Storytime: 11-11:30 a.m. every Monday at the Salado Public Library (ages 3-5).

Salado 4-H Club: 1st Mon. through May, 7 p.m. at Thomas Arnold Elementary.
Exercise Class: 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. every Monday. Class includes stretching, strengthening and Pilates. Bring a mat or blanket. Held at Salado Civic Center. Class is FREE to public. No class Memorial Day, May 31.

Salado Democrats: 6:45 p.m., first Monday of each month at the Civic Center.
Salado Youth Fair Boosters: Second Monday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at the elementary school library.

Tuesdays
Salado Rotary Club: 11:30 a.m., Stagecoach Inn.
Yoga Classes: 6:45 p.m., at the Halley House.

Salado Village Artists: 10 a.m. at Salado Art Center.
Salado Family Relief Fund: 2nd Tues. 1 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center.
Salado High School Band Boosters: 2nd Tues. of every month 7 p.m. in the Band Hall.

Salado 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.
Salado Poets and Storytellers Guild: 2nd Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at Salado Civic Center. Public is welcome.

Wednesdays
Salado Creekside Cloggers: 6:30-8:30 p.m.
First Baptist Church of Salado: Celebrate Recovery, Christian 12-step program, 6-7:30 p.m. Open to everyone dealing with personal hurts, habits or hangups. Info: 947-5465.
Salado Youth Baseball Association: meetings 7 p.m. at Civic Center.
Salado Presbyterian Church: Friends meet second and fourth Wednes-

day, 10 a.m.-noon. All women welcome. Info: 947-5982.
Scottish Country Dance Lessons 8-9:30 p.m. at the Scots Hall of the Clans. 947-0325 for info.

Thursdays
Salado Area Republican Women: 4th Thursday of month. Times vary. Call 947-3617 or e-mail denisarw@vvm.com, for information.
Village of Salado Board of Aldermen: Regular meetings on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of month, 6:30 p.m. at Salado Municipal Building unless otherwise posted.

Chisholm Trail Chapter ABWA: 1st Thurs. 6 p.m. at Stagecoach Inn. 947-0173.
Salado Ladies Auxiliary: 2nd Thurs., 10 a.m., Salado Civic Center
Salado Water Corporation Board of Directors: 3rd Thurs., 4 p.m. Corporation office.

PTC: (SIS Parent Teacher Co-op) meets the 2nd Thursday 3:45 p.m. in Room 101 at SIS.
Salado Education Foundation: Regular Board meetings, 9 a.m. 2nd Thurs. at Salado Civic Center.

Salado Business Association: General meetings, 3rd Thursday 8:45 a.m. upstairs at the Civic Center.
Salado Neighborhood Group of the American Sewing Guild: 3rd Thurs. of each month 5:30 p.m. at The Sewing Basket.

Salado Moms, playgroup, contact: saladomoms@lantanatech.com.

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

Club and group secretaries: Your meeting can be listed here free of charge. Please keep us updated on any changes to meeting times, dates, or places. Contact us via phone (947-5321), fax (947-9479) saladovillagevoice@earthlink.net

