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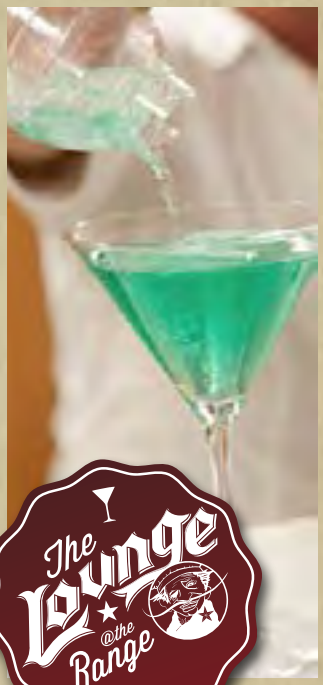

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Salado

Artfully Yours

July 11
Salado Swirl

July 18, 25 & August 1
23rd Annual Salado Legends

July 31
Midnight Madness Down Main 5K

August 8, 9
49th Annual Salado Art Fair

September 18, 19, 20
Salado Chocolate & Wine Weekend

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Salado Calendar of Events

July 2
Art Opening Reception, 6-9 p.m. at Salado Winery. Artist John Davis, Gourmet food and wine tastings, the Gnomadic Fashion Truck on site.

July 3
Randy Rogers, 6 p.m. at Johnny's Outback.

July 4
Old Fashioned Fourth of July at Salado Intermediate School, Potluck hosted by Salado Historical Society. Chicken and drinks provided.

July 9
Superhero Movie for Teens, 2 p.m. at Salado Public Library.

July 11 - 12
Salado Market Days, 9 - 5 at Salado Antique Mall, 721 Stagecoach Road. Salado's original Market Days event. info: (254) 947-3355

July 11
Who Wants to be a Superhero?, 2 p.m. at Salado Public Library.

July 11
Salado Swirl, 5 p.m. - 9 p.m. Twelve shops and 12 great Texas wineries.

July 15
Superhero Movie for Teens, 2 p.m. at Salado Public Library.

July 18 & 25 and August 1
Salado Legends at Tablerock Amphitheater.

July 20-24
Silver Spur Arts Academy Imagineer Array of Arts Camp II info: tiffyoranch@gmail.com

July 20-23
Creative Arts Camp, 9 a.m. - noon at First Baptist Church Salado. info: KAllen@FBCSalado.org

This year marks the 54th Gathering of the Scottish Clans and Highland Games in Salado. The weekend celebrates the heritage of Central Texas earliest settlers with dance competitions, music and games. PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN

July 22
Beyond Basics Knitting Class with Salado Yarn Co, 10 a.m. - noon inside The Shoppes on Main. $25 plus materials. Register at saladoyarn.com

July 23
Superhero Movie for Teens, 2 p.m. at Salado Public Library.

July 25
Salado Masonic Lodge Installation of Officers. Dutch treat luncheon at Johnny's Steaks & Barbecue at 11:30 a.m. followed by the installation at the Lodge, 90 S. Church St. The public is invited to the luncheon and to this open installation.

July 25
Hometown Heroes Honor Our Armed Forces, 2 p.m. at Salado Public Library.

July 29
Superhero Movie for Teens, 2 p.m. at Salado Public Library.

July 31
Midnight Madness Down Main St.

August 1
Play Day Series at 3C Cowboy Fellowship. info (254)624-9678.

August 5-7
Silver Spur Arts Academy Imagineer Mini Theater/Puppet Camp info: tiffyoranch@gmail.com

August 9 & 10
Annual Salado Art Fair, The Venue. Info: www.salado.com or call 254-947-5040.

August 12
Deadline to advertise in Salado: Jewel in the Crown of Texas. 947-5321 for info

August 15
Play Day Series at 3C Cowboy Fellowship. Leadline, Pole Bending, Keyhole, Flag, Barrels and a mystery event. All age divisions/Open and Novice divisions. info (254)624-9678.

September 2 & 9
Learn to Knit Class with Salado Yarn Co, 10 a.m. - noon inside The Shoppes on Main. $30 plus materials. Register at saladoyarn.com

September 19-21
Chocolate and Wine Weekend, info: www.saladochocolatefestival.com.

October 3
Salado Youth Fair Boosters Reverse Raffle, Tenroc Ranch. Tickets: (254) 624-1008

October 9-10
Christmas in October at The Venue. info: salado.com

October 11
Second Annual Fall Pub Crawl. Details to be announced.

October 17
Cattleman's Ball, Tenroc Ranch, benefiting Salado Education Foundation.

October 21
Beyond Basics Knitting Class with Salado Yarn Co, 10 a.m. - noon inside The Shoppes on Main. saladoyarn.com

November 4 & 11
Learn to Knit Class with Salado Yarn Co, 10 a.m. - noon inside The Shoppes on Main. saladoyarn.com

November 7-9
54th Gathering of the Scottish Clans & Highland Games, Pace Park.

December 3
Salado Christmas Stroll parade, 5 p.m., Royal Street up Main St. ending at Salado Civic Center. Call Salado Chamber at 254-947-5040 for application and information.

December 3
Gala at Robertson Plantation, 7-10 p.m., benefiting the Salado Historical Society, Robertson Colony-Salado College Foundation and the Central Texas Area Museum. Tickets are $100 per person. For details, tickets call Museum at 254-947-5232.

Dec 4-5, 11-12
A Christmas Carol at Tablerock Amphitheater.

Dec 4-6 and 11-13
Salado Christmas Stroll, shops open late, strolling carolers, food and fun.

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Midnight Madness 5K will sprint through Salado

Salado will again host the coolest 5K in Central Texas with the Midnight Madness 5K run. This race gathers at 10:30 p.m. on July 31 with the firing pistol starting the race at midnight on Main Street.

The Salado Chamber of Commerce is proud to present the fifth installment of the extremely popular 5K run, and the party starts Midnight. The streets are lined with volunteers and a "cheer squad" staying up late to encourage runners and walkers alike. Main Street will glow like a landing strip, lighting the way for the competitors. Participants are also encouraged to wear as much glow-in-the-dark and neon to make Main Street bright.

Registration is open until time of race. However, registrations after the due date of July 20 may not receive an event t-shirt. Entry fee until July 20 is $30 for adults and $20 for kids 12 and under and military. The week of the race, entry goes up to $35 and $25 and day of registration is $40 and $30. Registrations must be done online; the link is active on salado.com, at https://runsignup.com/Race/TX/Salado/MidnightMadness5K or call (254) 947-5040 and have one mailed to you.

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On July 4th the Salado Historical Society will host its annual Independence Day celebration a 6 p.m. picnic at the Salado Intermediate School.

The community wide celebration will include music, colonial reenactors, a ceremonial signing of the Declaration of Independence and a pot luck meal.

The Salado Historic Society will provide fried chicken for the indoor picnic. Attendees are asked to bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share at the free event.

A patriotic program will celebrate the signing of the Declaration of Independence 239 years ago. Heart of Texas Chapter (#26) of the Sons of the American Revolution will begin the evening with a colonial color guard presenting the U.S. flag while local children will lead the community in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A local brass ensemble will present patriotic songs and Colonial reenactors will recite quotes from seven notable patriots who were involved in declaring the 13 colonies "free and independent" from England.

A copy of the Declaration will be available to be signed by all participants as a symbol of our continuing freedom and independence as a nation in celebration of this, our 239th year of independence.

For more information, visitsaladohistoricalsociety.org or contact Bill Kinnison at (254) 541-4130.

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Local weatherman Andy Anderson will be part of the Salado Legends performances in July and August.

Salado Legends returns to Tablerock stage

Central Texas' favorite outdoor musical drama, Salado Legends, will be presented at Tablerock's Goodnight Amphitheater on Royal Street in Salado, Texas on July 18 and 25 and Aug. 1.

Playwright Jackie Mills was honored in Washington D.C. when Salado Legends was placed in the Library of Congress as a "Local Legacy." This year Donnie Williams will direct a cast and crew numbering 120 people in the epic tale that the Library of Congress called "a record of life in America at the end of the 19th century." Add the horses, wagon, carriage and the Tablerock cat that sometimes graces the stage and you've got a special show.

