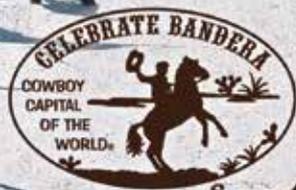


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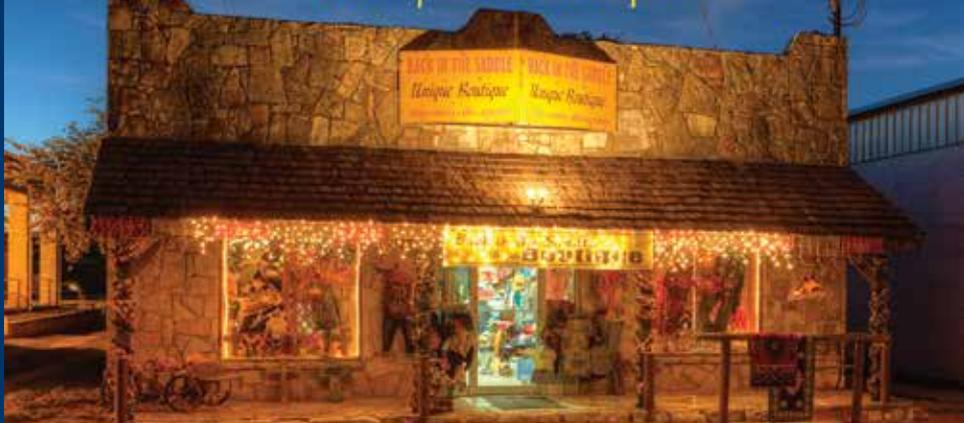
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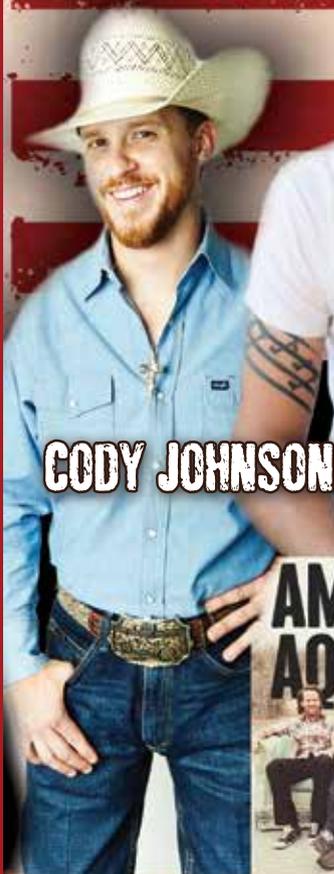
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Betty Soo

Dr. Hudson visited with Austin singer-songwriter Betty Soo at the 290 Texas music series in Johnson City. Betty has been a fixture on the Austin music scene for decades and is one of the most admired players by other artists and writers. She is touring to support her new CD, "When We're Gone."

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Jil Utterback

Healthy Eating from the Dinner Belle

"Healthy Eating - Progress NOT Perfection." Dinner Belle Jil Utterback has some yummy and healthy recipes for the Summer. The bountiful spring rains have brought a burst of growth in the garden and Jil has cooked up some great recipes to utilize some of the bounty.

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Dalis Allen Kerrville Folk Festival Is 45!!

Forty-five years of presenting great original music is no small feat. Dalis lines out some of the highlights at the Festival in June and gives us a preview of what to look for at the upcoming Fall Festival in September which will be here before you know it. Happy Anniversary!

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Joe Herring The Festival 1972-2016

It was 45 years ago that Rod Kennedy produced the first Kerrville Folk Festival and Joe was there (along with Lyndon & Lady Bird Johnson). Joe recounts this launch of what has come to be one of the most respected songwriter-based festivals in the world.

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Gary Lochte Messing with Mosquitoes

I remember the song, "If It Don't Bite, Itch or Sting, It Ain't From Texas." At the top of the reviled itchin' stingin' list is the mosquito. These blood sucking little devils can drain you dry and have you reaching for the Calimine lotion and scratchin' yourself like an old dog. Gary has some great news . . .

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Mary Allyce Of Horses and Dads

Mary Allyce is running with our "horsey" theme this month recalling her life-long love affair with all things equine. To the high falootin', thoroughbred horse racing was said to be the "sport of kings" but in reality it is the horses that are the royalty here.

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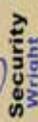
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45 Years and Counting...

by Joe Herring



The Kerrville Folk Festival begins May 26, and runs through June 12 this year -- 18 full days of great music at Quiet Valley Ranch.

Founded in 1972 as a part of the festivities surrounding the Texas State Arts and Crafts Fair, the folk festival has seen many changes in its history. The late Rod Kennedy produced the festival for many years, and it is now produced by the very capable Dalis Allen. The festival is overseen by a diverse board of directors from several states.



Ladybird and Lyndon Johnson at the very first Kerrville Folk Festival, back in 1972.

If your experience is like mine, whenever I tell people where I'm from, especially people from Texas, the first thing they mention is the Kerrville Folk Festival.

The festival is widely known, and it makes a giant economic impact on our community. During its eighteen day run, tens of thousands of visitors stay in our hotels, eat in our restaurants, buy gasoline and groceries, and spend money. The tax revenues from their visits help fund needed projects in our city and county, and we all benefit from the event.

Strangely, though, our community tends to turn its back on the festival. I have noticed, when reminding audiences or meetings of the upcoming festival, locals tend to smirk. They conjure up images of some of the more eccentric members of the Kerrville Folk Festival visitors and assume (quite wrongly) that Quiet Valley

Ranch becomes the hub of the hippie universe for three weeks. Local folks tend to judge the festival without having visited the festival.

Those who have actually gone to the Kerrville Folk Festival have learned something that might surprise those who haven't been. While there are plenty of 'colorful' attendees at the Kerrville Folk Festival, there are more than a few other folk there, too. Doctors, teachers, preachers, booksellers, cooks, executives, working folk and students all go to the Kerrville Folk Festival. The crowds I've seen don't look that much different than crowds you'd see in Antler Stadium for a Friday night football game.

While most go for the music, I think many go for the warm sense of community the festival warmly creates. The big stage generates most of the attention, of course, but most of the stories and memories I've heard center around guitars and campfires, the shared hardships of camping during our brief rainy season, and good meals eaten on rustic boards among friends and conversation.

I hope you'll get to go to the folk festival during its long run the next few weeks and see it for yourself; remember, it's usually a good idea to take lawn chairs and a light jacket. While the people-watching is always fun, it's the music that makes the evening.

Joe Herring Jr. is a Kerrville native who was in the audience of the very first Kerrville Folk Festival in 1972.

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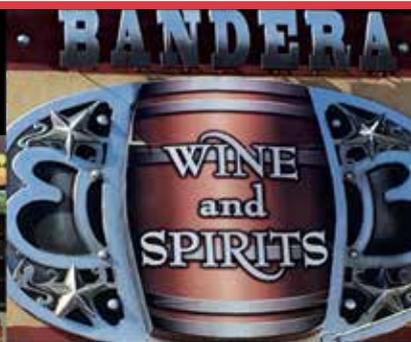


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THE KERRVILLE FOLK FESTIVAL IS 45!!