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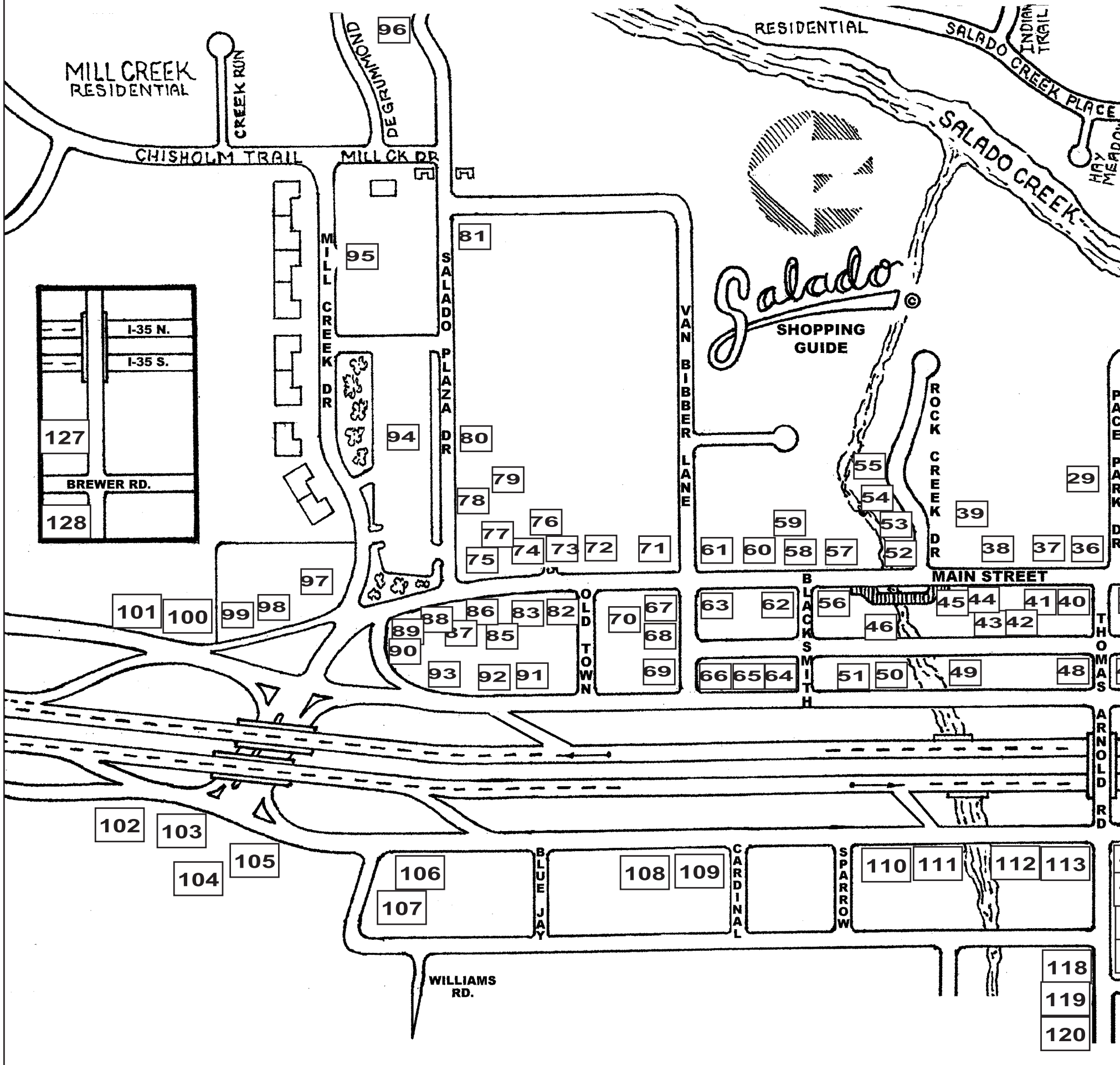
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