Andy Andersen is once again called upon to perform many roles in Salado Legends. This year the full-time weather man for KCEN TV for the past 17 years and the part-time movie actor has appeared in yet another film. Anderon played Juan Seguin at the Alamo in the documentary "Behold a Pale Horse" which was filmed in May of 2013. In June of 2014 Anderson was in the trailer for "They Rode On" filmed near Menard, Texas. Anderson played the Captain of a Ranger Company in "Dawn of the Crescent Moon" that premiered at a Houston film festival this past May and won two top awards. In addition, he has been cast as a sheriff in a new film called "Retail Hell: Do You Work Here" and several other productions that are in preproduction.

Joey Kincaid, will return to his role as Andrew McIver. Kincaid, a Belton High School graduate, now majors in Pre-Med at Texas State University in San Marcos, Texas. Joey has played lead roles in Guys and Dolls, How to Succeed in Business, Cinderella, Once Upon a Mattress, and many other plays.

Kaci Chandler portrays Lucy McDougal in the lead female role. This is Chandler's first year to appear in Salado Legends. She is a senior, and sings in the talented "Madrigals" at Belton High School.

Sarah Colley will play Sadie Lou Chalk. Colley is just graduated from Salado High School, where she played on the golf team.

Howard Horton, retired University of Mary Hardin Baylor professor, will portray Sam Houston. This is Horton's 17th year in that role.

Taryn Kornegay, who has played many roles in Legends since she was in the third grade, and Jonathan McHaney, now the Assistant Director, will be highlighted in this year's program for having been part of "Legends" for the majority of their lives.

A catered fajita dinner will be served before the play at 7:15 p.m. at Tablerock's park where you will be eating on limestone tables, seated on rock benches under live oak shade trees. Reservations are required for the $10 catered dinner.

If you wish to attend the 8:15 p.m. show only (no dinner), you may purchase tickets at the gate the night of the performance. Adult tickets are $20. Children 12 and under are $5. To purchase tickets online with your credit card go to www.tablerock.org. For group rates call 254-947-9205

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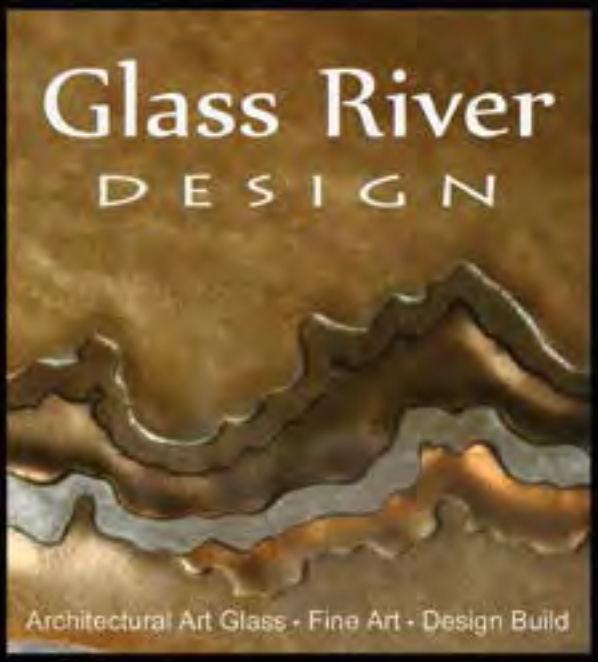

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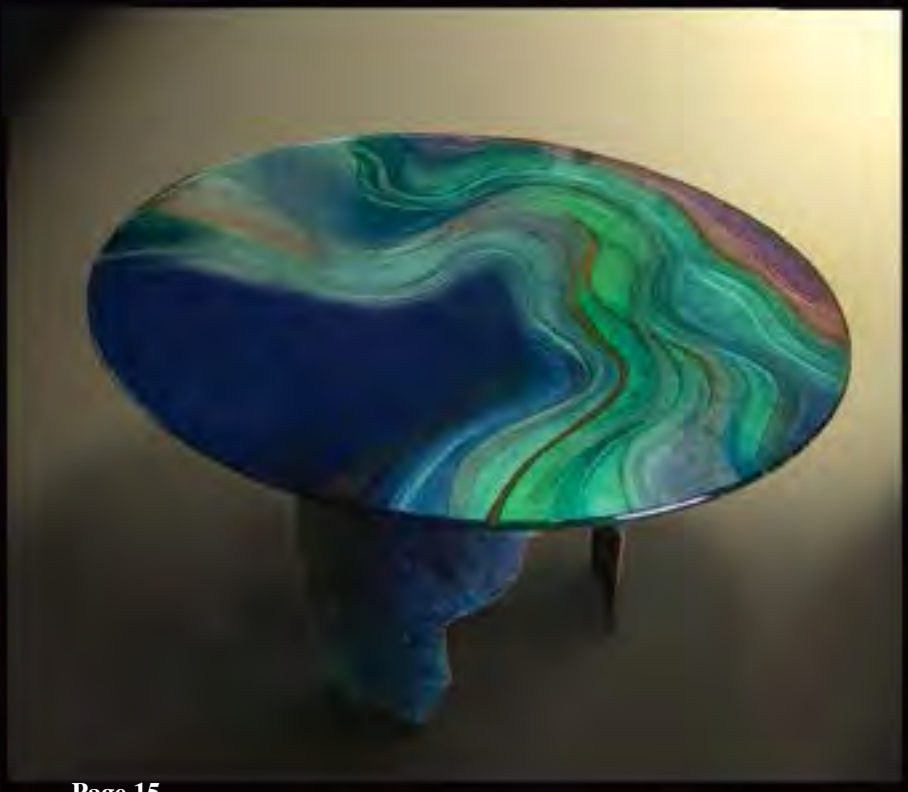

Weekly Events in the Village of Salado
List of health, food, fun, clubs & gatherings

Mondays

Yoga for Women's Health, 10 a.m. at The Yoga Room Info: (254) 681-7623.

Salado Village Artists Stitchers & Knitters, 1 p.m. at Salado Village Artists Building.

Yoga Basics & Beyond, 6 p.m. at The Yoga Room. Info: (254) 681-7623.

Salado Masonic Lodge. Floor practice is 6:30 p.m. at the Lodge every Monday except Stated Meeting. Stated meeting is 7:30 p.m. Monday on or before Full Moon.

First Monday

Salado First Monday Gardeners, 8 a.m. at the Visitor Center.

Salado Historical Society board meeting, 6 p.m. at The Baines House.

Salado Youth Fair Booster Club meeting, 6:30 p.m. at Salado High School. Info: SYFB-Club@gmail.com

Salado Athletic Boosters Club meeting, 7 p.m. at the High School Library. Info: saladoathleticbooster.org.

Second Monday

Public Arts League of Salado open board meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Visitor's Center on Main Street.

Third Monday

Salado ISD Board of Trustees meeting, 6 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center.

Tuesdays

YogaStrong, 9-10 a.m. at The Yoga Room. Info: (254) 681-7623.

Salado Village Artists, Village Art Building, 9:30 a.m.

Adult game day at Presbyterian Church of Salado, 10 a.m.

Salado Rotary Club, 11:30 a.m. at Johnny's Steaks & Barbecue **first three** Tuesdays of month; Roving Social After Hours on **fourth Tuesday** of month.

Prix Fixe at The Range, 5 p.m.- close. $14.95 for entree, dessert, drink.

Salado Community Chorus practice, 6 p.m., Salado Civic Center, unless otherwise noted.

First Tuesday

Salado Village Artists Board Meeting, 9 a.m. at the Village Art Building.

Salado 4-H Club meeting, 6 p.m. at Salado Intermediate Cafeteria.

Second Tuesday

Sit & Knit, 10 a.m - noon at Salado Yarn Co, inside The Shoppes on Main.

Third Tuesday

Bell County Genealogical Society Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at Temple Public Library.

Wednesdays

Yoga for Core, 8:30 - 9:45 a.m. at The Yoga Room. Info: (254) 681-7623.