By Dalis Allen

The KERRVILLE FOLK FESTIVAL is 45!!!! AND we still have almost two weeks left of the 2016 Festival through June 12.

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Judy Collins

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Anna Tivel

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Thanks for reading about the Kerrville Folk Festival in Texas Heartbeat Magazine.

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BY JIL UTTERBACK



May 23rd marked one year for me on my new healthy lifestyle of eating Whole Food Plant Based food. And... I'm still loving it! Am I 100%-----no...but our motto is Progress not Perfection! The Get Healthy Bandera FREE group meets every Tuesday at 5:30 at the Arthur Nagel Clinic classroom and we would love for you to join us! With summer produce ready to hit the stores and local market stands we have a lot to look forward to. My garden...and the weeds...are off to a great start with all the spring rain we have had. Here are a couple of recipes to use some of that produce!

Zucchini Soup (Serve cold or hot, I prefer cold!)

6 medium zucchini
1-2 onions
3 cloves of garlic
5 cups of vegetable broth
1 Tbsp dry herbs (oregano, basil, red pepper flakes or a mixture blend like Italian seasonings) Cut the unpeeled zucchini lengthwise and salt heavily. Let sit for 30 minutes. In the meantime, dice onion and garlic and sauté with a bit of water until tender. Carefully wipe off the zucchini and press with a paper towel to remove the liquid. Cut into 1" pieces. Add to the sautéed onions and cook for 5 minutes. Add broth, herbs, and simmer for 15 minutes. Run through a blender or use an immersion blender to mix. Taste and adjust spices. Serve hot or cold. Enjoy!



Cilantro Humus

1 -15 oz can garbanzo beans, drained (reserve the liquid)
1 cup fresh cilantro (not stems)
1 jalapeno seeded and diced
2 cloves of garlic
Salt and pepper and a pinch of garlic powder.
Blend all ingredients in a blender or processor using the reserved garbanzo beans for liquid to get desired consistency for the dip.
This is a pretty very green dip great to eat with whole grain crackers!



3-2-1 Dressing

3 Tbsp balsamic vinegar
2 Tbsp mustard
1 Tbsp maple syrup
How easy is that? And it is yummy! There are so many kinds of vinegar...raspberry, pomegranate, my favorite is a Champagne vinegar and so many kinds of mustard—use your favorites for different variations of this dressing!

Overnight Oats

Now for a quick summer oatmeal recipe to grab out of the refrigerator on your way to work or play...put the ingredients in small mason jar or other jars you have accumulated from jelly, pickles, etc. This is incredibly good (and good for you) and easy.

1/3 cup non-dairy milk like Almond milk (or your choice of milk) or ¼ cup Greek Yogurt
1/4 cup Rolled Oats (not Quick)
2 tsp Chia seeds
2 tsp Honey
1 tsp cinnamon
1/4 cup fresh (or frozen) blueberries/fruit
Refrigerate 8 hours/ overnight



Finally, a quick salad trick I just learned... take one time to chop your favorite salad veggies... carrots, celery, green pepper, red pepper, zucchini, yellow squash, cabbage, green onions---etc. Squeeze a lemon over them to keep them fresh then store in a tight covered container. This will last for several days. Then when you are ready for a salad, grab a handful of greens, throw your vegetable mixture on top, add a few cherry tomatoes and top with your 3-2-1 salad dressing. There is a YouTube video that demonstrates this—Ross Pelton's "Salad Buzz."

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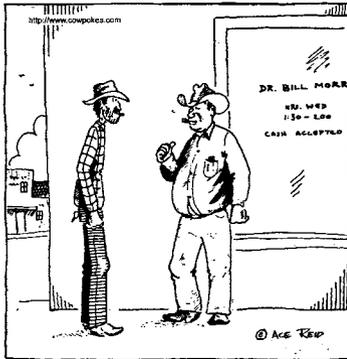
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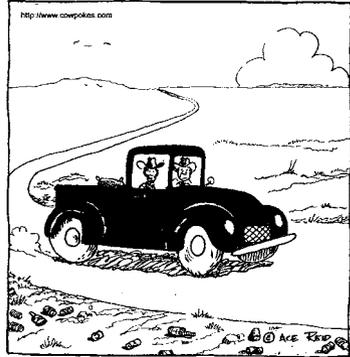


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“OF HORSES and DADS”

by MARY ALLYCE

■ Say the word “horse” and you’ll get one of two reactions, illustrated by a conversation I had with a friend. “Ron and I took a horse drawn carriage ride when we were in New York,” she said. “It was a beautiful night and it was so romantic and then the driver put a blanket over our laps . . .” And here her nose wrinkled and she screwed up her mouth in obvious distaste. “And it smelled like a HORSE!”

My response? “I love the way horses smell.”

That was the end of that conversation.

I always loved the smell of horses, which can be a problem for a horse crazy kid in a non-horse family. The solution is to get at least one parent on board with your passion for all things horse. In our family it was me and my dad. My mom was of the horses-smell-horses-are-dirty persuasion all her life. I don’t know for sure, but I’m betting her nightly prayers included, “And please let Mary out grow this horse crazy nonsense.”

My dad jumped on the horse bandwagon when he bought our first horse, then another and another and so on and so on and scoobie doobie doo. Eventually, one purchase was a stallion and he needed mares and they all needed a farm and we were in the horse “business”. Fortunately, my dad, who was a mechanical and aeronautical engineer, was also in an engineering business, a lot more lucrative than the horse “business”. Anyone who has ever fed, vetted, shod and kept horses will understand. He also bought a guest ranch in Colorado, which is another subject altogether.

At the horse farm, we raised American Saddlebreds and after watching me show for years, my dad decided at the age of 65, he wanted in on the action and learned to drive fine harness horses.

For those not familiar with performance caliber Saddlebreds, they are a handful and then some. As high energy and high powered as race horses, they can get impatient with mere mortals and the horse that became my dad’s favorite was all that and more.

Ch. Bi My Chi Town was a gorgeous mahogany bay with the kind of headset and athletic leg action Saddlebred owners prize. His

antics became legendary – not always in a good way – and the more he misbehaved, the more my dad adored him. It was testament to the skill of our trainers that Dad was able to show him at all and they were successful all over the Midwest, eventually earning their permanent “Champion” designation.

Horses were the bond between us and together we shared very special horses and very special times. He did say of my horse addiction, “There should be rehabs for people like you,” but he was as happily addicted as I was and together we remained a puzzlement to Mom.

People come here to the Hill Country, to Bandera, to see “a real, live horse close up.” Excepting the to “horses smell” crowd, horses are magnets, drawing people to them. Horses represent freedom, power, beauty. Here they also represent the Western lifestyle. An old proverb says, “Horses are God’s gift to man.” Winston Churchill said, “There is something about the outside of a horse that is good for the inside of a man.” Women, too.