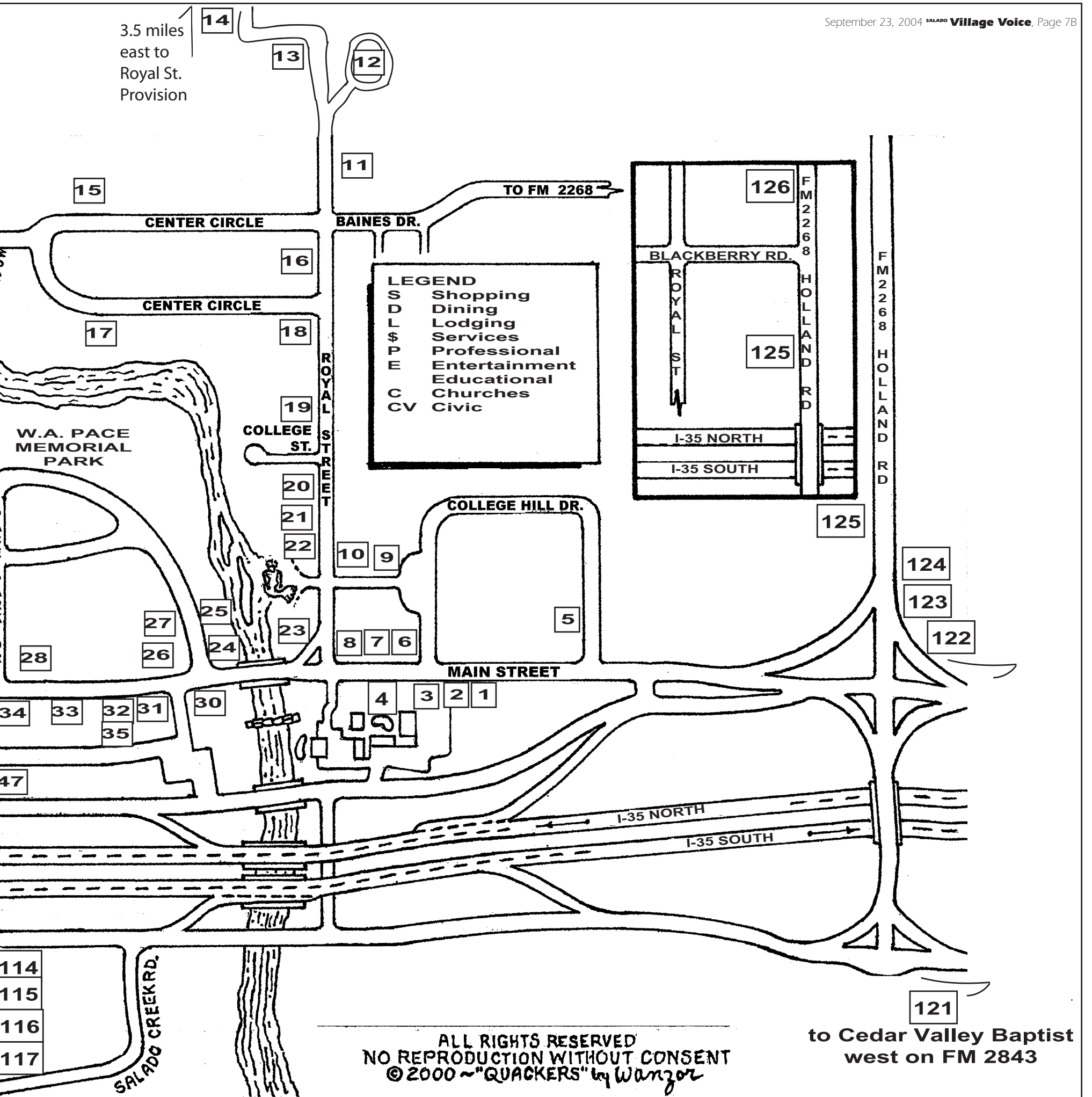
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The Family does Tahoe