Power Flow Yoga, 6:10-7:10 p.m. at The Yoga Room. Info: (254) 681-7623.

Wine Down Wednesday at The Range. Half price glasses of wine, staff's choice.

First Wednesday

Adult craft group meets at Salado Public Library, 10 a.m.-noon.

Second Wednesday

Salado Lions Club, 11:30 a.m., Salado Civic Center.

Third Wednesday

Mah Jongg at Salado Public Library, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Fourth Wednesday

Salado Lions Club, 11:30 a.m., Salado Civic Center.

Thursdays

Beginner's Golf clinic at Mill Creek by golf pro J.L. Lewis, 5-6 p.m. $20 per person.

Martinis and Manicures at The Lounge at The Range, 5 p.m.-close. $25 for 2 ladies night adult beverages, a manicure and a selection of appetizers, space is limited. appointments: 254-947-3828.

First Thursday

Salado Aldermen meeting, 6:30 p.m., Municipal building, 301 N. Stagecoach Rd. Meeting is open to the public.

Chisholm Trail American Business Woman's Association meeting, 6 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church of Salado.

Second Thursday

Salado Ladies Auxiliary Meeting, 9:30 a.m. New location to be announced.

Third Thursday

Salado Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting, 8:30 a.m. at the Visitors Center.

Third Thursday Music Club, 5 - 8 p.m. at JD's Travel Center. Old time music, acoustic only. Everyone welcome to come play or listen.

Salado Aldermen meeting, 6:30 p.m., Municipal building, 301 N. Stagecoach Rd. Meeting is open to the public.

Fridays

Friday Night Special at Mill Creek Country Club Bar and Grill. Menu changes every week. Call 947-5698.

Fourth Friday

Fourth Friday Gospel Singing, 7 p.m. at First Cedar Valley Baptist Church on FM 2843. Pot luck to follow, bring a favorite dish or dessert.

Saturdays

Hatha Flow Levels 1 & 2, 8:30-9:30 a.m. at The Yoga Room. Info: (254) 681-7623

Live music in The Lounge, upstairs at The Range Restaurant on Main St., 7 p.m. Artists change weekly. Check website for details.

First & Third Saturday

Trudy's Closet, 8 a.m. at Grace Baptist Church

Third Saturday

Bell County Star Party, 8:30 - 11:30 p.m. at Overlook Park, Stillhouse Hollow Lake on FM1670. Central Texas Astronomical Society. info: centexastronomy.org.

Sundays

Open discussion Al-Anon Meeting, 6 p.m. Salado United Methodist Church Youth Activities Center.

Hatha Flow Levels 1 & 2, 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. at The Yoga Room. Info: (254) 681-7623

Second Weekends

Salado Market Days, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at Salado Antique Mall.

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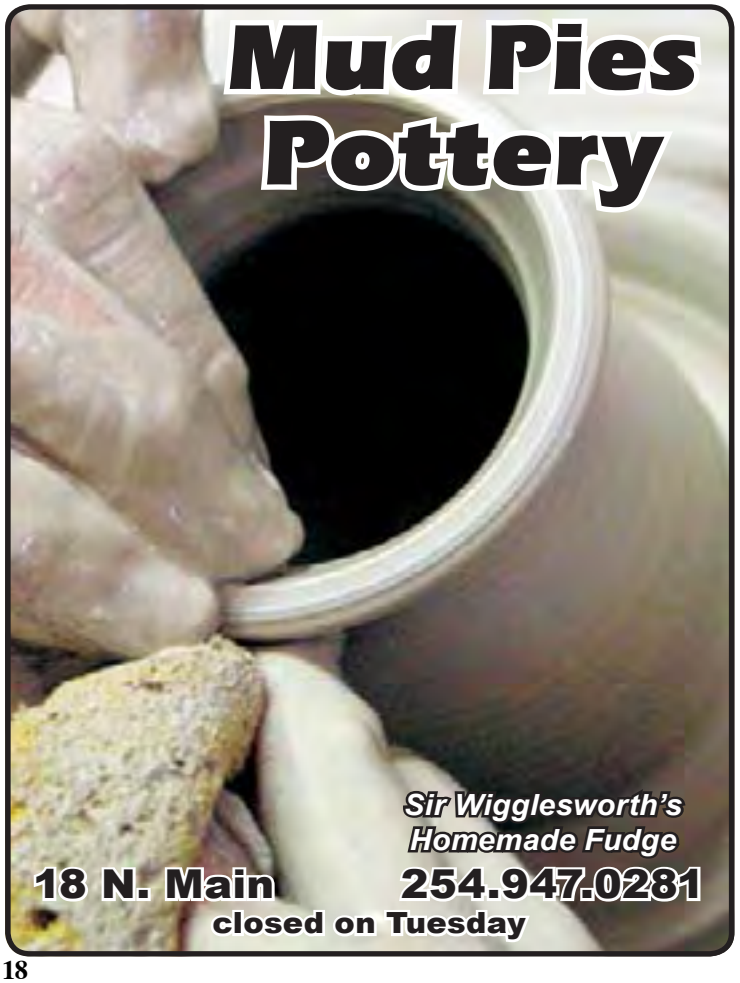

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Salado Swirl celebrates Texas Wine on July 11

The Village of Salado invites you to its annual "Salado Swirl." For those who know the "Six S's" of wine tasting this is the event for you! "See, Sniff, Swirl, Sniff, Sip and Savor." The "Salado Swirl" will be held throughout the Village of Salado 5-9 p.m. July 11.

This one-day event promises to satisfy all of your culinary desires from wine tastings to enjoying local cuisine while listening to music.

June Ritterbusch of Salado Winery Company pours Diamondback, a dry red wine from grapes grown in Salado.
PHOTO BY ROYCE WIGGIN

The following Texas wineries and Salado shops participating are: Salado Creek Winery will be hosted at Salado Glassworks; Salado Wine Seller will be hosted at Salado Wine Seller; Fairhaven Vineyards will be hosted by 21 Main; Messina Hof will be hosted by Prellop Fine Art Gallery; Vineyard at Florence will be hosted by Magnolia's; Flat Creek will be hosted by Thomas Kincade Gallery; Nolan Creek Winery will be hosted by The Howling Wolff; Grape Creek will be hosted by Classics on Main; Texas Legato Winery will be hosted by OO-La-la; and Periossos Vineyard will be hosted by Angelic Herbs. Salado Mercantile will also be a stop on the Salado Swirl.

This is a ticketed event for $29.95 per person. Tickets must be purchased in advance at www.salado-events.com. Only 250 tickets are available. Transportation will be provided.

For event details visit saladoevents.com or contact the Village of Salado Tourism office at 254-947-8634 or dcharbonneau@saladotx.gov.

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Experience Chocolate & Wine Weekend September 18-20 throughout Salado

For those who believe the four basic food groups consist of white chocolate, milk chocolate, dark chocolate and truffles, Salado's Chocolate & Wine Weekend is not to be missed. The event will take place September 18 - 20 throughout the Village of Salado. Nine great events make for one fun-filled weekend.

The three-day chocolate week-end promises to satisfy all the senses with chocolate and wine tastings, music, demonstrations, a gourmet chocolate brunch and a chocolate trail across the village. Tickets for each event can be purchased at EventBrite.com. More information can be found at salado.com.

Friday, September 18

Evening of Chocolate and Wine

The weekend kickoff begins on Friday with an Evening of Chocolate & Wine at Salado Wine Seller. Guests will enjoy a guided wine paring, decadent chocolate desserts are matched perfectly with locally produced wines from 7 to 9 p.m.

This year includes the winery tour and a chance to taste the 2015 wines straight from the barrel. Reservations are required in advance and the event will sell out. Seating is limited to 50 for the $44.95 per person ticket.

Saturday, September 19

Hands on Chocolate Experience

Saturday starts with Titia from Mud Pies Pottery hosting A Hands on Chocolate Experience for children. Inside Mud Pies you will find Sir Wigglesworth's Homemade Fudge Factory where guests can create a variety of chocolate creations. Options include fudge kist apples in caramel, fudge and nuts, Nutter Butter and vanilla fudge ghosts, pecan pralines and others. Tickets for this 9 - 10 a.m. event are $29.95 and it is limited to 10 participants.