Horses have shown me compassion. They have partnered with me in a way that is purely magical. Horses have broken my heart. Horses have shown me to the ground! Or as a friend says, horsemen don’t “fall off - they get thrown!” Take that to the bank. Thrown? Kicked? Bitten? Stepped on? No matter. When they breathe on you, all is forgiven.

Sorry, Mom. I’ll never outgrow my fascination with horses. And as we celebrate Fathers’ Day in June, “Thank you, Dad.”

It’s been the ride of my life.





Awakening to a grey cool Sunday morning with the haunting voice of Betty Soo still echoing in my mind. Last night the 290 Texas series in Johnson City featured Betty Soo and Will Sexton, and a small group of dedicated listeners got to experience her voice, her songs, her presence. I first heard Betty Soo at the Kerrville Folk Festival as a New Folk winner. As I listened to her May 14 at the Walnut Springs Preserve, I found myself breathing with her on each song, as the words and melodies captured my imagination. She told us that playing the songs of other people gave her a chance to share some little heard songs, to introduce new songs to people, and to give her own rendition voice. As I listened to her sing “If I Were A Bluebird,” by Butch Hancock, I heard new nuances in her creative rendition.



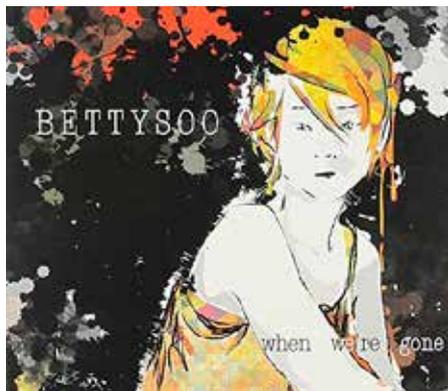
Her sensitive and thoughtful website gives listeners a chance to sample the music and hear the story of her life. I read the bio after I listened to her perform last night. Interesting how the “facts” of her life supported the way I was left feeling after just hearing her songs. To me, that speaks to a performer who weaves her own personal story into each song. I did hear the sound of Judy Collins in her voice, and I asked her about it. “Funny,” she responded. “Someone else told me that just a few weeks ago.”

A clip from her webpage describes what I was hearing and feeling last night:

“As an insomniac and someone who understands depression from her own

life-long struggle, maybe she was exactly where she and her friends needed her to be: in the thick of it, reminded of how fragile the balancing act can be for people like herself whose mental health isn’t solid as a rock. And perhaps she did exactly what she needed to do: she wrote dozens of songs – capturing those seemingly endless moments of grief, loneliness, and loss, and those fleeting moments of joy and love – and she recorded twelve of those songs on her new album *When We’re Gone*.”

She often performs with longtime friend, Will Sexton. His guitar supported, enhanced, and sometime led the performance of the song. Will and his brother Charlie have added to the culture of Texas guitarists. I last heard Charlie, who tours with Bob Dylan, at a concert in Granada, Spain, last July on my retreat to Spain. Sitting in the room with Will last night created in me the urge to see these brothers perform together. And they do sometime.



The new album, “*When We’re Gone*,” tells a story just in the titles: “listen,” “100 different way of being alone,” “last night,” “the things she left town with,” “hold tight,” “love is real,” “when we’re gone,” “nothing heals a broken heart,” “lullaby.” Hope you give it a listen. And then hold tight. *Il s’ont partis*



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As I write this column, I am watching the running of the 142nd Kentucky Derby. A flood of memories begins with connections to the sport of horse racing that I have made throughout my life. When I was a child, my dad used to take us to New Hampshire to watch harness racing at Hinsdale Raceway. The horses raced pulling a driver in a two-wheeled cart equipped with bicycle wheels. I “helped” my dad pick a possible winner by choosing my favorite colors. I would love to visit my Aunt Harriet, my dad’s sister in Brunswick, New York, as she always shared stories of winning at Saratoga, an elite race track in upstate New York. At the time, they didn’t allow children so I had to imagine the horse races by way of my Aunt Harriet’s stories. Years later my dad used to joke that we never heard of all the money she lost between her big wins. In the early sixties, construction began on a thoroughbred horse racing track in the next town over from where we lived. I never got to experience that since they didn’t open until after we moved from New England.

Fast forward to the 70s when I was a flight attendant for Delta Air Lines. Very early in my career, I worked flights into Louisville, Kentucky, home of the Kentucky Derby. Our planes were DC-9s with an overhead shelf where passengers could put coats and hats, but not luggage. The week of the Derby, heavily-perfumed women boarded with their lightweight round hat boxes

containing their fancy bonnets to wear to the race. Meanwhile the men had their newspapers out studying and highlighting statistics of the horses running. Because the race drew so many people, hotels were at a premium so we didn’t get to layover and be part of the action.

In May of 1987, I was working a night flight out of DFW “puddle-jumping” through Shreveport, Memphis, Louisville and Detroit. I only had one passenger in first class so I knelt in the seat in front of him and began to chat. He was going as far as Louisville for the Kentucky Derby. He seemed very knowledgeable of horse racing and even told me I should bet on a bay colt called Alysheba. The day before the race I told my husband about the conversation and that was the end it --- no bet was made.

The next day we sat before the TV and watched the race. Mid-race, Alysheba was cut off by another horse and just about fell with his jockey. Somehow he regrouped and kept racing. As my passenger in first class predicted, Alysheba won. While they were putting the blanket of roses over his back, the owners and trainer surrounded the beautiful colt. I excitedly turned to my husband and said, “There’s Mr. Van Berg! I guess we should of bet on him!” My husband looked in disbelief at the person I am pointing at, and then said “You didn’t tell me the person on your flight was his trainer!!” Alysheba went on to win the Preakness Stakes, but failed at his run at the Triple Crown.

Thinking back on it, I’ll bet my Aunt Harriet would have had a wager on him.