It seemed like the only time we got together as a family was a religious holiday, birthday, funeral or wedding. We decided to pick a time when nothing was going on except the opportunity to be together.

by
**Tumbleweed
Smith**



Our two sons and their families live in Dallas and San Francisco. We picked a neutral spot: Lake Tahoe. To be more specific, South Lake Tahoe, California.

We rented a house over a long weekend in a section of town called Tyrol. All the houses are like those found in the Alpine province of Austria. Most of them are three stories including a basement.

Our thirteen year old grandson Jackson took over the basement which was really a game room. It had games and a pool table. He ruled over that room. Each day he posted the evening's game room events: a pool tournament, darts, or Monopoly for men only. We spent a lot

of time in the game room.

A swimming pool and hot tub were about a football field away from the house and we trekked over there often. We were told that Tahoe was always cool, that we probably could not swim in the lake because it is cold even in high summer.

We were there in late July and the city was having a heat wave. The temperature climbed into the 90's. The lake provided welcome relief. We found a spot on the beach that had shade trees, just perfect for letting Max, our 16 month old grandson and Caleb, our 12 month old grandson, play on a beach blanket.

Jackson and Kevin, his

Dad, went parasailing and saw the dark blue of the lake, which is 1600 feet deep in places. It holds enough water to cover the whole state of California with one foot of water.

Kevin, his brother BZ, Jackson and I went on a hike along the Tahoe Rim Trail. It covers 87 miles. We didn't go the whole way. Kevin and BZ carried their sons Caleb and Max strapped onto their backs.

We rode bicycles on the outstanding bike paths along the beach. Caleb and Max rode in a bicycle trailer. Susan took our two daughters-in-law for a day at the Spa in Caesar's Palace. The guys took a ride on the tram to the ski

area.

BZ brought along a guitar. Max and Caleb found the instrument's case quite fascinating. They spent hours opening and closing it. Both babies are just now learning to walk and talk. The house had a giant moose head over the fireplace. Every time we said "Moose" they pointed to it. We thought that was great entertainment. Caleb loved crawling up the basement stairs. More fun.

Meal times were special. When we first hit town, we went to the grocery store and filled two baskets with food. We ate most of it. The babies had twin high chairs. We relaxed and watched movies on a big screen TV.

The Tahoe trip was one we'll all remember and the start of an annual family gathering. I wonder where we'll go next year.



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Bell County Museum holds Archeology Day for kids Oct. 2

The Bell County Museum has announced its annual archeology event for youth. "Archeology Day at Miller Springs" will be held 9 a.m.-noon Oct. 2.

The free event, co-sponsored by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, is open to students ages 10-12 years of age. Participants must call the museum to register, but will meet at Miller Springs Nature Center for the event. Participation is limited, so call early.

The event will feature a "hands-on" archeology survey with 20 students at the Nature Center. Students will begin with an outdoor classroom session in which they will learn how Native Americans lived in Central Texas, identify resources that were exploited by observing the physical landscape and the plant and animal communities, and predict what type of sites should be found.

Students will then conduct an archeological survey of the Nature Center. They will be divided into small groups and each group will learn how archeologists find and record archeological sites.

Each group will be given a topographical map, a compass, meter tape, and a site form. They will then conduct a pedestrian survey of a portion of the Nature Center, and locate and record a "site."

For more information about the museum or "Archeology Day at Miller Springs," call the museum at 933-5243.

Sheriff's Posse Trail Ride begins in Pace Park 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.

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New Extension Agent introduces himself

By **DUSTIN COUFAL**
COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT -NR

"Change is the law of life. And those that only look to the past or present are certainly to miss the future." These words were spoken by President John F. Kennedy. This quote really hits home with me this week. Change has proven that it is the law of life.

The most recent change for me has been accepting the position of County Extension Agent- Natural Resources here in Bell County. Many of you may ask, "What is the Natural Resources position?"

Well, let's just say I am the Assistant Ag Agent. I would like to take this time and introduce myself to you, the people of Bell County. My name is Dustin Coufal, and I grew up in Troy. I was active in both the 4-H and FFA, showing livestock, livestock judging, and leadership events. After high school I went to college and I recently graduated from Texas A&M University with a Bachelor's in Agricultural Economics.

Being a local boy, coming home to Bell County has been a great blessing. However, as JFK said, "If I look only to the past and/or present I will miss the future." I have no intentions of missing the future.

One of my goals with this position includes making a strong 4-H program even stronger. I would like to increase participation in judging programs, livestock projects and more adult volunteers. The quality of our volunteers is what

makes our program one of the best in the state, and by having more of these quality volunteers, things can only get better.