Adults can also create their own chocolates from 10:15 – 11:15 a.m., including alcohol infused creations. Tickets are limited to 10 attendees at $39.95 per person.

Cooking Class

Would you like to create your own chocolate dessert? Patty Hensel, author of *Mama Treasures,* will hold an intimate, informal cooking class at Stonecreek Bed and Breakfast. Guests will follow along as Chef Hensel demonstrates recipes from preparation to presentation and the final tasting. Limited tickets for the 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. class are $39.95.

Familiar yet exotic - there is a chocolate for every taste. Salado's Chocolate and Wine Weekend can help you find a new favorite indulgence.

The Chocolate Trail

The Salado Chocolate Trail features eight delicious stops. From 2 - 6 p.m. transportation will be provided for the nine chocolate trail stops. Featured on the trail are: Salado Wine Seller, The Shoppes on Main, Prellop Fine Art Gallery, 21 Main, Salado Creek Winery, Mud Pies Pottery, Springhouse, Oo La La and Brookshire Brothers. Tickets are $29.95 per person and must be purchased in advance.

Death By Chocolate Dessert Contest

The Friends of the Salado Public Library host the Death by Chocolate Dessert Contest each year. Held at the library 3 – 5 p.m., the free event is a chance to see the creative entries of the public, and vote on your favorites. Enter your favorite chocolate recipe for a chance to win prizes. Information on entering is available at (254) 947-9191.

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The Belton/Stillhouse Hollow Lake Project Office is located on FM 1670 northwest of the Village of Salado.

The Lake itself is located 16 miles upstream of the confluence of the Lampasas and Leon Rivers that flow into the Little River. Stillhouse Hollow Lake is located entirely within Bell County.

Stillhouse Hollow Lake was constructed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to control flooding within the Brazos River Basin. The lake also functions as a water supply for several of the surrounding communities, fish and wildlife habitat, and provides recreation opportunities for the public.

Boating Access

Stillhouse Hollow Lake provides boat access with developed concrete ramps at five locations around the lake and a small hand launch in the Lampasas River.

Stillhouse Park - Stillhouse Park has a four lane concrete boatramp that is located adjacent to the marina. A loading dock is provided to board you boat.

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Boat Ramp Fees: $3.00 per day.

Fishing

Largemouth bass is the most abundant sportfish in the reservoir, although there is also a good population of smallmouth bass. Fair to good populations of channel catfish are also available.

Stillhouse Hollow is an extremely clear and deep reservoir. The main lake area is dominated by steep rocky shoreline with limited amounts of standing timber. There are also numerous beds of hydrilla in the lower lake. The upper lake and river areas are slightly stained with numerous laydowns, brushpiles, and standing timber.

Largemouth bass fishing is best during spring and fall when water temperatures range from the mid-50s to the mid-70s. At first light, topwater baits fished on rocky points or over hydrilla beds can be good. Later in the day, drop a heavy jig or large worm into matted hydrilla in 5'-15' of water. Smallmouth bass can be good year round. Topwaters and crankbaits fished around rocky points and riprap can be very productive. Channel catfish can be caught throughout the year. Drift fishing with shad across the flats is usually good. Trotlining is best in the upper lake. Flathead catfish are most often caught by trotliners using live sunfish on the upper lake. Crappie are caught most often in cedar bushes and other submerged brushpiles. White bass fishing is best in early spring during the spawn which occurs upriver from the lake, usually in March.

Stillhouse Hollow Lake offers a wide variety of activities, including fishing, camping, picnicking, sailing and hiking.

Hiking Trails

Dana Peak Trail

This trail is located on Dana Peak Road before the main entrance to the park. This trail is designed for hiking, biking or equestrian use with a corral and water trough for the horses. This is a free area that is open from daylight till dark year round.

Chalk Ridge Falls

Chalk Ridge Falls Environmental Learning Center is located below the Stillhouse Hollow Lake Dam. This is a free area that is open from 8 a.m.-Sunset. There is approximately 5 miles of hiking trail in this area. Dogs, glass containers, alcoholic beverages, bicycles or firearms are not allowed in the park.

Campgrounds Parks & Pavilions

Union Grove Park.

This park offers RV and tent camping with water and electric hook-ups available at all sites. There are a total of 37 campsites; 7 are tent only, 4 are pull through, 2 are double sites and the remainder will accommodate tents, trailers and RV's. In addition to the campsites, three screen shelters are available for people without camping equipment. This park also has restroom facilities with hot showers, a swimming beach, fishing dock, playground and a four lane concrete boatramp. Many of the sites in this park are located on the shoreline of the lake. Advanced Reservations can be made at this park or online at www.recreation.gov

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Dana Peak Park

This Park offers both RV and tent camping with water and electric hook-ups available at all sites. This Park has a total of 25 campsites; 5 tent only, 2 pull through, 3 doubles, 2 mini group shelters and the remainder will accommodate tents, trailers and RV's. Many of the sites are located on the shoreline. This park has restroom facilities with hot showers, swimming beach, fishing dock and a four lane concrete boatramp. In addition to camping, Dana Peak Park provides a day-use area with 32 covered picnic tables with cookers for picnicking.

Comanche Gap Pavilion is a group facility located in Dana Peak Park near the campground. This pavilion has water, electricity for small appliances, restroom facilities with showers, barbecue pit, sand volleyball court and horseshoe pits. This facility will accommodate 120 people with parking for 30 cars.

Stillhouse Park

This park has 38 picnic sites with water access from each site as well as access to the swimming beach and a playground for the kids. Water is available at a central location within the picnic areas.

Island View Pavilions

Located in Stillhouse Park near the boatramp, Stillhouse Marina, and a restroom with showers. The pavilion has water, electricity for small appliances, a barbecue pit, sand volleyball court, and lake access. This facility will accommodate 120 people with parking for 50 vehicles.

River's Bend Park

This park has 16 picnic sites with cookers and water access, a 4-lane boatramp and vault restroom facilities. Water is available in the picnic area and near the boatramp. Currently, all facilities within this park are free of charge.

Camping Fees:

Sites with 30 amp electrical service $16 per night. Camp sites with 50 amp electrical service $18 per night. Double 30 amp sites $26 per night. Double 50 amp sites are $32 per night. "Mini group shelters" at Dana Peak $22 per night. Screen Shelters at Union Grove Park $26 per night.

Stillhouse Hollow Lake offers several docks and a marina to get access to white bass fishing.

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For three-plus decades Salado Village Voice serves community; Fleischers have published Jewel magazine for more than 20 years

While the *Salado Village Voice* is not the first newspaper in Salado, it has had the longest life-span, since being founded in 1979. The Fleischer family bought the newspaper in 1988 and mark 27 years in Salado this spring.

When historian Dayton Kelley published the first edition of the *Salado Village Voice* on February 17, 1979, it was the first time in more than 100 years that the village had a newspaper.

The first newspaper known to be published in the village was the *Salado Newsletter*. Published by E.W. Billings, the first edition came out on August 25, 1874. Only one copy of the newspaper exists at the newspaper collection of the University of Texas at Austin.

The Grange published another newspaper, *The Texas Farmer* in Salado, but it was later moved to Dallas.

Reference to a third Salado newspaper has been found on a letterhead in the Rose Papers at the University of Texas at Austin. *The Salado Sentinel* was published by A.S. Hornbeck. No copies of the *The Salado Sentinel* are known to exist today.

Salado Village Voice founder Dayton Kelley was a native of Bell County, a journalist and a historian. He taught journalism at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor for 12 years before accepting a position as Director of the Texas Collection at Baylor University in Waco. When plans were being made to erect the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame in Waco, Kelley was the director.

During his years at the helm of the *Salado Village Voice*, the newspaper emphasized the history of the village and the area. Kelley later founded the *Morgan's Point Mariner* and the *Bell County Independent*.