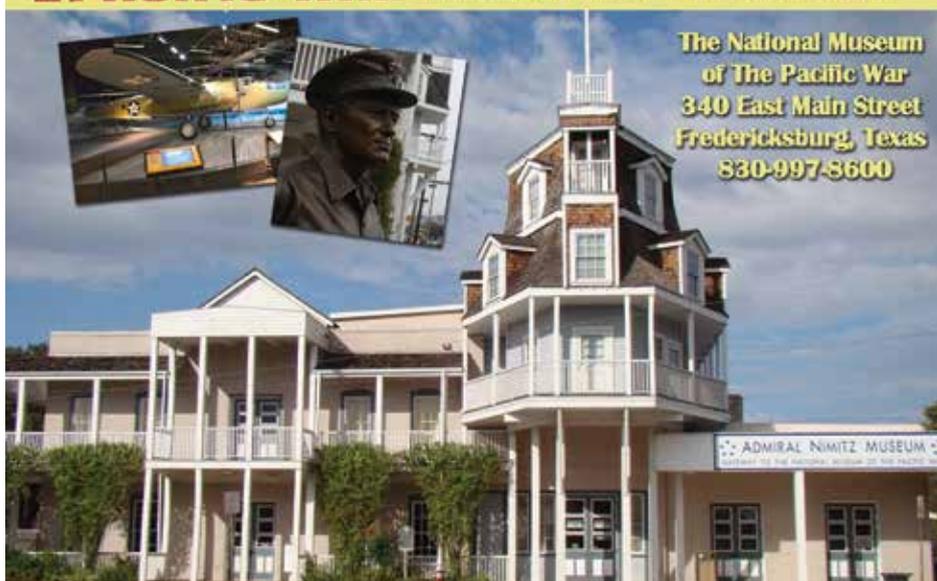


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This was my 4th time attending the Old Settlers Music Festival in Driftwood Texas, and there's a reason the Texas Heart Beat crew keeps going back! Even though we were not familiar with all the performers, they never cease to amaze me with the array of talent they choose! I enjoy being cultured and up-to-date with the musical world; Life is a bore without music, and life is a bore without varietal tunes and tones. My teenager, Dakota, also helps me with this; he also loves music and its effect.

I have learned that you've got to be prepared for rain during this time of year, but the rain held off for the most part--allowing the crowds to gather, grinning ear-to-ear, immersing in music. Being that this great festival grants the Texas Heart Beat backstage access, I have the opportunity to mingle, meet and greet the finely chosen artists.



The first we had the honor of interviewing was the great and Houston-bred, Carolyn Wonderland. I don't know whether to compare her to Janis Joplin or Jimmy Hendrix! Wowza, what a fiercely gifted woman! She sure sets the bar, and I mean literally with her guitar extravaganza!

I had seen her perform at Schreiner University's Coffeehouse series while I was attending, but it was a pleasure sitting down with her on a personal level and listening to her stories (you can listen to our live interviews on TEXASHEARTBEAT.COM). Wonderland's main musical influence is her mother, who bought her a piano from a flea market when she was little. And praise the Lord she did! Kathleen Hudson can concur that she is a staple of a woman in the Texas Music Industry. Not only does she recognize this wild red-headed rock star in her book, "Women in Texas Music: Stories and Songs," but she is the featured image on the cover!



The Dustbowl Revival had a Mavericks flare, in which played at the Festival last year and rocked the field! This super talented group rocked out too, giving the audience an upbeat Bluegrass, Swing, Jazzy, Pre-war blues, Southern soul, and New Orleans funk blend!

BY KARYN LYN FESTIVAL 2016 REVIEW

And then there was Kevin Russell, of Shinyribs...talk about interesting, funky, and fun! This cool cat's influences ranged from James Brown, Elvis Presley, AL Green, Marvin Gray, Conway Twitty to an artistic twist of Tom Waits and Minute Men...a true performer who was all about high energy and keeping the crowd interacted. Everyone around me was having way too much fun with his personality and that, my friends, is what it's all about.



Other artists like the remarkable and adorable singer/songwriter Sierra Hull, had a darling voice, similar to Alison Krauss, who come to find out, called her to the Grand Ole Opry stage when she was 11-years-old and of course was a childhood hero and mentor. Sierra not only x-rayed her originality and skill, but by-golly could this 24 year old play a mean mandolin!

The timeless closing act was chosen

well by the Festival: The essence of Bluegrass-The Del McCoury Band. These fine gentlemen echoed off the treetops, as their banjos, fiddles, and upright thump played perfectly with the soft misty rain and moonlight. Del always has an infectious smile on his face, as he is obviously proud of his son's, Ronnie and Rob's, perfectly-pitched harmonies that drifted through the silent crowd.



Besides my focal point on music at this fine MusicFest—I have to include that they hold a Youth Talent Competition that is very inspirational, unique Texas vendors and artisans: alligator and shark on a stick, “Wicked Whatnot” penny art jewelry, not to mention it is home of the famous Driftwood Salt Lick BBQ! A True Texas Music event that I can't wait to attend again!

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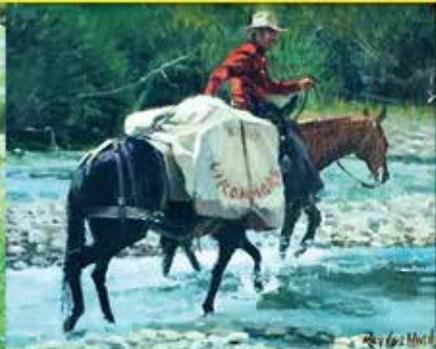


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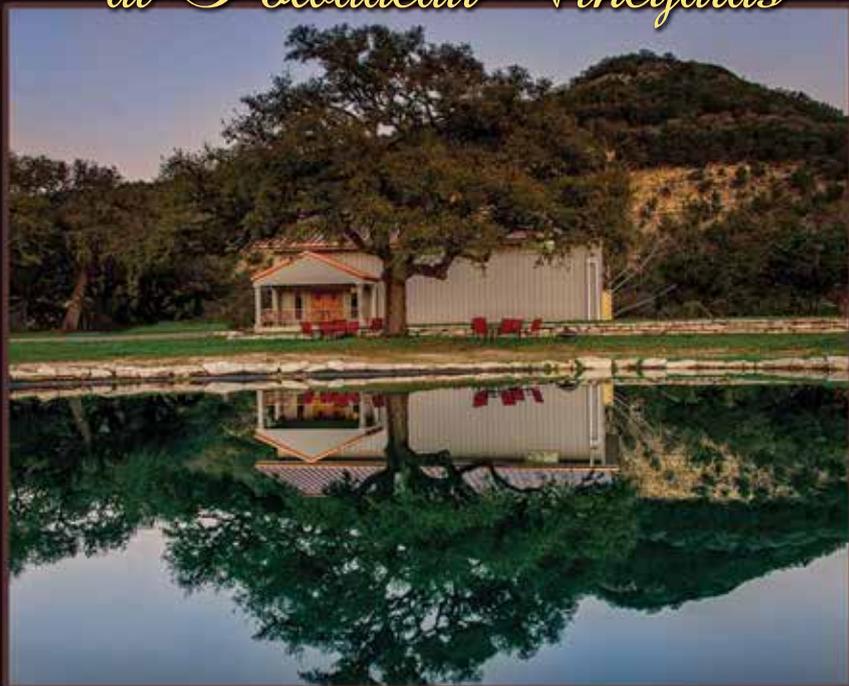