While I have major 4-H livestock responsibilities, I am also here to provide educational programming in the area of natural resources. One program that I feel would benefit the people of Bell County is the Texas Master Naturalist Program. This program helps to train a corps of "master volunteers" to provide education, outreach, and service dedicated to the beneficial management of natural resources and natural resource management. This program encompasses all facets of natural resources.

If anyone is interested in learning more about the program, please feel free to contact me at the County Extension Office or by email at dwcoufal@ag.tamu.edu.

As the fall begins, the busy show season begins. Many of our 4-Hers have their show animals or are will start purchasing them soon. As the livestock projects start, it is important to remember that these projects are really about. Texas Cooperative Extension and the Texas FFA have produced a curriculum, Quality Counts, that embraces the importance of teaching youth livestock exhibitor's character education and quality assurance.

There is tremendous need for a curriculum of this magnitude. Youth livestock exhibitors are responsible for putting over 16 million pounds of red meat into the market

place. And this number is just from livestock shown at the county level in Texas. Another need for a program of this type is because youth livestock projects are a vehicle to teach our kids valuable life skills. From these needs, Quality Counts is born.

Quality Counts is designed around two main focuses: character education and quality assurance. There are three main objectives of this curriculum: 1) Provide character education for Texas 4-H and FFA livestock exhibitors, 2) Ensure that all 4-H and FFA livestock projects meet all food quality standards, 3) Maintain a positive image of youth livestock programs. The curriculum is divided into four chapters that are broken into lessons with hands-on activities, and a section of corresponding handouts and a section of corresponding images. Chapters one and four cover character education.

The character education portion of the curriculum is based around the Six Pillars of Character defined by the Josephson Institute of Ethics. These pillars are:

- Trustworthiness
- Respect
- Responsibility
- Fairness
- Caring
- Citizenship

Quality Counts uniquely takes each pillar and defines it and describes ways that the pillar is demonstrated. After an overview of each pillar, it is then correlated to how it is demonstrated in youth livestock projects. Goal setting, decision-making,

and sportsmanship are also discussed in-depth.

Quality assurance is covered in Chapters two and three. These chapters relate how the decisions that are made with livestock projects affect the market.

One important aspect of quality assurance that is taught, is how livestock projects fit into the food supply. Each segment of the food supply continuum is introduced and discussed. Quality Counts also discusses the Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points (HACCP) program that many producers, packers, and retailers are adopting.

The quality assurance part also focuses on proper animal care. Topics in animal husbandry, proper administration of medications, importance of withdrawal times and drug residues, and animal identification are introduced in hands-on, learner friendly activities.

Throughout the next few months, Quality Counts will be introduced through clinics, and livestock meetings here in the county. If you would like to learn more about Quality Counts, please contact us here at the office, or you can visit Quality Counts on the web at <http://qualitycounts.tamu.edu>.

As this year's show season begins, I would like to leave a thought: "The only place that success comes before work is in the dictionary," - Vince Lombardi. In order to maximize the experience, work hard and you will reap the benefits.



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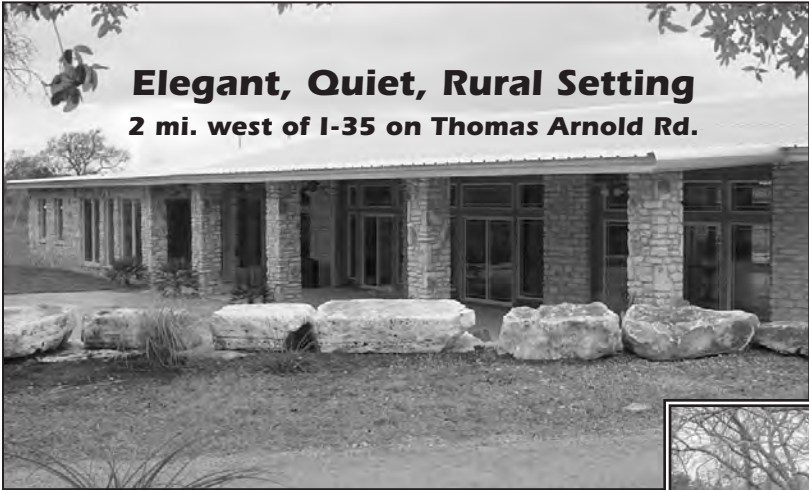