After Dayton passed away, his sons Dennis and Bill ran the *Salado Village Voice*, selling it to the Fleischers in 1988.

In the mid-80s, Salado had two newspapers. But, just like Dallas, San Antonio and Houston, Salado proved to be too small to support two competing newspapers. The late Ken Clapp, executive director to Gov. Dolph Briscoe, opened the *Salado Post-Dispatch* in the Vickrey-Berry house. The Post-Dispatch, though short-lived, is well-remembered by many in Salado.

Since the Fleischer family purchased the newspaper, a week has not passed that the newspaper has not published. Tim and Marilyn Fleischer purchased the newspaper outright in the early 1990s.

Salado Village Voice also publishes the quarterly Salado: A Jewel in the Crown of Texas magazine. The newspaper office has a gallery of original pen-and-ink, pencil drawings and watercolors by Ronnie Wells of the historic homes and buildings that were featured on the covers of the early editions of the **Salado: A Jewel in the Crown of Texas** magazine. For information about advertising in the **Jewel** magazine, email advertising@saladovillagevoice.com or call Marilyn at 254-947-5321.

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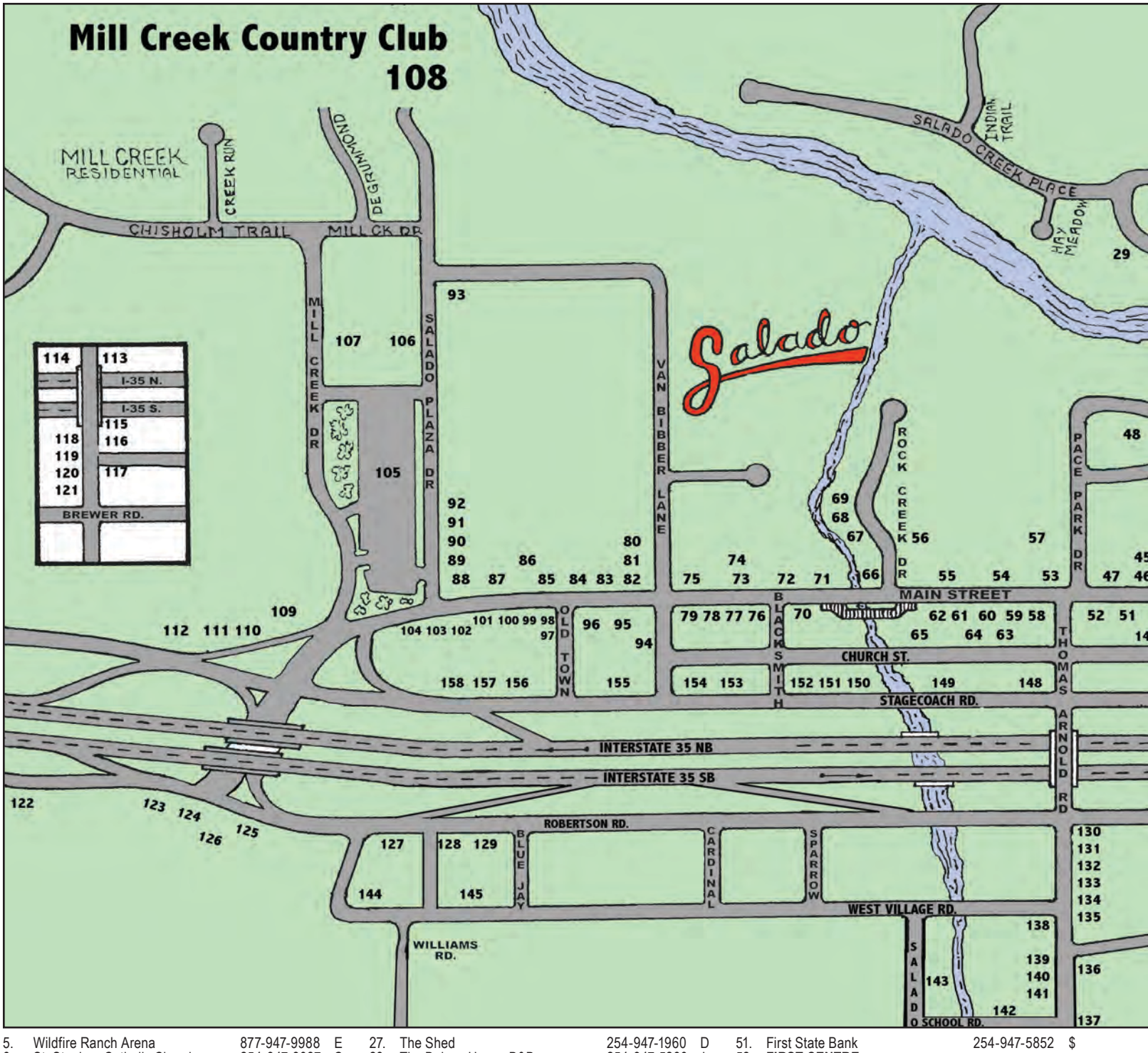

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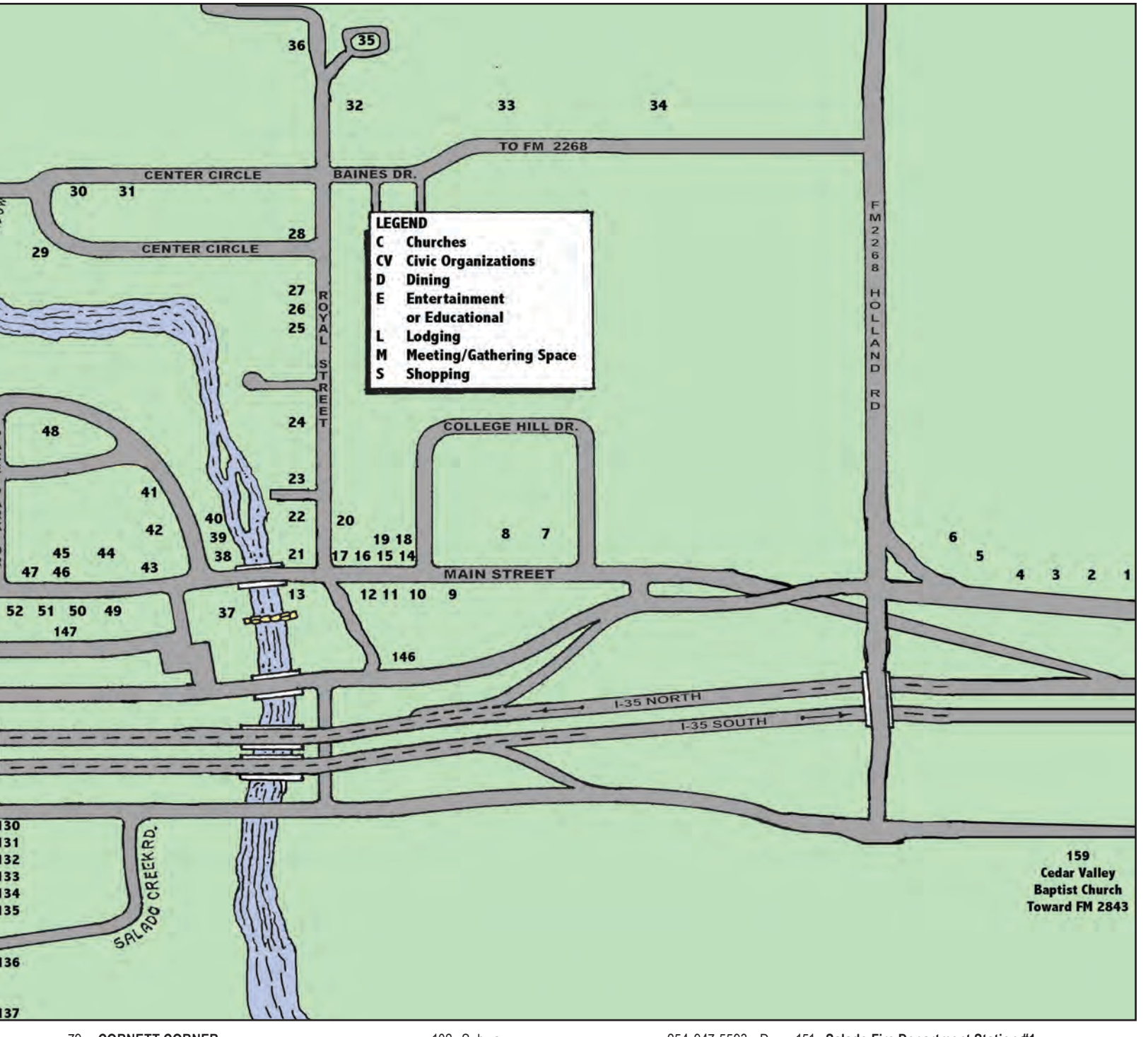

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Stories & histories emerge from each of Salado artist Ronnie Wells' sculptures

By Tim Fleischer

Before he ever began to shape the lump of clay into what is being cast in bronze this summer as Buffalo Hump, Salado artist Ronnie Wells fell in love with the character.