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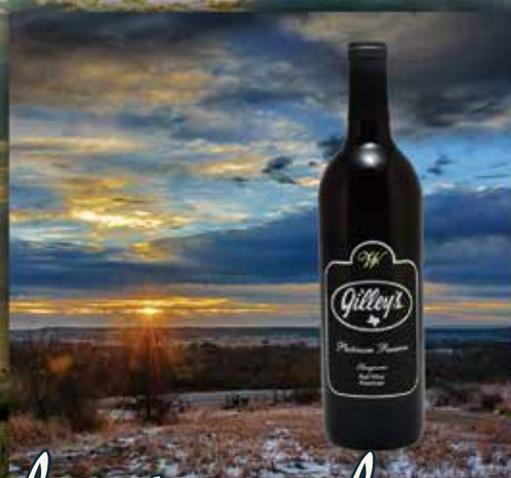
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DEEP IN THE HEART OF BANDERA

BY GENIE STRICKLAND

You've just got to come to Bandera, Cowboy Capital of the World on Labor Day Weekend. Well known as a small Texas town with real Texas flare, Bandera's history runs deep. It began in the late 1800's; Bandera was a critical gathering place for over 7,000,000 head of Longhorn cattle that were gathered from around the state to send up the famous Western Trail to Oglala, Nebraska and railheads north. Larry McMurtry wrote about this trail in his book *Lonesome Dove*. Yep, Bandera is about that trail. Each year Bandera remembers its roots at the annual Labor Day Event, Celebrate Bandera!



Friday night September 2nd, kicks off our Celebrate Bandera weekend with a Ranch Rodeo. Just like rodeo's originally started, a Ranch Rodeo is a competition between ranches with ranch skills! Featured ranch rodeo events at Celebrate Bandera are derived from original ranch skills with a little "fun" thrown in. Local ranches will enter teams of four and compete in skills like a rescue race, pony express race, stampede race, hide race, and the hilarious girdle race. A Cowboy Mounted shooters exhibition will round out the evening.

Saturday mid-morning, folks will be gathering in town to get a good spot to view the morning events. About 9:30am you can grab

a breakfast taco at Lowe's Market parking lot where the excitement begins building at Cow Patty Bingo. Great Prizes and cash to boot all determined by the proper drop of a cow patty! Then hurry and grab your spot 'cause at 11am folks will be clamoring to see the Longhorn Cattle Drive right down the Main Street!



Following behind is an awesome parade with wagons, Native American Indians, horses, and all those that love the western heritage Bandera champions so well. Bandera will be transformed into a magical time machine. Check out the arts and crafts on the Court House lawn right after the parade. Visit Rattle Snake Ridge for shoot out performances



What else will you find at Celebrate Bandera? Everything having to do with Cowboys and Indians!

At City Park beginning on Friday night, September 2nd, and all day and night the 3rd & 4th, Celebrate Bandera proudly

presents the Circle of Life Inter-tribal Powwow which includes Native American dancers from all over the U.S. Gates open Friday evening and admission is just \$5! Children under 12 are free. Featured events include dance competitions; exhibition performances and special Hand and Drum and flute demonstrations. Native American artisans will be selling their wares and Indian fry bread will be abundant!

At the Powwow you can visit the camps of Mountain Men, and the 1800 Pioneer Camps. Powwows have always been an integral part of Native American history. The Circle of Life Powwow is a place to enjoy the company of old friends and meet new ones. Special presentations are made possible in part with a grant from Humanities Texas, the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities as well as Texas Commission on the Arts.

Don't miss a chance to participate in the Hoof n Foot Horseless Ranch Rodeo. This is fun for the whole family and includes cowboy skills and creative team work to boot. You might even get to dress a goat! There will goat ropin, chicken ropin, storytelling, music the kids can participate in, well you get the picture, there is plenty for them to do.

On Saturday night, head out to Mansfield Park. Gates open at 6:30 pm and admission includes World Champion Trick Roper, Kevin Fitzpatrick followed by THE

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Sunday morning eat your Wheaties because we start all over again! First we gather at the Medina River in City Park for a Cowboy Breakfast offered up by the Western Heritage Cowboy Church, followed by some great preaching and cowboy gospel music. There will also be gospel music at the Courthouse, as well as the Arts and Craft Show and a lot more of the Bandera Cattle Company. And don't forget to go back to the Circle of Life Powwow and the finals of the National Professional Bull Rider's Challenge and hold on to your seats.... more excitements with the added South Texas Bull Fighting Tour at intermission.