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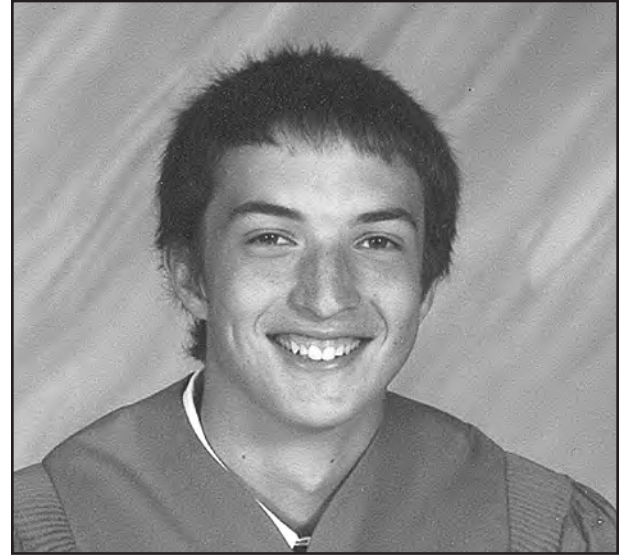
Education Foundation "Cattlemen's Ball" raises funds for scholarships

"Although I'd always hoped to attend college, receiving the Salado Education Foundation scholarship was an unexpected bonus that made college a reality for me," said Josh Wright, who last year was awarded an SEF scholarship.

Josh is the son of Gary and Machele Wright, of Salado.

The \$1,000 scholarship Josh received May, 2004, was matched with \$1,000 from Temple College in accordance with an agreement between the Salado Education Foundation Board of Directors and Rosemary Hauser, Executive Director of the Temple College Foundation.

"I have not chosen a major," says Josh. "Beginning with 13 hours of core curriculum classes my first semester, I will continue to attend Temple College for one year then transfer to Tarleton in Stephenville. Time is a problem, though," he added. "I worked at the Inn on the Creek during high school,



SEF scholarship recipient Josh Wright

and I still help out when time permits. I also work 25 to 30 hours a week at Circuit City in Temple.

Wright attended Salado schools from kindergarten through 12th grade. During high school, Josh participated in basketball, football and golf. "Our Salado's basketball team made the playoffs last year, and I was named First Team All District," said Josh. Last season, *Salado Village Voice* referred to Wright as "the team's three point special-

ist." This year's "Chisholm Trail Cattlemen's Ball," Salado Education Foundation's annual 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 teacher grants for educational programs

Attendees of the 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," (a blind bid auction) are planned.

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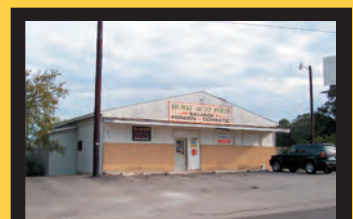
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This ideal lawn can be accomplished but it takes dedication and work to achieve. There are several different things you can do to reduce weeds in your lawn and not all of them involve the use of chemicals.

The best way to keep weeds out of your turf is to grow thick healthy turf. Follow these guidelines for healthy turf and you are also taking steps to reduce

weeds without herbicides. Most important to turf health is frequent mowing. During the peak growing season in the spring and early summer that may mean mowing twice a week.

This one you can not be lazy with. More frequent cutting encourages thicker growth which will choke out weeds. Never let your turf get too tall as this stresses grass and weakens its vigor and ability to grow rapidly.