Buffalo Hump, Ronnie says, as he deftly adds the final touches to the clay, was "the last Comanche chief to raid downtown Austin."

Wells first read about Buffalo Hump in the pages of Larry McMurtry's Lonesome Dove,Dead Man's Walk and Comanche Moon novels.

"He just fascinated me," Wells says of the Comanche chief who lived to be in his 80s. "I knew I had to sculpt him, to try to capture him."

Wells studied the history of the legendary Comanche chief and scoured over every image he could find. Before he sat down to begin sculpting him, he knew Buffalo Hump well and admired him.

One of the things about Buffalo Hump that flared most in Wells' imagination was that "He completely rejected the ways of the European. He carried no rifles. He fought with a spear and bow and arrow. He didn't wear their clothes."

This rejection may have been the result of what Buffalo Hump saw as a betrayal of the Comanches by whites at the Council House Fight when Comanches without arms to negotiate a treaty were shot and killed.

Buffalo Hump then rallied the bands of Comanches and raided towns from west Texas to the coast, including Linnville which was at the time the second largest port in the Republic of Texas.

Wells tells the story easily and from memory as he captures the spirit of the chief in the art that he has perfected over a lifetime.

Wells and wife Patricia celebrate their 50th anniversary this summer, throughout all of which Ronnie has drawn, painted and sculpted achieving a great deal of fame as an accomplished and sought-after wildlife and outdoor artist. "She has allowed me to concentrate on my art," Wells says of Patricia. Patricia handles the business of Wells Gallery, while Ronnie sculpts and paints.

He is a highly-collected sculptor, but got his start in two-dimensional art. He first began as a flat artist in 1968. He and Patricia would load up his paintings for weekend shows. After some time, they opened their first gallery in Cleveland and then a gallery in Georgetown for a short time before finally settling in Salado almost 25 years ago.

Salado artist Ronnie Wells applies some of the finishing touhes to "Buffalo Hump," which he is sending to the foundry this summer. Wells and his wife Patricia have oerated their art gallery here in Salado for almost 25 years. (Photo by Tim Fleischer)

At that time, Wells was coming into his own and gathering collectors from around the nation and around the world. Ronnie and Patricia would still load up to show in art shows, but now it would be in shows like Loveland Colorado's "Sculpture in the Park," Easton, Maryland's Waterfowl Festival, the Southeastern Wildlife Expo in Charleston, South Carolina, the Wildlife Expo in Tulsa, Oklahoma and the World Wildlife Sculpture & Bronze Championships in Georgia where his bronze "Evening Roost" won Best in the World.

He has monumental sculptures in front of Ducks Unlimited headquarters in Memphis, TN and Bismarck, North Dakota. More recently, he was named the Ducks Unlimited Artist of the Year in 2012.

Most recently, his series of waterfowl are on display at the recently-opened Bass Pro Shop in Memphis, Tennessee, the largest of its kind. Before opening, the company contacted Wells seeking one of his earliest sculptures. The bronze had sold-out and few, if any, were available on the re-sale market. But they were able to get #2 for the Bass Pro Shop.

Last year, Ronnie and Patricia moved Wells Gallery from its south Main Street location across from the ruins of Salado College to its new home at 302 N. Main Street.

They marked the momentous move with a party for longtime collectors from around the country. One collector who attended the weekend long gathering in Salado has been collecting Ronnie Wells' work for more than 40 years. Another couple traveled from Easton, Maryland (more than 1,500 miles away).

"We've been blessed," Ronnie says. He has. Blessed with talent, admirers, success and friends.

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The bonds were purchased by the citizens of the town. With the proceeds and subscriptions amounting in all to some $2,500, the municipal authorities proceeded to build a wire cable suspension foot-bridge of substantial construction of unique design and graceful proportions. Two large galvanized rope-wire cables, anchored at each end in strongly built stone abutments, were carried over two double-turreted dressed-stone piers of towers. From these suspended cables wire cords extended down to catch and support the ends of sawed cedar cross bars or joists on which the plank floor was laid. It was one of the first of its kind in the Southwest and was designed, engineered and constructed entirely by home talent-Judge Tyler, Colonel Thos. H. Jones, Judge Wm. H. Garrett, Wm. A. Davis, John Hendrickson and others. It swung some twenty feet above the water and although it could be made to sway enough from side to side to frighten timid souls--especially groups of squealing girls when mischievous boys chose this method of teasing them--it served the people well for more than thirty years. After the county built a combination wagon and foot bridge a few yards upstream the suspension bridge gradually fell into disuse. In 1913 it was finally swept away when a cloud burst in the upper water-shed of Salado Creek sent down a terrific flood that carried away the county bridge as well. The latter was promptly rebuilt, only to be carried away again in the still greater flood of September 9 and 10, 1921.

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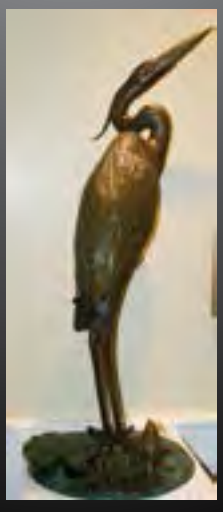

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Tee-total town tipped over by beer truck

Nary a drop of spilled liquid gold reached Salado Creek

By Chris McGregor

Salado's never really been known as a town that drinks a lot. At least that used to be the common impression. One that's been guarded and perpetuated by generations of tee-totaling town-dwellers.

Go ahead, read the old books. You'll not find a mention of alcohol consumption, unless it serves to preach against the evils of the old devil's brew.

There are still no "real" bars in Salado. Sure, you can now get a pint of beer or a glass of wine in Salado, thanks to a couple of local elections held this side of 1999. You can also order stronger stuff at restaurants without having to join a special club. You can even buy liquor at a package store now, thanks to an election less than two years ago. For most of Salado's history, though, it has been dry as a desert. "Not a drop to be had," according to the soldier passing through in the late 19th Century.

But what's spoken about here is a story that would nary appear in a history book. It's one to be told in domino halls, coffee shops, class reunions and church foyers, when the preacher isn't looking. Any gathering place between friends where the past is kept alive and the coarse tongue of the common man finds voice, in that great colloquial tradition of the American South.

That's when the real stories come out. The ones that make you recline in your seat and shake your head in amusement.

The late Wilbur Foster was almost 90 years old when I spoke with him. He lived his entire life in this area. He has seen and heard just about everything. Over his life he has known men that made their homes in Salado more two decades before the turn of the century. That's the 20th century, just to clarify. In short, he's something of an authority on the real deal.

He also happened to be privy to an occurrence back in the early 1940s that seems to knock the uptight perception of Saladoans on its rump. It involves a truck driver, a crook-eyed constable, a traffic accident, and several dozen thirsty townsfolk...and it actually happened.

You see, the narrow spit of a bridge spanning the Salado Creek had a reputation for trickiness, even in good weather. A simple misapplication of the brake, or a grinding of a gear, could send a vehicle careening out of control. Large automobiles were particularly put-out by this crossing. Locals knew to exercise caution.