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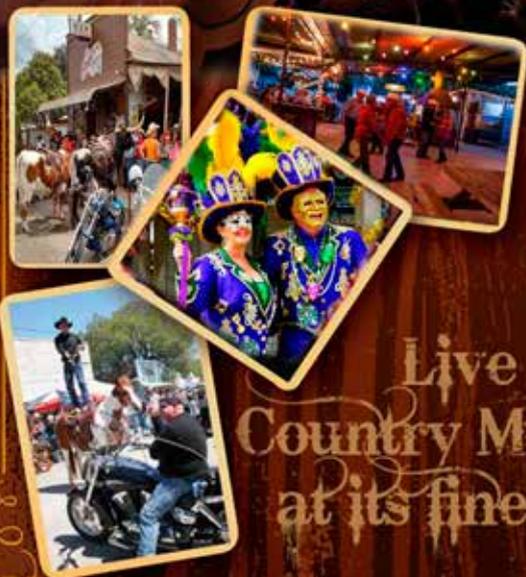
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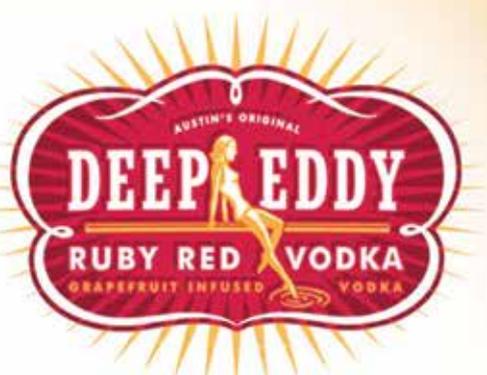
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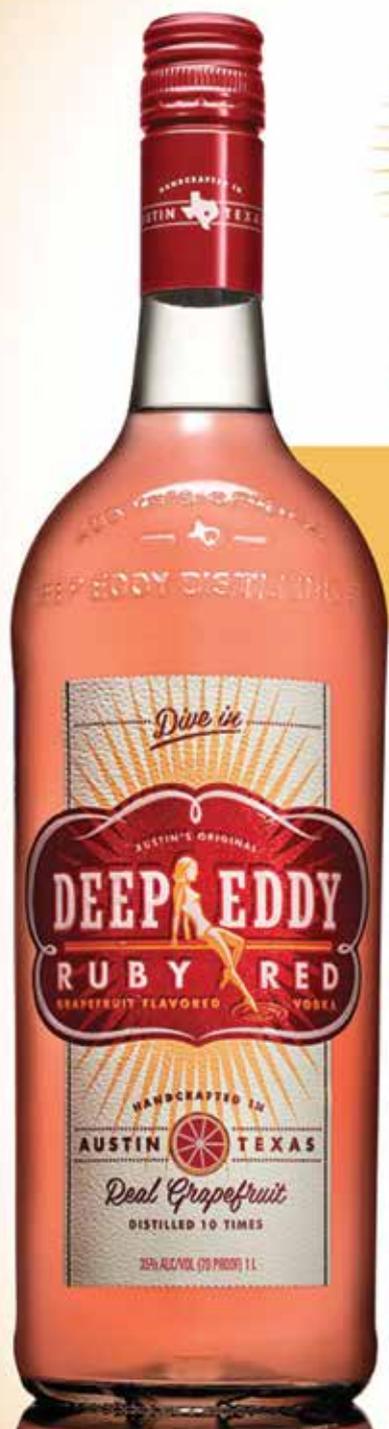
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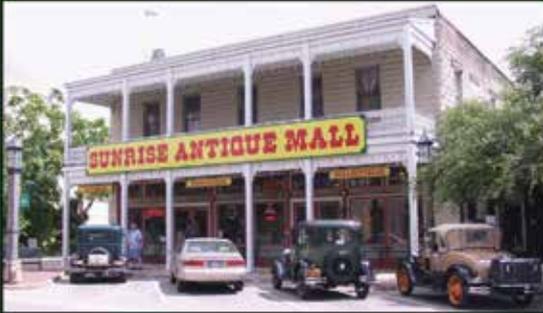
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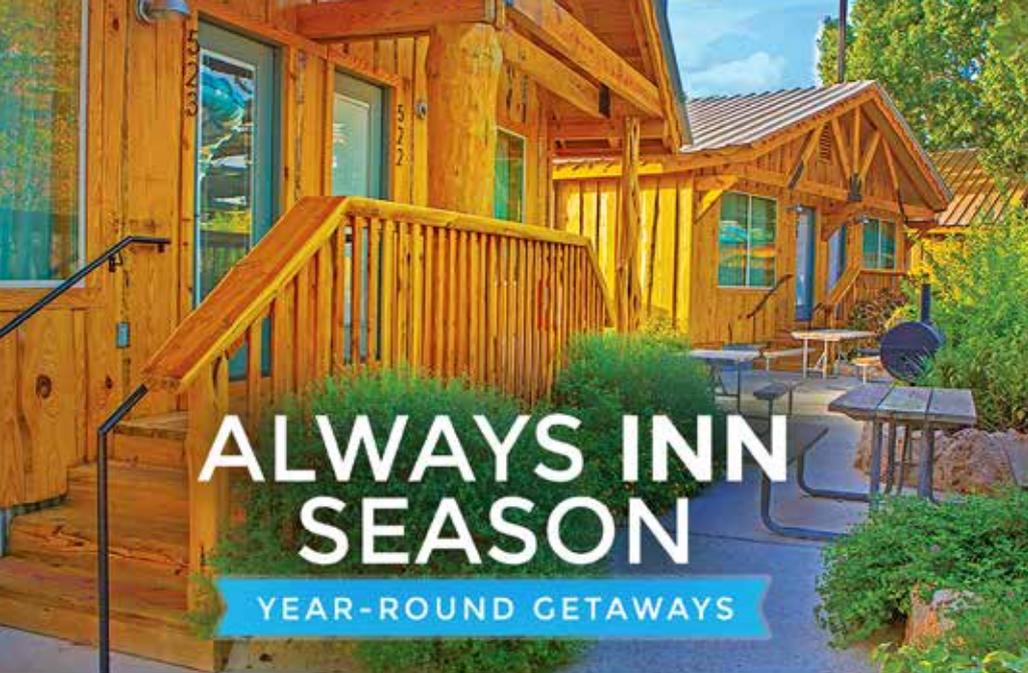
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A CONSERVATION NOTEBOOK by Homer Stevens

TEXAS BLUE OAK & LAND STEWARDSHIP

The initial and primary goal of this column is to extend knowledge and encourage LAND STEWARDSHIP. Therefore these practices should be mentioned in each publication. A secondary purpose would be not to dwell or over extend any of the Stewardship concepts.

Almost any source of rangeland ecology will present the carrying capacity of hill country properties as being 20 to 30 acres per animal unit. An animal unit being 1 mature cow and calf from conception to weaning. Other equivalents being 1 bull 1.35 au, 1 horse 1.25 au, 1 sheep .20 au, 1 goat .15 au, white tailed deer .15 au.

It would be easy to become totally absorbed in dreaming up thousands of different scenarios that could become exceptions to these generalities so lets just pose a different question with each chapter of this publication and point out some of the consequences of land over grazing. The misuse of the land does not become evident over night, but generally speaking bare ground that is either a dust bowl or mud hole is the result. The not surprising thing is that after the situation becomes unbearable and the animals (whatever they may be) are removed, the first vegetation that will return are thistles, milkweeds, and other obnoxious species that nothing will eat. The return of the land to an acceptable condition may take 5 years or more without use of conscious production practices.

As mentioned in the Fall 2015 edition special attention will be given to our wide variety of Oak trees. The special Oak of this edition will be Lacy Oak or Texas Blue Oak henceforth TBO. The main attractions of this medium size tree are its leaves. They come in as small peach colored growths in the early spring and go out with an even more pronounced peach color in the fall. However, the real and

longest lasting attraction are the name sake blue-green mature leaves that characterize it for a relatively long period of time in the Spring and Summer. The bark is typically dark gray and deeply fissured.

TBOs are members of the White Oak group meaning that they produce acorns every year. In addition to yearly acorn production White Oaks have a smooth acorn cup, do not have bristles at the leaf tips, and have gray scaly bark.

"The natural habitat is in south central Texas to the Trans-Pecos in thin alkaline or rocky limestone soils up into the Chisos Mountains of Big Bend National Park.

The leaves are quite small in comparison to other oaks. TBO is a trouble free tree that should be used more in the landscape." (Howard Garrett's Texas Trees)

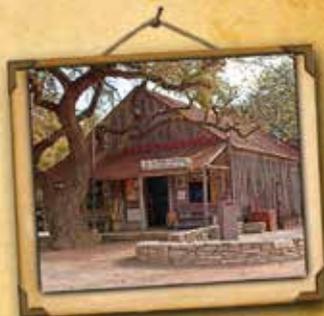
From my own experiences here on "The Farm" TBO is one of my all time favorite trees. There are only three that have grown naturally here on the property, but they are absolutely beautiful specimens. Each of them are 18"-20" in diameter, and the canopies are over 25'. These are growing on the edge of a steep cliff bordered by huge limestone boulders. From this observation it would appear that they prefer good drainage. However, the nine that have been purchased from nursery stock and planted on the left of the road just past the entrance to Farm Country RV Park are in pure caliche clay and have survived.

The biggest problem with these plantings is that the cages were removed when it appeared that they were above deer bite height. They weathered the bite ok, but Axis males did major damage rubbing the velvet off their horns. After being recaged these trees seem to be doing well. Due to limited supply TBO wood has not been used to any extent for BarBQ, however it would seem that it would be comparable to Live Oak, and therefore acceptable for BarBQ or grilling.