Next comes watering your turf properly. Lawns need one-to-two inches of water per week during the heat of the summer, one-to-two inches every two weeks in spring and fall and one-to-two inches every month in winter. Water should be applied slowly and infrequently.

This method allows the water to penetrate deeply

into the soil. Water every five-to-seven days unless your lawn "tells" you it needs water sooner. Signs that water is needed are; curling leaves; footprints remaining after you walk across it, and change in color to a bluish green color. Water only after one of these signals appears. This allows the top of the soil to dry out and with it weed seeds sitting on the surface.

Meanwhile your lawn will develop deeper roots as it reaches down for water and should stay well hydrated if you water properly.

Proper fertilizing is the final requirement for turf health. Never apply more than one pound of Nitrogen per 1,000 square feet of turf at any one application. To figure out how much fertilizer that is visit the Bell County Cooperative

Extension Office website at <http://bell-co.tamu.edu/>, click on Turf Answers and Tips, and then scroll down to find Nitrogen Fertilizer Calculations "Cheat Sheet."

Most grasses need only two applications one in spring and one in fall. Resist the temptation to throw on more Nitrogen. Yes, it will boost lush green growth, but it forces the grass to grow too quickly and weakens it. It also makes your lawn need more water, require even more mowing, invites disease and insect pests to attack that succulent new growth, and it also feeds those weeds!

After taking such good care of your grass there are still going to be some weeds that sneak in. It is estimated that there are approximately one billion weed seeds per acre, so recognize that you are always going to have a few. What you need to decide is how to deal with them or just live with them.

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What can we do to make our office buildings more energy-efficient?

Dear EarthTalk: What can be done to make office buildings more energy-efficient? So many leave thousands of lights on at night! -- Deborah, Baltimore, MD



Office buildings are indeed the top energy guzzlers among commercial buildings in the United States, head and shoulders above retail and service establishments and even manufacturing facilities.

The U.S. Department of Energy says that office-building owners spend an average of \$1.34 per square foot annually on electricity. Lights, office equipment and heating/cooling systems account for about 90 percent of this expenditure. Lighting is clearly the main culprit, comprising 44 percent of all usage. Office equipment--computers, printers, copiers, fax machines and telephone systems--accounts for about 23 percent.

Building managers can make a big difference by installing energy-efficient systems--from heating and cooling to lighting and waste disposal--but individual business owner

and their employees can also have impact by simply turning off lights and shutting down dormant machinery during non-working hours.

According to Advanced Energy, a North Carolina-based non-profit organization that monitors and analyzes energy use in commercial spaces, replacing older traditional fluorescent tubes with newer and more efficient compact fluorescent bulbs can save as much as 30 percent on electricity. And installing occupancy sensors so that lights go on and off as people enter and leave rooms can save an additional five percent. Furthermore, building managers can save up to 15 percent on electricity bills by programming thermostats to trigger warming and cooling as needed during the workday while hibernating at night and on the weekends

when buildings are mostly empty.

Periodically assessing and retooling heating and cooling systems can achieve additional energy savings. Any heating and cooling equipment older than a decade, for example, is probably ripe for an upgrade to a newer more energy efficient system. The federal government's Energy Star program, administered jointly by the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Energy, rates the energy-efficiency of lighting, office equipment and heating/cooling systems from a wide range of manufacturers. Purchasing administrators can browse the Energy Star website to find out which models and systems will save a company the most money.

A handful of environmental groups are walking the talk via recent „green% retrofits to their office spaces. The National Audubon Society, Natural Resources Defense Council and Environmental Defense, for example, have installed occupancy sensors and compact fluorescent lighting through-

out their offices, and in some cases have installed windows and configured their workspaces to make use of natural daylight instead of artificial light where possible.

CONTACTS: U.S. Department of Energy, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Program, www.eere.energy.gov; Advanced Energy, (919) 857-9000, www.advancedenergy.org; Energy Star, www.energystar.gov.

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