An anonymous truck driver, hauling a trailer-load of fresh, sudsy beer, neatly boxed and bottled on that day more than 70 years ago, apparently did not.

You can imagine where this is going.

"I wasn't there when everything happened. I was working in Fort Hood at the time," Foster remembers. "But I heard everything that same day."

As the young driver dashed his haul north up Highway 81, presently Main Street in Salado, he approached the bridge, which was even narrower in those days. According to the story, he was moving along at a clip which was, from witness accounts, a touch faster than advised.

"For some reason he slammed on the brakes, and jack-knifed his truck," says Foster. Ask any trucker, and they'll tell you no jack-knife is good. But this one was especially unfortunate for the driver. As the trailer whipped wildly sideways across the road, its back end was sent off the bridge.

It teetered there like a playground see-saw, but it stayed put, angled slightly toward the water. The contorted rig idled motionless with the driver still inside the cab. He knew he was in a fix, to be sure, but at least the truck, and the cargo, were in one piece.

Then the unbelievable happened.

"The doors to the trailer came flying open, and all the beer came spilling out into the creek," Foster said. You would have thought it was some sort of corrupted Christmas bonanza.

Instead of assisting the poor driver, the lookers-on rushed to the loot, grabbing armfuls and scampering off.

In response to this increasingly alarming turn of events, the beleaguered man ran to one side of his trailer, scattering off the sticky-fingered locals. "Just as he chased off one group, another would come around the other side, and he'd have to do it all over again. People were carrying that stuff off in every direction," says Foster.

It didn't take long for news to travel. Teenagers, coming from the old red school, raced to the scene, rolling up their pant legs and wading into the creek to fish out what had washed down to them.

The scene was a literal farce. "It had traffic stopped completely," Foster said.

A pitying local, at the driver's insistence, did eventually summon a sheriff. But, not taking the affair very seriously, a constable from Belton was sent instead.

"In those days, just about anybody they pulled out of the weeds was named constable," says Foster. Finally, the truck driver must have thought, all this madness would come to an end. No such luck.

Cross-eyed, downtrodden, wearing an oversized floppy black cowboy hat and sporting a pair of six shooters at his hip, the constable arrived on the scene in what Foster described as an old rusted-out 1936 Ford coupe. As the driver pleaded with him, the constable coolly surveyed the situation.

And surveyed, and surveyed. "He just kept looking around, not saying anything," Foster explained. When he did finally decide on a course of action, it was a little unexpected.

"The constable backed his car down, opened his trunk and started filling it with beer like everyone else. When he finished, he got in his car and drove back where he came from." One can almost hear the driver's jaw slamming the asphalt as the lawman sped out of sight. It just wasn't his day.

After some time, though, the man did get some help. His cargo never quite reached its intended destination, however.

Now fast forward to 1973. Foster, working at the Stagecoach Inn, a job he began in 1968, walks into the Stagecoach Coffee Shop on a break. There's only one other man in the establishment, a nervous looking old fellow nursing a cup of coffee and throwing his eyes in every direction.

"He came up to me, and asked if I remember the beer truck spilling over those years before. I told him I wasn't there, but everybody I knew was," Foster recollects with a laugh. "He said 'I was the man driving that truck, and *I've* never forgotten about it.'"

As it turned out, in those times of absolute accountability, the driver ended up losing his job for losing his load. But he did gain one heck of a memory.

Said the man to Foster 30 years after the fact: "That was the worst day of my life."

As for the people who toasted misbegotten brews that night in the 1940s. Well, they probably remember it a bit different.

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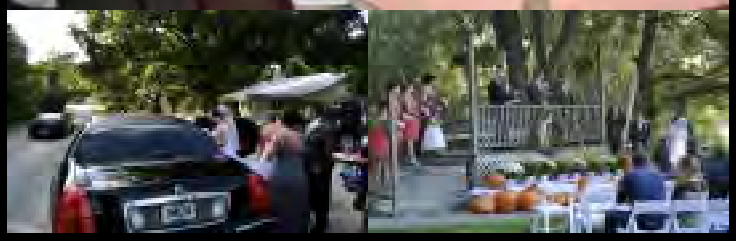

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Empresario's Son: Col. E.S.C. Robertson's influence on founding of Salado reaffirmed

By Tim Fleischer

An old trunk sits in the middle of Michael and Nancy Kelsey's office in their downtown Belton home, a home built in the mid-19th century with old portraits of ancestors and scenes of Bell County history. In it are the personal letters portraits and other documents from the life of Elijah Sterling Clack Robertson, the son of empresario Sterling Clack Robertson.

The documents heretofore have remained private among the descendants until four years ago when the Robertson descendants began a refurbishing of the 150-year old Robertson Plantation. Cile Cowan and Sterling Ambrose gave the Kelsey's access to the personal documents of Col. Robertson.

Michael is a retired librarian having served more than three decades at Temple Public Library. He oversaw the genealogical section of the Temple Public Library

They have spent the last four years scouring through the documents which are on loan from the Robertson descendants, as well as the multiple volumes of the Papers Concerning the Robertson Colony, compiled, edited and published by the late Dr. Malcolm McLean. They have also gleaned historical data from Bell County tax records and deeds and from the E.S.C. Robertson papers at the University of Texas Dolph Briscoe Center for American History.

The Kelseys will publish an in-depth biography of Elijah Sterling Clack Robertson later this year, re-affirming Col. Robertson's principal role in the founding of Salado in 1859 with the establishment of Salado College.

Michael rejects the claim that Salado was established in 1852 because of the establishment of a post office at that time.

According to the records of that time, the only post office in the area was much closer to Prairie Dell than to Salado. It was midway between Belton and Georgetown, the county seats of Bell and Williamson County respectively.

"The reference to it being 'Salado' was because of the custom at that time of identifying a post office by the closest stream, which was almost five miles away," Kelsey states.

Col. Robertson refers to riding seven miles to that post office in some of his early letters back to his family in Austin. Robertson lived for a short time in the Archibald Willingham cabin in 1854 while he began building the first family home on the property that he owned in the Salado area.

After completing that house, he brought his family up to Salado, which was still very much a frontier. Sure, there were dozens of settlers identified along the Salado, but no concentration close enough to call it a town.

Robertson then began work on the 22-room plantation home that continues to grace Salado and remains in the family. It is perhaps the most complete architectural example of a plantation in Texas, complete with the slave quarters, smoke house, brick kitchen, stables and family graveyard.

He finished the home about the time that tent meetings were held to discuss building a school in the area. At an October 8, 1859 tent meeting at Salado Springs, a group of prominent Bell County men decided to build a school. The Salado College Joint Stock Company was founded and $5,000 in stock was sold to begin the school. Robertson served as the President and Secretary of the Stock Company board.

The above portrait of Col. E.S.C. Robertson captures him later in life. It was among the documents in an old trunk that Michael and Nancy Kelsey have utilized for their biography of E.S.C. Robertson. (Courtesy Photo)

Robertson donated 100 acres to Salado College. Ten acres was for the college itself, while the rest of the property was surveyed into lots and sold, the proceeds of which benefited the building of Salado College.

The College was incorporated by the Texas Legislature on February 8, 1860 for a period of 20 years, during which time Salado flourished. In 1867, Salado incorporated with Judge. O.T. Tyler serving as the first Mayor. Tyler moved to Salado so that his children could attend Salado College. Tyler was one of the trustees of Salado College.

Salado College contributed to the growth of Salado to the point that there were 900 residents in 1880.

But that growth would not last and when the railroad bypassed Salado, its decline would be inevitable, resulting in a village that many have called a time capsule of the Antebellum days of Texas.