The biggest observed drawback to TBO here on the Farm is that they are extremely slow growing. The trees described above are no more than 10' tall. Chinkapin and Burr Oak planted at the same time are more than twice as tall.



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A Place in Pontotoc

Pontotoc is a small historic town halfway between Llano and Brady. It was established by German immigrants in the 1870s, with an economy based on agriculture. Today, that means wineries.

But you don't have to go to Pontotoc to experience it. That's because Carl Money and his wife, Frances, brought Pontotoc to Fredericksburg. In January they opened the Pontotoc Vineyard Weingarten. The courtyard/tasting room is tucked away behind a rock wall, at 320 West Main, between the Itz Inn and Timeless Menagerie. It's a little hard to find.

"Nobody looks over that wall," he said, pointing to the rock wall facing the street. But he is well on his way to putting the Weingarten on wine lovers' maps.

Money's own journey with wine runs through East Texas, Austria, Spain, and finally Pontotoc.

Money attended school and learned about growing grapes and winemaking while attending school in Vienna. In Spain, he had a friend who owned a vineyard.

"He grew tempranillo grapes," said Money, who was raised in a family of cotton farmers in East Texas. "It was the same climate, the same soil, the same everything as here, so I knew they would grow."

"Here" was Pontotoc. While he liked the town for its history and buildings, Money had an intuition that it would be the perfect place to grow vines. He noted the red, sandy soil (good for getting water off the root system), accessible water (he hit water at only 25 feet), its high relative altitude (so as not to suffer from late freezes), and the surrounding bluffs (to block the brunt of northers).

"It creates a favorable microclimate," he concluded. "I knew German settlers wouldn't build a house that big in the middle of nowhere if the land didn't sustain life."

Money started buying buildings in Pontotoc about 12 years ago. He acquired the hardware store, grocery store, post office, saddle shop/barbershop, and old movie theater, and began redoing them. With help from his family, he tilled the fields and planted tempranillo vines, among the first in Texas to grow that variety.

While establishing his vineyards, Money scouted for a favorable location for his tasting room in Fredericksburg, where he always wanted to live and raise a family. He walked up and down Main, looking for a place to put in a tasting room. He found the property, with one of the three oldest log cabins in town. It is now home to his Weingarten, Weinhalle, and Wienkeller, or wine cellar, where he holds private tastings.

"The whole idea of the courtyard came from the Weingarten like where I went to school in Vienna," he said. "The idea is to have a community, family oriented winery."



It is enclosed, so children can run around. He used long German-style wine tables so people will congregate and visit, and is adding regular live classical and jazz music. When weather permits, he shows old movies on the wall of the adjacent building.

Frances' skill as a pastry chef comes into play as well. She puts together picnic baskets of homemade Pontotoc pimiento cheese on homemade bread, with brownies, spiced pecans, infused olives, and other gourmet treats. Customers can enjoy the meal on site, or pick up and take for a picnic, with some Pontotoc wine, of course.

Not that you'd want to leave. "It's so peaceful here," Money said. "You have the beautiful view of St. Mary's Church and the Pioneer Museum windmills. It's so nice to sit here, listen to top notch music, eat, and drink high quality Texas Hill Country wine."

Money is especially proud that he uses only Texas Hill Country fruit in his wines. It comes from equally non-metro towns such as Hilda, Doss, and Comanche.

CRIDERS



Since 1925 the Crider family has welcomed thousands of people each summer to the weekly rodeo & dance. It started as a simple 4th of July fund-raiser for the Hunt PTA in 1925 when Walter and Audrey Crider created a venue that is pure Texan and a famous boot-scootin' destination. They have almost 90 years of cowboy hospitality under their belts and it shines every weekend under the Texas Stars.



Every Saturday night from late May through Labor Day, Crider's hosts a rodeo and dance that has brought thousands of people to the headwaters of the beautiful Guadalupe to sit under a giant live oak tree for an evening of bucking broncs and two-step dancing.



The rodeo kicks off every Saturday night at 8pm followed by some of the biggest names and best talent in Texas music at 9pm. It is a very long and proud list of musical performers that have appeared at Crider's and the 2014 concert/dance season is no exception.



Crider's also has a great café serving the favorite honky tonk basics and every Friday night features a catfish fry that has become a regular family outing for locals and tourists alike. Grab your boots and join in every Saturday night between Memorial Day and Labor Day. Cowboy Up!

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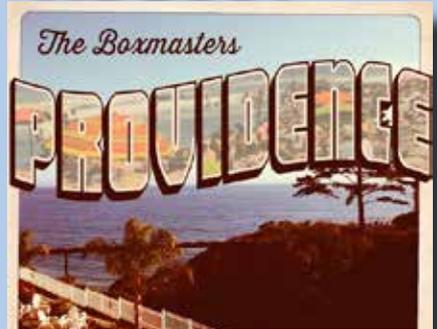




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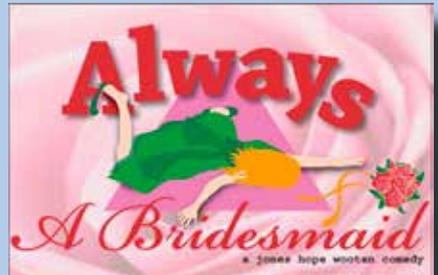
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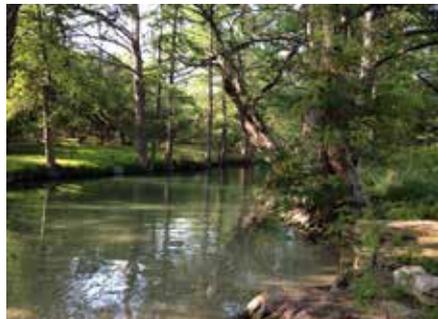
by Colleen Brooks



Summer is here, and there's a lot happening! There's also the opportunity for lazy and idyllic days spent lounging on a tube under a canopy of cypress trees, or live music or a movie under the canopy of stars at night. That's Texas Hill Country, and there's no place I'd rather be!

If you're looking to cool down and enjoy some summer fun, New Braunfels is the perfect destination! New Braunfels is home to Schlitterbahn, which is a great choice for families with its 65 acres of water park rides and slides. Also, check out Texas Ski Ranch - they offer water skiing, an indoor trampoline park, and occasionally have movies in the water.

Take a walk on the wild side at Animal World & Snake Farm Zoo. They have an interesting array of creatures that you (hopefully) don't see every day! How does 70-degrees sound? To find out, check out Natural Bridge Caverns! They also have a drive-thru safari next door. Finally, if A/C is more your speed, the McKenna Children's Museum is a fun way to spend an educational afternoon with the kids.



The Comal and Guadalupe Rivers both run through New Braunfels, so tubing is a must! Landa Park also has a lot to offer for those hoping to make a splash, including a swing rope, large pool, and spring fed pool. Also, the Whitewater Amphitheater and the Freiheit Country Store both have an impressive line-up of summer musical guests in store.

If you're looking for something a little more laid back, a trip to Wimberley will feel like a step back in time. The pace is a little slower here, and the atmosphere more relaxed. Stroll around town square and peek in the shops and galleries, or lounge in the water under a canopy of cypress trees at Blue Hole or dive into Jacobs Well. At night, hang out on I'noz deck and listen to live music, grab some ice cream at The Wooden Spoon, or catch a movie at The Corral, the only walk-in movie theater of its kind. These idyllic summer days are simply magical!

Gruene is a former cotton gin town that is now listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is home to Texas' oldest dance hall, Gruene Hall. There is also great shopping to be had in Gruene's quaint shops, and fabulous dining at The Gristmill, Gruene River Grill, and Cantina del Rio. For a fun wine tasting experience, head on over to Winery on the Gruene - they offer several light and fruity selections that make for the perfect accompaniment on a hot summer's day!

Summer is here, and there is no place I'd rather be! These days are a treasure. Soak them up while they are here by enjoying lazy days in our rivers, and fun outdoor activities at night. There's truly something for everyone in Texas Hill Country!

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WINNING THE WAR AGAINST MOSQUITOES!

BY GARY LOCHTE



Perhaps you're similar to me..... Inundated by the latest fear campaign; namely the mosquito induced ZIKA virus. To be very frank about this, my biggest and most immediate concern is to avoid getting bit in the first place. Mosquito bites burn, cause nasty swelling, and itch for way too long. I also become concerned when my beautiful grandchildren have to stay indoors because of the mosquito swarms. I refuse to lather up the kids with toxic bug repellants. Those toxic repellents are very likely worse than the bites of those venomous little mosquitos.

I say Zika-schmika! I just hate mosquitoes! They love me however. I am told they love me because I exude a heavy concentration of carbon dioxide when I exhale. It is great that I am an efficient breather, but I'd rather be only a moderately efficient breather and get bit less. How about you?

You can go to the local hardware box-store and purchase fancy carbon dioxide traps, buy lots of propane, and spend a ton of money to achieve questionable results.

For those readers who want to commit genocide against these hideous creatures, I have an easy help which I'd like to share with you.

Introducing my home-made mosquito killer.....it works, and it's cheap.

Here's what you need and how to do it:

WHAT is needed:

- 1 cup of water
- 1/4 cup of brown sugar
- 1 gram of yeast
- 1 2-liter bottle

HOW to make it:

1. Cut the plastic bottle in half.
2. Mix brown sugar with hot water. Let cool. When cooled, pour in the bottom half of the bottle.
3. Add the yeast. No need to mix. It creates carbon dioxide, which attracts mosquitoes.
4. Place the funnel part, upside down, into the other half of the bottle, taping them together if desired.
5. Wrap the bottle with something black, leaving the top uncovered, and place it outside in an area away from your normal gathering area. (Mosquitoes are also drawn to the color black.)

Change the solution every 2 weeks for continuous control. Adios mosquitos!

I suggest making several of these very effective mosquito traps and setting them in your outdoor areas.

Of course, there are other wonderful steps you can take to war against these hideous mosquitosq. I suggest putting up 2-4 "Purple Martin" houses per acre. The Martins are terrific, and eat thousands of mosquitoes for you. The Martins are such peaceful and thankful creatures.....they will bless your property.

What to do if you or your loved ones get bit:

The best remedy I know of is EMU oil. You can purchase EMU oil on the internet. Just a tiny drop applied to the bite area stops the burn and prevents the swelling almost immediately. It is awesome.

Another great remedy is Tea Tree oil available at most grocery stores and pharmacies. Just a dab of Tea Tree oil in the bite quickly stops the pain.



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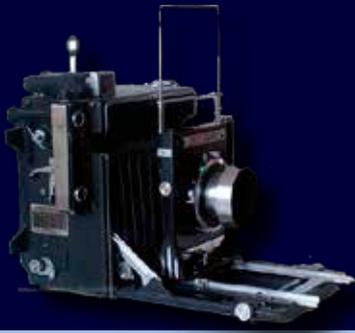
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Yo Mama's Big Fat Bootie Band

Head for the Hills Festival

Quiet Valley Ranch

Review by Greg Forest

This was my first trip to the 4th Annual Head for the Hills Festival at Quiet Valley Ranch. I was pleasantly surprised at the variety and high quality of the performers. To some it might look like a throw back to the hippie years of the 60s but to me it reminded me of the golden years of Bay Area Funk in the 70s that spawned some of the best butt bumping funk to date. Bands like Tower of Power were setting the bar high on what a funky horn band could do.

Yo Mama's Big Fat Bootie Band is a case in point. From the moment the band fired up their first tune the room turned into a funkadelic extravaganza. Whereas in the 70s I was in a "shoe gazing" band - we would stand in one place long hair dangling down looking down at our guitars, Yo Mama was animated and was animated and it appeared they were having as much fun as the audience.

Yo Mama's Big Fat Bootie Band formed up in 2002 and after a few different iterations evolved into the present cracker jack A-team of Mary Frances "Mama Funk" on vocals, keyboard and keytar (and yes that was a real Hammond B3 she was playing). The big bootie bottom was put down by Al "Sweet Nasty" Ingram on vocals & bass, Derrick "Dr Ock" Johnson on trombone, JP "Smoke Machine" Miller on guitar, and Lee "Insta Funk" Allen drums.

Great musicians with an obvious love for the vehicle of funk, Yo Mama's Big Fat Bootie Band ran through a great set list covering primarily tunes from their "Onward" CD. Even with a few guest stars jumping up to join in on a song now and then, this was an air-tight performance by experts in their trade. The 150 concert dates they average annually obviously keep their chops up and the Hill Country was lucky to have a band like this visit the area. I hope to return to the Head for the Hills Festival again next year and another shot of funk from Yo Mama's Big Fat Bootie Band. If you join me, don't forget your dancin' shoes!





After All These Years
Graham Warwick
with the Bona Fide Blues Band
 Review by Greg Forest

Graham Warwick, formerly of West Texas/Lubbock, has been gracing stages here in the Hill Country for a number of years and has built a following and band that are all as big fans of blues as Graham is.

Graham has brought in two A-teams - both musicians and studio wizards on this CD

project. The Fide Blues Band consists of Graham on vocals & guitar, John Sprott on guitar, John Reeve on vocals & upright bass, and John Ike Walton on the drums. On the session side of things the CD was recorded at Loma Studios with John Hill engineering and John Sprott producing and Jerry Tubb at Terra Nova mastering.

Containing nine songs, almost all penned by Warwick, the album delivers a pot of blues gold drilling down into the genre with heart-felt enthusiasm. My personal faves are, "*Cool Blues Hat*" (of which Graham is an owner), "*Running Out of Money*" which is a recurring theme most of us can relate to, and "*Walkin' My Blues.*"

If you are a blues fan and want to do your part in helping Hill Country musicians, get out to one of Graham's gigs in the area. With luck, he will pen a new song, "*Running out of CDs.*"



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