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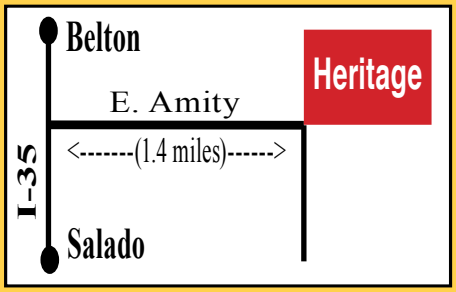

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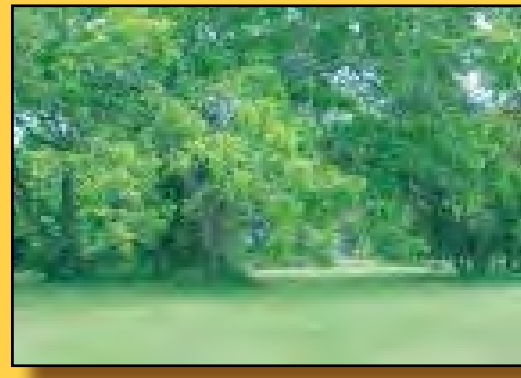

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Christmas in October moves to The Venue

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Another Christmas in October tradition is the wonderful bake sale also located inside The Venue. Customers will enjoy wandering through the booth area and the bake sale area all in a climate controlled building. Participants will have the opportunity to purchase delicious homemade pies, cakes, cookies and a wide variety of desserts.

Returning this year is the Style Show. Models will feature fall fashions from local boutiques as well as out of town merchants. The "strolling time" for the models will be late morning and early afternoon on both days of the Friday and Saturday event. In addition, vendors will display a "treasurer chest" of Christmas decorations, jewelry, clothing, gifts, food and home décor specialty items.

"This year, we anticipate customers will enjoy the booths and the bake sale being in the same building. Because vendors know Salado's Christmas in October attracts a large crowd each year of early Christmas shoppers, we usually sell all our booth space quickly," states Christmas in October co-chair Tommye Prater.

The Village trolley will be available to transport visitors from several Village parking areas to the entrance of The Venue on College Street. For more information, visit us online at www.salado.com or contact the Salado Chamber of Commerce at 254-947-5040 or contact the Village of Salado Tourism Department at 254-947-8634. For booth information, contact Tommye Prater at 254-541-6700.

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Wilson Willingham is shown above. His son Wilson gave the land on which the Willingham Spring Baptist Church was built.
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Building Smiles

Annual Dinner for Body of Christ Clinic to be held at Tenroc Ranch

The Body of Christ Community Clinic (BOCCC) will hold its second annual "Building Smiles" fundraising dinner at 6 p.m. Sept. 1 at Tenroc Ranch in Salado.

The event will feature a special guest speaker, Dr. Jimmy Dorrell.

The "Building Smiles" fundraising campaign is an effort by the BOCCC to raise money for the construction of a new dental clinic to serve those under-served residents in the Belton and Salado ISDs who do not have dental insurance.

Earlier this year, the BOCCC was donated a former church building at 1508 Oleta Street in Belton. The BOCCC plans to convert the building into a dental clinic.

The BOCCC estimates that it will need approximately $250,000 to convert the building into a dental clinic and purchase additional dental equipment. The "Building Smiles" campaign was launched last November to begin the effort to raise the needed funds. Thus far the BOCCC has raised about $75,000.

Tickets for the event will go on sale this summer. Individual tickets will cost $35 each or a $300 sponsorship which will include a table for eight and sponsorship recognition. For ticket information and reservations, call

Currently interior demolition work is being done in preparation for the construction of the dental clinic. When finished, the new clinic will have six dental treatment rooms, a reception area, and offices. Currently the BOCCC has only two dental treatment rooms. Volunteers to help with demolition and construction are needed. Contact the BOCCC for additional information.

The speaker at the event, Dr. Jimmy Dorrell, is the co-founder and the Executive Director of Mission Waco. He grew up in Conroe, Texas and came to Waco in 1968 to attend Baylor University where he majored in religion and received a BA in 1972. He graduated from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary with an major in divinity in 1978 and received his MA in Environmental Studies from Baylor in 1993. In 2001 he received his Doctor of Ministry degree from Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Philadelphia.

Volunteers begin work on the new dental clinic for the Body of Christ Community Clinic in Belton. A fundraising dinner will be held at Tenroc Ranch in Salado on Sept. 1 to benefit this major undertaking.

Dr. Dorrell is the pastor of the Church Under the Bridge and also teaches classes at Baylor University and Truett Seminary in Waco. He has served on many boards including Teen Pregnancy Prevention Council, Parents as Teachers, Compassion Ministries of Waco, Waco Tribune Herald Board of Contributors, Census 2000 Special Housing Subcommittee Chair and currently the Christian Community Development Association. He has been honored through awards such as Family of the Year Award-Waco Conference of Christians & Jews, Hometown Hero Award, Citizen of the Year-National Association of Social Workers Waco Unit and Baylor University Alumni's Abner V. McCall Humanitarian Award.

After receiving his degree from seminary in 1978, Dr. Dorrell and his wife Janet moved into the North Waco neighborhood where they began their call to incarnational ministry, to live among the poor and help bring "good news" through relationships and empowerment opportunities. His passion for the poor and mobilizing the middle-class to become involved in the lives of the poor became the strategy for Mission Waco that continues today.

Dr. Dorrell enjoys playing table tennis and spending time with his wife and their four children, Seth, Josh, Zach and Christy, and their five grandchildren, Zoe, Finley, Zane, Nielah and Zeke.

Body of Christ Community Clinic is a medical and dental ministry which opened its doors in 2010 to provide care to the underserved populations who live in the Belton or Salado ISD. It is a 501(c)(3) not for profit organization and is sponsored by 14 area churches of various Christian denominations.

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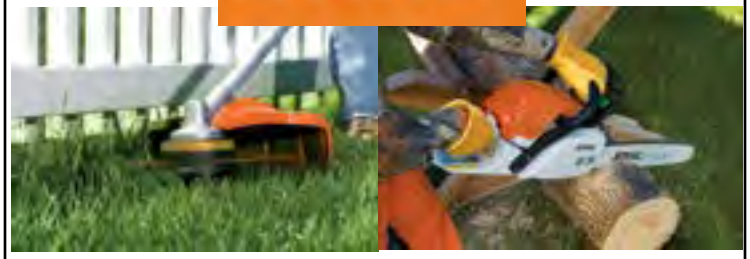

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This year, a Children's Art Inspiration Area will inspire youth creativity. Features include watercolor, face painting, kite making and other activities. Spaces are offered to the school and church groups at no charge, and they keep the proceeds. Contact Yvonne Lane at the Chamber and Visitor's Bureau for more information on spaces.

There will be dozens of artists and artisans both inside and outside The Venue while children play, trolleys run, and the oohs and aahs of some of the most beautiful art work is unveiled.

Hours are 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. on Aug. 8 and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Aug. 9. There is no admission fee for attending.

"Come be a part of a 49-year-strong event that brings every age and walk of life to Salado to see beautiful artwork of many genres," Event Coordinator Yvonne Lane said.

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John Davis' art will hang at Salado Wine Seller, 841 N. Main St. in Salado until Oct. 5, following an Opening Reception 6-9 p.m. July 2.

The opening reception will include gourmet catered food and wine pairing, a special early wine tasting, an opportunity to talk with the Salado artist and a special appearance by the gnomadic fashion truck.

"English is my second language after Art," Davis admits. "I can express wordless ideas and places by creating them on a two-dimensional surface."

"The illusion of the multi dimensional world created on a flat plane is fascinating," he adds. "Depth with all its mystery is integral to my enthusiasm for creating and filling space with artful shapes."

Davis is inspired by such artists as Max Earnst, Claes Oldenburg and Silver Age Comic greats like James F. "Jim" Steranko, Jack Kirby and John Buscema.

He even finds inspiration in Dr. Seuss.

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"My art has evolved into what I like to call high grade doodling," he says. "In creating a piece, I want to fill the canvas with imagery and action to draw viewers in for close inspection that requires more than one visit."

Davis works with pencil, pen, brushes, spray paint and collage. "Viewers are tasked to explore and discover personal messages via nostalgic icons of film, Americana or pop culture iconography," he said.

Salado Wine Seller will have a special barrel tasting at 6 p.m. with the owners of 3 Texans Vineyard, led by winemaker June Ritterbusch.

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